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About Students

We are distinctive among higher education institutions in the UK, in that we teach primarily at a distance and have no academic prerequisites for admission to undergraduate modules. As long as applicants are aged (usually) 16 or over and live in the UK or another EU country (some modules are available in many other parts of the world), the only factors which affect the offer of an undergraduate place are date of application and the number of places available. Over a third of our UK undergraduates have entry qualifications lower than those normally required by other UK universities. We have around 126,000 UK undergraduates; 8,300 postgraduates and 7,800 non-UK-based students studying OU UG or PG modules. More than 21,000 students of our UG and PG students have declared disabilities. We also have more than 500 OU students studying Overseas versions of OU modules.

Notes on the data

The 2016 reporting period is for the academic year 2014/15. The data in this report covers the years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The scale of many of the bar charts has been adjusted to show differences more clearly.

Participation

Data for undergraduate, new undergraduate and postgraduate UK students, all non-UK students, Overseas students¹, Research students and ITE students is reported.

Headcount data for 'All students' means UG + PG, where each student is counted only once, even if they study at both UG and PG level.

Currency is headcount registered at one third of the way through the module for all UG and PG OU modules.

The proportions given for student Ethnic groups are of the total number whose ethnicity are known.

Module completion

Data for undergraduate and postgraduate UK students is reported in this document. Data for non-UK and Overseas students are shown separately in Excel spreadsheets. The currency for completions is student funded Full Time Equivalents (FTE120180)².

Academic attainment

Data for undergraduate UK students is reported.

The currency for attainment is student funded Full Time Equivalents (FTE120180).

Attainment for students on level 1 modules is measured by the number/proportion of completers that passed their module.

Attainment for students on level 2 and 3 modules is measured by the number/proportion of those that passed who achieved a good pass. A good pass is defined as distinction and grade 2 pass or distinction and merit pass.

Attainment for students on PG modules is measured by the number/proportion of students of those that passed who achieve a good pass. A good pass is defined as an overall module score of 70% or above.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal from the programme can occur at any stage after registration and it may be due to academic or personal reasons. In the report withdrawals refer to ITE or research students. In both cases, they represent failure to achieve the intended outcome – QTS certificate for ITE students, or a research degree for research students.

Additional student data by OU region/nation and by OU faculty is available to staff to download in Excel files. Additional student data for non-UK students and Overseas students is also available in Excel files.

¹ Robust data is only available at the moment for Overseas students by gender and age

² 1 FTE120180 = 120 credits for undergraduate modules, 180 credits for most postgraduate modules (i.e. those defined as 'Long').

Undergraduate Students

Age

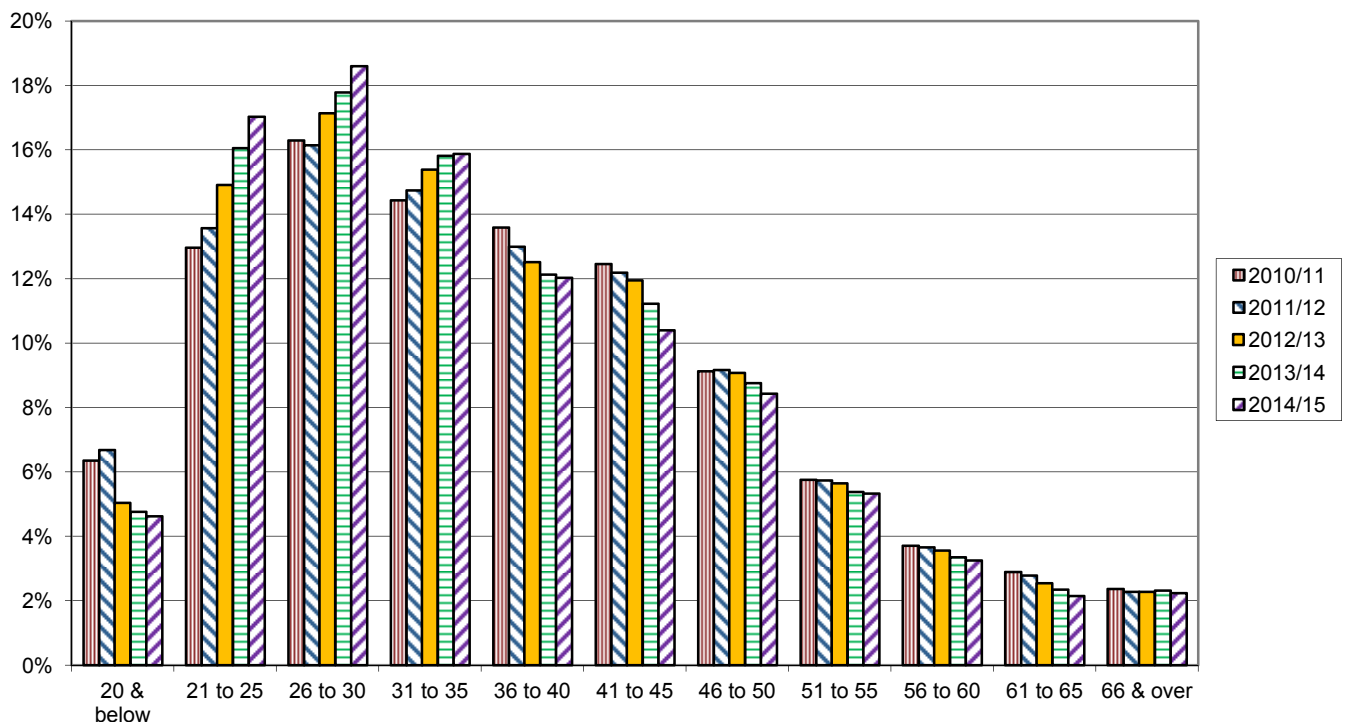
Participation

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 1: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	11635	6.4	11838	6.7	7538	5.0	6513	4.8	5864	4.6
21 to 25	23749	13.0	24041	13.6	22337	14.9	21931	16.1	21586	17.0
25 & below Total	35384	19.3	35879	20.3	29875	19.9	28444	20.8	27450	21.7
26 to 30	29839	16.3	28615	16.2	25675	17.1	24292	17.8	23576	18.6
31 to 35	26442	14.4	26128	14.7	23052	15.4	21610	15.8	20132	15.9
26 to 35 Total	56281	30.7	54743	30.9	48727	32.5	45902	33.6	43708	34.5
36 to 40	24889	13.6	23026	13.0	18745	12.5	16570	12.1	15250	12.0
41 to 45	22809	12.5	21600	12.2	17901	11.9	15336	11.2	13187	10.4
36 to 45 Total	47698	26.1	44626	25.2	36646	24.5	31906	23.4	28437	22.4
46 to 50	16720	9.1	16252	9.2	13593	9.1	11969	8.8	10686	8.4
51 to 55	10551	5.8	10167	5.7	8451	5.6	7356	5.4	6756	5.3
46 to 55 Total	27271	14.9	26419	14.9	22044	14.7	19325	14.2	17442	13.8
56 to 60	6803	3.7	6486	3.7	5320	3.6	4583	3.4	4122	3.3
61 to 65	5308	2.9	4949	2.8	3803	2.5	3210	2.4	2734	2.2
66 & over	4338	2.4	4040	2.3	3403	2.3	3173	2.3	2840	2.2
56 & over Total	16449	9.0	15475	8.7	12526	8.4	10966	8.0	9696	7.7
Grand Total	183083	100.0	177142	100.0	149818	100.0	136543	100.0	126733	100.0

Chart 1³: Distribution of all Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of students in the 21 to 25 and 26 to 30 age groups continues to increase; that in the 31 to 35 age group is nearly static. The proportion of students in most older age groups and the 20 and below group continues to fall slightly.

Undergraduate Students

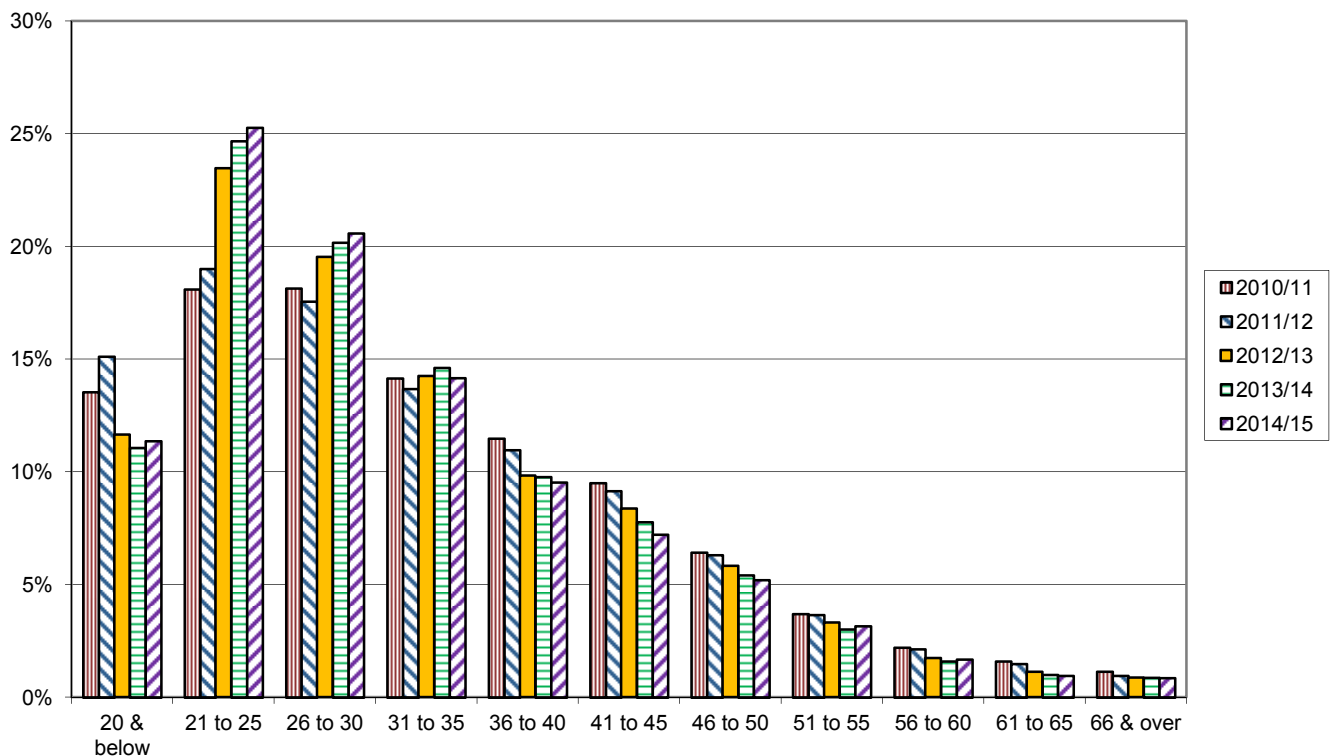
Age

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 2: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	9856	13.5	9833	15.1	5134	11.7	4397	11.1	4139	11.4
21 to 25	13176	18.1	12364	19.0	10339	23.5	9802	24.7	9205	25.3
25 & below Total	23032	31.6	22197	34.1	15473	35.1	14199	35.7	13344	36.6
26 to 30	13203	18.1	11426	17.6	8610	19.5	8010	20.2	7497	20.6
31 to 35	10302	14.2	8905	13.7	6282	14.3	5808	14.6	5160	14.2
26 to 35 Total	23505	32.3	20331	31.2	14892	33.8	13818	34.8	12657	34.8
36 to 40	8360	11.5	7134	11.0	4334	9.8	3885	9.8	3471	9.5
41 to 45	6918	9.5	5956	9.2	3689	8.4	3089	7.8	2632	7.2
36 to 45 Total	15278	21.0	13090	20.1	8023	18.2	6974	17.6	6103	16.8
46 to 50	4674	6.4	4107	6.3	2571	5.8	2150	5.4	1894	5.2
51 to 55	2695	3.7	2375	3.6	1460	3.3	1201	3.0	1150	3.2
46 to 55 Total	7369	10.1	6482	10.0	4031	9.1	3351	8.4	3044	8.4
56 to 60	1606	2.2	1391	2.1	764	1.7	637	1.6	611	1.7
61 to 65	1159	1.6	961	1.5	498	1.1	398	1.0	347	1.0
66 & over	834	1.1	620	1.0	387	0.9	349	0.9	314	0.9
56 & over Total	3599	4.9	2972	4.6	1649	3.7	1384	3.5	1272	3.5
Grand Total	72783	100.0	65072	100.0	44068	100.0	39726	100.0	36420	100.0

Chart 2⁴: Distribution of new Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of students under 30 continues to increase. The proportion of students in the 21 to 25 year age group considerably exceeds that in the 26 to 30 age group.

Undergraduate Students

Age

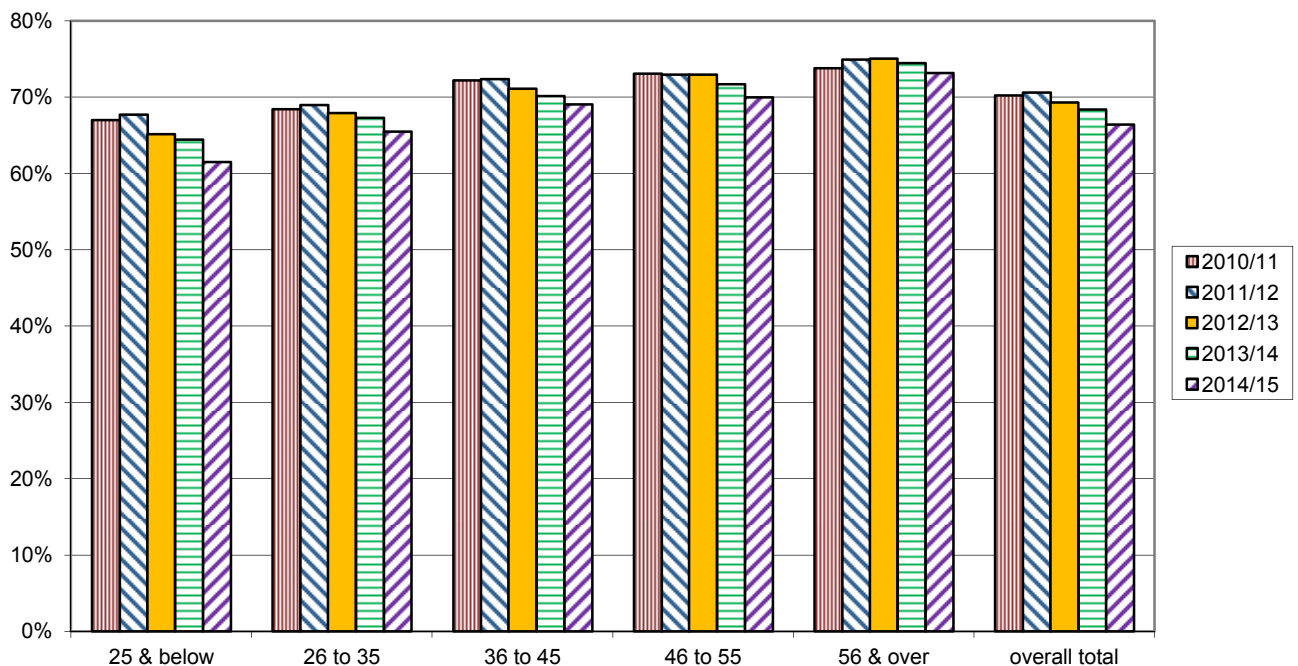
Module Completion

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 3: Completion count in FTE120180s⁵ and completion rate for all Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	2213.9	69.4	2542.7	70.5	2336.7	66.5	2074.4	64.9	1840.3	60.4
21 to 25	6985.9	66.3	7478.5	66.8	7512.3	64.7	7581.8	64.3	7559.6	61.8
25 & below Total	9199.8	67.0	10021.2	67.7	9849.0	65.1	9656.2	64.4	9399.9	61.5
26 to 30	8754.0	67.6	8843.4	67.9	8531.9	67.3	8235.8	66.7	8028.9	64.2
31 to 35	7723.8	69.3	8109.0	70.1	7525.9	68.7	7226.1	68.0	6911.9	67.1
26 to 35 Total	16477.8	68.4	16952.4	68.9	16057.8	67.9	15461.9	67.3	14940.8	65.5
36 to 40	7440.4	71.6	7111.6	71.7	6160.5	70.5	5512.4	69.3	5183.1	67.9
41 to 45	6774.8	72.8	6694.4	73.0	5843.6	71.8	5154.6	71.0	4542.3	70.3
36 to 45 Total	14215.2	72.2	13806.0	72.3	12004.1	71.1	10667.0	70.1	9725.4	69.0
46 to 50	4793.6	72.7	4876.9	73.2	4397.9	72.9	3975.5	71.6	3594.1	69.5
51 to 55	2891.2	73.7	2888.2	72.5	2614.9	73.0	2342.0	71.8	2251.9	70.7
46 to 55 Total	7684.7	73.1	7765.1	72.9	7012.7	72.9	6317.5	71.7	5846.0	70.0
56 to 60	1744.0	73.0	1808.1	74.2	1635.7	73.6	1479.6	74.0	1368.9	72.3
61 to 65	1354.1	75.2	1364.5	76.5	1190.5	76.5	1033.5	75.7	920.5	74.8
66 & over	1065.0	73.2	1045.0	74.0	1041.3	75.8	991.7	73.9	927.9	72.9
56 & over Total	4163.1	73.8	4217.6	74.9	3867.6	75.1	3504.8	74.5	3217.3	73.2
Grand Total	51740.7	70.2	52762.3	70.6	48791.2	69.3	45607.3	68.4	43129.5	66.4

Chart 3⁶: Completion rate for all Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates for OU UK UG students decreased for all age groups for the third year running.

³ one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Undergraduate Students

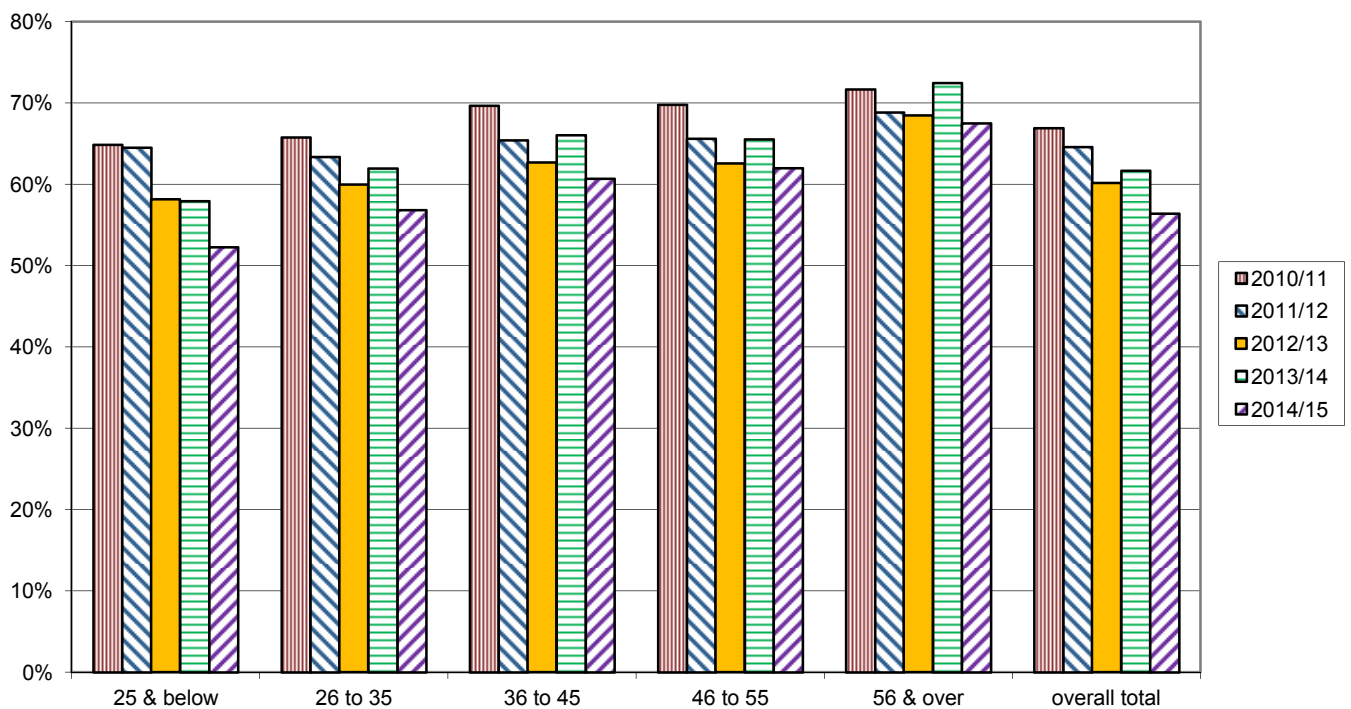
Age

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 4: Completion count in FTE120180s⁷ and completion rate for new Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	1388.4	68.4	1514.7	68.5	1164.9	60.4	1094.9	60.0	1018.2	54.1
21 to 25	2711.9	63.2	2642.2	62.5	2539.0	57.2	2608.6	57.1	2452.6	51.5
25 & below Total	4100.3	64.9	4156.9	64.5	3703.9	58.1	3703.5	58.0	3470.7	52.3
26 to 30	2640.2	64.6	2304.3	62.6	2021.9	59.4	2156.3	61.5	1989.0	55.5
31 to 35	2036.2	67.4	1781.8	64.4	1404.5	60.8	1520.5	62.6	1394.0	58.9
26 to 35 Total	4676.5	65.8	4086.2	63.4	3426.3	60.0	3676.8	62.0	3383.0	56.8
36 to 40	1650.7	68.9	1371.1	65.1	961.8	62.4	1037.6	66.0	926.8	59.5
41 to 45	1380.5	70.7	1161.8	65.8	784.9	62.9	817.5	66.2	719.2	62.3
36 to 45 Total	3031.2	69.7	2532.9	65.4	1746.7	62.7	1855.1	66.1	1646.0	60.7
46 to 50	882.0	68.8	768.4	66.1	537.4	62.8	553.5	66.7	514.5	62.1
51 to 55	488.9	71.6	405.0	64.8	285.9	62.2	280.7	63.4	301.1	61.9
46 to 55 Total	1371.0	69.8	1173.4	65.6	823.3	62.6	834.3	65.5	815.6	62.0
56 to 60	274.2	71.4	237.4	66.9	154.8	65.8	160.2	69.8	161.0	64.6
61 to 65	196.1	72.6	161.7	70.6	103.7	71.2	108.2	75.6	97.8	69.4
66 & over	128.0	70.7	100.2	71.0	78.2	70.4	88.7	73.9	90.8	71.2
56 & over Total	598.3	71.7	499.3	68.8	336.7	68.4	357.2	72.5	349.5	67.5
Grand Total	13777.2	66.9	12448.7	64.6	10037.0	60.2	10427.0	61.7	9664.9	56.4

Chart 4⁸: Completion rate in FTE120180s for new Undergraduate UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Last year showed an increase in completion rates for all age groups, except for the 25 and below. This year there was a *decrease* in completion rates for all age groups.

⁴ One FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Undergraduate Students

Age

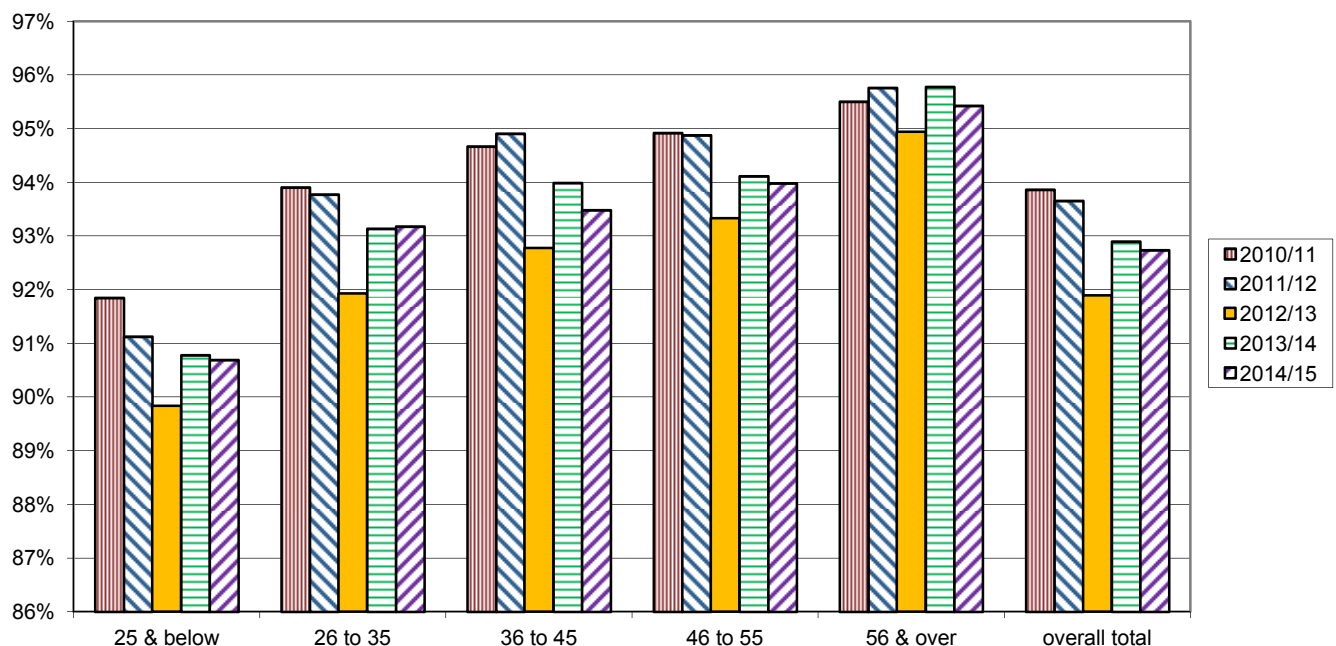
Academic Attainment

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 5: Pass count in FTE120180s⁹ and pass rates for all UK students on level 1 modules by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	1584.3	91.8	1814.3	91.4	1532.6	89.9	1356.6	90.6	1259.4	90.5
21 to 25	3329.3	91.9	3510.0	91.0	3462.3	89.8	3536.0	90.8	3639.3	90.8
25 & below Total	4913.7	91.8	5324.3	91.1	4995.0	89.8	4892.6	90.8	4898.7	90.7
26 to 30	3733.1	93.6	3766.0	93.4	3428.4	91.4	3391.7	92.6	3504.9	92.9
31 to 35	3305.4	94.3	3351.4	94.2	2800.0	92.6	2739.4	93.8	2789.4	93.5
26 to 35 Total	7038.5	93.9	7117.5	93.8	6228.4	91.9	6131.1	93.1	6294.3	93.2
36 to 40	2972.8	94.6	2798.2	94.5	2129.6	92.4	1947.7	93.8	1958.8	93.2
41 to 45	2595.1	94.7	2523.7	95.3	1946.3	93.1	1743.2	94.2	1613.8	93.9
36 to 45 Total	5567.9	94.7	5322.0	94.9	4075.9	92.8	3690.9	94.0	3572.6	93.5
46 to 50	1766.2	94.7	1789.5	94.6	1399.9	93.2	1238.9	93.6	1212.0	94.2
51 to 55	1038.5	95.2	1048.2	95.3	827.5	93.6	707.5	95.1	719.3	93.6
46 to 55 Total	2804.7	94.9	2837.8	94.9	2227.3	93.3	1946.4	94.1	1931.3	94.0
56 to 60	649.1	95.5	661.3	96.0	522.7	95.1	454.7	96.0	424.0	95.5
61 to 65	501.9	96.5	483.9	96.5	371.9	95.9	295.2	96.0	265.9	96.4
66 & over	363.5	94.1	333.2	94.3	303.6	93.5	269.8	95.2	265.0	94.3
56 & over Total	1514.4	95.5	1478.5	95.8	1198.2	94.9	1019.8	95.8	955.0	95.4
Grand Total	21839.2	93.9	22080.0	93.7	18724.8	91.9	17680.8	92.9	17651.9	92.7

Chart 5¹⁰: Pass rate for all UK students on level 1 modules by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The pass rate has fallen for all age groups except 26 to 35 this year.

⁵ one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Undergraduate Students

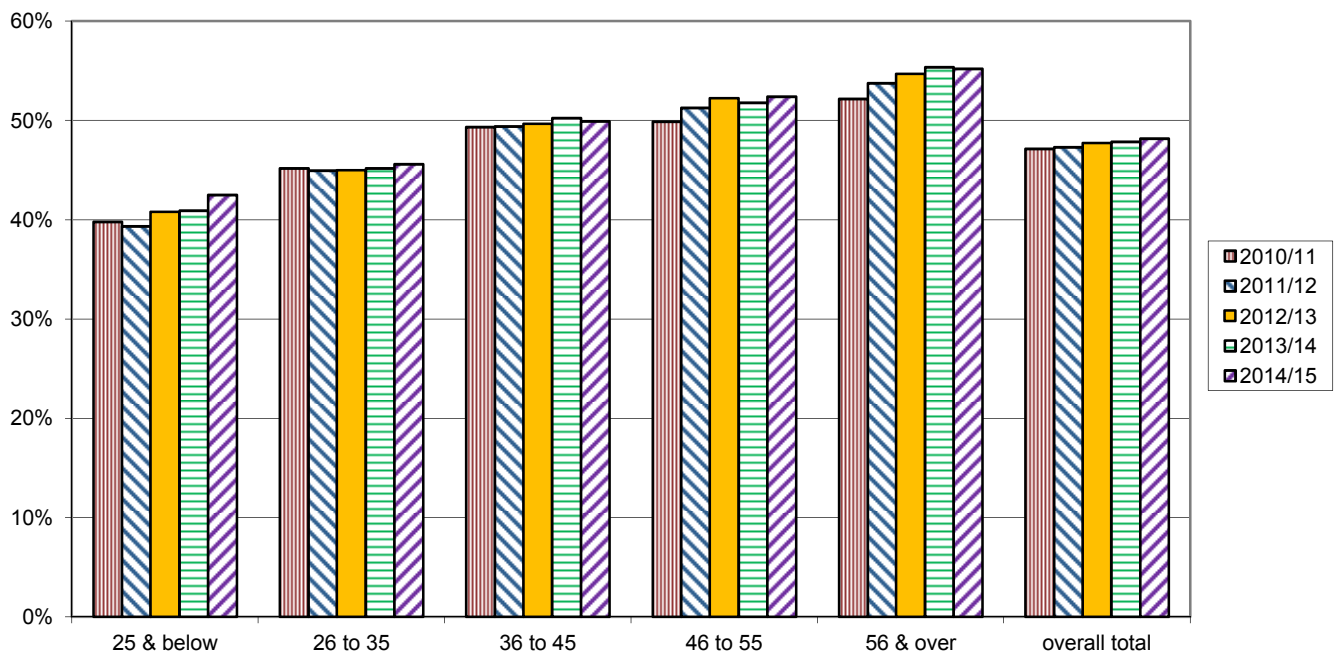
Age

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 6: 'Good pass' count in FTE120180s and 'Good pass' rate for all UK students on level 2 & 3 modules by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	165.2	39.6	184.5	38.0	222.5	40.4	204.4	42.6	157.9	42.8
21 to 25	1173.0	39.8	1266.5	39.5	1322.6	40.8	1272.7	40.7	1286.7	42.4
25 & below Total	1338.3	39.8	1451.0	39.3	1545.2	40.8	1477.1	40.9	1444.6	42.5
26 to 30	1864.5	43.7	1876.2	43.5	1873.3	43.4	1750.0	43.8	1697.0	45.3
31 to 35	1789.5	46.8	1921.3	46.4	1914.4	46.6	1773.7	46.6	1599.5	45.9
26 to 35 Total	3654.0	45.2	3797.5	44.9	3787.8	45.0	3523.7	45.2	3296.5	45.6
36 to 40	1917.8	48.4	1846.0	48.4	1734.2	48.8	1488.6	48.9	1355.0	49.4
41 to 45	1877.4	50.4	1881.2	50.4	1755.6	50.5	1532.8	51.6	1280.8	50.5
36 to 45 Total	3795.1	49.3	3727.2	49.4	3489.8	49.7	3021.4	50.2	2635.7	49.9
46 to 50	1337.3	49.6	1404.6	51.0	1377.4	51.5	1212.1	50.3	1071.3	51.4
51 to 55	834.1	50.4	862.3	51.8	857.1	53.5	776.2	54.3	720.5	53.9
46 to 55 Total	2171.5	49.9	2266.9	51.3	2234.5	52.3	1988.3	51.8	1791.8	52.4
56 to 60	534.7	54.1	565.3	54.1	567.4	55.9	505.7	54.7	469.1	56.0
61 to 65	421.9	54.4	472.8	57.8	442.9	58.5	407.6	61.1	342.3	58.2
66 & over	282.4	46.2	305.2	47.9	315.8	48.3	318.7	50.2	296.3	51.0
56 & over Total	1238.9	52.2	1343.3	53.8	1326.1	54.7	1232.0	55.4	1107.7	55.2
Grand Total	12197.8	47.2	12585.9	47.3	12383.3	47.7	11242.5	47.9	10276.4	48.2

Chart 6¹¹: 'Good pass' rate for all UK students on level 2 & 3 modules by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Attainment rates for all students have risen marginally this year, with the exception of the 36 to 45 and 56+ age groups which fell very marginally.

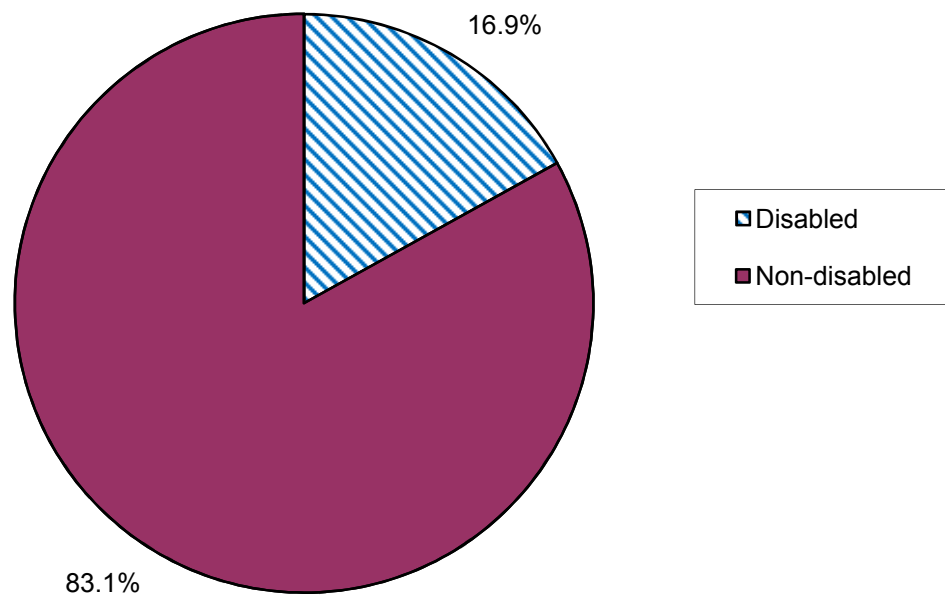
Participation

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 7: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	12532	6.8	15897	9.0	18913	12.6	19882	14.6	21465	16.9
Non-disabled	170551	93.2	161245	91.0	130905	87.4	116661	85.4	105268	83.1
Total	183083	100	177142	100	149818	100	136543	100	126733	100

Chart 7: Distribution of all Undergraduate UK students by disability in 2014/15



The number of UG students declaring a disability increased again this year. The proportion of students that this number represents has also risen again, from 14.6% to 16.9% of the total UG UK population.

Undergraduate Students

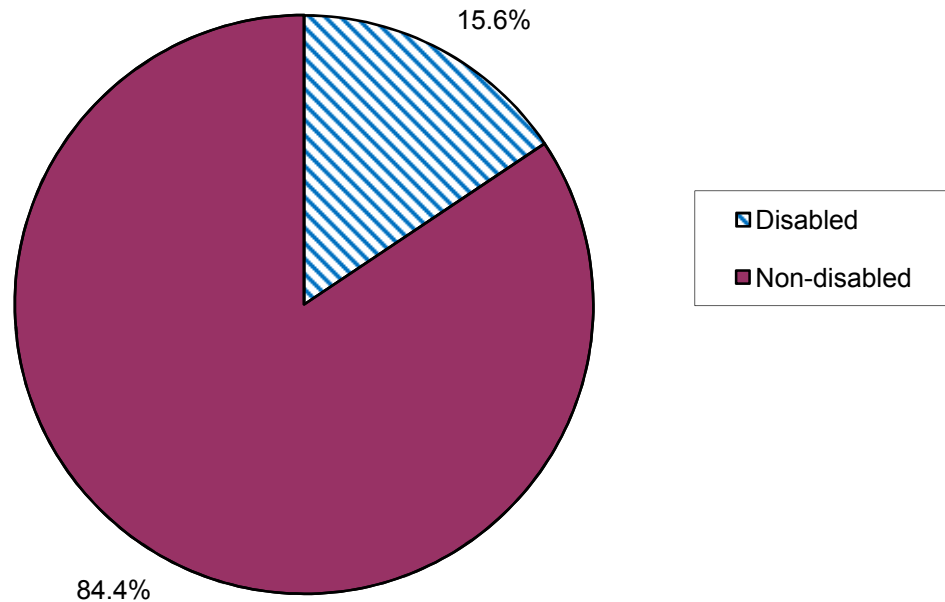
Disability

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 8: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	2739	3.8	3860	5.9	5136	11.7	4909	12.4	5686	15.6
Non-disabled	70044	96.2	61212	94.1	38932	88.3	34817	87.6	30734	84.4
Total	72783	100	65072	100	44068	100	39726	100	36420	100

Chart 8: Distribution of new undergraduate UK students by disability in 2014/15



The number of new UG students declaring a disability increased this year. The proportion of students that this number represents has also risen from 12.4% to 15.6% of the total new UG UK population.

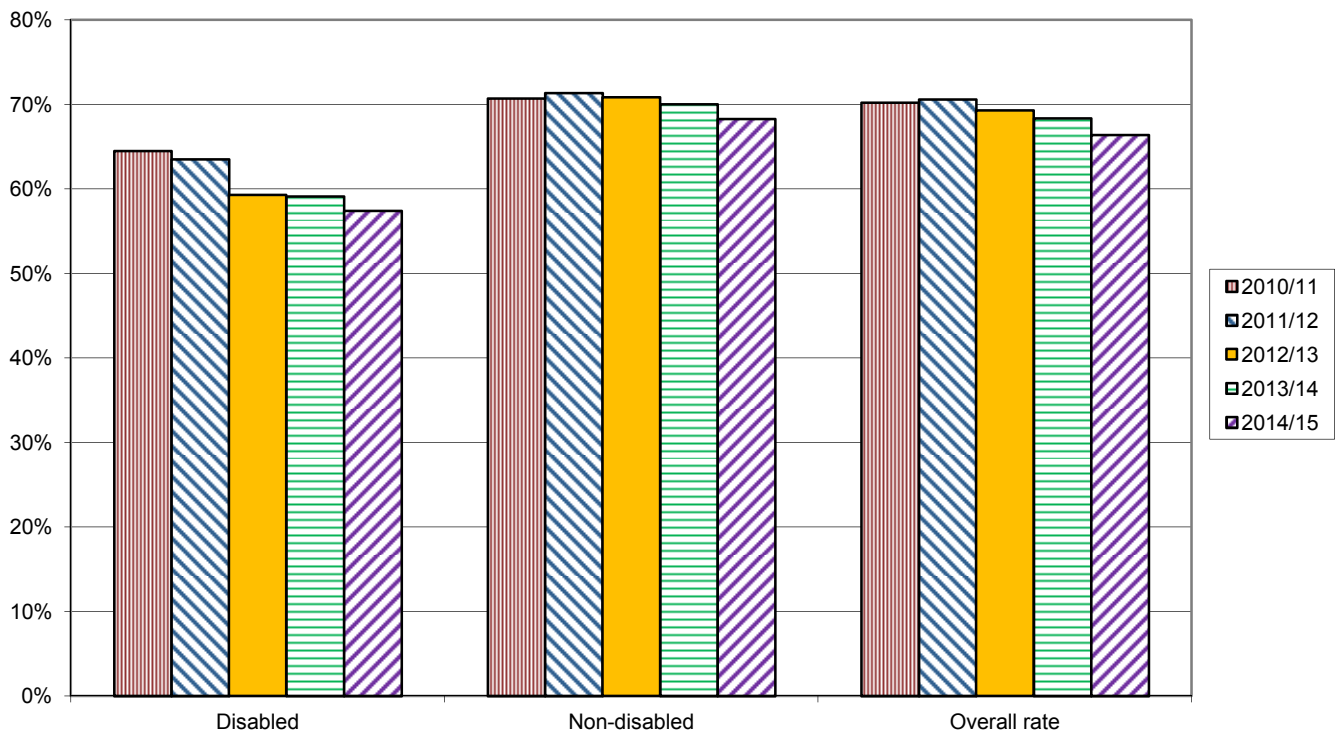
Module Completion

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 9: Completion count in FTE120180s¹² and completion rate for all Undergraduate UK students by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	3665.2	64.5	4738.0	63.5	5511.7	59.3	5900.0	59.1	6480.0	57.4
Non-disabled	48075.5	70.7	48024.3	71.4	43279.5	70.8	39707.4	70.0	36649.4	68.3
Total	51740.7	70.2	52762.3	70.6	48791.2	69.3	45607.3	68.4	43129.5	66.4

Chart 9: Completion rate of students by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The completion rate for students with disabilities has fallen for the fifth year running and is now at 57.4%, and remains 10.9 percentage points behind non-disabled students.

