

MAKE EDUCATION

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CONSTITUENCY  
PROFILES

FOR FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND



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## INTRODUCTION

It’s 2010 – the second decade of the 21st century – and it remains a stark reality that Northern Ireland is still riddled with some of the more dire statistics in the UK, when it comes to educational attainment and employment.

Northern Ireland is bottom of UK tables that measure employment rates and people with qualifications, according to UCU analysis.

Just over two-thirds of people in Northern Ireland (69.7%) are employed, the worst percentage of the UK's 12 regions. The South East of England tops the table with over three-quarters of people (78.5%) employed. The average is 74%.

Northern Ireland has the highest percentage of people without qualifications. One in five (21.8%) have no qualifications, which is a long way off the national average of 12.4%. Northern Ireland fares slightly better when it comes to the percentage of people with a degree though. Over a quarter of people (25.7%) have a degree, which puts Northern Ireland in the middle of the regions' table but still some way behind the average of 29%.

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## POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY ANALYSIS

As part of its Make Education Count campaign, UCU has produced this political constituency analysis to make a clear point – where you live can determine your level of educational attainment, your life opportunities, your chances of employment. This analysis reveals the stark reality – that there is still staggering inequality across these 18 constituencies.

UCU in Northern Ireland wants to work with political representatives to address these imbalances and inequalities – at a local level. These 18 political constituency profiles for the Make Education Count campaign indicate where each constituency shines or fades. Work with UCU to Make Education Count in your constituency, for your constituents, and to benefit this society overall.

## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION LEVELS BY CONSTITUENCY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Parliamentary constituency	% with at least degree or equivalent	% with qualifications below degree level	% with no qualifications	% employed
Belfast East	39	49	12	81.8
Belfast North	21	48	31	59.2
Belfast South	50	39	11	75.3
Belfast West	*	57	32	57.1
East Antrim	28	59	13	68.6
East Londonderry	18	54	29	64.4
Fermanagh South Tyrone	23	48	28	71.7
Foyle	22	51	27	59.4
Lagan Valley	32	49	20	72.6
Mid Ulster	18	46	36	62.8
Newry and Armagh	22	50	28	64.6
North Antrim	22	52	26	74.4
North Down	28	62	*	74.7
South Antrim	30	56	14	79.2
South Down	28	54	18	71.8
Strangford	22	56	22	73.2
Upper Bann	25	54	21	75.0
West Tyrone	21	51	28	59.8
NI	26	52	22	69.7

Source: Northern Ireland Labour Force Survey Local Area Database 2008

\* less than minimum quotation level of 6,000 cases

### EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION LEVELS BY UK REGION

Region	% employed	% with at least degree or equiv	% with no qualifications
North East	70.8	23.9	13.4
North West	71.3	25.6	14.7
Yorks & Humber	73.0	25.0	13.4
East Midlands	75.9	25.4	13.2
West Midlands	71.7	24.5	16.0
East	77.2	26.1	11.8
London	70.4	38.6	12.0
South East	78.5	31.5	8.9
South West	78.3	28.3	9.0
Wales	70.7	26.5	14.1
Scotland	75.6	33.8	12.5
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>
<b>National average</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>

Sources: Association of Colleges, Universities UK, Revisiting the Benefits of HE, J Bynner et al, Bedford Group for Lifecourse and Statistical Studies, The Institute of Education (IoE), 2003

### NORTHERN IRELAND CONSTITUENCIES – SUMMARY DATA

% of the working age population with no qualifications	21.8
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	25.7
% of working age population employed	69.7
Northern Ireland redundancies in 2008	2,777

The next Northern Ireland census will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011

## BELFAST EAST

**MP** Mr Peter Robinson DUP

**MLAs** Peter Robinson DUP  
Naomi Long APNI  
Reg Empey UUP  
Wallace Browne DUP  
Dawn Purvis PUP  
Robin Newton DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	9,757
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	50,101
% of the working age population with no qualifications	12
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	39
% with qualifications below degree level	49
% of working age population employed	81.8
% of school leavers progressing to higher education (2008)	38.4
% of school leavers progressing to further education (2008)	33
School leavers in Belfast East constituency (2008)	897
School leavers with 2+ A levels or equivalent (2008)	421
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	62.8
School leavers with no GCSEs (2008)	34

