

Table 1: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2004/05
- overview

Student Population	England	Wales	Total
	Number	Number	Number
Students who started their Access course within the 2004/05 academic year	34,327	1,605	35,932
Students expected to complete their Access course within the 2004/05 academic year	29,255	1,741	30,996
Students who are in-learning pursuing an Access course at some point within the 2004/05 academic year	38,559	1,981	40,540



Table 2: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2004/05
- by age and gender

Age Group at 31 Aug 2004	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 21	2,027	21.2%	3,714	12.0%	5,741	14.16%
21-25	2,928	30.7%	8,087	26.1%	11,015	27.17%
26-35	2,662	27.9%	11,352	36.6%	14,014	34.57%
36-45	1,447	15.1%	6,396	20.6%	7,843	19.35%
46-55	314	3.3%	1,097	3.5%	1,411	3.48%
55-65	102	1.1%	240	0.8%	342	0.84%
Over 65	61	0.6%	76	0.2%	137	0.34%
Unknown	11	0.1%	26	0.1%	37	0.09%
Total	9,552	100.00%	30,988	100.00%	40,540	100.00%

Note : population is that of student in-learning figures for 2004/05

Table 3: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2004/05
- by ethnicity

Ethnicity (detailed)	Number	Percent	Ethnicity (summary)	Number	Percent
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	250	0.6%	Asian	1,969	5.0%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	526	1.3%			
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	781	2.0%			
Asian or Asian British - other	412	1.0%			
Black or Black British - African	3,862	9.8%	Black	6,177	15.7%
Black or Black British - Caribbean	1,709	4.3%			
Black or Black British - other	606	1.5%			
Chinese	117	0.3%	Chinese	117	0.3%
Mixed - White and Asian	166	0.4%	Mixed	1,277	3.2%
Mixed - White and Black African	346	0.9%			
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	469	1.2%			
Mixed -any other	296	0.8%			
Other Ethnic Background	815	2.1%	Other Ethnic	815	2.1%
White	29,018	73.7%	White	29,018	73.7%
not known / information refused	1,167		Not known / information refused	1,167	
Total	40,540	100.00%		40,540	100.0%

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Table 4: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2004/05
- by disability

Disability (detailed)	Number	Percent	Disability (summary)	Number	Percent
visual impairment	123	0.3%	Disabled	1,886	5.2%
hearing impairment	126	0.3%			
disability affecting mobility	130	0.4%			
other physical disability	111	0.3%			
other medical condition	490	1.3%			
emotional/behavioural difficulties	31	0.1%			
mental ill health	274	0.7%			
temporary disability	29	0.1%			
profound and multiple disabilities	97	0.3%			
other	475	1.3%			
no disability	34,722	94.8%			
Not known / information not provided	3,932		Not known / information not provided	3,932	
Total	40,540	100%		40,540	100.0%

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Table 5a: Access Courses being pursued by students at FEIs in England and Wales - 2004/05
- by sector subject area (SSA)

Subject Area of Learning	Number	Percent
Health, Public Services and Care	12,417	26.14%
Science and Mathematics	3,531	7.43%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technology	102	0.21%
Information and Communication Technology	1,206	2.54%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	24	0.05%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	95	0.20%
Arts, Media and Publishing	2,659	5.60%
History, Philosophy and Theology	3,254	6.85%
Social Sciences	2,035	4.28%
Languages, Literature and Culture	177	0.37%
Education and Training	1,226	2.58%
Preparation for Life and Work	19,567	41.19%
Business, Administration and Law	1,198	2.52%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal care	17	0.04%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	1	0.00%
Total	47,509	100.00%

Notes : student population is that of in-learning figures for 2004/05 total counts will probably be different to that in tables 2, 3 and 4 due to students undertaking multiple access courses (in different subject areas) within the year