



Table 1: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2007/08
- overview

Student Population	England		Wales		Total	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Students who started their Access course within the 2007/08 academic year	30,570	89.9%	1,425	84.4%	31,995	89.7%
Students expected to complete their Access course within the 2007/08 academic year	30,850	90.8%	1,215	72.0%	32,065	89.9%
Students who are in-learning pursuing an Access course at some point within the 2007/08 academic year	33,990	100.0%	1,690	100.0%	35,675	100.0%

Table 2: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2007/08
- by age and gender

Age Group at 31 Aug 2006	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Under 19	1,915	20.2%	3,220	12.3%	5,135	14.39%
20-24	3,690	38.9%	7,980	30.5%	11,670	32.71%
25-29	1,485	15.7%	5,190	19.8%	6,675	18.72%
30-34	850	8.9%	3,595	13.7%	4,445	12.45%
35-39	685	7.2%	3,150	12.0%	3,835	10.75%
40-44	445	4.7%	1,815	6.9%	2,260	6.33%
45-49	220	2.3%	780	3.0%	1,000	2.80%
50+	200	2.1%	455	1.7%	655	1.84%
missing age	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
Total	9,490	100.0%	26,185	100.0%	35,675	100.00%

Note: population is that of student in-learning figures for 2007/08

Age is defined as age at beginning of academic year

Table 3: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2007/08
- by ethnicity

Ethnicity (detailed)	Number	Per cent	Ethnicity (summary)
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	255	0.7%	Asian
Asian or Asian British - Indian	430	1.2%	
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	835	2.3%	
Asian or Asian British - any other Asian background	490	1.4%	
Black or Black British - African	3,285	9.2%	Black
Black or Black British - Caribbean	1,460	4.1%	
Black or Black British - any other Black background	530	1.5%	
Chinese	340	1.0%	Chinese
Mixed - White and Asian	200	0.6%	Mixed
Mixed - White and Black African	310	0.9%	
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	575	1.6%	White
Mixed - any other mixed background	345	1.0%	
White - British	23,410	65.6%	
White - Irish	220	0.6%	Other ethnic
White - any other White background	1,200	3.4%	
Any other	970	2.7%	
Not known/Not provided	825	2.3%	Not known / information refused
Total	35,675	100.0%	

Note: population is that of student in-learning figures for 2007/08

**Table 4: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England - 2007/08
- by disability**

Disability (detailed)	Number	Per cent	Disability (summary)	
Visual Impairment	130		Disabled	
Hearing Impairment	130			
Disability Affecting Mobility	180			
Other Physical Disability	130			
Other Medical Condition (for example Epilepsy, Asthma, Diabetes)	525			
Emotional/Behavioural Difficulties	110			
Mental Ill Health	405			
Temporary Disability After Illness (for example Post-Viral)	30			
Profound Complex Disabilities	0			
Multiple Disabilities	100			
Other	515			
No disability	31,130			No disability Not known/ information not provided
Not known/Information not provided	2,295			
Total	35,675			

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**Table 5: Access courses being pursued by students at FEIs in England and Wales - 2007/08
- by sector subject area (SSA)**

Subject Area of Learning	Number	Per cent
Health, Public Services and Care	9,295	23.2%
Science and Mathematics	2,250	5.6%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	0	0.0%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	140	0.4%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	0	0.0%
Information and Communication Technology	1,130	2.8%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	35	0.1%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	100	0.3%
Arts, Media and Publishing	1,805	4.5%
History, Philosophy and Theology	5,770	14.4%
Social Sciences	1,630	4.1%
Languages, Literature and Culture	120	0.3%
Education and Training	1,590	4.0%
Preparation For Life and Work	14,745	36.8%
Business, Administration and Law	1,405	3.5%
Not applicable	30	0.1%
Total	40,045	100.0%

Notes: student population is that of in-learning figures for 2007/08

Total counts are different to that in tables 2, 3 and 4 due to students undertaking multiple access courses within the year