¹² one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Undergraduate Students

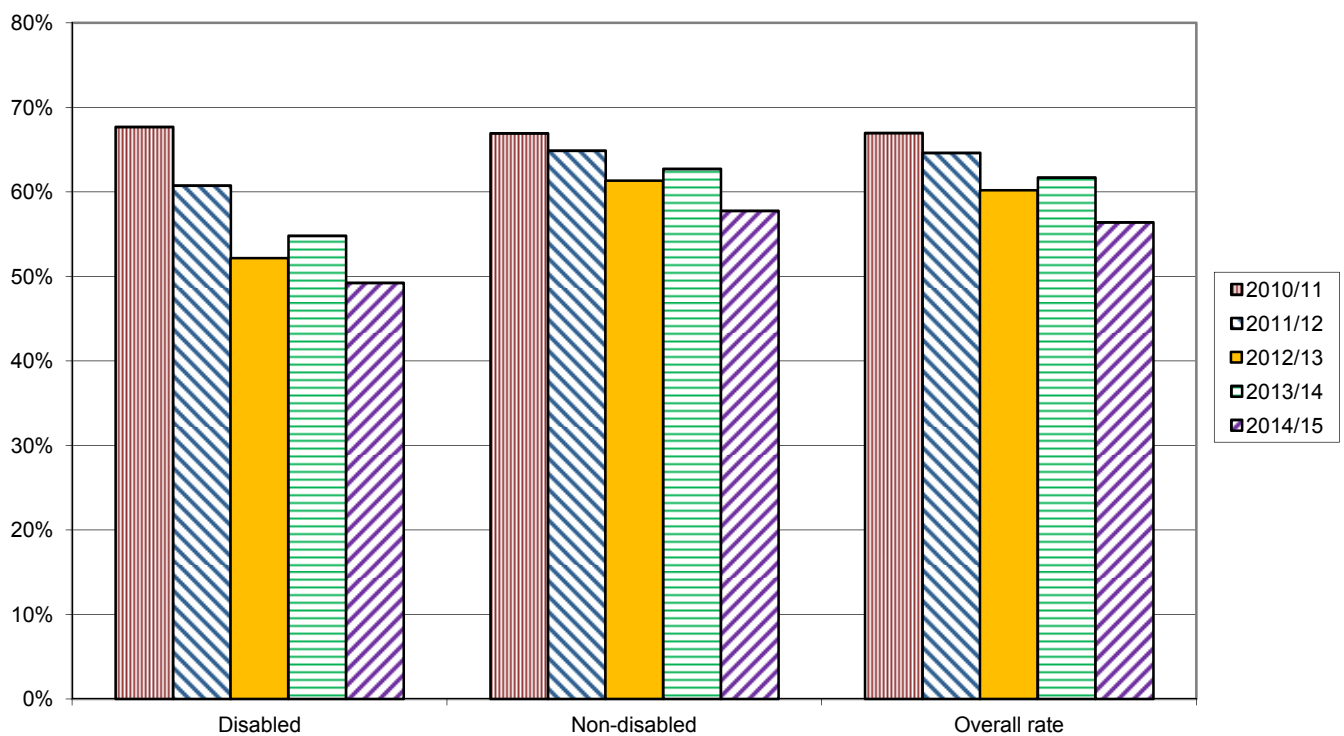
Disability

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 10: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for new UK Undergraduate students by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	603.0	67.7	791.8	60.8	1087.1	52.1	1174.0	54.8	1336.9	49.2
Non-disabled	13174.2	66.9	11656.9	64.9	8949.9	61.3	9253.0	62.7	8328.0	57.8
Total	13777.2	66.9	12448.7	64.6	10037.0	60.2	10427.0	61.7	9664.9	56.4

Chart 10: Completion rate of students by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The completion rate for disabled students has decreased to below 50% this year, whilst that of non-disabled students has also decreased. The completion rate gap for disabled students has widened to 8.6 percentage points lower than that for non-disabled students.

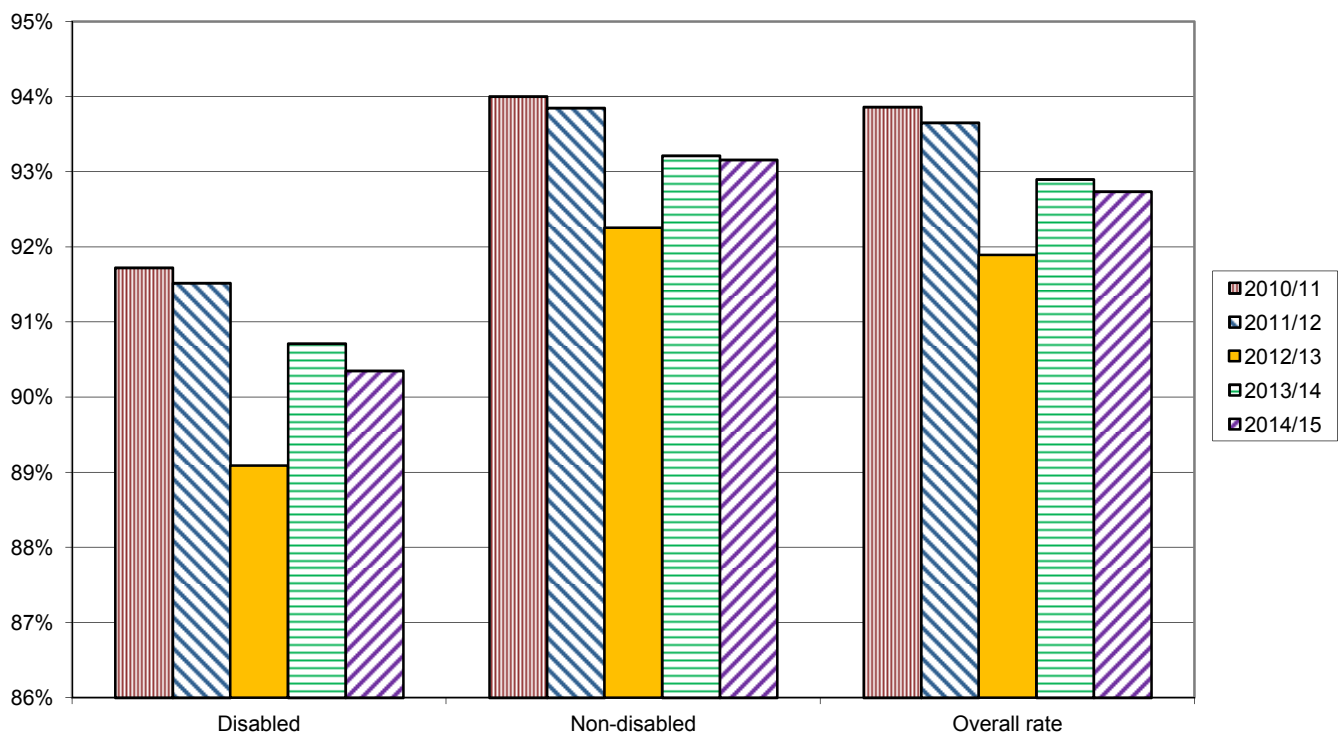
Academic Attainment

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 11: Pass count in FTE120180s¹³ and pass rates for all UK students on level 1 modules, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	1313.6	91.7	1793.1	91.5	2089.2	89.1	2185.8	90.7	2576.6	90.3
Non-disabled	20525.6	94.0	20286.9	93.8	16635.7	92.3	15495.0	93.2	15075.3	93.2
Total	21839.2	93.9	22080.0	93.7	18724.8	91.9	17680.8	92.9	17651.9	92.7

Chart 11: Pass rate for students on level 1 modules, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Attainment rates decreased by 0.4 percentage points for disabled students and 0.1 percentage point for non-disabled students. The gap in attainment between these groups has increased to 2.8 percentage points compared to 2.5 last year.

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Undergraduate Students

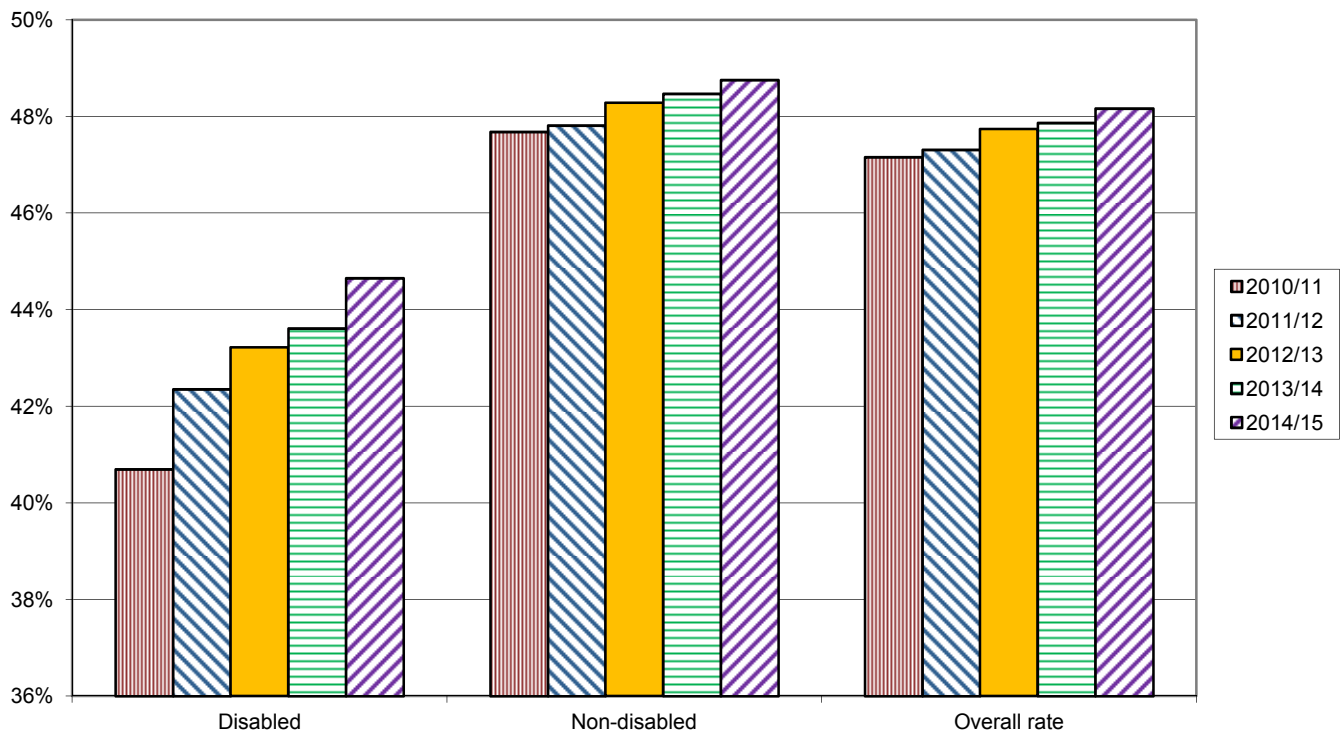
Disability

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 12: 'Good pass' count in FTE120180s and 'Good pass' rate for all UK students on level 2 & 3 modules, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	795.0	40.7	1031.5	42.4	1202.5	43.2	1268.7	43.6	1369.1	44.6
Non-disabled	11402.7	47.7	11554.4	47.8	11180.8	48.3	9973.7	48.5	8907.3	48.8
Total	12197.8	47.2	12585.9	47.3	12383.3	47.7	11242.5	47.9	10276.4	48.2

Chart 12: 'Good pass' rate for students on level 2 & 3 modules, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



'Good pass' rates have increased slightly this year for students with or without a disability. The difference between the rates of those with and without a disability has narrowed to 4.1 percentage points.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

Participation

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 13: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	2167	1.2	2179	1.3	1703	1.2	1406	1.0	1328	1.1
Bangladeshi	492	0.3	557	0.3	509	0.3	454	0.3	425	0.3
Pakistani	1596	0.9	1630	0.9	1457	1.0	1326	1.0	1302	1.0
Chinese	528	0.3	492	0.3	361	0.2	340	0.3	283	0.2
Asian Other	1182	0.7	1175	0.7	964	0.7	915	0.7	916	0.7
Asian Total	5965	3.3	6033	3.5	4994	3.4	4441	3.3	4254	3.4
Black African	3400	1.9	3313	1.9	2847	1.9	2515	1.9	2514	2.0
Black Caribbean	2809	1.6	2660	1.5	2292	1.6	2071	1.5	1990	1.6
Black Other	564	0.3	561	0.3	464	0.3	359	0.3	370	0.3
Black Total	6773	3.8	6534	3.8	5603	3.8	4945	3.7	4874	3.9
Arab	0	0.0	17	0.0	108	0.1	135	0.1	149	0.1
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	4	0.0	16	0.0	20	0.0	21	0.0
Other Ethnic Group	993	0.6	974	0.6	800	0.5	702	0.5	707	0.6
Other Total	993	0.6	995	0.6	924	0.6	857	0.6	877	0.7
Asian & White	777	0.4	829	0.5	675	0.5	607	0.5	569	0.5
African & White	428	0.2	426	0.2	376	0.3	371	0.3	382	0.3
Caribbean & White	1010	0.6	1010	0.6	978	0.7	960	0.7	960	0.8
Other Mixed	1274	0.7	1323	0.8	1153	0.8	1084	0.8	1017	0.8
Mixed Total	3489	1.9	3588	2.1	3182	2.2	3022	2.3	2928	2.3
BME Total	17220	9.6	17150	9.9	14703	10.0	13265	9.9	12933	10.4
White groups										
White English	30415	17.0	30396	17.5	23766	16.2	21256	15.8	19019	15.3
White Welsh	2901	1.6	3262	1.9	3214	2.2	2861	2.1	2729	2.2
White	3814	2.1	2510	1.4	1725	1.2	978	0.7	654	0.5
White British	103134	57.5	98666	56.8	84024	57.2	77628	57.8	72020	57.8
White Irish	3234	1.8	3068	1.8	2569	1.7	2343	1.7	2181	1.7
White Scottish	8934	5.0	8941	5.1	8538	5.8	7971	5.9	7742	6.2
White Other	9643	5.4	9640	5.6	8444	5.7	7895	5.9	7422	6.0
Irish Traveller	26	0.0	15	0.0	7	0.0	7	0.0	7	0.0
White Total	162101	90.4	156498	90.1	132287	90.0	120939	90.1	111774	89.6
Known Total	179321	100.0	173648	100.0	146990	100.0	134204	100.0	124707	100.0
Unknown groups										
Not Known	455	12.1	423	12.1	277	9.8	124	5.3	75	3.7
Refused	3307	87.9	3071	87.9	2551	90.2	2215	94.7	1951	96.3
Unknown Total	3762	2.1	3494	2.0	2828	1.9	2339	1.7	2026	1.6
Grand Total	183083	100	177142	100	149818	100	136543	100	126733	100

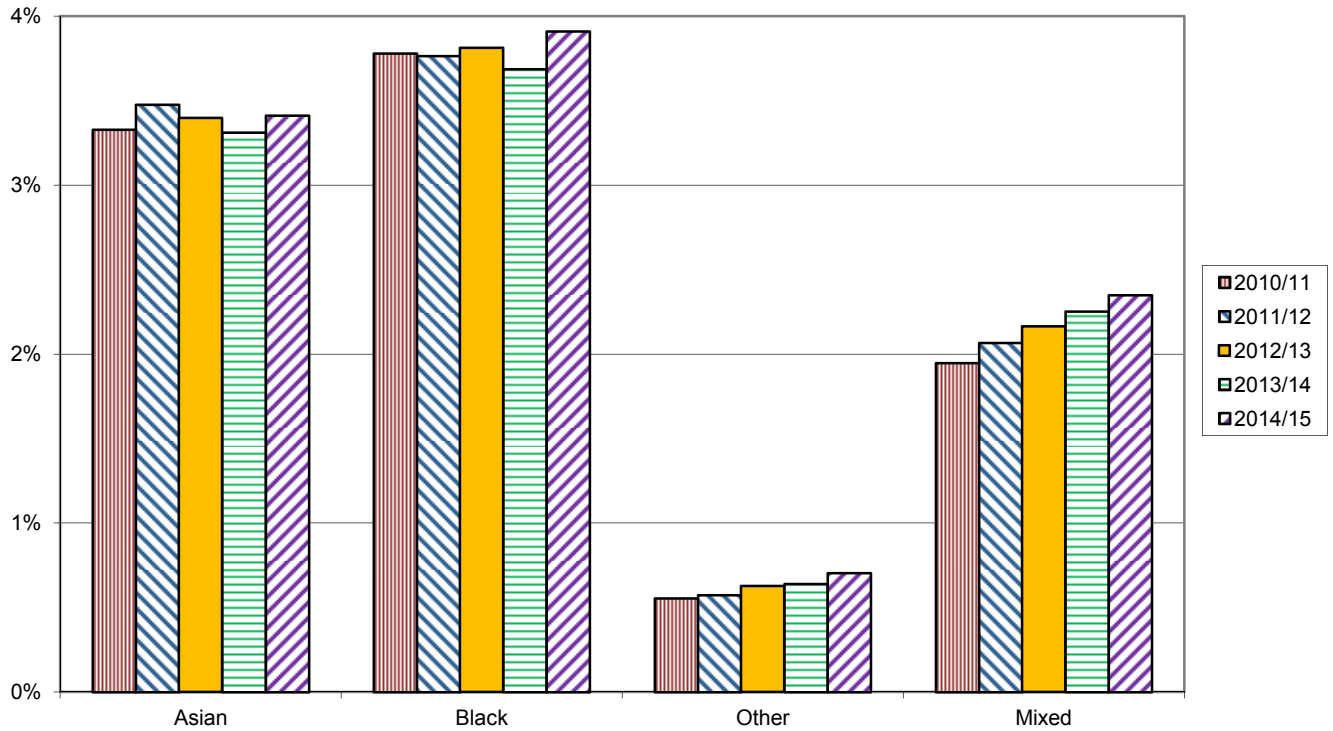
The proportion of UG students in all non-White ethnic groups has risen marginally this year. Overall the proportion of the known UG student population from an ethnic minority background has reached 10.4% this year.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Undergraduate students

Chart 13: Distribution of all UK Undergraduate ethnic minority students, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of students in all non-White ethnic groups has risen marginally this year.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

New UK Undergraduate students

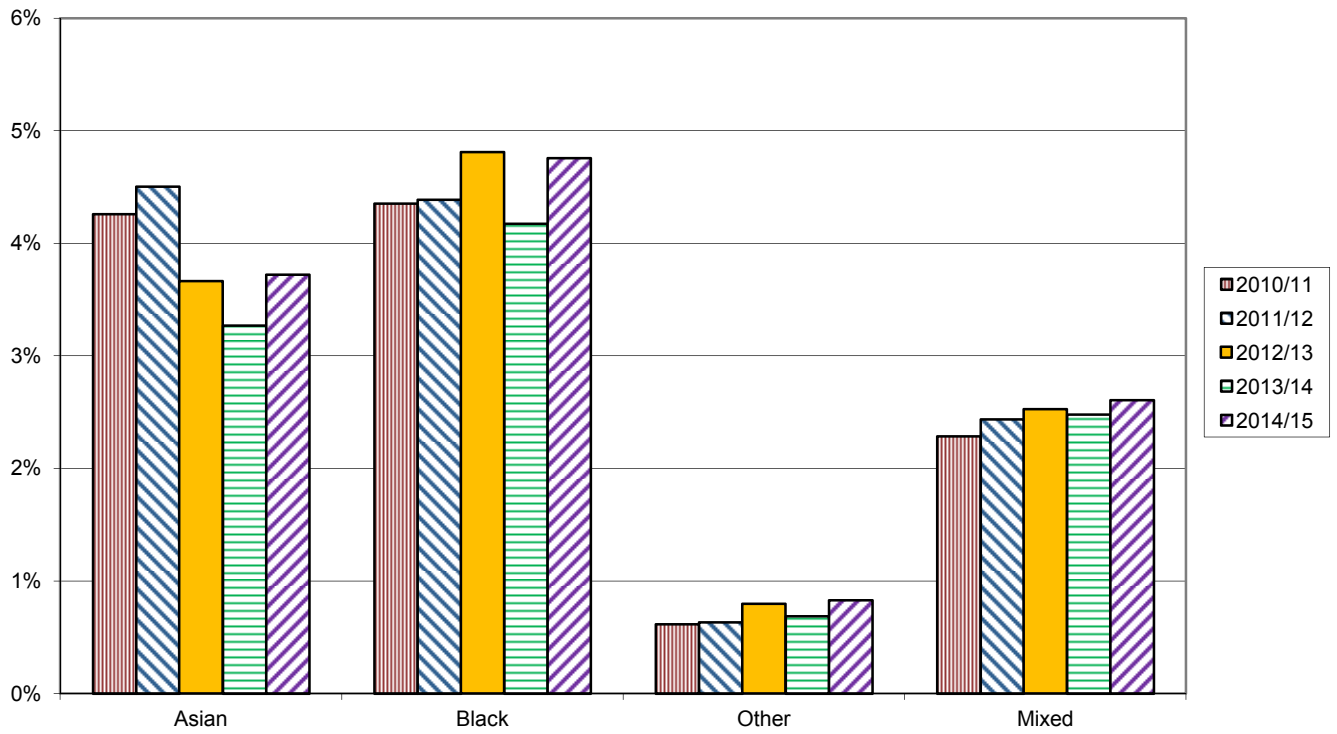
Table 14: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	1137	1.6	1071	1.7	514	1.2	352	0.9	373	1.0
Bangladeshi	264	0.4	270	0.4	148	0.3	119	0.3	139	0.4
Pakistani	821	1.2	758	1.2	505	1.2	409	1.0	441	1.2
Chinese	280	0.4	242	0.4	110	0.3	102	0.3	71	0.2
Asian Other	537	0.8	521	0.8	306	0.7	296	0.8	309	0.9
Asian Total	3039	4.3	2862	4.5	1583	3.7	1278	3.3	1333	3.7
Black African	1606	2.3	1498	2.4	1152	2.7	857	2.2	907	2.5
Black Caribbean	1254	1.8	1074	1.7	787	1.8	668	1.7	673	1.9
Black Other	246	0.3	216	0.3	139	0.3	107	0.3	124	0.3
Black Total	3106	4.4	2788	4.4	2078	4.8	1632	4.2	1704	4.8
Arab	0	0.0	17	0.0	81	0.2	68	0.2	68	0.2
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	1	0.0	8	0.0	6	0.0	8	0.0
Other Ethnic Group	439	0.6	383	0.6	255	0.6	194	0.5	221	0.6
Other Total	439	0.6	401	0.6	344	0.8	268	0.7	297	0.8
Asian & White	330	0.5	345	0.5	198	0.5	164	0.4	160	0.4
African & White	211	0.3	186	0.3	123	0.3	133	0.3	120	0.3
Caribbean & White	521	0.7	474	0.7	401	0.9	353	0.9	377	1.1
Other Mixed	567	0.8	542	0.9	369	0.9	319	0.8	277	0.8
Mixed Total	1629	2.3	1547	2.4	1091	2.5	969	2.5	934	2.6
BME Total	8213	11.5	7598	12.0	5096	11.8	4147	10.6	4268	11.9
White groups										
White English	14544	20.4	12466	19.6	6108	14.1	5642	14.4	4609	12.9
White Welsh	1533	2.1	1542	2.4	1377	3.2	966	2.5	919	2.6
White	159	0.2	47	0.1	40	0.1	14	0.0	12	0.0
White British	37603	52.7	33564	52.8	23994	55.5	22313	57.1	20494	57.2
White Irish	1249	1.8	1105	1.7	749	1.7	672	1.7	645	1.8
White Scottish	3803	5.3	3698	5.8	3577	8.3	3236	8.3	2985	8.3
White Other	4242	5.9	3542	5.6	2268	5.2	2112	5.4	1900	5.3
Irish Traveller	8	0.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0
White Total	63141	88.5	55966	88.0	38113	88.2	34955	89.4	31566	88.1
Known Total	71354	100.0	63564	100.0	43209	100.0	39102	100.0	35834	100.0
Unknown groups										
Not Known	288	20.2	340	22.5	193	22.5	76	12.2	52	8.9
Refused	1141	79.8	1168	77.5	666	77.5	548	87.8	534	91.1
Unknown Total	1429	2.0	1508	2.3	859	1.9	624	1.6	586	1.6
Grand Total	72783	100	65072	100	44068	100	39726	100	36420	100

The proportion of new UG students in all non-White ethnic groups has risen marginally this year. Overall the proportion of this population from an ethnic minority background has reached 11.9% of the known total this year.

New UK Undergraduate students

Chart 14: Distribution of new UK Undergraduate ethnic minority students, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of students in all non-White ethnic groups has risen marginally this year.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

Module Completion

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 15: Completion count in FTE120180s¹⁴ and completion rate for all UK Undergraduate students by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	560.3	65.7	643.9	70.7	540.6	64.3	488.5	66.5	471.0	65.0
Bangladeshi	140.5	63.2	173.8	66.7	169.3	63.5	156.4	64.6	144.9	59.1
Pakistani	433.6	63.1	480.8	65.4	472.2	61.7	448.7	62.0	463.5	61.0
Chinese	131.7	71.0	129.8	68.6	117.3	71.4	114.5	71.1	104.6	72.5
Asian Other	305.4	64.2	332.0	66.2	302.1	63.9	294.7	63.2	309.0	63.7
Asian Total	1571.5	64.8	1760.3	67.8	1601.5	63.8	1502.7	64.6	1493.0	63.3
Black African	974.6	61.9	974.5	61.8	901.5	61.2	834.7	62.7	786.1	56.5
Black Caribbean	702.7	59.8	691.6	59.5	652.2	58.1	612.0	59.8	568.1	54.4
Black Other	142.5	59.6	148.7	60.8	135.4	61.4	106.9	60.0	106.5	55.2
Black Total	1819.9	60.9	1814.8	60.8	1689.2	60.0	1553.6	61.3	1460.7	55.6
Arab	0	0.0	2.08333	58.1	30.25	58.4	39.083333	55.0	47.75	51.5
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	2.5	76.9	6.0	70.4	6.0	64.7	7.4	62.8
Other Ethnic Group	268.0	62.6	277.3	65.0	248.0	62.1	235.0	65.9	236.0	62.1
Other Total	268.0	62.6	281.9	65.1	284.2	61.9	280.1	64.1	291.1	60.1
Asian & White	226.3	69.1	239.7	68.8	215.5	65.3	203.3	65.2	197.6	65.1
African & White	108.2	59.9	122.4	62.2	111.5	59.0	125.4	64.3	112.3	55.1
Caribbean & White	251.6	60.3	270.8	60.7	283.0	59.1	285.8	57.7	279.5	53.4
Other Mixed	346.8	63.1	367.5	64.3	373.7	65.6	369.5	64.6	342.1	61.3
Mixed Total	932.9	63.3	1000.4	64.0	983.7	62.8	984.0	62.5	931.5	58.6
BME Total	4592.3	62.8	4857.4	64.1	4558.6	62.0	4320.4	62.9	4176.4	59.2
White groups										
White English	8684.0	73.2	9049.3	72.9	8095.3	71.4	7410.7	70.6	6769.2	68.9
White Welsh	760.3	66.0	865.4	64.3	923.9	64.3	887.6	63.4	904.4	63.8
White	1169.6	68.7	840.2	71.6	572.2	71.2	340.8	73.0	224.7	71.5
White British	29090.5	71.0	29592.8	71.4	27533.3	70.2	25916.2	68.7	24524.0	67.0
White Irish	944.0	69.3	922.1	69.1	855.3	69.8	795.8	69.2	761.4	68.1
White Scottish	2406.9	66.9	2383.6	65.5	2300.9	64.5	2266.0	65.4	2303.6	63.7
White Other	3117.9	73.5	3292.5	73.9	3108.3	74.1	2925.1	72.9	2784.4	70.1
Irish Traveller	8.2	73.0	5.4	81.6	3.0	80.0	2.3	69.2	3.8	93.8
White Total	46181.3	71.1	46951.2	71.4	43392.3	70.2	40544.3	69.1	38275.5	67.3
Known Total	50773.6	70.3	51808.5	70.6	47950.9	69.3	44864.7	68.4	42452.0	66.4
Unknown groups										
Not Known	62.7	55.1	62.5	55.7	46.3	51.0	23.2	52.4	11.2	31.8
Refused	904.3	67.6	891.2	70.0	794.0	67.6	719.4	66.9	666.3	67.0
Unknown Total	967.0	66.6	953.7	68.9	840.4	66.4	742.6	66.3	677.5	65.8
Grand Total	51740.7	70.2	52762.3	70.6	48791.2	69.3	45607.3	68.4	43129.5	66.4

Completion rates for all groups have decreased this year, with the difference between them increasing to 8.1 percentage points.

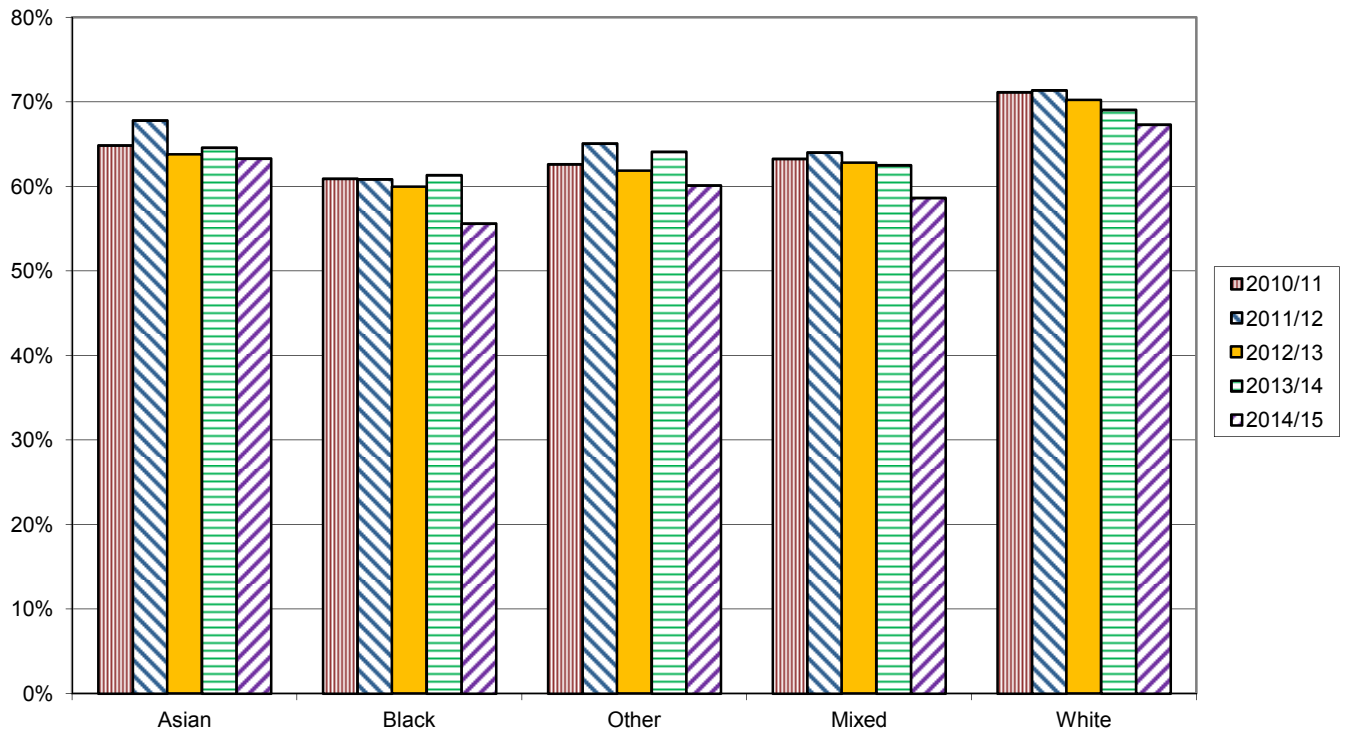
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Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Undergraduate students

Chart 15: Completion rate of students by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates have decreased for all broad ethnic groups.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 16: Completion count in FTE120180s¹⁵ and completion rate for new UK Undergraduate students, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	199.9	67.7	203.9	69.0	110.5	56.4	99.2	63.3	109.6	58.3
Bangladeshi	43.3	54.9	60.5	64.2	27.8	46.6	27.2	51.8	28.3	38.2
Pakistani	139.3	58.3	145.4	60.4	106.5	50.8	110.3	57.1	118.8	49.5
Chinese	44.9	67.4	38.9	68.1	20.9	61.3	28.2	69.0	19.9	64.2
Asian Other	87.3	58.7	91.7	59.3	63.4	52.4	77.2	57.1	88.5	56.5
Asian Total	514.7	62.1	540.4	64.2	329.1	53.1	342.1	59.1	365.0	52.9
Black African	318.8	55.9	289.1	53.0	270.7	54.1	211.0	53.2	190.2	41.6
Black Caribbean	210.0	53.2	175.4	51.0	147.5	46.7	135.7	46.5	120.0	37.1
Black Other	43.0	53.7	37.5	52.2	24.3	44.9	23.3	51.0	24.3	42.2
Black Total	571.8	54.7	502.0	52.2	442.5	50.8	370.0	50.4	334.5	39.9
Arab	0	0.0	2.08333	58.1	15.375	51.1	14.83333	50.1	16.75	42.1
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.5	100.0	2.6	72.4	1.0	36.4	2.8	57.9
Other Ethnic Group	74.2	57.2	67.3	56.1	48.8	51.4	49.3	63.0	56.1	53.4
Other Total	74.2	57.2	69.8	56.3	66.8	51.9	65.1	58.9	75.6	50.5
Asian & White	58.6	66.8	66.6	65.0	44.2	56.9	43.1	59.1	49.3	61.9
African & White	33.3	53.3	36.4	56.9	30.3	57.6	35.6	60.4	20.3	36.8
Caribbean & White	89.5	56.0	81.9	53.3	85.0	52.3	80.7	49.7	79.1	42.0
Other Mixed	103.3	59.4	99.6	60.0	90.1	61.4	80.0	55.1	73.4	53.6
Mixed Total	284.7	58.8	284.5	58.5	249.7	56.8	239.4	54.5	222.0	48.3
BME Total	1445.5	58.1	1396.7	57.9	1088.1	52.8	1016.5	54.6	997.1	46.6
White groups										
White English	2733.0	70.2	2218.5	67.2	1497.8	62.0	1604.9	63.9	1296.6	57.8
White Welsh	283.8	64.0	274.1	58.2	299.0	60.2	223.2	56.3	247.3	56.0
White	33.7	57.5	8.6	57.5	7.4	47.8	3.8	60.5	2.0	28.6
White British	7221.8	68.3	6706.9	66.0	5576.1	60.9	5950.0	62.2	5578.8	57.8
White Irish	259.0	66.5	227.5	64.0	180.7	62.3	188.0	65.0	180.9	60.0
White Scottish	675.3	61.0	606.0	57.4	635.1	57.4	667.9	59.8	674.2	57.8
White Other	896.4	71.8	756.5	69.7	596.9	69.1	625.7	69.1	537.8	58.9
Irish Traveller	2.2	75.7	0.5	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	85.7
White Total	12105.1	68.3	10798.7	65.7	8793.1	61.3	9263.5	62.6	8519.1	57.8
Known Total	13550.6	67.0	12195.3	64.7	9881.2	60.3	10280.0	61.7	9516.2	56.4
Unknown groups										
Not Known	31.4	54.8	41.0	54.3	24.2	49.8	10.5	49.7	6.7	28.2
Refused	195.2	62.7	212.4	63.2	131.5	56.1	136.4	59.8	142.0	57.5
Unknown Total	226.6	61.5	253.4	61.6	155.7	55.0	147.0	59.0	148.7	54.9
Grand Total	13777.2	66.9	12448.7	64.6	10037.0	60.2	10427.0	61.7	9664.9	56.4

Completion rates for all groups have decreased this year.

