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Application statistics: June deadline applications, offers, offer rate, average offer rate, percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate, contribution of group to the average offer rate

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- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Applicants/placed applicants per 10,000 population figures are reported as 0 if the applicant/placed applicant figures are rounded to 0.
- All statistics related to the offer rate are not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 10. The percentage point difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate is not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 50.
- Offer rates are reported as 0% if there are fewer than 5 offers, and 100% if the number of offers is within 5 of the number of applications. When the offer rate is reported as 0% or 100%, it is reported in italics.

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P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	8,300	7,915	7,945	8,295	7,755	7,500
Placed June deadline applicants	2,765	2,720	2,630	2,315	2,395	2,165
All placed applicants	2,960	2,970	2,865	2,420	2,570	2,435
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	107.3	104.0	105.5	108.3	103.5	101.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	35.7	35.8	34.9	30.2	32.0	29.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	38.2	39.1	38.1	31.6	34.3	32.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	19,180	17,100	17,535	18,220	16,710	16,090
Offers	14,580	14,615	15,180	15,710	14,285	13,555
Offer rate	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.5%	84.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	3,550	3,585	3,580	3,660	3,530	3,425
	Women	4,755	4,335	4,365	4,635	4,225	4,075
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,215	1,295	1,205	1,065	1,170	1,010
	Women	1,550	1,430	1,420	1,250	1,225	1,155
All placed applicants	Men	1,315	1,390	1,320	1,100	1,230	1,125
	Women	1,640	1,580	1,545	1,320	1,340	1,315
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	89.5	91.8	92.5	93.3	91.9	90.2
	Women	126.1	116.9	119.2	124.0	115.7	112.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	30.6	33.1	31.2	27.1	30.5	26.6
	Women	41.1	38.5	38.8	33.4	33.5	32.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	33.2	35.6	34.1	28.1	32.1	29.6
	Women	43.5	42.7	42.2	35.3	36.6	36.4

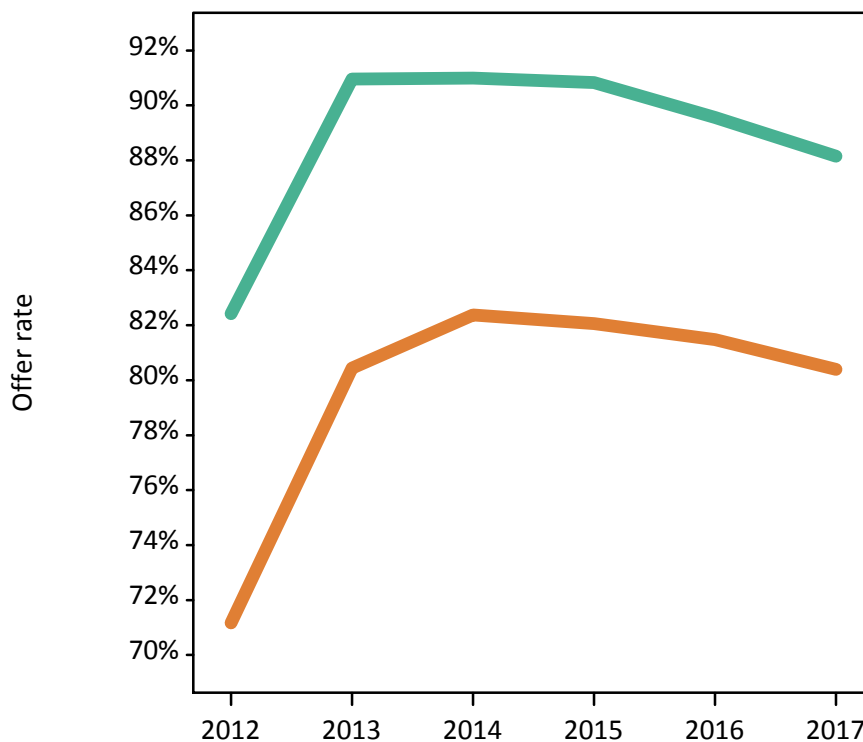
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	8,275	8,145	8,495	8,660	8,275	7,965
	Women	10,900	8,955	9,040	9,565	8,435	8,125
Offers	Men	6,820	7,410	7,730	7,865	7,410	7,020
	Women	7,760	7,205	7,445	7,850	6,870	6,535
Offer rate	Men	82.4%	91.0%	91.0%	90.8%	89.6%	88.1%
	Women	71.2%	80.4%	82.4%	82.1%	81.5%	80.4%
Average offer rate	Men	82.9%	91.1%	91.2%	91.1%	89.9%	88.2%
	Women	70.8%	80.3%	82.2%	81.8%	81.1%	80.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
	Women	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.613	0.635	0.645	0.637	0.649	0.653
	Women	0.706	0.668	0.666	0.672	0.655	0.660

