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A production error has been corrected in this release. Originally published on 25 November 2009, the amount of Tuition Fee Loans awarded shown in table 2A included loans for EU students from table 4B when it should have included English domiciled students only as in table 4C. Further details can be found under Note 33 in the Notes for Editors section of the SFR.

At the same time the figures in table 1A for the 2009/10 scheme have been changed to correctly reflect the policy at the time.

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## **STUDENT SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN ENGLAND, ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/10 (PROVISIONAL)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This statistical first release presents provisional figures for academic year 2009/10 on Higher Education (HE) student support to English domiciled students studying in the UK and to EU students studying in England. It also shows final figures for at least the previous two academic years.
2. These figures relate to full-time undergraduate students and to postgraduate students who are studying in an Initial Teacher Training (ITT) course on a full-time, part-time or flexible basis. All other part-time students and postgraduate students are excluded.
3. A new table has been introduced this year to show the total amount of support awarded per student support product.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

4. The figures for the current academic year (2009/10) are provisional, and are based on the status of applications processed by mid November. Processing of applications continues after that date, for example because of late applications and reassessments or where applications are cancelled because the applicant has not started an HE course. Final figures incorporating the effect of this later processing are normally published in the following November.
5. Since 2004, when provisional figures were published in this way, the position in mid-November has always been broadly comparable to the position at the same point in the previous academic year. However, in 2009/10 the mid-November position is not directly comparable. This is because the SLC took precautions to ensure that all those who were affected by the recent delays in processing were awarded a non-means tested loan assessment as an interim measure.
6. Although a similar number of applications have been processed, this measure is likely to have affected the proportion of applicants who are eligible for a partial or full maintenance grant, and who are due to be reassessed to establish their correct entitlement. It is expected that the percentage receiving the full and partial maintenance grants in Table 3A will be higher in the final out-turn

by more than the historically observed 1-3%. Updates of the maintenance grant figures for 2009/10 entrants (based on Table 3A) will be published in January and March 2010, as well as in the final figures in November 2010.

## **KEY POINTS**

### Total amount of student support awarded (Table 2a)

7. In academic year 2009/10, the provisional total amount of support awarded to English domiciled students, based on data at 15 November, was £6,241m.
8. The final figure for 2008/09 was £5,893m which represents an 18% increase on academic year 2007/08 (£4,989m).

### Total number of awards to English domiciles (Table 2b)

9. The provisional number of students being awarded support, in the form of loans and grants, in academic year 2009/10 was 838,600.
10. The equivalent final figure for academic year 2008/09 was 872,900 which represents 4% (36,700) more students awarded support compared to the previous academic year.

### Awards of maintenance grants (Table 3a)

11. As of 15 November this year provisional figures show that 294,000 students successfully applied for support in academic year 2009/10 under the 2009/10 entry regulations. As explained above, following the measures that were put in place over the summer 2009 to process new entrants' applications, the provisional distribution is not comparable with previous years, nor is it likely to be indicative of the final picture. The current figures show that 33% of 2009 entry cohort students were awarded the full maintenance grant of £2,906, 21% were awarded a partial maintenance grant and finally, 46% were awarded no maintenance grant.
12. Final figures for 2008/09 show that 759,000 students were eligible to be assessed for support in the form of maintenance grants in academic year 2008/09 under the 2006/07 entry regulations, which represents an increase of 44% compared to academic year 2007/08.

### Average awards of maintenance loans (Table 4a)

13. The provisional figures for academic year 2009/10 indicate that 749,000 maintenance loans were taken out which amounts to £2,704m borrowed. On average, students took out an income contingent maintenance loan worth £3,610.
14. The equivalent final figure for academic year 2008/09 shows that, on average, students took out a maintenance loan of £3,520 which is similar to the previous year.

### Average take-up of tuition fee loans (Table 4b)

15. 791,000 English domiciled students applying under the 2006/07 entry regulations took out a tuition fee loan in academic year 2009/10 (provisional) at an average rate of £3,030 per student

## REVISIONS

16. Previous statistical first releases showed the average maintenance grant and allowances awarded per student in table 2B (previously table 2). This has been discontinued because the calculation included students not entitled to a maintenance grant or allowances.
17. The corrections and revisions that were introduced to the figures published previously have been carried forward in this statistical first release (for details see SLC SFR05/2008).

