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Thanks to the colleges who provided photographs.

Please note that some photos were taken before wearing face coverings and social distancing was mandatory during the pandemic.



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Introduction

Colleges are the anchor points of local communities, supporting individuals of all ages and backgrounds to gain skills and qualifications, helping students unlock their potential, and powering regional economies by delivering the skilled workforce that businesses need.

Our dynamic sector – consisting of 26 colleges across 13 college regions – is the largest skills and training provider in Scotland. Colleges invest in the futures of all students and are significant employers within their respective regions.

As an agile, collaborative, and inclusive national asset, colleges are playing an essential role in nurturing Scotland's economic, social, and

educational recovery – supporting businesses, large and small, to rebuild and re-engage their workforce, maximising employment opportunities for our citizens, and addressing the mental health and wellbeing of our communities.





Response to Covid-19

The last year has been hugely disrupted because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. College leaders and staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that safety, high quality education, and student welfare have all been protected.

Colleges quickly moved to online delivery and expanded digital capacity to ensure that students could continue learning.



Vulnerable students were offered extra support, including access to devices and data to tackle digital poverty, and were prioritised for the opportunities which existed for in-person learning. In some areas, colleges also supported frontline services by donating PPE equipment, scrubs, healthcare beds and food supplies. Some colleges are being utilised as Covid-19 vaccination centres.

Online learning continues across Scotland and, in line with current public health guidance, some students are back in college campuses to complete practical elements of courses, with safety measures like social distancing in place.

Over **100,000** rapid lateral flow testing kits have been distributed to colleges across Scotland, with twice-weekly voluntary testing being encouraged to support the safe return to learning and teaching on campus.





Our Students

There are **239,004** students in colleges – a 9.8% decrease since last year

The **median age** of a college student is **21**

1 in 5 (21%)

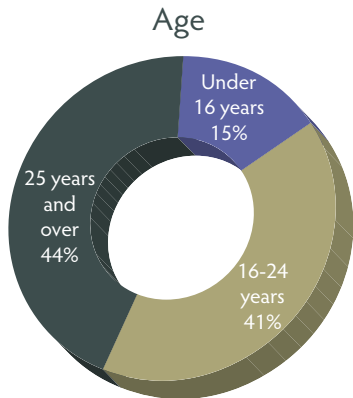
of Scotland's 18–19-year-olds went to college full-time

Gender:

Men: **47%**

Women: **52%**

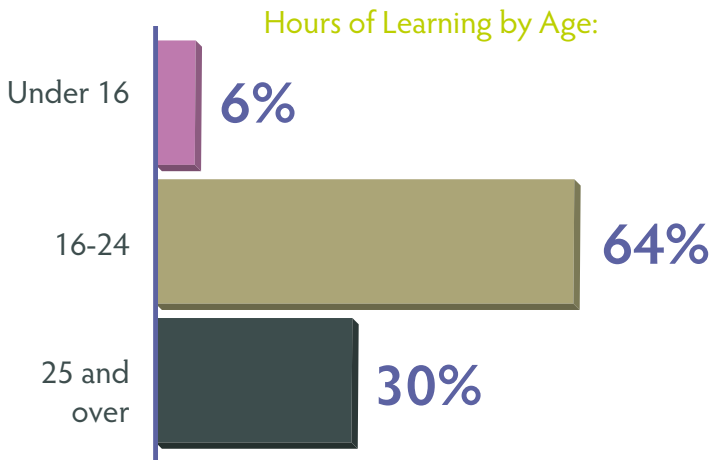
Other/prefer not to say: **1%**





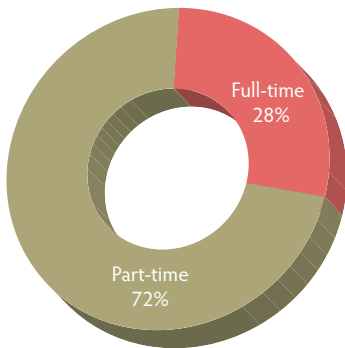
Hours of Learning

Colleges deliver around **70 million** hours of learning every year

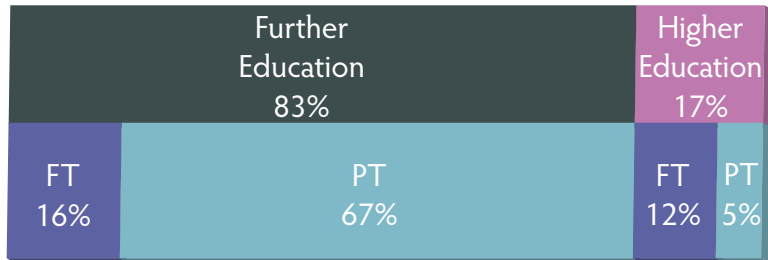


95% of all learning hours lead to a recognised qualification

Mode of Attendance



Level of Study



Colleges deliver around a quarter **(24%)** of all higher education in Scotland



42% of all full-time college activity is in higher education

74% of higher education entrants in colleges are on HNC or HND programmes

In 2018/19, **95%** of confirmed qualifiers moved on to positive destinations, with **87%** progressing into a higher level of study at college