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

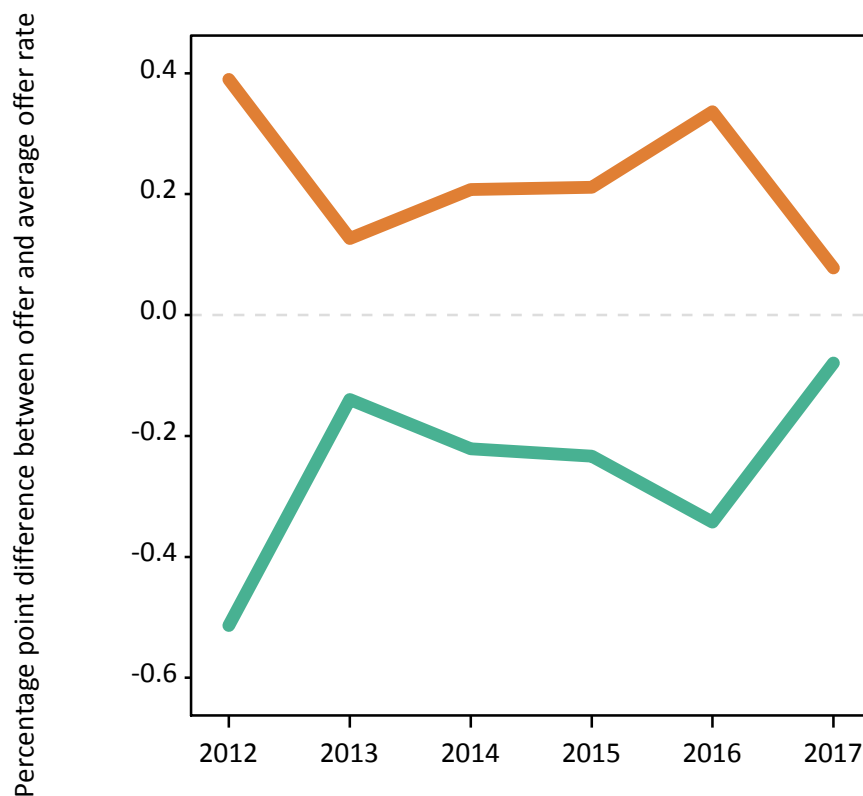
Men
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	615	590	630	680	630	605
	Quintile 2	870	830	870	885	875	845
	Quintile 3	1,380	1,350	1,300	1,420	1,365	1,225
	Quintile 4	2,485	2,355	2,380	2,455	2,330	2,335
	Quintile 5	2,935	2,770	2,750	2,840	2,545	2,475
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	180	205	215	175	185	170
	Quintile 2	265	270	285	245	265	230
	Quintile 3	475	495	425	405	395	385
	Quintile 4	855	825	805	685	730	670
	Quintile 5	985	920	890	795	810	710
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	200	225	230	180	195	190
	Quintile 2	285	295	320	250	290	255
	Quintile 3	510	530	460	425	430	425
	Quintile 4	915	900	880	720	780	765
	Quintile 5	1,045	1,015	965	835	865	800
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	43.1	42.5	45.3	48.7	46.7	45.5
	Quintile 2	58.0	56.2	59.5	59.6	60.5	59.6
	Quintile 3	89.4	88.7	86.4	92.4	90.7	82.1
	Quintile 4	156.7	150.6	154.5	156.8	150.9	152.8
	Quintile 5	174.6	167.6	168.7	169.6	154.0	150.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.8	14.6	15.5	12.6	13.9	12.7
	Quintile 2	17.6	18.5	19.5	16.5	18.5	16.3
	Quintile 3	30.8	32.5	28.4	26.4	26.4	25.8
	Quintile 4	53.9	52.7	52.1	43.7	47.3	43.7
	Quintile 5	58.6	55.6	54.6	47.6	49.1	43.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	13.9	16.1	16.6	13.0	14.5	14.4
	Quintile 2	18.9	20.2	21.9	16.9	20.1	18.0
	Quintile 3	33.0	34.7	30.4	27.8	28.7	28.4
	Quintile 4	57.7	57.6	57.2	46.1	50.7	50.1
	Quintile 5	62.3	61.3	59.3	49.9	52.4	48.6

