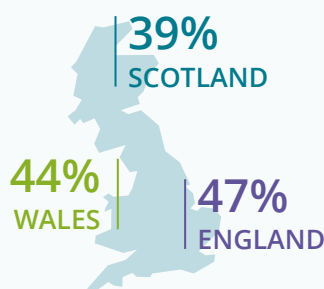


Modern universities teach 52% of all UK undergraduates and 37% of all UK postgraduate students.



Modern universities make up 47% of the university sector in England, 39% in Scotland and 44% in Wales.

# 1.05 million

2.32 million students study at UK universities in 2017.



Over 1/3 of all international students study at modern universities, helping to boost both the economy and the UK's global reputation.

## MillionPlus is the Association for Modern Universities in the UK, and the voice of 21<sup>st</sup> century higher education

**WE** champion, promote and raise awareness of the essential role played by modern universities in world-leading higher education.

**WE** are dedicated to a quality university system which includes and supports anyone who has the ambition, talent and desire to succeed in higher education.

**WE** are driven by a strong commitment to robust research and evidence-based policy decisions in order to support a successful and flourishing UK higher education system, which can rise to the global economic, social and cultural challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## What are modern universities?

- Modern universities are **long-established** centres of higher education in their communities with roots that stretch back decades, if not centuries. Many gained university title following legislation agreed by parliament in 1992.
- Modern universities are **in every city and region**, making up almost half of the entire UK university sector.
- Modern universities are a **popular choice** for students, with over a million students studying at modern universities every single year.
- Modern universities are **ground-breaking**, with over half (53%) of all their research assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent, and almost two thirds (61%) judged as having an outstanding or very considerable impact in terms of its reach and significance.

## Modern universities are diverse, and are major forces for social mobility



In England, **69%** of students from areas with lower levels of HE participation are at modern universities.

**54%** of Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) students study at a modern university.

## Working with business to drive forward the economy

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Our world-leading modern universities are a major UK success story and DfE estimates that the total value of higher education exports was **£18.76 billion** in 2014.



Graduates of modern universities make up **69%** of all graduate start-up businesses still active after 3 years.



Knowledge Exchange: Every pound invested in Higher Education Innovation Funding returns **£9.70** for the economy and society.

Modern universities are the driving force of 21<sup>st</sup> century education, expanding opportunities in the digital age

They offer degree courses in pioneering areas of the economy, often as world leaders in their field. For example, modern universities teach:

**92%**



of those studying Computer Games

**92%**



of CG Visual and Audio Effect specialists

**65%**



of current Software Engineering students

**52%**



of computer scientists

The UK video games market was valued at **£5.1 billion** in 2017, one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy.

## Improving health, education, culture and the built environment

Modern universities are at the forefront of health and social care training across the UK, educating almost two thirds (64%) of all students studying subjects allied to medicine as well as three quarters of all social work students.

These include:

**63%**



studying Medical Technology

**72%**



studying Nursing

**72%**



studying Nutrition

**68%**



studying Social Work



Modern universities are influential centres of the creative arts and design, with **73%** studying these subjects at a modern university.

DCMS valued the UK's creative industries at **£92 billion** in 2016, a sector growing at twice the rate of the overall economy.



In partnership with schools, modern universities educate our future teachers, with **62%** of all students studying Initial Teacher Training doing so at a modern university.



**67%** of architecture, building and planning students study at a modern university.