## TABLES

18. Table 1A shows the maximum support available for maintenance in England through the grants and maintenance loans schemes for student support scheme students between academic years 2007/08 to 2009/10
19. Table 1B shows the support package for new entrants in academic year 2009/10, the fourth year of variable tuition fees in England and the first year of maintenance grant with revised residual income thresholds.
20. Table 2A shows the total amount of support awarded to English domiciled student support scheme students between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.
21. Table 2B shows, the number of, expenditure on, and estimated average value of, tuition fee grants and maintenance grants & allowances awarded to student support scheme students between academic years 2004/05 and 2009/10.
22. Table 3A shows the distribution of maintenance grants for English domiciled current system students by entry cohorts between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.
23. Table 3B shows the distribution of higher education grants for students domiciled in England who entered HE under the pre-2006/07 arrangements, between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.
24. Table 3C shows the distribution of tuition fee grant for students domiciled in England who entered HE under pre 2006/07 arrangements between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.
25. Table 4A shows the number and take up of maintenance loans, the amount borrowed and the average loan value for the student support scheme for students domiciled in England between academic years 2005/06 and 2009/10.
26. Table 4B shows the number of tuition fee loans taken out, the amount borrowed and the average loan value for the student support scheme for all students domiciled in England and for European Union students attending HE courses in England pre- versus post 2006/07 arrangements, between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.
27. Table 4C shows the number of tuition fee loans taken out, the amount borrowed and the average loan value for the student support scheme for all students domiciled in England broken down by England and other UK countries of HE institution attended between academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10.

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

28. All of the figures in this first release have been compiled by the Student Loans Company Limited (SLC). All student numbers have been rounded to the nearest 100 unless specified otherwise. All

amounts have been rounded to the nearest £100,000 unless specified otherwise. All totals and averages are calculated from un-rounded numbers.

29. Details of the amounts of loans and grants available in academic year 2009/10 are publicly available in the Student Finance England booklet 'A guide to financial support for higher education students in 2009/10'.
30. This statistical first release contains early in-year awards figures for academic year 2009/10. Students who have not yet been approved for support will not appear in these figures (see paragraphs 4 to 6 for more details). Some eligible students may not have applied yet and others may have applied but not yet provided all requested evidence. Also, student's circumstances can change and they may revise their support application. Significant numbers of students revise their initial support application from non means-tested support to means-tested support. Others withdraw from their courses after only one term's payment. Therefore, the figures for academic year 2009/10 are provisional.
31. Due to high levels of public interest in the processing of Higher Education Student Support applications by Student Finance England, the Student Loans Company, in conjunction with BIS analysts have released early provisional figures to show the levels of processing and payment of Student Support in England for the 2009/10 academic year. These were published on the SLC website under "Facts & figures" and are accessible at [http://www.slc.co.uk/statistics/facts\\_figures.html](http://www.slc.co.uk/statistics/facts_figures.html). Figures in this SFR are based on more up-to-date information.
32. The components of Table 2a & 2b are taken from SLC's Management Information System, which hosts data from the company's operational systems. An issue was discovered with the way certain data was being loaded into the Management Information System. This issue caused the disabled students allowance component of table 2a & 2b to be understated in the original release of this SFR. The error was corrected in the 13 August 2010 re-issue.
33. Table 2a should show the figures for English domiciled students only. In the original publication the figures for Tuition Fee loans awarded were taken from table 4b which includes EU students rather than from table 4C which includes English domiciled students only. The error has been corrected in the 25 November 2010 re-issue.

## **THE STUDENT FINANCE SYSTEM**

### Summary of recent policy changes:

#### 2009/10 entrants

34. Maintenance grant -- The main change for new entrants in 2009/10 is an adjustment to the household income threshold for maintenance grant support. Although the threshold for entitlement to a maximum grant remains at £25,000, the threshold for entitlement to a partial grant has been adjusted from £60,005 to £50,020.
35. Maintenance loan -- The non means tested element of the maintenance loan has been adjusted - from 75% to 72% of the maximum loan amount. As a result, the means tested element of the maintenance loan has been adjusted from 25% to 28% of the maximum loan amount. The amount of maintenance loan available is reduced by £0.50 for every £1 of maintenance grant received. The maximum amount of support available is therefore lower than the sum of the maximum maintenance loan and the maximum maintenance grant.

