

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_039_06 Applicants by POLAR3 and sex

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Sex, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

POLAR3 Quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 classifies small areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in Higher Education. Each of these groups represents around 20 per cent of young people and is ranked from Quintile 1 (areas with the lowest young participation rates, considered as the most disadvantaged) to Quintile 5 (highest young participation rates, considered most advantaged). These groups are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant at the time of their application. If a UK postcode is invalid, considered unsafe for measurement or there is no link to Census geography possible then the applicant is classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system.

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POLAR3 Quintile, Sex		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	Men	8,645	9,845	11,245	11,110	10,545	11,035	11,785	11,930	11,970	12,045
	Women	13,100	14,225	15,935	16,090	15,605	15,740	17,065	18,015	18,105	18,400
POLAR3 Quintile 2	Men	13,970	15,435	16,635	16,920	15,885	16,340	17,010	17,590	17,690	17,635
	Women	19,760	21,315	22,820	22,955	22,350	22,690	23,730	25,030	25,120	24,980
POLAR3 Quintile 3	Men	18,520	20,445	22,275	22,015	21,180	21,485	22,300	22,750	22,700	22,890
	Women	25,495	27,190	28,680	28,535	27,955	28,345	28,910	30,525	30,845	30,845
POLAR3 Quintile 4	Men	25,275	27,210	28,590	28,550	27,000	27,135	27,490	28,225	28,295	28,260
	Women	31,925	33,485	35,620	34,945	33,720	34,075	34,205	36,120	36,075	35,975
POLAR3 Quintile 5	Men	36,790	38,915	40,365	40,200	38,290	38,285	38,690	39,185	39,705	40,055
	Women	42,530	44,685	45,625	45,545	44,385	43,825	44,305	45,990	46,420	46,325
Not assigned	Men	1,745	345	270	240	240	215	240	225	260	340
	Women	2,265	440	315	300	265	235	255	295	305	400
Total		240,020	253,535	268,370	267,410	257,430	259,410	265,980	275,875	277,495	278,150