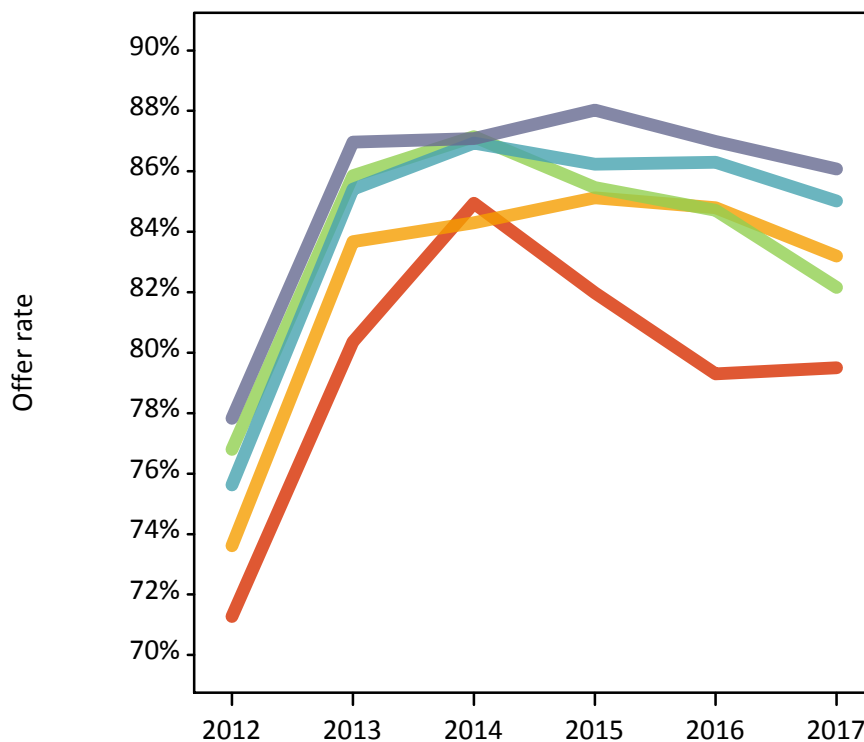
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,520	1,375	1,455	1,585	1,375	1,355
	Quintile 2	1,980	1,740	1,900	1,965	1,835	1,785
	Quintile 3	3,240	2,975	2,900	3,135	3,010	2,685
	Quintile 4	5,745	5,130	5,260	5,345	5,030	4,985
	Quintile 5	6,655	5,840	5,985	6,155	5,425	5,240
Offers	Quintile 1	1,080	1,105	1,235	1,300	1,090	1,080
	Quintile 2	1,460	1,455	1,600	1,670	1,555	1,485
	Quintile 3	2,490	2,555	2,530	2,680	2,550	2,205
	Quintile 4	4,345	4,385	4,570	4,610	4,340	4,240
	Quintile 5	5,180	5,080	5,215	5,415	4,720	4,510
Offer rate	Quintile 1	71.3%	80.4%	84.9%	82.0%	79.3%	79.5%
	Quintile 2	73.6%	83.7%	84.3%	85.1%	84.8%	83.2%
	Quintile 3	76.8%	85.9%	87.1%	85.5%	84.7%	82.2%
	Quintile 4	75.6%	85.4%	86.9%	86.2%	86.3%	85.0%
	Quintile 5	77.8%	87.0%	87.1%	88.0%	87.0%	86.1%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	74.0%	82.7%	86.6%	84.8%	81.6%	80.9%
	Quintile 2	74.1%	84.9%	84.5%	85.2%	85.1%	83.8%
	Quintile 3	76.5%	85.5%	86.9%	86.2%	85.4%	83.5%
	Quintile 4	75.1%	85.3%	86.3%	86.0%	85.7%	84.5%
	Quintile 5	77.7%	86.3%	87.3%	87.1%	86.4%	85.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.8	-2.3	-1.6	-2.8	-2.3	-1.4
	Quintile 2	-0.5	-1.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6
	Quintile 3	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4
	Quintile 4	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5
	Quintile 5	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.9	0.6	0.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.153	0.175	0.171	0.161	0.161	0.165
	Quintile 2	0.180	0.169	0.185	0.173	0.166	0.178
	Quintile 3	0.224	0.233	0.227	0.228	0.238	0.226
	Quintile 4	0.352	0.358	0.353	0.340	0.352	0.359
	Quintile 5	0.397	0.396	0.395	0.389	0.376	0.377