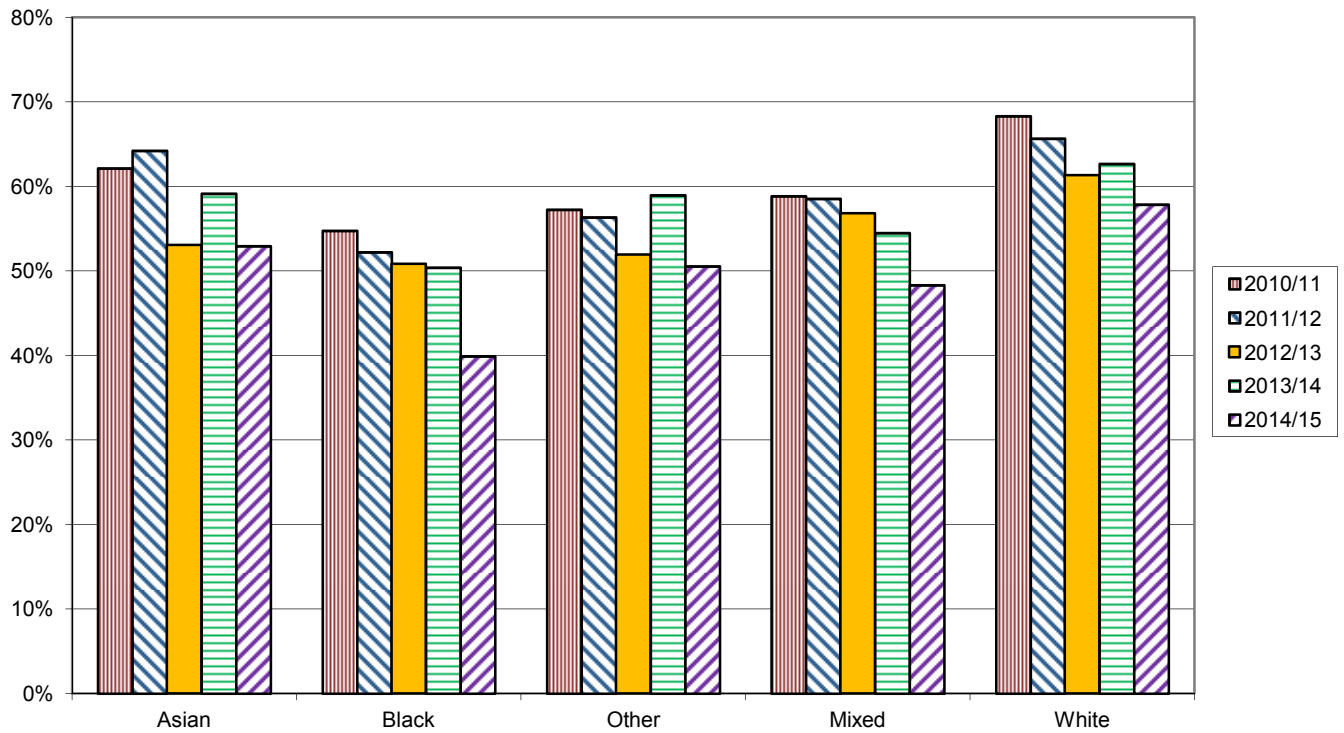
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Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

New UK Undergraduate students

Chart 16: Completion rate of new students by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



All broad ethnic groups saw a decrease in completion rates this year. The Black broad ethnic group saw the biggest proportional decrease.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

Academic Attainment

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 17: 'Pass count in FTE120180s and pass rates for all UK students on level 1 modules, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	242.8	91.1	263.7	90.4	188.5	87.8	156.7	86.8	166.5	86.5
Bangladeshi	58.2	83.4	74.0	86.6	60.5	85.2	48.9	87.4	39.0	82.4
Pakistani	178.3	87.5	191.0	83.5	180.6	84.9	165.5	84.5	168.2	84.1
Chinese	61.0	92.5	58.2	94.5	41.9	89.4	46.9	91.7	39.9	89.9
Asian Other	122.9	89.1	131.0	87.8	109.8	86.3	106.5	85.2	125.5	86.0
Asian Total	663.2	89.2	718.0	87.9	581.3	86.4	524.6	86.2	539.1	85.6
Black African	334.0	81.1	340.3	80.6	316.6	77.4	293.9	78.9	273.0	79.3
Black Caribbean	279.6	84.6	272.8	85.4	237.5	81.3	225.6	85.0	211.7	83.8
Black Other	56.5	79.0	57.5	78.4	47.0	77.1	34.9	86.1	42.2	82.0
Black Total	670.2	82.3	670.6	82.2	601.2	78.8	554.4	81.7	526.9	81.3
Arab	0.0	0.0	1.8	88.0	17.6	84.9	17.6	79.6	21.4	83.4
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.5	50.0	4.0	100.0	3.5	100.0	3.6	87.9
Other Ethnic Group	96.6	89.2	115.5	89.4	94.6	89.0	89.9	87.8	101.2	90.0
Other Total	96.6	89.2	117.8	89.1	116.2	88.7	111.0	86.7	126.2	88.7
Asian & White	89.3	92.9	97.7	91.6	87.9	93.2	70.9	89.7	72.8	92.6
African & White	46.5	89.3	50.7	88.4	48.3	80.7	52.0	88.9	45.3	86.8
Caribbean & White	118.8	89.6	128.9	90.2	126.5	86.0	134.4	91.3	126.5	89.4
Other Mixed	145.2	90.9	147.8	88.8	149.5	89.4	148.8	90.5	133.2	88.7
Mixed Total	399.8	90.8	425.1	89.8	412.2	88.0	406.0	90.4	377.9	89.4
BME Total	1829.7	86.9	1931.5	86.3	1710.9	84.1	1596.0	85.6	1570.1	85.2
White groups										
White English	4058.3	95.0	4099.9	95.2	3112.4	93.0	2774.7	94.3	2591.6	94.1
White Welsh	390.6	92.0	420.7	91.7	440.0	90.6	407.1	93.2	411.6	90.7
White	380.8	92.6	212.5	94.7	118.2	92.3	69.7	95.9	43.1	91.0
White British	12149.9	94.7	12351.0	94.4	10616.6	92.9	10155.2	93.6	10272.2	93.6
White Irish	358.8	93.0	354.8	94.0	305.3	91.4	298.2	92.7	300.5	93.4
White Scottish	1034.9	94.8	978.4	93.9	976.3	93.1	1057.4	94.2	1127.9	94.5
White Other	1254.5	93.9	1324.0	94.1	1147.0	92.0	1063.6	93.4	1082.4	93.0
Irish Traveller	4.0	100.0	3.1	100.0	1.0	100.0	0.3	100.0	2.3	100.0
White Total	19631.8	94.6	19744.3	94.5	16716.6	92.8	15826.2	93.7	15831.6	93.6
Known Total	21461.5	93.9	21675.8	93.7	18427.5	91.9	17422.1	92.9	17401.8	92.8
Unknown groups										
Not Known	37.9	87.6	43.1	93.7	29.9	87.7	12.8	92.2	6.0	100.0
Refused	339.8	93.9	361.0	93.1	267.4	92.7	245.9	92.0	244.2	90.6
Unknown Total	377.7	93.2	404.1	93.2	297.3	92.1	258.7	92.0	250.2	90.8
Grand Total	21839.2	93.9	22080.0	93.7	18724.8	91.9	17680.8	92.9	17651.9	92.7

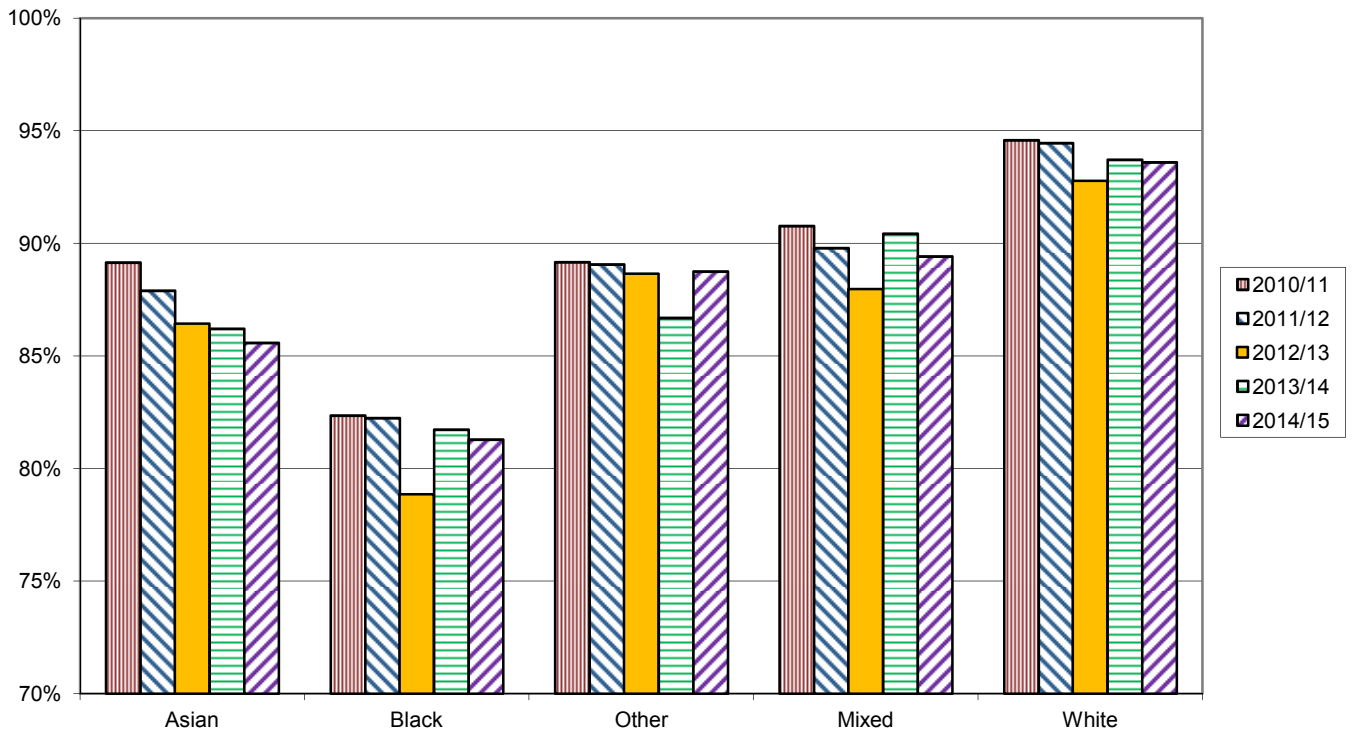
Pass rates decreased for all groups, with the exception of the Other group which rose. The difference in rates between BME and White students groups is unchanged at around 8.4 percentage points.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Undergraduate students

Chart 17: Pass rate of students on level 1 modules, by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Pass rates decreased for all groups with the exception of the Other group.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 18: 'Good pass' count in FTE120180s and 'Good pass' rates for UK students on level 2 & 3 modules, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

BME groups	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Indian	88.4	36.1	104.3	34.2	98.3	35.2	112.3	42.1	89.5	38.8
Bangladeshi	16.3	29.8	19.0	26.0	24.6	31.9	22.1	28.8	18.2	23.2
Pakistani	56.9	30.1	62.9	31.0	52.3	25.0	57.1	28.7	55.7	26.7
Chinese	25.7	44.5	27.8	46.4	27.7	45.5	28.4	49.9	26.1	52.6
Asian Other	45.9	32.9	45.5	30.3	46.8	32.7	41.4	31.8	38.8	30.6
Asian Total	233.2	34.0	259.5	32.8	249.8	32.5	261.2	35.8	228.4	32.9
Black African	79.1	19.1	67.6	17.2	70.6	19.2	48.4	15.1	64.7	20.6
Black Caribbean	67.2	23.8	66.3	22.6	61.6	21.2	52.3	21.0	53.3	23.6
Black Other	12.1	24.7	12.8	23.7	13.9	24.4	14.8	31.5	10.9	28.5
Black Total	158.4	21.2	146.7	19.9	146.1	20.4	115.4	18.7	128.9	22.3
Arab	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	40.0	5.5	44.9	6.9	42.6
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.5	33.3	1.8	87.5	0.8	33.3	0.6	20.8
Other Ethnic Group	44.0	33.7	34.5	27.8	40.8	34.2	36.9	34.4	37.0	36.5
Other Total	44.0	33.7	35.0	27.9	46.0	35.4	43.1	35.5	44.5	36.9
Asian & White	54.7	48.1	57.9	48.8	50.8	47.0	55.5	50.8	45.5	45.4
African & White	16.0	33.6	21.0	35.8	17.6	38.5	21.1	37.8	14.8	30.7
Caribbean & White	39.3	40.0	42.1	39.3	38.4	32.2	39.1	33.7	40.0	33.9
Other Mixed	72.2	44.3	76.6	43.8	64.9	36.7	70.2	41.7	68.1	40.7
Mixed Total	182.1	43.1	197.5	43.0	171.7	38.2	185.9	41.4	168.4	38.8
BME Total	617.8	31.1	638.8	30.2	613.7	29.7	605.7	31.6	570.2	31.2
White groups										
White English	1992.7	48.9	2153.3	48.9	2154.9	49.0	1979.1	49.0	1786.1	49.0
White Welsh	136.7	45.0	172.7	48.1	180.3	46.0	173.3	42.5	181.6	46.5
White	290.9	43.0	243.1	44.1	186.0	46.7	115.8	47.8	70.6	44.6
White British	7349.6	49.0	7508.6	49.2	7443.8	49.9	6722.9	50.1	6153.5	50.7
White Irish	248.3	48.5	238.9	47.4	235.9	49.0	214.5	48.9	189.9	47.5
White Scottish	587.2	48.1	592.6	47.3	546.9	47.6	505.3	48.3	464.9	46.9
White Other	731.0	45.7	788.5	46.8	780.8	46.7	712.9	45.3	677.7	47.7
Irish Traveller	2.3	56.3	0.9	50.0	2.0	100.0	0.5	25.0	0.5	33.3
White Total	11338.7	48.5	11698.6	48.7	11530.6	49.3	10424.2	49.2	9524.8	49.7
Known Total	11956.5	47.1	12337.4	47.2	12144.3	47.7	11029.9	47.8	10095.0	48.1
Unknown groups										
Not Known	7.6	44.6	7.0	50.0	3.5	29.8	2.8	30.6	2.5	62.5
Refused	233.7	47.7	241.5	52.7	235.6	51.8	209.8	53.1	178.9	51.0
Unknown Total	241.3	47.6	248.5	52.7	239.1	51.3	212.5	52.6	181.4	51.1
Grand Total	12197.8	47.2	12585.9	47.3	12383.3	47.7	11242.5	47.9	10276.4	48.2

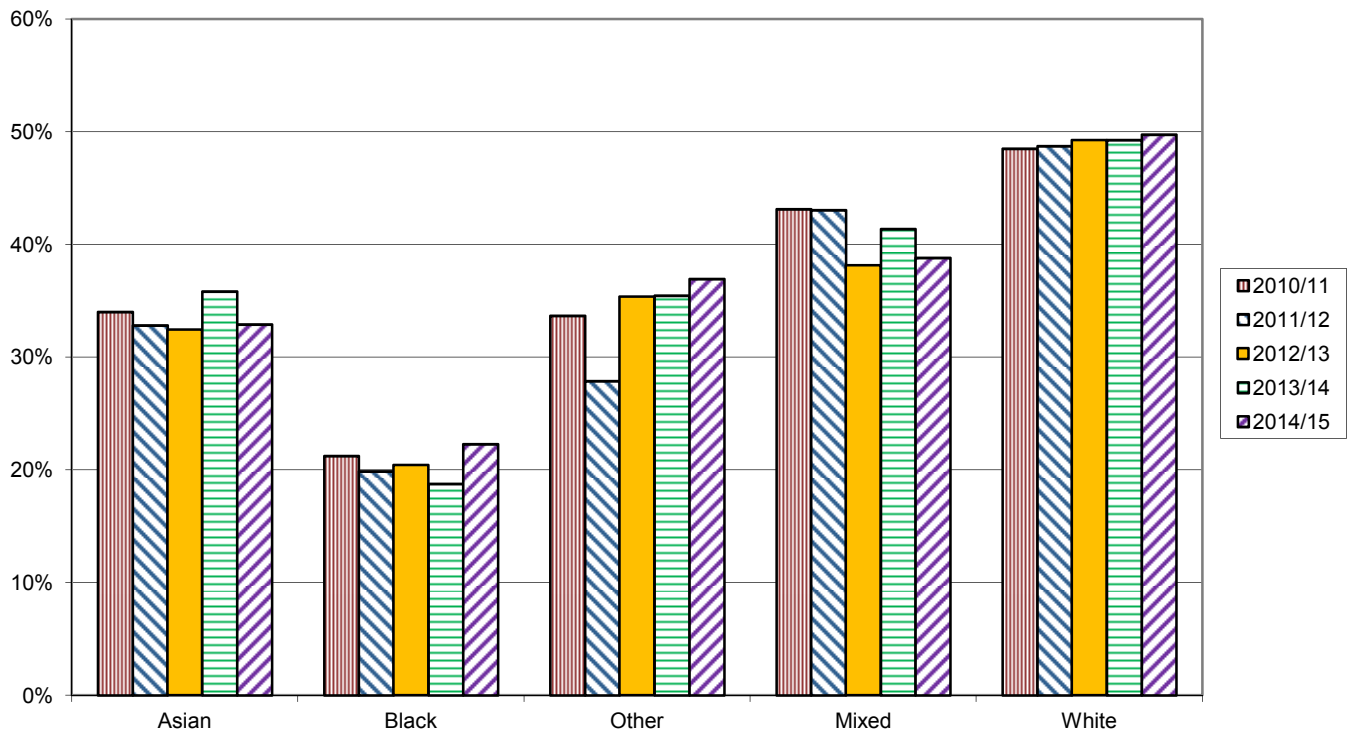
A mixed pattern shows small attainment rate increases for Black, White and Other students on level 2 and 3 modules, and decreases for Asian and Mixed students. The attainment rate of BME students overall has decreased marginally.

Undergraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Undergraduate students

Chart 18: 'Good pass' rate for all UK students on level 2 & 3 modules by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



A mixed pattern shows small attainment rate increases for Black, White and Other students on level 2 and 3 modules, and decreases for Asian and Mixed students.

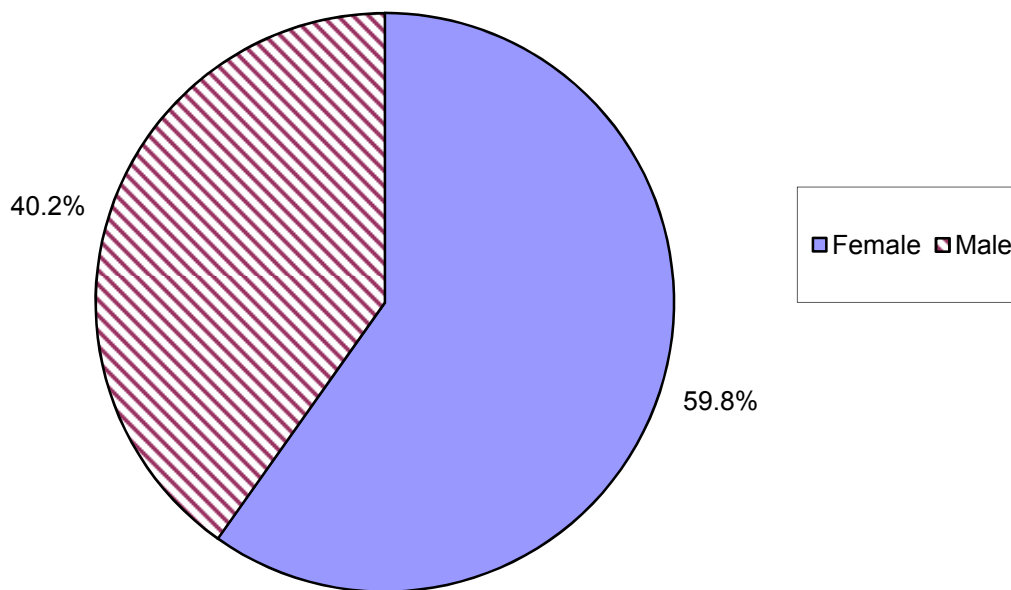
Participation

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 19: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	111166	60.7	108015	61.0	90809	60.6	81918	60.0	75792	59.8
Male	71917	39.3	69127	39.0	59009	39.4	54625	40.0	50941	40.2
Total	183083	100.0	177142	100.0	149818	100.0	136543	100.0	126733	100.0

Chart 19: Distribution of all Undergraduate UK students, by gender, 2014/15



The proportion of female undergraduate students has continued to decrease very slightly from 60% to 59.8%.

Undergraduate Students

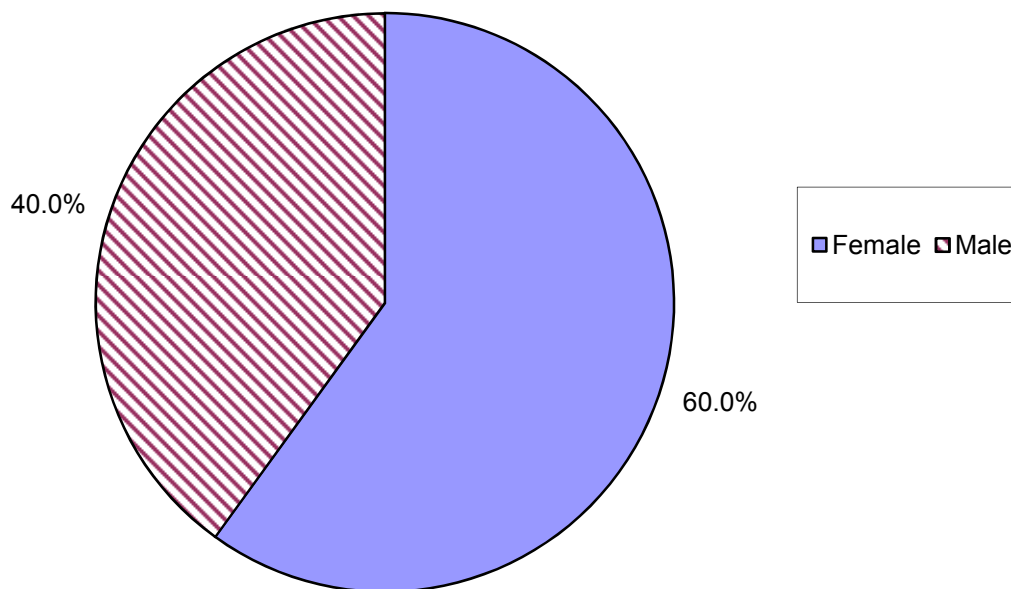
Gender

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 20: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	44720	61.4	40082	61.6	26906	61.1	23636	59.5	21844	60.0
Male	28063	38.6	24990	38.4	17162	38.9	16090	40.5	14576	40.0
Total	72783	100.0	65072	100.0	44068	100.0	39726	100.0	36420	100.0

Chart 20: Distribution of new Undergraduate UK students, by gender in 2014/15



The proportion of new undergraduate students that are female has increase slightly from 59.5% to 60%.

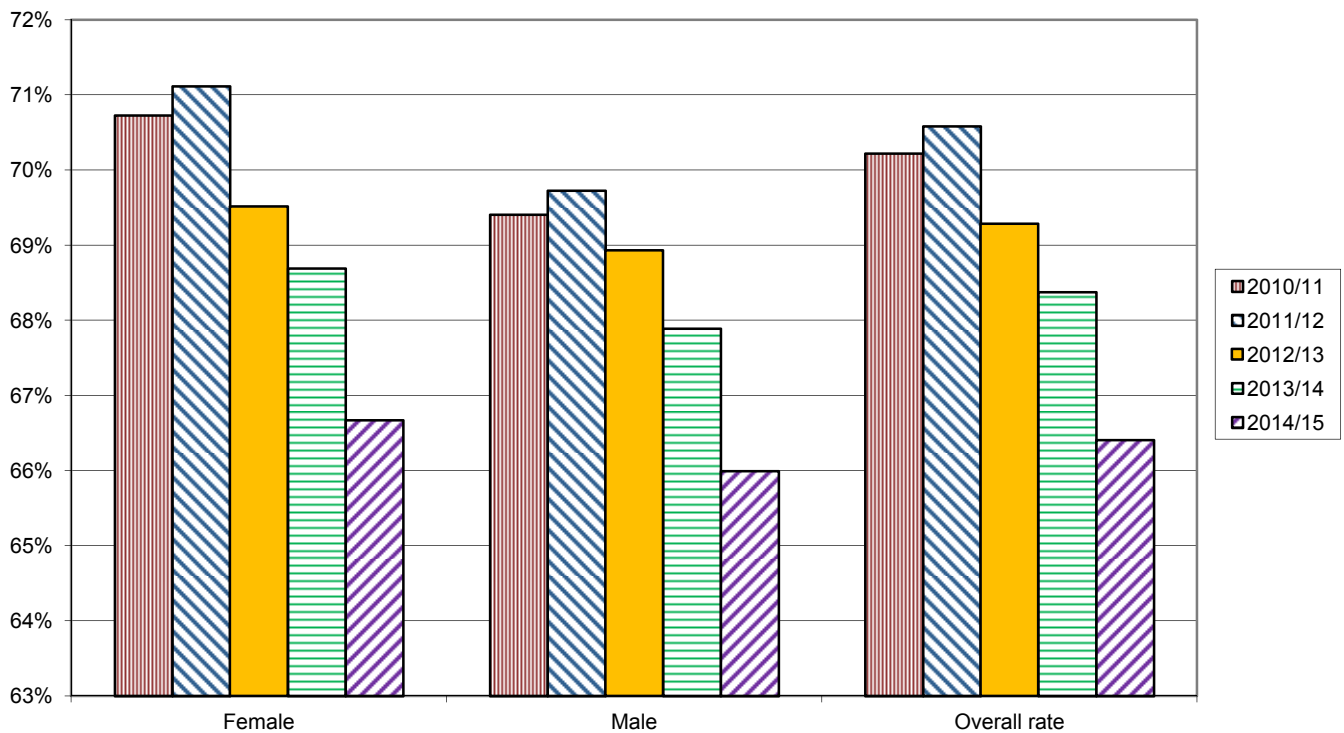
Module Completion

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 21: Completion count in FTE120180s¹⁶ and completion rate for all Undergraduate UK students by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	32169.0	70.7	32754.0	71.1	29886.8	69.5	27822.7	68.7	26317.3	66.7
Male	19571.7	69.4	20008.3	69.7	18904.5	68.9	17784.6	67.9	16812.1	66.0
Total	51740.7	70.2	52762.3	70.6	48791.2	69.3	45607.3	68.4	43129.5	66.4

Chart 21: Completion rate of students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates have fallen for both gender groups for the third year running.

¹⁶ one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Undergraduate Students

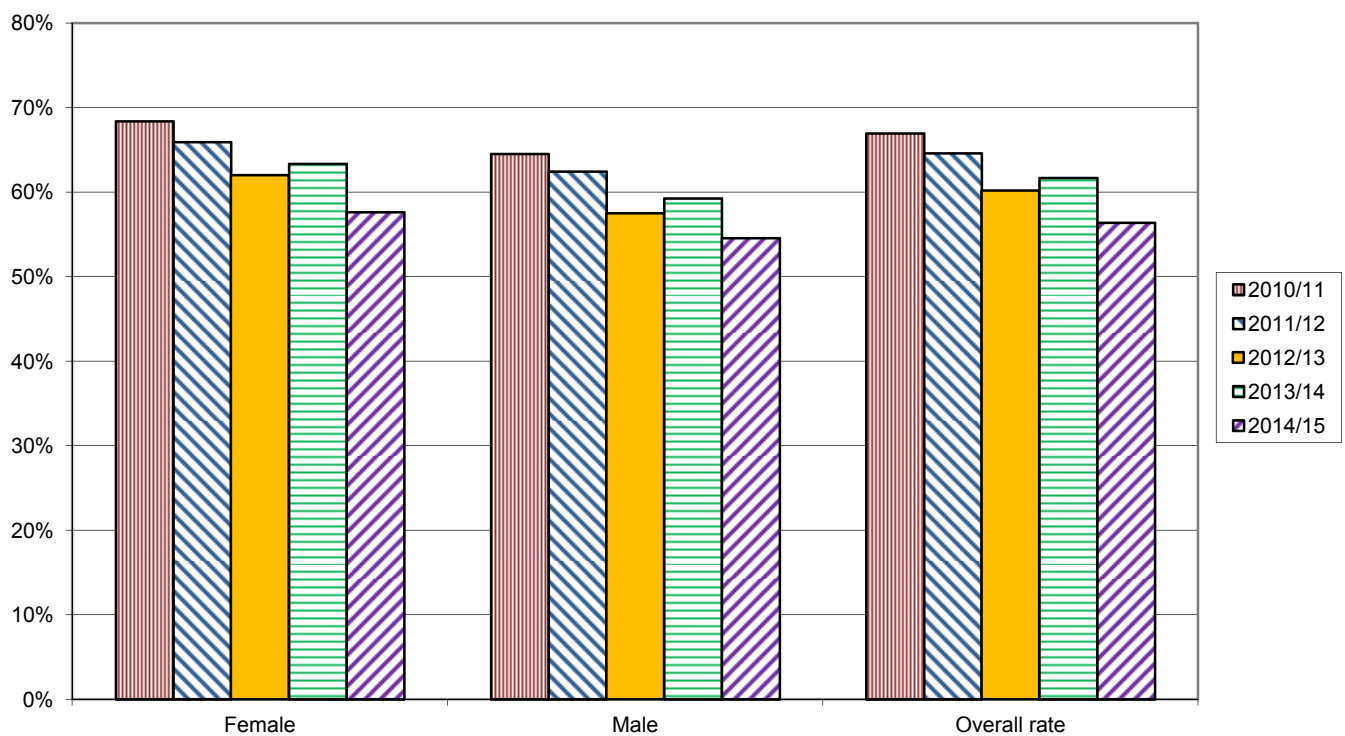
Gender

New UK Undergraduate students

Table 22: Completion count in FTE120180s¹⁷ and completion rate for new UK Undergraduate students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	8742.9	68.4	7806.0	65.9	6166.8	62.0	6326.6	63.4	5908.5	57.6
Male	5034.2	64.5	4642.7	62.5	3870.1	57.5	4100.4	59.3	3756.4	54.6
Total	13777.2	66.9	12448.7	64.6	10037.0	60.2	10427.0	61.7	9664.9	56.4

Chart 22: Completion rate of new students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The completion rates for both gender groups have fallen sharply this year after last year's increase. Proportionally new UG males completion rates are 3% lower than new UG females.

¹⁷ one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

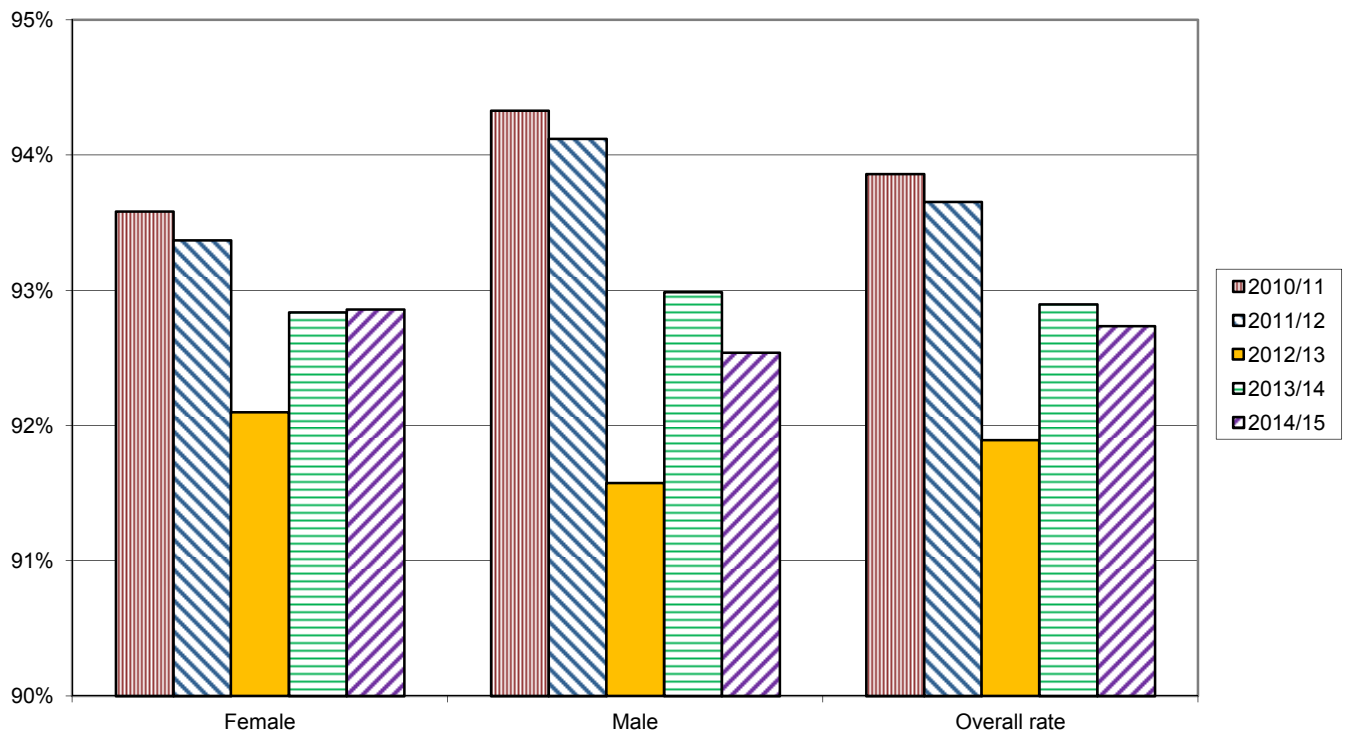
Academic Attainment

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 23: Pass count in FTE120180s and pass rate for all UK students on level1 modules, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	13677.5	93.6	13696.1	93.4	11377.8	92.1	10714.6	92.8	10796.2	92.9
Male	8161.7	94.3	8383.9	94.1	7347.0	91.6	6966.2	93.0	6855.7	92.5
Total	21839.2	93.9	22080.0	93.7	18724.8	91.9	17680.8	92.9	17651.9	92.7

Chart 23: Pass rate for students on level 1 modules, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Pass rates have decreased for males this year, with females seeing only marginal change.

Undergraduate Students

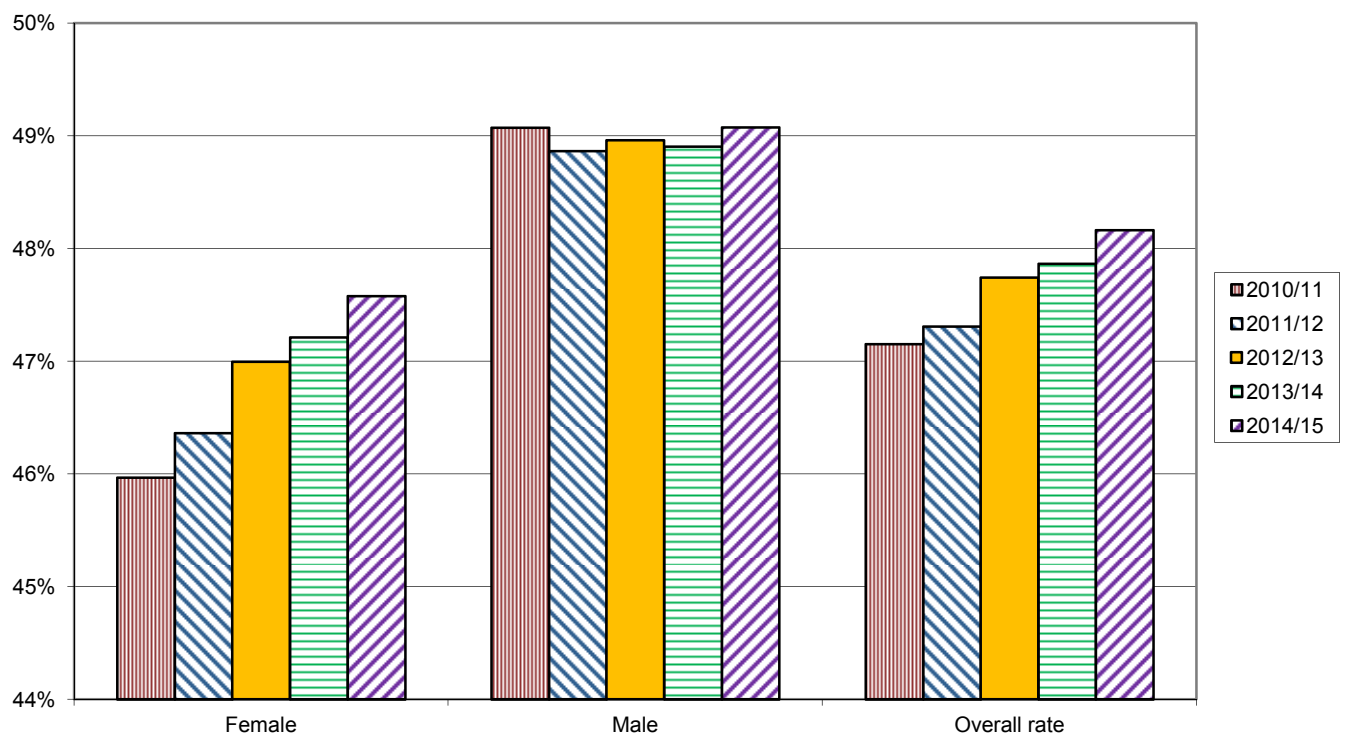
Gender

All UK Undergraduate students

Table 24: 'Good pass' count in FTE120180s¹⁸ and good pass rates for students on level 2 & 3 modules, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	7352.2	46.0	7668.3	46.4	7556.0	47.0	6810.5	47.2	6190.0	47.6
Male	4845.5	49.1	4917.5	48.9	4827.4	49.0	4431.9	48.9	4086.4	49.1
Total	12197.8	47.2	12585.9	47.3	12383.3	47.7	11242.5	47.9	10276.4	48.2

Chart 24: 'Good pass' rates for students on level 2 & 3 modules, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



'Good pass' rates have increased for both genders this year. Over 5 years, males' rates have remained about the same, while there has been a steady increase in good pass rates of females.

¹⁸ one FTE120180 = 120 credits for UG modules, and 180 credits for the majority of PG modules

Postgraduate Students

Age

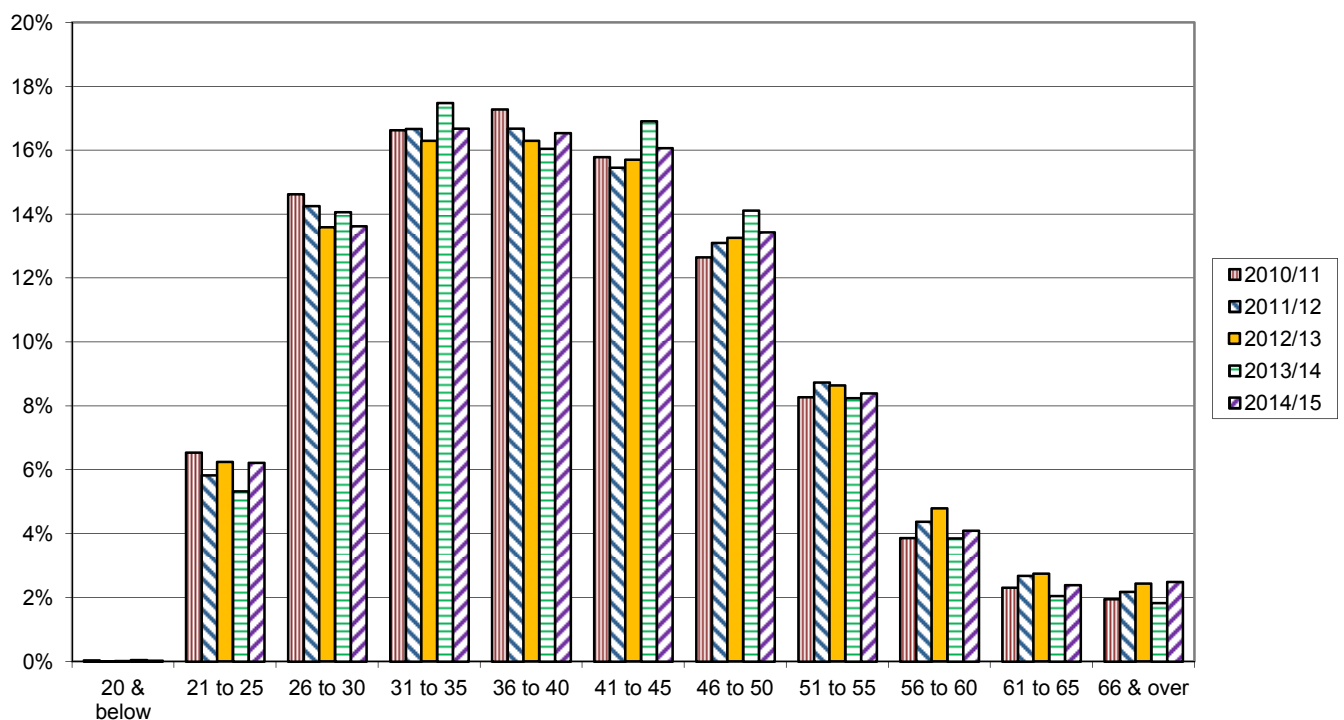
Participation

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 25: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	5	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	5	0.1	3	0.0
21 to 25	734	6.5	583	5.8	548	6.2	533	5.3	521	6.2
25 & below Total	739	6.6	584	5.8	549	6.3	538	5.4	524	6.3
26 to 30	1640	14.6	1425	14.3	1192	13.6	1406	14.1	1141	13.6
31 to 35	1864	16.6	1666	16.7	1430	16.3	1748	17.5	1397	16.7
26 to 35 Total	3504	31.3	3091	30.9	2622	29.9	3154	31.5	2538	30.3
36 to 40	1937	17.3	1667	16.7	1430	16.3	1605	16.1	1385	16.5
41 to 45	1770	15.8	1545	15.5	1378	15.7	1691	16.9	1346	16.1
36 to 45 Total	3707	33.1	3212	32.1	2808	32.0	3296	33.0	2731	32.6
46 to 50	1418	12.7	1310	13.1	1163	13.3	1411	14.1	1125	13.4
51 to 55	928	8.3	873	8.7	758	8.6	824	8.2	703	8.4
46 to 55 Total	2346	20.9	2183	21.8	1921	21.9	2235	22.4	1828	21.8
56 to 60	434	3.9	438	4.4	420	4.8	386	3.9	343	4.1
61 to 65	259	2.3	268	2.7	241	2.7	205	2.1	201	2.4
66 & over	219	2.0	218	2.2	214	2.4	183	1.8	209	2.5
56 & over Total	912	8.1	924	9.2	875	10.0	774	7.7	753	9.0
Grand Total	11208	100.0	9994	100.0	8775	100.0	9997	100.0	8374	100.0

Chart 25: Distribution of all UK Postgraduate students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Postgraduate students remain most heavily represented in the 30-50 age range. Overall numbers fell this year after last year's rise.

Postgraduate Students

Age

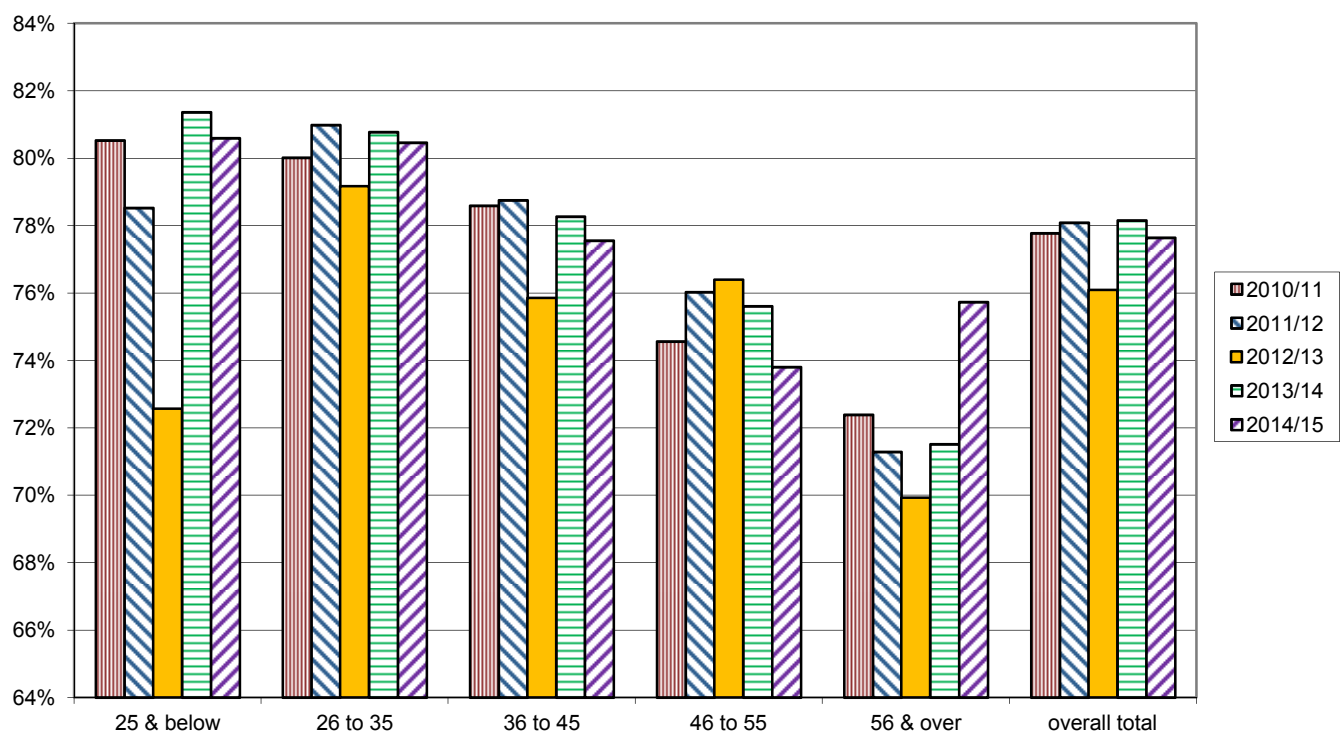
Module Completion

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 26: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	0.5	54.5	0.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	77.8	1.0	100.0
21 to 25	186.3	80.6	145.0	78.5	119.7	72.7	158.9	81.4	138.8	80.5
25 & below Total	186.8	80.5	145.4	78.5	119.7	72.6	160.1	81.4	139.8	80.6
26 to 30	365.8	80.2	335.8	81.2	279.2	79.5	395.0	81.4	254.0	79.7
31 to 35	407.2	79.9	375.0	80.8	319.4	78.9	477.0	80.3	295.4	81.1
26 to 35 Total	773.0	80.0	710.8	81.0	598.6	79.2	871.9	80.8	549.4	80.5
36 to 40	417.9	80.9	372.5	79.0	301.3	75.0	433.9	79.4	285.0	78.5
41 to 45	363.8	76.1	341.9	78.5	304.9	76.7	456.6	77.2	278.6	76.6
36 to 45 Total	781.7	78.6	714.3	78.8	606.2	75.9	890.5	78.3	563.6	77.6
46 to 50	293.7	75.8	276.0	76.1	256.2	78.0	369.6	75.8	234.0	74.7
51 to 55	186.9	72.7	192.3	75.9	160.1	74.0	206.5	75.2	137.6	72.3
46 to 55 Total	480.7	74.6	468.3	76.0	416.3	76.4	576.1	75.6	371.6	73.8
56 to 60	90.7	70.6	91.5	69.4	92.7	73.4	83.8	69.3	76.1	74.3
61 to 65	64.1	76.4	64.7	75.3	55.6	72.0	49.7	73.6	50.3	78.2
66 & over	52.4	70.9	50.5	70.0	46.1	61.9	45.2	73.7	53.2	75.4
56 & over Total	207.2	72.4	206.7	71.3	194.3	69.9	178.7	71.5	179.7	75.7
Grand Total	2429.3	77.8	2245.5	78.1	1935.1	76.1	2677.4	78.2	1804.1	77.6

Chart 26: Completion rate for UK Postgraduate students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



PG completion rates have decreased this year over all age groups except the over 55s.

