

LONDON HIGHER FACTSHEET 2016

STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION 2014/15



1. A total of 376,630 students were registered at 39 Higher Education (HE) providers in London, a decrease from the previous academic year by nearly 6,000.
2. Nearly 7,000 students, or about 2% of the total, were writing up dissertations or carrying out sabbatical duties.
3. The 369,900 PG and UG students in London were lower by 6,300, or *ca.* 2%, from the previous year, and represented 16% of the 2.3 million UK HE students.
4. By level of study there were 249,000 undergraduates (67%) and 121,000 postgraduates (33%) in London.
5. Considering just UK full-time first degree students: 66,000 came to London from the rest of the UK while 94,000 students left London to study elsewhere.
6. Over 87,000 students domiciled in London remained in the capital, [making up 48% of full-time UK first degree students](#) (44% in 2008/09; 50% in 2013/14).
7. There were 104,600 overseas students (Other EU and Non EU) in London comprising 28% of all HE students, and 24% of all overseas students in the UK were studying in the capital.
8. For HE students in London: 58% were women, 36% were 25 years or older and 10% had a self-declared disability.
9. BME students from the UK made up 46% of all UK students in London, compared with 17% of students at all other HE providers in the rest of the UK.
10. The three popular subjects in London were Business & Administrative Studies (14% of students), Allied Healthcare (12%) and Creative Arts & Design (12%).
11. There were 7,000 students on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses in London and they comprised 12% of 61,000 ITT students in the UK.
12. Nearly 664,000 students were studying wholly overseas of the UK while registered at a UK HE provider or partner organisation.
13. London's 104,000 'offshore' students made up 16% of the total, and the majority were studying outside of the EU (88,000 students; 84%).
14. About 52% of London's 'offshore' students were studying through distance, flexible or distributed learning.
15. Of 136,000 HE qualifications awarded in London, 46% were at postgraduate level, 44% were for first degrees and 10% for other undergraduate degrees.

Source: [Students in Higher Education, 2014/15](#). Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited (HESA), February 2016.

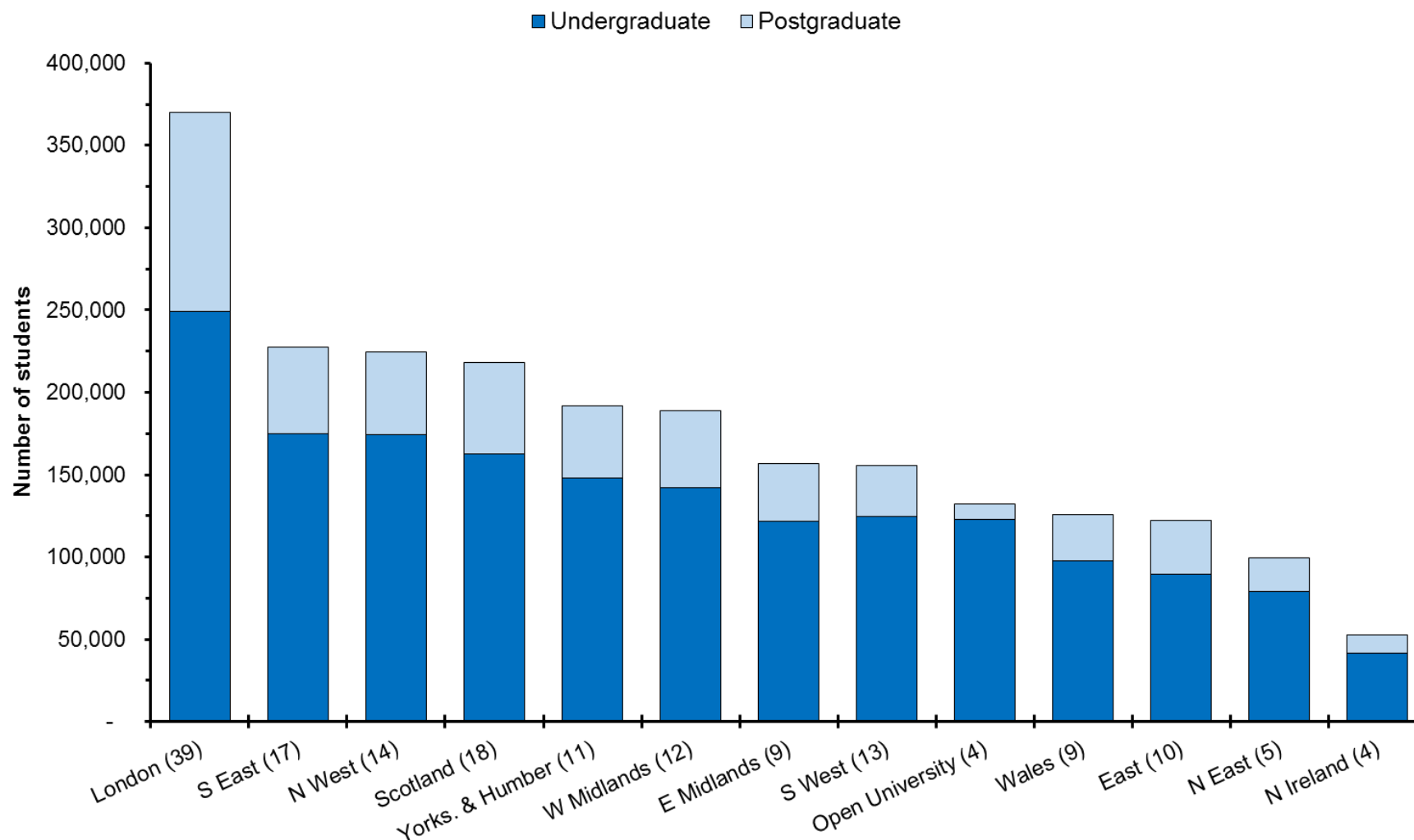
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- (ii) All figures refer to 39 of 40 HE providers in Greater London region including Royal Holloway, University of London (except point 6), but excluding The Open University in London (data not available).
- (iii) FE students are not included in data summaries.

