

# End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

## DR2\_042\_06 Applicants by A level points and POLAR3

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**Statistic:** Number of Applicants

**Variables:** Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

**Coverage:** Applied before June deadline, UK domiciled (excluding Scotland) 18 year olds and hold at least 3 A levels

### Definitions

#### Achieved A level point score

A points score attached to the highest 3 A level grades achieved by the applicant as identified either on application or through awarding body linkage process. The following points per grade are used in the calculation: A\* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. A Level Double Award grades are included, AS level grades are not included. This value is not updated beyond the end of the application cycle for each applicant. (I.e. if an applicant applied in the 2010 cycle with one A level grade 'C', but went on to obtain a further two A levels in 2011, the value for the applicant applying in 2010 would remain 3.) This is only relevant for 18 year-old applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, any applicants outside of this cohort will be assigned the value 'Not applicable'. These scores are calculated purely for analytical purposes and do not relate to the UCAS tariff.

#### 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.

#### 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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Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	60	45	45	40	40	35	30	45
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	80	75	40	55	40	45	45	45
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	95	70	60	65	65	50	60	45
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	115	75	35	70	65	65	50	55
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	105	70	65	55	65	55	60	55
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	210	175	180	130	160	130	145	150
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	285	255	180	170	190	170	210	200
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	370	270	260	215	220	245	205	235
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	340	285	285	215	240	250	230	235
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	345	310	265	250	285	235	240	240
	Not assigned	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
5 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	490	350	380	365	360	340	365	395
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	650	595	485	485	470	480	485	475
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	785	675	595	585	585	595	585	620
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	810	775	645	590	600	590	570	605
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	895	745	695	645	715	635	670	705
	Not assigned	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	10
6 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	830	785	715	640	695	630	665	700
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,175	1,060	980	910	930	945	905	925
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,375	1,285	1,185	1,045	1,125	1,140	1,120	1,135
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,610	1,375	1,205	1,230	1,265	1,200	1,175	1,255
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,635	1,450	1,430	1,285	1,445	1,375	1,380	1,350
	Not assigned	15	10	5	15	15	10	10	15
7 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,155	1,160	1,025	985	1,000	1,040	1,100	1,070
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,725	1,670	1,580	1,435	1,435	1,480	1,460	1,440
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,080	1,945	1,925	1,755	1,810	1,860	1,840	1,855
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,300	2,245	1,965	1,975	2,085	2,035	2,010	2,040
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,625	2,385	2,190	2,200	2,165	2,215	2,265	2,190
	Not assigned	20	5	20	15	15	15	15	15
8 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,520	1,505	1,305	1,340	1,355	1,415	1,435	1,350
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,165	2,115	1,995	1,920	1,990	2,130	2,035	2,065
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,740	2,695	2,520	2,490	2,495	2,585	2,490	2,465
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,165	3,055	2,880	2,775	2,895	2,890	3,015	2,950
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,575	3,525	3,195	3,125	3,280	3,280	3,305	3,255
	Not assigned	25	25	15	15	20	20	20	35
9 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,770	1,815	1,630	1,625	1,620	1,775	1,745	1,850
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,660	2,610	2,420	2,380	2,415	2,445	2,515	2,450
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,315	3,340	3,210	3,235	3,155	3,230	3,220	3,195
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,960	3,960	3,740	3,615	3,590	3,830	3,775	3,715
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,670	4,620	4,260	4,265	4,230	4,475	4,490	4,515

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Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
9 points	Not assigned	35	20	20	15	25	20	30	35
10 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,750	1,820	1,735	1,730	1,790	1,875	1,860	1,840
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,730	2,825	2,695	2,730	2,695	2,760	2,720	2,775
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,570	3,670	3,425	3,500	3,565	3,545	3,515	3,595
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,460	4,530	4,300	4,455	4,160	4,450	4,325	4,265
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,420	5,585	5,260	5,090	5,120	5,270	5,370	5,490
	Not assigned	25	25	40	20	30	35	30	45
11 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,645	1,740	1,775	1,775	1,700	1,740	1,730	1,830
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,675	2,700	2,700	2,660	2,540	2,665	2,785	2,800
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,655	3,605	3,510	3,525	3,495	3,675	3,640	3,700
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,680	4,725	4,540	4,620	4,405	4,720	4,680	4,690
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,080	6,045	5,855	5,765	5,880	6,050	6,060	6,145
	Not assigned	50	30	25	20	20	25	25	40
12 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,585	1,600	1,575	1,580	1,585	1,605	1,625	1,630
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,615	2,680	2,570	2,645	2,575	2,555	2,580	2,520
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,570	3,590	3,485	3,580	3,450	3,570	3,670	3,475
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,730	4,905	4,750	4,785	4,635	4,765	4,835	4,680
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,585	6,580	6,430	6,620	6,375	6,720	6,725	6,755
	Not assigned	25	35	35	30	25	35	35	40
13 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,290	1,305	1,305	1,300	1,260	1,310	1,300	1,365
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,260	2,215	2,220	2,235	2,155	2,235	2,295	2,125
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,250	3,265	3,120	3,165	3,045	3,200	3,130	3,170
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,535	4,535	4,610	4,590	4,230	4,370	4,475	4,410
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,610	6,695	6,650	6,595	6,465	6,660	6,590	6,575
	Not assigned	30	35	25	15	15	30	30	45
14 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,005	1,080	1,035	1,070	1,025	995	1,060	1,090
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,840	1,825	1,830	1,835	1,780	1,770	1,805	1,695
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,710	2,780	2,780	2,665	2,570	2,620	2,680	2,655
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,265	4,150	3,900	4,085	3,820	3,945	3,805	3,765
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,530	6,690	6,520	6,360	6,175	6,240	6,325	6,190
	Not assigned	30	35	15	25	30	30	20	30
15 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	900	885	890	785	825	855	790	830
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,570	1,720	1,590	1,675	1,515	1,495	1,535	1,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,540	2,555	2,500	2,395	2,190	2,210	2,270	2,265
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,130	4,100	3,915	3,900	3,500	3,610	3,445	3,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	7,230	6,875	6,835	6,740	6,195	6,015	6,095	5,980
	Not assigned	30	30	25	25	15	15	20	40
16 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	575	630	560	570	570	505	530	595
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,085	1,175	1,095	1,060	1,005	1,100	1,030	980
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,815	1,845	1,695	1,750	1,575	1,605	1,685	1,650
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,055	2,885	2,960	2,765	2,695	2,690	2,725	2,620
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,415	5,645	5,335	5,260	5,020	5,120	5,080	4,790

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
16 points	Not assigned	15	20	20	15	20	15	20	25
17 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	325	290	325	270	260	315	305	295
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	625	600	600	605	645	615	580	625
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	990	1,080	1,005	970	1,000	985	950	990
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,680	1,800	1,685	1,565	1,630	1,725	1,595	1,650
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,455	3,435	3,300	3,255	3,420	3,500	3,365	3,325
	Not assigned	15	5	10	5	5	15	10	10
18 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	200	215	195	165	230	205	185	250
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	415	450	425	415	450	440	395	430
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	720	760	730	755	735	740	645	750
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,255	1,265	1,325	1,230	1,300	1,345	1,150	1,320
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,760	3,060	2,915	2,715	2,855	2,935	2,755	2,940
	Not assigned	5	10	5	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>182,790</b>	<b>182,075</b>	<b>174,280</b>	<b>172,195</b>	<b>169,445</b>	<b>173,490</b>	<b>172,885</b>	<b>172,770</b>