Postgraduate Students

Age

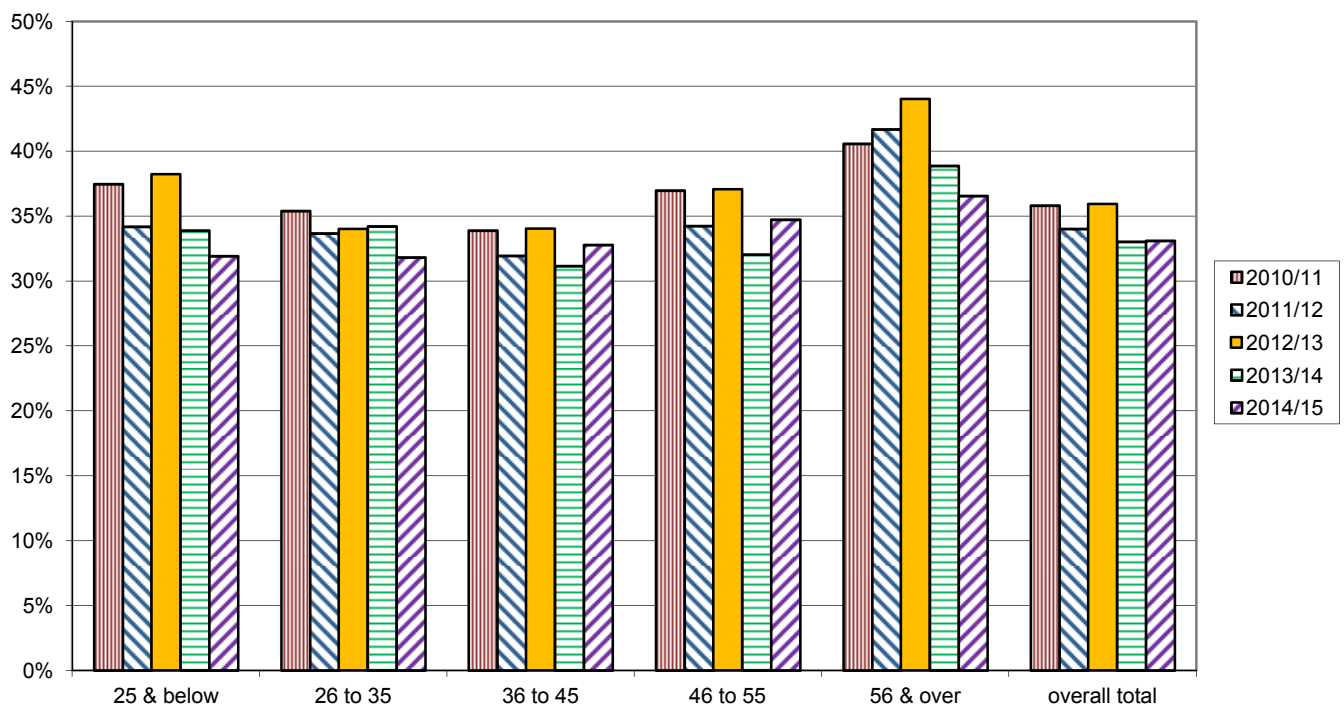
Academic Attainment

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 27: Number of 'Good passes' and attainment rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15.

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	0.2	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
21 to 25	60.3	37.5	42.9	34.2	39.1	38.2	49.4	34.1	35.2	32.1
25 & below Total	60.5	37.5	42.9	34.2	39.1	38.2	49.4	33.9	35.2	31.9
26 to 30	118.1	35.6	106.2	34.9	92.6	36.5	127.0	34.0	74.5	33.0
31 to 35	130.9	35.2	111.5	32.6	90.9	31.8	153.2	34.4	82.0	30.8
26 to 35 Total	249.0	35.4	217.7	33.7	183.5	34.0	280.2	34.2	156.5	31.8
36 to 40	132.2	34.6	104.4	31.0	93.5	33.8	117.6	29.8	83.2	33.3
41 to 45	109.9	33.1	101.4	33.0	95.9	34.3	136.1	32.4	77.8	32.2
36 to 45 Total	242.1	33.9	205.7	31.9	189.4	34.0	253.7	31.1	161.1	32.8
46 to 50	97.3	36.2	88.0	34.8	86.1	37.1	106.1	30.9	72.2	35.7
51 to 55	66.1	38.2	57.9	33.5	54.6	37.0	64.3	34.0	37.9	33.1
46 to 55 Total	163.4	37.0	145.9	34.2	140.6	37.1	170.4	32.0	110.1	34.7
56 to 60	35.8	41.7	39.0	45.8	34.0	41.0	30.4	40.2	23.4	38.7
61 to 65	27.9	46.6	27.1	44.8	23.2	43.8	19.7	42.5	11.8	38.6
66 & over	13.6	30.3	12.8	29.4	20.2	50.7	13.7	32.5	8.5	29.9
56 & over Total	77.3	40.6	78.9	41.7	77.3	44.0	63.8	38.9	43.7	36.6
Grand Total	792.3	35.8	691.3	34.0	630.0	35.9	817.5	33.0	506.7	33.1

Chart 27: Attainment rate for UK Postgraduate students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



All attainments rates have decreased across all age groups except for students between 36 and 55, but overall totals remain about the same.

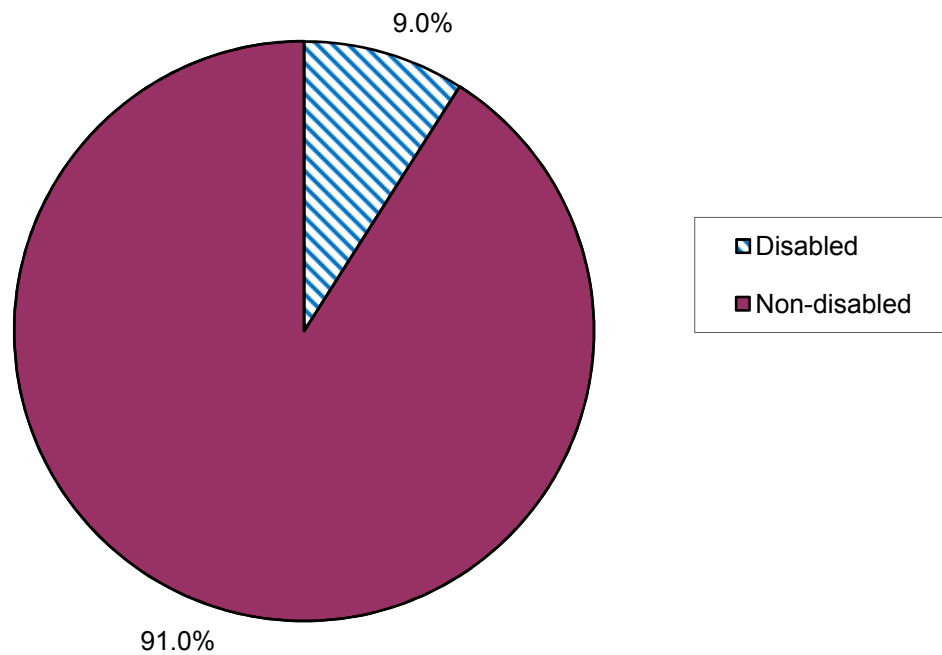
Participation

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 28: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	645	5.8	684	6.8	730	8.3	781	7.8	755	9.0
Non-disabled	10563	94.2	9310	93.2	8045	91.7	9216	92.2	7619	91.0
Total	11208	100	9994	100	8775	100	9997	100	8374	100

Chart 28: Distribution of Postgraduate students, by disability, 2014/15



There were 755 postgraduate students declaring a disability this year. The proportion of the total with a disability has increased from 7.8% to 9%.

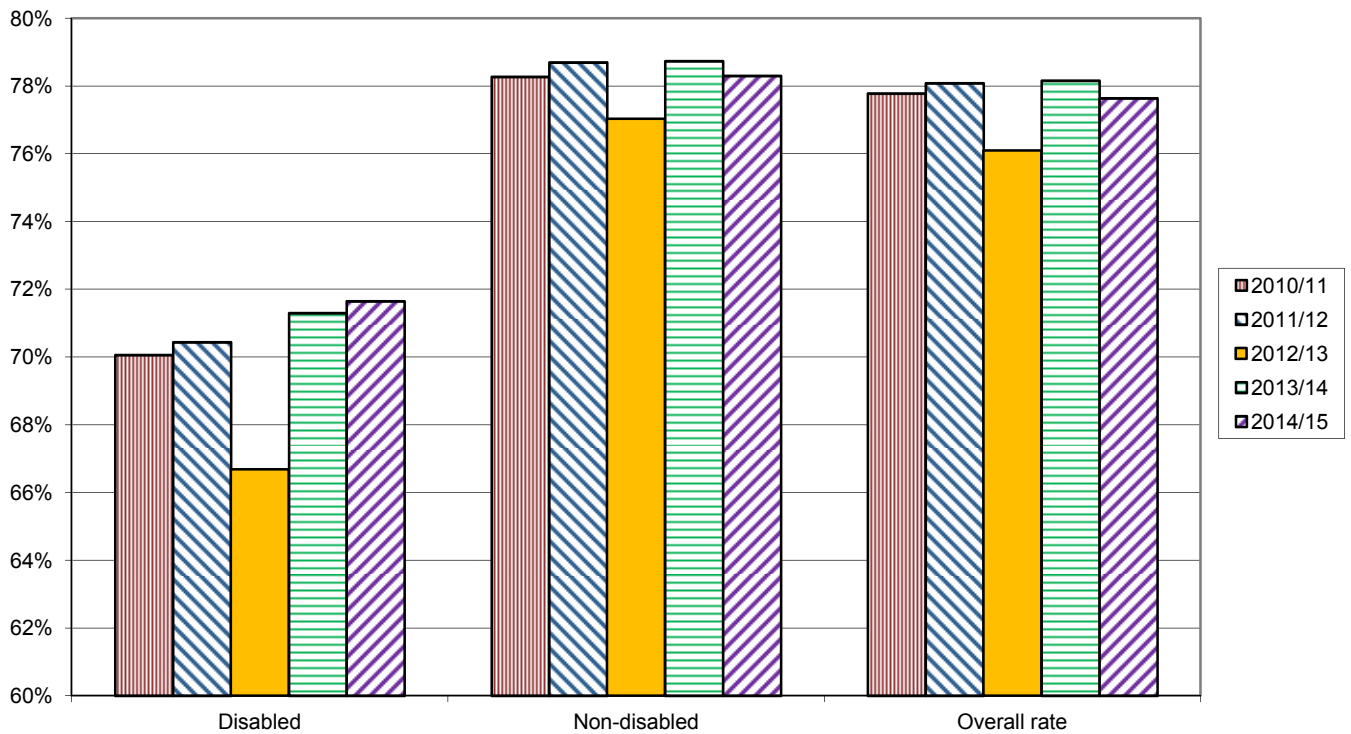
Module Completion

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 29: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	132.6	70.1	149.1	70.4	153.1	66.7	189.3	71.3	164.7	71.6
Non-disabled	2296.7	78.3	2096.4	78.7	1782.1	77.0	2488.1	78.7	1639.4	78.3
Total	2429.3	77.8	2245.5	78.1	1935.1	76.1	2677.4	78.2	1804.1	77.6

Chart 29: Completion rate of Postgraduate students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The completion rate for students with disabilities has increased this year. The gap in completion rates between the two groups of students is now 6.6%.

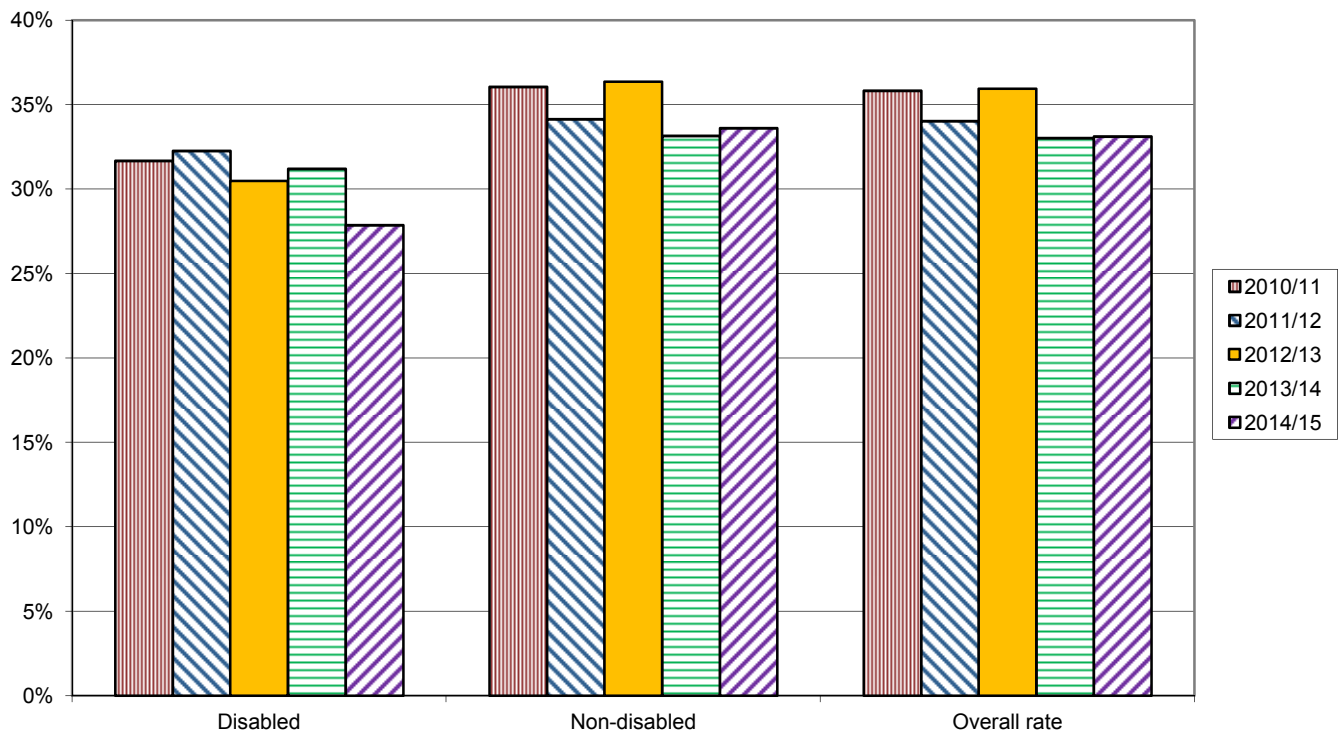
Academic Attainment

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 30: Number of 'Good passes' and attainment rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	36.2	31.7	41.1	32.3	38.8	30.5	52.9	31.2	36.6	27.9
Non-disabled	756.1	36.0	650.1	34.1	591.1	36.4	764.6	33.2	470.1	33.6
Total	792.3	35.8	691.3	34.0	630.0	35.9	817.5	33.0	506.7	33.1

Chart 30: Attainment rate for Postgraduate students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Attainment rates decreased for disabled students but rose for non-disabled students. The gap between the attainment rates for the two groups has grown to 5.7 percentage points.

Postgraduate Students

Ethnicity

Participation

All UK Postgraduate students

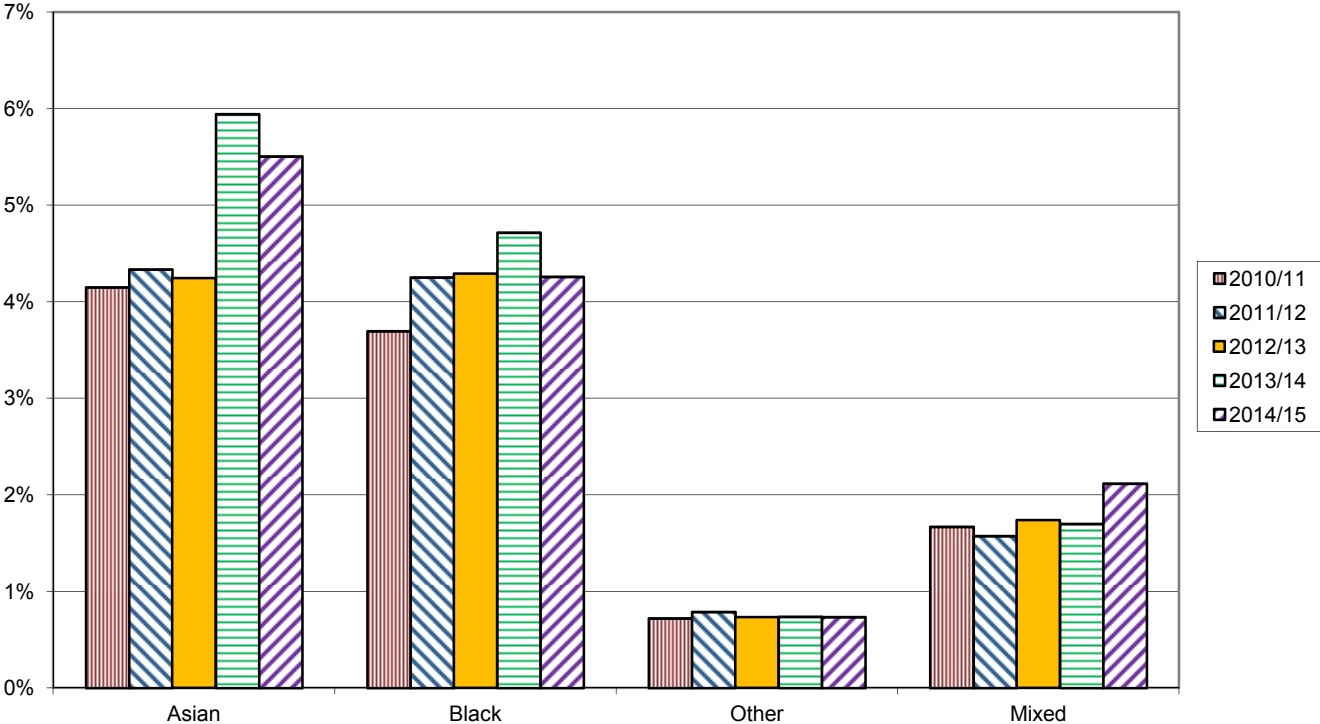
Table 31: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by ethnicity 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
BME groups	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Indian	212	1.9	191	2.0	148	1.7	301	3.1	207	2.5
Bangladeshi	22	0.2	31	0.3	23	0.3	27	0.3	32	0.4
Pakistani	84	0.8	82	0.8	76	0.9	89	0.9	68	0.8
Chinese	45	0.4	39	0.4	35	0.4	44	0.4	43	0.5
Asian Other	92	0.8	81	0.8	82	1.0	120	1.2	100	1.2
Asian Total	455	4.1	424	4.3	364	4.2	581	5.9	450	5.5
Black African	249	2.3	248	2.5	229	2.7	308	3.1	212	2.6
Black Caribbean	125	1.1	122	1.2	111	1.3	125	1.3	117	1.4
Black Other	31	0.3	46	0.5	28	0.3	28	0.3	19	0.2
Black Total	405	3.7	416	4.3	368	4.3	461	4.7	348	4.3
Arab	0	0.0	2	0.0	5	0.1	10	0.1	8	0.1
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0
Other	79	0.7	74	0.8	58	0.7	62	0.6	51	0.6
Other Total	79	0.7	77	0.8	63	0.7	72	0.7	60	0.7
Asian & White	58	0.5	49	0.5	46	0.5	44	0.4	36	0.4
African & White	28	0.3	25	0.3	21	0.2	25	0.3	56	0.7
Caribbean & White	27	0.2	16	0.2	19	0.2	28	0.3	19	0.2
Other Mixed	70	0.6	64	0.7	63	0.7	69	0.7	62	0.8
Mixed Total	183	1.7	154	1.6	149	1.7	166	1.7	173	2.1
BME Total	1122	10.2	1071	10.9	944	11.0	1280	13.1	1031	12.6
White groups										
White English	1459	13.3	1309	13.4	1107	12.9	961	9.8	825	10.1
White Welsh	168	1.5	161	1.6	160	1.9	122	1.2	125	1.5
White	197	1.8	130	1.3	63	0.7	30	0.3	32	0.4
White British	6638	60.5	5857	59.9	5165	60.2	6245	63.9	5135	62.8
White Irish	291	2.7	247	2.5	232	2.7	239	2.4	214	2.6
White Scottish	405	3.7	357	3.6	313	3.6	297	3.0	214	2.6
White Other	685	6.2	653	6.7	593	6.9	605	6.2	600	7.3
Irish Traveller	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Total	9844	89.8	8714	89.1	7633	89.0	8499	86.9	7145	87.4
Known Total	10966	100.0	9785	100.0	8577	100.0	9779	100.0	8176	100.0
Unknown groups										
Not Known	9	3.7	6	2.9	11	5.6	53	24.3	10	5.1
Refused	233	96.3	203	97.1	187	94.4	165	75.7	188	94.9
Unknown Total	242	2.2	209	2.1	198	2.3	218	2.2	198	2.4
Grand Total	11208	100	9994	100	8775	100	9997	100	8374	100

The proportion of postgraduate students from an ethnic minority background fell back slightly this year from 13.1% to 12.6% of the known total.

All UK Postgraduate students

Chart 31: Distribution of Postgraduate students, by ethnic minority group, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of the Mixed groups rose this year, with the Asian and Black groups falling, whilst Other stayed the same.

Postgraduate Students

Ethnicity

Module Completion

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 32: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	45.4	75.7	40.8	76.9	27.7	68.4	88.8	75.7	38.1	76.5
Bangladeshi	4.7	73.7	7.0	72.4	4.3	66.2	8.5	91.1	5.5	66.0
Pakistani	15.4	63.1	17.4	72.5	14.2	60.1	22.9	64.4	17.3	80.9
Chinese	10.4	85.0	6.7	63.3	7.5	76.9	11.5	81.2	7.0	70.0
Asian Other	19.1	76.9	16.9	72.5	19.4	74.4	32.9	78.7	20.9	71.7
Asian Total	95.0	74.3	88.9	73.6	73.1	68.7	164.6	75.4	88.8	74.9
Black African	45.0	66.1	46.5	70.8	37.4	61.9	79.8	70.4	39.8	68.2
Black Caribbean	24.5	68.3	26.2	70.6	21.5	66.2	29.6	67.2	26.0	68.3
Black Other	5.9	62.3	8.3	57.4	4.2	61.0	5.9	59.2	5.3	80.0
Black Total	75.4	66.5	81.1	69.1	63.1	63.2	115.2	68.9	71.2	69.0
Arab	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0	0.8	66.7	2.3	71.8	1.0	46.2
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.2	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other Ethnic Group	16.7	79.1	14.3	68.2	12.9	72.8	14.8	72.8	12.1	82.9
Other Total	16.7	79.1	14.9	68.5	13.8	72.4	17.1	72.7	13.2	78.3
Asian & White	13.0	77.6	10.9	75.7	9.7	81.1	11.4	74.9	8.1	84.3
African & White	6.9	76.7	3.3	49.4	4.5	83.1	6.2	71.2	5.4	76.5
Caribbean & White	5.8	70.9	4.7	96.6	3.5	64.6	7.2	72.9	3.8	69.2
Other Mixed	14.1	69.3	15.3	72.4	11.2	63.3	17.7	72.2	11.7	84.3
Mixed Total	39.8	73.3	34.2	72.7	28.9	71.4	42.5	72.8	28.9	80.5
BME Total	226.9	71.6	219.0	71.4	178.8	67.3	339.4	72.6	202.2	73.6
White groups										
White English	333.1	79.0	305.8	81.0	254.9	78.0	224.4	79.1	192.5	79.9
White Welsh	39.4	78.5	42.1	87.8	32.1	68.6	29.1	83.1	28.0	81.4
White	43.8	80.9	35.2	85.7	12.7	74.1	6.5	73.5	6.2	70.5
White British	1442.1	78.6	1312.2	77.9	1171.6	77.6	1761.7	79.8	1115.8	78.3
White Irish	60.9	75.8	56.3	78.1	51.3	77.3	59.2	74.5	48.7	78.3
White Scottish	86.6	76.7	83.7	80.7	68.5	77.5	59.3	72.0	47.7	78.2
White Other	144.1	78.2	145.1	78.5	125.0	75.4	134.8	72.9	123.2	75.9
Irish Traveller	0.3	100.0	0.0	#DIV/0!	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
White Total	2150.2	78.5	1980.4	78.9	1716.2	77.3	2275.1	78.9	1562.0	78.3
Known Total	2377.1	77.8	2199.4	78.1	1895.0	76.2	2614.5	78.1	1764.2	77.7
Unknown groups										
Not Known	0.9	39.2	0.6	46.7	1.9	65.7	18.8	73.6	2.2	61.9
Refused	51.4	78.6	45.5	80.3	38.3	71.9	44.0	86.3	37.7	75.1
Unknown Total	52.2	77.3	46.1	79.6	40.2	71.5	62.9	82.1	39.9	74.3
Grand Total	2429.3	77.8	2245.5	78.1	1935.1	76.1	2677.4	78.2	1804.1	77.6

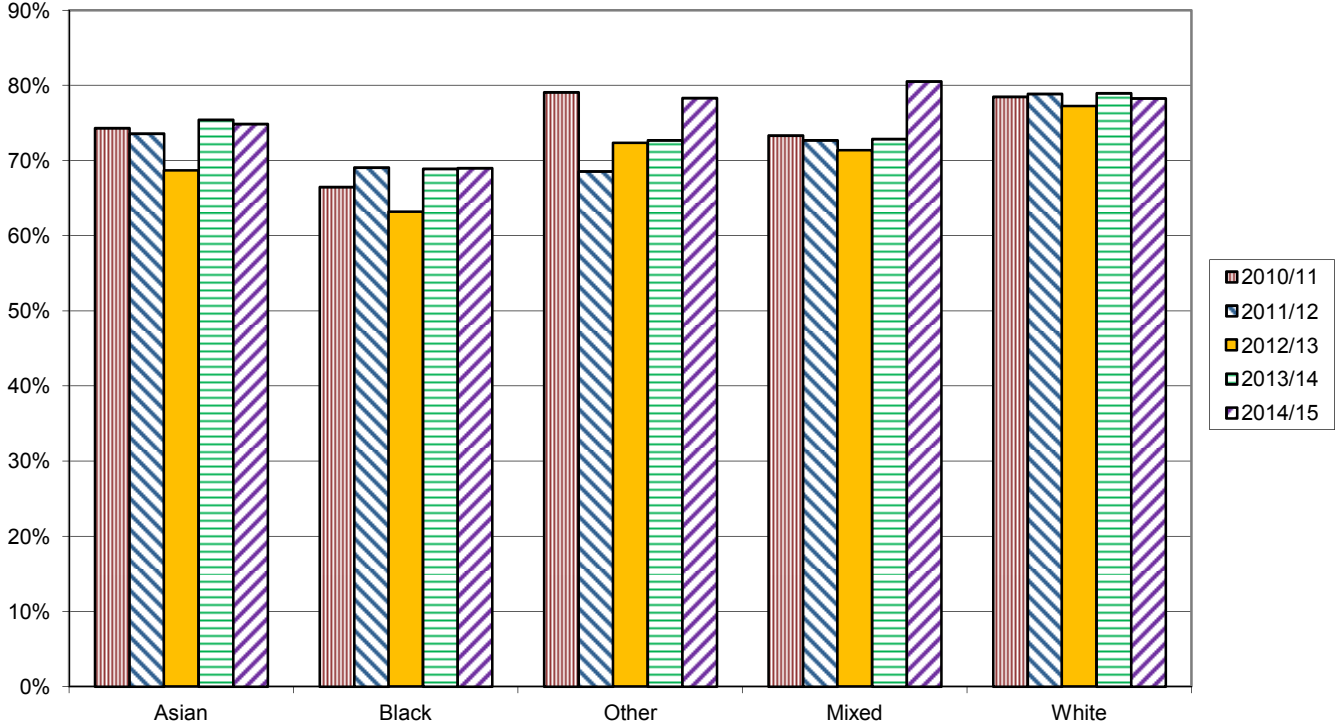
The completion rates for Other and Mixed students increased again whilst other groups stayed about the same.

Postgraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Postgraduate students

Chart 32: Completion rate of Postgraduate students by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates for Other and Mixed students increased again whilst other groups stayed about the same.

Postgraduate Students

Ethnicity

Academic Attainment

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 33: Number of 'Good passes' and attainment rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	7.7	19.9	6.2	17.7	6.1	25.5	19.5	24.3	6.8	19.9
Bangladeshi	1.3	36.4	1.2	21.2	1.2	30.6	1.0	13.3	1.3	37.2
Pakistani	2.7	21.6	3.0	23.3	1.1	9.5	5.4	26.3	2.9	20.8
Chinese	3.6	44.3	2.4	42.0	2.7	42.7	4.3	41.9	0.8	12.7
Asian Other	2.4	18.2	4.2	29.6	5.3	36.4	7.1	25.8	3.8	21.3
Asian Total	17.7	23.3	16.9	23.1	16.4	27.4	37.3	25.5	15.7	20.6
Black African	4.2	13.4	4.8	15.0	1.4	5.6	9.0	13.4	3.5	10.9
Black Caribbean	3.8	19.9	3.6	17.1	2.3	15.3	2.0	8.5	1.6	8.8
Black Other	0.7	12.7	0.7	10.2	0.8	32.3	0.4	9.4	0.8	20.8
Black Total	8.7	15.6	9.1	15.2	4.6	10.7	11.4	12.0	5.9	10.9
Arab	0.0	0.0	0.1	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	9.1	0.2	16.7
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Ethnic Group	3.9	27.6	2.4	20.5	2.2	21.3	1.9	15.6	2.4	23.2
Other Total	3.9	27.6	2.5	20.2	2.2	20.6	2.1	14.8	2.6	22.6
Asian & White	2.4	19.7	3.8	38.0	3.0	38.3	2.0	18.3	1.1	14.0
African & White	2.7	43.0	0.7	24.2	1.8	44.0	1.2	20.6	0.2	3.9
Caribbean & White	1.7	28.6	0.7	18.2	0.3	9.5	1.1	16.7	0.7	25.8
Other Mixed	3.0	24.3	4.0	34.3	3.7	43.1	6.1	36.6	2.8	26.6
Mixed Total	9.8	26.6	9.2	32.5	8.9	36.9	10.3	26.0	4.7	18.7
BME Total	40.0	21.9	37.6	21.7	32.1	23.3	61.1	20.7	28.8	17.3
White groups										
White English	112.8	36.2	103.3	36.5	87.2	36.6	77.5	37.7	55.4	36.1
White Welsh	15.2	42.3	14.4	37.6	11.5	37.0	8.3	31.5	7.9	32.1
White	13.2	31.8	9.1	28.5	3.3	28.3	1.8	34.6	0.8	13.9
White British	500.7	37.5	437.3	36.2	406.0	37.7	581.0	35.1	341.2	35.6
White Irish	19.4	35.3	13.2	25.7	17.0	35.4	15.9	29.1	14.6	38.0
White Scottish	27.1	34.9	26.0	33.5	24.8	38.7	15.8	29.5	14.2	35.5
White Other	44.7	34.8	36.1	28.7	34.7	32.0	40.5	33.0	31.3	29.2
Irish Traveller	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
White Total	733.1	37.0	639.5	35.2	584.6	37.0	740.9	34.9	465.6	35.1
Known Total	773.1	35.7	677.1	34.0	616.7	35.9	802.1	33.2	494.4	33.1
Unknown groups										
Not Known	0.3	60.0	0.1	33.3	0.7	42.1	4.8	26.4	0.0	0.0
Refused	18.9	41.9	14.1	34.5	12.6	36.4	10.6	26.7	12.2	36.1
Unknown Total	19.2	42.1	14.2	34.5	13.2	36.6	15.5	26.6	12.2	33.9
Grand Total	792.3	35.8	691.3	34.0	630.0	35.9	817.5	33.0	506.7	33.1

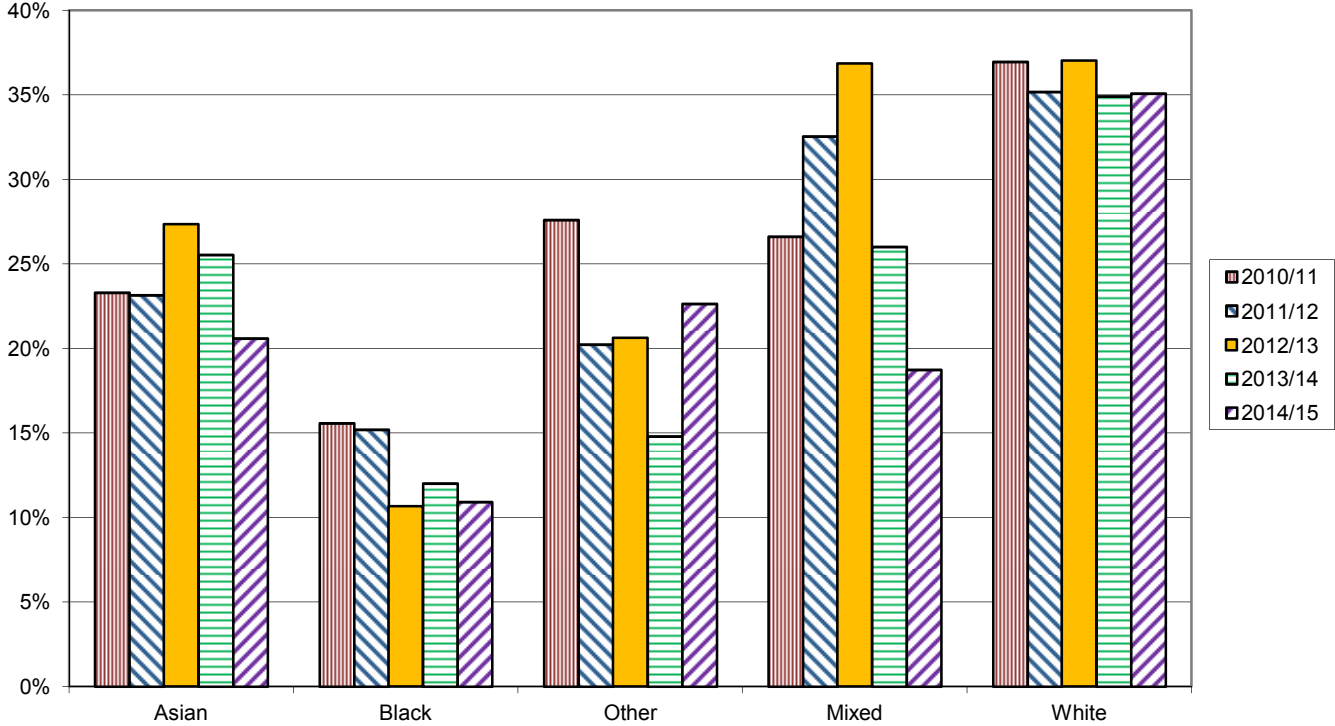
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Postgraduate Students

Ethnicity

All UK Postgraduate students

Chart 33: Attainment rate of Postgraduate students by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



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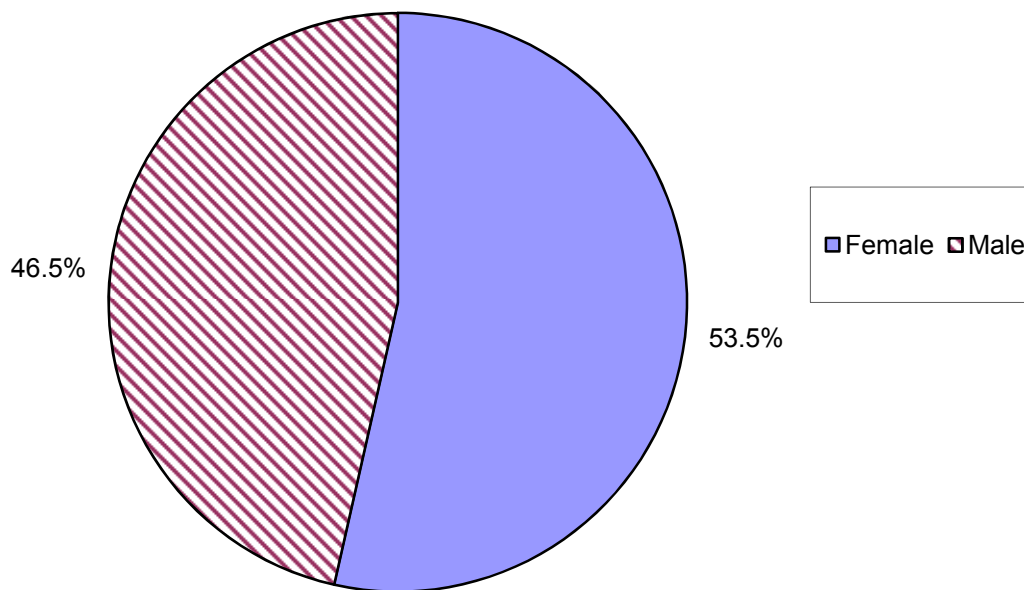
Participation

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 34: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	5820	51.9	5129	51.3	4434	50.5	5529	55.3	4483	53.5
Male	5388	48.1	4865	48.7	4341	49.5	4468	44.7	3891	46.5
Total	11208	100.0	9994	100.0	8775	100.0	9997	100.0	8374	100.0

Chart 34: Distribution of Postgraduate students by gender, 2014/15



For the sixth year running there are more female postgraduate students than there are male.

Postgraduate Students Gender

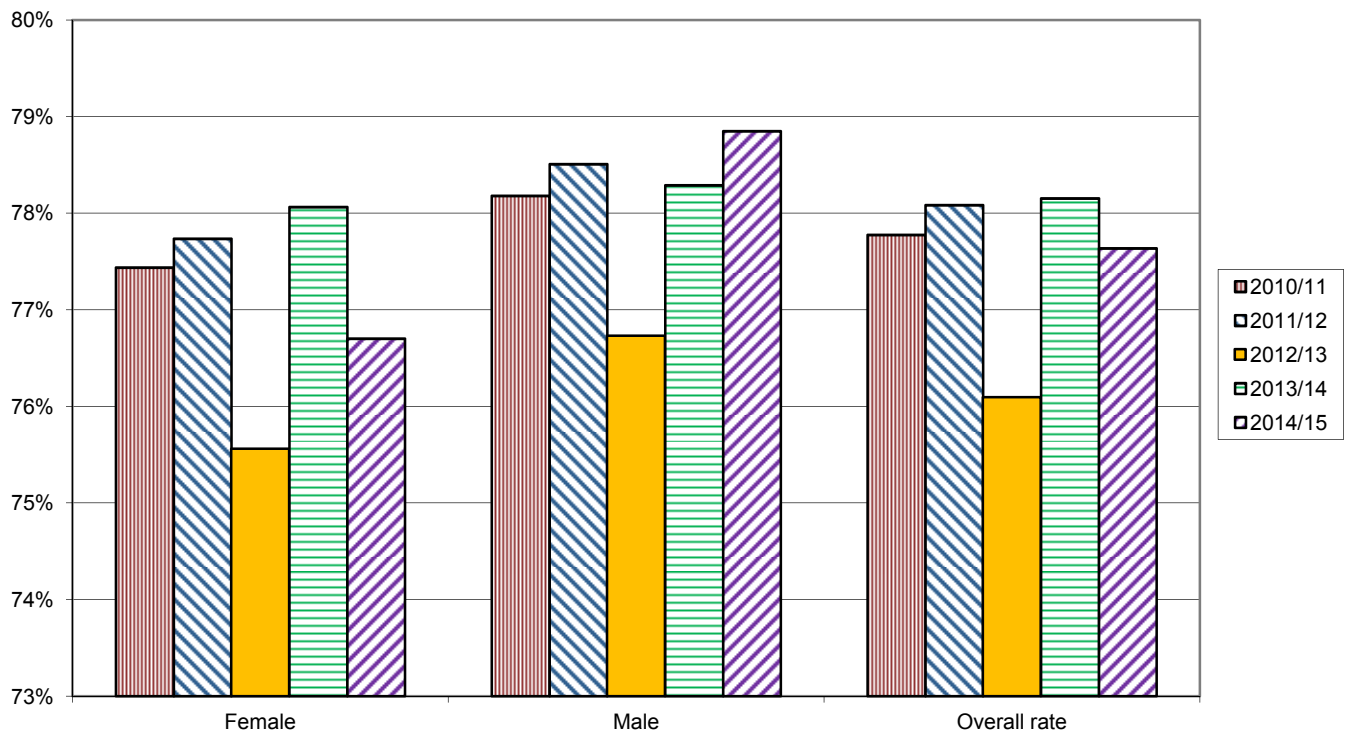
Module Completion

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 35: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	1314.4	77.4	1224.5	77.7	1046.6	75.6	1611.9	78.1	1005.7	76.7
Male	1115.0	78.2	1021.0	78.5	888.5	76.7	1065.5	78.3	798.4	78.8
Total	2429.3	77.8	2245.5	78.1	1935.1	76.1	2677.4	78.2	1804.1	77.6

Chart 35: Completion rate of Postgraduate students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates have decreased for females this year and increased for males.

