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## Acceptances to UK higher education institutions, 2009-2011

*(Full-time undergraduate only)*

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<th>Acceptances</th>
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<td>Men</td>
<td>218,185</td>
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<td>Women</td>
<td>263,669</td>
<td>267,244</td>
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<td>% women</td>
<td>54.8%</td>
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<td>UK applicants</td>
<td>425,063</td>
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<td>EU applicants</td>
<td>23,807</td>
<td>25,607</td>
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<td>Non-EU applicants</td>
<td>32,984</td>
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<td>% non-UK domiciled</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
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Source: UCAS (2009-2011)
Higher education participation rates, 1998-2011

- **HEIPR**: English domiciled 17-30-year-old students
- **API**: Scottish domiciled students aged under 21 - Discontinued
- **Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI)**: students aged under 21
- **Scottish HEIPR**: Scottish domiciled 16-30-year-old students

* Due to a change in underlying data for England, a discontinuity has been introduced from 2006-07 onwards.

Sources: DIUS, BIS, Scottish Executive, DELNI (2012)
Students by subject area at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Source: HESA (2012) Students
Full-time and part-time higher education students by level of study at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

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<th>Mode of study</th>
<th>UG 1,912,575</th>
<th>PG research 103,860</th>
<th>PG taught 484,860</th>
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<td>Full-time</td>
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Source: HESA (2012) Students
### Higher education students by domicile and level of study at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

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**Domicile**
- UK
- EU
- Non-EU

Source: HESA (2012) Students
Higher education qualifications awarded at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

- **First degree**: 330,715
- **Other UG qualification**: 46,335
- **Foundation degree**: 17,600
- **Other higher degree**: 122,405
- **PGCE**: 19,620
- **Other PG qualification**: 14,575
- **Doctorate**: 16,375

**Mode of study**
- **Full-time**
  - First degree: 330,715
  - Other UG qualification: 46,335
  - Foundation degree: 17,600
  - Other higher degree: 122,405
  - PGCE: 19,620
  - Other PG qualification: 14,575
  - Doctorate: 16,375

- **Part-time**
  - First degree: 38,295
  - Other UG qualification: 67,730
  - Foundation degree: 9,705
  - Other higher degree: 40,125
  - PGCE: 1,595
  - Other PG qualification: 33,755
  - Doctorate: 3,705

**Totals**
- 369,010
- 114,065
- 27,305
- 162,530
- 21,215
- 48,330
- 20,080

Source: HESA (2012) Students
Higher education students in the UK by country of institution, 2010-11

(Thousands)

Source: HESA (2012) Students
Non-UK domiciled students at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Source: HESA (2012) Students

- **North America**: 6.1%
- **Africa**: 8.6%
- **Europe**: 43.4%
- **Middle East**: 6.1%
- **South America**: 0.9%
- **Australasia**: 0.6%
- **European Union countries excluding UK**: 30.4%
- **Other Europe**: 4.0%
- **Other EEA**: 1%

Legend:
- Up to 1%
- 1-5%
- 5-10%
- 30-40%
- 40-50%
- UK
## Trends in higher education student enrolments at UK higher education institutions, 1994-95 to 2010-11

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<th>1994-95</th>
<th>2009-10</th>
<th>2010-11</th>
<th>Percentage change from 1994-95 to 2010-11</th>
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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>1,231,988</td>
<td>1,914,710</td>
<td>1,912,580</td>
<td>55.2%</td>
<td>-0.1%</td>
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<td>Postgraduate</td>
<td>335,325</td>
<td>578,705</td>
<td>588,720</td>
<td>75.6%</td>
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<td>All students</td>
<td>1,567,313</td>
<td>2,493,415</td>
<td>2,501,300</td>
<td>59.6%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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Source: HESA (2012) Students
## Academic staff at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

The percentages reflect the proportion of academic staff in the relevant column.

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<td>118,120</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>Disabled</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Non UK nationality</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<tr>
<td>BME (Black and minority ethnic groups)</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Wholly institutionally financed</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>78%</td>
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<td>Research only</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aged 35 or under</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Aged 55 or over</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Source: HESA (2012) Staff
Salary of academic staff at UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Source: HESA (2012) Staff
Income and size of UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Income

- More than £1bn
- £500-1000m
- £200-500m
- £100-200m
- £50-100m
- £20-50m
- £10-20m
- Less than £10m

Number of students

- More than 200,000
- 50,000-200,000
- 30,000-50,000
- 25,000-30,000
- 20,000-25,000
- 15,000-20,000
- 10,000-15,000
- 5,000-10,000
- 1,000-5,000
- Less than 1,000

Source: HESA (2012) Finance
Institutional income from non-EU domiciled students 1994-95 to 2010-11 and non-EU domiciled student numbers

Source: HESA Finance (multiple years)

*From 2007-08 writing up and sabbatical students are no longer included in standard counts of students.
Income of UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Total income £27.6 billion

- Funding council grants 32%
- Full-time UK and EU fees 17%
- Research grants & contracts 16%
- Non-EU domicile fees 11%
- Other fees and support grants* 2%
- Endowment & investment income 1%
- Other income 18%
- Part-time UK and EU fees 2%

* including non-credit bearing course fees

Source: HESA (2012) Finance
Expenditure by UK higher education institutions, 2010-11

Total expenditure £27.2 billion

- Staff costs: 56%
- Depreciation: 6%
- Interest and other finance costs: 1%
- Other operating expenses: 37%

Source: HESA (2012) Finance
Public expenditure on higher education as a percentage of GDP, 2008

Source: OECD (2011)
Sources

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Northern Ireland

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**HESA (2012) Finance**

**HESA (2012) Staff**
HESA (2012) Staff in Higher Education Institutions 2010-11

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**OECD (2011)**

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**SFC**
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**UCAS**
Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), 2009-2011 data

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

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European Union excluding UK
Other European Union including Non-European Union unknown

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Writing up and sabbatical students are not included in standard counts of students from 2007-08 onwards

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BME calculated from known ethnicity only (unknown is 8.5%)

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Salary bands are rounded
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<td>BME</td>
<td>Black and minority ethnic group</td>
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<td>EEA</td>
<td>European Economic Area (EU countries plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)</td>
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<td>HEI</td>
<td>Higher education institution</td>
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<td>Higher education initial participation rate</td>
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