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Applicants* to UK higher education institutions, 2008-2010

Thousands

	2008			2009			2010		
	Applicants	Accepted applicants	% Accepted applicants	Applicants	Accepted applicants	% Accepted applicants	Applicants	Accepted applicants	% Accepted applicants
Total	587	457	78%	639	482	75%	697	487	70%
Men	260	205	79%	285	218	76%	307	220	72%
Women	329	252	77%	355	264	74%	390	267	68%
% Women	56%	55%		56%	55%		56%	55%	
UK-domiciled students	502	405	81%	544	425	78%	587	425	72%
Overseas students*	86	52	60%	96	57	59%	111	63	57%
% from abroad**	15%	11%		15%	12%		16%	13%	

*Covers full-time undergraduate applicants only.

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

Source: Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) website, 2008-2010 data: http://www.ucas.com/about_us/stat_services/stats_online/

Participation rates, 1998-2010

Percentages

	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
HEIPR – English domiciled 17-30 year old students		39	40	40	41	40	40	42	42*	43	46	47
API Scottish domiciled students aged under 21		45	50	48	45	44	43	44	44	42	43	44
Higher Education Age Participation Index (NI)	41	45	46	46	46	44	45	48	46	50	48	51

HEIPR is the Higher Education Initial Participation Rate for 17-30 year olds.

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

API (Age Participation Index for Scotland) Scottish domiciled students covers under-21 Scottish entrants to higher education as % of population in Scotland for the relevant age group.

Northern Ireland participation in higher education covers the ratio of under-21 full-time new entrants to higher education in Northern Ireland to the 18 year old Northern Ireland 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 higher education institutions in the UK, 2009/10

	First degree		Other undergraduate		Postgraduate		Total
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
Medicine and dentistry	45,005	90	450	340	8,600	11,315	65,800
Subjects allied to medicine	99,005	24,095	49,770	78,900	13,595	39,855	305,220
Biological sciences	117,530	21,035	4,840	7,825	20,365	11,445	183,035
Veterinary science	4,350	60	5	0	460	485	5,360
Agriculture and related subjects	7,565	435	3,570	4,335	1,900	1,110	18,920
Physical sciences	55,690	9,140	1,500	5,200	15,490	4,010	91,030
Mathematical sciences	25,870	4,765	355	2,700	3,780	1,655	39,125
Computer science	53,780	9,480	4,900	8,740	17,135	6,750	100,785
Engineering and technology	82,615	12,350	6,865	11,535	30,530	13,090	156,985
Architecture, building and planning	31,010	8,735	3,635	6,465	7,890	8,255	65,990
Social studies	115,715	19,530	6,335	25,225	28,195	18,755	213,750
Law	56,690	9,375	1,450	4,625	14,110	8,130	94,380
Business and administrative studies	165,035	20,140	12,250	38,640	62,840	55,005	353,910
Mass communications and documentation	36,970	1,575	1,820	1,895	7,110	3,760	53,130
Languages	78,015	11,150	3,980	27,830	11,205	5,915	138,090
Historical and philosophical studies	53,700	13,935	555	11,195	9,200	7,710	96,290
Creative arts and design	129,075	5,705	11,540	6,640	13,630	7,235	173,825
Education	46,755	11,190	10,305	51,945	32,105	74,085	226,385
Combined	4,255	30,080	1,160	73,910	115	1,880	111,410
Total	1,208,630	212,865	125,285	367,945	298,255	280,445	2,493,420

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Higher education full-time and part-time students at UK higher education institutions, 2009/10

	Full-time*	Part-time	All students
First degree			
United Kingdom	1,048,345	203,665	1,252,010
Other European Union	62,840	3,100	65,940
Non European Union	97,440	6,100	103,540
Total	1,208,625	212,865	1,421,490
Other undergraduate			
United Kingdom	112,520	348,775	461,295
Other European Union	3,245	8,285	11,530
Non European Union	9,510	10,890	20,400
Total	125,275	367,950	493,225
Postgraduate			
United Kingdom	131,595	242,715	374,310
Other European Union	34,195	13,385	47,580
Non European Union	132,475	24,345	156,820
Total	298,265	280,445	578,710
All students			
United Kingdom	1,292,460	795,155	2,087,615
Other European Union	100,280	24,770	125,050
Non European Union	239,425	41,335	280,760
Total	1,632,165	861,260	2,493,425