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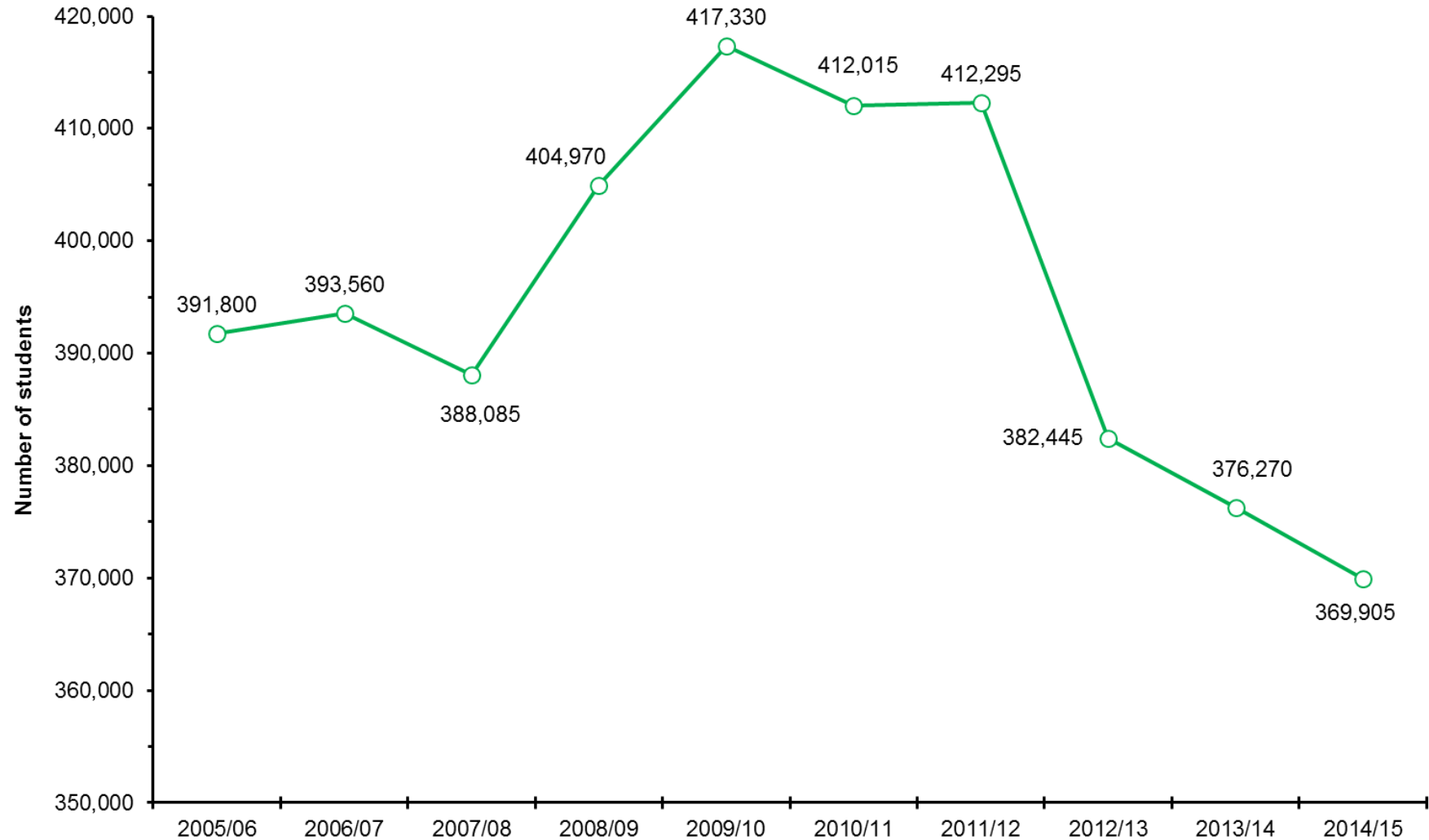
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HE students in the UK by region
(figures in parentheses indicate the number of HE providers within each region)