In 2018/19, **40%** of college leavers went on to university

28% of all first-degree entrants to university went via college (**42%** from the most deprived areas)

In 2018/19, **8,636** students progressed from college to university (**4,926** students with prior learning and qualifications fully recognised)



Top 10 Subject Areas

Health Care/
Medicine/
Health and Safety

45,731

(number of students)

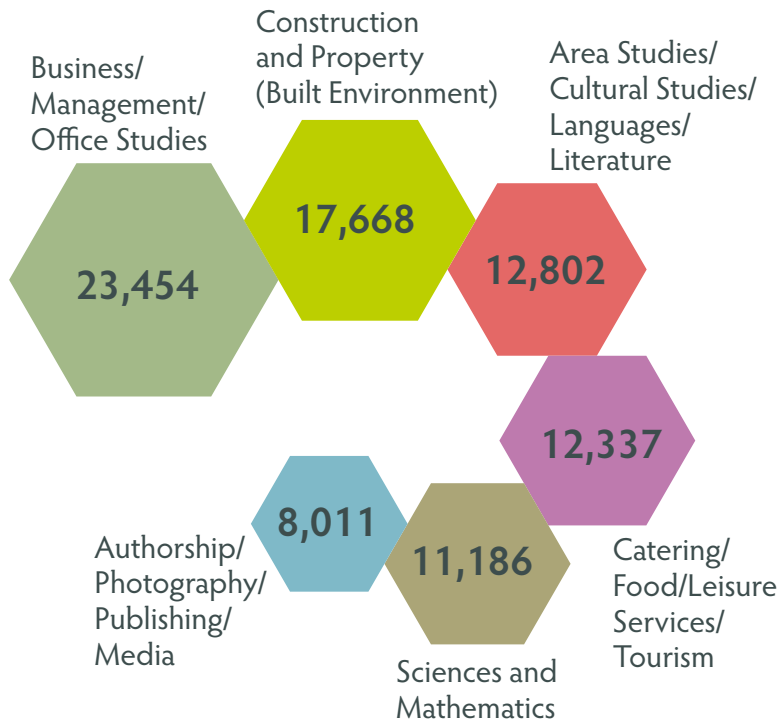
Family Care/
Personal
Development/
Personal Care
and Appearance

35,325

Engineering
32,693

Information
Technology
and Information

24,467



Overseas Students

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Europe (including EU)	505	503	769	267
International (outwith Europe)	607	616	867	709
Rest of UK	914	843	1,376	1,253

227 nationalities are represented in colleges



Student Funding (2019/20)

Bursary: **£96m**

Discretionary: **£8m**

Childcare: **£13m**



Our Communities

28% of school leavers go into further education

College is the most popular destination for those from the lowest socio-economic backgrounds with

38% of school leavers from SIMD20 moving into further education





15% of students have a recorded disability, with the highest proportion reporting multiple disabilities



8,857 students have dyslexia

7,096 students declared mental health conditions at the start of their course

79% of students with a disability are studying on mainstream programmes leading to a recognised qualification

7% of students are from minority ethnic groups



Colleges have been central to the Scottish Government's commitment to expand childcare places, with

2,284 students on HNC childcare courses

46,095 students are studying health and social care courses

(**16%** at higher education level)

29% of all learning activity took place in health and care related subjects



Supporting Inclusive Economic Recovery

Colleges are the biggest delivery agent of Modern Apprenticeships, supporting **11,013** students

Colleges supported the delivery of Foundation Apprenticeships for **3,445** Senior Phase pupils across every region

in **12** industry sectors with **297** employers



25% of students are enrolled in STEM subjects in colleges

Nine colleges are STEM Assured, accredited through the STEM Foundation



19,539

people were enrolled on

**Flexible
Workforce
Development
Fund** programmes.

The **£17m**
(2020/21) fund
allows employers
to access training
and development
opportunities in colleges
to fill identified skills
gaps, upskill, and retrain
their workforce.





