

# **PG qualifications – who takes them, and what do they do with them?**

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# The figures

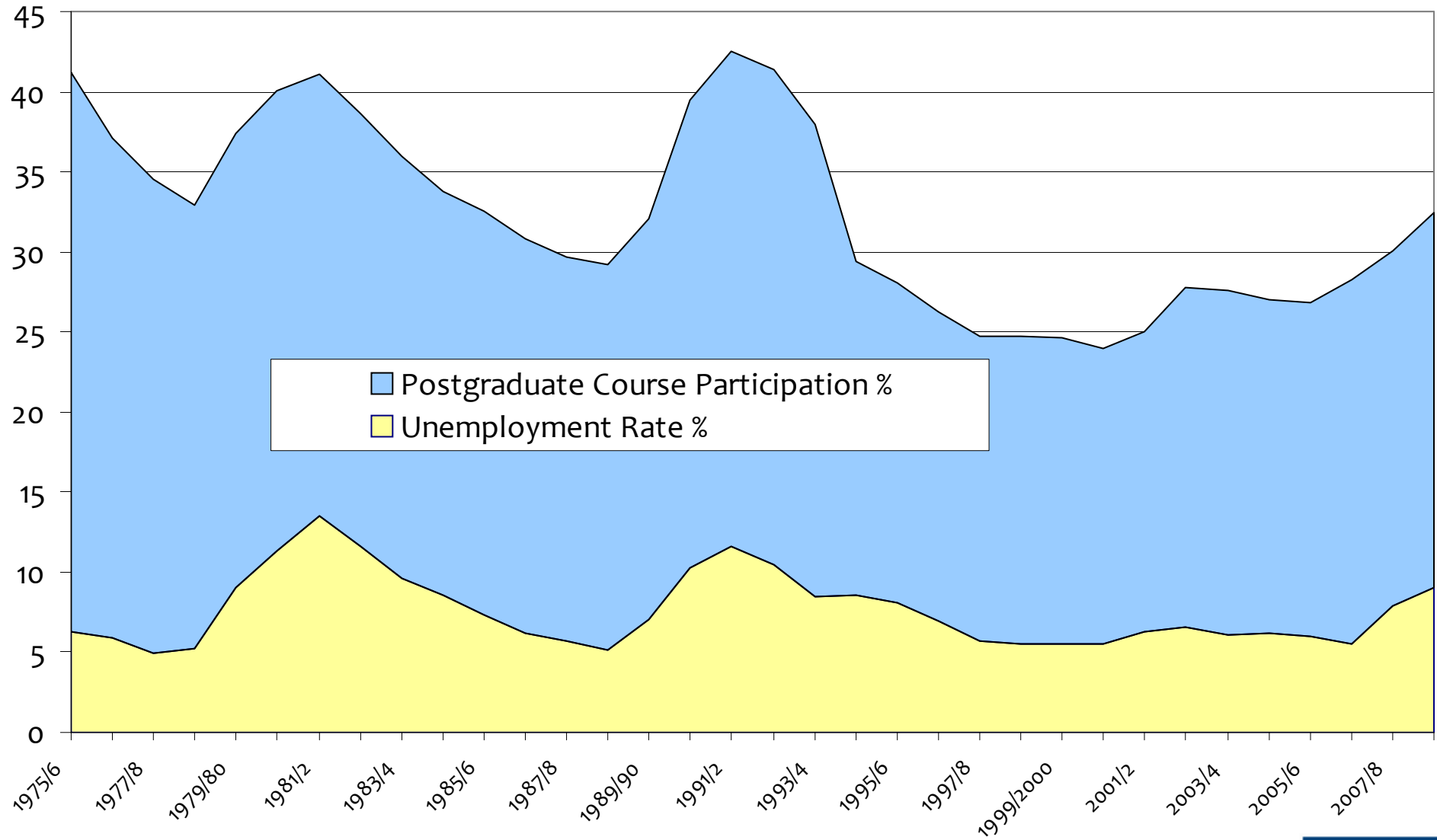
Increasing numbers of PGs going to university over last 5 years