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

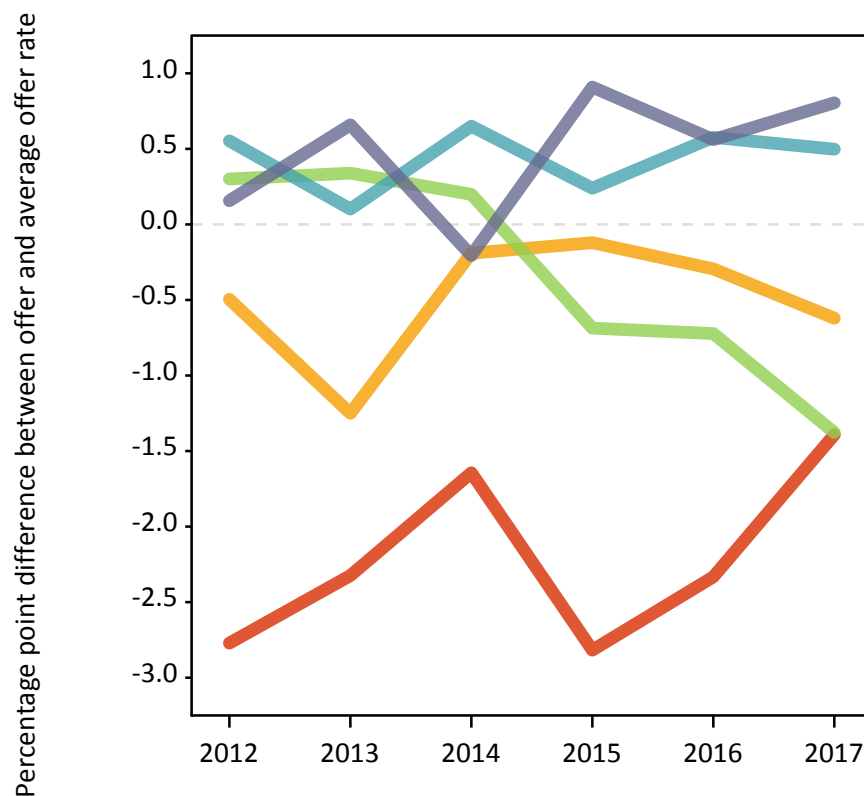
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	55	65	100	85	100	100
	Black	15	20	30	25	20	20
	Mixed	45	45	55	45	50	50
	White	8,170	7,775	7,745	8,120	7,565	7,295
	Other	5	5	10	5	5	5
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	15	15	15	20	15	15
	Black	5	0	5	0	5	5
	Mixed	5	10	10	15	10	10
	White	2,730	2,695	2,595	2,275	2,360	2,125
	Other	5	0	0	0	0	0
All placed applicants	Asian	20	15	15	20	20	20
	Black	5	0	5	0	5	5
	Mixed	5	10	15	15	15	10
	White	2,920	2,940	2,825	2,380	2,530	2,390
	Other	5	0	5	0	0	0
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	8.3	9.6	14.9	11.9	13.6	13.9
	Black	5.0	6.4	10.2	7.2	6.1	6.7
	Mixed	16.9	15.9	19.5	15.2	16.5	16.2
	White	126.5	123.6	125.6	130.3	125.1	123.0
	Other	7.9	6.6	9.7	5.2	7.0	5.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2.0	2.1	2.2	3.0	2.2	2.3
	Black	2.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3
	Mixed	1.5	3.0	3.8	4.5	3.2	2.5
	White	42.3	42.8	42.0	36.5	39.1	35.8
	Other	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2.8	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.9
	Black	2.5	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3
	Mixed	1.9	3.3	4.9	4.5	4.1	2.8
	White	45.2	46.7	45.8	38.2	41.8	40.3
	Other	4.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