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	2630
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	44.3
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	55.7
% studying full time	62.5
% studying part time	37.5
% students aged 20 and under	35.2

% students aged 21–24	23.2
% students aged 25 and over	41.6
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	315
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	465
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	200
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	200
NI students gaining HE qualifications in Northern Ireland	505
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	70
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
NI postgraduate students	515
NI undergraduate students	2120
NI students studying in England	700
NI students studying in NI	1670
NI students studying in Scotland	240
NI students studying in Wales	25

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6441
% female	55.3
% male	44.7
% aged under 19	40.8
% aged 20–25	13.2
% enrolments aged 26 and over	45.9
% of full-time enrolments	16.8
% of part-time enrolments	83.2

# BELFAST NORTH

**MP** Mr Nigel Dodds DUP

**MLAs** Nigel Dodds DUP  
Gerry Kelly SF  
Caral Ni Chuilin SF  
Alban McGuinness SDLP  
Fred Cobain UUP  
Nelson McCausland DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	49,372
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	50,689
% of the working age population with no qualifications	31
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	21
% with qualifications below degree level	48
% of working age population employed	59.2
% of school leavers progressing to higher education (2008)	28
% of school leavers progressing to further education (2008)	22
School leavers in North Belfast constituency (2008)	1139
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	451
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	57.6
School leavers with no GCSEs	38

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	2200
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	40
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	60
% studying full time	65.2
% studying part time	34.8
% students aged 20 and under	38.9

% students aged 21–24	23.9
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% students aged 25 and over	37.3
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	215
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	380
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	145
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	115
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	450
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	30
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
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NI postgraduate students	320
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NI undergraduate students	1880
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NI students studying in England	545
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NI students studying in NI	1530
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NI students studying in Scotland	104
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NI students studying in Wales	20
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### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6305
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% female	55.1
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% male	44.9
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% aged under 19	42
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% aged 20–25	15.2
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	42.8
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% of full-time enrolments	16.5
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% of part-time enrolments	83.5
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## BELFAST SOUTH

**MP** Mr Alasdair McDonnell SDLP

**MLAs** Jimmy Spratt DUP  
Alasdair McDonnell SDLP  
Alex Maskey SF  
Anna Lo Alliance  
Carmel Hanna SDLP\*  
Michael McGimpsey UUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	48,923
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	49,693
% of the working age population with no qualifications	11
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	50
% with qualifications below degree level	39
% of working age population employed	73.5
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	56.8
% of school leavers progressing to further education 2008	21.5
School leavers in Belfast South constituency 2008	913
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	581
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	75.1
School leavers with no GCSEs	32

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	4215
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	43.4
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	56.6
% studying full time	58.5
% studying part time	41.5
% students aged 20 and under	30.4

% students aged 21–24	23.7
% students aged 25 and over	37.3
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	425
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	675
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	305
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	240
NI students gaining HE qualifications in Northern Ireland	780
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	65
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
NI postgraduate students	935
NI undergraduate students	3280
NI students studying in England	1070
NI students studying in NI	2795
NI students studying in Scotland	315
NI students studying in Wales	35

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	7703
% female	54.4
% male	45.6
% aged under 19	31.4
% aged 20–25	19.9
% enrolments aged 26 and over	48.7
% of full-time enrolments	13.6
% of part-time enrolments	86.4

\* replaced by Conall McDevitt in January 2010

## BELFAST WEST

**MP** Mr Gerry Adams SF

**MLAs** Gerry Adams SF  
Sue Ramsay SF  
Paul Maskey SF  
Jennifer McCann SF  
Alex Attwood SDLP  
Fra McCann SF

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	50,792
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	51,498
% of the working age population with no qualifications	32
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	*
% with qualifications below degree level	57
% of working age population employed	57.1
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	23
% of school leavers progressing to further education 2008	26.1
School leavers in Belfast West constituency (2008)	1307
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	581
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	54
School leavers with no GCSEs	68

