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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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	8,280	8,400	8,275	8,055	9,120	9,795
Placed June deadline applicants	2,215	2,270	2,255	2,200	2,195	2,135
All placed applicants	2,220	2,275	2,265	2,210	2,195	2,140
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	108.8	111.5	108.0	107.5	123.1	135.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	29.1	30.2	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	29.2	30.2	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	8,280	8,400	8,275	8,055	9,120	9,795
Offers	2,665	2,725	2,770	2,720	2,845	2,880
Offer rate	32.2%	32.5%	33.5%	33.8%	31.2%	29.4%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	4,635	4,750	4,605	4,455	4,960	5,235
	Women	3,645	3,650	3,670	3,600	4,160	4,555
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,195	1,200	1,155	1,115	1,140	1,060
	Women	1,020	1,070	1,100	1,090	1,055	1,075
All placed applicants	Men	1,195	1,200	1,160	1,115	1,140	1,060
	Women	1,025	1,070	1,105	1,095	1,055	1,075
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	118.7	122.7	117.3	116.0	130.6	141.4
	Women	98.4	99.7	98.2	98.5	115.2	129.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	30.6	31.0	29.5	29.0	30.0	28.6
	Women	27.6	29.3	29.4	29.8	29.2	30.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	30.6	31.1	29.6	29.0	30.0	28.6
	Women	27.6	29.3	29.5	29.9	29.3	30.6

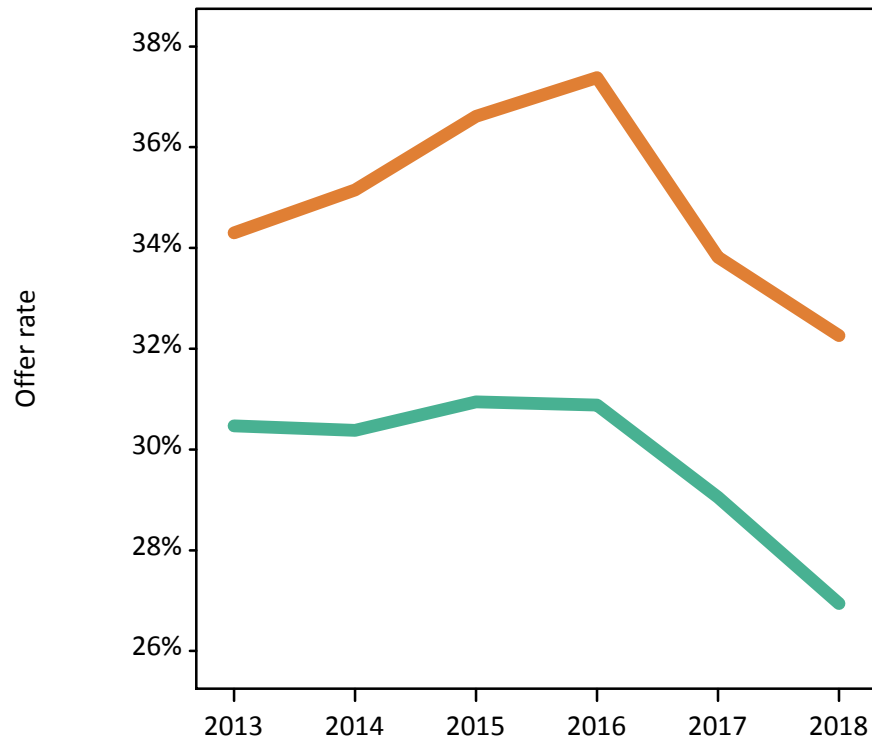
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	4,635	4,750	4,605	4,455	4,960	5,235
	Women	3,645	3,650	3,670	3,600	4,160	4,555
Offers	Men	1,410	1,445	1,425	1,375	1,440	1,410
	Women	1,250	1,285	1,345	1,345	1,405	1,470
Offer rate	Men	30.5%	30.4%	30.9%	30.9%	29.1%	26.9%
	Women	34.3%	35.2%	36.6%	37.4%	33.8%	32.3%
Average offer rate	Men	31.0%	31.8%	32.5%	32.5%	30.3%	28.0%
	Women	33.6%	33.2%	34.6%	35.4%	32.3%	31.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.6	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.3	-1.0
	Women	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.636	0.643	0.640	0.638	0.631	0.624
	Women	0.537	0.535	0.548	0.552	0.559	0.568

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 2013-2018.

