

Table 1: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2003/04
- overview

Student Population	England	Wales	Total
	Number	Number	Number
Students who started their Access course within the 2003/04 academic year	34,589	1,819	36,408
Students expected to complete their Access course within the 2003/04 academic year	28,784	1,594	30,378
Students who are in-learning pursuing an Access course at some point within the 2003/04 academic year	37,962	2,008	39,970

Source: ILR 2003/04 (England), LLWR 2003/04 (Wales)



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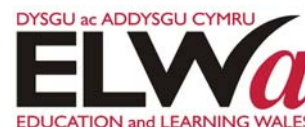


Table 2: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2003/04
- by age and gender

Age Group at 31 Aug 2003	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 21	1,818	18.2%	3,026	10.1%	4,844	12.1%
21-25	3,228	32.3%	7,831	26.1%	11,059	27.7%
26-35	2,931	29.3%	11,328	37.8%	14,259	35.7%
36-45	1,489	14.9%	6,372	21.3%	7,861	19.7%
46-55	371	3.7%	1,125	3.8%	1,496	3.7%
55-65	98	1.0%	231	0.8%	329	0.8%
Over 65	51	0.5%	41	0.1%	92	0.2%
Unknown	9	0.1%	21	0.1%	30	0.1%
Total	9,995	100.0%	29,975	100.0%	39,970	100.0%

Source: ILR 2003/04 (England), LLWR 2003/04 (Wales)

Note: 1) Population is that of student in-learning figures for 2003/04

Table 3: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2003/04
- by ethnicity

Ethnicity (detailed)	Number	Percent	Ethnicity (summary)	Number	Percent
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	227	0.6%	Asian	1,795	4.7%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	513	1.3%			
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	627	1.6%			
Asian or Asian British - other	428	1.1%			
Chinese	412	1.1%	Chinese	412	1.1%
Black or Black British - African	3,693	9.7%	Black	5,861	15.4%
Black or Black British - Caribbean	1,632	4.3%			
Black or Black British - other	536	1.4%	Mixed	1,112	2.9%
Mixed - White and Asian	149	0.4%			
Mixed - White and Black African	330	0.9%			
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	397	1.0%	Other Ethnic	960	2.5%
Mixed - any other	236	0.6%			
Other Ethnic Background	960	2.5%	White	27,980	73.4%
White	27,980	73.4%			
not known / information refused	1,850		Not known / refused	1,850	
Total	39,970	100.0%		39,970	100.0%

Source: ILR 2003/04 (England), LLWR 2003/04 (Wales)

Notes: 1) Population is that of student in-learning figures for 2003/04

2) Percentages are based on totals excluding "not known/information refused" figures

Table 4: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2003/04
- by disability

Disability (detailed)	Number	Percent	Disability (summary)	Number	Percent
visual impairment	118	0.3%	Disabled	1,891	5.5%
hearing impairment	109	0.3%			
disability affecting mobility	153	0.4%			
other physical disability	134	0.4%			
other medical condition	452	1.3%			
emotional/behavioural difficulties	43	0.1%			
mental ill health	223	0.6%			
temporary disability	32	0.1%			
profound and multiple disabilities	78	0.2%			
other	549	1.6%			
no disability	32,452	94.5%			
Not known / information not provided	5,627		Not known / not provided	5,627	
Total	39,970	100.0%		39,970	100.0%

Source: ILR 2003/04 (England), LLWR 2003/04 (Wales)

Notes : 1) Population is that of student in-learning figures for 2003/04

2) Percentages are based on totals excluding "not known/information not provided" figures

Table 5: Access Courses being pursued by students at FEIs in England and Wales - 2003/04
- by subject

Subject Areas	Number	Percent
Health, Public Services and Care	10,665	22.0%
Science and Mathematics	2,870	5.9%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	*	0.0%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	190	0.4%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	18	0.0%
Information and Communication Technology	1,394	2.9%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	16	0.0%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	115	0.2%
Arts, Media and Publishing	2,809	5.8%
History, Philosophy and Theology	4,669	9.7%
Social Sciences	1,514	3.1%
Languages, Literature and Culture	1,367	2.8%
Education and Training	*	0.0%
Preparation for Life and Work	20,922	43.2%
Business, Administration and Law	1,574	3.3%
Unknown	253	0.5%
Total	48,378	100.0%

Source: ILR 2003/04 (England), LLWR 2003/04 (Wales)

Notes: 1) Population is that of student in-learning figures for 2003/04

2) Total counts are different to those in tables 2, 3 and 4 due to students undertaking multiple access courses (in different subject areas) within the year

3) Subject categories used are the QCA 15 Learning Areas

4) Values lower than 5 have been replaced with *