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Higher education in facts & figures covers the whole of the UK higher education sector. The data is derived from a variety of sources; please see the notes to each table.

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### About Universities UK

Universities UK is the major representative body and membership organisation for the higher education sector. It represents the UK's universities and some higher education colleges. Its 133 members are the executive heads of these institutions.

Universities UK works closely with policy makers and key education stakeholders to advance the interests of universities and to spread good practice throughout the higher education sector.

## Staff

### ACADEMIC STAFF AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs): 2007/08

	Full-time	Part-time	Total	
<b>Total academic staff</b>	<b>113,685</b>	<b>56,310</b>	<b>169,995</b>	
Female	37%	54%	43%	
Wholly institutionally financed	72%	88%	77%	
Financed by NHS/General medical or dental practice or Department of Health	3%	2%	2%	
Research only	28%	35%	30%	
Disabled*	2%	3%	2%	
Of non-UK nationality	26%	17%	23%	
<b>Academic staff by grade</b>				<b>Female</b>
Professors	16,180	2,110	18,290	19%
Senior lecturers and researchers	31,505	5,450	36,960	39%
Lecturers	29,180	22,710	51,890	48%
Researchers	31,875	6,100	37,975	46%
Other grades	7,750	22,075	29,830	49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,495</b>	<b>58,450</b>	<b>174,945</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Academic staff by age</b>				
Percentage aged under 35	26%	24%	25%	
Percentage aged 55 or over	18%	26%	21%	

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 2007.

\* Based on those staff with known disability status. Disability status is self declared.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2009): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, tables 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 18a, and 18b

## Finance

### SIZE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE UK: 2007/08 (2006/07 figures in brackets)

Total income	Number of institutions	Total numbers of HE students*	Number of institutions
Less than £10m	7 (11)	Less than 1,000	20 (21)
£10 – 20m	23 (23)	1,000 – 5,000	27 (28)
£20 – 50m	21 (22)	5,001 – 10,000	25 (23)
£50 – 80m	16 (19)	10,001 – 15,000	24 (27)
£80 – 120m	24 (26)	15,001 – 20,000	25 (25)
£120 – 150m	21 (23)	More than 20,000	45 (45)
More than £150m	54 (45)		
	<b>Average income</b>		<b>Average number of students</b>
Mean	£140m (£110m)	Mean	13,892 (12,245)
Median	£102m (£75m)	Median	12,708 (10,510)

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

\* Writing up and sabbatical students are not included in HESA standard counts of students from 2007/08 onwards.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Resources of Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, table 1a, Students in Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, table 0a; Universities UK analysis

## Finance

### NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS (AS AT AUGUST 2009)

	Higher education institutions	Universities*	University colleges*
England	132	91	9
Scotland	19	15	0
Wales	11	8	1
Northern Ireland	4	2	2
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>12</b>

\* Institutions with 'university' or 'university college' title.

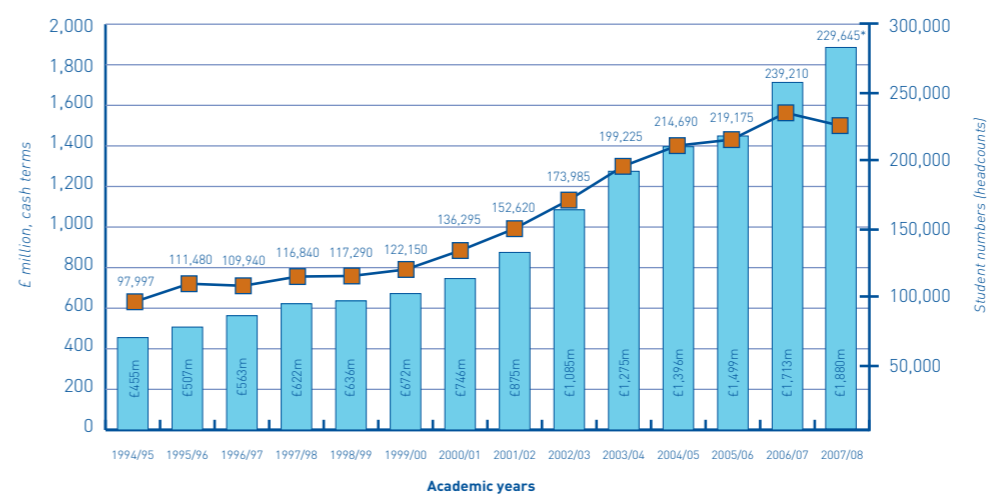
There is also a significant number of further education colleges which offer higher education courses.

The table excludes foreign and private higher education institutions operating in the UK.