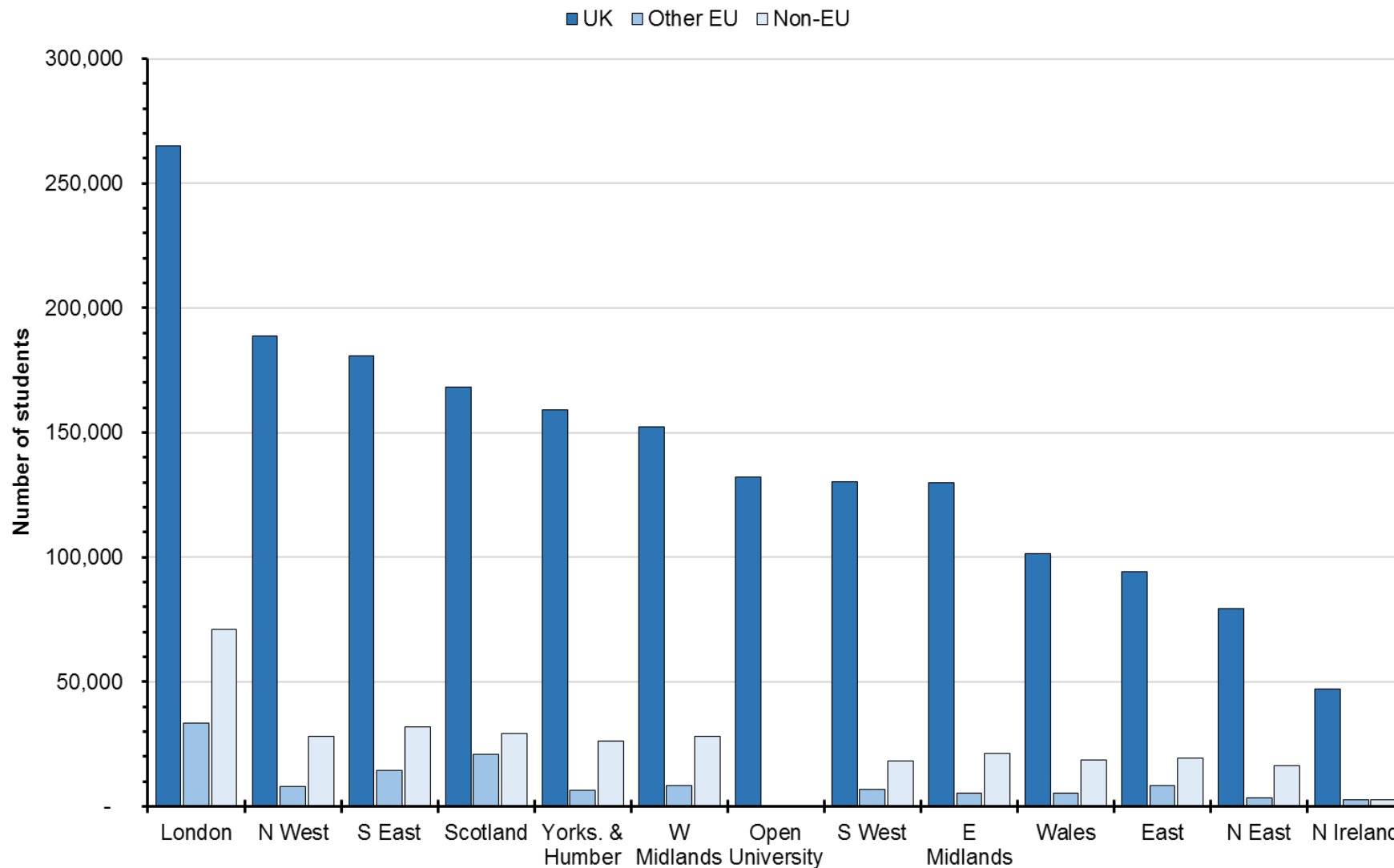
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HE students in London from 2005/06 to 2014/15



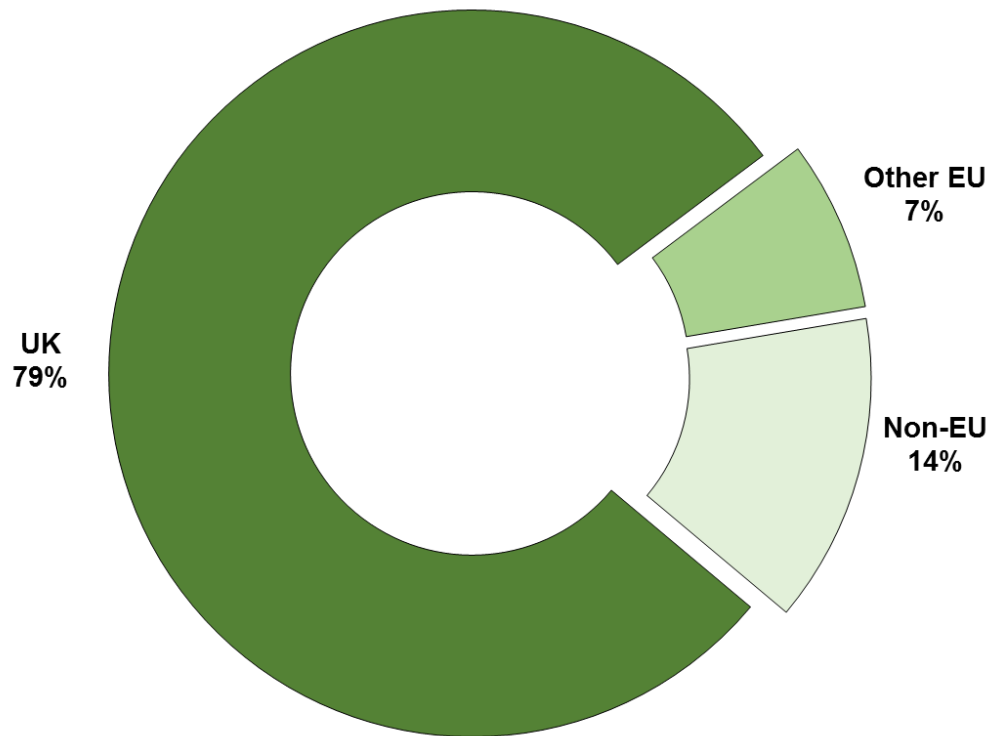
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HE students in the UK by domicile and region of HE provider