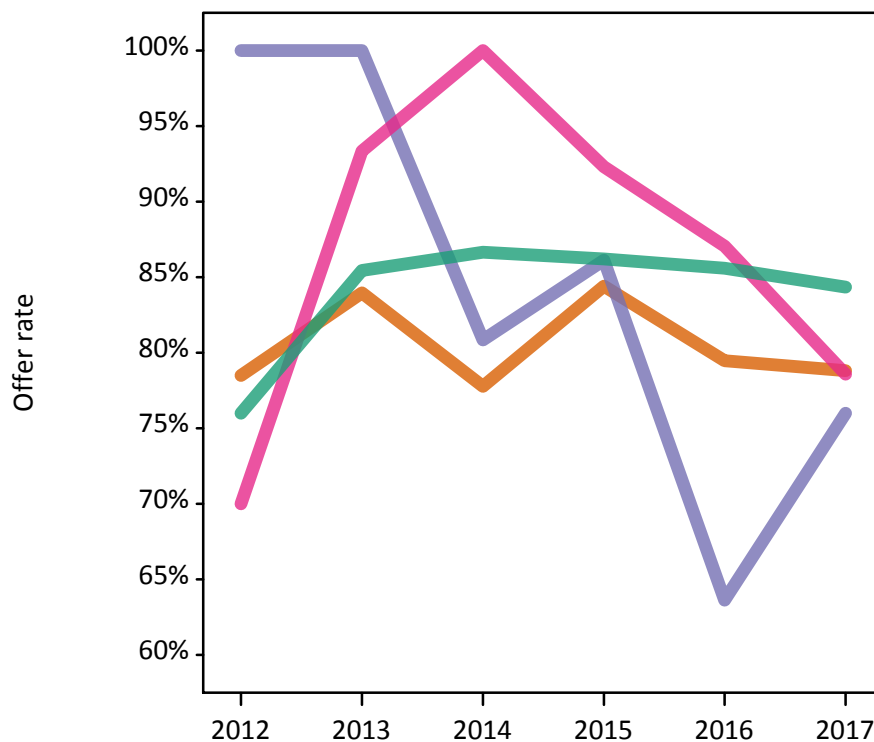
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	95	105	170	140	150	170
	Black	20	25	45	35	35	25
	Mixed	70	75	85	80	85	85
	White	18,960	16,865	17,205	17,920	16,400	15,755
	Other	10	5	20	10	10	10
Offers	Asian	75	90	135	120	120	135
	Black	20	20	40	30	20	20
	Mixed	50	70	80	70	75	65
	White	14,410	14,410	14,910	15,450	14,035	13,290
	Other	10	5	15	10	5	5
Offer rate	Asian	78.5%	84.0%	77.8%	84.4%	79.5%	78.8%
	Black	100.0%	100.0%	80.9%	86.1%	63.6%	76.0%
	Mixed	70.0%	93.3%	100.0%	92.3%	87.1%	78.6%
	White	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%
	Other	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	80.2%	81.3%	81.3%	83.5%	80.9%	76.7%
	Black	71.2%	90.0%	80.0%	87.4%	71.2%	78.0%
	Mixed	71.0%	92.5%	90.7%	89.3%	84.5%	82.2%
	White	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%
	Other	83.1%	N/A	72.0%	72.7%	52.0%	85.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.7	2.6	-3.5	0.9	-1.4	2.1
	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mixed	-1.0	0.8	9.3	3.1	2.6	-3.7
	White	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.097	0.103	0.081	0.095	0.126	0.127
	Black	0.102	0.086	0.172	0.141	0.100	0.103
	Mixed	0.089	0.079	0.109	0.074	0.068	0.084
	White	0.990	0.988	0.983	0.985	0.983	0.982
	Other	0.082	N/A	0.104	0.043	0.200	0.025