93,651 enrolments
are linked to industry

Care has the highest
number of enrolments
linked to industry



81,795 students are studying as part of their occupation

26,593 students are enrolled in digital skills (**14%** at higher education level)

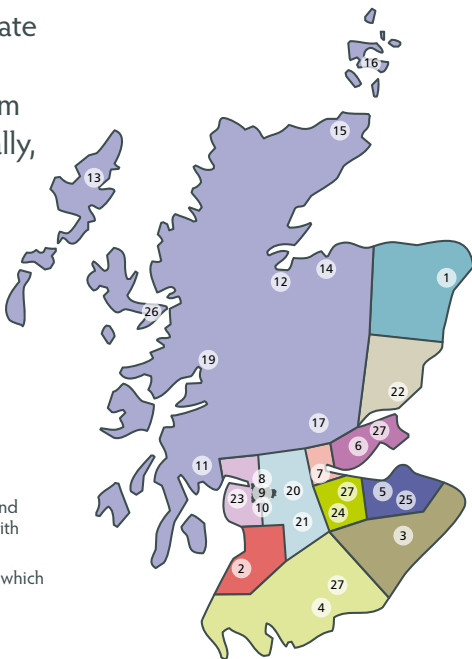
Colleges are supporting the **Young Person's Guarantee** and **National Transition Training Fund**, initiatives which began in 2020



Our Colleges



The 26* colleges operate in 13 regions across Scotland, allowing them to plan locally, regionally, and nationally for the benefit of individuals, communities, the economy, and wider society.



*includes Newbattle Abbey College and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI which sit outwith regional arrangements.

SRUC is a higher education institution which delivers further education provision.

Region	College
Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire	1. North East Scotland College
Ayrshire	2. Ayrshire College
Borders	3. Borders College
Dumfries and Galloway	4. Dumfries & Galloway College
Edinburgh and Lothians	5. Edinburgh College
Fife	6. Fife College
Forth Valley	7. Forth Valley College
Glasgow	8. City of Glasgow College
	9. Glasgow Clyde College
	10. Glasgow Kelvin College
Highlands and Islands	11. Argyll College UHI
	12. Inverness College UHI
	13. Lews Castle College UHI
	14. Moray College UHI
	15. North Highland College UHI
	16. Orkney College UHI
	17. Perth College UHI
	18. Shetland College UHI
	19. West Highland College UHI
Lanarkshire	20. New College Lanarkshire
	21. South Lanarkshire College
Tayside	22. Dundee & Angus College
West	23. West College Scotland
West Lothian	24. West Lothian College
	25. Newbattle Abbey College
	26. Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI
	27. Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

College Funding 2021/22

Total Revenue Funding	£732.8m
including	
Student Support	£144.4m
Flexible Workforce Development Fund*	£17m
Young Person's Guarantee*	£10m
Mental Health	£4.4m
Digital	£5m

* still to be confirmed by the Scottish Government at time of publication

Foundation Apprenticeships

£8.8m

Deferred Students

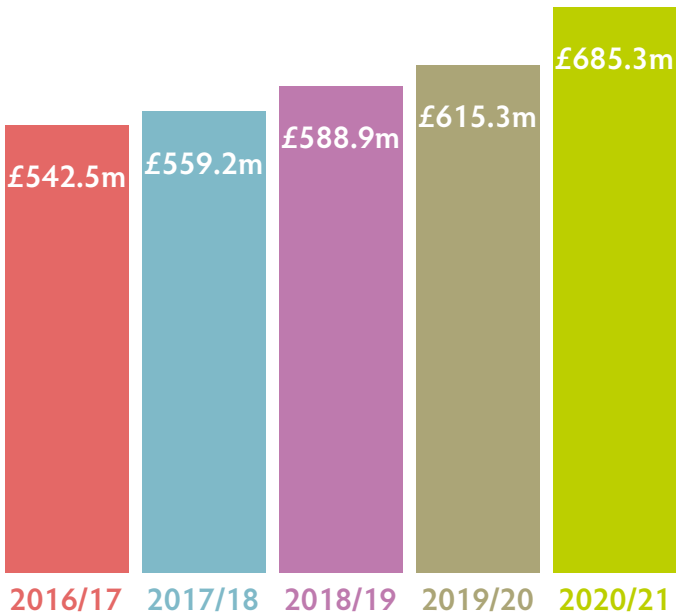
£10m

Total Capital Funding

£33.7m

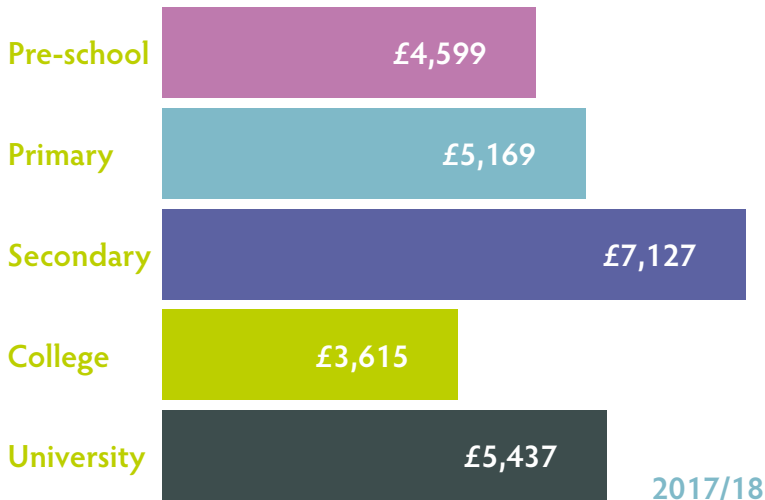


College Revenue Funding Trend



Figures include in-year funding

Funding Per Student



30% of colleges' income does not come directly from the Scottish Funding Council

College Estates

Since 2007, the Scottish Government has invested

over **£810m** in college capital projects including new campuses and buildings. A further

£300m in Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) revenue funded investment has also been allocated.