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	2365
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	39.3
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	60.9
% studying full time	68.1
% studying part time	32.1
% students aged 20 and under	37.4

\* less than minimum quotation level of 6,000 cases

% students aged 21–24	22.7
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% students aged 25 and over	34.9
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	235
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	405
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	110
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	95
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	520
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	15
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
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NI postgraduate students	295
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NI undergraduate students	2070
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NI students studying in England	360
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NI students studying in NI	1940
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NI students studying in Scotland	50
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NI students studying in Wales	15
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### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6885
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% female	56.8
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% male	43.2
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% aged under 19	45.1
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% aged 20–25	17.6
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	37.4
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% of full-time enrolments	17.2
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% of part-time enrolments	82.8
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## EAST ANTRIM

**MP** Mr Sammy Wilson DUP

**MLAs** Sammy Wilson DUP  
Alastair Ross DUP  
David Hilditch DUP  
Sean Neeson Alliance  
Roy Beggs UUP  
Ken Robinson UUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	56,666
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	58,200
% of the working age population with no qualifications	13
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	28
% with qualifications below degree level	59
% of working age population employed	68.6
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	38.2
% of school leavers progressing to further education 2008	24.2
School leavers in the East Antrim constituency (2008)	1150
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	519
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	46
School leavers with no GCSEs	46

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	2835
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	42.9
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	57.1
% studying full time	70.7
% studying part time	29.3
% students aged 20 and under	43.4

% students aged 21–24	25.9
% students aged 25 and over	30.5
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	345
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	460
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	175
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	155
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	545
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	105
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	0
NI postgraduate students	435
NI undergraduate students	2400
NI students studying in England	640
NI students studying in NI	1840
NI students studying in Scotland	330
NI students studying in Wales	15

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	5417
% female	49.6
% male	50.4
% aged under 19	53.6
% aged 20–25	13
% enrolments aged 26 and over	33.4
% of full-time enrolments	21.7
% of part-time enrolments	78.3

### EAST LONDONDERRY

**MP** Mr Gregory Campbell DUP

**MLAs** Gregory Campbell DUP  
George Robinson DUP  
Billy Leonard SF\*  
John Dallat SDLP  
David McClarty UUP  
Adrian McQuillan DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	56,104
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	57,698
% of the working age population with no qualifications	29
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	18
% with qualifications below degree level	29
% of working age population employed	64.4
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	36.3
% of school leavers progressing to further education	35.1
School leavers in the East Londonderry constituency 2008	1167
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	490
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	67.4
School leavers with no GCSEs	46

#### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3175
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	42
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	58
% studying full time	77.2
% studying part time	22.8
% students aged 20 and under	46

\* Francie Brolly SF resigned 11.12.09

% students aged 21–24	28
% students aged 25 and over	25.7
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	350
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	540
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	175
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	230
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	565
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	90
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
NI postgraduate students	405
NI undergraduate students	2770
NI students studying in England	875
NI students studying in NI	1690
NI students studying in Scotland	325
NI students studying in Wales	20

#### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6430
% female	45.2
% male	54.8
% aged under 19	50
% aged 20–25	14.6
% enrolments aged 26 and over	35.4
% of full-time enrolments	22.5
% of part-time enrolments	77.5

## FERMANAGH SOUTH TYRONE

**MP** Ms Michelle Gildernew SF

**MLAs** Arlene Foster DUP  
Michelle Gildernew SF  
Tom Elliott UUP  
Tommy Gallagher SF  
Gerry McHugh Independent  
Maurice Morrow DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	65,826
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	66,278
% of the working age population with no qualifications	28
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	23
% with qualifications below degree level	48
% of working age population employed	71.7
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	46.6
% of school leavers progressing to further education 2008	25.5
School leavers in the Fermanagh South Tyrone constituency 2008	1325
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	679
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	64.8
School leavers with no GCSEs	33