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

Source: Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), Scottish Funding Council (SFC), Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW), Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI)

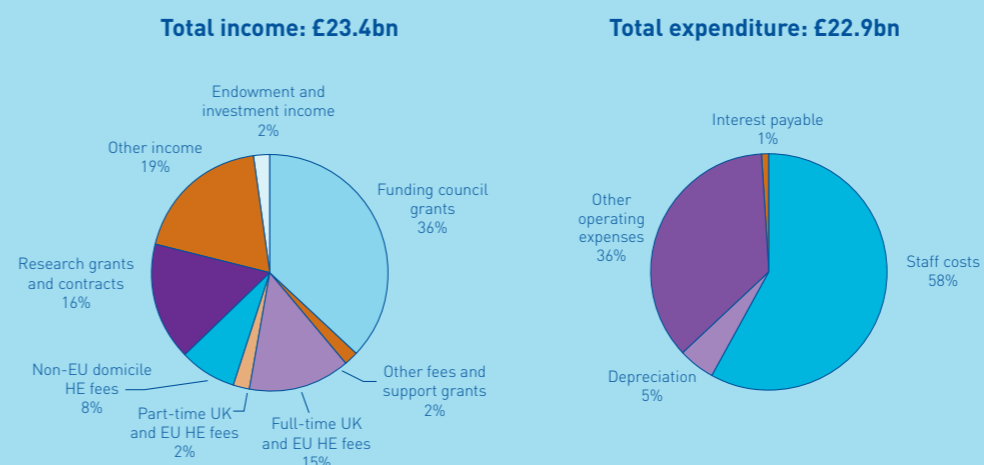
### HEI INCOME FROM NON-EU DOMICILED STUDENTS: 1994/95–2007/08 (and non-EU domiciled student numbers)



\* From 2007/08 writing up and sabbatical students are no longer included in HESA standard counts of students.

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

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF UK HEIs: 2007/08



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2009): Finance Plus 2007/08, table 5b

### PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP: 2005

Finland	1.67%
Denmark	1.64%
Sweden	1.46%
Switzerland	1.45%
Canada	1.42%
Greece	1.42%
Norway	1.31%
Austria	1.23%
Belgium	1.18%
Poland	1.17%
France	1.15%
Iceland	1.12%
Ireland	1.03%
Israel	1.01%
Netherlands	1.01%
United States	1.01%
Slovenia	1.01%
Germany	0.94%
Portugal	0.93%
Mexico	0.92%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>0.90%</b>
New Zealand	0.89%
Spain	0.89%
Estonia	0.88%
Hungary	0.87%
Czech Republic	0.85%
Russian Federation	0.79%
Australia	0.78%
Brazil	0.76%
Slovak Republic	0.72%
Italy	0.65%
Korea	0.59%
Japan	0.48%
Chile	0.28%

**OECD average 1.06%**

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (2008): Education at a glance: OECD Indicators 2008, table B2.4

# Students

## APPLICANTS\* TO UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: 2006–2008 Thousands

	2006			2007			2008		
	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%	Appls	Accep	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>78%</b>
Men	229	181	79%	241	190	79%	260	205	79%
Women	277	210	76%	295	224	76%	329	252	77%
% Women	55%	54%		55%	54%		56%	55%	
UK domiciled students	432	346	80%	454	365	80%	502	405	81%
Overseas students*	74	45	61%	80	49	61%	86	52	60%
% from abroad**	15%	12%		15%	12%		15%	11%	

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

\* Covers full-time undergraduate applicants only.

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

Source: Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS), 2006–2008

## PARTICIPATION RATES: 1998–2007 Percentages

	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
HEIPR – English domiciled students		39	40	40	41	40	40	42	42*	43*
API Scots-domiciled students	48	49	52	52	49	49	46	47	47	
Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI)	41	45	46	46	46	44	45	48	46	

\* Due to a change in underlying data, a discontinuity has been introduced from 2006/07 onwards.

HEIPR is the Higher education initial participation rate for 17–30 year olds - see DIUS SFR 02/2009.

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

Northern Ireland participation in HE covers the ratio of under-21 full-time new entrants to HE in NI to the 18 year old NI population.

Source: Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) now the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Scottish Executive, Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI)

## FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS BY SUBJECT AREA AT UK HEIs: 2007/08\*

	First degree		Other undergraduate		Postgraduate		Total
	Full-time**	Part-time	Full-time**	Part-time	Full-time**	Part-time	
Medicine and dentistry	43,440	110	380	50	7,670	10,160	<b>61,810</b>
Subjects allied to medicine	86,545	27,435	57,365	68,920	11,690	35,165	<b>287,120</b>
Biological sciences	107,890	17,310	3,800	6,010	16,650	9,940	<b>161,600</b>
Veterinary science	4,080	55	0	0	490	225	<b>4,850</b>
Agriculture and related subjects	7,140	425	2,910	4,540	1,640	1,025	<b>17,680</b>
Physical sciences	51,460	6,470	1,225	5,185	13,900	3,890	<b>82,130</b>
Mathematical sciences	22,270	3,725	500	2,505	3,600	1,520	<b>34,120</b>
Computer science	50,920	9,355	4,780	10,580	13,425	6,520	<b>95,580</b>
Engineering and technology	74,155	11,165	6,270	12,175	23,875	11,800	<b>139,440</b>
Architecture, building and planning	27,785	8,625	3,675	8,015	5,900	9,090	<b>63,090</b>
Social studies	105,135	19,605	5,565	28,925	24,325	15,315	<b>198,870</b>
Law	53,020	9,200	1,140	4,205	13,095	8,585	<b>89,245</b>
Business and administrative studies	145,470	17,440	11,300	37,715	47,455	51,075	<b>310,455</b>
Mass communications and documentation	34,240	1,510	1,510	1,520	5,705	3,485	<b>47,970</b>
Languages	75,690	9,590	2,345	33,380	9,890	5,155	<b>136,050</b>
Historical and philosophical studies	52,115	12,800	445	15,225	8,340	7,705	<b>96,630</b>
Creative arts and design	119,590	5,125	10,010	6,800	10,815	6,550	<b>158,890</b>
Education	42,830	9,755	8,900	47,780	29,780	63,250	<b>202,295</b>
Combined	4,915	28,460	1,205	81,285	135	2,300	<b>118,300</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,685</b>	<b>198,155</b>	<b>123,320</b>	<b>374,810</b>	<b>248,380</b>	<b>252,755</b>	<b>2,306,105</b>