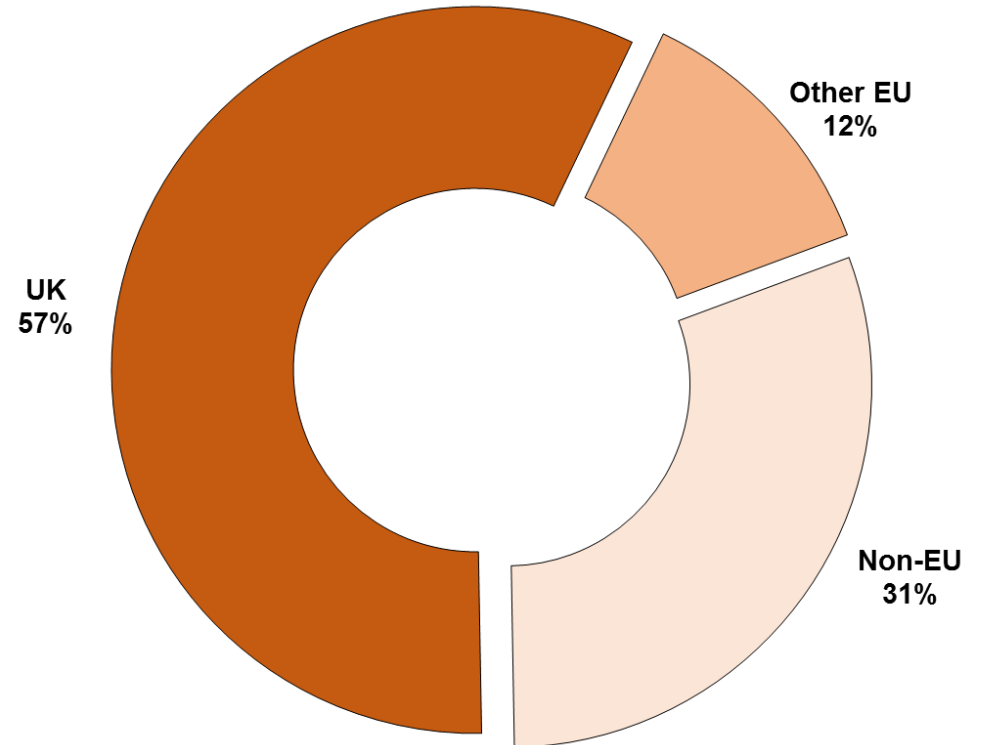


Domicile of HE students in London by level of study

Undergraduate students by domicile (n = 248,910)