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

Source: HESA (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Higher education qualifications awarded at UK higher education institutions, 2009/10

	Full-time	Part-time*	Total
First degree	312,740	38,120	350,860
Other undergraduate qualification	46,475	68,410	114,885
Foundation degree	15,550	9,315	24,865
Doctorate	15,145	3,610	18,755
Other higher degree	103,090	36,290	139,380
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	20,395	1,640	22,035
Other postgraduate qualification	14,985	31,180	46,165
Total higher education qualifications obtained	528,380	188,565	716,945

**Part-time includes students recorded as studying part-time, or studying full-time on courses lasting less than 24 weeks, on block release, or studying during the evenings only.*

Source: HESA (2011): *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Higher education students in the UK by country of institution, 2009/10

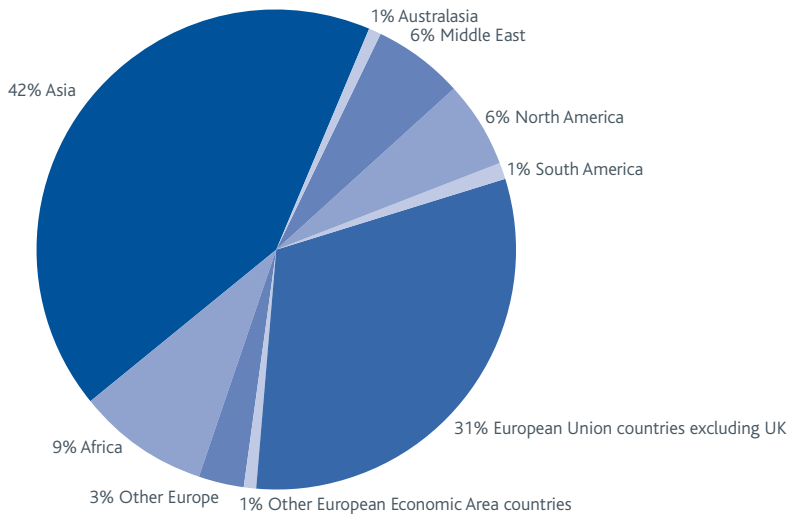
	Undergraduates		Postgraduates		Total
	Full-time*	Part-time	Full-time*	Part-time	
England	1,095,800	512,500	249,865	235,465	2,093,630
Wales	73,750	25,825	14,265	14,050	127,890
Scotland	133,835	33,150	29,120	24,805	220,910
Northern Ireland	30,515	9,340	5,005	6,130	50,990
United Kingdom total					2,493,420

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

Source: HESA (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Non-UK domiciled students at UK higher education institutions, 2009/10

405,805 non-UK domiciled students



Source: HESA (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Trends in higher education student enrolments at UK higher education institutions, 1994/95-2009/10*

	1994/95	2009/10	Percentage increase
Undergraduate	1,231,988	1,914,710	55%
Full-time	946,919	1,333,900	41%
Part-time	285,069	580,810	104%
Postgraduate	335,325	578,705	73%
Full-time	129,711	298,255	130%
Part-time	205,614	280,450	36%
All students	1,567,313	2,493,415	59%

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

Source: HESA (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*; HESA (1996) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 1994/95*.

Academic staff at UK higher education institutions, 2009/10

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Total academic staff	117,930	63,665	181,595
% female	38%	55%	44%
% wholly institutionally financed	72%	89%	78%
% financed by NHS/General medical or General dental practice or Department of Health	3%	2%	3%
% research only	29%	11%	22%
% disabled*	3%	3%	3%
% of non-UK nationality	27%	18%	24%
Academic staff by salary range			
Contract salary < £17,111	165	1,475	1,640
Contract salary ≥ £17,111 and < £22,879	960	1,370	2,330
Contract salary ≥ £22,879 and < £30,747	10,855	10,925	21,780
Contract salary ≥ £30,747 and < £41,323	33,440	27,205	60,650
Contract salary ≥ £41,323 and < £55,535	48,500	10,985	59,485
Contract salary ≥ £55,535	23,805	3,780	27,585
Academic staff by age			
% aged 35 or under	28%	26%	28%
% aged over 55	15%	24%	18%

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 2009.