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	13,855	13,915	14,265	15,035	14,335	13,525
Placed June deadline applicants	4,800	5,035	4,915	4,760	4,855	4,360
All placed applicants	5,235	5,595	5,840	5,100	5,245	4,940

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	31,890	29,285	30,850	32,005	30,460	28,700
Offers	22,540	23,125	24,525	25,440	24,085	22,525
Offer rate	70.7%	79.0%	79.5%	79.5%	79.1%	78.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	5,960	6,215	6,405	6,690	6,535	6,120
	Women	7,890	7,700	7,860	8,340	7,795	7,405
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,185	2,425	2,395	2,270	2,415	2,045
	Women	2,615	2,610	2,520	2,490	2,440	2,315
All placed applicants	Men	2,425	2,645	2,885	2,395	2,560	2,285
	Women	2,810	2,950	2,955	2,705	2,680	2,660

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	13,955	13,910	14,990	15,400	15,105	14,050
	Women	17,935	15,375	15,855	16,605	15,355	14,650
Offers	Men	10,850	11,980	12,895	13,185	12,760	11,765
	Women	11,690	11,145	11,630	12,255	11,325	10,755
Offer rate	Men	77.7%	86.1%	86.0%	85.6%	84.5%	83.8%
	Women	65.2%	72.5%	73.4%	73.8%	73.7%	73.4%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,225	1,285	1,330	1,345	1,355	1,265
	Quintile 2	1,620	1,555	1,750	1,835	1,755	1,680
	Quintile 3	2,425	2,530	2,405	2,605	2,535	2,345
	Quintile 4	4,035	4,045	4,160	4,395	4,210	4,020
	Quintile 5	4,510	4,475	4,595	4,810	4,450	4,185
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	380	470	460	375	420	390
	Quintile 2	540	535	595	590	570	530
	Quintile 3	870	920	820	850	800	795
	Quintile 4	1,440	1,480	1,465	1,395	1,515	1,270
	Quintile 5	1,565	1,620	1,565	1,535	1,540	1,370
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	410	505	510	395	445	445
	Quintile 2	585	595	710	630	615	585
	Quintile 3	945	1,010	1,005	910	875	895
	Quintile 4	1,585	1,660	1,735	1,505	1,630	1,460
	Quintile 5	1,690	1,810	1,865	1,640	1,665	1,555