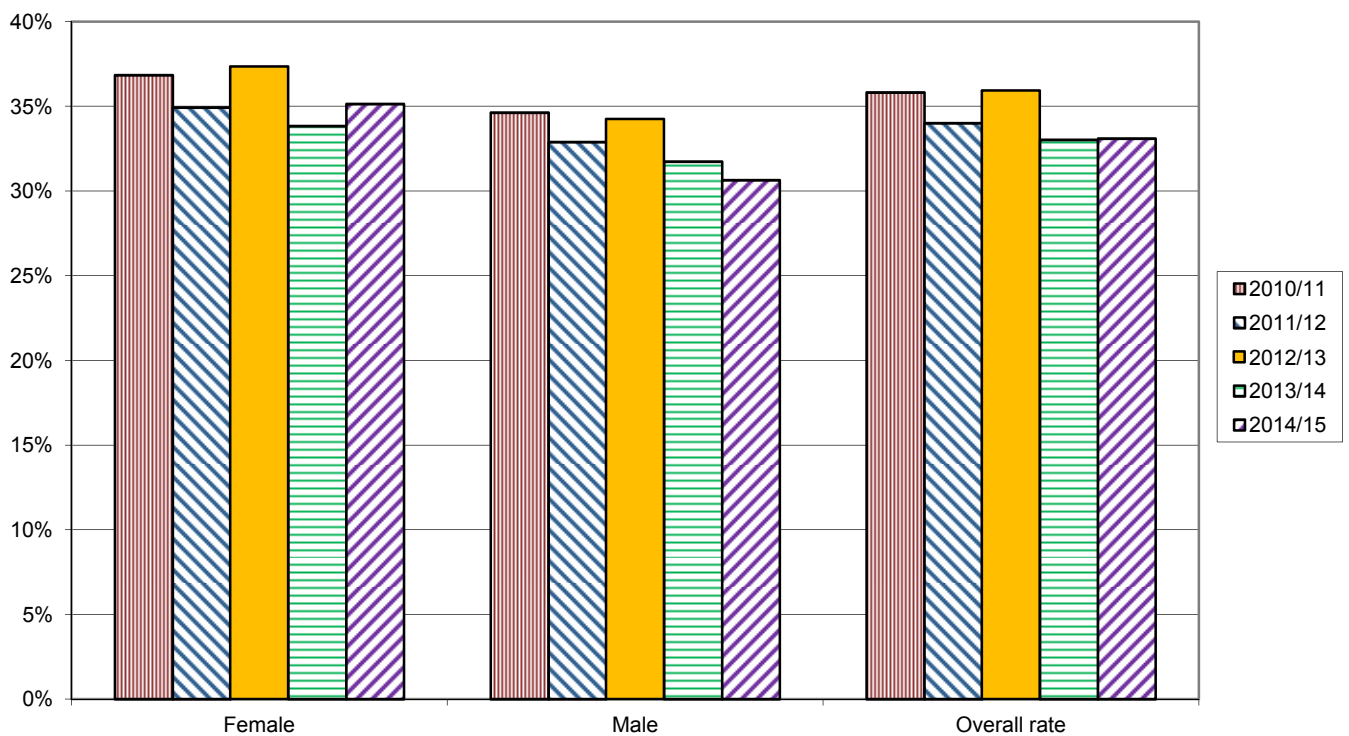
Academic Attainment

All UK Postgraduate students

Table 36: Number of 'Good passes' and attainment rate for all UK Postgraduate students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	439.7	36.8	389.9	34.9	355.3	37.4	508.8	33.8	294.9	35.1
Male	352.6	34.6	301.4	32.9	274.7	34.2	308.8	31.7	211.8	30.6
Total	792.3	35.8	691.3	34.0	630.0	35.9	817.5	33.0	506.7	33.1

Chart 36: Good pass rate for Postgraduate students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Attainment rates have risen for females and fallen for males. The difference between males and females is now 4.5 percentage points this year, with the female attainment rate still being higher than that of male students.

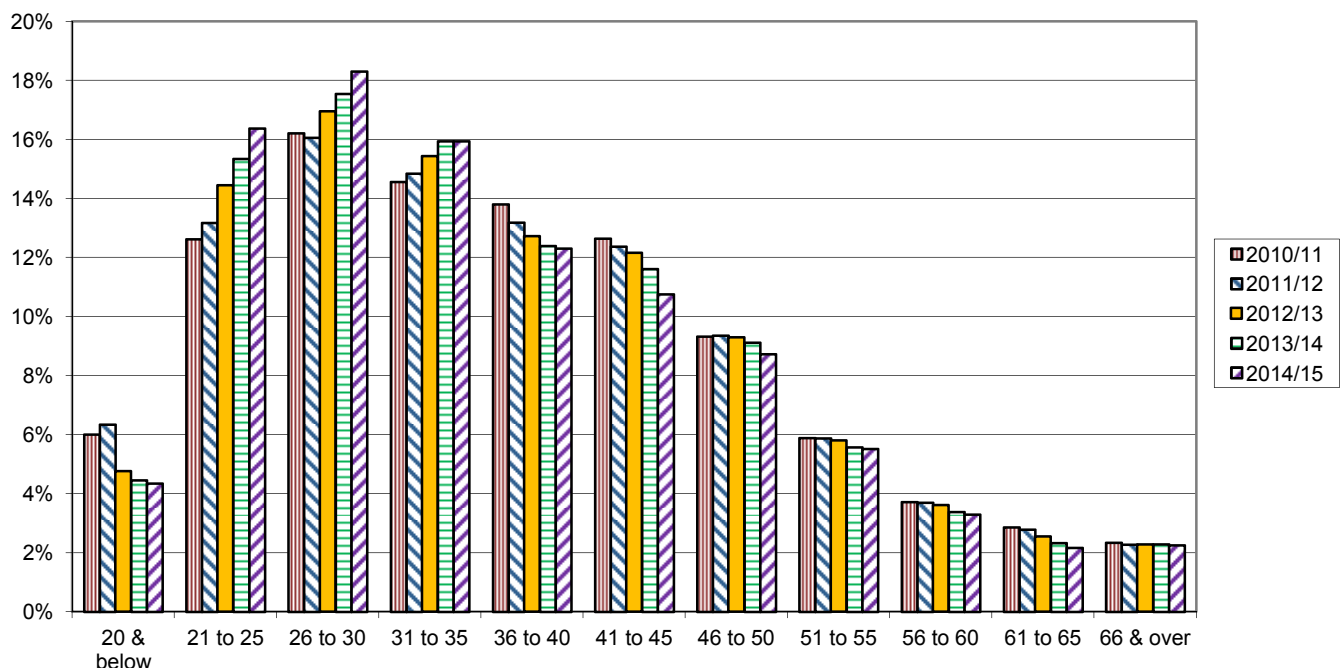
Participation

All¹⁹ UK students

Table 37: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	11640	6.0	11839	6.3	7539	4.8	6518	4.5	5867	4.3
21 to 25	24451	12.6	24601	13.2	22870	14.4	22455	15.3	22093	16.4
25 & below Total	36091	18.6	36440	19.5	30409	19.2	28973	19.8	27960	20.7
26 to 30	31412	16.2	29981	16.1	26832	17.0	25674	17.5	24698	18.3
31 to 35	28222	14.6	27709	14.8	24433	15.4	23323	15.9	21512	15.9
26 to 35 Total	59634	30.8	57690	30.9	51265	32.4	48997	33.5	46210	34.2
36 to 40	26748	13.8	24621	13.2	20134	12.7	18141	12.4	16607	12.3
41 to 45	24494	12.6	23087	12.4	19240	12.2	16995	11.6	14516	10.8
36 to 45 Total	51242	26.4	47708	25.6	39374	24.9	35136	24.0	31123	23.1
46 to 50	18073	9.3	17477	9.4	14709	9.3	13348	9.1	11787	8.7
51 to 55	11418	5.9	10980	5.9	9178	5.8	8163	5.6	7444	5.5
46 to 55 Total	29491	15.2	28457	15.2	23887	15.1	21511	14.7	19231	14.2
56 to 60	7212	3.7	6896	3.7	5720	3.6	4959	3.4	4457	3.3
61 to 65	5553	2.9	5201	2.8	4034	2.5	3409	2.3	2931	2.2
66 & over	4550	2.3	4248	2.3	3605	2.3	3350	2.3	3044	2.3
56 & over Total	17315	8.9	16345	8.8	13359	8.4	11718	8.0	10432	7.7
Grand Total	193773	100.0	186640	100.0	158294	100.0	146335	100.0	134956	100.0

Chart 37: Distribution of all UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



There has been a continued proportional increase in participation from students aged 21 to 30 in 2014/15, a levelling-off of those 31 to 35, and a continued proportional fall in most of the older age groups and the 20 and below group.

¹⁹ Undergraduate and Postgraduate students

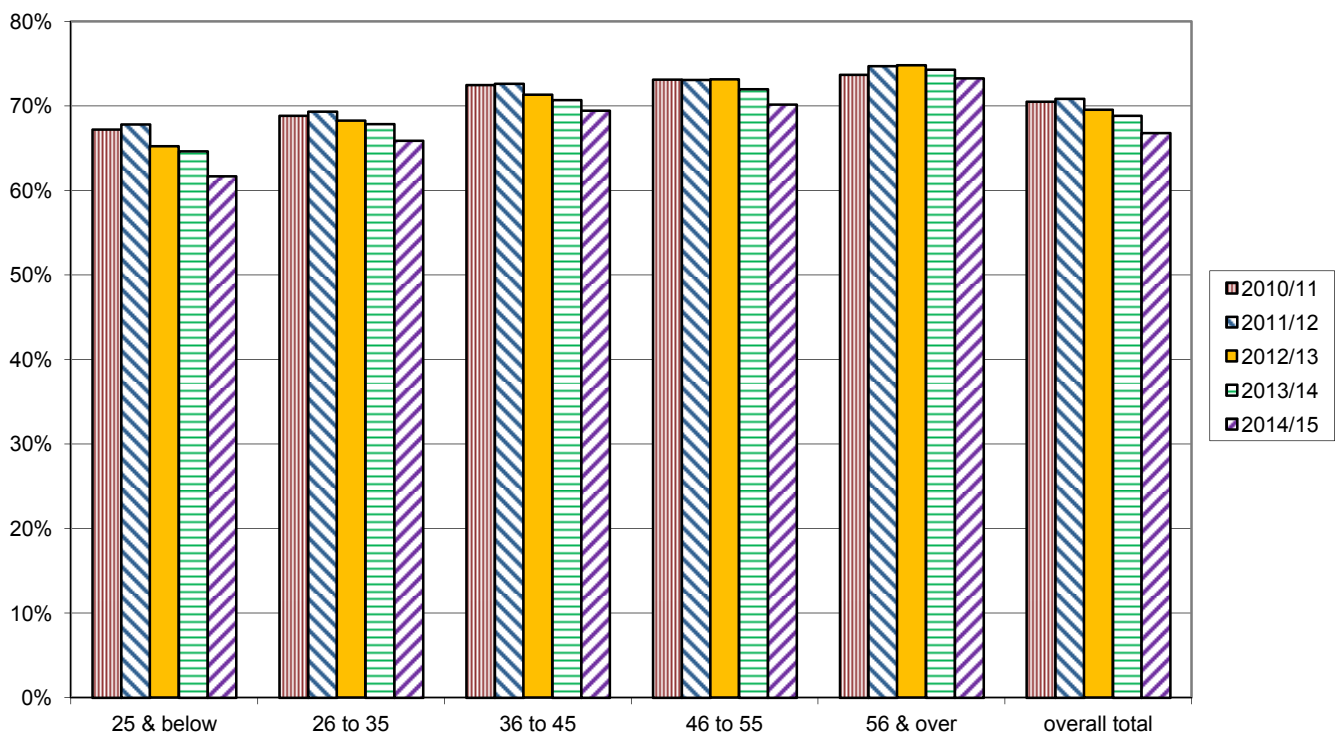
Module Completion

All UK students

Table 38: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	2214.4	69.4	2543.0	70.5	2336.7	66.5	2075.6	64.9	1841.3	60.4
21 to 25	7172.2	66.6	7623.5	67.0	7632.1	64.8	7740.7	64.6	7698.5	62.0
25 & below Total	9386.6	67.2	10166.5	67.8	9968.8	65.2	9816.3	64.7	9539.8	61.7
26 to 30	9119.8	68.0	9179.2	68.4	8811.1	67.6	8630.8	67.3	8282.9	64.5
31 to 35	8131.0	69.8	8484.0	70.5	7845.3	69.0	7703.1	68.6	7207.3	67.5
26 to 35 Total	17250.7	68.8	17663.2	69.4	16656.4	68.3	16333.8	67.9	15490.3	65.9
36 to 40	7858.4	72.0	7484.1	72.1	6461.7	70.7	5946.3	70.0	5468.1	68.4
41 to 45	7138.6	73.0	7036.2	73.2	6148.5	72.0	5611.2	71.5	4820.9	70.6
36 to 45 Total	14997.0	72.5	14520.3	72.6	12610.3	71.3	11557.5	70.7	10289.0	69.4
46 to 50	5087.3	72.9	5152.9	73.3	4654.1	73.1	4345.1	72.0	3828.1	69.8
51 to 55	3078.1	73.6	3080.5	72.7	2775.0	73.1	2548.4	72.0	2389.5	70.8
46 to 55 Total	8165.4	73.1	8233.5	73.1	7429.1	73.1	6893.5	72.0	6217.6	70.2
56 to 60	1834.8	72.9	1899.6	74.0	1728.4	73.6	1563.5	73.7	1445.0	72.4
61 to 65	1418.2	75.3	1429.2	76.4	1246.1	76.3	1083.2	75.6	970.8	74.9
66 & over	1117.3	73.1	1095.5	73.8	1087.4	75.1	1036.8	73.9	981.2	73.1
56 & over Total	4370.3	73.7	4424.3	74.7	4061.9	74.8	3683.5	74.3	3397.0	73.3
Grand Total	54170.0	70.5	55007.8	70.9	50726.4	69.5	48284.7	68.9	44933.5	66.8

Chart 38: Completion rate for all students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



All age bands showed a decrease in completion rates for the fourth year running.

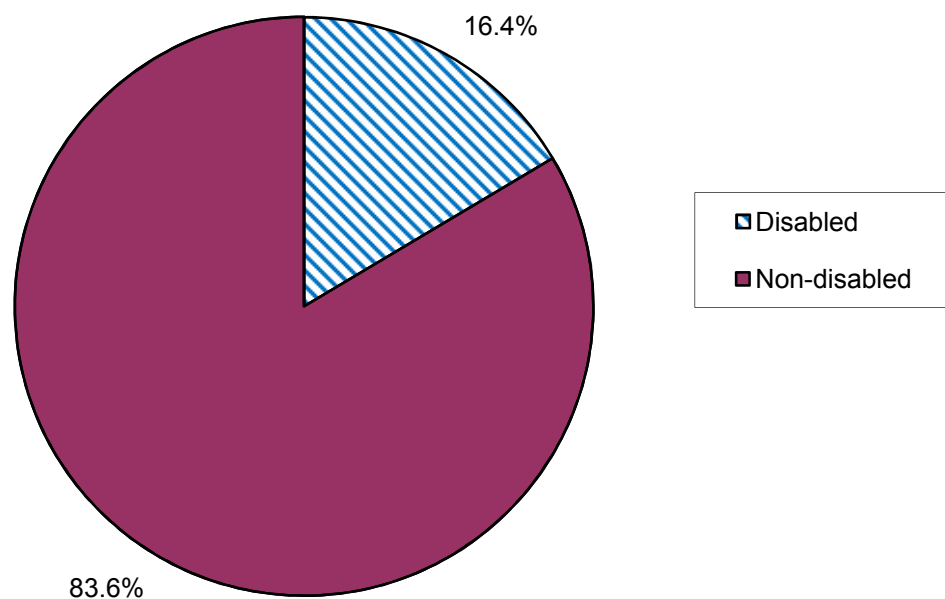
Participation

All UK students

Table 39: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	13124	6.8	16529	8.9	19607	12.4	20644	14.1	22200	16.4
Non-disabled	180649	93.2	170111	91.1	138687	87.6	125691	85.9	112756	83.6
Total	193773	100	186640	100	158294	100	146335	100	134956	100

Chart 39: Distribution of all UK students, by disability in 2014/15



There are now more than 22,000 OU students in the UK who declare a disability. This is 16.4% of the total OU UK student population, after a steady rise over six years.

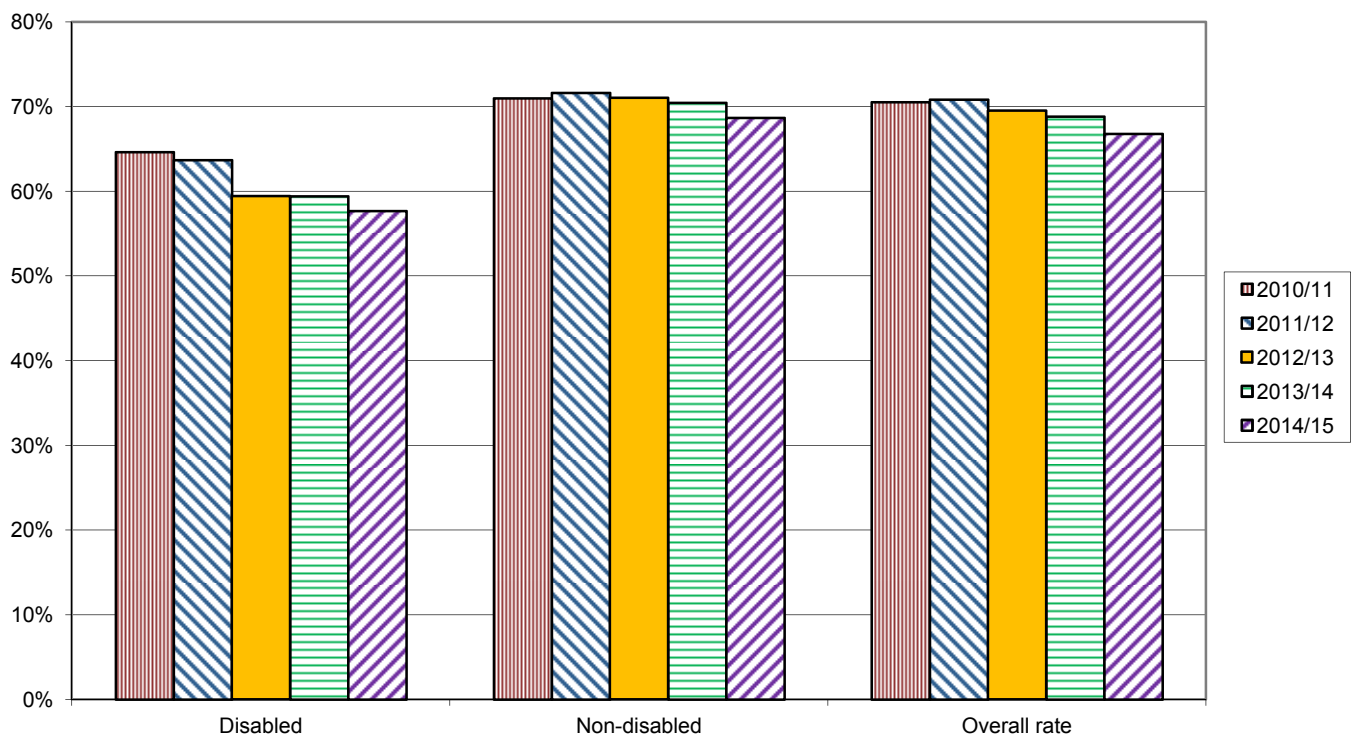
Module Completion

All UK students

Table 40: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	3797.8	64.7	4887.1	63.7	5664.8	59.4	6089.3	59.4	6644.7	57.7
Non-disabled	50372.2	71.0	50120.7	71.6	45061.6	71.0	42195.5	70.5	38288.8	68.7
Total	54170.0	70.5	55007.8	70.9	50726.4	69.5	48284.7	68.9	44933.5	66.8

Chart 40: Completion rate of all UK students, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The completion rate for disabled students has fallen for the fifth year running, whilst that of non-disabled students has also fallen. The gap between the rates of the two groups has remained at around 11 percentage points.

Participation

All UK students

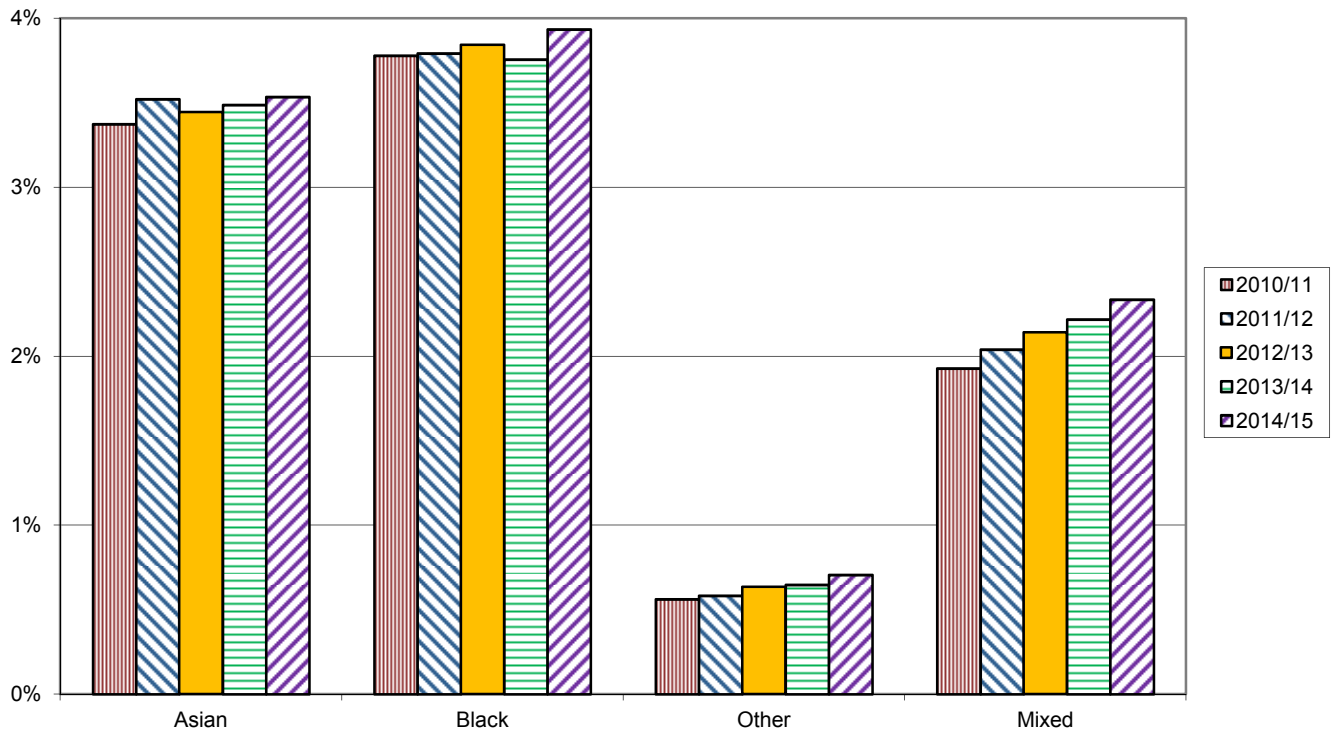
Table 41: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	2367	1.2	2362	1.3	1844	1.2	1703	1.2	1528	1.2
Bangladeshi	513	0.3	588	0.3	532	0.3	480	0.3	457	0.3
Pakistani	1679	0.9	1710	0.9	1532	1.0	1415	1.0	1368	1.0
Chinese	573	0.3	529	0.3	396	0.3	383	0.3	324	0.2
Asian Other	1269	0.7	1252	0.7	1043	0.7	1032	0.7	1013	0.8
Asian Total	6401	3.4	6441	3.5	5347	3.4	5013	3.5	4690	3.5
Black African	3642	1.9	3554	1.9	3071	2.0	2817	2.0	2726	2.1
Black Caribbean	2932	1.5	2777	1.5	2402	1.5	2195	1.5	2105	1.6
Black Other	594	0.3	605	0.3	492	0.3	386	0.3	389	0.3
Black Total	7168	3.8	6936	3.8	5965	3.8	5398	3.8	5220	3.9
Arab	0	0.0	19	0.0	113	0.1	145	0.1	157	0.1
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	4	0.0	16	0.0	20	0.0	22	0.0
Other Ethnic Group	1066	0.6	1041	0.6	857	0.6	764	0.5	757	0.6
Other Total	1066	0.6	1064	0.6	986	0.6	929	0.6	936	0.7
Asian & White	831	0.4	875	0.5	717	0.5	650	0.5	603	0.5
African & White	455	0.2	450	0.2	397	0.3	396	0.3	437	0.3
Caribbean & White	1034	0.5	1025	0.6	997	0.6	988	0.7	979	0.7
Other Mixed	1337	0.7	1380	0.8	1213	0.8	1153	0.8	1079	0.8
Mixed Total	3657	1.9	3730	2.0	3324	2.1	3187	2.2	3098	2.3
BME Total	18292	9.6	18171	9.9	15622	10.1	14527	10.1	13944	10.5
White groups										
White English	31805	16.8	31620	17.3	24828	16.0	22184	15.4	19826	14.9
White Welsh	3062	1.6	3414	1.9	3366	2.2	2983	2.1	2849	2.1
White	3995	2.1	2638	1.4	1786	1.2	1008	0.7	685	0.5
White British	109485	57.7	104262	57.0	89025	57.3	83754	58.3	77080	58.1
White Irish	3514	1.9	3304	1.8	2794	1.8	2577	1.8	2389	1.8
White Scottish	9320	4.9	9272	5.1	8836	5.7	8259	5.7	7947	6.0
White Other	10283	5.4	10255	5.6	9013	5.8	8482	5.9	8009	6.0
Irish Traveller	27	0.0	15	0.0	7	0.0	7	0.0	7	0.0
White Total	171491	90.4	164780	90.1	139655	89.9	129254	89.9	118792	89.5
Known Total	189783	100.0	182951	100.0	155277	100.0	143781	100.0	132736	100.0
Unknown groups										
Not Known	464	11.6	429	11.6	288	9.5	177	6.9	85	3.8
Refused	3526	88.4	3260	88.4	2729	90.5	2377	93.1	2135	96.2
Unknown Total	3990	2.1	3689	2.0	3017	1.9	2554	1.7	2220	1.6
Grand Total	193773	100	186640	100	158294	100	146335	100	134956	100

The proportion of students from an ethnic minority background has risen this year across all groups.

All UK students

Chart 41: Distribution of all UK ethnic minority students, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of students from an ethnic minority background has risen this year across all groups.

Module Completion

All UK students

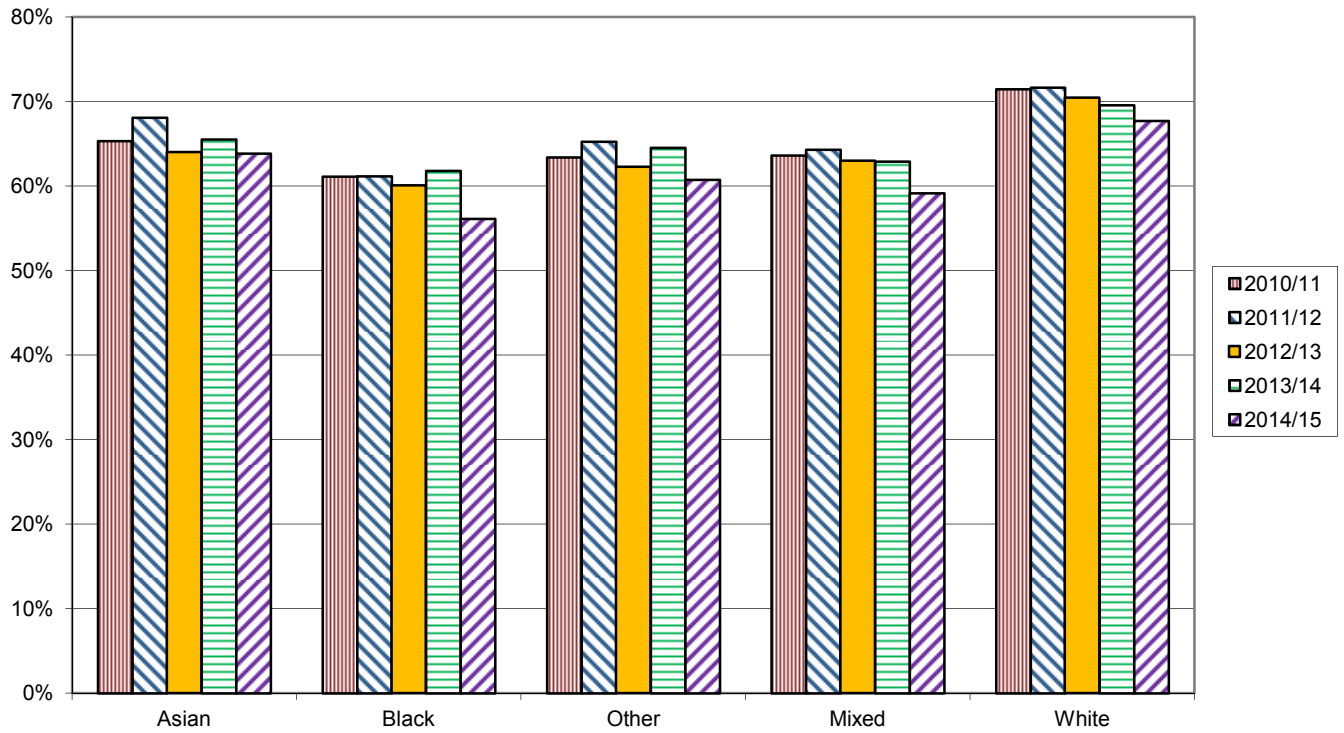
Table 42: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all students, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
BME groups	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Indian	605.8	66.3	684.7	71.1	568.3	64.4	577.3	67.8	509.0	65.7
Bangladeshi	145.1	63.5	180.8	66.9	173.6	63.6	164.9	65.6	150.4	59.3
Pakistani	449.0	63.1	498.2	65.7	486.4	61.6	471.6	62.1	480.8	61.5
Chinese	142.0	71.8	136.5	68.3	124.8	71.7	126.0	72.0	111.6	72.4
Asian Other	324.5	64.9	348.9	66.5	321.5	64.4	327.6	64.5	330.0	64.2
Asian Total	1666.4	65.3	1849.2	68.1	1674.5	64.0	1667.4	65.5	1581.9	63.8
Black African	1019.7	62.1	1021.0	62.1	939.0	61.2	914.5	63.3	825.9	57.0
Black Caribbean	727.2	60.1	717.8	59.9	673.7	58.3	641.6	60.1	594.1	54.9
Black Other	148.4	59.7	157.1	60.6	139.6	61.4	112.8	59.9	111.9	56.0
Black Total	1895.3	61.1	1895.9	61.1	1752.3	60.1	1668.8	61.8	1531.9	56.1
Arab	0	0.0	2.5	62.5	31.08333	58.6	41.41667	55.8	48.75	51.4
Gypsy or Traveller	0.0	0.0	2.7	74.4	6.0	70.4	6.0	64.7	7.5	63.3
Other Ethnic Group	284.8	63.4	291.6	65.2	260.9	62.6	249.8	66.2	248.0	62.9
Other Total	284.8	63.4	296.8	65.2	297.9	62.3	297.2	64.5	304.3	60.7
Asian & White	239.3	69.5	250.6	69.1	225.2	65.9	214.7	65.7	205.7	65.7
African & White	115.1	60.7	125.7	61.8	116.0	59.6	131.5	64.6	117.7	55.8
Caribbean & White	257.4	60.5	275.5	61.1	286.5	59.2	293.0	57.9	283.2	53.6
Other Mixed	360.9	63.4	382.8	64.6	384.9	65.6	387.2	64.9	353.8	61.8
Mixed Total	972.7	63.6	1034.5	64.3	1012.6	63.0	1026.4	62.9	960.5	59.1
BME Total	4819.2	63.1	5076.4	64.4	4737.4	62.2	4659.8	63.5	4378.6	59.7
White groups										
White English	9017.0	73.4	9355.2	73.1	8350.2	71.6	7635.1	70.8	6961.7	69.2
White Welsh	799.7	66.6	907.4	65.1	956.0	64.4	916.7	63.9	932.4	64.2
White	1213.4	69.0	875.4	72.1	584.9	71.3	347.2	73.0	230.9	71.5
White British	30532.5	71.3	30905.0	71.7	28704.9	70.4	27677.9	69.3	25639.8	67.4
White Irish	1004.9	69.7	978.4	69.6	906.7	70.2	855.0	69.6	810.1	68.6
White Scottish	2493.6	67.2	2467.3	65.9	2369.4	64.8	2325.3	65.6	2351.3	64.0
White Other	3262.0	73.7	3437.5	74.0	3233.4	74.2	3059.9	72.9	2907.6	70.3
Irish Traveller	8.5	73.7	5.4	81.6	3.0	80.0	2.3	69.2	3.8	93.8
White Total	48331.5	71.4	48931.6	71.6	45108.5	70.5	42819.4	69.5	39837.5	67.7
Known Total	53150.7	70.6	54008.0	70.9	49845.8	69.6	47479.2	68.9	44216.1	66.8
Unknown groups										
Not Known	63.6	54.8	63.1	55.6	48.2	51.5	42.0	60.2	13.4	34.5
Refused	955.7	68.1	936.8	70.5	832.3	67.8	763.4	67.7	704.0	67.4
Unknown Total	1019.3	67.1	999.9	69.3	880.5	66.7	805.5	67.3	717.4	66.2
Grand Total	54170.0	70.5	55007.8	70.9	50726.4	69.5	48284.7	68.9	44933.5	66.8

The completion rates for all groups fell this year. The gap in completion rates between BME and White group has increased to 8 percentage points.

All UK students

Chart 42: Completion rates for all UK students, by grouped ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates for all groups have fallen this year.

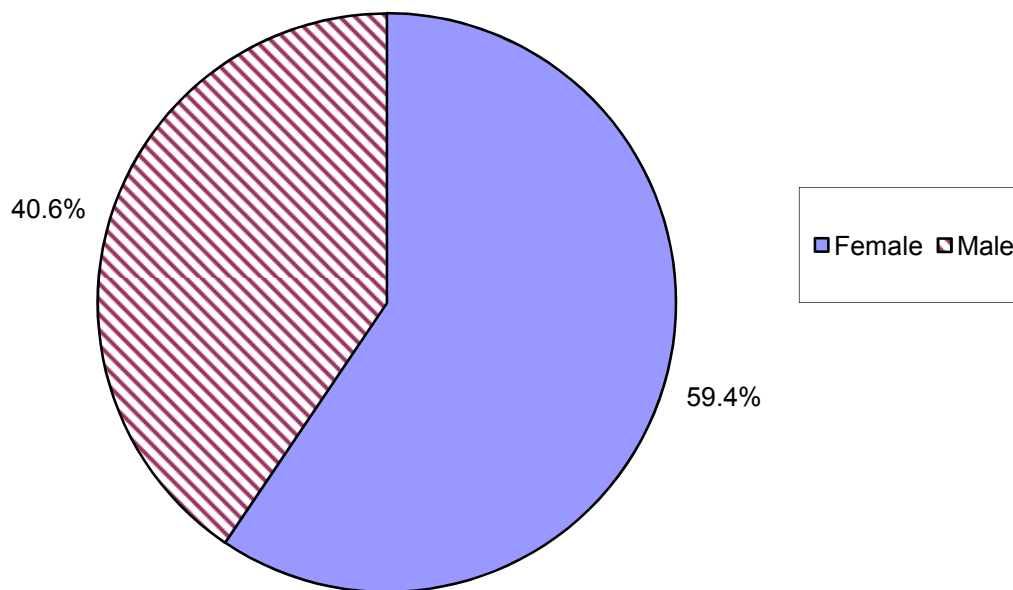
Participation

All UK students

Table 43: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	116742	60.2	112903	60.5	95121	60.1	87383	59.7	80223	59.4
Male	77031	39.8	73737	39.5	63173	39.9	58952	40.3	54733	40.6
Total	193773	100.0	186640	100.0	158294	100.0	146335	100.0	134956	100.0

Chart 43: Distribution of UK students, by gender in 2014/15



The proportion of all OU students that are female has slightly decreased this year to 59.4% of the total.

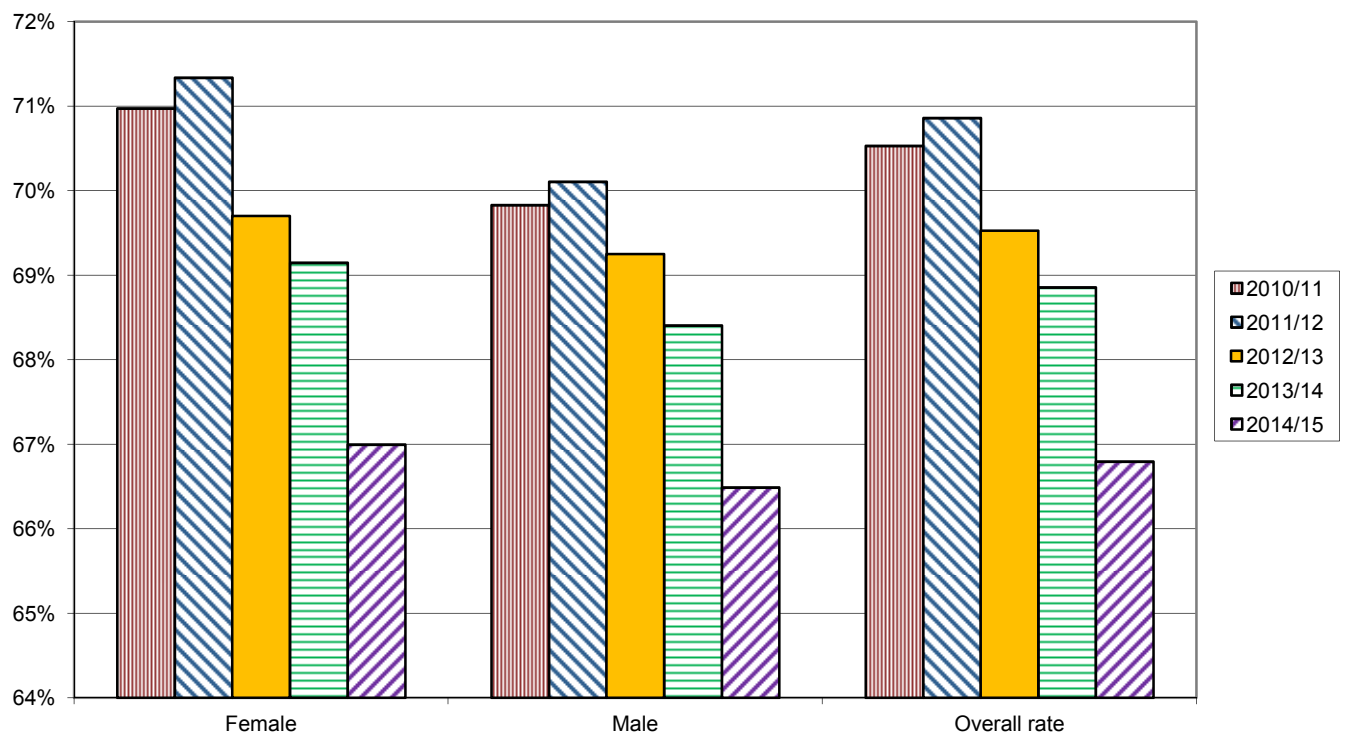
Module Completion

All UK students

Table 44: Completion count in FTE120180s and completion rate for all students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	33483.4	71.0	33978.5	71.3	30933.4	69.7	29434.6	69.1	27323.0	67.0
Male	20686.6	69.8	21029.3	70.1	19793.0	69.2	18850.1	68.4	17610.5	66.5
Total	54170.0	70.5	55007.8	70.9	50726.4	69.5	48284.7	68.9	44933.5	66.8

Chart 44: Completion rate for all students, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Completion rates have fallen for both males and females for the third year running.