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

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2011) *Staff in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*.

Size of higher education institutions in the UK, 2009/10

(2008/09 figures in brackets)

Total income	Number of institutions	Total numbers of students	Number of institutions
Less than £10m	5 (5)	Less than 1,000	15 (18)
£10-20m	19 (21)	>1,000-5,000	27 (26)
>£20-50m	22 (20)	>5,000-10,000	25 (23)
>£50-80m	13 (17)	>10,000-15,000	23 (24)
>£80-120m	24 (24)	>15,000-20,000	23 (24)
>£120-150m	11 (12)	> 20,000	52 (50)
>£150m	71 (66)		
	Average income		Average number of students
Mean	£162m (£154m)	Mean	15,112 (14,522)
Median	£119m (£111m)	Median	14,100 (13,380)

This table includes all publicly funded UK higher education institutions and the University of Buckingham.

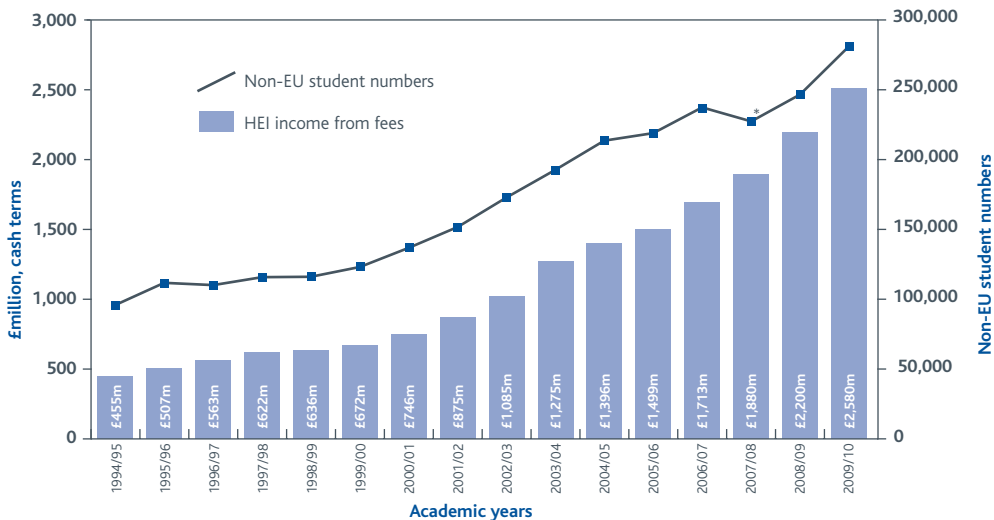
Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) (2011) *HE Finance Plus 2009/10*; (HESA) (2011) *Students in Higher Education Institutions 2009/10*; Universities UK analysis.

Distribution of proportion of income from public sources at UK higher education institutions, 2005/06-2009/10

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Mean	64.2%	63.7%	61.2%	58.7%	57.3%
Median	65.2%	65.0%	63.0%	59.4%	58.1%
Max	90.6%	89.7%	89.5%	91.1%	91.1%
Minimum	5.5%	4.9%	4.2%	4.1%	3.8%
Upper quartile	59.5%	59.1%	56.8%	53.4%	51.9%
Lower quartile	73.2%	71.8%	69.2%	65.7%	64.5%
UK total	61.0%	61.0%	59.0%	56.7%	55.9%

Source: Universities UK analysis of HESA *HE Finance Plus* data (HESA, various years).
 Details of methodology available upon request.

Institutional income from non-EU domiciled students 1994/95-2009/10 (and non-EU domiciled student numbers, excluding students from EEA countries)



