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**KEY POINTS FROM UCAS NEWS RELEASE**

**FINAL FIGURES FOR 2015/16 ACADEMIC YEAR – NORTHERN IRELAND**

1. This document provides summary information for applicants accepted through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) for entry into Higher Education in 2015/16 on the number of: -
  - Applicants accepted to NI Higher Education institutions
  - NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions
2. This information has been extracted from the UCAS News Release and associated tables published on the 17 December 2015 and is available to view at:  
<https://www.ucas.com/data-analysis/key-analysis>
3. UCAS News Releases are published periodically throughout the year to show progress through the UCAS process. The information in this News Release is comparable with the final data in 2014/15.
4. It should be noted that from 2008, figures include applicants to courses that would previously have been offered through NMAS (Nursing and Midwifery Admission Service).
5. It should also be noted that the information includes data on the College of Agricultural, Food and Rural Enterprise.
6. Since 2006, applicants to St Mary's University College no longer use UCAS.

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The following tables, comparing 2012/13 (2012), 2013/14 (2013), 2014/15 (2014) with 2015/16 (2015) data, are attached:

1. Total number of applicants accepted to NI institutions by domicile.
  2. Total number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions by country of institution.
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The key points arising from the UCAS News Release, relevant to NI, are as follows:

**Table 1 - Total number of applicants accepted to NI Institutions by domicile in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.**

- Between 2014 and 2015, the total number of applicants accepted to **NI institutions** decreased by **9.7%**, falling from 11,260 in 2014 to 10,165 in 2015.
- In comparison, the total number of applicants to **all UK institutions** showed an increase of 2.7% between 2014 and 2015. English institutions showed an increase of 3.9%, Scottish institutions an increase of 10.5% and Welsh institutions a decrease of 0.9% over this period.
- Between 2013 and 2014, the number of **NI domiciled** applicants accepted to **NI institutions** decreased by **9.5%**, falling from 9,855 in 2014 to 8,920 in 2015.

**Table 1**  
Total number of applicants accepted to Northern Ireland Institutions by domicile in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015

Domicile	Year				% change between 2014 and 2015
	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Northern Ireland	9,020	10,010	9,855	8,920	(9.5%)
England	330	260	680	620	(8.8%)
Scotland	25	15	15	25	-
Wales	5	5	10	15	-
Other EU	460	440	455	385	(15.4%)
Outside EU (Overseas)	200	230	245	200	(18.4%)
<b>Grand Total</b>	10,040	10,965	11,260	10,165	(9.7%)

Note: Percentage changes are based on rounded data.  
Percentages not reported where the base is less than 100.

**Table 2 - Total number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK Institutions by country of institution in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.**

- Between 2014 and 2015, the number of **NI domiciled** applicants accepted to **UK institutions** decreased by **2.8%**, falling from 14,455 in 2014 to 14,050 in 2015.
- Between 2014 and 2015, the number of **NI domiciled** applicants accepted to **English institutions** increased by 11.6% (405 applicants), while **Scottish** and **Welsh institutions** increased by **10.8%** (105 applicants) and 13.3% (20 applicants) respectively.

**Table 2**

**Total number of Northern Ireland domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions by country of institution in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015**

Country of accepting institution	Year				% change between 2014 and 2015
	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Northern Ireland	9,020	10,010	9,855	8,920	(9.5%)
England	3,210	3,370	3,480	3,885	+11.6%
Scotland	910	1,010	970	1,075	+10.8%
Wales	145	160	150	170	+13.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	13,280	14,550	14,455	14,050	(2.8%)

Note: Percentage changes are based on rounded data.