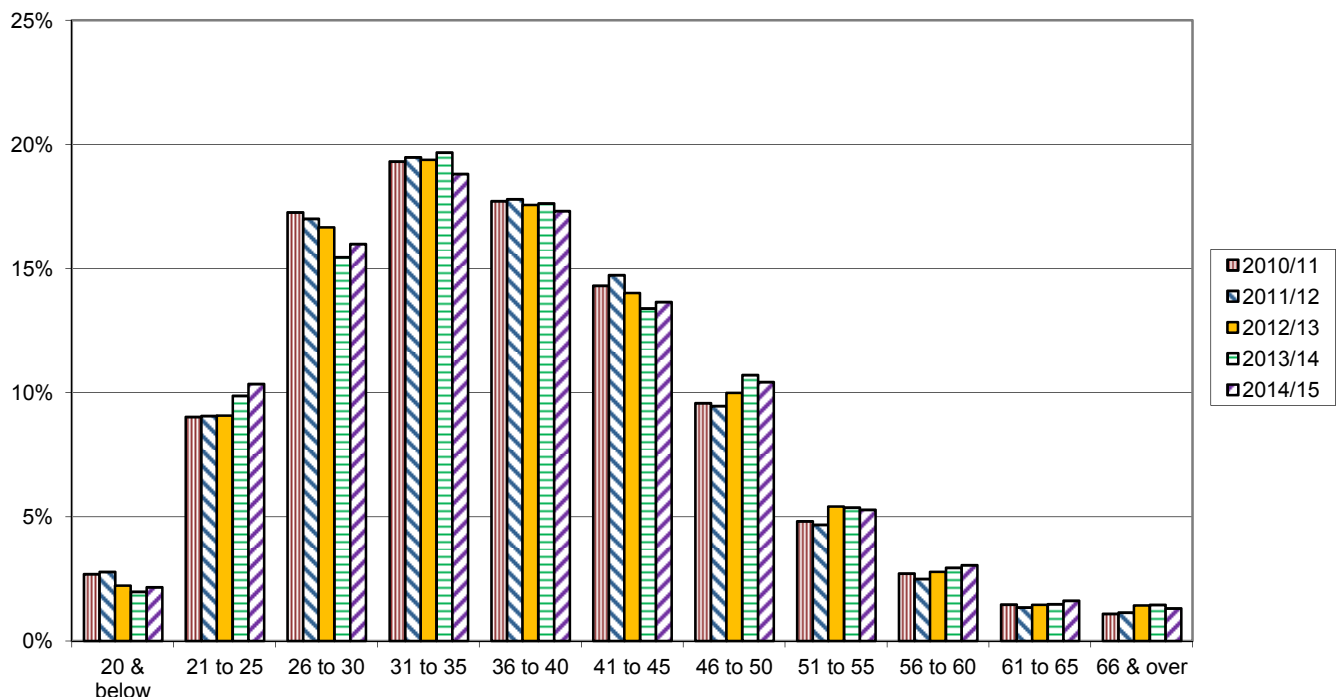
Participation

All²⁰ non-UK students

Table 45: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	314	2.7	318	2.8	223	2.2	171	2.0	169	2.2
21 to 25	1055	9.0	1037	9.1	907	9.1	852	9.9	808	10.4
25 & below Total	1369	11.7	1355	11.8	1130	11.3	1023	11.9	977	12.5
26 to 30	2017	17.3	1946	17.0	1665	16.7	1333	15.5	1247	16.0
31 to 35	2257	19.3	2229	19.5	1937	19.4	1697	19.7	1468	18.8
26 to 35 Total	4274	36.6	4175	36.5	3602	36.0	3030	35.1	2715	34.8
36 to 40	2071	17.7	2037	17.8	1755	17.6	1520	17.6	1351	17.3
41 to 45	1672	14.3	1686	14.7	1401	14.0	1156	13.4	1065	13.7
36 to 45 Total	3743	32.0	3723	32.5	3156	31.6	2676	31.0	2416	31.0
46 to 50	1119	9.6	1083	9.5	999	10.0	924	10.7	814	10.4
51 to 55	563	4.8	536	4.7	541	5.4	464	5.4	412	5.3
46 to 55 Total	1682	14.4	1619	14.1	1540	15.4	1388	16.1	1226	15.7
56 to 60	318	2.7	286	2.5	278	2.8	254	2.9	238	3.1
61 to 65	172	1.5	155	1.4	146	1.5	128	1.5	127	1.6
66 & over	128	1.1	131	1.1	143	1.4	126	1.5	102	1.3
56 & over Total	618	5.3	572	5.0	567	5.7	508	5.9	467	6.0
Grand Total	11686	100.0	11444	100.0	9995	100.0	8625	100.0	7801	100.0

Chart 45: Distribution of all non-UK students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of non-UK students under 30 have increased, whilst other groups have mostly either stayed the same or decreased.

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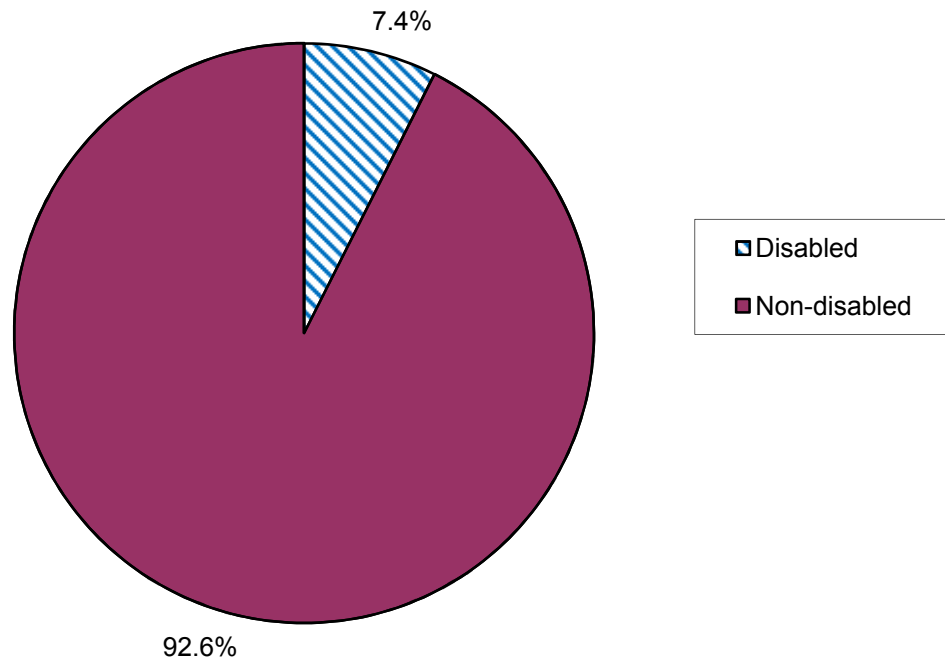
Participation

All non-UK students

Table 46: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	323	2.8	394	3.4	489	4.9	531	6.2	579	7.4
Non-disabled	11363	97.2	11050	96.6	9506	95.1	8094	93.8	7222	92.6
Total	11686	100	11444	100	9995	100	8625	100	7801	100

Chart 46: Distribution of all non-UK students, by disability, 2014/15



There are now 579 non-UK students declaring a disability. The proportion has continued its year-on-year increase, now reaching 7.4% of the total.

All non-UK Students

Domicile²¹ and Geographic Area

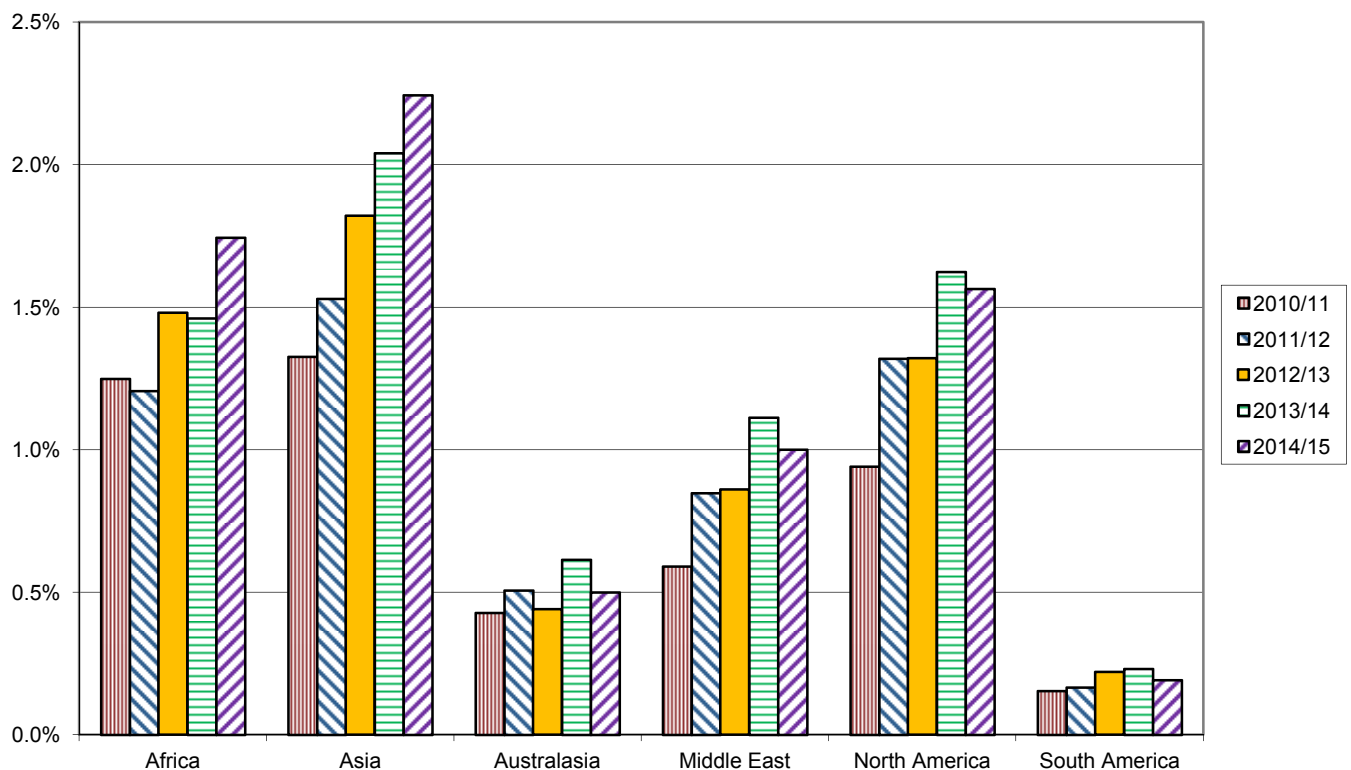
Participation

All non-UK students

Table 47: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by Geographic Area, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Africa	146	1.2	138	1.2	148	1.5	126	1.5	136	1.7
Asia	155	1.3	175	1.5	182	1.8	176	2.0	175	2.2
Australasia	50	0.4	58	0.5	44	0.4	53	0.6	39	0.5
Europe	11136	95.3	10803	94.4	9380	93.9	8011	92.9	7232	92.8
Middle East	69	0.6	97	0.8	86	0.9	96	1.1	78	1.0
North America	110	0.9	151	1.3	132	1.3	140	1.6	122	1.6
South America	18	0.2	19	0.2	22	0.2	20	0.2	15	0.2
Known Total	11684	100.0	11441	100.0	9994	100.0	8622	100.0	7797	100.0
not known	2	0.0	3	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.1
Grand Total	11686		11444		9995		8625		7801	

Chart 47: Distribution of non-UK and non-European students, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Africa and Asia have seen an increase in the proportions of our students this year, while other geographic areas fell proportionally.

²¹ The table for domicile is too large to fit an A4 sheet. The details of student numbers by domicile and Geographic area is available to staff in the spreadsheet - 'Additional Student Data – non-UK Students'

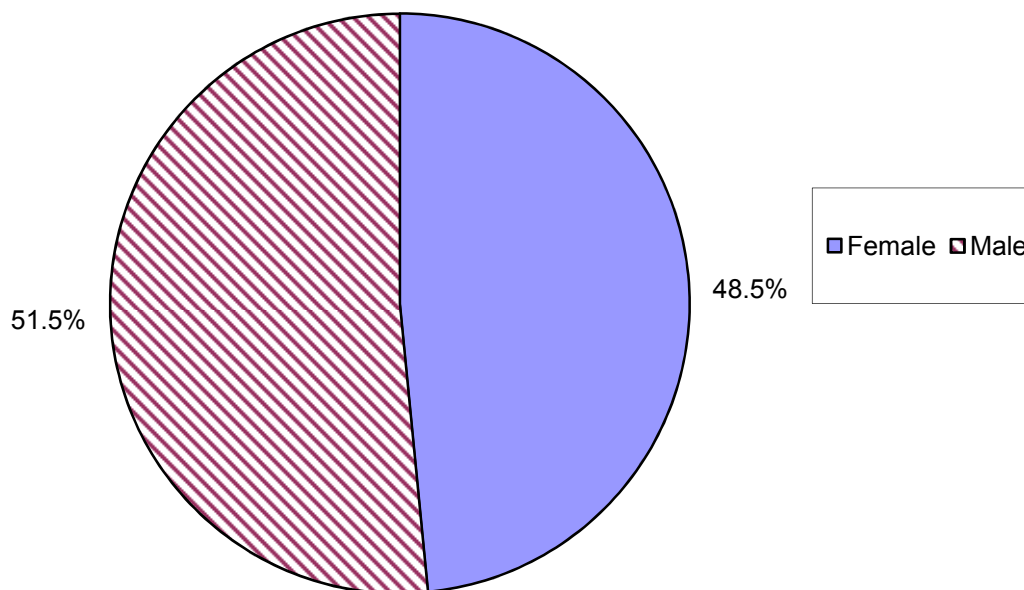
Participation

All non-UK students

Table 48: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	6044	51.7	5932	51.8	5132	51.3	4328	50.2	3780	48.5
Male	5642	48.3	5512	48.2	4863	48.7	4297	49.8	4021	51.5
Total	11686	100.0	11444	100.0	9995	100.0	8625	100.0	7801	100.0

Chart 48: Distribution of non-UK students, by gender, in 2014/15



The proportion of non-UK female students has fallen for the fourth year running and is now for the first time below 50% (48.5%).

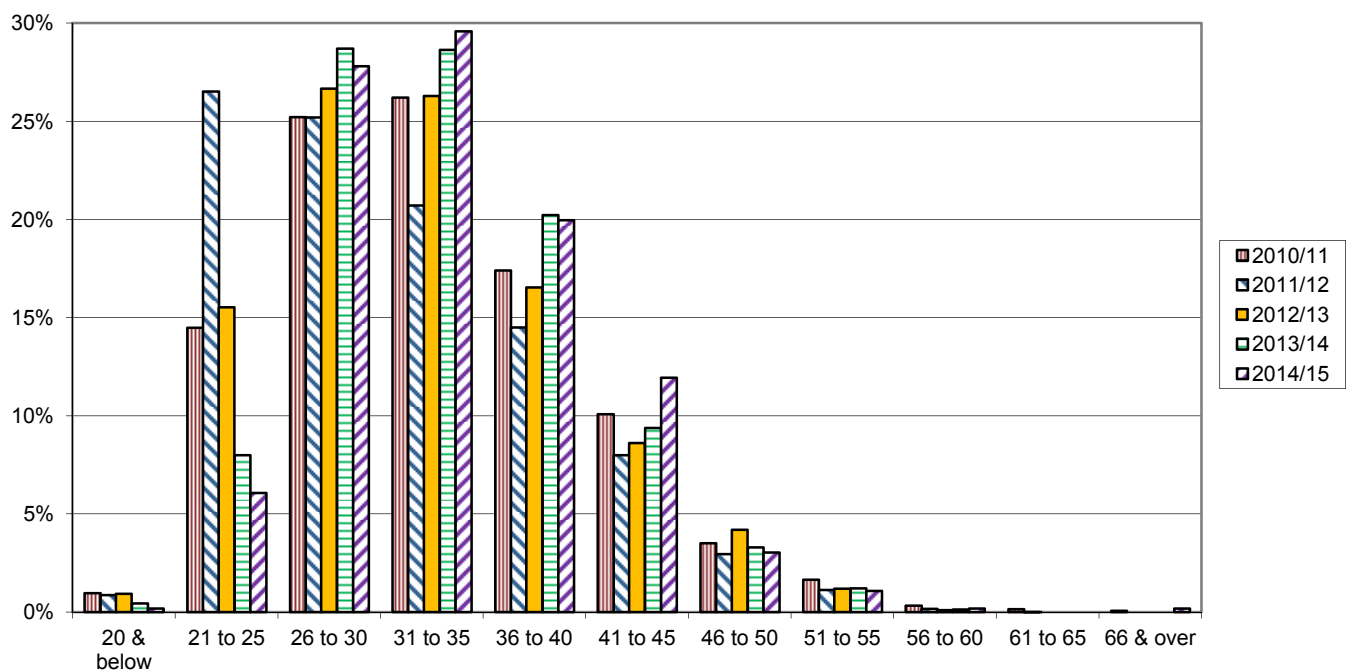
Participation

Overseas students

Table 49: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	51	1.0	40	0.9	30	0.9	7	0.4	1	0.2
21 to 25	776	14.5	1233	26.5	507	15.5	126	8.0	34	6.1
25 & below Total	827	15.4	1273	27.4	537	16.4	133	8.4	35	6.2
26 to 30	1351	25.2	1171	25.2	871	26.7	453	28.7	156	27.8
31 to 35	1405	26.2	963	20.7	859	26.3	452	28.6	166	29.6
26 to 35 Total	2756	51.4	2134	45.9	1730	53.0	905	57.4	322	57.4
36 to 40	933	17.4	674	14.5	540	16.5	319	20.2	112	20.0
41 to 45	540	10.1	371	8.0	281	8.6	148	9.4	67	11.9
36 to 45 Total	1473	27.5	1045	22.5	821	25.1	467	29.6	179	31.9
46 to 50	188	3.5	137	2.9	137	4.2	52	3.3	17	3.0
51 to 55	88	1.6	52	1.1	39	1.2	19	1.2	6	1.1
46 to 55 Total	276	5.1	189	4.1	176	5.4	71	4.5	23	4.1
56 to 60	17	0.3	7	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.2
61 to 65	8	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
66 & over	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2
56 & over Total	28	0.5	8	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.4
Grand Total	5360	100.0	4649	100.0	3267	100.0	1578	100.0	561	100.0

Chart 49: Distribution of Overseas students by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The number of students studying Overseas versions of OU modules continues to fall dramatically. The proportions of overseas students between 31 and 35, and 41 and 45 have increased.

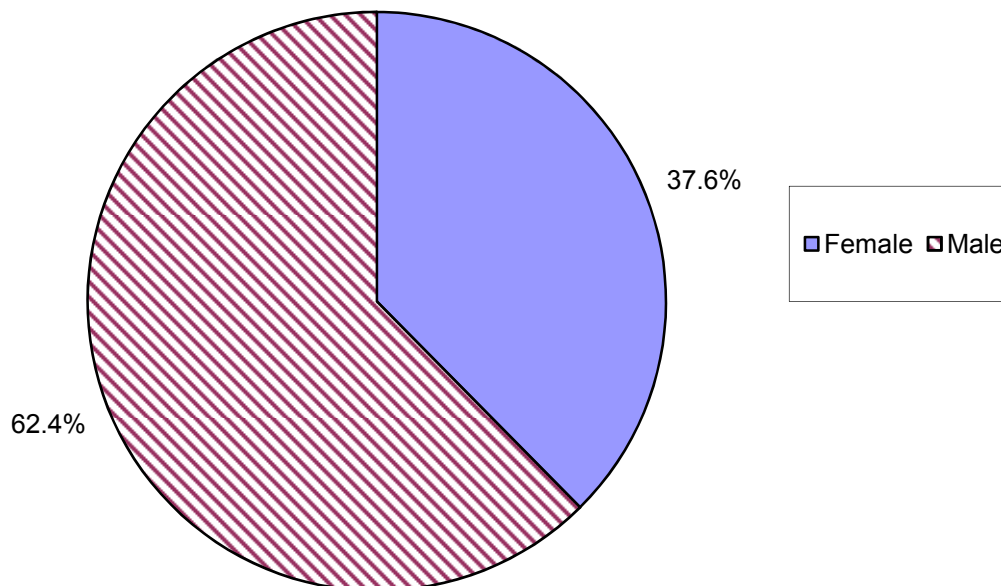
Participation

Overseas students

Table 50: Headcount of students at a third and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	2212	41.3	2021	43.5	1407	43.1	618	39.2	211	37.6
Male	3148	58.7	2628	56.5	1860	56.9	960	60.8	350	62.4
Total	5360	100.0	4649	100.0	3267	100.0	1578	100.0	561	100.0

Chart 50: Distribution of Overseas students, by gender, in 2014/15



The proportion of students studying Overseas versions of OU modules that are female has decreased again, now down to 37.6%.

Research Students Full-time

Age

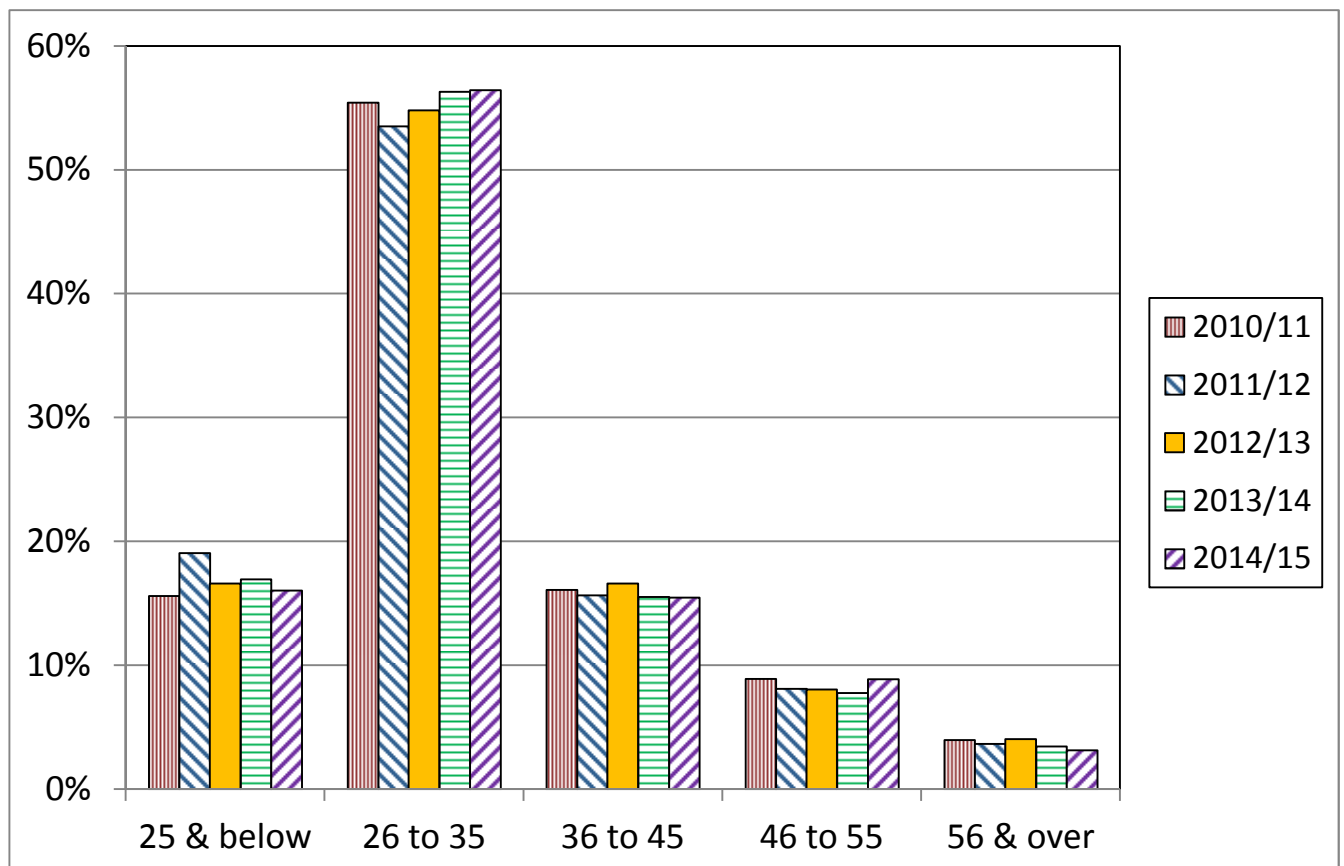
Participation

All - Directly Registered Research Students

Table 51: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
25 & below	63	15.6	73	19.1	62	16.6	59	17.0	56	16.0
26 to 35	224	55.4	205	53.5	205	54.8	196	56.3	197	56.4
36 to 45	65	16.1	60	15.7	62	16.6	54	15.5	54	15.5
46 to 55	36	8.9	31	8.1	30	8.0	27	7.8	31	8.9
56 & over	16	4.0	14	3.7	15	4.0	12	3.4	11	3.2
Grand Total	404	100	383	100	374	100	348	100.0	349	100.0

Chart 51: Distribution of Full-time Research students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



On average, more than half of the research students on full-time, funded, campus-based research degrees are aged 26 to 35. The percentage of full-time research students aged 56 and over never exceeded 4%.

Research Students Full-time Disability

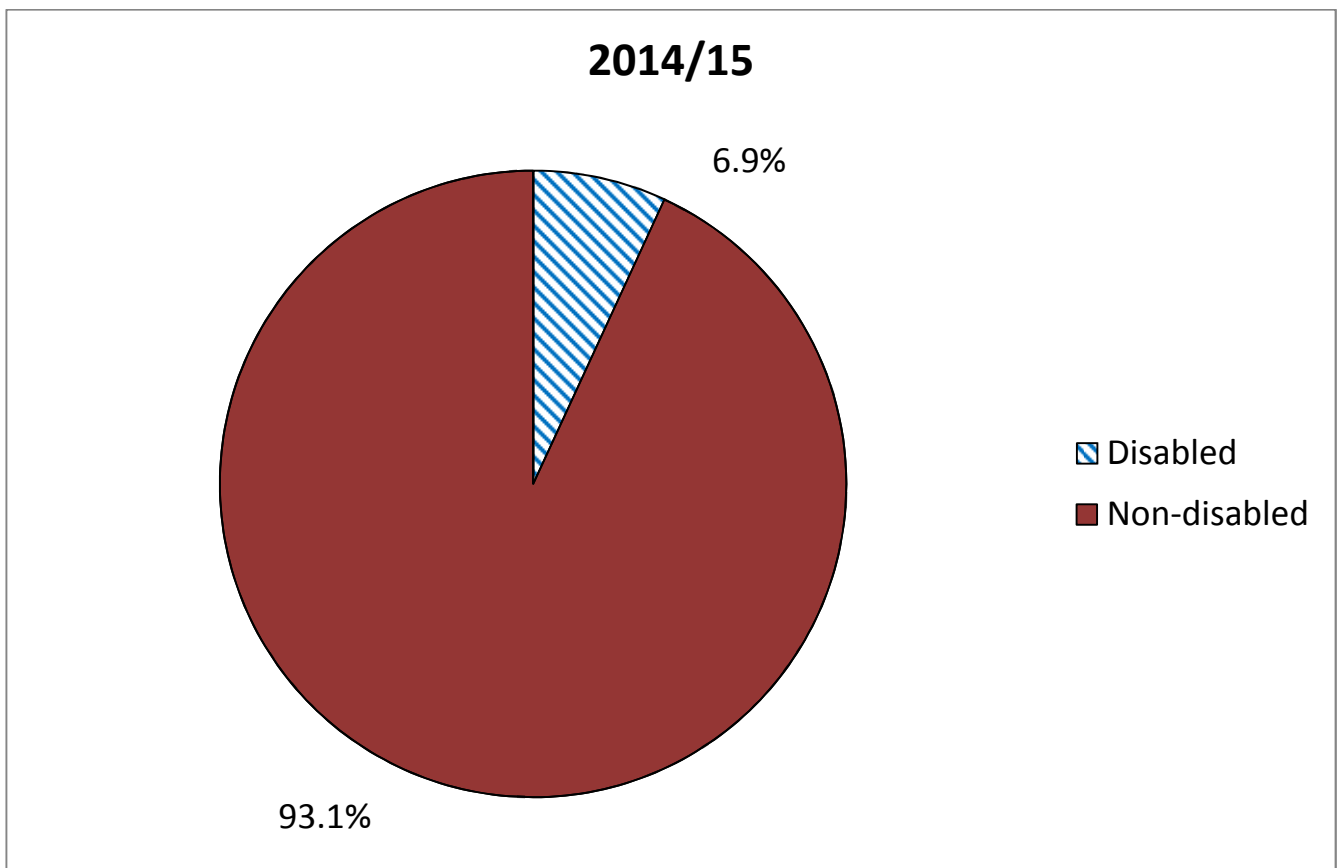
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 52: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	23	5.7	24	6.3	26	7.0	25	7.2	24	6.9
Non-disabled	381	94.3	359	93.7	348	93.0	323	92.8	325	93.1
Total	404	100.0	383	100.0	374	100.0	348	100.0	349	100.0

Chart 52: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2014/15



The proportion of full-time disabled research students had been increasing continuously from 5.7% in 2010/11 to 7.2% in 2013/14. This was no longer the case in 2014/15, when this proportion was reduced to 6.9%.

Research Students Full-time Ethnicity

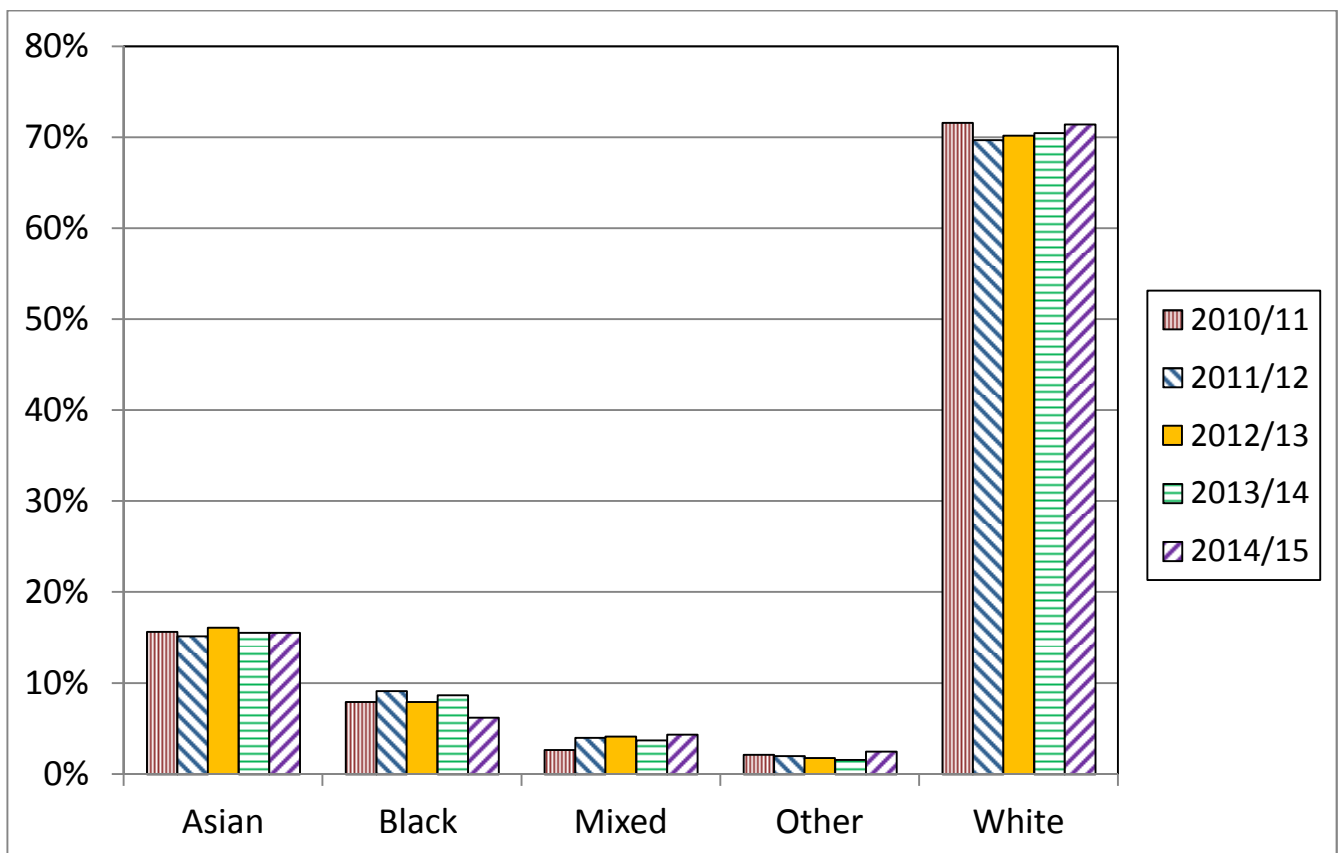
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 53: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	59	15.6	53	15.1	55	16.1	50	15.5	50	15.5
Black	30	8.0	32	9.1	27	7.9	28	8.7	20	6.2
Mixed	10	2.7	14	4.0	14	4.1	12	3.7	14	4.3
Other	8	2.1	7	2.0	6	1.8	5	1.6	8	2.5
BME Total	107	28.4	106	30.3	102	29.8	95	29.5	92	28.6
White	270	71.6	244	69.7	240	70.2	227	70.5	230	71.4
Known Total	377	93.3	350	91.4	342	91.4	322	92.5	322	92.3
Unknown Total	27	6.7	33	8.6	32	8.6	26	7.5	27	7.7
Grand Total	404	100	383	100	374	100	348	100.0	349	100.0

Chart 53: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



BME ethnicity students account for more than one-quarter of full-time research students, with their share peaking at 30.3% in 2011/12.

Research Students Full-time

Gender

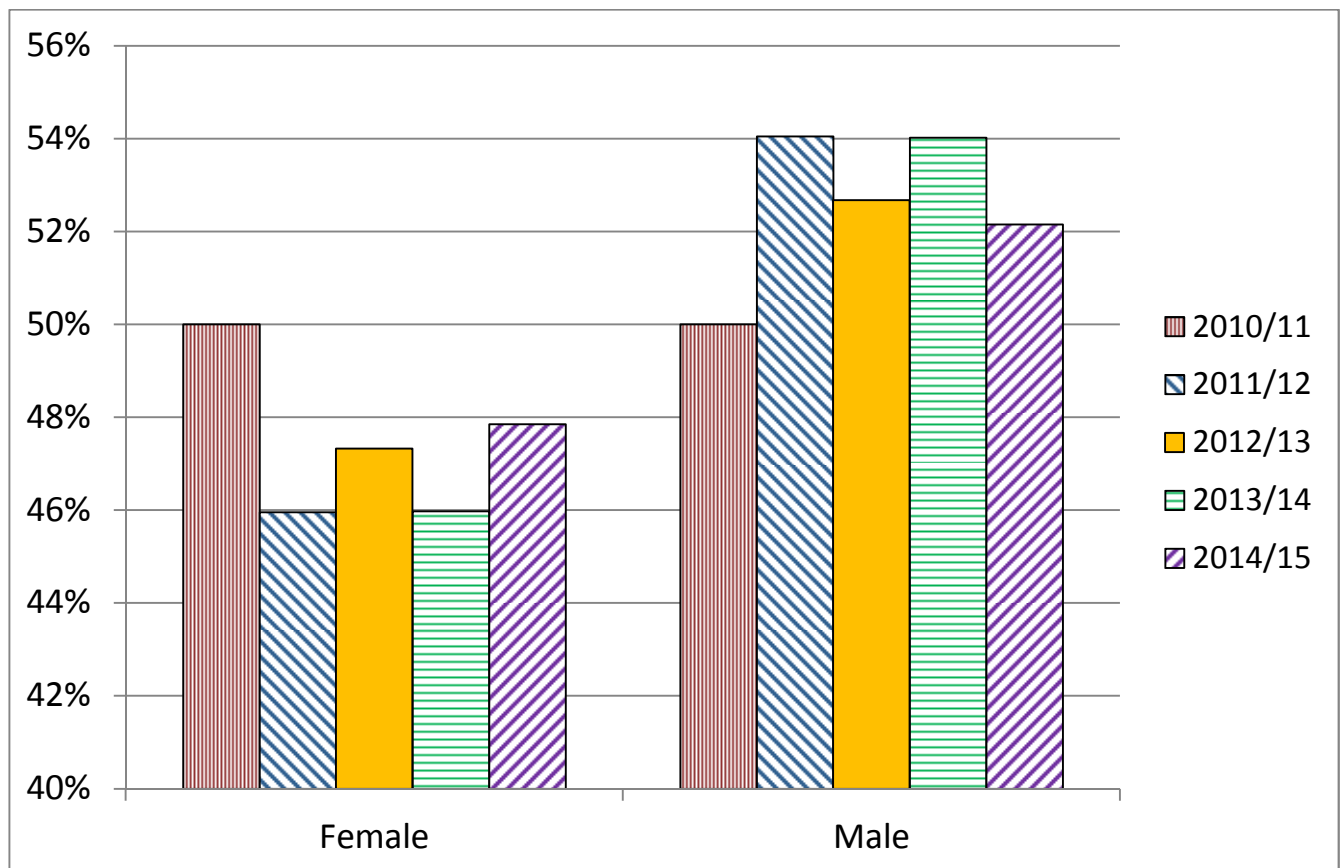
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 54: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	202	50.0	176	46.0	177	47.3	160	46.0	167	47.9
Male	202	50.0	207	54.0	197	52.7	188	54.0	182	52.1
Total	404	100.0	383	100.0	374	100.0	348	100.0	349	100.0

Chart 54: Headcount of full-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



2011/12 was the turning point when the male to female ratio for full-time research students started changing in favour of male students. This trend was maintained in 2014/15.

Research Students Part-time

Age

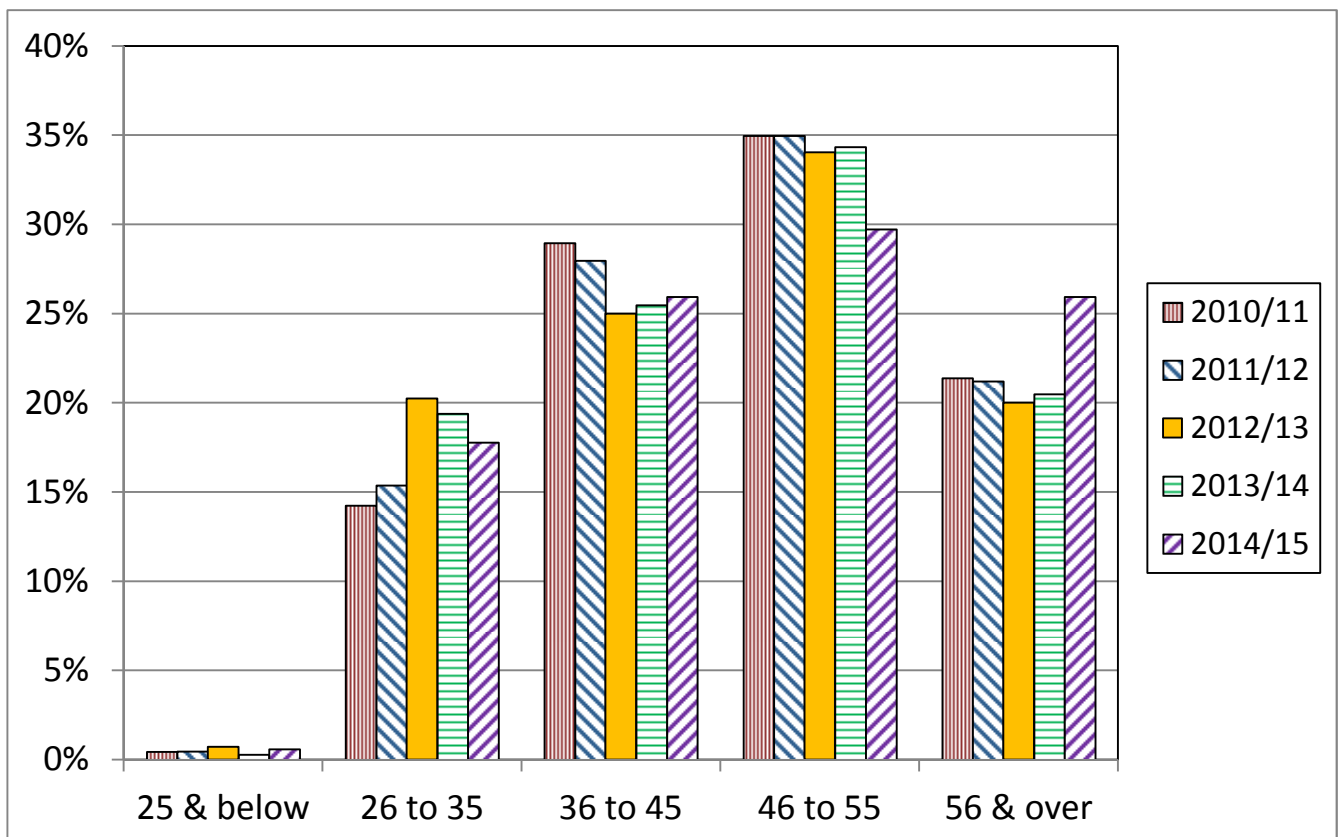
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 55: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
25 & below	2	0.4	2	0.5	3	0.7	1	0.3	2	0.6
26 to 35	64	14.3	66	15.4	85	20.2	70	19.4	61	17.8
36 to 45	130	29.0	120	28.0	105	25.0	92	25.5	89	25.9
46 to 55	157	35.0	150	35.0	143	34.0	124	34.3	102	29.7
56 & over	96	21.4	91	21.2	84	20.0	74	20.5	89	25.9
Grand Total	449	100	429	100	420	100	361	100.0	343	100.0

Chart 55: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



In contrast to the age spread of full-time research students, part-time research students tend to fall into different categories, with the 46 to 55 and 56 and over age groups jointly accounting for over half of part-time research students. From 2013/14, there has been a slight decrease in the proportion of the 26 to 35 year old group, which accounted for nearly one-fifth of the part-time research students.