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3430
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	38.5
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	61.4
% studying full time	78.1
% studying part time	21.9
% students aged 20 and under	50.4

% students aged 21–24	29.4
% students aged 25 and over	20.1
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	330
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	640
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	175
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	235
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	655
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	70
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
NI postgraduate students	395
NI undergraduate students	3035
NI students studying in England	915
NI students studying in NI	2220
NI students studying in Scotland	260
NI students studying in Wales	30

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	7992
% female	49.1
% male	50.1
% aged under 19	54.2
% aged 20–25	14.6
% enrolments aged 26 and over	31.3
% of full-time enrolments	23.7
% of part-time enrolments	79.3

## CONSTITUENCY PROFILES FOR FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

### FOYLE

**MP** Mr Mark Durkan SDLP

**MLAs** William Hay DUP  
Mark Durkan SDLP  
Martina Anderson SF  
Raymond McCartney SF  
Pat Ramsay SDLP  
Mary Bradley SDLP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	64,889
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	68,023
% of the working age population with no qualifications	27
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	22
% with qualifications below degree level	51
% of working age population employed	59.4
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	42
% of school leavers progressing to further education	29.2
School leavers in the Foyle constituency 2008	1727
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	876
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	70.8
School leavers with no GCSEs	41

#### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	4550
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	41.9
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	58.1
% studying full time	75.3
% studying part time	24.7
% students aged 20 and under	43.2

% students aged 21–24	27.3
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% students aged 25 and over	29.5
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	500
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	715
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	260
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	350
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NI students gaining HE qualifications in Northern Ireland	780
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	70
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
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NI postgraduate students	565
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NI undergraduate students	3985
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NI students studying in England	1230
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NI students studying in NI	2970
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NI students studying in Scotland	315
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NI students studying in Wales	35
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#### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	8659
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% female	50.8
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% male	49.2
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% aged under 19	49.4
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% aged 20–25	13.9
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	36.8
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% of full-time enrolments	26.6
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% of part-time enrolments	73.4
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## Lagan Valley

**MP** Mr Jeffrey Donaldson DUP

**MLAs** Jeffrey Donaldson DUP  
Paul Butler SF  
Basil McCrea UUP  
Trevor Lunn Alliance  
Jonathan Craig DUP  
Edwin Poots DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	70,101
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	71,875
% of the working age population with no qualifications	20
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	32
% with qualifications below degree level	49
% of working age population employed	72.6
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	45.4
% of school leavers progressing to further education	25
School leavers in the Lagan Valley constituency 2008	1727
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	876
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	64.3
School leavers with no GCSEs	91

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3845
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	41.7
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	58.4
% studying full time	69.8
% studying part time	30.2
% students aged 20 and under	41.9

% students aged 21–24	25.2
% students aged 25 and over	32.8
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	430
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	720
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	260
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	255
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	790
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	90
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
NI postgraduate students	615
NI undergraduate students	3230
NI students studying in England	965
NI students studying in NI	2480
NI students studying in Scotland	370
NI students studying in Wales	30

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	7157
% female	51.8
% male	48.2
% aged under 19	51.1
% aged 20–25	13.3
% enrolments aged 26 and over	35.6
% of full-time enrolments	20.8
% of part-time enrolments	79.2

## MID ULSTER

**MP** Mr Martin McGuinness SF

**MLAs** Martin McGuinness SF  
Ian McCrea DUP  
Francis Molloy SF  
Michelle O'Neill SF  
Patsy McGlone SDLP  
Billy Armstrong UUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	61,223
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	62,401
% of the working age population with no qualifications	36
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	
18% with qualifications below degree level	46
% of working age population employed	62.8
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	45.3
% of school leavers progressing to further education	28.9
School leavers in the mid-Ulster constituency 2008	1393
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	700
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	70.5
School leavers with no GCSEs	27

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3390
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	36.9
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	63
% studying full time	77.6
% studying part time	22.3
% students aged 20 and under	50.3

