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Equity groups in higher education, 1991 to 2003 - Commencing Domestic Student Numbers

Equity Group - Commencing Students	Number of students 1991	Share of Domestic students 1991(%)	Number of students 1992	Share of Domestic students 1992(%)	Number of students 1993	Share of Domestic students 1993(%)
Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	30,805	6.1	28,867	5.5	29,265	5.4
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	9,707	1.9	10,284	2.0	11,474	2.1
Rural (c)	39,837	7.9	37,723	7.2	37,811	7.0
Isolated (c)	4,382	1.6	4,530	0.9	4,173	0.8
Students with a disability (d)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Equity groups in higher education, 1991 to 2003 - All Domestic Student Numbers

Equity Group - All Students	Number of students 1991	Share of Domestic students 1991(%)	Number of students 1992	Share of Domestic students 1992(%)	Number of students 1993	Share of Domestic students 1993(%)
Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	74,309	14.7	76,813	14.6	77,611	14.4
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	20,769	4.1	23,912	4.6	26,327	4.9
Rural (c)	92,998	18.4	97,738	18.6	98,878	18.4
Isolated (c)	9,500	1.6	10,373	2.0	10,347	1.9
Students with a disability (d)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	31,474	5.6	34,207	5.9	35,785	6.0
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	12,072	2.2	13,354	2.3	13,062	2.2
Rural (c)	39,234	7.0	41,773	7.3	43,939	7.3
Isolated (c)	4,801	0.9	4,906	0.9	4,863	0.8
Students with a disability (d)	-	-	-	-	4,647	0.8

Equity groups in higher education, 1991 to 2003 - All Domestic Student Numbers

Equity Group - All Students	Number of students 1994	Share of Domestic students 1994(%)	Number of students 1995	Share of Domestic students 1995(%)	Number of students 1996	Share of Domestic students 1996(%)
Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	80,359	14.4	83,399	14.5	86,932	14.5
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	28,554	5.1	31,224	5.4	32,179	5.4
Rural (c)	100,794	18.0	102,362	17.8	105,694	17.6
Isolated (c)	10,968	2.0	11,234	2.0	11,180	1.9
Students with a disability (d)	-	-	-	-	11,656	1.9

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Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	36,150	5.9	36,117	5.8	36,926	5.9
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	12,418	2.0	11,211	1.8	10,342	1.6
Rural (c)	44,056	7.1	43,715	7.0	44,085	7.0
Isolated (c)	4,921	0.8	4,880	0.8	5,095	0.8
Students with a disability (d)	5,761	0.9	6,126	1.0	6,149	1.0

Equity groups in higher education, 1991 to 2003 - All Domestic Student Numbers

Equity Group - All Students	Number of students 1997	Share of Domestic students 1997(%)	Number of students 1998	Share of Domestic students 1998(%)	Number of students 1999	Share of Domestic students 1999(%)
Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	90,155	14.6	91,557	14.7	92,779	14.7
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	31,448	5.1	29,275	4.7	26,168	4.2
Rural (c)	107,966	17.5	108,850	17.5	109,642	17.4
Isolated (c)	11,348	1.8	11,191	1.8	11,386	1.8
Students with a disability (d)	15,019	2.4	17,574	2.8	18,084	2.9

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Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	37,061	5.9	37,913	5.9	38,625	5.8	37,256	5.5
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	9,643	1.5	9,832	1.5	9,368	1.4	9,792	1.5
Rural (c)	45,260	7.2	46,509	7.2	46,815	7.1	45,302	6.7
Isolated (c)	5,024	0.8	4,004	0.6	3,934	0.6	3,746	0.6
Students with a disability (d)	6,414	1.0	6,473	1.0	7,603	1.1	7,463	1.1

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Low Socio-Economic Status (a)	93,012	14.8	94,181	14.6	97,169	14.7	97,592	14.5
Students from a Non English speaking background (b)	23,674	3.8	23,230	3.6	22,282	3.4	23,417	3.5
Rural (c)	110,914	17.6	114,230	17.7	116,593	17.6	116,746	17.4
Isolated (c)	11,218	1.8	9,024	1.4	8,934	1.3	8,685	1.3
Students with a disability (d)	18,926	3.0	20,097	3.1	22,593	3.4	23,871	3.6

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