36. Tax year -- In 2009/10, new policy meant that students could supply UK tax system based financial evidence for previous tax year for assessment of their 2009/10 application. For 2009/10, this meant that applicants could supply their P60 for the 2007/08 tax year, along with any other financial evidence which may be required, when being assessed for means tested financial support. This allows applicants to apply for student support earlier than in previous years.

#### 2008/09 entrants

37. Maintenance grant -- For students entering HE in September 2008 the income thresholds for maintenance grant support were revised. The income threshold for full grant entitlement was increased from £17,910 in academic year 2007/08 to £25,000 in academic year 2008/09. The income threshold for the minimum partial grant was increased from £38,330 to £60,005.

#### 2007/08 entrants

38. New student support arrangements were introduced for students entering HE from September 2006. Students are eligible for the maintenance grant, dependent on household income. Students studying in England became subject to tuition fees. Loans to cover the cost of fees are available which students start to repay when they have left higher education and are earning over £15,000. Students continue to be eligible for a maintenance loan.

### Key elements of the student support arrangements introduced in 2006/07

#### Maintenance grant

39. A maintenance grant was introduced for students who started their course in September 2006 and were subject to variable tuition fees. These students were termed 'current system' students. The new maintenance grant replaced the higher education grant.
40. Under the new arrangements, the maximum amount of grant available in academic year 2009/10 is £2,906, and how much a student receives depends on their income, the income of their household, and their year of entry into higher education. Students receive the full grant of £2,906 if they are 2008 or 2009 entrants with a household income up to £25,000, or if they are 2006 or 2007 entrants with a household income up to £18,360. Students receive a partial grant, with a minimum grant of £50, if they are 2009 entrants with a household income up to £50,020, if they are 2008 entrants with a household income up to £60,005, or if they are 2006 or 2007 entrants with a household income up to £39,333. The equivalent special support grant (of up to £2,835) ensures that students in the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) vulnerable groups have their grant disregarded when entitlement to benefits is calculated.

#### Tuition fee loans

41. From academic year 2006/07, students can defer payment of tuition fees by taking out a Tuition Fee loan. As well as being available to 'current system' students, this option is also available to pre-2006/07 entrants if they make a full or partial contribution to their fixed fees. Students can take out as much or as little fee loan as they choose, up to the maximum amount of fees being charged.

#### Additional grants and allowances

42. The Government retains as grants and allowances those relating to the personal circumstances of students, e. g. for adult dependant grant, child care grant, parents' learning

allowance and disabled students allowances (DSA). Support for some course-related costs, e.g. long course learning, is in the form of supplementary loans. Targeted grants with the exception of DSA are income-assessed.

#### Access to learning fund

43. From academic year 2004/05 hardship funding was amalgamated into one non-repayable fund, renamed the Access to Learning Fund. Institutions with HE students were allocated funding from BIS to help students from low income backgrounds and those in financial difficulty to gain access to and stay in HE.

#### Key elements of the student support arrangements introduced in 1998/99

44. New students in 1998/99 received support for maintenance through means-tested grants (comprising about a quarter of the support available) and non income-assessed student loans (comprising about three quarters of the support available). New students from 1999/00, and those who were subject to the new arrangements in 1998/99, receive support for living costs mainly through loans which are partly income-assessed. The loans made under these arrangements are repayable on an income contingent basis.

#### Student loans

45. Repayment of student support scheme loans is linked to income after leaving university or college so that leavers only repay as and when they can afford to. Repayments are at the rate of 9% of income above the income threshold (which was £10,000 up until the end of March 2005 and then £15,000 for all borrowers from April 2005 onwards).

#### **RELATED PUBLICATIONS**

46. Statistics on loans and grants awarded to students in HE in England in academic year 2008/09 (provisional) were published in SLC SFR 05/2008 on 27 November 2008.
47. Statistics on the repayment of loans in financial year 2008-09 (provisional) were published on 17 Jun 2009 in SLC SFR 02/2009 and revised on 22 October 2009.
48. Additional statistics on income contingent repayments by repayment cohort and tax year 2000/01 to 2007/08 inclusive (provisional) were published on 22 October 2009.
49. Early provisional statistics on the levels of processing and payment of Student Support in England for the 2009/10 academic year were published on 27 October, 3 November and 10 November 2009.

