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## STAFF

### ACADEMIC STAFF OF UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs): 2004/05 Excluding atypical\*

	Full-time	Part-time	Total	
<b>Total academic staff</b>	<b>109,625</b>	<b>51,030</b>	<b>160,655</b>	
% female	36%	52%	41%	
% wholly institutionally financed	72%	87%	77%	
% financed by NHS/General Medical or General Dental practice or Department of Health	3%	2%	3%	
% research only	28%	12%	22%	
% disabled (1)	2%	2%	2%	
% of non-white ethnicity (1)	6%	5%	4%	
<b>Academic staff by grade</b>				<b>% female</b>
Professors	13,230	1,250	14,480	16%
Senior lecturers & researchers	22,850	3,350	26,200	31%
Lecturers	37,530	17,630	55,160	46%
Researchers	28,130	5,305	33,435	46%
Other grades	7,885	23,500	31,385	47%
Total	109,625	51,035	160,660	41%
<b>Academic staff by age</b>				
% aged under 35	27%	24%		
% aged 55 or over	17%	24%		

\*Atypical staff are members whose working arrangements are not permanent, involve complex relationships and/or involve work away from the supervision of the normal work provider.

Academic staff are defined as those staff whose primary function is teaching and/or research and include only those of at least 25% full-time equivalence.

Full-time staff are those whose contracts state that their mode of employment is full-time.

Age is at 31 August 2004.

(1) Based on responding staff of UK nationality.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, tables 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 18a, and 18b

### SIZE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2004/05

Income	Number of institutions	Total numbers of HE students (headcounts)	Number of institutions
Less than £10m	15	Less than 1,000	20
£10 - 20m	20	1,000 - 5,000	30
£20 - 50m	27	5,000 - 10,000	25
£50 - 80m	22	10,000 - 15,000	29
£80 - 120m	27	15,000 - 20,000	17
£120 - 150m	26	More than 20,000	47
More than £150m	31		

#### Average income

	Average income	Average number of students (headcounts)
Mean	£107m	13,616
Median	£80m	12,280

This table includes all publicly funded UK HEIs and the University of Buckingham.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, table 1a, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, table 0a, and table 8; Universities UK analysis

## FINANCE

### NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS (AS AT AUGUST 2006)

	Universities*	University institutions	Other HEIs	Total
England	72	92	41	133
Scotland	13	13	7	20
Wales	3	12		12
Northern Ireland	2	2	2	4
United Kingdom	89	114	54	168

\*This table includes the University of Buckingham.

There are 114 university institutions in the UK, counting separately the colleges of Wales and London. If Wales and London are counted as single institutions, the total is 89.

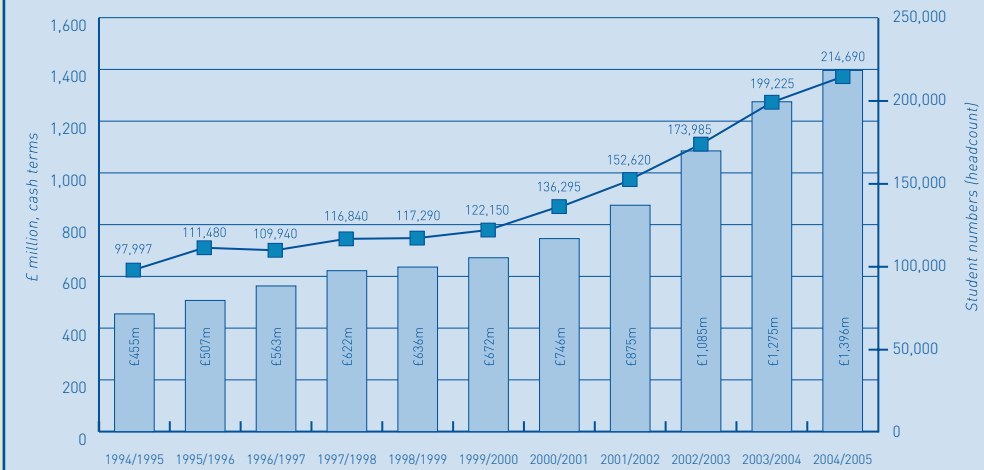
There are also higher education students studying at a number of further education colleges.

This list excludes foreign higher education institutions operating in the UK.

The Open University operates in all countries of the UK; its headquarter is based in England however.