Rate of increase climbed with the recession

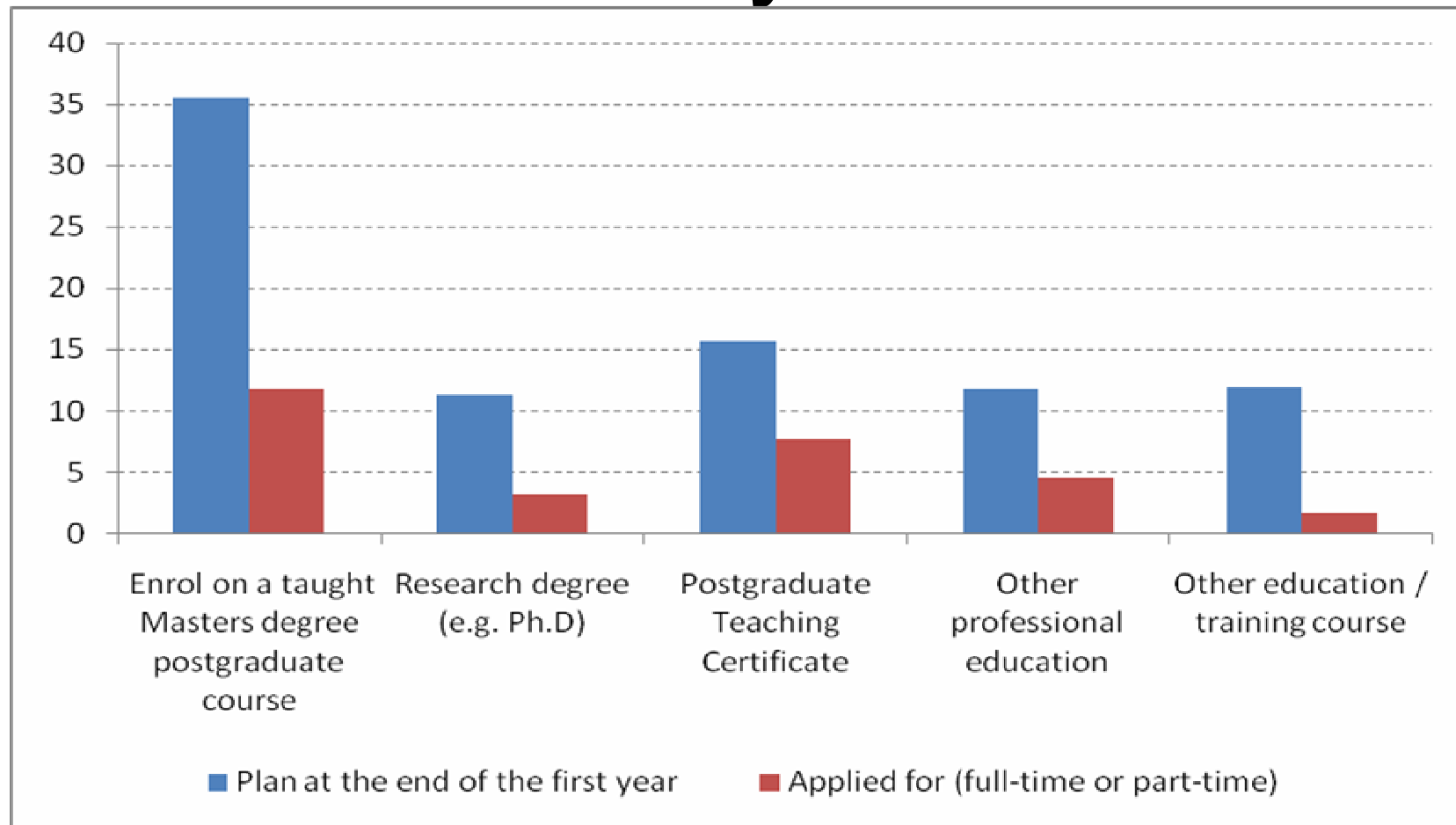
PG population currently growing faster than UG population