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,945	2,805	2,965	2,990	2,835	2,695
	Quintile 2	3,695	3,200	3,705	3,865	3,575	3,495
	Quintile 3	5,705	5,345	5,265	5,565	5,435	5,025
	Quintile 4	9,350	8,530	8,985	9,370	9,095	8,575
	Quintile 5	10,120	9,355	9,865	10,130	9,445	8,855
Offers	Quintile 1	1,900	2,090	2,335	2,250	2,105	2,025
	Quintile 2	2,480	2,445	2,870	2,995	2,785	2,670
	Quintile 3	4,060	4,190	4,150	4,395	4,220	3,790
	Quintile 4	6,645	6,780	7,190	7,435	7,280	6,810
	Quintile 5	7,400	7,580	7,935	8,305	7,645	7,180
Offer rate	Quintile 1	64.6%	74.5%	78.8%	75.2%	74.3%	75.2%
	Quintile 2	67.1%	76.4%	77.4%	77.5%	77.9%	76.5%
	Quintile 3	71.2%	78.4%	78.8%	79.0%	77.7%	75.4%
	Quintile 4	71.0%	79.5%	80.0%	79.4%	80.0%	79.4%
	Quintile 5	73.1%	81.0%	80.5%	82.0%	80.9%	81.1%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	160	165	245	455	235	215
	Black	70	110	145	135	95	80
	Mixed	80	90	105	110	100	115
	White	13,500	13,495	13,720	14,210	13,835	13,045
	Other	15	30	25	50	30	25
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	45	40	60	190	50	40
	Black	10	20	45	30	20	15
	Mixed	15	20	30	35	25	30
	White	4,720	4,945	4,765	4,475	4,735	4,260
	Other	5	5	5	10	10	5
All placed applicants	Asian	105	50	205	195	65	55
	Black	25	20	155	35	20	15
	Mixed	20	20	45	35	30	30
	White	5,055	5,485	5,385	4,770	5,095	4,815
	Other	10	5	40	15	10	10

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	290	270	350	595	370	360
	Black	100	145	205	175	140	125
	Mixed	140	150	160	185	180	200
	White	31,295	28,635	30,055	30,865	29,635	27,890
	Other	25	40	45	75	45	40
Offers	Asian	210	210	270	410	270	255
	Black	60	95	135	95	90	65
	Mixed	90	130	145	150	145	140
	White	22,140	22,630	23,915	24,670	23,475	21,960
	Other	15	30	30	40	30	35
Offer rate	Asian	72.0%	77.9%	77.3%	68.7%	73.7%	70.7%
	Black	60.2%	64.4%	67.2%	55.4%	62.4%	50.0%
	Mixed	63.3%	87.9%	89.9%	81.5%	81.1%	70.4%
	White	70.8%	79.0%	79.6%	79.9%	79.2%	78.7%
	Other	61.5%	70.7%	74.4%	52.0%	69.8%	85.4%

Technical Notes and Definitions

UCAS undergraduate scheme

Adjustment

Adjustment allows applicants who have met and exceeded the terms of their conditional firm offer to seek and find a place at another provider whilst keeping their place at their original firm choice provider.

Clearing

Clearing is a route for applicants that are not placed and holding no offers to find a place on courses with vacancies.

Cycle year

The UCAS application cycle which runs from September to October the following year. For example the 2017 cycle runs from September 2016 through to October 2017.

End of cycle

The point in the cycle to which the numbers in this report refer, and the point at which the cycle is closed such that no more applications or offers can be made, and no more applicants can be placed. Numbers reported at the end of cycle exclude information on a small number of applicants who cancelled during the cycle.

Extra

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining an offer or decline all offers may be eligible to apply through Extra, where they can apply to one further course at a time. Extra operates from 25 February until early July. It provides applicants who are eligible the possibility of obtaining an offer before exam results are published and Clearing starts.

June 30 deadline

The deadline for main scheme applications. Applicants who apply after this date will go directly into Clearing.

Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA)

RPA is an acceptance route used when a provider informs UCAS of applicants it has accepted outside of the normal application process (e.g. individuals who have applied directly to the provider).

Reporting groups

Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', 'Other', 'Unknown'. Applicants who declare themselves as 'Unknown' ethnic origin are not reported in these tables, but are included in the associated csv data file.

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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, therefore is most suitable for applicants aged 19 and under. 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 not assigned to a quintile. Applicants with no POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016 quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation amongst 6505 small areas (data zones) based on 7 socio-economic domains. These small areas are classified into five groups ranked from Quintile 1 (considered the most deprived) to Quintile 5 (considered least deprived), with equal populations in each quintile. Quintiles are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant, applicants declaring invalid postcodes are classified as 'Not assigned' and are not reported.