Students require access to innovative state-of-the-art learning environments and industry-standard equipment which enhance their learning and prepare them for employment. Many of these campuses now exist, however sustainable investment is required to bring all college estates up to a



minimum standard. In 2017, it was estimated that **£360m** is the minimum investment required to bring the sector's existing estate up to an acceptable wind and water-tight condition*.

Colleges have signed up to a **Statement of Commitment on the Climate Emergency** which establishes 10 key actions to support Scotland's efforts to achieve net-zero climate emissions by 2045, with Scotland's colleges aiming to achieve net-zero by 2040 or earlier.

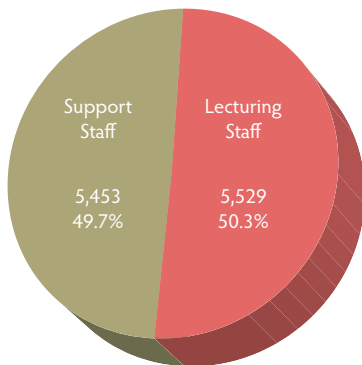
*source: SFC College estates condition survey 2017



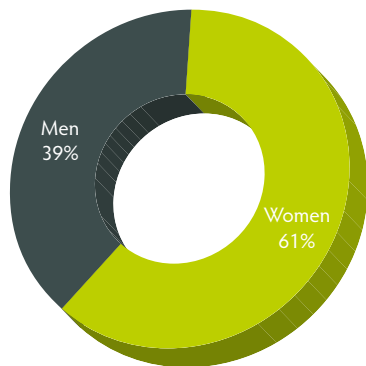
College Staff

Total Staff **10,981***

*these figures are full-time equivalent



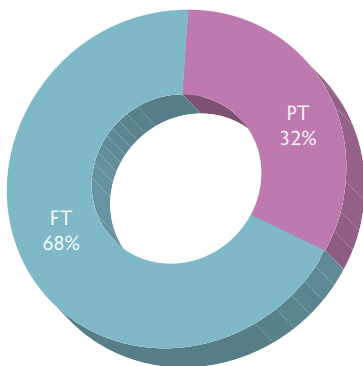
Gender



89% of full-time permanent lecturing staff have a recognised teaching qualification – a 2% increase

2% of staff are from minority ethnic groups

Full-time/Part-time



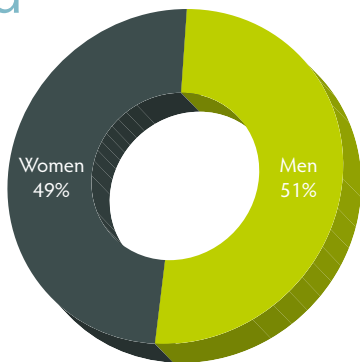
6% of staff have a declared disability

47% of staff are aged 51 and over

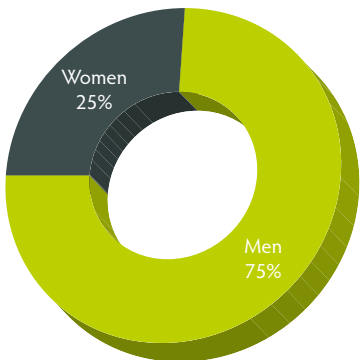
Management and Governance

(as at 1st October 2020)

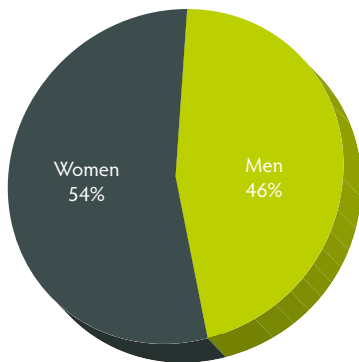
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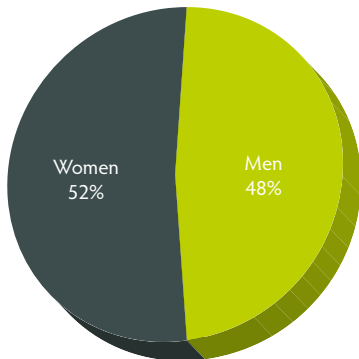
College Chairs



College Principals



Senior Management







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