#### **NATIONAL STATISTICS**

50. This is a National Statistics publication. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in The Code for Official Statistics. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

## Table 1 - Student Support Available

**Table 1A : Basic rates of standard maintenance grant and full year maintenance loan available to English domiciled students [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 to 2009/10**

Academic years		Maximum maintenance Grant (cash terms)	Maximum amount of maintenance loan (cash terms)	Standard maintenance grant plus maintenance loan (cash terms)	Standard maintenance grant plus maintenance loan (constant prices) [2]
<b>2007/2008 [3]</b> (2006/07 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	2,765	4,510	6,045 [5]	6,457 [5]
	London rate	2,765	6,315	7,850 [5]	8,386 [5]
	Home rate	2,765	3,495	5,030 [5]	5,373 [5]
<b>2007/2008 [6]</b> (1998/99 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	1,000	4,510	5,510	5,886
	London rate	1,000	6,315	7,315	7,814
	Home rate	1,000	3,495	4,495	4,802
<b>2008/2009 [3]</b> (2006/07 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	2,835	4,625	6,200 [5]	6,279 [5]
	London rate	2,835	6,475	8,050 [5]	8,153 [5]
	Home rate	2,835	3,580	5,155 [5]	5,221 [5]
<b>2008/2009 [6]</b> (1998/99 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	1,000	4,625	5,625	5,697
	London rate	1,000	6,475	7,475	7,570
	Home rate	1,000	3,580	4,580	4,638
<b>2009/2010 [3]</b> (2009/10 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	2,906	4,950	6,403 [7]	6,485 [7]
	London rate	2,906	6,928	8,381 [7]	8,488 [7]
	Home rate	2,906	3,838	5,291 [7]	5,358 [7]
<b>2009/2010 [3]</b> (2006/07 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	2,906	4,745	6,359 [5]	6,359 [5]
	London rate	2,906	6,643	8,257 [5]	8,257 [5]
	Home rate	2,906	3,673	5,287 [5]	5,287 [5]
<b>2009/2010 [6]</b> (1998/99 scheme)	Elsewhere rate [4]	1,000	4,745	5,745	5,745
	London rate	1,000	6,643	7,643	7,643
	Home rate	1,000	3,673	4,673	4,673

Sources: BIS; ONS

[1] The rate of maintenance grant and loan is applicable to students normally domiciled in England.

[2] Using 2009/10 prices based on the September RPI, excluding mortgage interest payments, at the beginning of each academic year.

[3] A means-tested Maintenance Grant of £2,700 was introduced in 2006/07 (£2,906 in 2009/10).

Students in receipt of these grants are not eligible for the £1,000 HE Grant.

[4] The 'elsewhere' rate of grant and loan is applicable to students living away from home and studying outside London.

[5] The amount of Maintenance Loan available is reduced by £1 for every £1 of Maintenance Grant received up to a maximum of £1,292 (£1,200 in 2006/07). The maximum amount of support available is therefore lower than the sum of the maximum Maintenance Loan and the maximum Maintenance Grant.

[6] Rates of grant and loan applicable to student support scheme students from 1998/99 onwards.

[7] The amount of Maintenance Loan available is reduced by £0.50 for every £1 of Maintenance Grant received. The maximum amount of support available is therefore lower than the sum of the maximum Maintenance Loan and the maximum Maintenance Grant.



## Table 1 - Student Support Available

**Table 1B : Student Support Package 2009/10 in England [1]  
Students entering HE in academic year 2009/10**

Residual Income	Amount of tuition fee loan available [2]	Amount of maintenance grant available	Amount of maintenance loan available [3]
Up to £25,000	£3,225	£2,906	£3,497 [4]
Between £25,001 and £34,000	£3,225	£2,906 to £1,106 [5]	£3,497 to £4,397 [4]
Between £34,001 and £50,020	£3,225	£1,106 to £50 [6]	£4,397 to £4,925 [7]
Between £50,021 and £57,707	£3,225	Nil	£4,950 [8] to £3,565 [9]
£57,708 and over	£3,225	Nil	£3,564 [9]

Source: BIS

[1] Information is for English domiciled students.