Research Students Part-time Disability

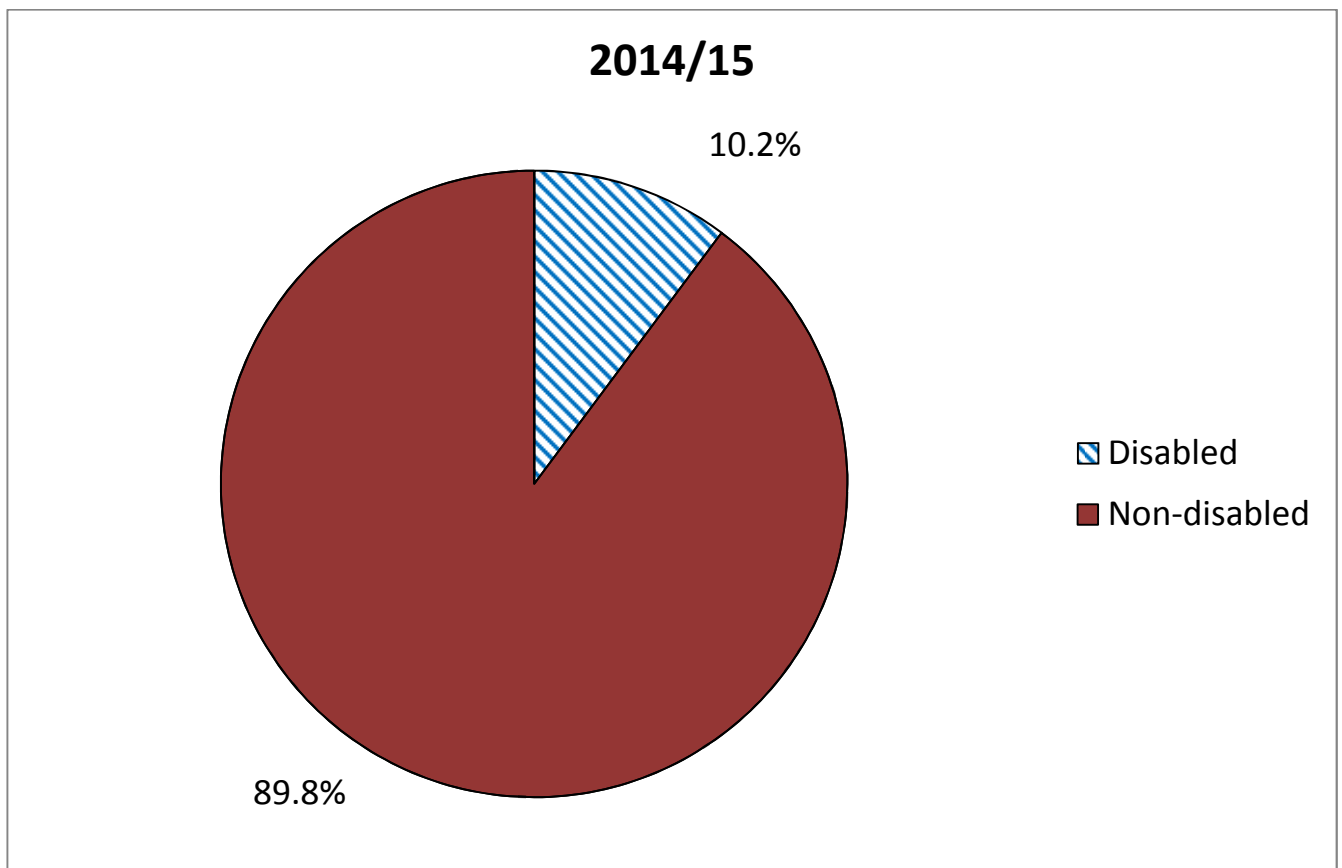
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 56: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	36	8.0	39	9.1	31	7.4	32	8.9	35	10.2
Non-disabled	413	92.0	390	90.9	389	92.6	329	91.1	308	89.8
Total	449	100.0	429	100.0	420	100.0	361	100.0	343	100.0

Chart 56: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2014/15



The proportion of part time disabled research students has been consistently higher than the proportion of full time research students. In 2014/15, the gap between full time and part time disabled research students was 3.3%.

Research Students Part-time Ethnicity

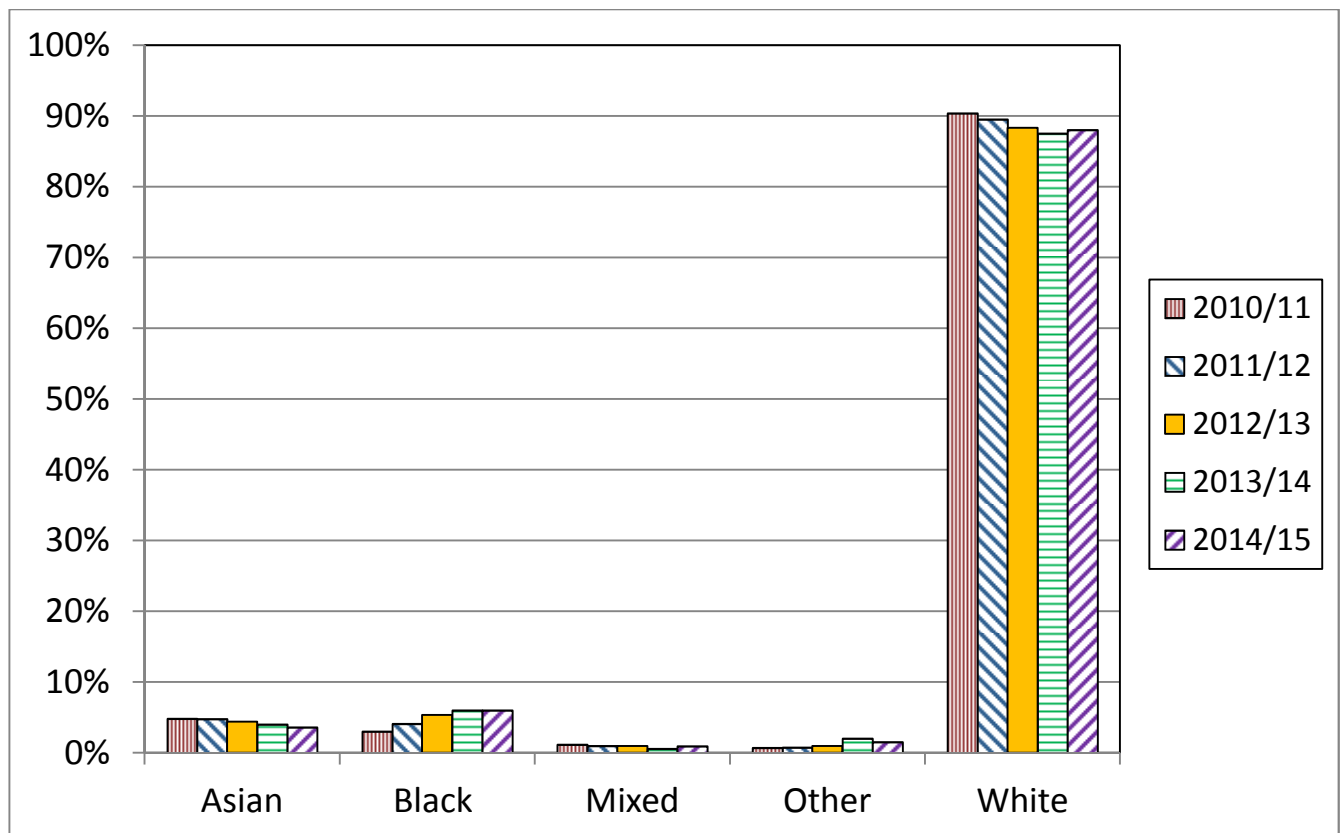
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 57: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	21	4.8	20	4.8	18	4.4	14	4.0	12	3.6
Black	13	3.0	17	4.1	22	5.4	21	6.0	20	6.0
Mixed	5	1.1	4	1.0	4	1.0	2	0.6	3	0.9
Other	3	0.7	3	0.7	4	1.0	7	2.0	5	1.5
BME Total	42	9.6	44	10.5	48	11.7	44	12.5	40	12.0
White	394	90.4	375	89.5	363	88.3	308	87.5	294	88.0
Known Total	436	97.1	419	97.7	411	97.9	352	97.5	334	97.4
Unknown Total	13	2.9	10	2.3	9	2.1	9	2.5	9	2.6
Grand Total	449	100	429	100	420	100	361	100.0	343	100.0

Chart 57: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The proportion of part-time research students with BME ethnicity has been increasing over the years, reaching 12.5% in 2013/14. In 2014/15, this proportion slightly decreased, but only by a small percentage.

Research Students Part-time

Gender

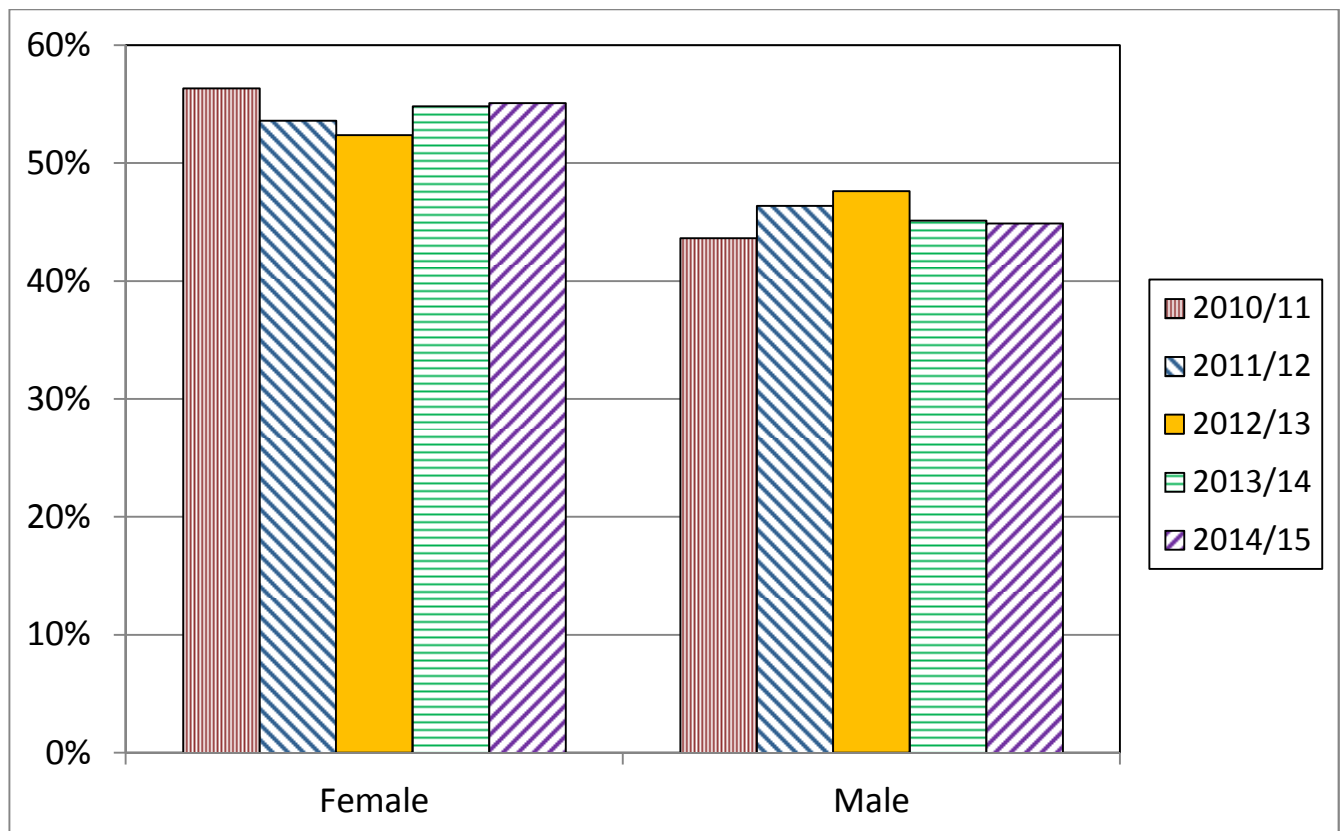
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 58: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	253	56.3	230	53.6	220	52.4	198	54.8	189	55.1
Male	196	43.7	199	46.4	200	47.6	163	45.2	154	44.9
Total	449	100.0	429	100.0	420	100.0	361	100.0	343	100.0

Chart 58: Headcount of part-time active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



More than half of OU part-time research students are female. Although the share of male students had been slightly increasing over three years (2010/11 - 2012/13), from 2013/14 this trend discontinued, meaning that the proportion of male research students declined by 2.7% in 2014/15, compared with the peak of 47.6% in 2012/13.

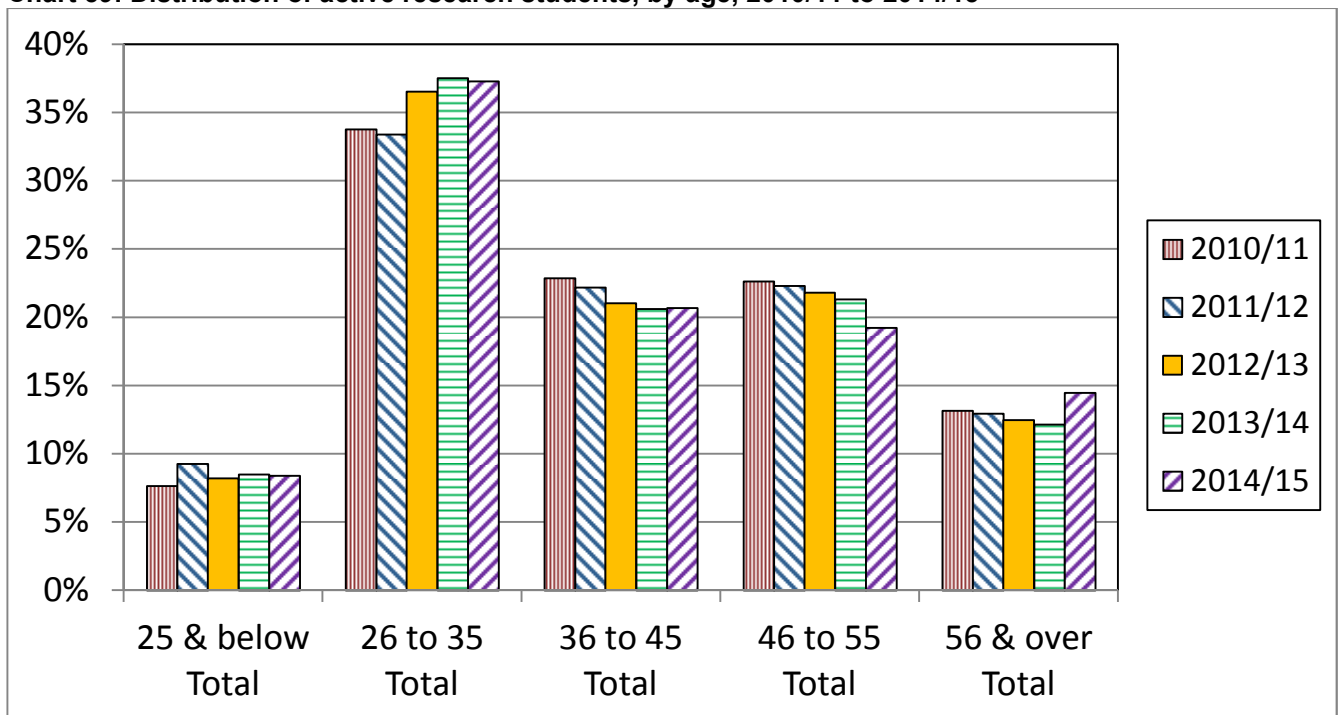
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 59: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
21 to 25	65	7.6	75	9.2	65	8.2	60	8.5	58	8.4
25 & below Total	65	7.6	75	9.2	65	8.2	60	8.5	58	8.4
26 to 30	166	19.5	148	18.2	155	19.5	140	19.7	143	20.7
31 to 35	122	14.3	123	15.1	135	17.0	126	17.8	115	16.6
26 to 35 Total	288	33.8	271	33.4	290	36.5	266	37.5	258	37.3
36 to 40	90	10.6	86	10.6	94	11.8	83	11.7	73	10.5
41 to 45	105	12.3	94	11.6	73	9.2	63	8.9	70	10.1
36 to 45 Total	195	22.9	180	22.2	167	21.0	146	20.6	143	20.7
46 to 50	91	10.7	96	11.8	101	12.7	82	11.6	74	10.7
51 to 55	102	12.0	85	10.5	72	9.1	69	9.7	59	8.5
46 to 55 Total	193	22.6	181	22.3	173	21.8	151	21.3	133	19.2
56 to 60	57	6.7	53	6.5	55	6.9	45	6.3	55	7.9
61 to 65	28	3.3	30	3.7	23	2.9	24	3.4	23	3.3
66 & over	27	3.2	22	2.7	21	2.6	17	2.4	22	3.2
56 & over Total	112	13.1	105	12.9	99	12.5	86	12.1	100	14.5
Grand Total	853	100	812	100	794	100	709	100.0	692	100.0

Chart 59: Distribution of active research students, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The age profile of OU research students has been relatively stable over the years. More than half of research students are aged between 26 and 45.

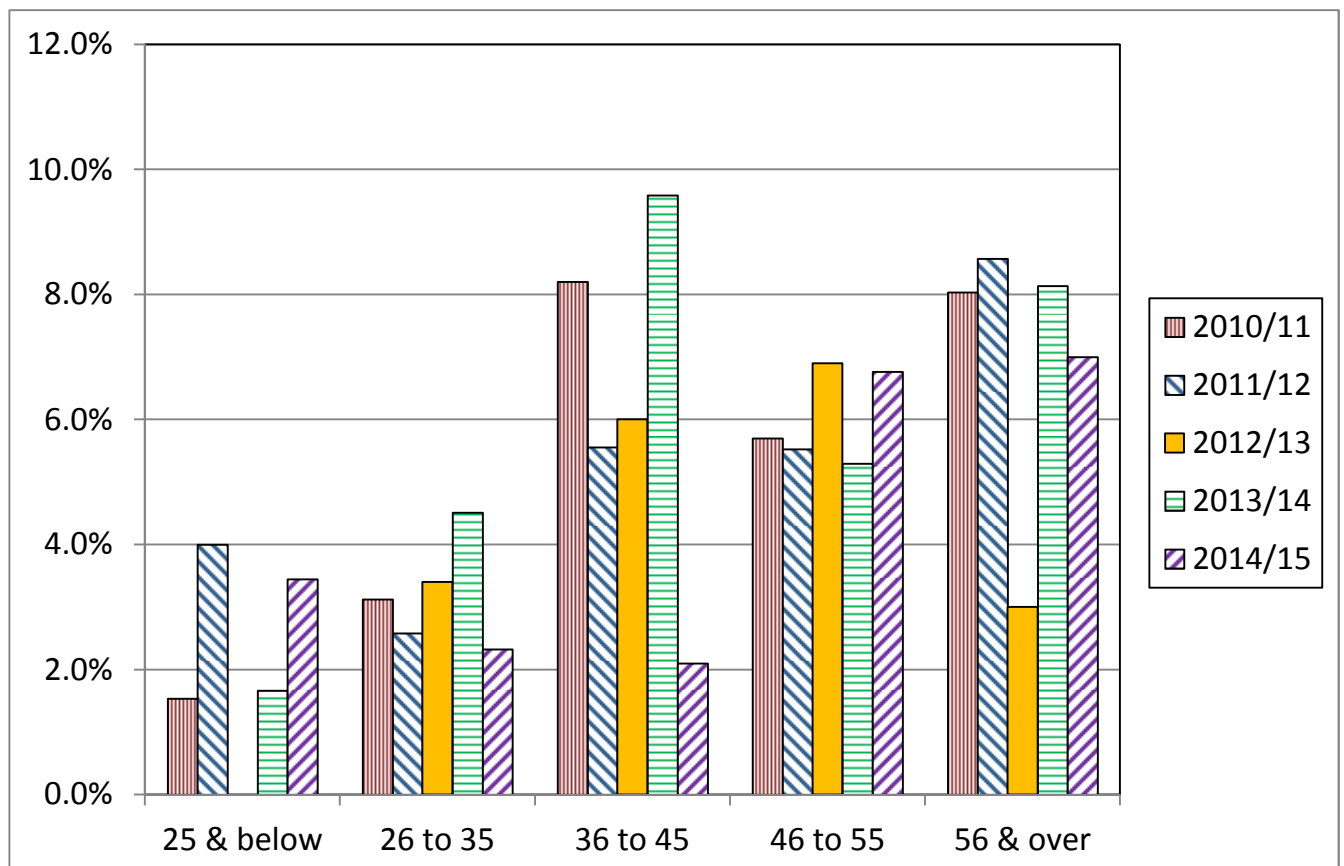
Withdrawal

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 60: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
25 & below	1	1.5	3	4.0	0	0.0	1	1.7	2	3.4
26 to 35	9	3.1	7	2.6	10	3.4	12	4.5	6	2.3
36 to 45	16	8.2	10	5.6	10	6.0	14	9.6	3	2.1
46 to 55	11	5.7	10	5.5	12	6.9	8	5.3	9	6.8
56 & over	9	8.0	9	8.6	3	3.0	7	8.1	7	7.0
Grand Total	46	5.4	39	4.8	35	4.4	42	5.9	27	3.9

Chart 60: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The overall withdrawal rate for research students has fallen again in line with the general trend over the last five years, and despite the temporary rise in 2013/14.

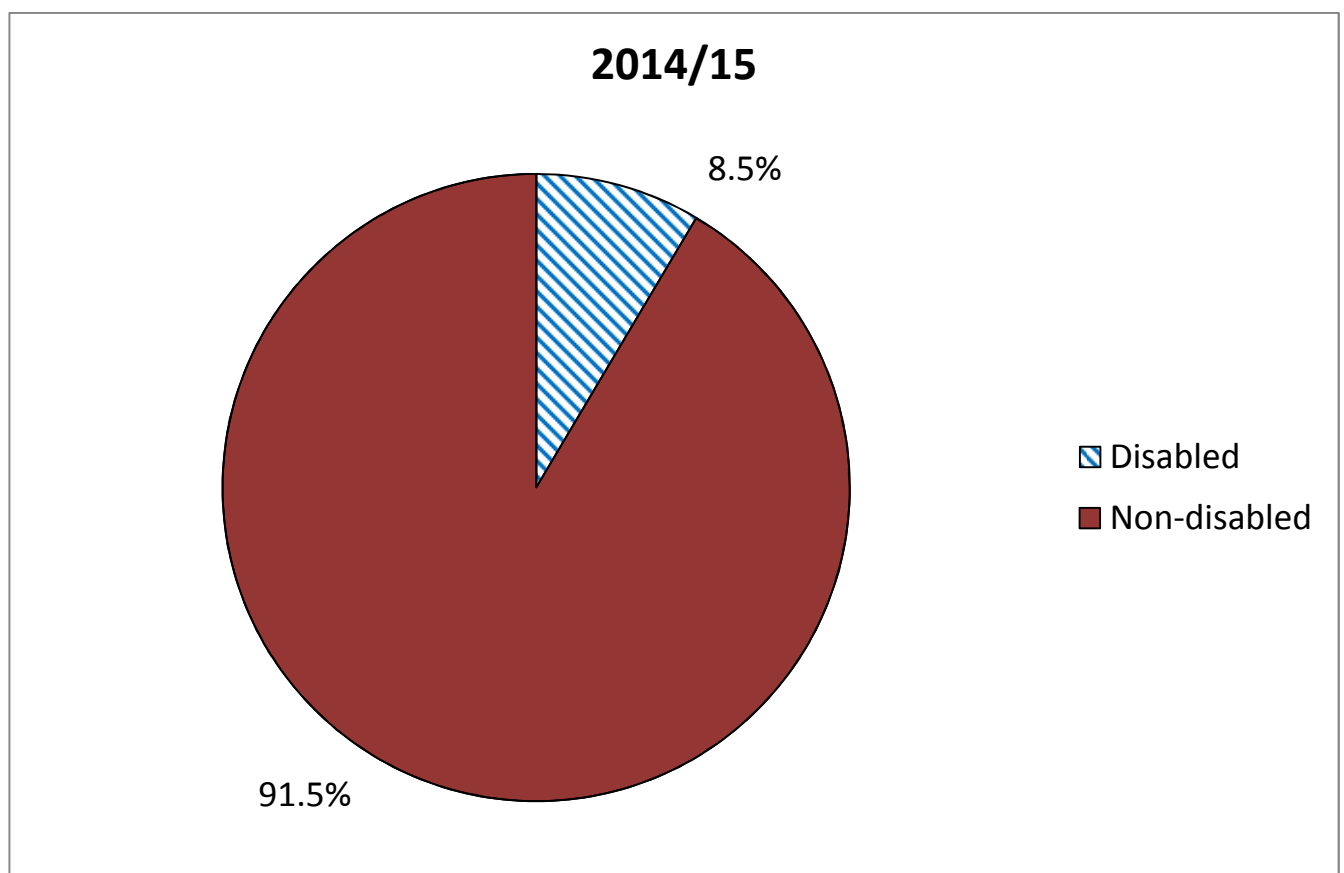
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table: 61: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	59	6.9	63	7.8	57	7.2	57	8.0	59	8.5
Non-disabled	794	93.1	749	92.2	737	92.8	652	92.0	633	91.5
Total	853	100.0	812	100.0	794	100.0	709	100.0	692	100.0

Chart 61: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, in 2014/15



The proportion of disabled students has increased from 6.9% in 2010/11 to 8.5% in 2014/15 (highest in the last 5 years).

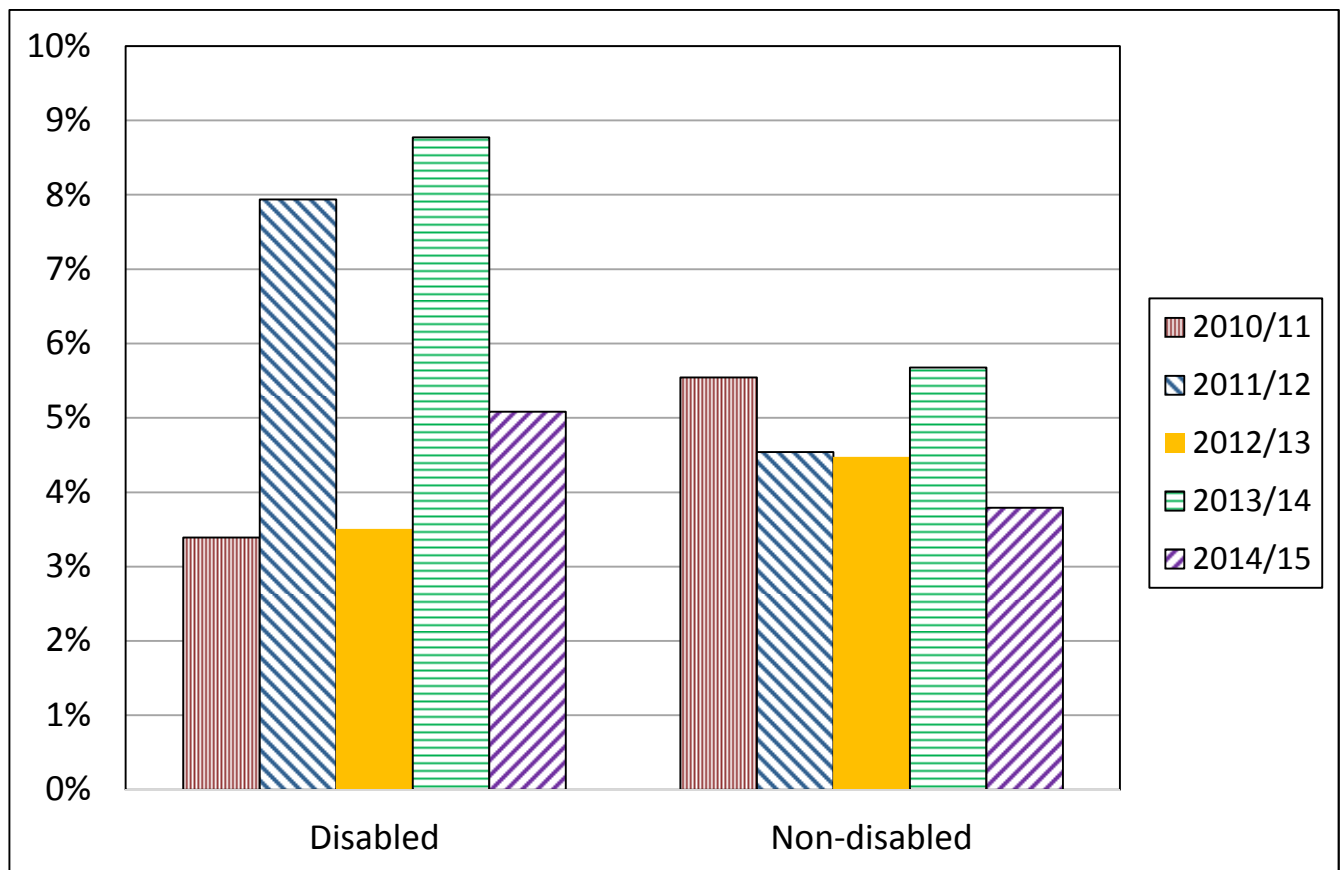
Withdrawal

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 62: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	2	3.4	5	7.9	2	3.5	5	8.8	3	5.1
Non-disabled	44	5.5	34	4.5	33	4.5	37	5.7	24	3.8
Total	46	5.4	39	4.8	35	4.4	42	5.9	27	8.9

Chart 62: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Small numbers of disabled research students prevent us from drawing firm conclusions, with withdrawal rates fluctuating above and below the average.

Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 63: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

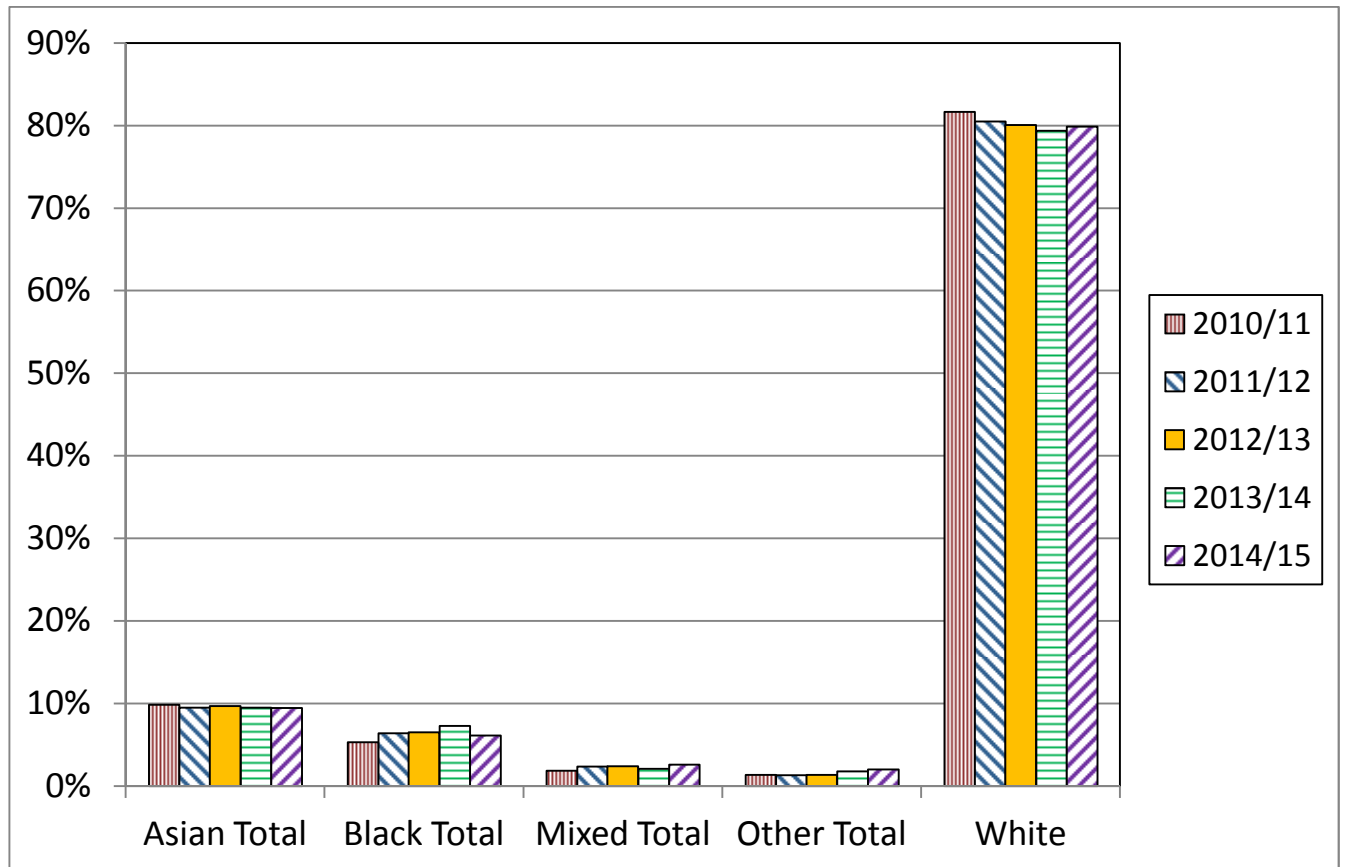
	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	26	3.2	24	3.1	23	3.1	26	3.9	28	4.3
Bangladeshi	8	1.0	8	1.0	8	1.1	7	1.0	7	1.1
Pakistani	10	1.2	10	1.3	11	1.5	10	1.5	7	1.1
Asian Other	21	2.6	21	2.7	20	2.7	17	2.5	14	2.1
Chinese	15	1.8	10	1.3	11	1.5	4	0.6	6	0.9
Asian Total	80	9.8	73	9.5	73	9.7	64	9.5	62	9.5
Black African	27	3.3	27	3.5	25	3.3	28	4.2	26	4.0
Black Caribbean	7	0.9	11	1.4	11	1.5	10	1.5	9	1.4
Black Other	9	1.1	11	1.4	13	1.7	11	1.6	5	0.8
Black Total	43	5.3	49	6.4	49	6.5	49	7.3	40	6.1
Asian & White	3	0.4	3	0.4	3	0.4	1	0.1	2	0.3
African & White	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.3
Caribbean & White	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.3	2	0.3
Other Mixed	10	1.2	13	1.7	13	1.7	10	1.5	11	1.7
Mixed Total	15	1.8	18	2.3	18	2.4	14	2.1	17	2.6
Arab	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	11	1.4	10	1.3	8	1.1	10	1.5	11	1.7
Other Total	11	1.4	10	1.3	10	1.3	12	1.8	13	2.0
BME Total	149	18.3	150	19.5	150	19.9	139	20.6	132	20.1
White groups										
White English	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Welsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White	664	81.7	619	80.5	529	70.3	474	70.3	458	69.8
White British	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Irish	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Scottish	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.9	8	1.2	10	1.5
White Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	67	8.9	53	7.9	56	8.5
Irish Traveller	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Total	664	81.7	619	80.5	603	80.1	535	79.4	524	79.9
Known Total	813	95.3	769	94.7	753	94.8	674	95.1	656	94.8
Unknown groups										
Not Known	20	50.0	18	41.9	15	36.6	12	34.3	11	30.6
Refused	20	50.0	25	58.1	26	58.1	23	65.7	25	69.4
Unknown Total	40	4.7	43	5.3	41	5.2	35	4.9	36	5.2
Grand Total	853	100	812	100	794	100	709	100	692	100

Although the total number of research students in most ethnic categories have decreased slightly from 2010/11 - 2014/15, the proportion of BME students remained relatively stable, making up 20% of the total research student population with known ethnicity in 2014/15.

Research Students All Ethnicity

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Chart 63: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



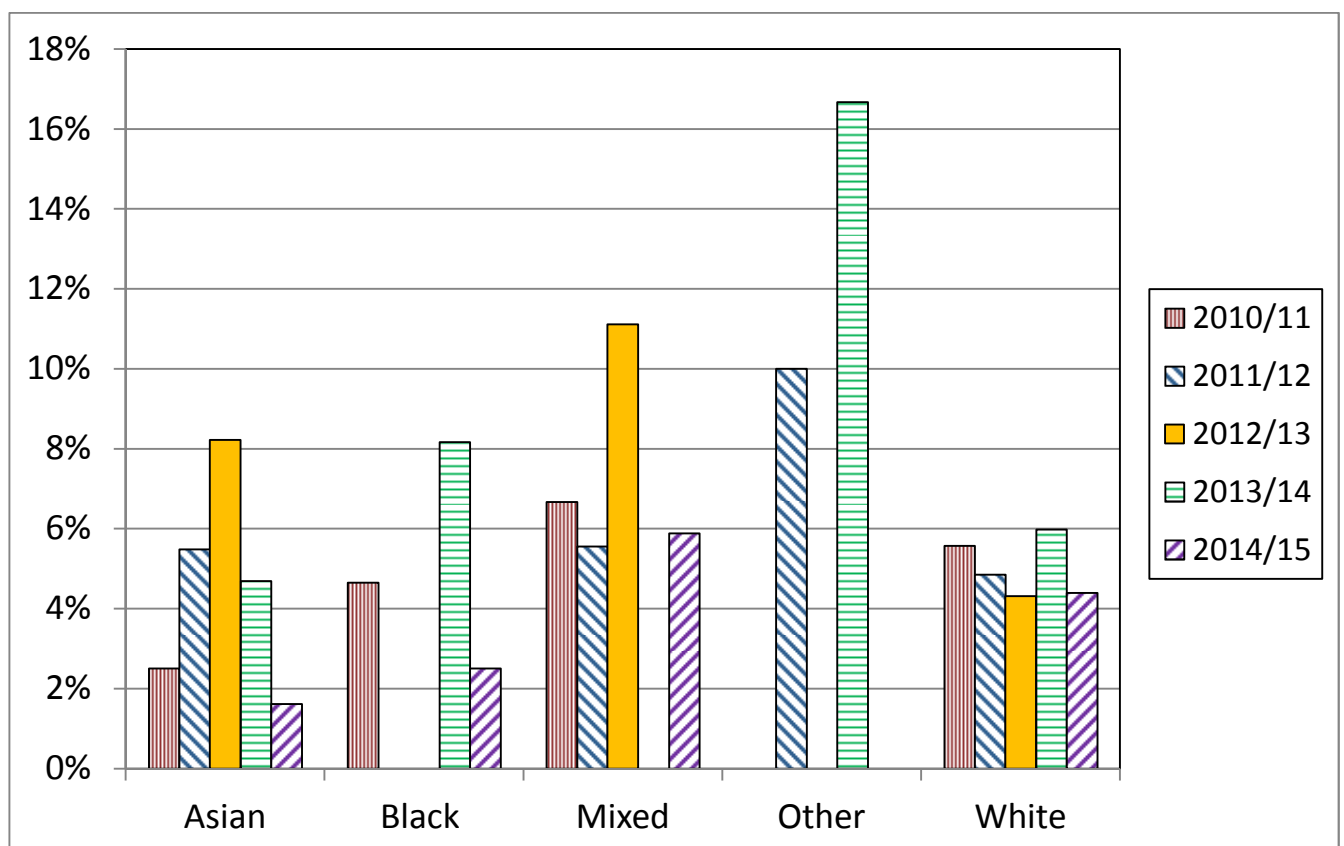
Withdrawal

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 64: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	2	2.5	4	5.5	6	8.2	3	4.7	1	1.6
Black	2	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	8.2	1	2.5
Mixed	1	6.7	1	5.6	2	11.1	0	0.0	1	5.9
Other	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	2	16.7	0	0.0
BME Total	5	3.4	6	4.0	8	5.3	9	6.5	3	2.3
White	37	5.6	30	4.8	26	4.3	32	6.0	23	4.4
Known Total	42	5.2	36	4.7	34	4.5	41	6.1	26	4.0
Unknown Total	4	10.0	3	7.0	1	2.4	1	2.9	1	2.8
Grand Total	46	5.4	39	4.8	35	4.4	42	5.9	27	3.9

Chart 64: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



Due to small numbers, conclusions about withdrawal rates cannot be made. In general, withdrawal rates for the BME groups have ranged from 2.3 to 6.5%, whereas withdrawal rates for white ethnicity have ranged from 4.3 to 6%. The total withdrawal rate for research students has reduced by 2% between 2013/14 and 2014/15. 2014/15 saw the lowest withdrawal rate among BME students.

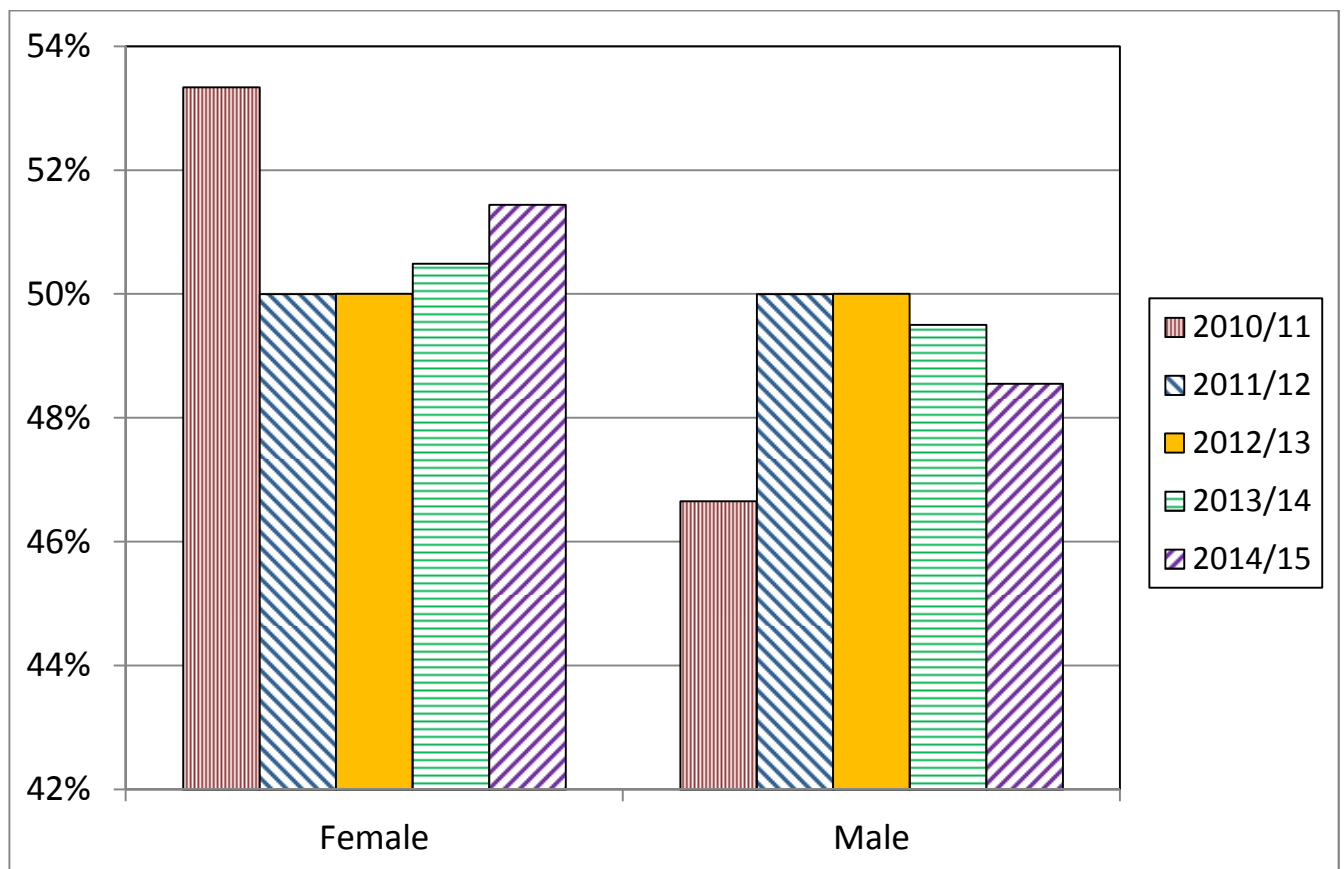
Participation

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 65: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	455	53.3	406	50.0	397	50.0	358	50.5	356	51.4
Male	398	46.7	406	50.0	397	50.0	351	49.5	336	48.6
Total	853	100.0	812	100.0	794	100.0	709	100.0	692	100.0

Chart 65: Headcount of active research students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



After two years of equal ratios between male and female research students, in 2013/14 the proportion of females rose slightly by 0.5%, resulting in male students being outnumbered by their female counterparts, albeit by very little. This continued to be the trend in 2014/15 with the proportion of females increasing by a further 0.9%.

