In 2020/21 there were 9,925 entrants studying general engineering in higher education, comprised of 6,080 undergraduate students (first degree and other undergraduate) along with 3,845 postgraduate students.

**Undergraduate first degree entrants**

General engineering courses were the 3rd most popular choice for undergraduate degrees in engineering and technology in 2020/21, representing 15.7% of all engineering and technology entrants at this level. Of these:

- 20.6% were women
- 28.1% were from minority ethnic groups
- 13.4% had a known disability
- 12.0% were from low HE participation areas (POLAR 4 quintile 1)
- 83.7% were UK domiciled, 5.5% from EU countries and 10.8% from the rest of the world

**Undergraduate first degree qualifiers**

A third (33.9%) of students qualifying with a first degree in general engineering did so with first class honours. Additionally, 35.6% obtained upper second class honours. This is one of the lowest of all the subjects in engineering and technology, but possibly reflective of the more general aspects of the degree.

**Postgraduate degree entrants**

Of the general engineering postgraduate entrants, 25.9% were women, compared to 26.2% of all engineering and technology entrants and 58.7% of postgraduate entrants studying any subject. 4.7% of general engineering postgraduate entrants were known to have a disability which is similar to all engineering and technology entrants but remains lower than the overall average of 10%.

**Graduate destinations**

77.4% of students who graduated from general engineering degrees in 2019/20 were in paid employment 15 months after graduation. Of those, 54.8% were working in engineering companies. 9.6% of graduates from these courses had gone on to further education, and around 6.2% were unemployed and looking for work.