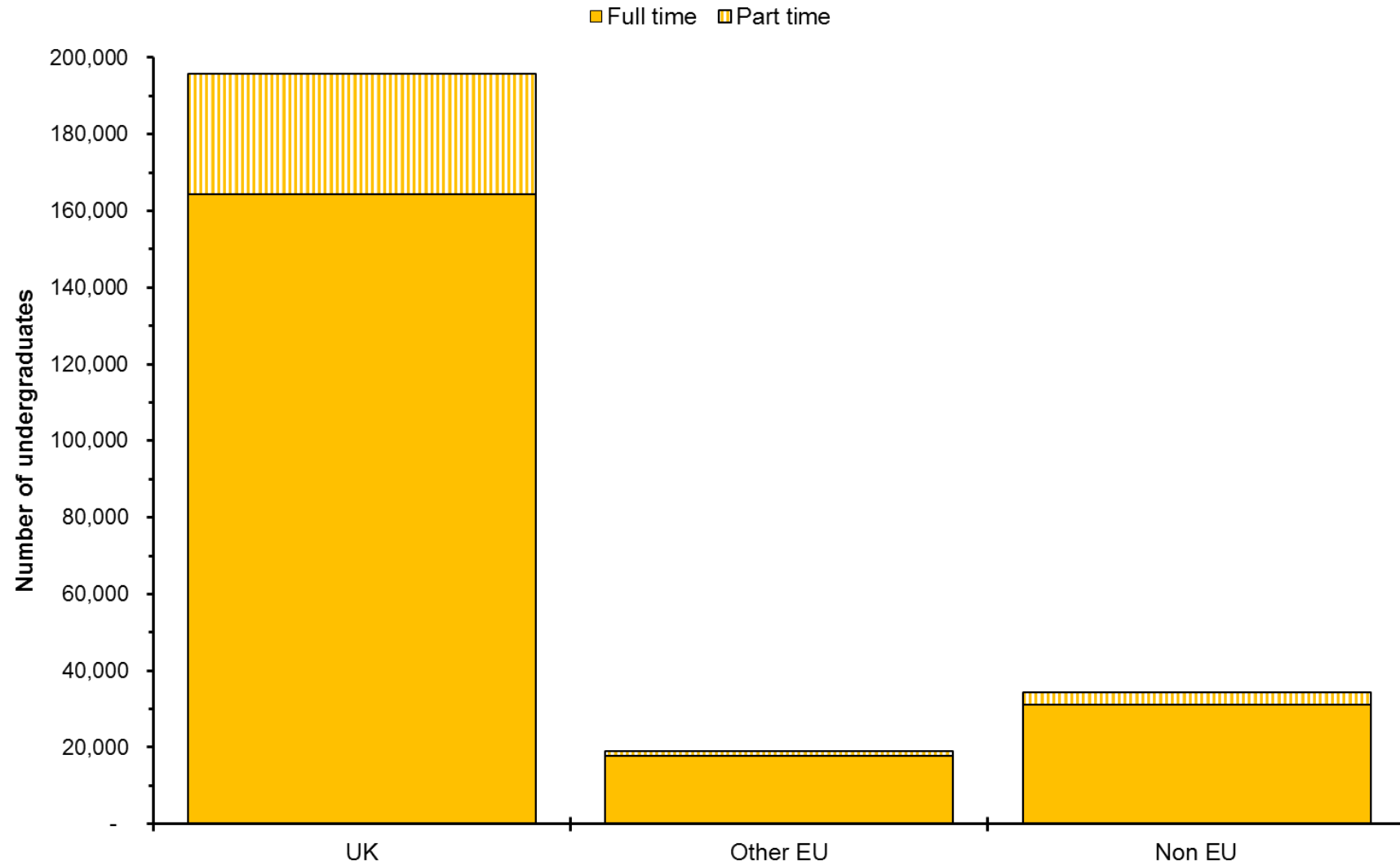


Postgraduate students by domicile (n = 120,775)



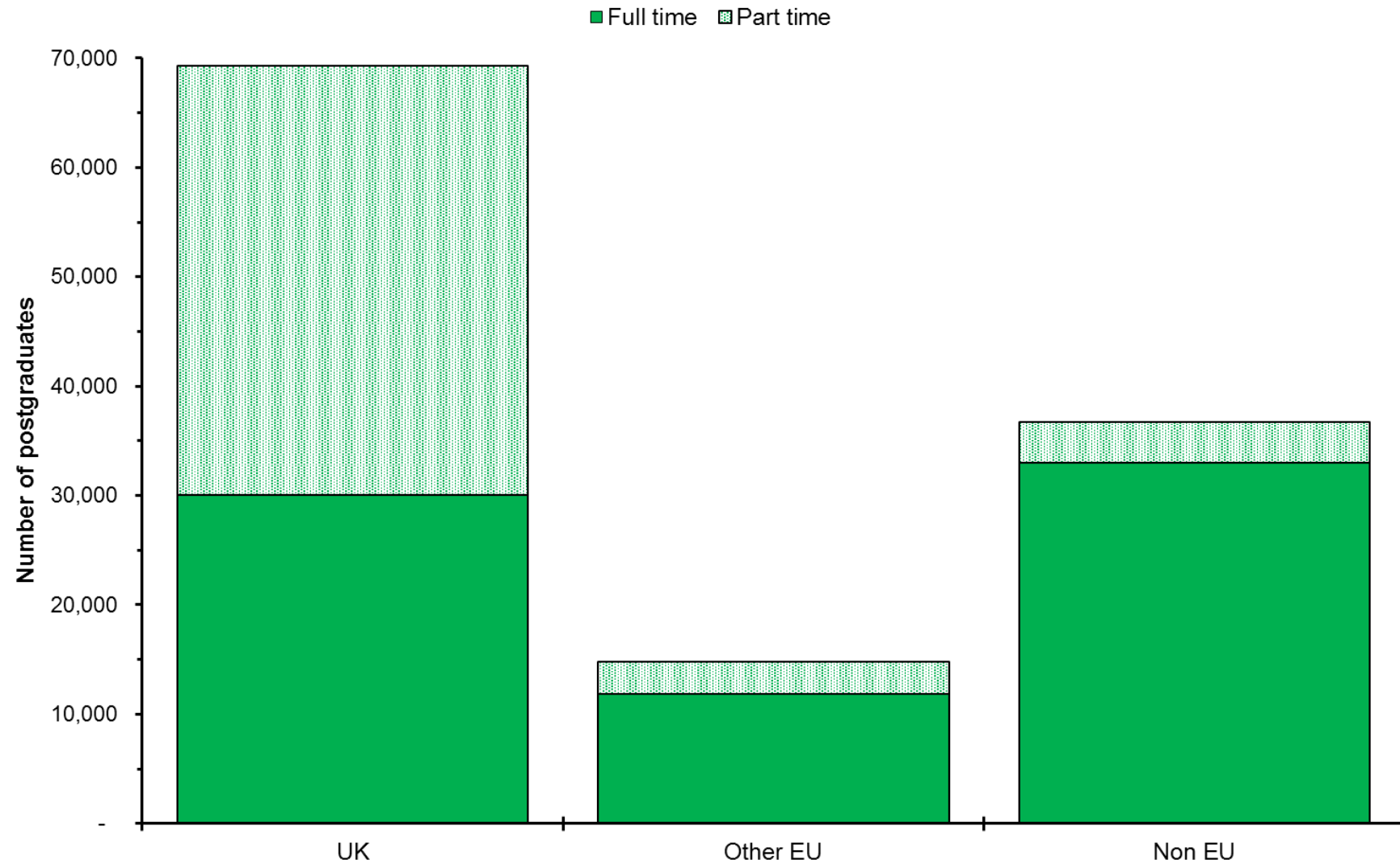
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Undergraduate students in London by domicile and mode of study