% students aged 21–24	29.8
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% students aged 25 and over	19.8
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	315
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	640
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	165
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	135
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	760
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	15
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
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NI postgraduate students	405
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NI undergraduate students	2985
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NI students studying in England	525
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NI students studying in NI	2695
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NI students studying in Scotland	150
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NI students studying in Wales	20
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### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6353
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% female	50.1
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% male	49.9
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% aged under 19	54.6
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% aged 20–25	15.7
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	29.7
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% of full-time enrolments	24.3
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% of part-time enrolments	75.7
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## NEWRY AND ARMAGH

**MP** Mr Conor Murphy SF

**MLAs** Conor Murphy SF  
Cathal Boylan SF  
Mickey Brady SF  
Danny Kennedy UUP  
William Irwin DUP  
Dominic Bradley SDLP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	70,823
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	72,942
% of the working age population with no qualifications	28
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	22
% with qualifications below degree level	50
% of working age population employed	64.6
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	37
% of school leavers progressing to further education	35.8
School leavers in the Newry and Armagh constituency 2008	1583
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	636
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	66.7
School leavers with no GCSEs	47

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3735
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	37.1
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	62.8
% studying full time	76.7
% studying part time	23.3
% students aged 20 and under	47.4

% students aged 21–24	30.1
% students aged 25 and over	22.4
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	375
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	750
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	185
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	235
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	830
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	55
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
NI postgraduate students	470
NI undergraduate students	3265
NI students studying in England	825
NI students studying in NI	2665
NI students studying in Scotland	215
NI students studying in Wales	30

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	11,794
% female	51.8
% male	48.2
% aged under 19	57.5
% aged 20–25	12.5
% enrolments aged 26 and over	30
% of full-time enrolments	18.8
% of part-time enrolments	81.2

### NORTH ANTRIM

**MP** Dr Ian Paisley DUP

**MLAs** Ian Paisley Snr DUP  
Daithi McKay SF  
Ian Paisley Jnr DUP  
Mervyn Storey DUP  
Robert Coulter UUP  
Declan O'Loan SDLP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	72,814
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	59,363
% of the working age population with no qualifications	26
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	22
% with qualifications below degree level	52
% of working age population employed	74.4
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	43.4
% of school leavers progressing to further education	31.9
School leavers in the North Antrim constituency 2008	1398
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	648
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	66.2
School leavers with no GCSEs	40

#### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3460
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	39
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	60.8
% studying full time	73.8
% studying part time	26.2
% students aged 20 and under	47.1

% students aged 21–24	26.9
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% students aged 25 and over	25.9
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	345
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	625
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	205
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	210
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	670
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	85
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
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NI postgraduate students	445
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NI undergraduate students	3015
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NI students studying in England	800
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NI students studying in NI	2330
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NI students studying in Scotland	315
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NI students studying in Wales	15
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#### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6793
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% female	50.9
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% male	49.1
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% aged under 19	50.7
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% aged 20–25	13.8
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	35.6
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% of full-time enrolments	21.5
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% of part-time enrolments	78.5
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## NORTH DOWN

**MP** Lady Sylvia Hermon UUP

**MLAs** Alex Easton DUP  
Peter Weir DUP  
Stephen McFarry Alliance  
Lesley Cree UUP  
Brian Wilson Green Party  
Alan McFarland UUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	57,525
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	67,266
% of the working age population with no qualifications	*
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	28
% with qualifications below degree level	62
% of working age population employed	74.7
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	39.2
% of school leavers progressing to further education	35.2
School leavers in the North Down constituency 2008	1066
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	550
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	72.5
School leavers with no GCSEs	39

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3065
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	43.9
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	56.1
% studying full time	72.4
% studying part time	27.6
% students aged 20 and under	40.3

\* less than minimum quotation level of 6,000 cases

% students aged 21–24	29.5
% students aged 25 and over	30.2
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	420
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	560
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	230
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	290
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	560
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	120
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
NI postgraduate students	525
NI undergraduate students	2540
NI students studying in England	980
NI students studying in NI	1600
NI students studying in England	455
NI students studying in Wales	30