[2] The amount of Tuition Fee Loan available is equivalent to the tuition fees charged, up to a maximum of £3,225.

[3] Based on the 'Elsewhere' rate of loan.

[4] Students in lower-income households will have part of their maintenance needs met through a non-repayable Maintenance Grant. So, their entitlement to repayable support through a Student Loan for Maintenance will therefore be reduced to reflect this. In practice, this means that the amount of Maintenance Loan a student can receive (maximum 'Elsewhere rate' £4,950) will be reduced by £0.50 for every £1 of Maintenance Grant entitlement.

[5] Reduced by £1 for every £5 of income above £25,000.

[6] Reduced by £1 for every £15.17 of income above £34,000.

[7] The Maintenance Loan is reduced by £0.50 for every £1 of Maintenance Grant received.

[8] The full 'Elsewhere' rate of maintenance loan.

[9] All students are entitled to 72% of the appropriate student loan, but the remaining 28% is subject to means-testing.

## **Table 2 - Student Finance Awards**

**Table 2A : Total Amount Awarded to Student Support Scheme Students in England [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 to 2009/10 (provisional)**

Product	Table	Amount Awarded (£m)		
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)
Tuition Fee Grants	2B	140.4	45.1	7.8
Maintenance Grants and other non-repayable allowances	2B	874.3	1,212.2	1,124.6
Maintenance Loans	4A	2,630.7	2,717.0	2,704.4
Tuition Fee Loans [2]	4C	1,344.1	1,918.3	2,404.5
<b>Total HE Full Time Student Finance Awards</b>		<b>4,989.5</b>	<b>5,892.6</b>	<b>6,241.4</b>

Source: Student Loans Company (SLC)

[1] Data cover English domiciled student support scheme students in the UK.

[2] In the 25 November 2010 re-issue, corrected from English domiciled and EU to English domiciled only, see para 33 of Notes to Editors.

## Table 2 - Student Finance Awards

Table 2B : Student Finance Awards to Student Support Scheme Students [1] in England [2]  
Academic years 2004/05 to 2009/10 (provisional)

Academic Year	All student support scheme students					Average amount awarded (£)
	Number of Awards (000s) [4]	Tuition Fee Grant eligible population (000s) [5]	Amount awarded (£m)			[3]
			Tuition Fee Grants [4][5][6]	Maintenance Grants and allowances [7][8]	Total [9]	Average Tuition Fee Grant awarded per fee grant eligible student [5][6][10]
2004/05	776.0	710.0	395.4	205.2	600.6	560
2005/06	786.5	734.1	413.0	292.6	705.5	560
2006/07	814.6	489.9	256.7	614.7	871.3	520
2007/08	836.2	280.0	140.4	874.3	1,014.6	500
2008/09	872.9	95.6	45.1	1,212.2	1,257.3	470
Percentage change 2007/08 - 2008/09 (expenditure in real terms) [11]	4%	-66%	-70%	31%	17%	-11%
2009/10 (provisional) [12][13]	838.6	24.3	7.8	1,124.6	1,132.5	320

Source: Student Loans Company (SLC)

[1] Students under the arrangements in place since 1998/99.

[2] Data cover English domiciled student support scheme students in the UK.

[3] Previous SFRs showed the average maintenance grant and allowance awarded per student. This has been discontinued because the calculation included students not entitled to a maintenance grant or allowance.

[4] The number of students applying to the relevant Award Authority and successfully being awarded student support of some kind under the student support scheme. This is the population used for the calculation of the average grant awarded even though they do not all receive a grant.

[5] Student Support Scheme students in 1998/99 were expected to contribute up to £1,000 towards the cost of their Tuition Fees depending on family income. The fee amount has risen in line with inflation to £1,225 in 2007/08, £1,255 in 2008/09 and £1,285 in 2009/10 except for those students entering in or after 2006/07 who are subject to variable fees. This is the population used to calculate the average fee grant awarded even though they do not all receive the grant.

[6] Expenditure in the form of Tuition Fee Grant for those students who entered HE prior to 2006/07. EU students are entitled to support for fees, but are excluded from these figures.