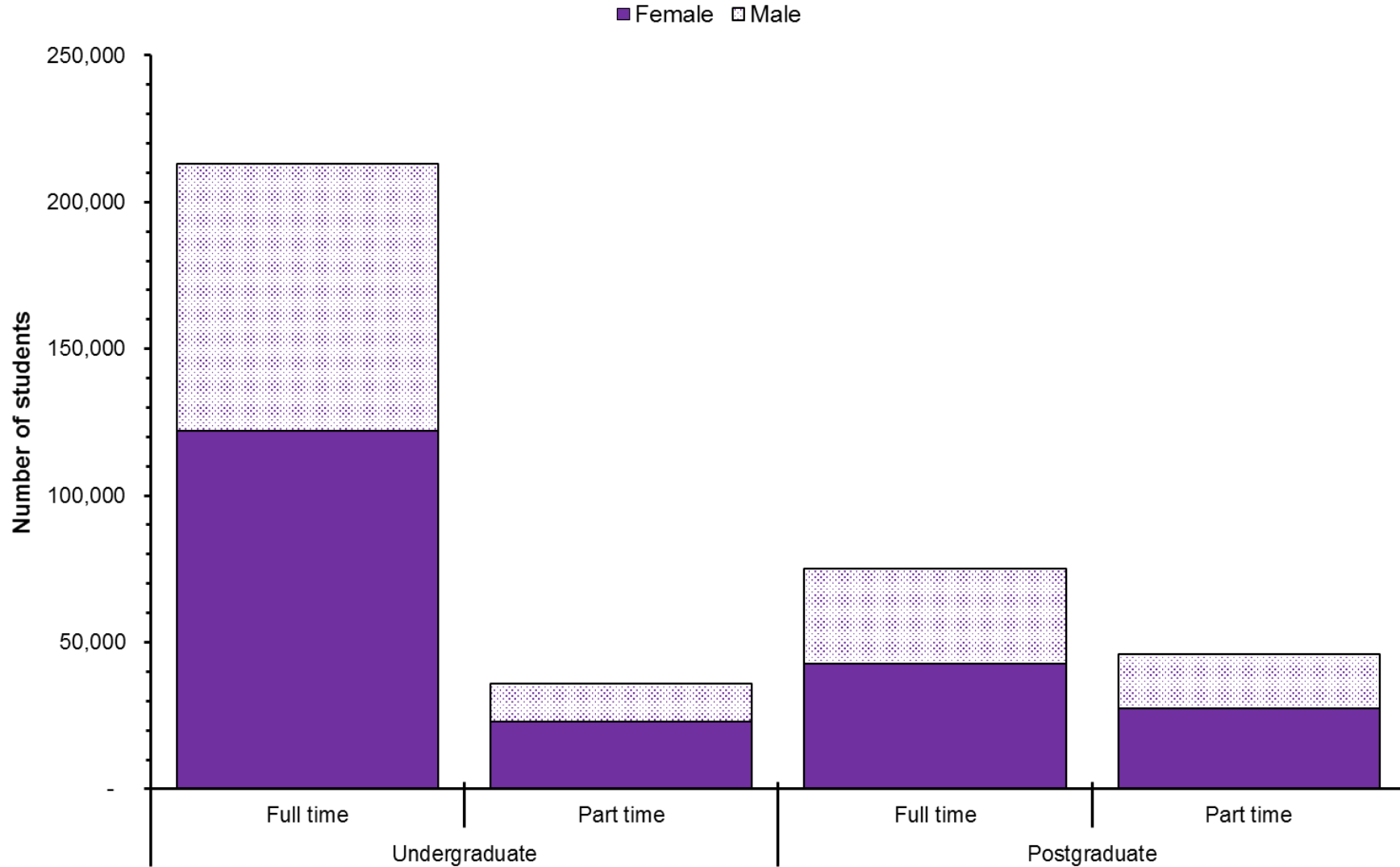
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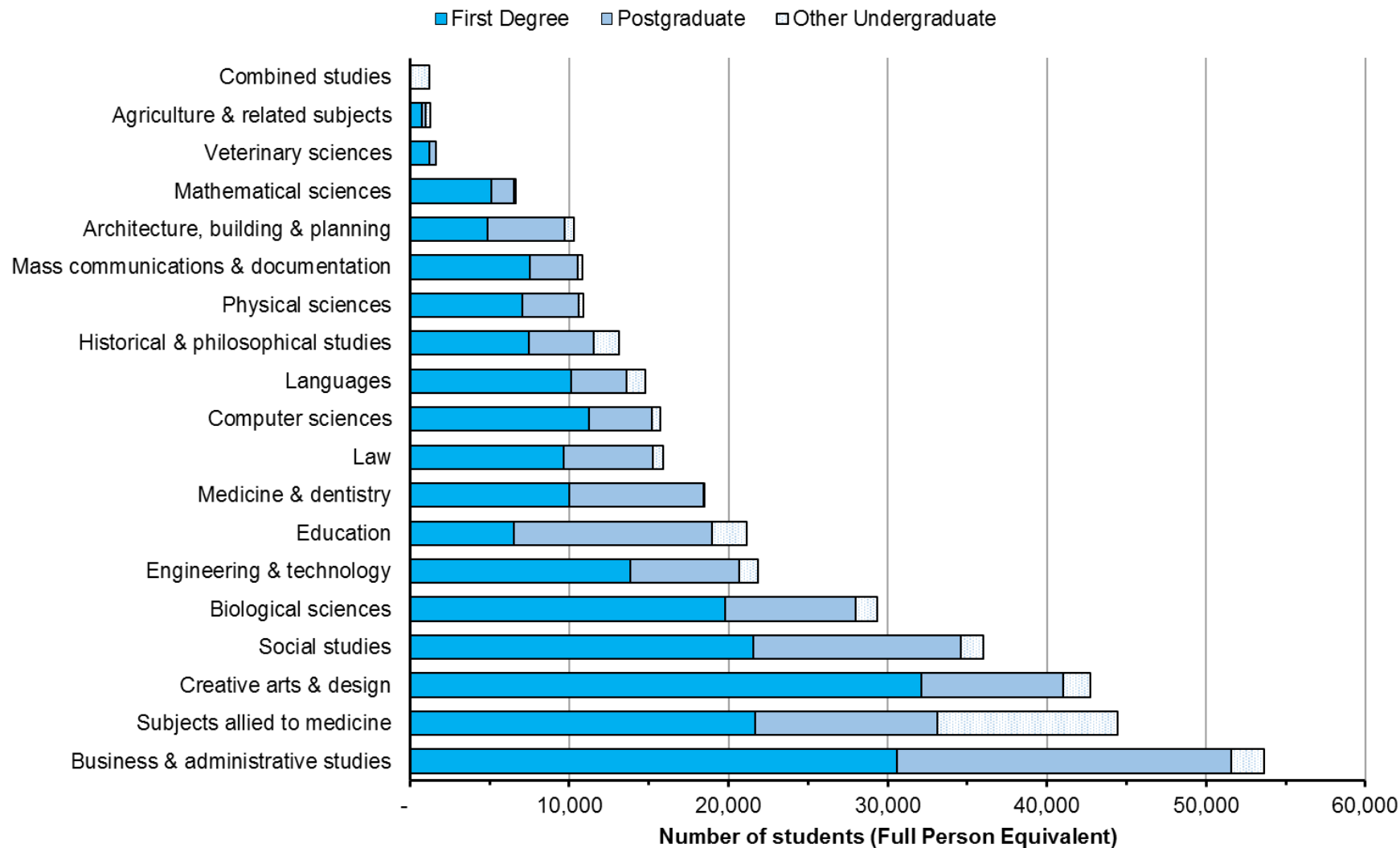
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Students in London by level, mode and gender



