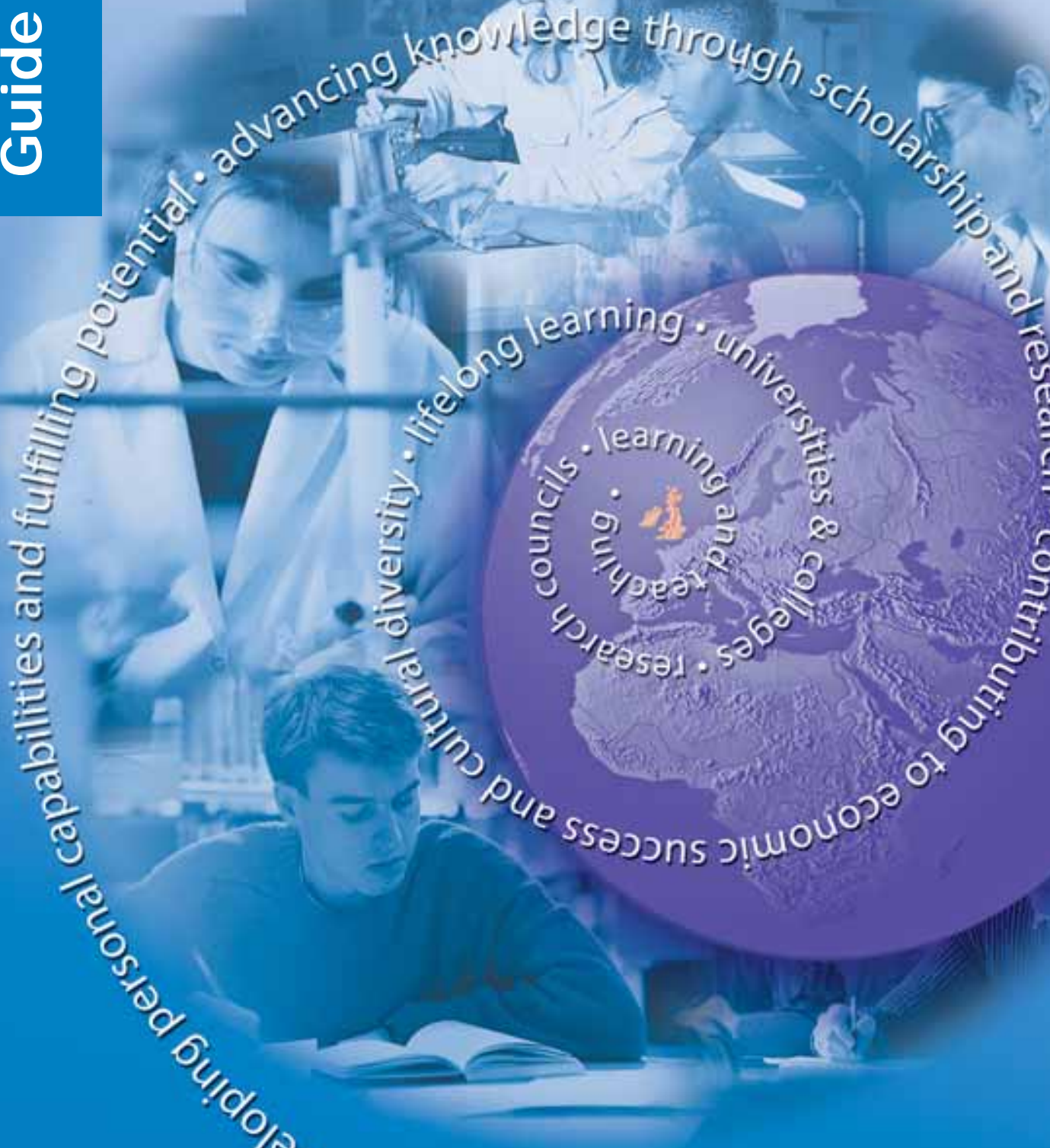


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Higher education in the United Kingdom

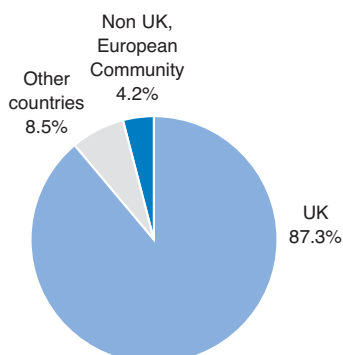
• developing personal capabilities and fulfilling potential • advancing knowledge through scholarship and research • contributing to economic success and cultural diversity • lifelong learning • universities & colleges • research councils • learning and teaching •

A collage of students in a library or study area, with a circular graphic overlay containing text and a map of the UK. The text in the circle includes: "research councils", "learning and teaching", "universities & colleges", and "contributing to economic success and cultural diversity". The map shows the United Kingdom in orange.

