

LONDON HIGHER FACTSHEET 2016

STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION 2015/16



1. Nearly 2.3 million students were registered at 163 higher education (HE) providers in the UK in 2015/16.
2. About 372,000, or 16% of the UK total, were studying at 39 HE providers in London, an increase from the previous academic year of 2,000 students
3. Since 2011/12 there has been a decrease of 40,400, or 10%, in student numbers in London.
4. By level of study there were 251,000 undergraduates (67%) and 121,000 postgraduates (33%) in London.
5. There were 107,200 overseas students (Other EU and Non EU) in London comprising 29% of all HE students in the capital.
6. Of the overseas students in London, 32% were from Other EU countries and 68% were from Non-EU countries.
7. Considering just UK full-time first degree students:
 - 89,900 students domiciled in London remained in the capital, [making up 47% of this student group](#) and comparable figures from recent years are: 44% in 2008/09; 50% in 2013/14, and 48% in 2014/15;
 - 63,690 students came to London from the rest of England, mostly from the South East and the West Midlands;
 - 96,045 students left London to study elsewhere, and 48% went to the South East or the East of England.
8. For HE students in London: 58% were women, 65% were 24 years or younger and 10% had a self-declared disability.
9. BAME students made up 47% of all UK students in London, compared with 18% of UK students at all other HE providers outside of London.