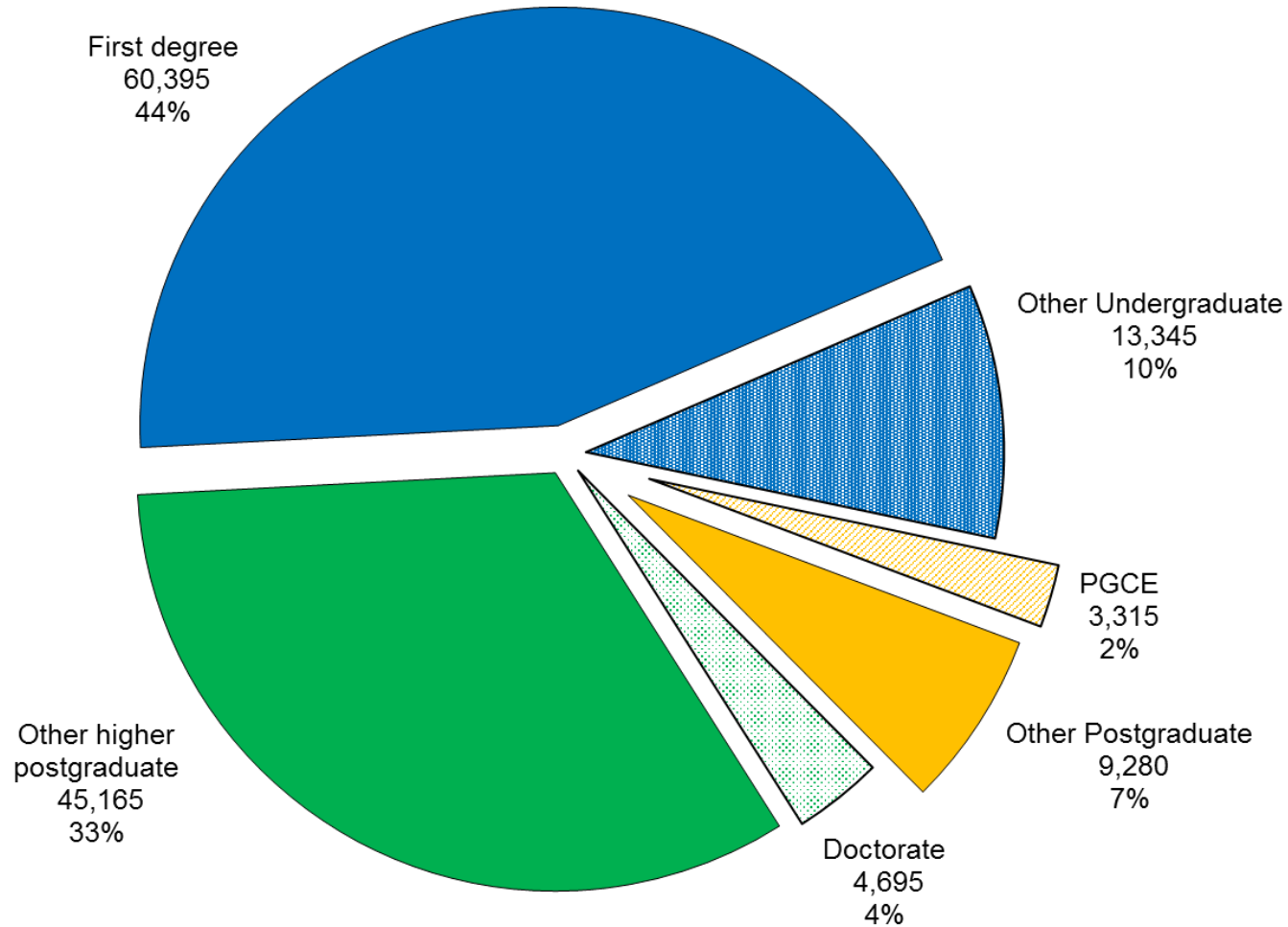
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Students in London by subject area and level of study