SIMD is only defined for applicants domiciled in Scotland, therefore any applicants domiciled outside of Scotland cannot be assigned to an SIMD quintile and so are not reported for this measure.

SIMD is only reported for providers in Scotland. Application and entry rates by SIMD are reported in the 2017 End of Cycle Report and the 2017 cycle January deadline application rate report.

Statistics reported in the tables

All placed applicants

The number of applicants placed for entry into higher education at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA.

All placed applicants per 10,000 population

The number of total UK domiciled 18 year old placed applicants for entry into higher education at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Average offer rate

The offer rate that you might expect if the predicted grades and subject choice of applicants were the only factors that influenced whether an applicant was made an offer by the provider. The average offer rate is calculated by dividing applicants according to their specific combination of grades (for A levels the best three predicted grades are used, for BTECs, International Baccalaureate and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, predicted grades along with any grades already achieved upon applying are used) and subject choice. For each combination the number of main scheme offers is divided by the number of main scheme applications, to give an overall offer rate. This is then multiplied by the number of applications made by the group for which the average offer rate is being calculated (for example POLAR3 quintile 1), to give an average number of offers for that group. These average number of offers are then added together across all combinations of predicted grade and subject and divided by the number of main scheme applications from the group to give the average offer rate.

The average offer rate does not attempt to control for any other factors that may play a part in the decision to make an offer, such as the subject of the qualifications studied, their relevance to a course, or the grade in each subject; higher numbers of A levels being studied; the exact profile of grades predicted; personal statements; teacher references; interviews; or any other criteria (such as work experience or portfolios) that may be part of the admissions decision.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Contribution of group to the average offer rate

The way in which the average offer rate is defined means that the pattern of application and offers of a group (for example POLAR3 quintile 1) will always contribute, in part, to the average offer rate for that group. When this contribution is large, the average offer rate will mainly reflect the patterns for the group, meaning that the value of the average offer rate will be similar to the offer rate, the percentage point difference statistic will be small, and any real difference between the offer rate and what might be expected given the predicted grades and subject choices of the applicants will be difficult to detect.

Values of the contribution of group to the average offer rate range between 0 and 1. The closer the value is to 1 the greater the contribution a group makes to its own average offer rate.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Placed June deadline applicants

An applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education at the provider through a June deadline application.

Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old placed June deadline applicants at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their June deadline applications. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider, but for placed June deadline applicants only. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider through a June deadline application.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

June deadline applications

An application (or choice) to a course in higher education to the provider that is made by the June 30 deadline. Each applicant can make up to five choices this way. The number of June deadline applications does not include choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs. Applications made to October deadline courses received after the October deadline are not included in these statistics.

June deadline applicants

The number of applicants that made at least one application to the provider by the June 30 deadline.

June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old June deadline applicants to the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, who applied by the June 30 deadline. It is equivalent to the application rate. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will apply to a provider by the June 30 deadline.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Offers

An offer is defined as a provider's decision in response to an application to offer a place to an applicant, often subject to the applicant satisfying academic and/or other criteria, via a June deadline application (i.e. does not cover choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs).

Offer rate

The number of offers made divided by the number of June deadline applications. This gives the proportion of all June deadline applications to the provider that received an offer.

Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate

The offer rate minus the average offer rate.

The percentage point difference can be compared to the expected range of statistical variation resulting from the calculation of the average offer rate using the Average Offer Rate Lookup Table. Where the value of the percentage point difference lies outside of this range, the percentage point difference may be considered to represent a real difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate.

Other definitions

Age

This analysis uses country-specific age definitions that align with the cut off points for school and college cohorts within the different administrations of the UK. For England and Wales, ages are defined on the 31 August, for Northern Ireland on the 1 July and for Scotland on the 28 February the following year. Defining ages in this way matches the assignment of children to school cohorts. For applicants outside of the UK a cohort cut off of 31 August has been used. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

Provider

A higher education provider - a university or college.

UK domiciled

Declared area of permanent residence within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Applicants from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not included.