

Graduates

- **Higher education in Yorkshire and the Humber attracts over 200,000 students**, including 26,605 from more than 150 countries.
- 10% of the total number of graduates produced each year are from Yorkshire and the Humber - the region **has the highest graduate retention rate in the UK.**
- **The spending power of students in the region is £980m**, of which £181m is generated by international students.

Business

- In 2008 the region's universities undertook **£21.4m in consultancy contracts and a further £87m in contracted research**, placing it third in the UK league.
- Yorkshire's universities deliver over 140,000 days of CPD provision each year, **generating £39.8m.**
- Yorkshire ranks **number 1 in the UK for external investment in graduate start-up businesses**, attracting £28m to the region.

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The vital contribution that the nine universities and three higher education institutions in Yorkshire and the Humber make to the region can be measured in many ways - economic development and growth, income generation, job creation, world leading research, innovation and knowledge exchange, business start ups, and record numbers of graduates from the UK and overseas.

Sector size

- With a **total income of £1.84 billion** per annum the sector is **worth £3.68bn to Yorkshire and the Humber**, ranking with banking and insurance, food and drink, and hotels and catering.
- The **27,719 full time equivalent jobs** in higher education are boosted by **27,971 jobs** outside the institutions, the majority in the region.

Research

- Contract **research income** is £87 million – over 10 per cent of the England total and only surpassed by London and the South East.
- The **research base – valued at approximately £340m and equivalent to 40% of total regional R&D spend** – offers expertise and other resources that business can access to develop products and services.