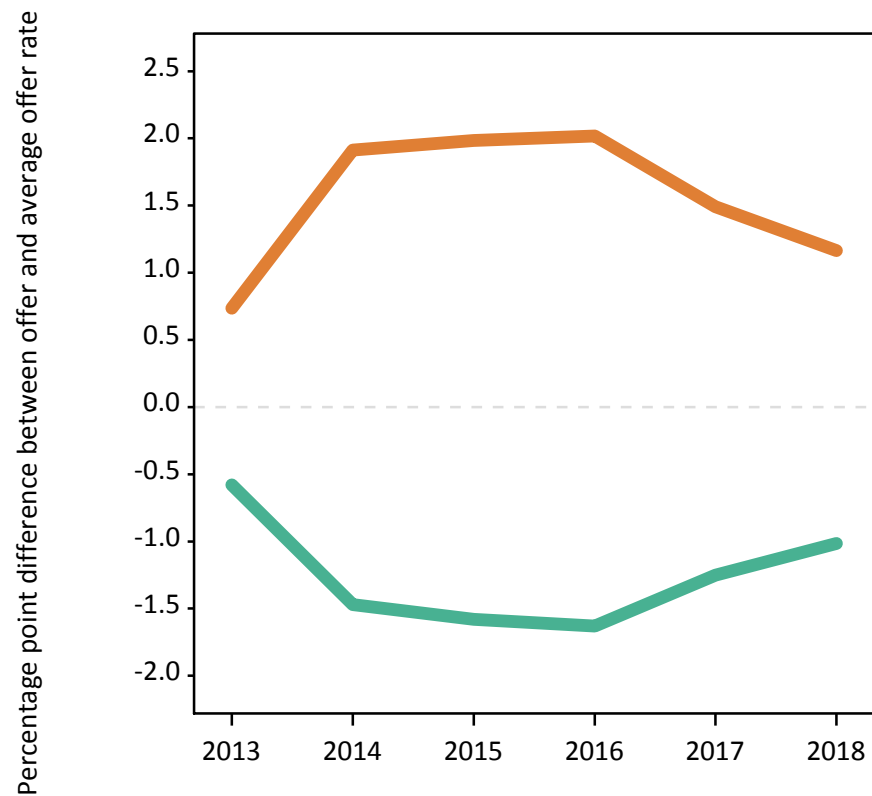
Men
Women



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 2013-2018.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	355	360	360	385	440	535
	Quintile 2	690	715	705	685	790	930
	Quintile 3	1,140	1,170	1,175	1,105	1,240	1,360
	Quintile 4	1,815	1,840	1,760	1,765	1,965	2,145
	Quintile 5	4,265	4,295	4,255	4,100	4,670	4,795
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	60	75	60	70	90	90
	Quintile 2	140	165	140	145	160	170
	Quintile 3	280	265	255	270	265	245
	Quintile 4	455	455	470	445	465	435
	Quintile 5	1,280	1,310	1,335	1,265	1,215	1,190
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	60	75	60	70	90	90
	Quintile 2	140	165	140	145	160	170
	Quintile 3	280	265	255	275	265	245
	Quintile 4	460	455	470	445	465	435
	Quintile 5	1,280	1,310	1,335	1,270	1,215	1,195
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	25.4	25.5	25.4	28.4	32.7	41.1
	Quintile 2	47.5	49.9	48.3	48.3	56.6	68.8
	Quintile 3	76.7	79.9	78.3	75.3	85.5	96.4
	Quintile 4	117.7	120.8	113.8	115.9	130.0	145.5
	Quintile 5	247.7	252.5	245.0	237.7	272.3	284.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	4.3	5.2	4.1	5.1	6.7	7.0
	Quintile 2	9.6	11.4	9.5	10.2	11.6	12.5
	Quintile 3	18.7	18.0	16.9	18.6	18.2	17.4
	Quintile 4	29.7	29.9	30.3	29.3	30.6	29.4
	Quintile 5	74.2	77.1	76.7	73.3	70.7	70.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	4.3	5.2	4.2	5.1	6.7	7.0
	Quintile 2	9.6	11.4	9.5	10.2	11.6	12.5
	Quintile 3	18.8	18.2	17.1	18.6	18.2	17.4
	Quintile 4	29.7	29.9	30.3	29.3	30.6	29.4
	Quintile 5	74.3	77.1	76.9	73.6	70.8	71.0