[7] Data on maintenance expenditure for student support scheme students includes additional allowances/grants available to eligible students for extra help depending on their circumstances, e.g. students with disabilities (the Disabled Students' Allowance), students with dependents, single parent students, those incurring certain travel costs, and those who have recently left care.

[8] The effective date for the revised Maintenance Grant total for AY's 2009/10 & 2008/09 is 15/11/2009, for AY 2007/08 it is 16/11/2008, for AY 2006/07 it is 07/11/2007, for AY 2005/06 it is 15/11/2006 and for AY 2004/05 it is 18/11/2005.

[9] Totals may not add due to roundings.

[10] Rounded to the nearest £10.

[11] In order to show the change in expenditure in real terms the 2007/08 expenditure is converted to 2008/09 prices and then compared to the 2008/09 expenditure.

The conversion is achieved using the change in RPI (excluding mortgage interest payments) from September 2007 to September 2008.

[12] The maintenance grant figures for 2009/10 are based on the position as at 15/11/2009. The tuition fee grant figures for 2009/10 are based on the position as at 11/11/2009.

[13] The number of awards will increase as applications continue to be approved. The averages for amount awarded will increase or decrease depending on the make up of the later awards.



### Table 3 - Distribution of Support in the form of Grants

Table 3A : Distribution of Maintenance Grants in England [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 through 2009/10 (provisional) [2]

#### 2009 Entry Cohort students

Academic year	Students		Expenditure (£m)
	Numbers (000s)	Percentage (%)	
	2009/10 [3] (provisional)	2009/10 [3] (provisional)	2009/10 [3] (provisional)
Students awarded a full Maintenance Grant	96.4	33	280.1
Students awarded a partial Maintenance Grant	62.8	21	74.9
Students awarded a Nil Maintenance Grant [4]	134.4	46	..
<b>Total [4][5]</b>	<b>293.6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>355.0</b>

.. = Not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

#### 2008 Entry Cohort students

Academic year	Students				Expenditure (£m)	
	Numbers (000s)		Percentage (%)		2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)
	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)		
Students awarded a full Maintenance Grant	125.2	98.6	42	41	340.1	285.7
Students awarded a partial Maintenance Grant	87.3	66.4	29	28	102.0	82.9
Students awarded a Nil Maintenance Grant [4]	85.9	74.5	29	31	..	..
<b>Total [4][5]</b>	<b>298.4</b>	<b>239.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>442.1</b>	<b>368.6</b>

.. = Not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

#### Prior Entry Cohort students

Academic year	Students						Expenditure (£m)		
	Numbers (000s)			Percentage (%)			2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)			
Students awarded a full Maintenance Grant	179.6	155.4	88.7	34	34	32	478.1	428.3	257.0
Students awarded a partial Maintenance Grant	121.7	98.2	50.0	23	21	18	151.5	128.3	69.5
Students awarded a Nil Maintenance Grant [4]	224.2	206.6	136.6	43	45	50	..	..	..
<b>Total [4][5]</b>	<b>525.5</b>	<b>460.2</b>	<b>275.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>629.6</b>	<b>556.5</b>	<b>326.6</b>

.. = Not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

[1] Data cover English domiciled student support scheme students in the UK.

Means-tested Maintenance Grants are available to students entering HE from 2006/07.

Includes the Special Support Grant payable to vulnerable groups of students who may otherwise have their DWP benefits reduced.

Those studying Part Time or Flexible PG ITT Courses with a combined study and teaching practice weeks of between 6 to 10 weeks are eligible to apply for the reduced rate Maintenance Grant of £1,453 (academic year 2009/10). Students within this group who were awarded the reduced rate grant will be categorised as in receipt of a partial Maintenance Grant.

[2] 2009/10 figures are provisional as at 15/11/2009.

[3] In 2009/10, the mid-November position is not directly comparable to previous figures. See paragraphs 4 to 6 for more details.

[4] Those who receive nil support because they are receiving an NHS Bursary are omitted from the grant eligible population.

[5] Excludes those students who do not apply for any financial support.

Includes awards to students who subsequently withdrew from their course or suspended study during the academic year.

Constituent parts may not add to totals due to rounding.

The eligible population for the Maintenance Grant comprises all students who entered HE in 2006/07 or later under the 2006/07 arrangements.