Source: Universities UK

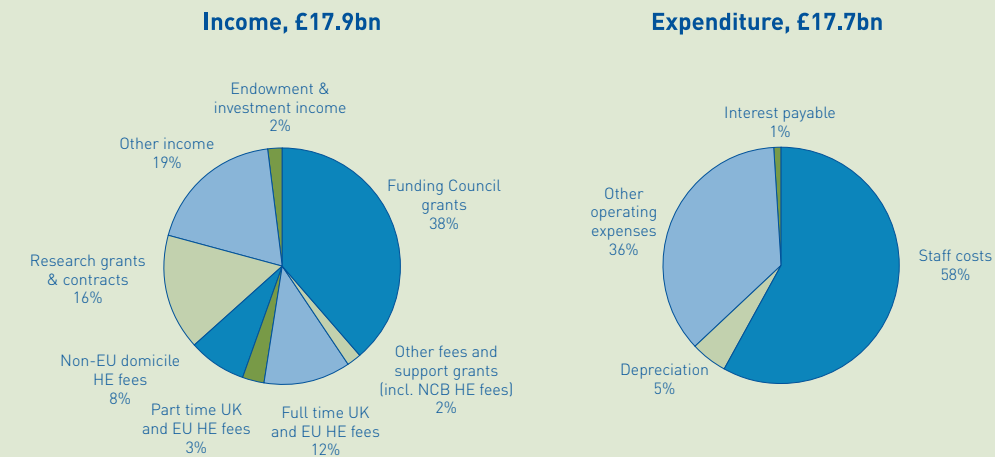
### HEIs' INCOME FROM NON-EU DOMICILE STUDENTS (AND NON-EU DOMICILE STUDENT NUMBERS\*)



\*Excluding students from European Economic Area (EEA) countries.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, Table 1b, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, Table 6; Universities UK analysis (various years)

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF UK HEIs: 2004/05



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, tables 1, 2a, and 2b

### PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP: 2002

Denmark	1.9
Finland	1.7
Sweden	1.6
Norway	1.4
Switzerland	1.4
Belgium	1.2
Greece	1.2
United States	1.2
Austria	1.1
Ireland	1.1
Poland	1.1
Turkey	1.0
Iceland	1.0
Netherlands	1.0
Mexico	1.0
Germany	1.0
Hungary	1.0
France	1.0
Spain	1.0
Portugal	0.9
New Zealand	0.9
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Czech Republic	0.8
Australia	0.8
Italy	0.8
Slovak Republic	0.7
Japan	0.4
Korea	0.3
Canada	n/a
Luxembourg	n/a
<b>OECD mean</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (2005): Education at a Glance: OECD Indicators 2005, Table B2.1b

# STUDENTS

## APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION, UK INSTITUTIONS: UCAS Thousands

For entry to academic year	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>78%</b>
Male	222	176	79%	224	176	78%	239	188	79%
Female	254	198	78%	262	202	77%	283	217	77%
% Female	53%	53%		54%	53%		54%	54%	
UK domiciled students	410	334	81%	413	334	81%	445	360	81%
Overseas students*	66	40	61%	73	43	59%	78	45	58%
% from abroad*	14%	11%		15%	11%		15%	11%	

Appls = Applicants    Accep = Accepted applicants    % = Percentage accepted applicants

\*Includes EU domiciled and non-EU domiciled applicants.

Sources: Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS), 2002/03 - 2005/06

## PARTICIPATION RATES Percentage

	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05*
HEIPR - English domiciled students		41	42	42	43	42	42
GB Age participation Index (API)	31	32	33	35			
API Scottish-domiciled students	48	49	52	52	49	49	
Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI)	41	45	46	46	47	44	45

HEIPR = Higher education initial participation rate for 17-30 year olds - see DFES SFR 14/2006.

GB API = Under-21 home initial entrants/average number of 18 and 19-year olds in the population.

API Scottish-domiciled students = under-21 Scottish entrants to HE as % of population in Scotland for the relevant age group in Scotland.

NI participation in HE = under-21 full-time new entrants to HE in NI, GB or the Republic of Ireland/18-year olds in NI population.

\*Provisional.

Source: Department for Education and Skills (DFES), Scottish Executive, Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI)