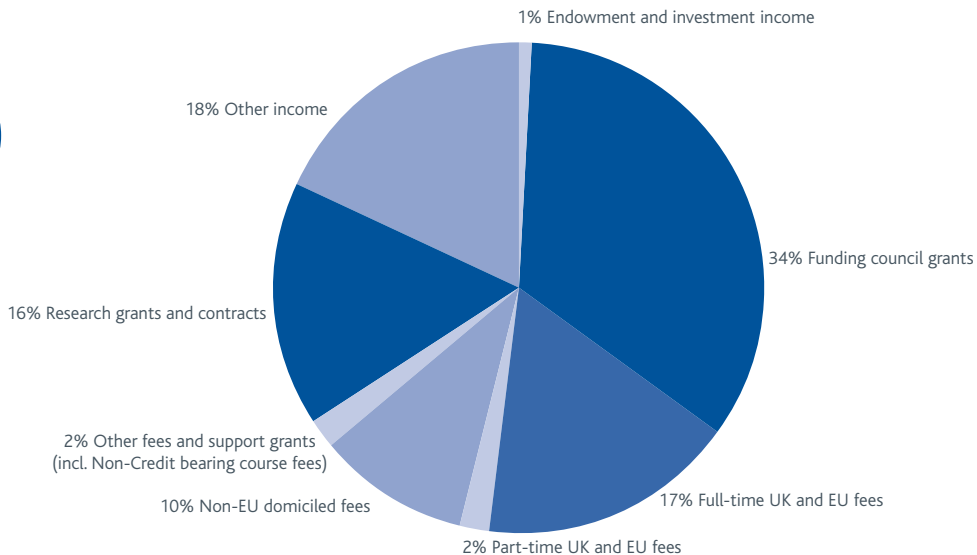
*From 2007/08 writing up and sabbatical students are no longer included in standard counts of students.

Source: HESA HE Finance Plus; HESA Students in Higher Education Institutions (various years, 1994/95-2009/10).

Income of higher education institutions in the UK, 2009/10

Finance

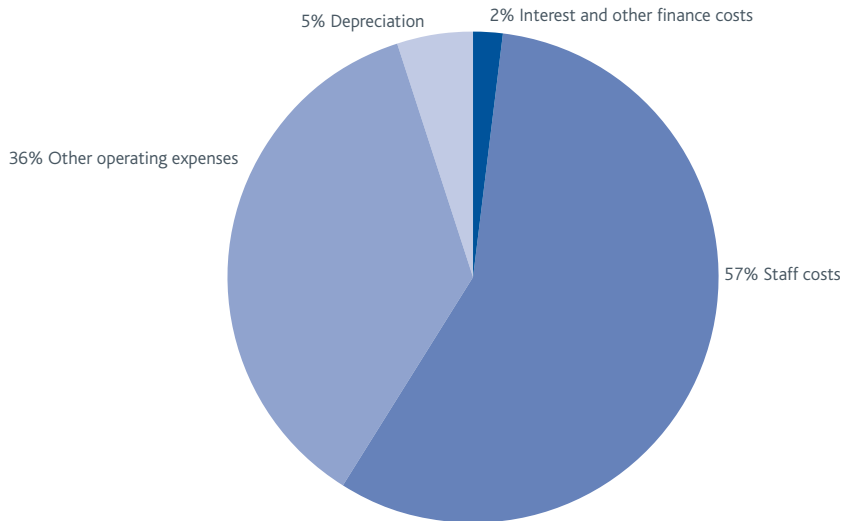
Total income: £26.8bn



Source: HESA (2011) *HE Finance Plus 2009/10*.

Expenditure of higher education institutions in the UK, 2009/10

Total expenditure: £25.9bn



Source: HESA (2011) *HE Finance Plus 2009/10*.

Public expenditure on higher education institutions as a percentage of GDP, 2007

Denmark	1.65	United States	0.98
Finland	1.57	Russian Federation	0.96
Canada	1.52	Spain	0.93
Sweden	1.41	Poland	0.92
Switzerland	1.28	Germany	0.91
Austria	1.26	Hungary	0.87
France	1.21	Mexico	0.87
Norway	1.21	Brazil	0.80
Belgium	1.21	United Kingdom	0.69
Portugal	1.10	Australia	0.69
Iceland	1.08	India	0.67
Netherlands	1.08	Slovak Republic	0.67
Estonia	1.06	Italy	0.62
Czech Republic	1.04	South Korea	0.56
Israel	1.02	Japan	0.48
Ireland	1.01	Indonesia	0.30
New Zealand	1.01	Chile	0.29
Slovenia	0.98		
		OECD average	1.00

Source: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (2010) *Education at a Glance 2010: OECD Indicators* Table B2.4.



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