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	7208
% female	54
% male	46
% aged under 19	41.4
% aged 20–25	12.3
% enrolments aged 26 and over	46.3
% of full-time enrolments	18.7
% of part-time enrolments	81.3

### SOUTH ANTRIM

**MP** William McCrea DUP

**MLAs** Mitchel McLaughlin SF  
Rev William McCrea DUP  
David Ford Alliance  
Danny Kinahan UUP  
Trevor Clarke DUP  
Thomas Burns SDLP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	65,654
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	74,345
% of the working age population with no qualifications	14
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	30
% with qualifications below degree level	56
% of working age population employed	79.2
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	42.6
% of school leavers progressing to further education	23.3
School leavers in the South Antrim constituency 2008	1336
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	617
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	71.7
School leavers with no GCSEs	42

#### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3430
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	41.1
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	58.9
% studying full time	68.8
% studying part time	31.2
% students aged 20 and under	42.1

% students aged 21–24	26.5
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% students aged 25 and over	31.3
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	380
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	630
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	2000
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	215
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	720
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	70
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
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NI postgraduate students	475
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NI undergraduate students	2955
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NI students studying in England	800
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NI students studying in NI	2365
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NI students studying in Scotland	245
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NI students studying in Wales	15
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#### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	6586
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% female	52.7
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% male	47.3
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% aged under 19	47.9
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% aged 20–25	12.9
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	39.2
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% of full-time enrolments	19.7
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% of part-time enrolments	80.3
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## SOUTH DOWN

**MP** Eddie McGrady SDLP

**MLAs** Caitriona Ruane SF  
Margaret Ritchie SDLP  
Willie Clarke SF  
PJ Bradley SDLP  
Jim Wells DUP  
John McCallister DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	71,704
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	68,049
% of the working age population with no qualifications	18
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	28
% with qualifications below degree level	54
% of working age population employed	71.8
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	42.6
% of school leavers progressing to further education	23.3
School leavers in the South Down constituency 2008	1680
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	830
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	71.7
School leavers with no GCSEs	71

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3885
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	40.2
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	59.8
% studying full time	76.6
% studying part time	23.4
% students aged 20 and under	45.3

% students aged 21–24	30
% students aged 25 and over	24.6
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	390
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	780
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	215
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	245
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	840
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	75
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	15
NI postgraduate students	515
NI undergraduate students	3370
NI students studying in England	950
NI students studying in NI	2640
NI students studying in Scotland	260
NI students studying in Wales	35

### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	10,008
% female	51.7
% male	48.3
% aged under 19	53.1
% aged 20–25	12.6
% enrolments aged 26 and over	34.2
% of full-time enrolments	21.2
% of part-time enrolments	79.0

# STRANGFORD

**MP** Ms Iris Robinson DUP\*

**MLAs** Iris Robinson DUP\*  
Jim Shannon DUP  
David McNarry UUP  
Kieran McCarthy Alliance  
Simon Hamilton DUP  
Michelle McIlveen DUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	66,648
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	72,758
% of the working age population with no qualifications	22
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	22
% with qualifications below degree level	56
% of working age population employed	73.2
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	38.3
% of school leavers progressing to further education	37.7
School leavers in the Strangford constituency 2008	1680
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	830
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	66.9
School leavers with no GCSEs	31

### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3205
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	42.4
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	57.6
% studying full time	72.1
% studying part time	27.9
% students aged 20 and under	42.6

% students aged 21–24	26.2
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% students aged 25 and over	31.2
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Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	365
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Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	600
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NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	200
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NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	205
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NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	665
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NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	90
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NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	10
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NI postgraduate students	500
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NI undergraduate students	2705
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NI students studying in England	770
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NI students studying in NI	2040
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NI students studying in Scotland	370
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NI students studying in Wales	20
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### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	7437
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% female	51.5
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% male	48.5
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% aged under 19	51.8
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% aged 20–25	12
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% enrolments aged 26 and over	36.2
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% of full-time enrolments	23
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% of part-time enrolments	77
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\* Iris Robinson resigned in January 2010