## FULL-TIME & PART-TIME HE STUDENTS BY SUBJECT AREA, UK: 2004/05

	First degree		Other undergraduate		Postgraduate		Total
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
1. Medicine & dentistry	38,060	95	335	85	6,160	11,220	55,955
2. Subjects allied to medicine	77,220	32,735	69,070	77,620	8,385	35,115	300,145
3. Biological sciences	96,975	14,620	3,070	6,495	14,275	14,080	149,515
4. Veterinary science	3,510	30	15	0	440	380	4,375
5. Agriculture & related subjects	7,115	375	2,545	1,845	1,785	1,480	15,145
6. Physical sciences	47,185	6,840	810	4,235	12,370	7,235	78,675
7. Mathematical sciences	19,660	3,520	490	1,745	3,305	2,655	31,375
8. Computer science	66,600	13,200	6,915	20,055	13,525	10,985	131,280
9. Engineering & technology	70,250	10,535	5,470	11,565	21,525	18,480	137,825
10. Architecture, building & planning	21,985	6,325	1,880	5,565	5,645	8,310	49,710
11. Social studies	98,875	18,720	3,560	29,765	21,805	21,855	194,580
12. Law	49,185	9,905	1,270	2,370	13,035	10,890	86,655
13. Business & administrative studies	137,440	16,265	12,825	31,165	38,720	62,900	299,315
14. Mass communications & documentation	32,030	1,290	1,575	2,340	5,140	4,385	46,760
15. Languages	72,220	8,235	2,170	34,705	9,240	8,000	134,570
16. Historical & philosophical studies	49,030	13,180	585	18,300	7,380	10,775	99,250
17. Creative arts & design	107,350	4,240	8,950	12,285	8,890	6,675	148,390
18. Education	38,000	8,875	2,970	47,865	34,355	68,840	200,905
19. Combined	6,435	29,545	1,805	82,925	80	2,310	123,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,039,125</b>	<b>198,530</b>	<b>126,310</b>	<b>390,930</b>	<b>226,060</b>	<b>306,570</b>	<b>2,287,525</b>

\*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study-related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, tables 2a-d

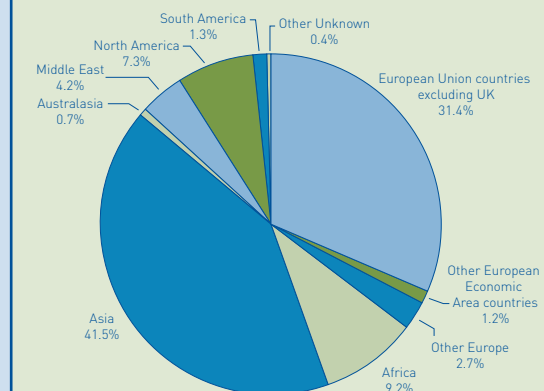
## HIGHER EDUCATION FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS: 2004/05

	Full-time*	Part-time	All students
<b>First degree</b>			
United Kingdom	924,045	190,065	1,114,110
Other European Union	41,640	2,400	44,040
Non-European Union	73,445	6,065	79,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,039,130</b>	<b>198,530</b>	<b>1,237,660</b>
<b>Other undergraduate</b>			
United Kingdom	114,325	373,870	488,195
Other European Union	3,340	6,810	10,150
Non-European Union	8,650	10,255	18,905
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,315</b>	<b>390,935</b>	<b>517,250</b>
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
United Kingdom	112,845	253,990	366,835
Other European Union	27,610	18,205	45,815
Non-European Union	85,605	34,375	119,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,060</b>	<b>306,570</b>	<b>532,630</b>
<b>All students</b>			
United Kingdom	1,151,215	817,925	1,969,140
Other European Union	72,590	27,415	100,005
Non-European Union	167,700	50,695	218,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,391,505</b>	<b>896,035</b>	<b>2,287,540</b>

\*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study-related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, table 1

## NON-UK DOMICILED STUDENTS BY REGION OF DOMICILE: 2004/05 (Total 318,400 students)



This includes students from the European Economic Area (EEA).

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions, 2004/05, table 6a

## HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED, UK: 2004/05

	Full-time	Part-time*	Total
First degrees	271,345	35,020	306,365
Other UG qualifications	46,700	88,155	134,855
Doctorates	12,030	3,745	15,775
Other higher degrees	74,330	29,335	103,665
PGCE	25,115	3,455	28,570
Other PG qualifications	14,635	29,170	43,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>444,160</b>	<b>188,885</b>	<b>633,045</b>

\*Part-time students are those whose study was recorded as part-time, or studying full-time on courses lasting less than 24 weeks, on block release, or studying during the evenings.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2004/05, table 14

## TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT NUMBERS

	1994/95	2004/05	%
Undergraduate	1,231,988	1,754,910	42%
full-time	946,919	1,165,445	23%
part-time	285,069	589,465	107%
Postgraduate	335,325	532,630	59%
full-time	129,711	226,060	74%
part-time	205,614	306,570	49%
All students	1,567,313	2,287,540	46%

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Students in Higher Education Institutions, various years

## HE STUDENTS BY COUNTRY OF INSTITUTION: 2004/05

	Undergraduates		Postgraduates		All
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
England	945,120	503,260	190,660	256,780	1,895,825
Wales	63,830	39,160	9,800	13,830	126,620
Scotland	125,215	35,485	21,430	28,465	210,600
Northern Ireland	31,280	11,560	4,165	7,495	54,495
<b>United Kingdom total</b>					<b>2,287,540</b>

\*Full-time and sandwich course students and those on a study related year out.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2006): Students in Higher Education Institutions, table 0a,