10. The three popular subjects in London were Business & Administrative Studies (15% of students), Allied Healthcare (12%) and Creative Arts & Design (12%).
11. There were 6,800 students on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses in London and they formed 12% of 57,000 ITT students in the UK.
12. Over 701,000 students were studying wholly overseas outside of the UK while registered at a UK HE provider or partner organisation.
13. London's 105,000 'offshore' students made up 15% of the total, and the majority were studying outside of the EU (89,400 students).
14. About 48% of London's 'offshore' students were studying through distance, flexible or distributed learning.
15. Of 135,000 HE qualifications awarded in London, 47% were at postgraduate level, 45% were for first degrees and 9% for other undergraduate degrees.

Source: [Students in Higher Education, 2015/16](#). Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited (HESA), February 2017.

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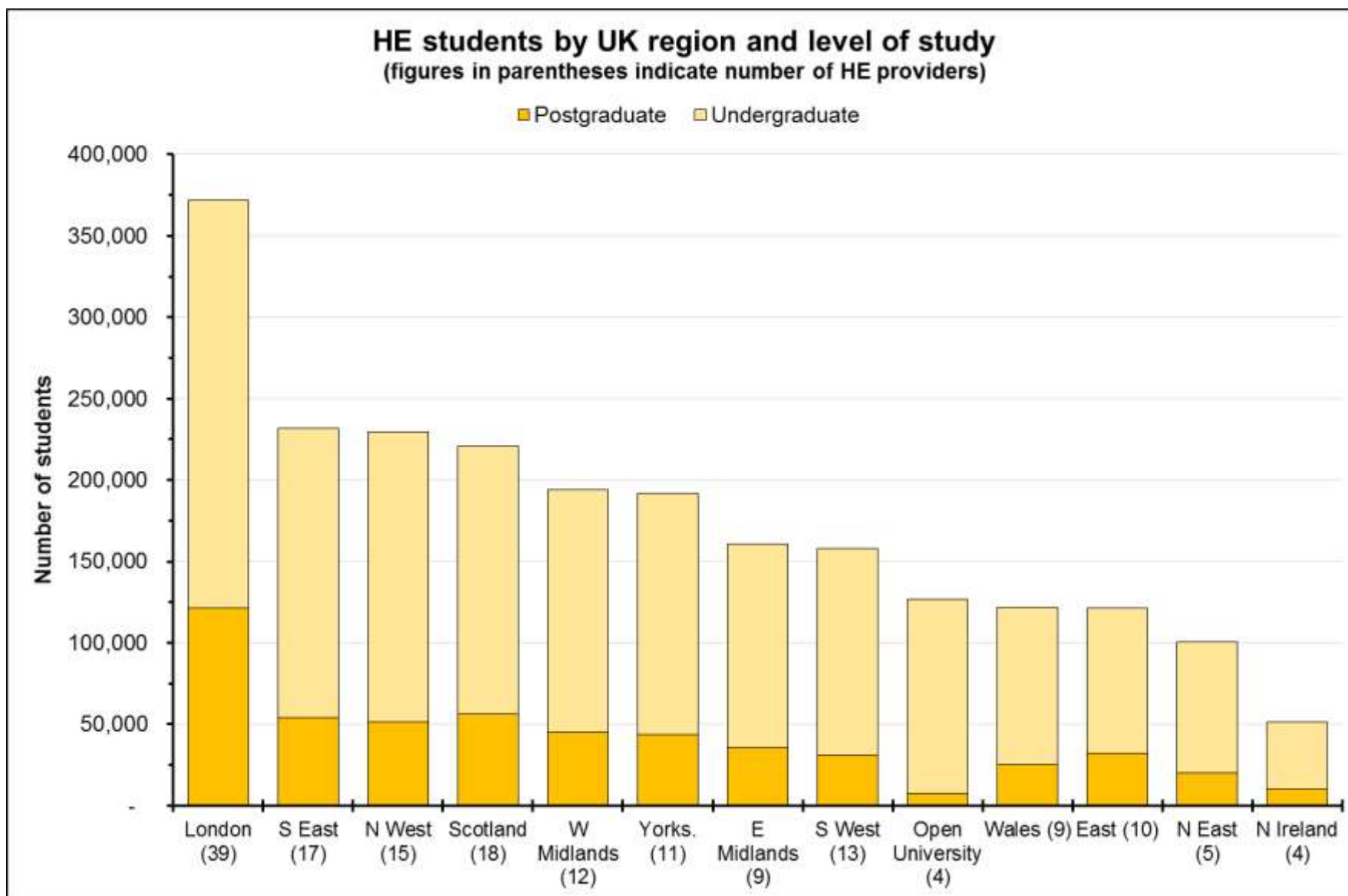
(ii) All figures refer to 39 of 40 HE providers in Greater London region including Royal Holloway, University of London (except point 7), but excluding The Open University in London (data not available).

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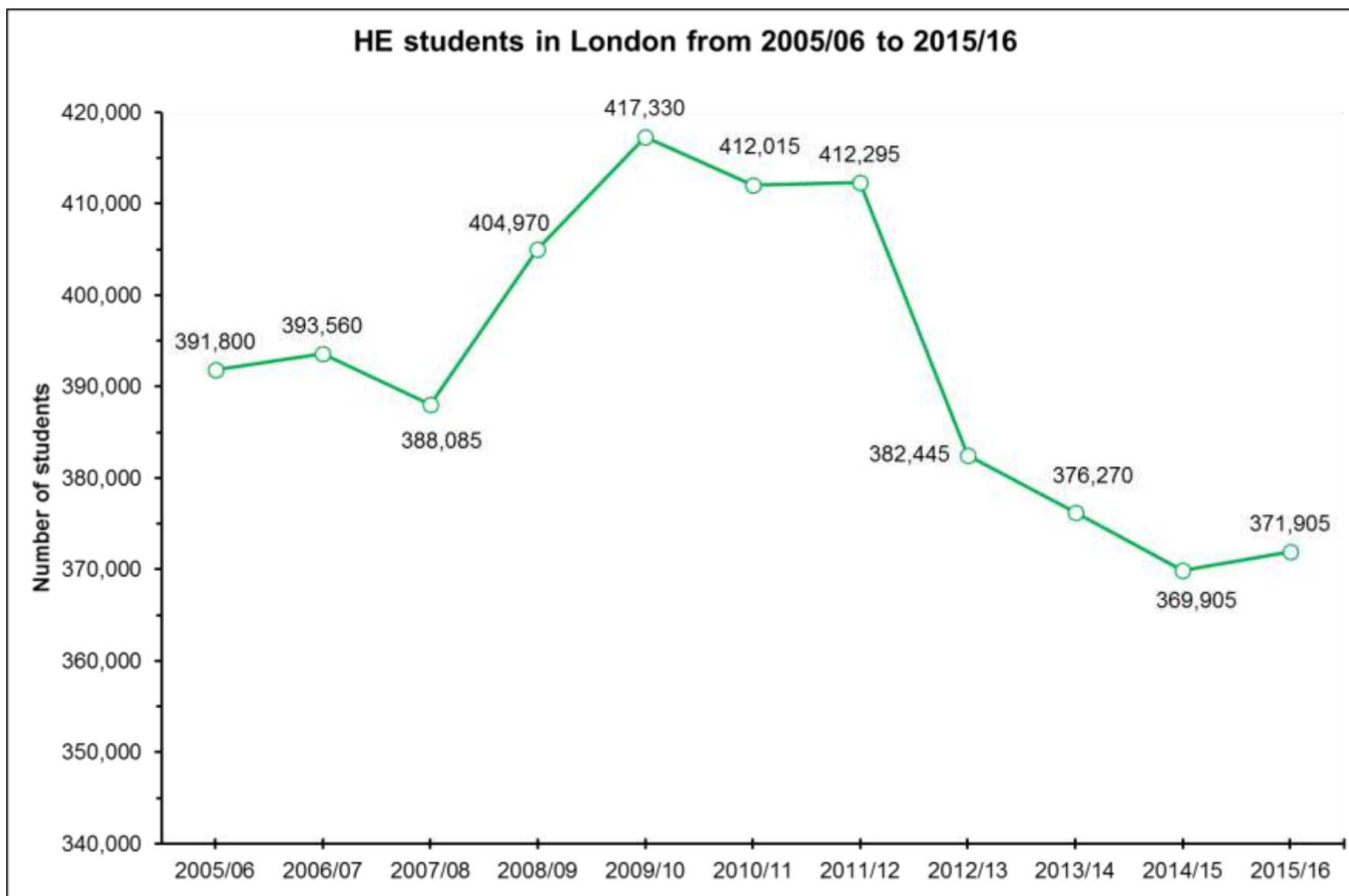
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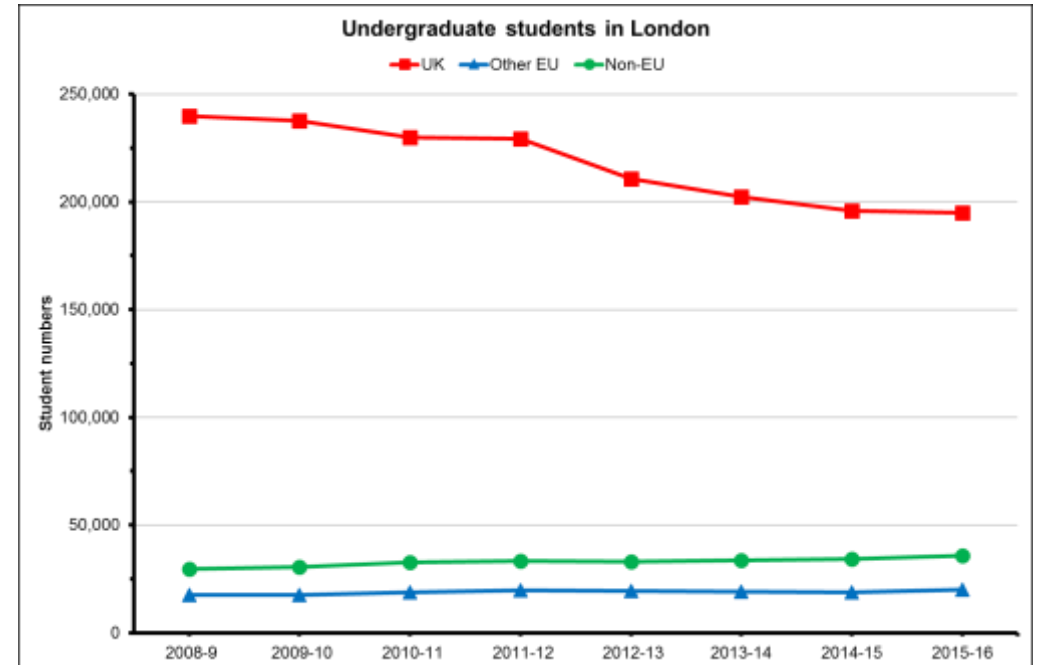