Just over 62,000 Masters degrees awarded by UK institutions in 2008/9



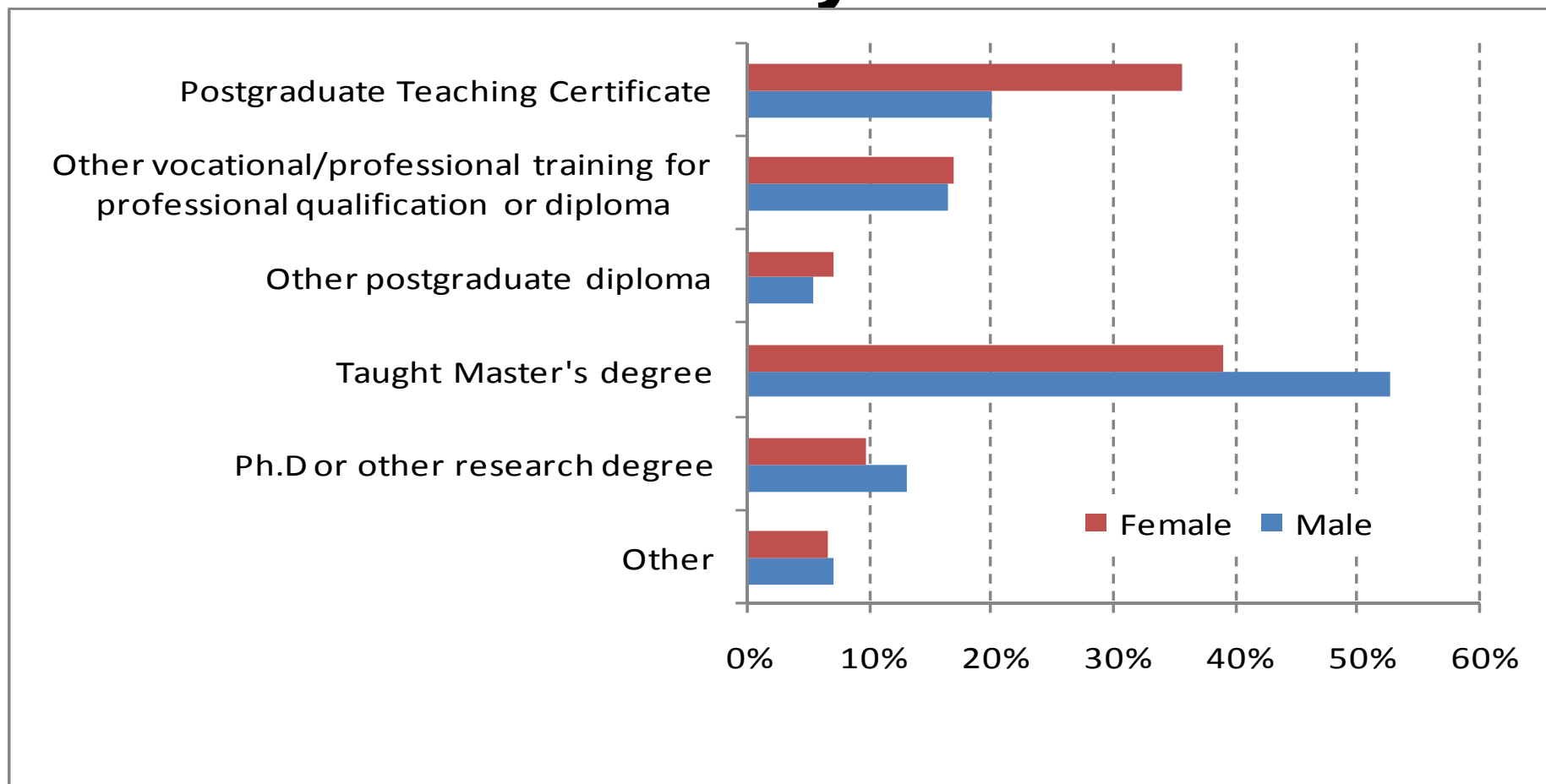


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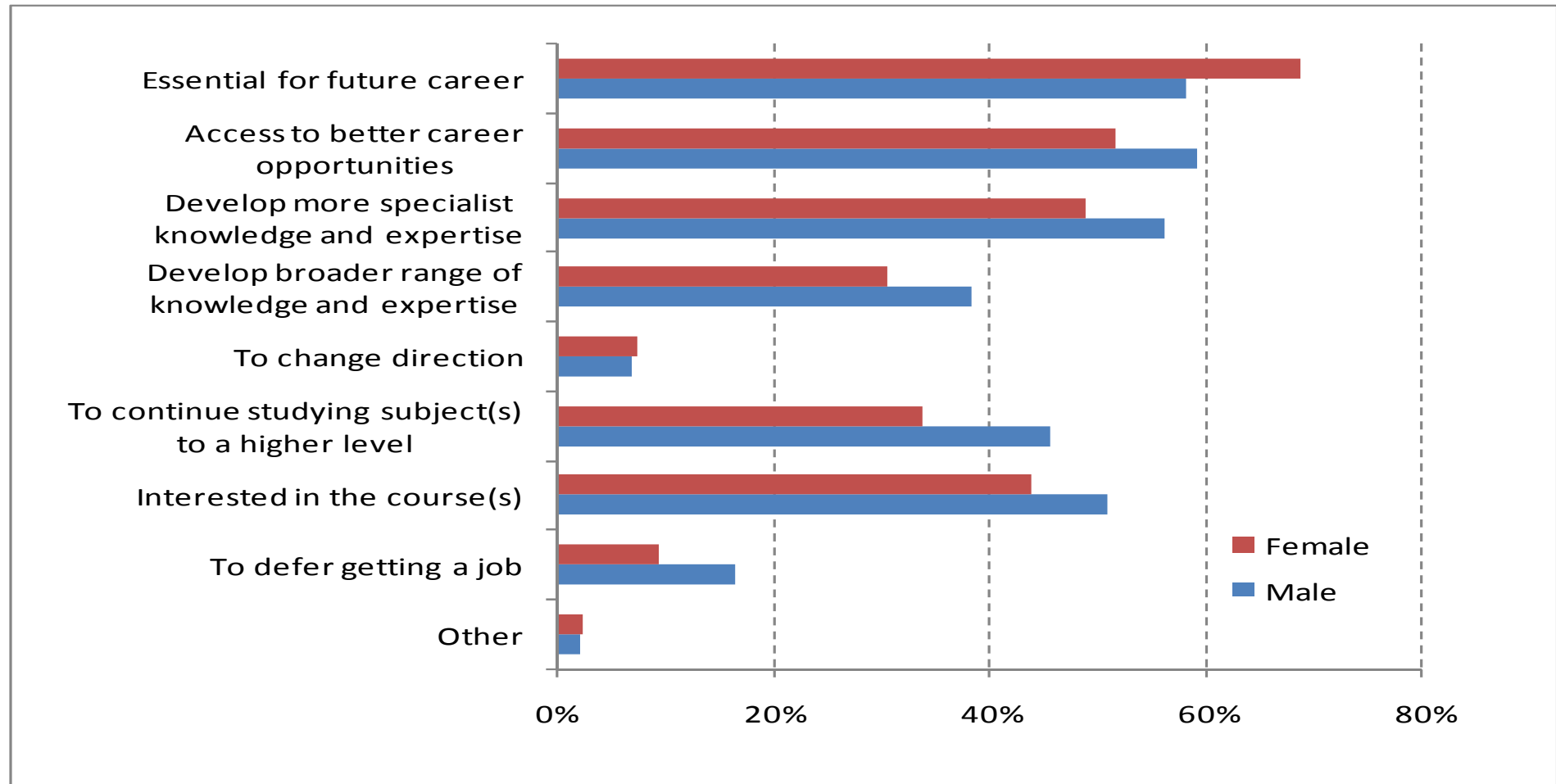
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# Study motivations



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# What do Masters graduates do?