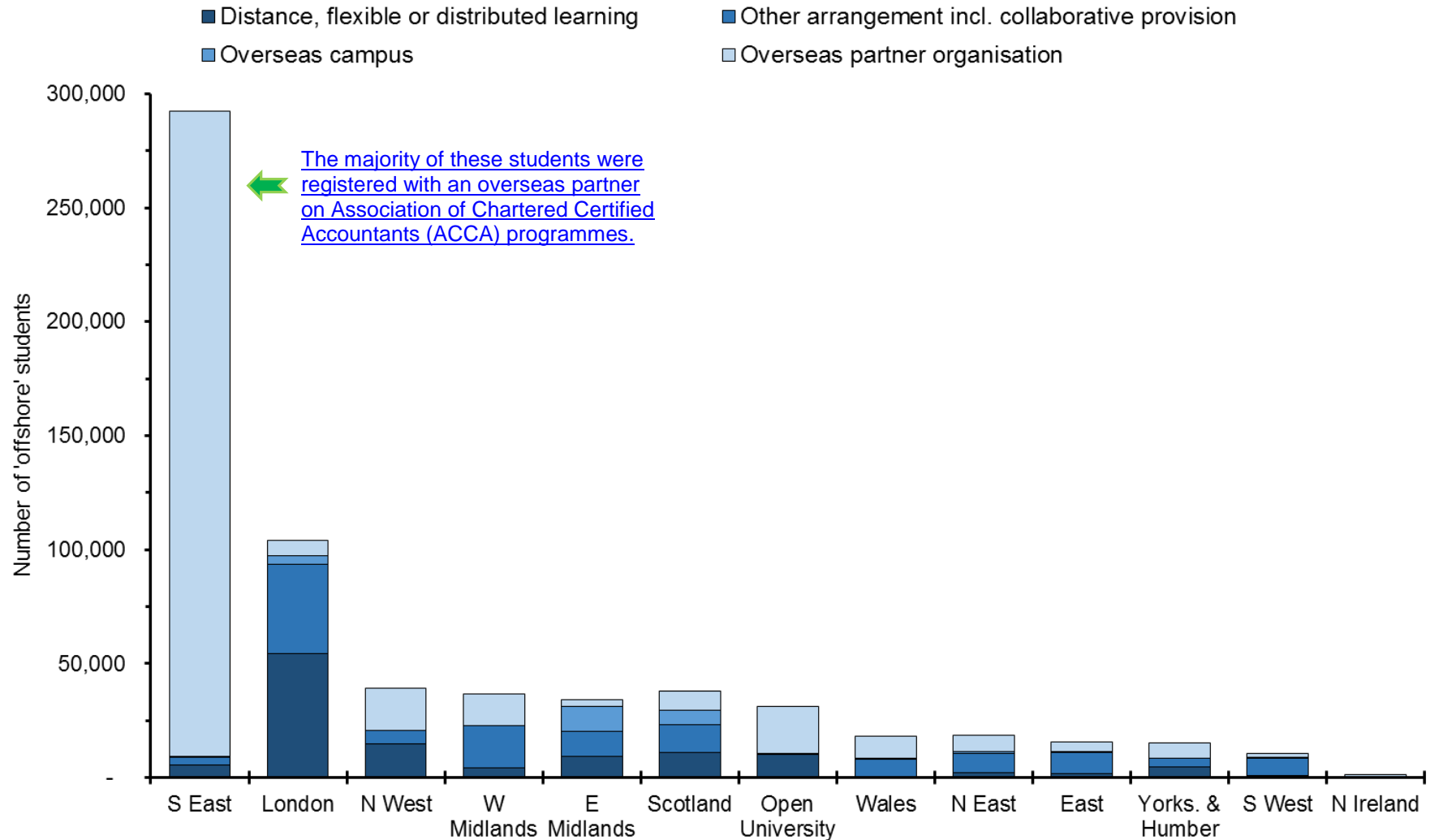
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HE qualifications in London
136,000 students with UG or PG awards



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HE students studying wholly overseas by region of HE provider and type of activity



The majority of these students were registered with an overseas partner on Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) programmes.