

UCAS Conservatoires End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

CD1_018_02 Applicants by POLAR4

Statistic: Applicants

Variables: POLAR4 Quintile , Cycle Year

Coverage: UK domiciled undergraduate age 18

Definitions

POLAR4 Quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR4 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'. POLAR4 is the most recent version of the POLAR classification, and is available for the first time in UCAS' reporting since its launch in 2017.

Cycle year

The application year in which the application was processed.

Applicants

An applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS Conservatoires scheme.

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POLAR4 Quintile	Applicants by Cycle Year							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR4 Quintile 1	50	50	110	135	135	145	130	125
POLAR4 Quintile 2	135	110	185	235	265	290	250	245
POLAR4 Quintile 3	195	180	290	315	350	355	370	380
POLAR4 Quintile 4	245	210	380	395	460	480	520	505
POLAR4 Quintile 5	410	385	595	690	730	850	820	765
Not Assigned	5	0	5	10	5	10	5	10
Total	1,045	935	1,565	1,780	1,950	2,135	2,095	2,025