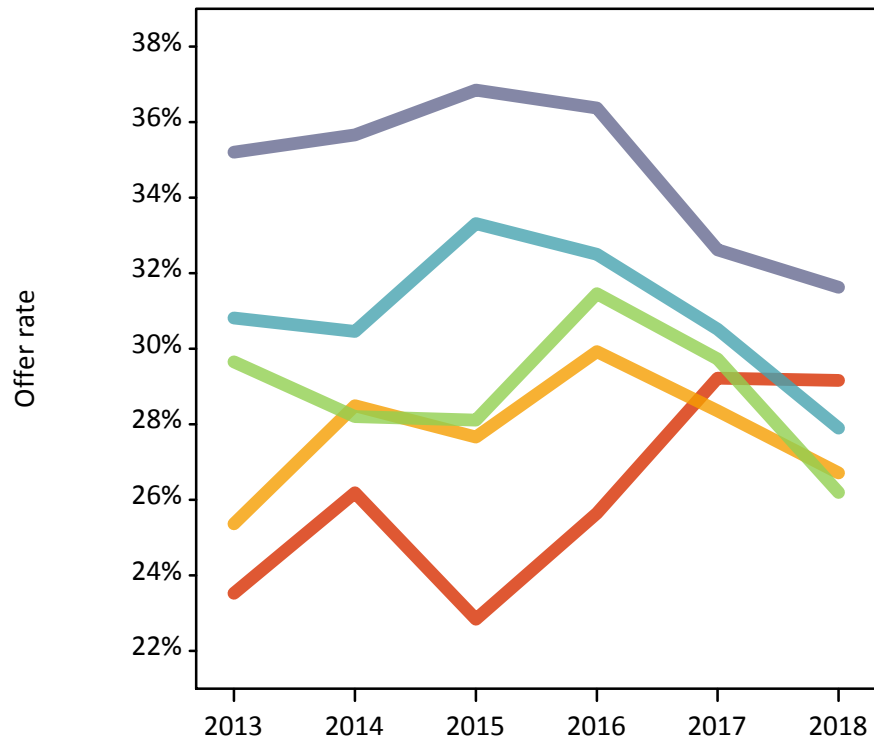
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	355	360	360	385	440	535
	Quintile 2	690	715	705	685	790	930
	Quintile 3	1,140	1,170	1,175	1,105	1,240	1,360
	Quintile 4	1,815	1,840	1,760	1,765	1,965	2,145
	Quintile 5	4,265	4,295	4,255	4,100	4,670	4,795
Offers	Quintile 1	85	95	80	100	130	155
	Quintile 2	175	205	195	205	225	250
	Quintile 3	340	330	330	345	370	355
	Quintile 4	560	560	585	575	600	600
	Quintile 5	1,500	1,530	1,570	1,490	1,525	1,515
Offer rate	Quintile 1	23.5%	26.2%	22.8%	25.6%	29.2%	29.2%
	Quintile 2	25.4%	28.5%	27.7%	29.9%	28.4%	26.7%
	Quintile 3	29.6%	28.2%	28.1%	31.5%	29.7%	26.2%
	Quintile 4	30.8%	30.5%	33.3%	32.5%	30.5%	27.9%
	Quintile 5	35.2%	35.7%	36.8%	36.4%	32.6%	31.6%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	27.1%	28.8%	28.5%	27.5%	27.2%	26.1%
	Quintile 2	28.5%	29.7%	29.7%	30.0%	28.9%	26.4%
	Quintile 3	30.6%	30.3%	30.5%	33.2%	30.3%	27.5%
	Quintile 4	31.0%	30.8%	33.4%	33.0%	30.3%	28.6%
	Quintile 5	34.1%	34.5%	35.4%	35.5%	32.6%	31.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-3.6	-2.6	-5.6	-1.9	2.0	3.1
	Quintile 2	-3.2	-1.2	-2.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.3
	Quintile 3	-1.0	-2.1	-2.4	-1.7	-0.6	-1.3
	Quintile 4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.0	-0.5	0.2	-0.7
	Quintile 5	1.1	1.2	1.5	0.9	-0.0	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.080	0.105	0.096	0.091	0.095	0.093
	Quintile 2	0.125	0.124	0.124	0.119	0.119	0.121
	Quintile 3	0.168	0.175	0.179	0.166	0.166	0.158
	Quintile 4	0.247	0.245	0.234	0.245	0.243	0.239
	Quintile 5	0.548	0.543	0.548	0.542	0.544	0.522