### **Table 3 - Distribution of Support in the form of Grants**

**Table 3B : Distribution of Higher Education Grants in England [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 through 2009/10 [2]**

Academic year	Students						Expenditure (£m)		
	Numbers (000s)			Percentage (%)			2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)			
Students awarded a full HE grant	76.7	24.4	4.3	27	26	26	74.6	23.7	4.3
Students awarded a partial HE grant	17.1	5.2	0.8	6	5	5	8.9	2.7	0.4
Students awarded no HE grant [3]	189.7	65.2	11.9	67	69	70	-	-	..
<b>Total [3][4]</b>	<b>283.5</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>

.. = not applicable

[1] Data cover English domiciled student support scheme students in the UK. Includes full-time, sandwich, and initial teacher training students in higher education.

[2] 2009/10 figures are provisional as at 15/11/2009.

[3] Those who receive nil support because they are receiving an NHS Bursary are omitted from the grant eligible population.

[4] Excludes those students who do not apply for any financial support.

Includes awards to students who subsequently withdrew from their course or suspended study during the academic year.

Constituent parts may not add to totals due to roundings.

The eligible population for the HE Grant comprises all students who were treated as entrants to HE in 2004/05 or 2005/06.

**Table 3C : Distribution of tuition fee grants in England [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 through 2009/10 [2]**

Academic year	Students						Expenditure (£m)		
	Numbers (000s)			Percentage (%)			2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10 (provisional)			
Students awarded full fee support [3]	102.4	32.6	5.6	37	34	23	121.4	39.6	7.0
Students awarded partial fee support	30.9	8.8	1.2	11	9	5	18.9	5.5	0.8
Students awarded nil fee support [4]	146.7	54.2	17.5	52	57	72	-	-	..
<b>Total [4][5]</b>	<b>280.0</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>

.. = not applicable

[1] Data cover English domiciled student support scheme students in the UK.

Student support scheme students continuing study in 2009/10 under pre-2006/07 arrangements were assessed to contribute up to £1,255 to their fees depending on family income.

1999/00 is the first year in which Tuition Fee Grants were channelled via SLC to the HEIs. 2005/06 is the last entry year for eligibility for Tuition Fee Grants.

[2] 2009/10 figures are provisional as at 11/11/2009.

[3] Includes students on courses where the fee support was not subject to income-assessment (e.g. PGCE courses, and some other ITT courses, and designated courses at private institutions). Excludes those studying Part Time or Flexible PG ITT Courses with combined study and teaching practice periods of between 6 to 10 weeks.

[4] Those who receive nil support because they are receiving an NHS Bursary are omitted from the grant eligible population.

[5] Constituent parts may not add to totals due to roundings.

## **Table 4 - Student Support in the form of Loans**

**Table 4A : Estimated eligibility and take-up of Maintenance Loans in England [1]  
Academic years 2005/06 to 2009/10 (provisional)**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Estimated Eligible Population (000s)</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s)</b>	<b>Estimated Take up of loans by eligible population (%)</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£) [2]</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	897.0	719.1	80	2,495.5	3,470
<b>2006/07</b>	905.0	728.1	80	2,613.4	3,590
<b>2007/08</b>	928.3	746.2	80	2,630.7	3,530
<b>2008/09</b>	..	771.5	..	2,717.0	3,520
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [3][4]</b>	..	748.9	..	2,704.4	3,610

.. = not available

Sources: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC); BIS

A breakdown of the above figures for entrants pre and post 2006/07 follows:

### **Students entering HE prior to 2006/07:**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s)</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£) [2]</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	278.9	1,026.6	3,680
<b>2008/09</b>	89.9	336.2	3,740
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [3][4]</b>	19.0	67.3	3,540

### **Students entering HE from 2006/07:**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s)</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£) [2]</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	467.2	1,604.2	3,430
<b>2008/09</b>	681.6	2,380.7	3,490
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [3][4]</b>	729.9	2,637.1	3,610

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

[1] Student loans are available to eligible students normally domiciled in England.

[2] Rounded to the nearest £10.

[3] The number of loans taken out for 2009/10 is based on the number of loans approved as at 11/11/2009.

[4] The numbers will increase as applications continue to be approved and this may change the average value of loan.