\* Writing up and sabbatical students are not included in HESA standard counts of students from 2007/08 onwards.

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, tables 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

## HIGHER EDUCATION FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS AT UK HEIs: 2007/08\*

	Full-time**	Part-time	All students
<b>First degree</b>			
United Kingdom	974,720	188,550	1,163,270
Other European Union	53,900	2,920	56,820
Non-European Union	80,060	6,690	86,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,680</b>	<b>198,160</b>	<b>1,306,840</b>
<b>Other undergraduate</b>			
United Kingdom	111,920	355,475	467,395
Other European Union	3,460	9,585	13,045
Non-European Union	7,940	9,750	17,690
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,320</b>	<b>374,810</b>	<b>498,130</b>
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
United Kingdom	115,335	218,320	333,655
Other European Union	29,355	12,930	42,285
Non-European Union	103,695	21,505	125,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>248,385</b>	<b>252,755</b>	<b>501,140</b>
<b>All students</b>			
United Kingdom	1,201,970	762,340	1,964,310
Other European Union	86,715	25,435	112,150
Non-European Union	191,695	37,945	229,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,480,380</b>	<b>825,720</b>	<b>2,306,100</b>

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, table 1

## HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED AT UK HEIs: 2007/08

	Full-time	Part-time*	Total
First degrees	297,235	37,655	<b>334,890</b>
Other undergraduate qualifications	49,955	74,630	<b>124,585</b>
Foundation degrees	9,570	5,405	<b>14,975</b>
Doctorates	13,140	3,495	<b>16,635</b>
Other higher degrees	86,390	32,540	<b>118,930</b>
PGCE	18,870	3,080	<b>21,950</b>
Other postgraduate qualifications	13,835	30,655	<b>44,490</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>488,995</b>	<b>187,460</b>	<b>676,455</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 evenings.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions 2007/08, table 14

## HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN THE UK BY COUNTRY OF INSTITUTION: 2007/08\*

	Undergraduates		Postgraduates		Total
	Full-time**	Part-time	Full-time**	Part-time	
England	1,011,955	493,060	206,865	210,300	<b>1,922,180</b>
Wales	66,810	35,475	11,405	11,855	<b>125,540</b>
Scotland	123,290	35,620	26,320	24,955	<b>210,180</b>
Northern Ireland	29,950	8,810	3,790	5,645	<b>48,200</b>

United Kingdom

**2,306,105**

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions, table 0, 2007/08

## TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ENROLMENTS AT UK HEIs: 1994/95–2007/08

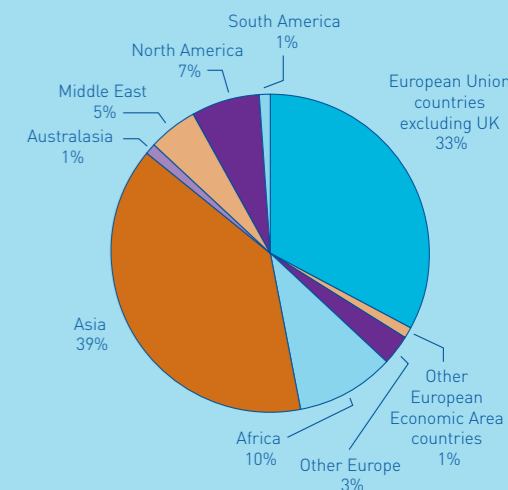
	1994/95	2007/08*	% increase
<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>1,231,988</b>	<b>1,804,970</b>	<b>47%</b>
Full-time	946,919	1,232,005	30%
Part-time	285,069	572,965	101%
<b>Postgraduate</b>	<b>335,325</b>	<b>501,135</b>	<b>49%</b>
Full-time	129,711	248,380	91%
Part-time	205,614	252,755	23%
<b>All students</b>	<b>1,567,313</b>	<b>2,306,105</b>	<b>47%</b>

\* Writing up and sabbatical students are not included in HESA standard counts of students from 2007/08 onwards.

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2009): Students in Higher Education Institutions, various years

## NON-UK DOMICILED STUDENTS AT UK HEIs: 2007/08

351,470 Non-UK domiciled students



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): Students in Higher Education Institutions, table 6, 2007/08