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Audit of Third Levels Availability in County Roscommon

A range of skills to drive the region's transformation to a knowledge economy is available in County Roscommon.

Roscommon currently sends approximately 600 new entrants to Colleges of Higher Education each year and has a total enrolment of 2200 students across all full-time undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

The County Rate of Admission stands at 57.8%, above the national average of 55%.

The principal destination colleges are in Galway, Dublin, Westmeath and Sligo.

Approximately 48% attend Institutes of Technology, 47% attend HEA institutions (universities) and 5% go to Teacher Training or other colleges. This ensures a wide variety of skill type and qualification.

There are over 23000 full-time students at the four Colleges of Higher Education, adjacent to the county i.e. NUI Galway and the three Institutes of Technology at Athlone, Galway and Sligo.

The annual number of graduating students is about **9900**. This ensures a plentiful supply of qualified personnel to join the county's labour market each year at certificate, diploma, degree and post-graduate level. Of these, 34% are science and engineering or IT graduates.

Graduates in County Roscommon

According to the Census of Population, 2002, there were 6346 graduates of third level colleges residing in County Roscommon

Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
471	776	674	661	3764	6346

Current Numbers of Roscommon Students enrolling in Colleges of Higher Education

Annual Enrolment of Roscommon Students in Colleges of Higher Education

The latest yearly record of new entrants from Roscommon enrolling in Colleges of Higher Education is 556 (2004).

Breakdown of new entrants from Roscommon by subject area 2004	
Humanities & Arts	15.1%
Social Science, Business and Law	26.9%
Science, Maths and Computing	13.7%
Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	14.1%
Other	30.2%

The total number of students from Roscommon in Colleges of Higher Education in 2003/2004 was 2216. Of these, 1039 were in universities, 1069 attended Institutes of Technology, 36 attended Teacher Training colleges and 72 attended other miscellaneous institutions.

The most popular destinations for Roscommon students are Galway (679 = 31%), Dublin (520 = 23%), Athlone (326 = 15%), Sligo (311 = 14%) and Limerick (154 = 7%).

Roscommon's Rate of Admission to Higher Education*

The 2004 rate of Admission is 57.8% (rises to 58.1% if colleges in Northern Ireland are included). This rate has risen from 28% (1980), 40.9% (1992) and 50.2% (1998). The 2004 national average is 55%.

(* The denominator used by the HEA for calculating Admission Rates is the average of the number of people aged 17 - 19 years)

Comparative Rate of Admission by County

With an admission rate of 57.8%, Roscommon ranks 11th out of 26 counties for percentage of entrants to all higher education colleges.

Relative Ranking of Counties for Rates of Admission (% to Higher Education by Type of College)

	Rate of Admission (%)	Rank (of 26)
All Colleges	57.8	11th
Universities	23.4	14 th
Institutes of Technology	30.6	7th
Colleges of Education	2.9	12th
Other	0.9	20th

Information on Pool of Qualified Personnel emerging from adjacent Colleges of Higher Education

There are four Colleges of Higher Education adjacent to the county and whose graduates form the available labour pool in Roscommon

National University of Ireland, Galway
Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
Athlone Institute of Technology
Sligo Institute of Technology

Summary statistics for adjacent Colleges of Higher education 2003/2004

Total number of full-time students on 2003/2004	23167
Total number of graduates in 2004*	9899

(* refers to 2004 for the three ITs and 2003 for NUIG)

All enrolments at adjacent Colleges of Higher Education in 2003/2004*

NUIG	11326
AIT	3517
GMIT	4984
IT Sligo	3340
Total	23167

Graduates of adjacent Colleges of Higher Education in 2003/2004

NUIG	3751
AIT	1887
GMIT	2540
IT Sligo	1721
Total	9899

Breakdown of Total Graduates in all adjacent colleges by subject of award 2004

	Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
All	2868 (30%)	3606 (36%)	1803 (18%)	1622 (16%)	0	9899

Breakdown of Graduates by College, Subject area and award level

National University of Ireland Galway

2003 Graduates

	Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
All	135	906	670	296	1744*	3751
Certificates & Diplomas	1	5	0	1	108*	115
Primary Degrees	22*	485	458	241	971*	2177
Postgraduate	112	416	212	54	665	1459

* mostly Arts/Humanities – not categorised further by HEA

Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

2004 Graduates

	Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
All	293	1110	495	642	0	2540
Certificates & Diplomas	185	757	360	538	0	1840
Primary Degrees	103	350	129	101	0	683
Postgraduate awards	5	3	6	3	0	17

Athlone Institute of Technology

2004 Graduates

	Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
All	410	889	255	333	0	1887
Certificates & Diplomas	309	609	124	249	0	1291
Primary Degrees	101	273	98	46	0	518
Postgraduate awards	0	7	33	38	0	78

Institute of Technology, Sligo

2004 Graduates

	Humanities & Arts	Social Science, Business & Law	Science, Maths & Computing	Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction	Others or unstated	Total
All	43	701	383	351	243	1721
Certificates & Diplomas	30	414	253	292	243	1232
Primary Degrees	13	285	84	59	0	441
Postgraduate awards	0	2	46	0	0	48

(Enrolment and Graduate information is based on analysis of information supplied by the Higher Education Authority, the Higher Education Training and Awards Council, the Department of Education & Science and individual colleges for the latest years available. Other information sources include the Department of Education & Science, Statistical Report 2003/2004)