

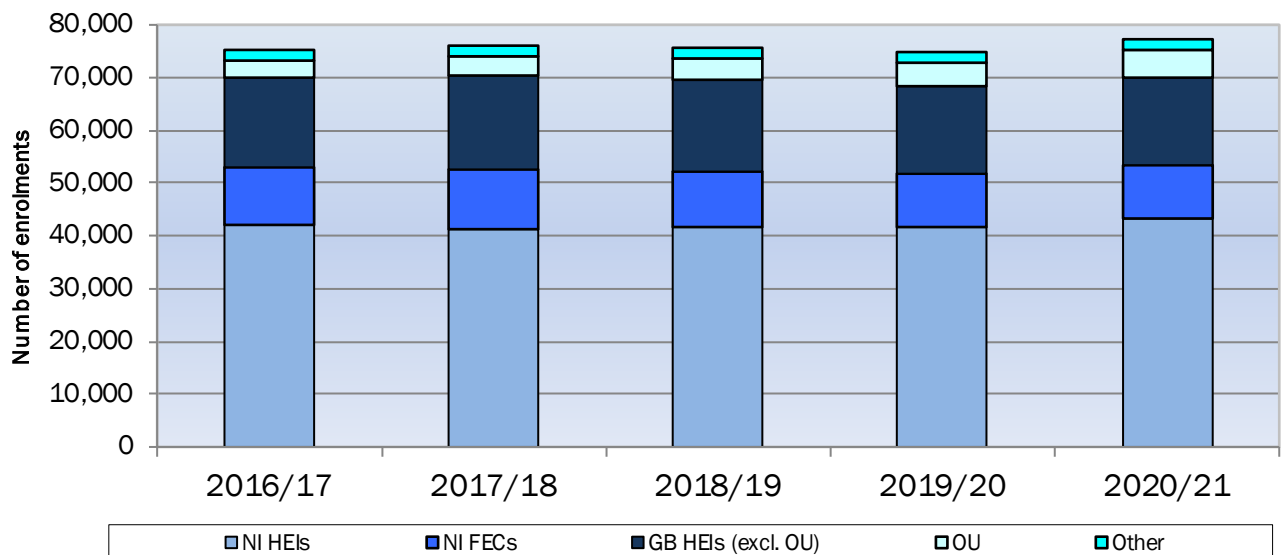
## Higher Education Statistical Fact Sheet 8: Total NI Domiciled HE Enrolments: 2016/17 to 2020/21

### Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on Higher Education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland – 2016/17 to 2020/21

The chart and table below provide information on NI domiciled students enrolled on Higher Education (HE) courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland (ROI). This includes HE enrolments at UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Further Education (FE) colleges, as well as ROI institutions.

- Between 2016/17 and 2020/21, the total number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at UK HEIs, UK FE colleges and ROI institutions increased by a net 2,489 (3%), from 74,975 to 77,465.
- Between 2019/20 and 2020/21, the total number of NI domiciled students enrolled on HE courses at UK and ROI institutions increased from 74,420 to 77,465 (a net increase of 4%).

**NI Domiciled students enrolled on Higher Education courses at UK and ROI institutions - 2016/17 to 2020/21**



Institution type		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
NI HEIs (excl. OU)		42,140	41,325	41,705	41,755	43,480
NI FE colleges		10,725	11,400	10,310	9,940	9,755
GB HEIs (excl. OU)		16,955	17,620	17,600	16,705	16,620
OU		3,610	3,735	3,950	4,230	5,445
Other	GB FE colleges	225	240	235	235	155
	ROI	1,160	1,330	1,400	1,590	1,625
	CAFRE	455	470	525	395	385
<b>Total</b>		<b>74,975</b>	<b>75,820</b>	<b>75,365</b>	<b>74,420</b>	<b>77,465</b>

Sources: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), Consolidated Data Return (CDR), Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), Welsh Government (WG), Scottish Government (SG) and Higher Education Authority (HEA).

**Notes:**

1. There has been a change to the data coverage in this year's fact sheet, as Alternative Provider (AP) data from the HESA Student Alternative record was combined for the first time with the usual HESA Student Record data submitted by HEI providers. An AP is any provider of higher education courses: not in direct receipt of recurrent funding from UK funding bodies; not a Further Education college; and not registered as 'approved (fee cap)' on the Office for Students (OfS) register. Historical figures in the online open data tables have been produced back to, and including, 2017/18, using this new methodology.

2. For the years 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, some Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled other undergraduate students on a Higher Education (HE) course at an English Further Education College (FEC) had an unknown mode of study. These students have been included in the totals above but not in the mode of study breakdown.

3. Data on NI domiciled enrolments at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) were unavailable for the 2018/19 edition of this report, TCD figures were approximated using 2017/18 data and added to the Republic of Ireland (RoI) Institutions' total. Data including TCD are now available for 2018/19, figures have been updated for this publication.

4. The definition of a Higher Education student used by the different data sources may vary slightly due to different data coding and variable definitions.

5. Prior to 2019/20 NI Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and FECs both included Foundation Degree students within their respective populations, meaning the two populations overlapped. Foundation Degree students are now excluded from the HEI population. Older data in this fact sheet have been revised to exclude Foundation Degree students from the HEI population, so will differ from previous iterations of this fact sheet.

6. To prevent the identification of individuals, HE figures have been rounded to the nearest 5, in line with HESA rounding strategy, with 0, 1 and 2 rounded to 0.

7. For consistency, the same rounding strategy has been used on all figures in the table above.

8. Due to rounding, the sum of rows or columns may not match the totals shown.

9. Percentages are based on unrounded figures and rounded to the nearest integer.

10. A more detailed table showing the number of Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled on Higher Education courses in the UK and RoI by type of institution, level of study and mode of study from 2016/17 to 2020/21 can be found at the following link: [Higher Education Statistical Fact Sheets - Open Data Tables](#).

**Links:**

Data from this fact sheet are available in open data format at the following link:

[HE Statistical Factsheets](#)

More Higher Education statistics are available from:

[Higher Education Statistics and Research](#)