## **Table 4 - Student Support in the form of Loans**

**Table 4B : Take-up of Tuition Fee Loans in England [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 through 2009/10 (provisional)**

**Students entering HE prior to 2006/07 [2]:**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Domicile of student</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s) [3]</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£)</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	England	98.7	101.2	1,030
	EU	0.4	0.4	1,110
	<b>Total</b>	99.1	101.6	1,030
<b>2008/09 (provisional)</b>	England	31.3	33.4	1,070
	EU	0.2	0.2	1,000
	<b>Total</b>	31.5	33.6	1,070
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [4]</b>	England	6.0	6.9	1,140
	EU	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	6.0	6.9	1,140

- = nil or negligible

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

**Students entering HE from 2006/07 [5]:**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Domicile of student</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s) [3]</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£)</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	England	439.2	1,242.9	2,830
	EU	15.2	44.1	2,900
	<b>Total</b>	454.5	1,286.9	2,830
<b>2008/09 (provisional)</b>	England	644.6	1,884.9	2,920
	EU	20.9	62.6	2,990
	<b>Total</b>	665.5	1,947.5	2,930
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [4]</b>	England	790.9	2,397.7	3,030
	EU	19.4	60.7	3,130
	<b>Total</b>	810.3	2,458.4	3,030

- = nil or negligible

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

[1] Tuition Fee loans are payable to Institutions on behalf of students normally domiciled in England who attend an HE course anywhere in the United Kingdom as well as to students from the European Union attending HE courses in England.

[2] Students entering HE prior to 2006/07 can take out a Tuition Fee loan to cover their private contribution to fees if they make any.

[3] The number of loans taken out for 2009/10 is based on the number of loans approved as at 15/11/2009.

The numbers will increase as applications continue to be approved and this may change the average value of loan.

[4] The Tuition Fee loans for 2009/10 will be incurred by students at the point of payment to their HE institution.

Generally 50% will be paid in February 2010. 50% will be paid in May 2010.

[5] Students entering HE from 2006/07 can take out a Tuition Fee loan to cover all or part of the variable fee charged by their HEI.



## **Table 4 - Student Support in the form of Loans**

**Table 4C : Take-up of Tuition Fee Loans by English students according to country of study [1]  
Academic years 2007/08 through 2009/10 (provisional)**

**Students entering HE prior to 2006/07 [2]:**

	<b>Country of study</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s) [3]</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£) [4]</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	England	92.8	95.1	1,020
	Elsewhere in the UK	5.9	6.2	1,050
	<b>Total</b>	98.7	101.2	1,030
<b>2008/09 (provisional)</b>	England	29.4	31.4	1,070
	Elsewhere in the UK	1.9	2.0	1,090
	<b>Total</b>	31.3	33.4	1,070
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [5]</b>	England	5.4	6.2	1,140
	Elsewhere in the UK	0.6	0.6	1,150
	<b>Total</b>	6.0	6.9	1,140

**Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)**

**Students entering HE from 2006/07 :**

	<b>Country of study</b>	<b>Number of loans taken out (000s) [3]</b>	<b>Total sum borrowed (£m)</b>	<b>Average value of loan (£) [4]</b>
<b>2007/08</b>	England	422.6	1,199.6	2,840
	Elsewhere in the UK	16.6	43.3	2,610
	<b>Total</b>	439.2	1,242.9	2,830
<b>2008/09 (provisional)</b>	England	619.0	1,815.9	2,930
	Elsewhere in the UK	25.5	69.0	2,700
	<b>Total</b>	644.6	1,884.9	2,920
<b>2009/10 (provisional) [5]</b>	England	754.8	2,302.9	3,050
	Elsewhere in the UK	36.1	94.8	2,630
	<b>Total</b>	790.9	2,397.7	3,030

**Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)**

[1] Tuition Fee loans are payable to Institutions on behalf of students normally domiciled in England who attend an HE course anywhere in the United Kingdom

[2] Students entering HE prior to 2006/07 can take out a Tuition Fee loan to cover their private contribution to fees if they make any.

[3] The number of loans taken out for 2009/10 is based on the number of loans approved as at 15/11/2009.

The numbers will increase as late applications come in and this may change the average value of loan.

[4] Rounded to the nearest £10.

[5] The Tuition Fee loans for 2009/10 will be incurred by students at the point of payment to their HE institution. Generally 50% will be paid in February 2010.