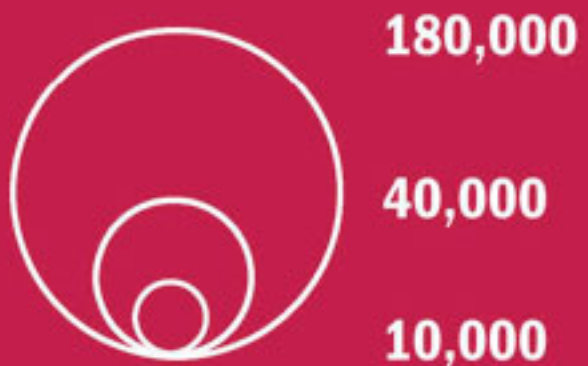


**Total number of students
in higher education**



The Open University



Inside map showing the shares
of students at The Open University
from each part of the United Kingdom

Basemap: Gridded cartogram showing an equal population projection of the United Kingdom

Map: Benjamin Hennig

Source: ORNL LandScan Population Grid 2011, 2011 UK Census data and the Higher Education Statistics Agency 2011-12. Calculations by Benjamin Hennig.

Notes: The map has been distorted in order to show population density, giving every person living in the UK an equal amount of space (meaning the most densely populated areas are magnified and the least are shrunk). The Open University, which is largely distance-learning based, is represented off the map. The distribution of OU students by UK country is represented by the size of each region within the map inside the circle.