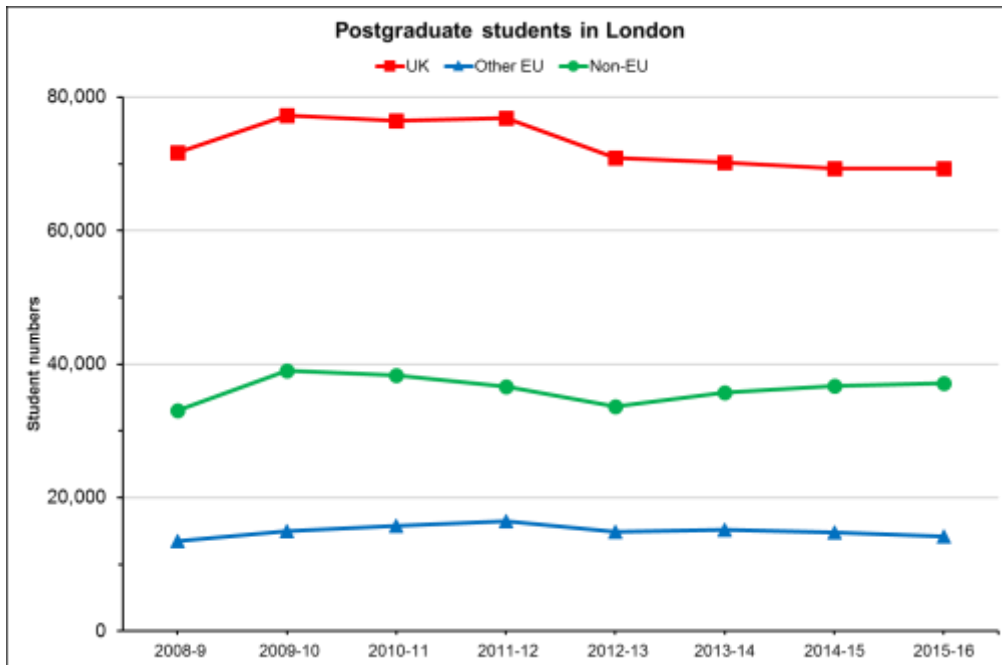


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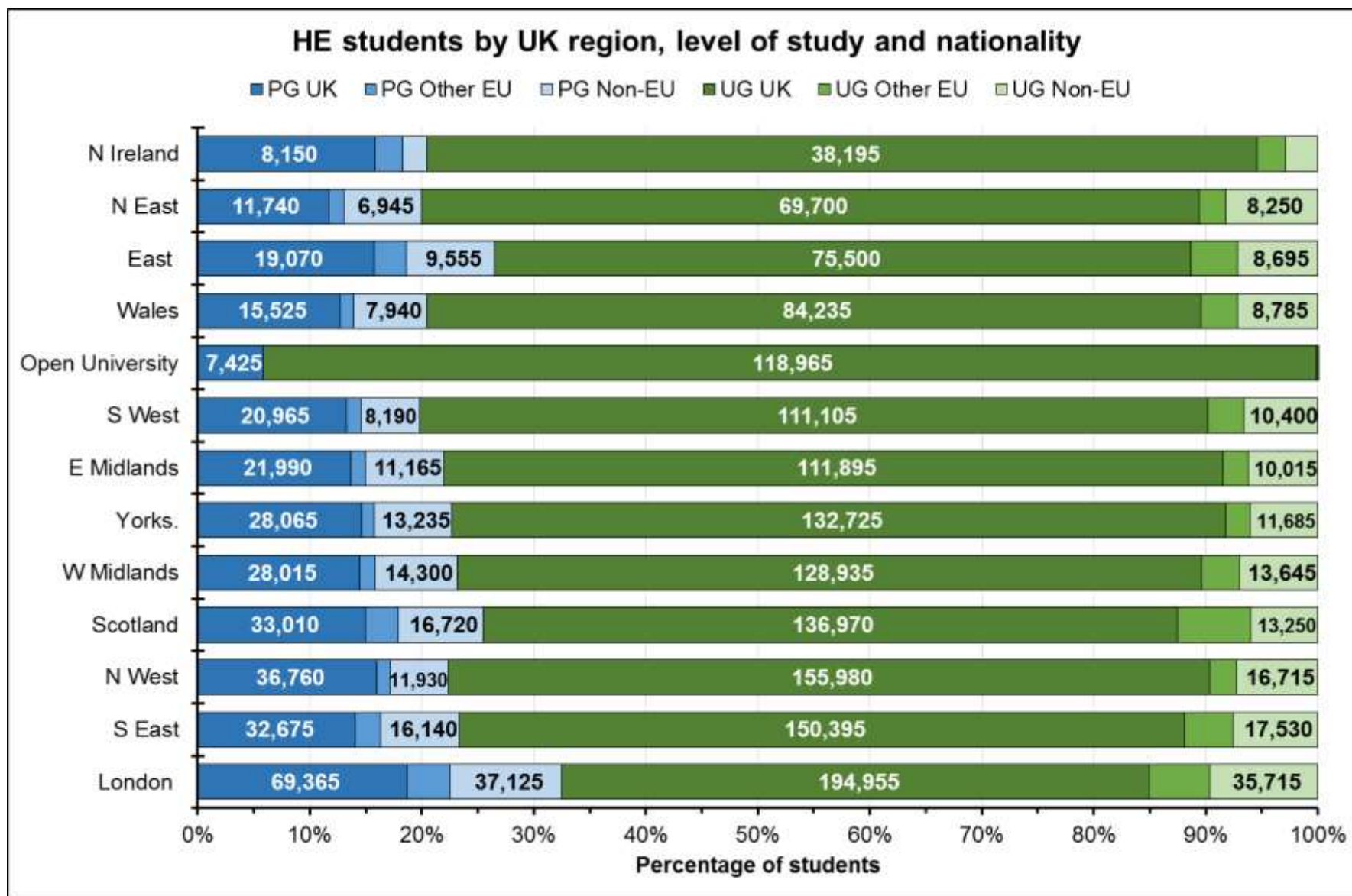


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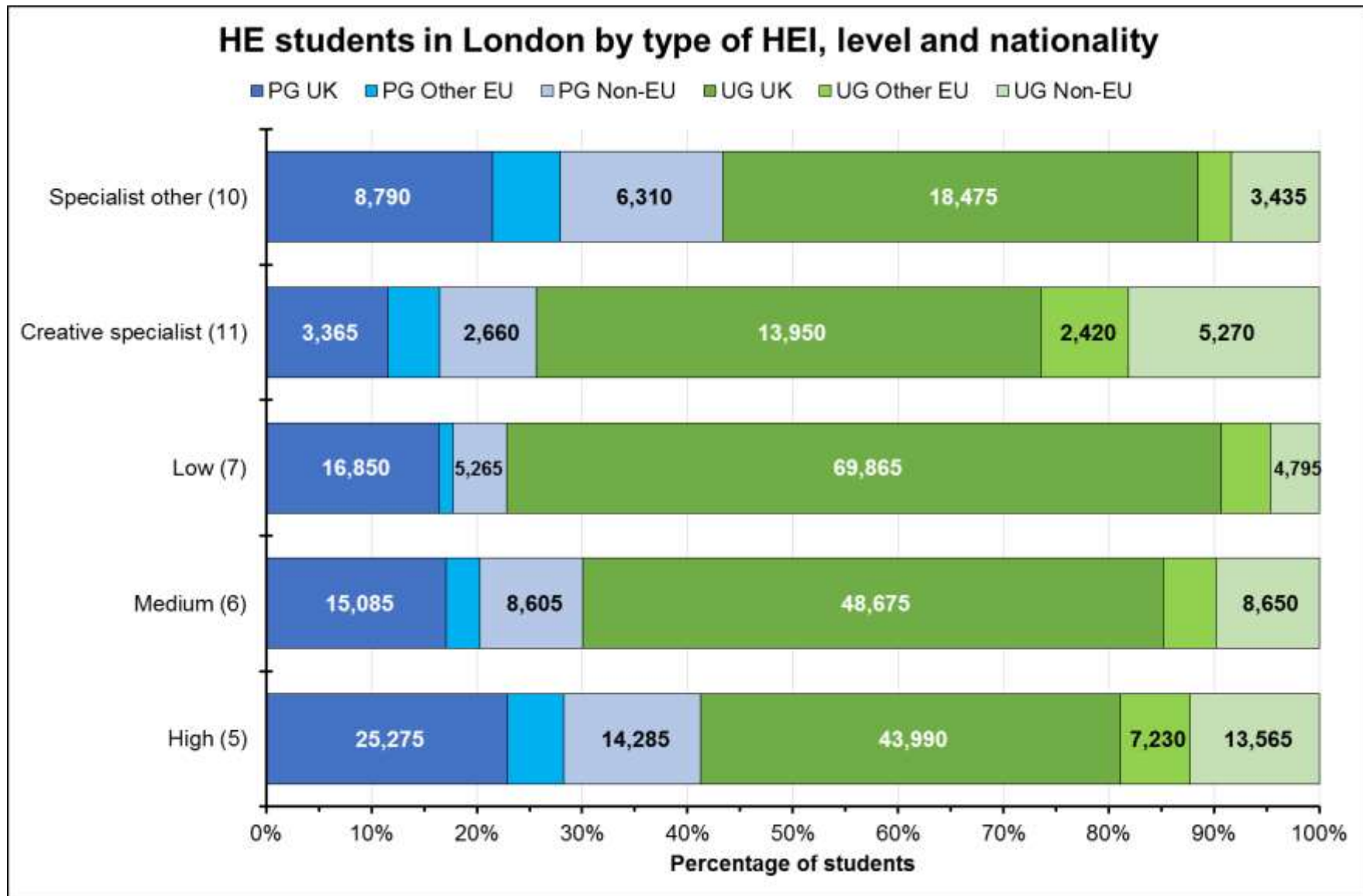
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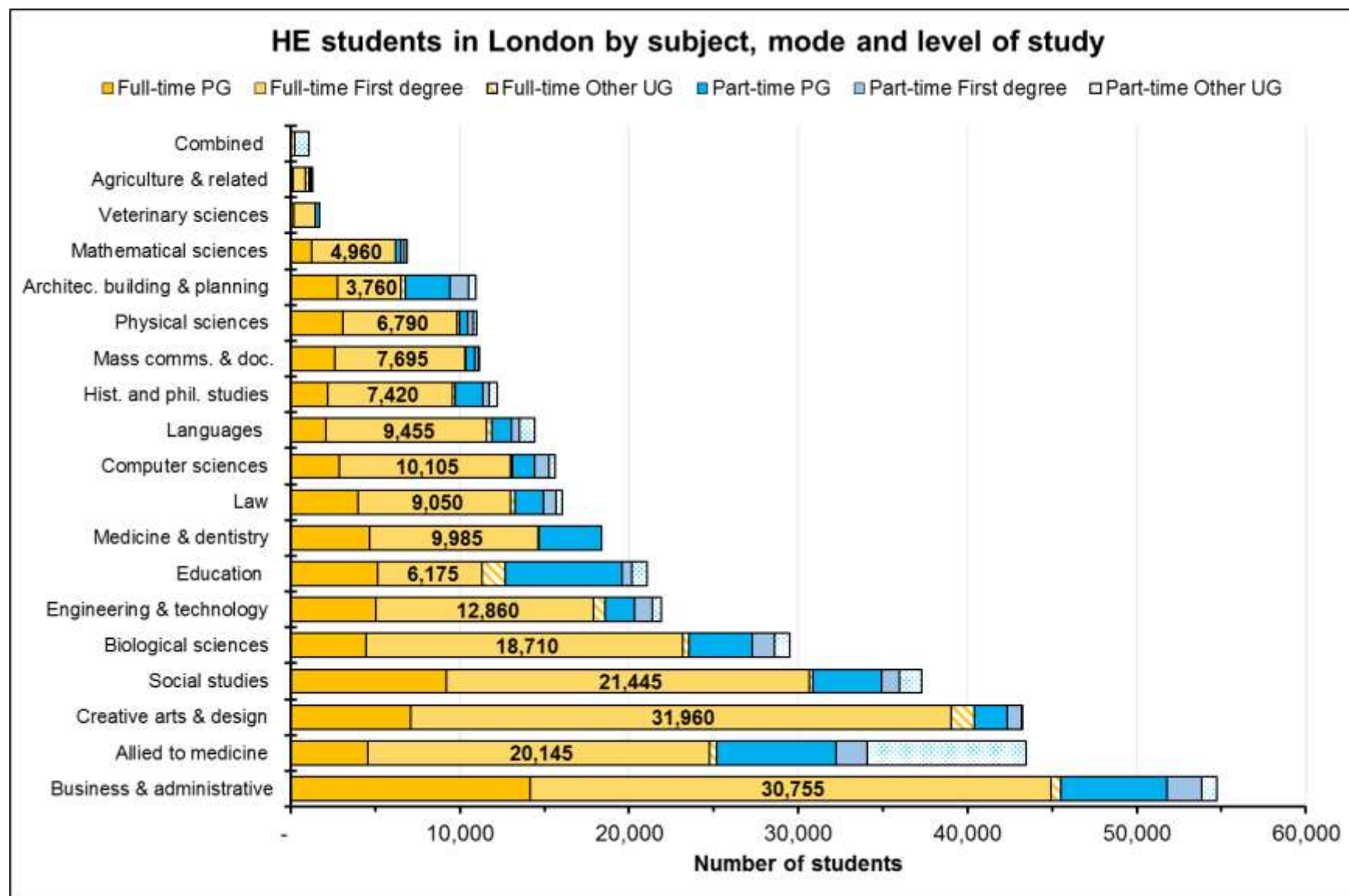
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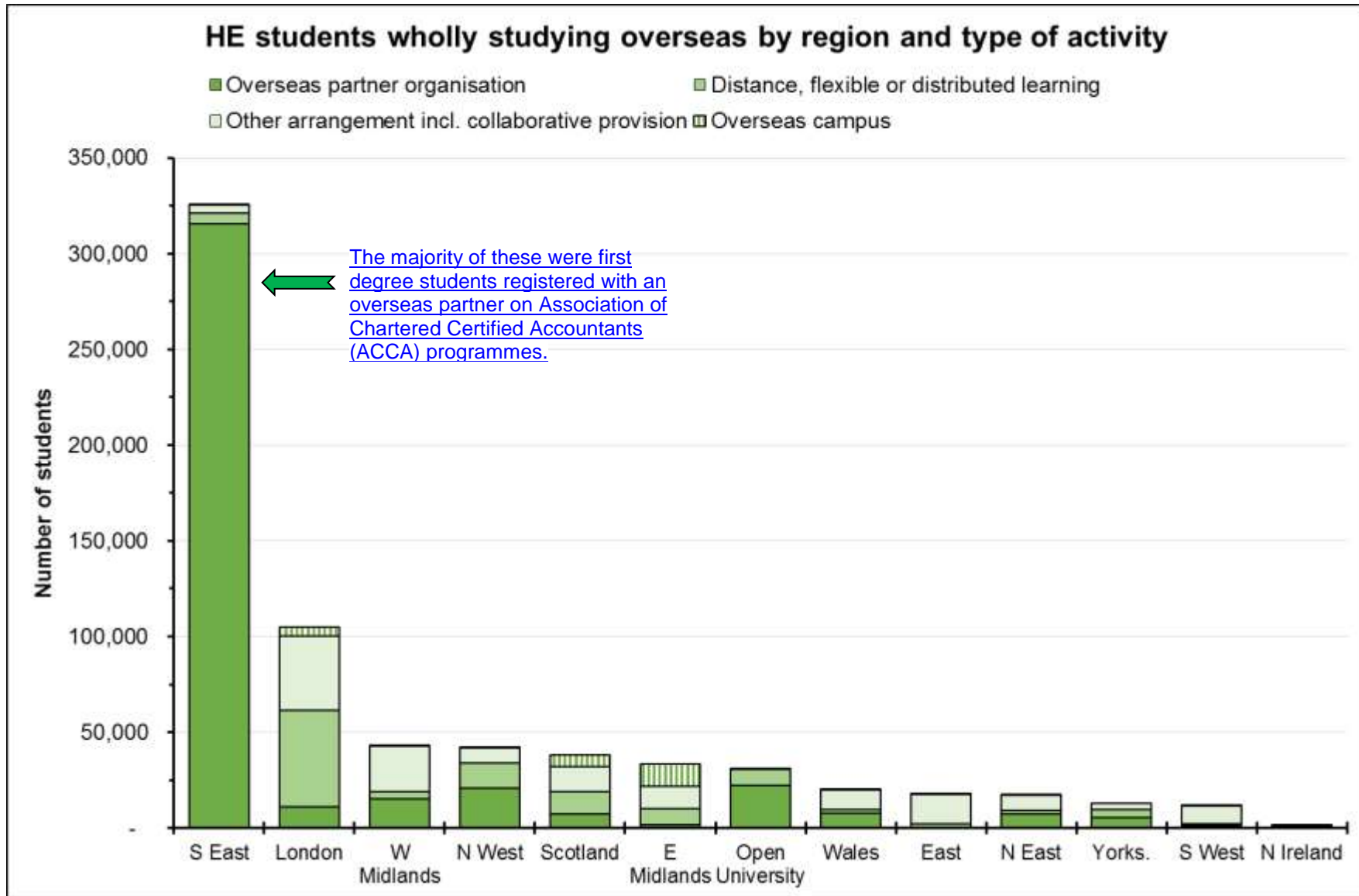
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