Six months after graduating

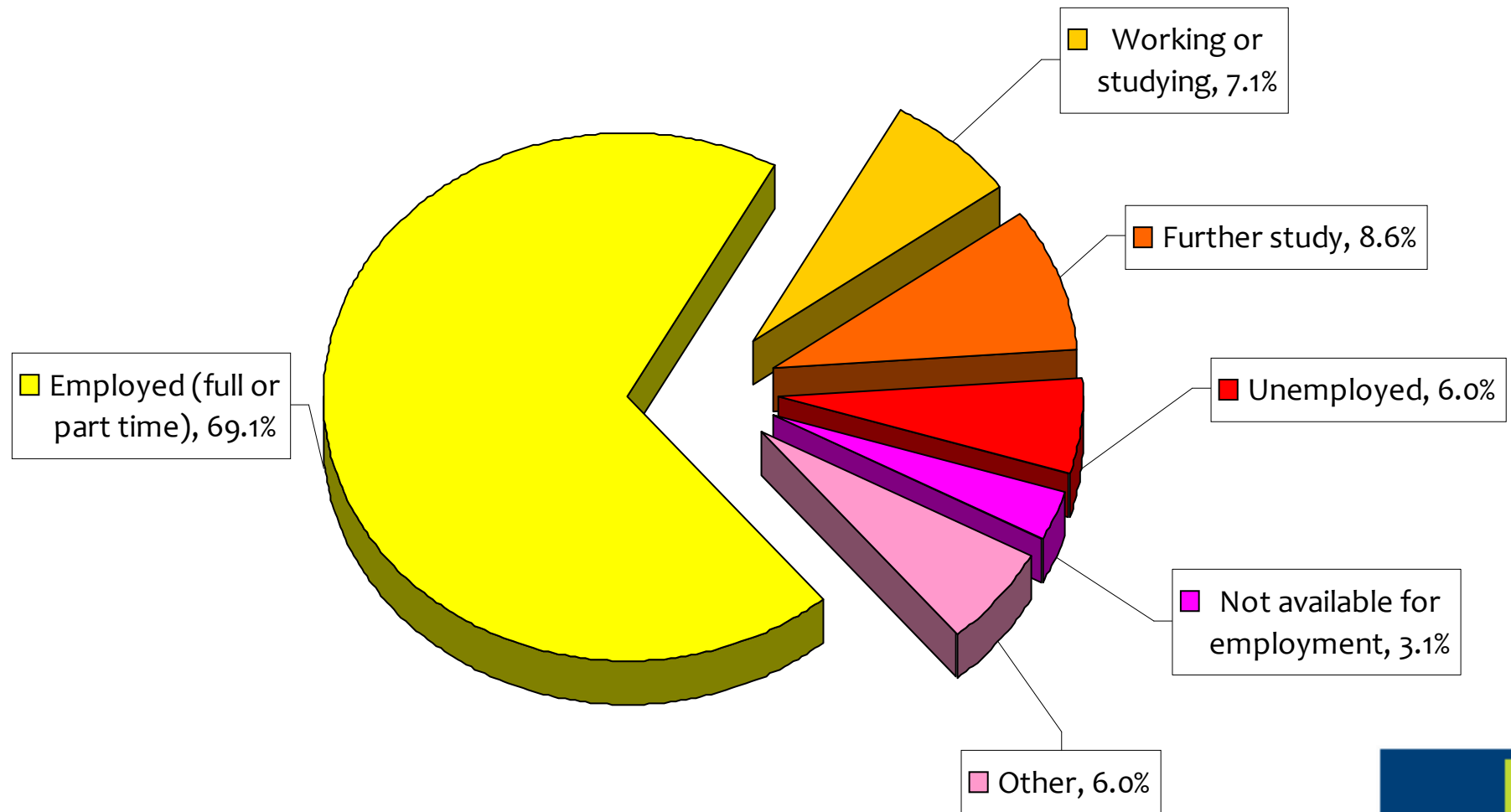
72.8% were working in the UK

8.4% were in further study in the UK

3.6% had gone overseas to work or study

6% were unemployed

# What were last year's Masters students doing after graduation?



# The work Masters graduates do

Of the 26,265 UK Masters graduates from 2008 who are known to have been working in the UK six months after graduating

- 5,240 went into management
- 3,070 went into jobs in education
- 2,245 went into jobs in business and finance
- 2,220 went into jobs in health
- 1,850 went into social and welfare roles

# The future

- Graduate employment market seems to be improving
- PG numbers will probably rise and then level off in next couple of years
- Unemployment rates for PG may be elevated for 3-4 years
- New finance regimes for UG students will have consequences for PG, that are not yet charted
- Will interest in PG qualifications be sustained?