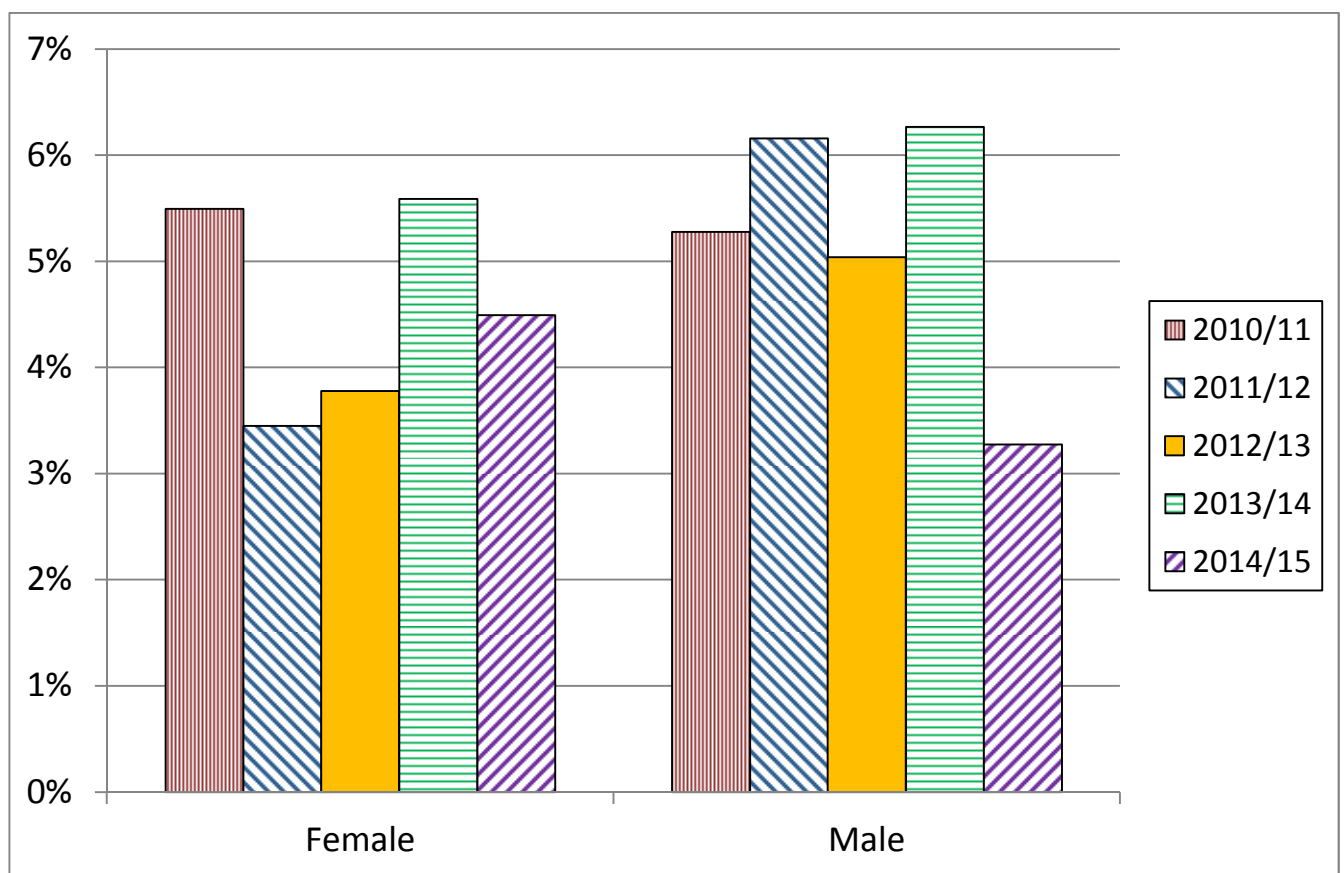
Withdrawal

All-Directly Registered Research Students

Table 66: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	25	5.5	14	3.4	15	3.8	20	5.6	16	4.5
Male	21	5.3	25	6.2	20	5.0	22	6.3	11	3.3
Total	46	5.4	39	4.8	35	4.4	42	5.9	27	3.9

Chart 66: Withdrawal count for research students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The withdrawal rate of research students does not seem to be affected by gender.

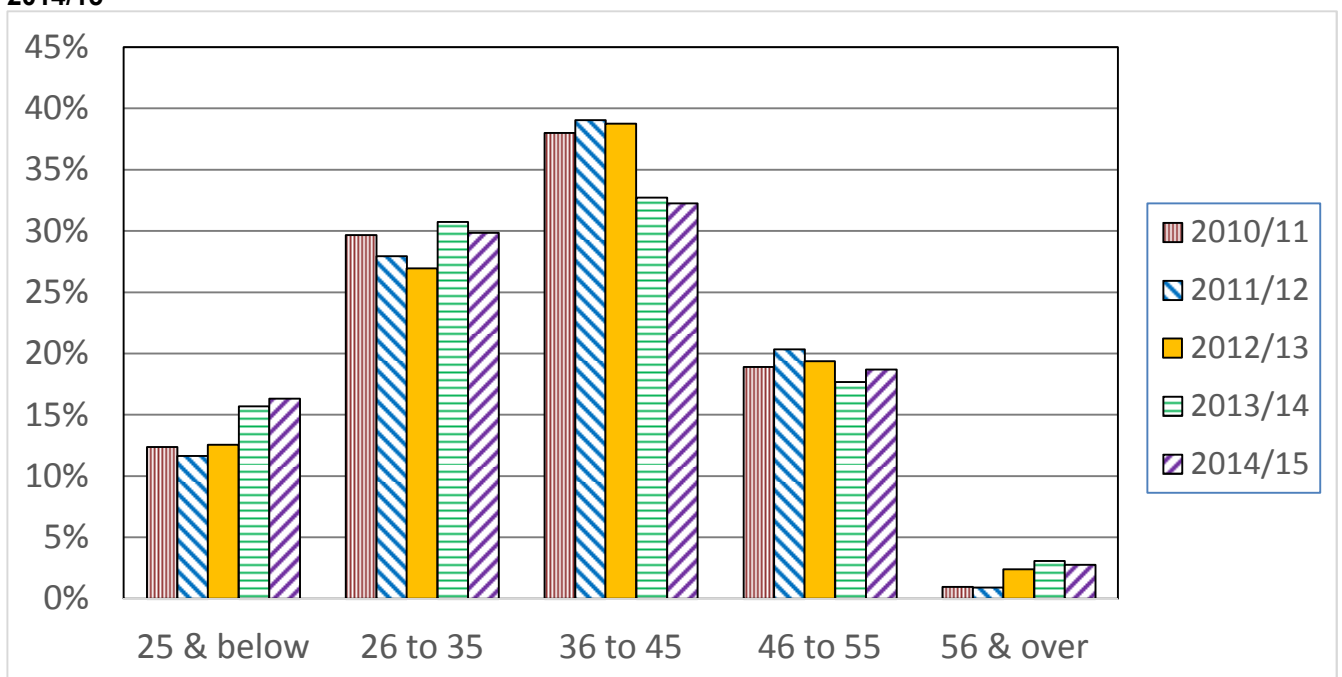
Participation

ITE Students

Table 67: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
20 & below	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
21 to 25	76	12.4	63	11.7	68	12.5	71	15.7	41	16.3
25 & below Total	76	12.4	63	11.7	68	12.5	71	15.7	41	16.3
26 to 30	98	16.0	79	14.6	75	13.8	72	15.9	40	15.9
31 to 35	84	13.7	72	13.3	71	13.1	67	14.8	35	13.9
26 to 35 Total	182	29.7	151	28.0	146	26.9	139	30.8	75	29.9
36 to 40	133	21.7	106	19.6	105	19.4	73	16.2	41	16.3
41 to 45	100	16.3	105	19.4	105	19.4	75	16.6	40	15.9
36 to 45 Total	233	38.0	211	39.1	210	38.7	148	32.7	81	32.3
46 to 50	79	12.9	77	14.3	63	11.6	53	11.7	33	13.1
51 to 55	37	6.0	33	6.1	42	7.7	27	6.0	14	5.6
46 to 55 Total	116	18.9	110	20.4	105	19.4	80	17.7	47	18.7
56 to 60	5	0.8	5	0.9	13	2.4	11	2.4	4	1.6
61 to 65	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.7	3	1.2
66 & over	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
56 & over Total	6	1.0	5	0.9	13	2.4	14	3.1	7	2.8
Grand Total	613	100	540	100	542	100	452	100	251	100.0

Chart 67: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



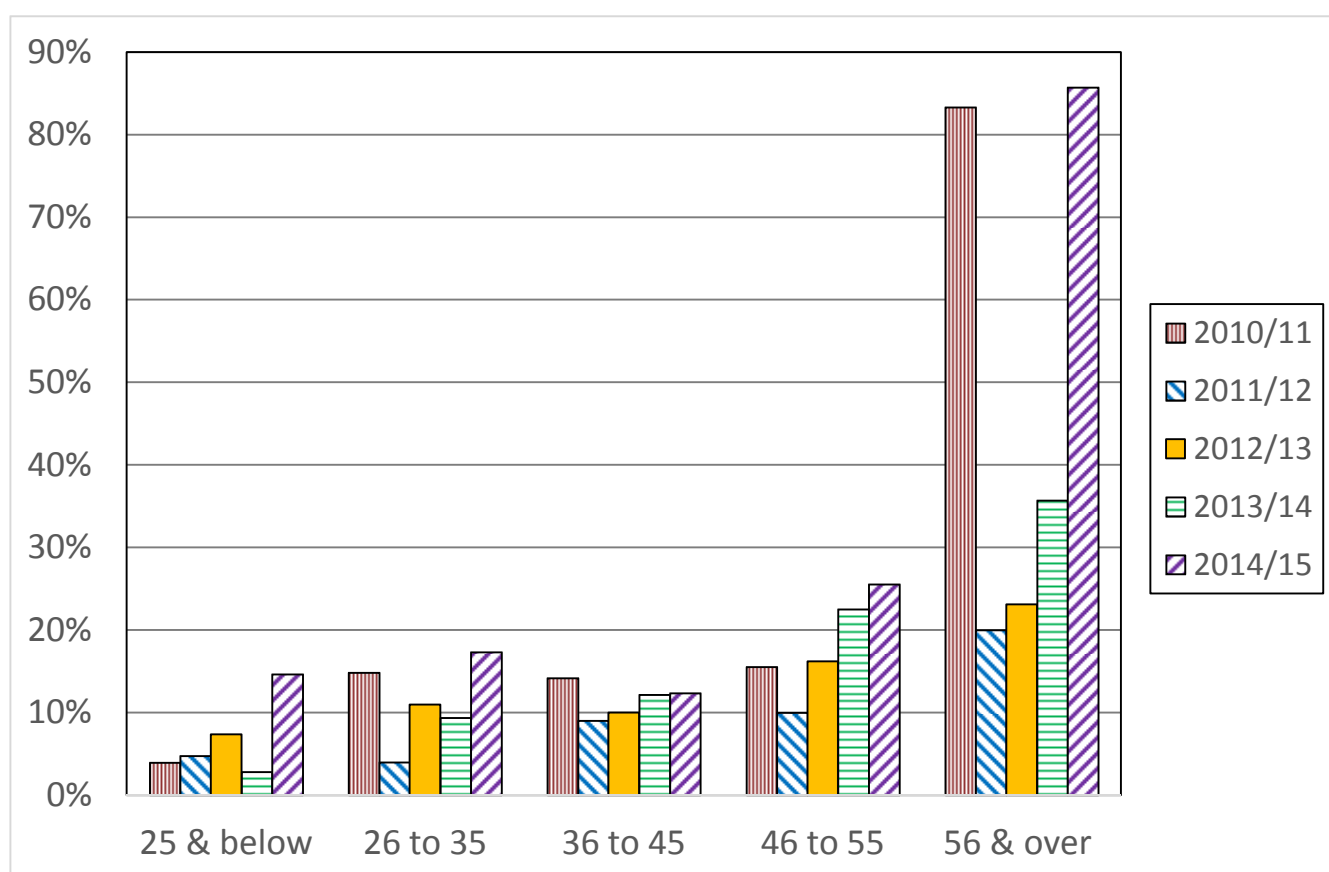
The age distribution of ITE students is relatively stable. In 2014/15 there were only slight increases in the number of trainee teacher students belonging to the age groups 25 & below and 46-55. As the OU no longer offers ITE courses, the number of students declined significantly, reducing by nearly half between 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Withdrawal

Table 68: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
25 & below	3	3.9	3	4.8	5	7.4	2	2.8	6	14.6
26 to 35	27	14.8	6	4.0	16	11.0	13	9.4	13	17.3
36 to 45	33	14.2	19	9.0	21	10.0	18	12.2	10	12.3
46 to 55	18	15.5	11	10.0	17	16.2	18	22.5	12	25.5
56 & over	5	83.3	1	20.0	3	23.1	5	35.7	6	85.7
Grand Total	86	14.0	40	7.4	62	11.4	56	12.4	47	18.7

Chart 68: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by age, 2010/11 to 2014/15



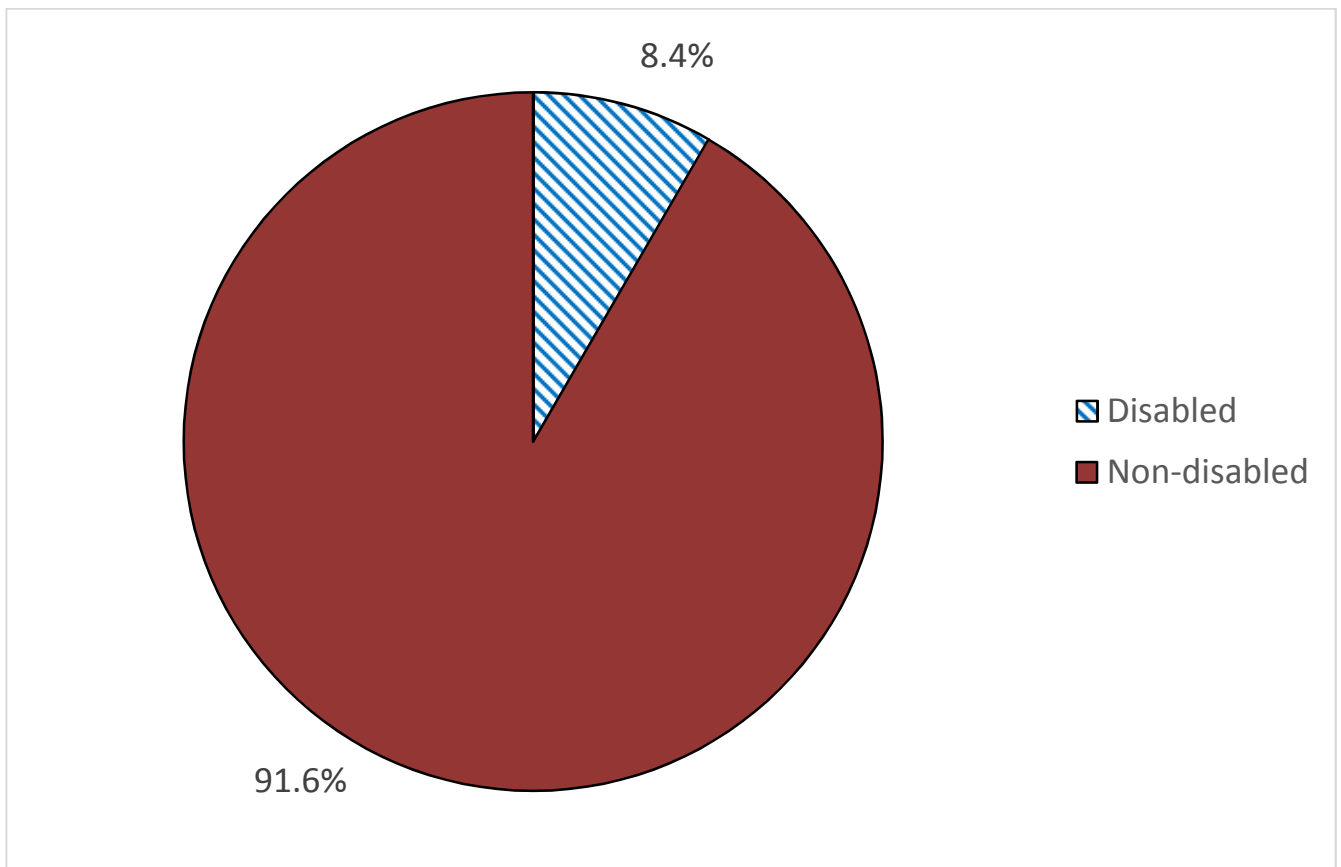
For 2014/15, withdrawal rates in all age groups increased sharply, particularly in the 56 & over age bracket.

Participation

Table 69: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	27	4.4	22	4.1	30	5.5	31	6.9	21	8.4
Non-disabled	586	95.6	518	95.9	512	94.5	421	93.1	230	91.6
Total	613	100.0	540	100.0	542	100.0	452	100.0	251	100.0

Chart 69: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by disability 2014/15



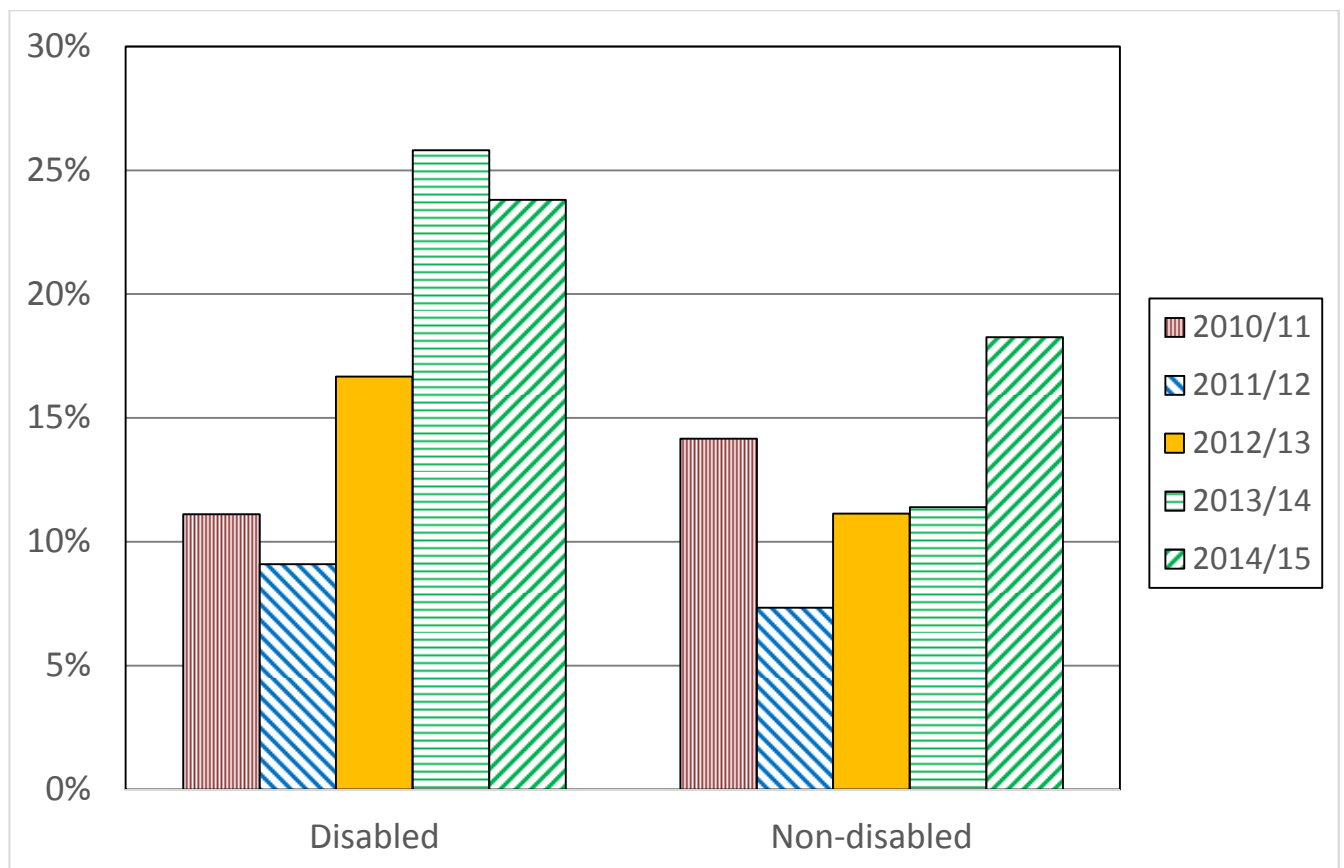
Overall the proportion of disabled ITE students has increased over the years, from 4.1% in 2011/12 to 8.4% in 2014/15.

Withdrawal

Table 70: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Disabled	3	11.1	2	9.1	5	16.7	8	25.8	5	23.8
Non-disabled	83	14.2	38	7.3	57	11.1	48	11.4	42	18.3
Total	86	14.0	40	7.4	62	11.4	56	12.4	47	18.7

Chart 70: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by disability, 2010/11 to 2014/15



The withdrawal rate for disabled students has fluctuated below and above the average withdrawal rate over the years. However, the small numbers of disabled ITE students do not allow us to draw conclusions about these trends.

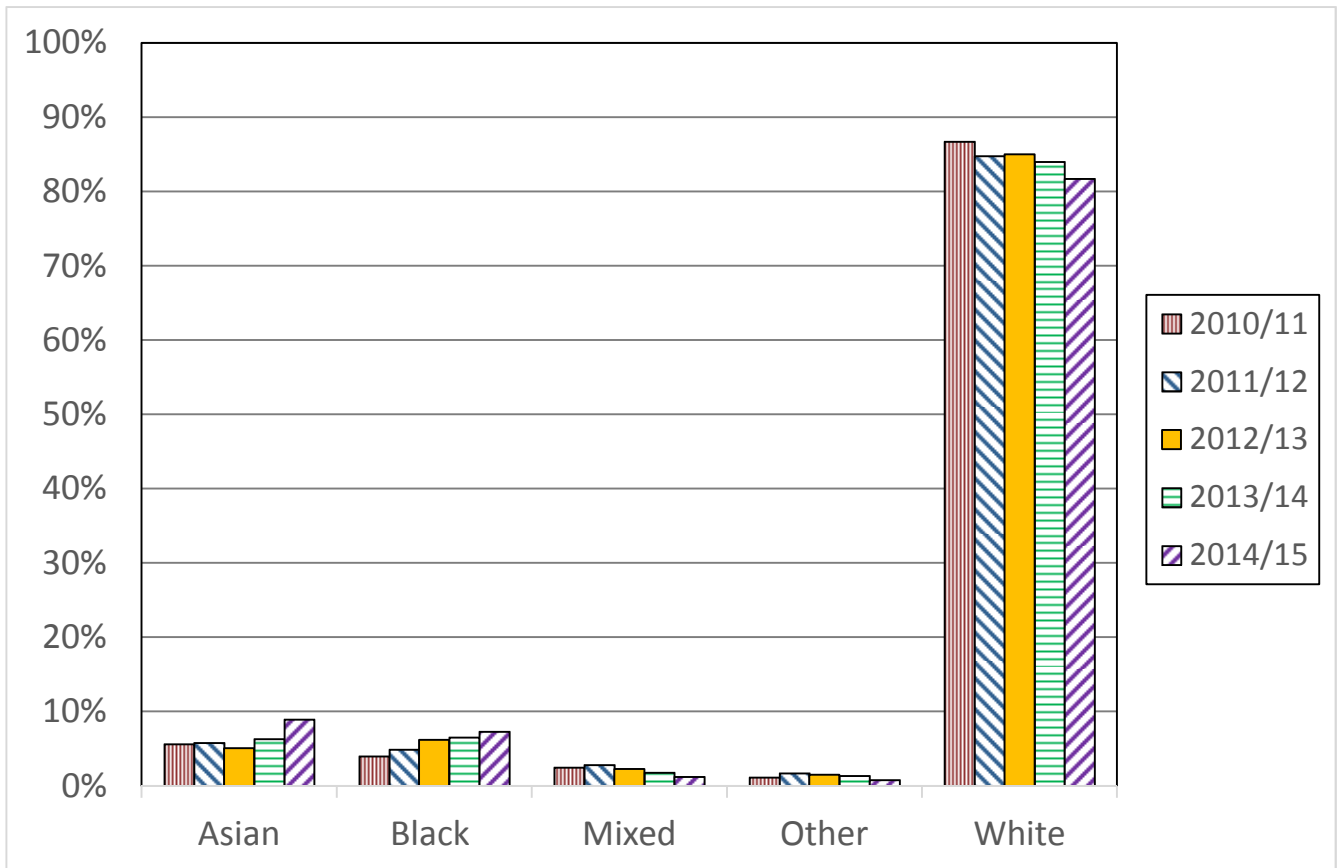
Participation

Table 71: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
BME groups										
Indian	15	2.5	11	2.1	8	1.5	10	2.3	9	3.7
Bangladeshi	3	0.5	3	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.4
Pakistani	9	1.5	11	2.1	13	2.4	10	2.3	8	3.3
Asian Other	2	0.3	3	0.6	4	0.8	5	1.1	2	0.8
Chinese	5	0.8	3	0.6	1	0.2	2	0.5	2	0.8
Asian Total	34	5.6	31	5.8	27	5.1	28	6.3	22	8.9
Black African	15	2.5	15	2.8	21	3.9	23	5.2	13	5.3
Black Caribbean	7	1.2	7	1.3	7	1.3	4	0.9	3	1.2
Black Other	2	0.3	4	0.8	5	0.9	2	0.5	2	0.8
Black Total	24	4.0	26	4.9	33	6.2	29	6.5	18	7.3
Asian & White	5	0.8	5	0.9	5	0.9	2	0.5	1	0.4
African & White	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Caribbean & White	1	0.2	2	0.4	2	0.4	3	0.7	1	0.4
Other Mixed	7	1.2	8	1.5	5	0.9	3	0.7	1	0.4
Mixed Total	15	2.5	15	2.8	12	2.3	8	1.8	3	1.2
Arab	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0
Gypsy or Traveller	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	7	1.2	9	1.7	7	1.3	5	1.1	2	0.8
Other Total	7	1.2	9	1.7	8	1.5	6	1.4	2	0.8
BME Total	80	13.3	81	15.2	80	15.0	71	16.0	45	18.3
White groups										0.0
White English	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Welsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White	523	86.7	452	84.8	400	75.0	324	73.0	170	69.1
White British	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Irish	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Scottish	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0.9	8	1.8	4	1.6
White Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	48	9.0	41	9.2	27	11.0
Irish Traveller	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
White Total	523	86.7	452	84.8	453	85.0	373	84.0	201	81.7
Known Total	603	98.4	533	98.7	533	98.3	444	98.2	246	98.0
Unknown groups										
Not Known	3	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	1	20.0
Refused	7	70.0	7	100.0	9	100.0	6	75.0	4	80.0
Unknown Total	10	1.6	7	1.3	9	1.7	8	1.8	5	2.0
Grand Total	613	100	540	100	542	100	452	100.0	251	100.0

In 2014/15 the number of students in most ethnic groups decreased as a result of the closure of the ITE provision, with the exception of only the Asian and Black groups.

Chart 71: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

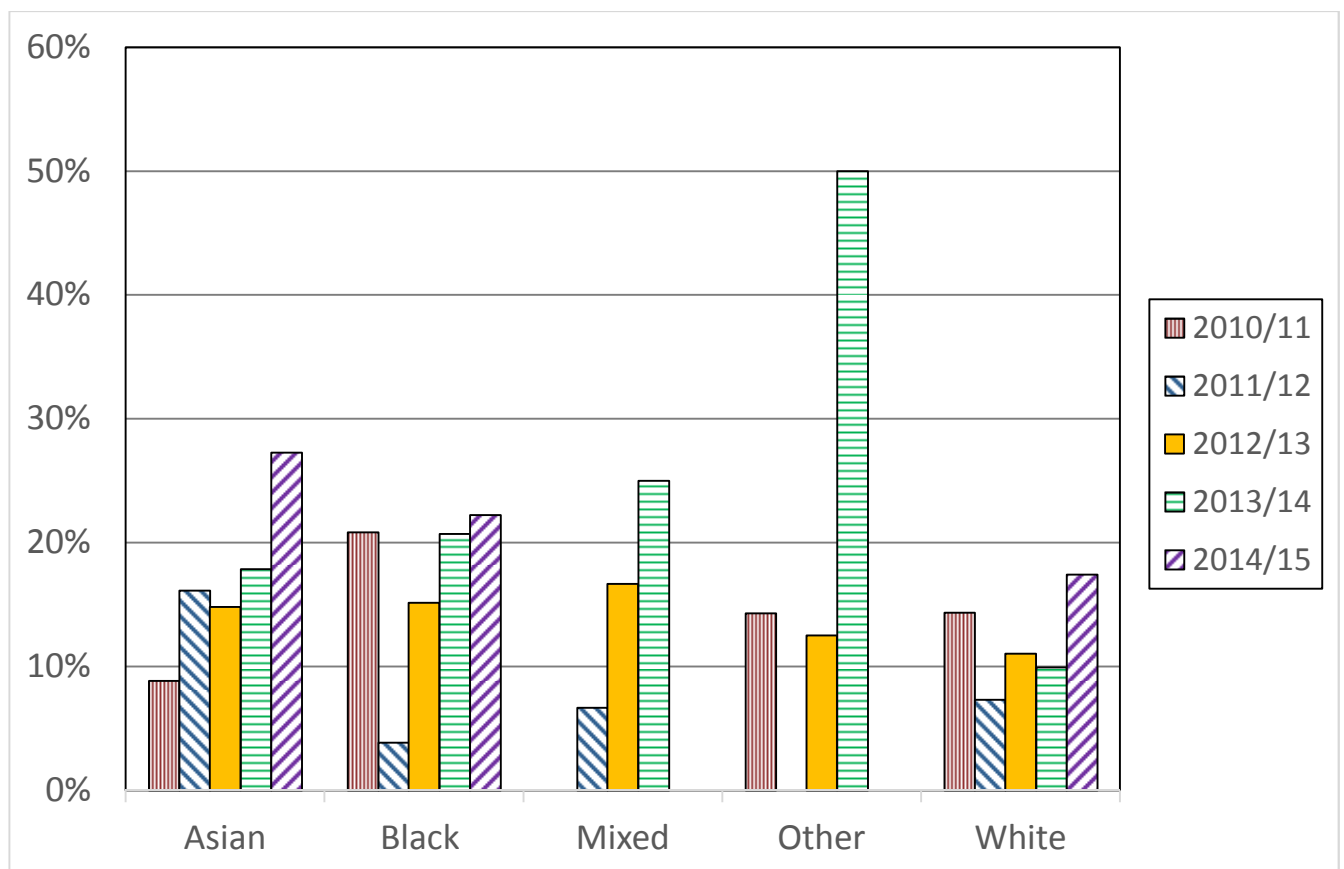


Withdrawal

Table 72: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Asian	3	8.8	5	16.1	4	14.8	5	17.9	6	27.3
Black	5	20.8	1	3.8	5	15.2	6	20.7	4	22.2
Mixed	0	0.0	1	6.7	2	16.7	2	25.0	0	0.0
Other	1	14.3	0	0.0	1	12.5	3	50.0	0	0.0
BME Total	9	11.3	7	8.6	12	15.0	16	22.5	10	22.2
White	75	14.3	33	7.3	50	11.0	37	9.9	35	17.4
Known Total	84	13.9	40	7.5	62	11.6	53	11.9	45	18.3
Unknown Total							1	12.5	2	40.0
Grand Total	86	14.0	40	7.4	62	11.4	54	11.9	47	18.7

Chart 72: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by ethnicity, 2010/11 to 2014/15



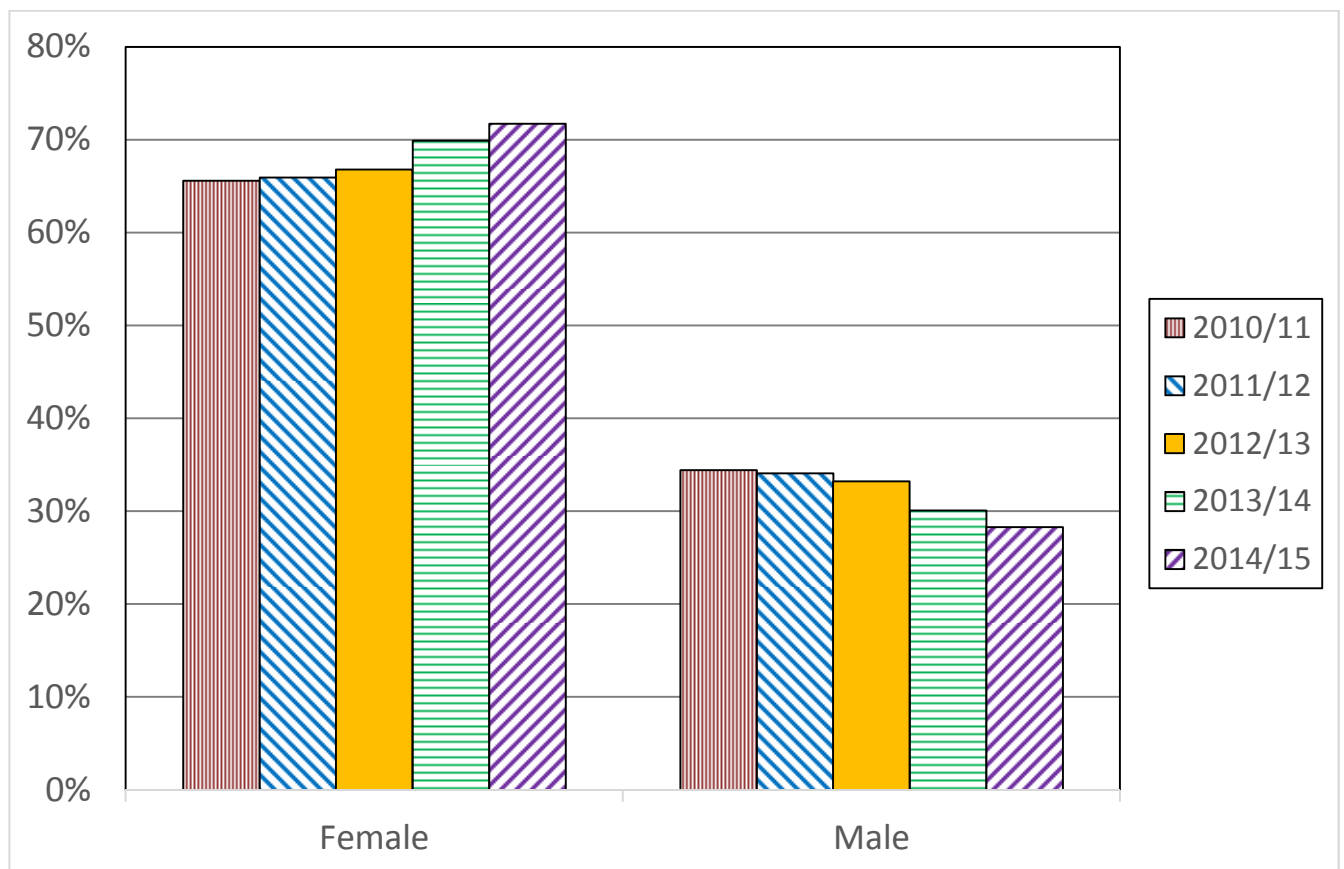
Due to small numbers, conclusions about withdrawal rates cannot be made. Over the years, withdrawal rates for BME ITE students have ranged from 8.6% to 22.5%.

Participation

Table 73: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	402	65.6	356	65.9	362	66.8	316	69.9	180	71.7
Male	211	34.4	184	34.1	180	33.2	136	30.1	71	28.3
Total	613	100.0	540	100.0	542	100.0	452	100.0	251	100.0

Chart 73: Headcount of active ITE students for the year and proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



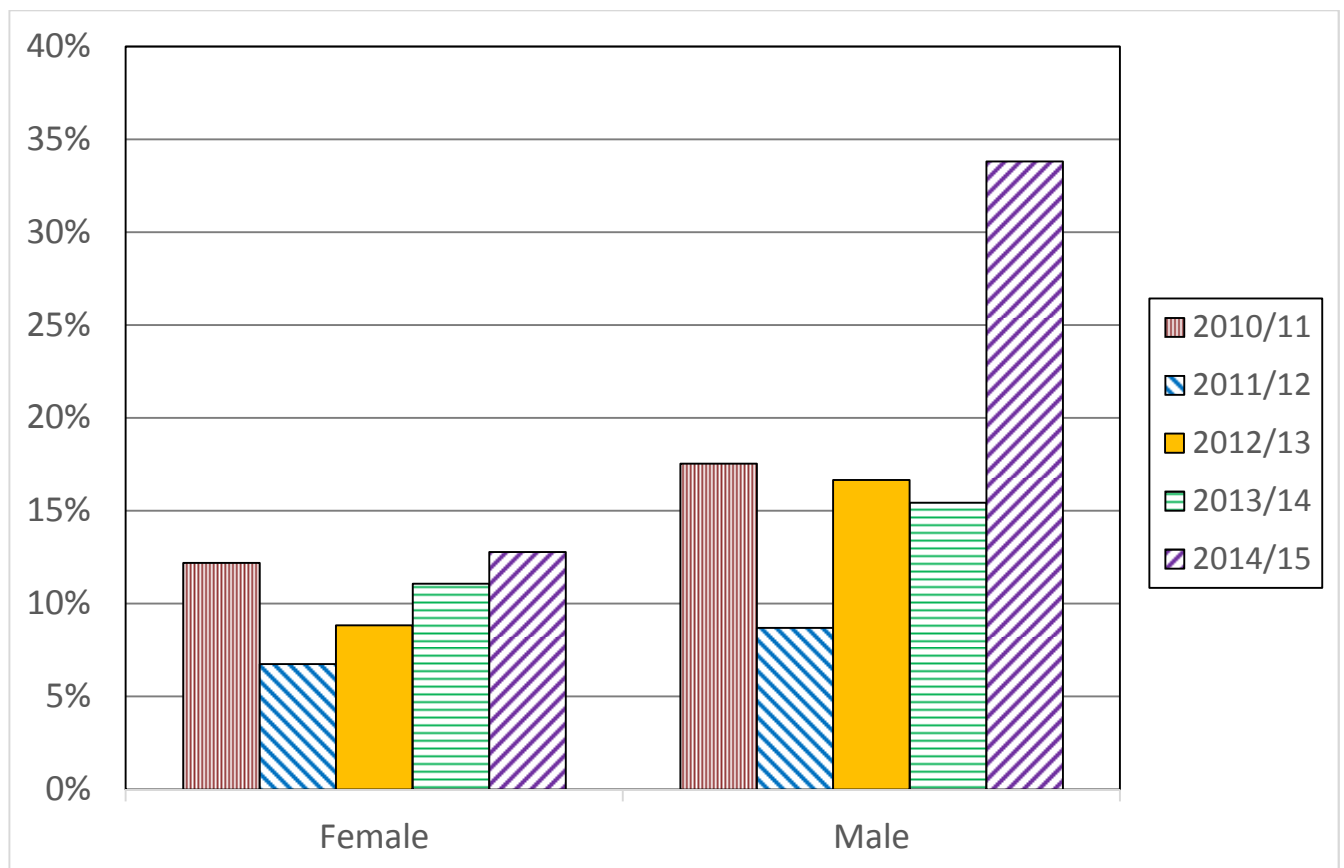
Overall, the proportion of male ITE students is maintained at around one-third of all ITE students.

Withdrawal

Table 74: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15

	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	49	12.2	24	6.7	32	8.8	35	11.1	23	12.8
Male	37	17.5	16	8.7	30	16.7	21	15.4	24	33.8
Total	86	14.0	40	7.4	62	11.4	56	12.4	47	18.7

Chart 74: Withdrawal count for ITE students and withdrawal rate for the year, proportion of total, by gender, 2010/11 to 2014/15



For all years, male ITE students have had higher withdrawal rates than their female counterparts.