



Table 1: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2008/09

- overview

Student Population	England		Wales		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Students who started their Access course within the 2008/09 academic year	31,670	90.1%	2,245	84.2%	33,915	89.7%
Students expected to complete their Access course within the 2008/09 academic year	29,860	85.0%	2,000	75.0%	31,860	84.3%
Students who are in-learning pursuing an Access course at some point within the 2008/09 academic year	35,140	100.0%	2,665	100.0%	37,805	100.0%

Table 2: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2008/09

- by age and gender

Age Group at 31 Aug 2006	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 19	1,575	16.4%	3,220	11.4%	4,795	12.7%
20-24	3,890	40.5%	8,895	31.6%	12,785	33.8%
25-29	1,550	16.1%	5,495	19.5%	7,045	18.6%
30-34	940	9.8%	3,855	13.7%	4,800	12.7%
35-39	725	7.5%	3,340	11.8%	4,060	10.7%
40-44	475	4.9%	2,015	7.1%	2,490	6.6%
45-49	245	2.5%	885	3.1%	1,130	3.0%
50+	215	2.2%	485	1.7%	700	1.9%
missing age						
Total	9,610	100.0%	28,190	100.0%	37,805	100.0%

Note: population is that of student in-learning figures for 2008/09

Age is defined as age at beginning of academic year

Table 3: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2008/09

- by ethnicity

Ethnicity (detailed)	Number	Percent	Ethnicity (summary)
Asian Or Asian British - Bangladeshi	380	1.0%	Asian
Asian Or Asian British - Indian	470	1.2%	
Asian Or Asian British - Pakistani	845	2.2%	
Asian Or Asian British - Any Other Asian Background	510	1.3%	
Black Or Black British - African	3,725	9.9%	Black
Black Or Black British - Caribbean	1,605	4.3%	
Black Or Black British - Any Other Black Background	585	1.6%	
Chinese	135	0.4%	Chinese
Mixed - White And Asian	210	0.6%	Mixed
Mixed - White And Black African	320	0.8%	
Mixed - White And Black Caribbean	635	1.7%	
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	385	1.0%	
White - British	24,805	65.6%	White
White - Irish	215	0.6%	
White - Any Other White Background	1,315	3.5%	
Any Other	865	2.3%	Other/Not known/ Not provided
Not Known/Not Provided	800	2.1%	
Total	37,805	100.0%	

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Table 4: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England - 2008/09 by disadvantage

Disadvantage (detailed)	Number	Percent	Disadvantage (summary)
From deprived area (ward-based uplift)	16,025	45.6%	Disadvantaged
Other LSC-defined disadvantage	850	2.4%	
Not eligible/unknown for disadvantage uplift	18,265	52.0%	Not known/ information not provided
Total	35,140	100.0%	

Note: population is that of student in-learning figures for 2008/09

Excludes learners in Wales, where data on disadvantage is not collected

Table 5: Students pursuing Access to HE courses at FEIs in England and Wales - 2008/09 by disability

Disability (detailed)	Total	Percent	Disability (summary)
Visual Impairment	90		Disabled
Hearing Impairment	135		
Disability Affecting Mobility	195		
Other Physical Disability	100		
Other Medical Condition (For Example Epilepsy, Asthma, Diabetes)	580		
Emotional/Behavioural Difficulties	60		
Mental Ill Health	440		
Temporary Disability After Illness (For Example Post-Viral)	25		
Profound Complex Disabilities	0		
Multiple Disabilities	125		
Aspergers Syndrome	15		
Other	540		
No Disability	33,250		
Not Known/Information Not Provided	2,235		
Total	37,800		

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Table 6: Access Courses being pursued by students at FEIs in England and Wales - 2008/09 - by sector subject area (SSA)

Subject Area of Learning	Number	Percent
Health, Public Services And Care	13,675	31.3%
Science And Mathematics	3,090	7.1%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	65	0.1%
Engineering And Manufacturing Technologies	130	0.3%
Information And Communication Technology	1,125	2.6%
Retail And Commercial Enterprise	30	0.1%
Leisure, Travel And Tourism	230	0.5%
Arts, Media And Publishing	2,225	5.1%
History, Philosophy And Theology	11,060	25.3%
Social Sciences	2,305	5.3%
Languages, Literature and Culture	200	0.5%
Education And Training	2,820	6.5%
Preparation For Life And Work	3,875	8.9%
Business, Administration And Law	2,200	5.0%
Not Applicable	690	1.6%
Total	43,715	100.0%

Notes: student population is that of in-learning figures for 2008/09

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