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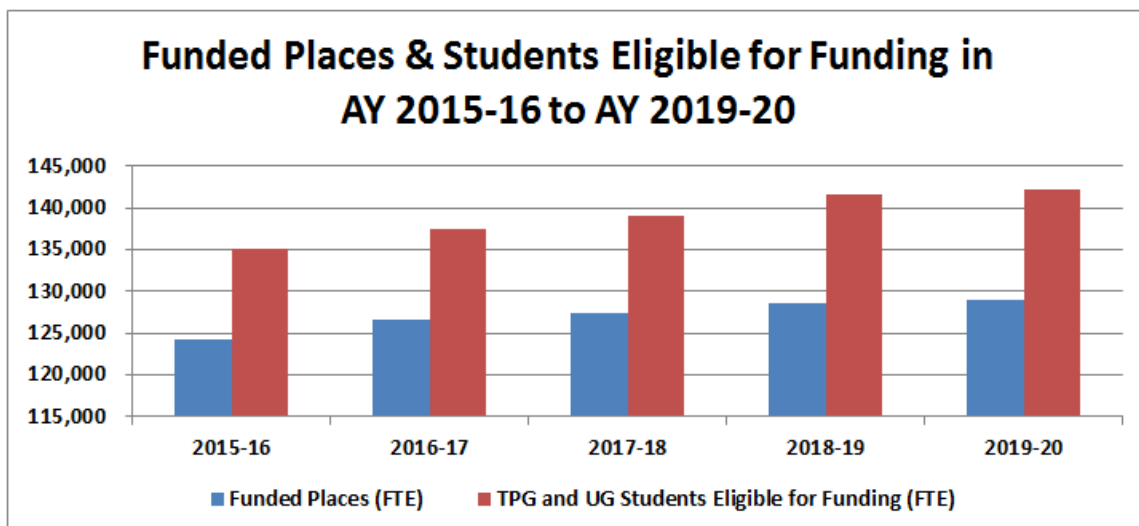


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Executive Summary

- The total full-time equivalent (FTE) number of students eligible for funding (definition provided in paragraph 2) in 2019-20 was 149,655, an increase of 425 (0.3%) from the previous year.
- Between 2015-16 and 2019-20 there was an increase of 7,325 (5.1%) FTE students eligible for funding.
- Of the total FTE students eligible for funding in 2019-20, 86.4% were undergraduates, 8.6% taught postgraduates and 5.0% research postgraduates.
- Between 2018-19 and 2019-20 the FTE number of undergraduate students eligible for funding increased by 0.9%; taught postgraduates decreased by -4.5%; and research postgraduates decreased by -1.6%.
- Between 2015-16 and 2019-20 the FTE number of undergraduate students eligible for funding increased by 4.2%; taught postgraduates increased by 16.2%; and research postgraduates increased by 5.1%.
- For each of the past five years the FTE number of students eligible for funding has exceeded the number of funded places by at least 8.5%, see the graph below. Please see paragraph 23 for further details.





Students Eligible for Funding 2019-20

149,655

FTE* eligible for funding



5.1% increase since 2015-16

12,825

FTE* number of taught postgrads



16.2% increase since 2015-16



15.0%

the increase in the number
of part-time students
since 2015-16



10.2%

the percentage of eligible
FTEs*, over funded places
in 2019-20