## UPPER BANN

**MP** Mr David Simpson DUP

**MLAs** John O'Dowd SF  
David Simpson DUP  
Dolores Kelly SDLP  
Sam Gardiner DUP  
Stephen Moutray DUP  
George Savage UUP

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007	70,716
Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008	59,645
% of the working age population with no qualifications	21
% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above	25
% with qualifications below degree level	54
% of working age population employed	75
% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008	36.1
% of school leavers progressing to further education	40
School leavers in the Upper Bann constituency 2008	1591
School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv)	640
% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv)	65.6
School leavers with no GCSEs	54
Higher education	
Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08)	3490
% male enrolments in HE (07/08)	41.8
% female enrolments in HE (07/08)	58.2
% studying full time	73.2
% studying part time	26.8
% students aged 20 and under	46.4

% students aged 21–24	27.1
% students aged 25 and over	26.4
Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification	400
Number of females gaining a higher education qualification	610
NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications	225
NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England	205
NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland	735
NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland	65
NI students gaining qualifications in Wales	5
NI postgraduate students	475
NI undergraduate students	3015
NI students studying in England	770
NI students studying in NI	2470
NI students studying in Scotland	225
NI students studying in Wales	20
<b>Further education</b>	
Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8	9548
% female	51.8
male	48.2
% aged under 19	55.3
% aged 20–25	12.6
% enrolments aged 26 and over	32.1
% of full-time enrolments	20.7
% of part-time enrolments	79.3

### WEST TYRONE

**MP** Mr Pat Doherty SF

**MLAs** Barry McElduff SF

Pat Doherty SF

Claire McGill SF

Thomas Buchanan DUP

Allan Bresland DUP

Kieran Deeny Independent Health Coalition

Eligible electorate in the NI Assembly elections 2007 58,367

Parliamentary electorate 1 December 2008 59,645

% of the working age population with no qualifications 28

% of the working age population with Level 4/degree or above 26

% with qualifications below degree level 52

% of working age population employed 69.7

% of school leavers progressing to higher education 2008 45.5

% of school leavers progressing to further education 23.6

School leavers in the West Tyrone constituency 2008 1293

School leavers with 2+ A levels (or equiv) 664

% school leavers with 5+ GCSEs (or equiv) 65.6

School leavers with no GCSEs 54

#### Higher education

Total enrolments at HE institutions (07/08) 3355

% male enrolments in HE (07/08) 38.5

% female enrolments in HE (07/08) 61.5

% studying full time 76.5

% studying part time 23.5

% students aged 20 and under 48.3

% students aged 21–24 29.1

% students aged 25 and over 22.7

Numbers of males gaining a higher education qualification 355

Number of females gaining a higher education qualification 605

NI students gaining postgraduate HE qualifications 160

NI students gaining higher education qualifications in England 275

NI students gaining HE qualification in Northern Ireland 650

NI students gaining qualifications in Scotland 30

NI students gaining qualifications in Wales 5

NI postgraduate students 375

NI undergraduate students 2980

NI students studying in England 930

NI students studying in NI 2275

NI students studying in Scotland 135

NI students studying in Wales 20

#### Further education

Number of enrolments at FE college 2007–8 5151

% female 56

% male 44

% aged under 19 35.6

% aged 20–25 24.3

% enrolments aged 26 and over 40.1

% of full-time enrolments 22.2

% of part-time enrolments 77.8

## SOURCES

### **Eligible electorate NI Assembly elections**

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### **School leavers data**

School Leavers Survey Data by Parliamentary Constituency of Pupil Residence 2007–8

### **Higher education enrolments at parliamentary constituency level**

(NINIS) 2007/8 – Counts in the same population across tables could differ as the statistics have been adjusted to avoid disclosure.

## NOTE

**Northern Ireland parliamentary electorate, 1 December 2008** – 1,134,983.

