

Explanation of Variables in Universities Grade Database

The database includes information only on graduates. Information is not available on candidates who failed to graduate in each year.

Apart from 'YEAR' which denotes the year to which the row of data refers, each variable includes a University designation as follows:

UCC – University College Cork
UCD – University College Dublin
TCD – University of Dublin (Trinity College)
NUIG – National University of Ireland, Galway
NUIM – National University of Ireland, Maynooth
UL – University of Limerick
DCU – Dublin City University

The University designation is followed in each variable by one of the following codes:

_TOT (total number of graduates)
_Tot21 (total number of graduates minus the number awarded undifferentiated Second Class awards)
_1 (total number awarded First Class Degrees)
1pc (percent of TOT awarded First Class Degrees)
_21 (total number awarded Second Class Grade 1 Degrees)
21pc (percent of Tot21 awarded Second Class Grade 1 Degrees)
_21:1 (ratio of 2.1 to First Class awards)

The following are notes on the compilation of data in Universities where there were irregularities in or uncertainties about grade classifications:

University College Cork

Note 1: UCC_TOT and UCCTot21 include graduates classified as "Pass/Ordinary." Those in Science and Arts may have completed ordinary degrees as opposed to getting a pass in an honours degree. The numbers of those for each year are:

1994 - 148 BA and 47 BSc
1995 – 103 BA and 44 BSc
1996 – 83 BA and 30 BSc
1997 – 105 BA and 26 BSc
1998 – 111 BA and 23 BSc
1999 – 62 BA and 22 BSc
2000 – 47 BA and 27 BSc
2001 – 42 BA and 19 BSc
2002 – 38 BA and 20 BSc
2004 – No cases

Note 2: UCC_TOT includes but UCCTot21 excludes undivided seconds. The numbers for each year are:

1994 – 10

1995 – 28
1996 – 16
1997 – 4
1998/99 – No such cases
2000 - 48
01/02/03/04 – No such cases

Note 3: UCC_TOT and UCCTot21 for 2004 includes 74 Medicine/Dentistry graduates categorised as “Other Honours.”

National University of Ireland, Galway

Note1: Both NUIG_TOT and NUIGTot21 include BA graduates classified as “Other Honours” some of which are BA Special (one subject at honours and one subject at ordinary or pass level). The numbers of BA “Other Honours” involved are as follows:

1994 – 114
1995 - 79
1996 – 96
1997 – 121
1998 - 89
1999 – 88
2000 - 78
2001 – 109
2002 – 148
2004 - 0

Note 2: NUIG_TOT includes but NUIGTot21 excludes graduates classified as undivided seconds. The numbers involved are:

1994 – 10
1995 – 5
1996 – 18
1997 – 9
1998 – 17
1999 – 14
2000 – 21
2001 – 19
2002 – 32
2004 – 39

Note 3: Both NUIG_TOT and NUIGTot21 include graduates classified as “Pass/Ordinary.” Those in Science and Arts may have completed ordinary degrees as opposed to getting a pass in an honours degree. The numbers of those for each year are:

1994 – 18 BA and 95 BSc
1995 – 22 BA and 73 BSc
1996 – 14 BA and 89 BSc
1997 – 9 BA and 98 BSc
1998 – 13 BA and 86 BSc
1999 – 12 BA and 108 BSc
2000 – 25 BA and 107 BSc
2001 – 18 BA and 84 BSc
2002 – 24 BA and 112 BSc
2004 – 0 BA and 0 BSc

Note 4: Both NUIG_TOT and NUIGTot21 for 2004 excludes 51 cases designated “Unclassified.”

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Note 1: Both NUIM_TOT and NUIMTot21 include graduates classified as “Pass/Ordinary.” Some may have taken ordinary degrees as opposed to having obtained a pass in an honours degree. The numbers of “Pass/Ordinary” graduates for each year are:

1994 – 453
1995 – 272
1996 – 224
1997 – 378
1998 – 368
1999 – 289
2000 – 307
2001 – 226
2002 – 164
2004 – 0

Trinity College Dublin

Note 1: TCD_TOT includes but TCDDTot21 excludes graduates classified as undivided seconds. The numbers involved are:

1994 – 1082
1995 – 1016
1996 – 1188
1997 – 1156
1998 – 1257
1999 – 1256
2000 – 1358
2001 – 1320
2002 – 943
2004 – 51

Note 2: Both TCD_TOT and TCDDTot21 include full time BA graduates and part-time graduates in a number of disciplines classified as “Pass/Ordinary.” Some may have taken ordinary degrees as opposed to having obtained a pass in an honours degree. The numbers of “Pass/Ordinary” graduates for each year are:

1994 – 319 BA and 142 PT
1995 – 310 BA and 85 PT
1996 – 272 BA and 94 PT
1997 – 291 BA and 80 PT
1998 – 285 BA and 68 PT
1999 – 277 BA and 45 PT
2000 – 315 BA and 43 PT
2001 – 305 BA and 34 PT
2002 – 338 BA and 57 PT
2004 – No cases

Note 3: TCD_TOT and TCDDTOT21 for 2004 both exclude 3 graduates designated “Unclassified.”

University College Dublin

Note 1: UCD figures do not include the Arts faculty because HEA reportage of grades in this faculty was erratic, including classifications of degrees in some years while in other years reporting all Arts graduates as Pass or Ordinary. It is not possible, therefore, to accurately compare UCD figures with those from other Universities. If the Arts faculty had been included the total graduates in each year at UCD would have been as follows:

1994 – 2878
1995 – 2991
1996 – 3098
1997 – 3177
1998 – 3122
1999 – 3242
2000 – 3337
2001 – 3161
2002 – 3332
2004 – 3423

Note 2: UCD_TOT includes but UCDDot21 excludes undivided seconds. The numbers for each year are:

1994 – 29
1995 – 27
1996 – 30
1997 – 45
1998 – 38
1999 – No such cases
2000 – 22
2001 – 54
2002 – 81
2004 – 11

Note 3: Both UCD_TOT and UCDDot21 include graduates classified as “Pass/Ordinary” in Science. Some may have taken ordinary degrees as opposed to having obtained a pass in an honours degree. The numbers of “Pass/Ordinary” graduates for each year in Science are:

1994 – 75
1995 – 76
1996 – 80
1997 – 108
1998 – 91
1999 – 78
2000 – 126
2001 – 93
2002 – 84
2004 – 86