Key facts about higher education

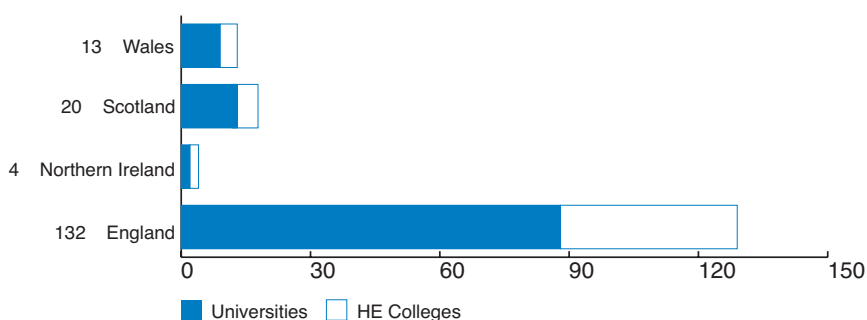
Students

Over 2 million HE students in UK higher education institutions*. Where do they come from? There are also around 198,000 higher education students in further education colleges.



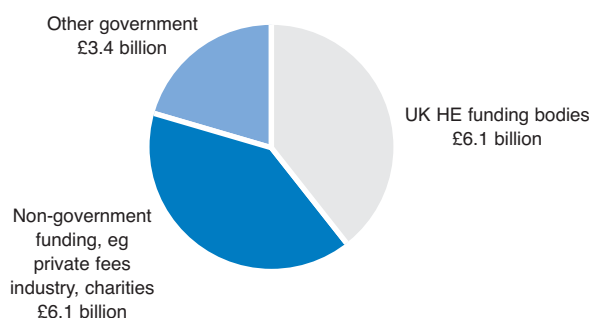
Institutions

169 universities and HE colleges in the UK



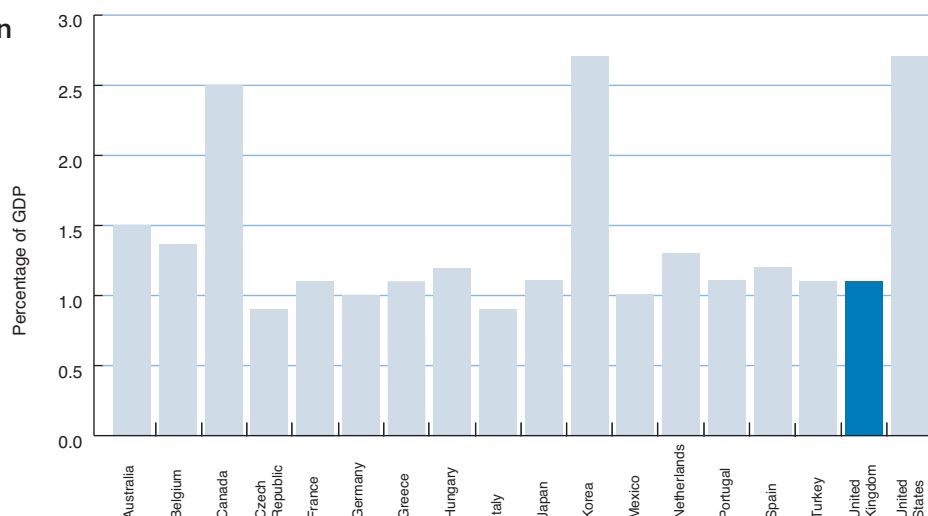
Sources of income

Universities and colleges receive £15.6 billion in funding. Where does it come from?



How much do we spend on HE compared to other countries?

(expenditure on tertiary educational institutions as a percentage of GDP 2001)



This guide relates to higher education in the UK. Most of the references are to higher education in universities and higher education colleges.

* Some of these students are studying by collaborative agreement at further education colleges, such students are registered at HEIs.

Sources of data are explained on page 22.

Many of the issues in this publication are described in broad terms only. A list of organisations that can provide further information is given on pages 20-21.



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