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

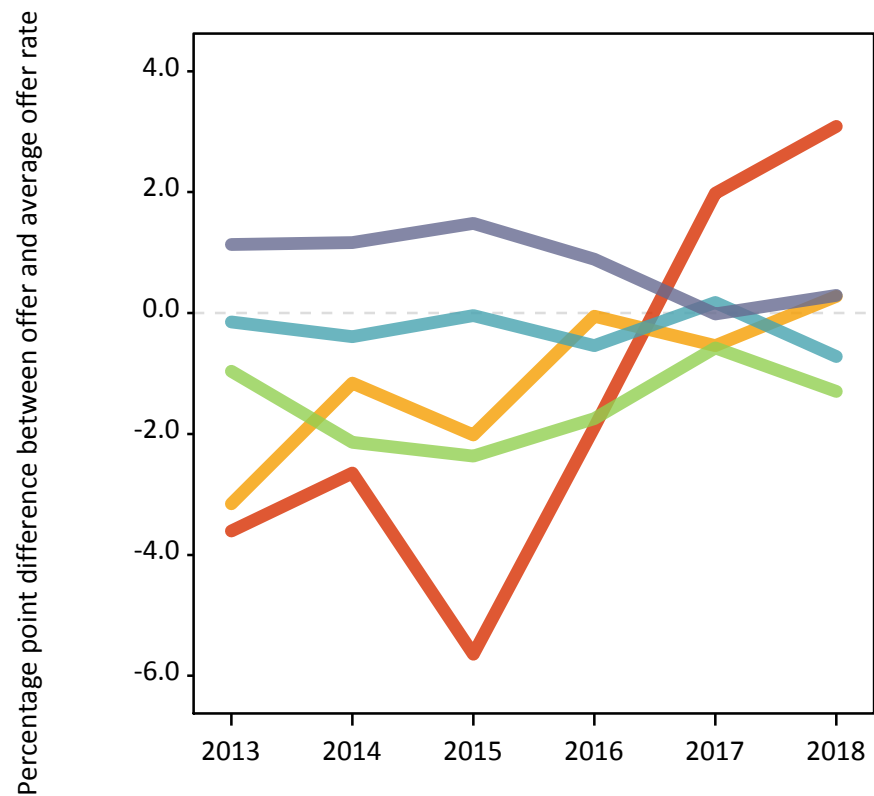
- Quintile 1
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- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

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



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	950	1,005	1,025	1,030	1,245	1,540
	Black	150	190	180	220	260	360
	Mixed	435	465	465	460	585	595
	White	6,575	6,565	6,375	6,175	6,800	7,010
	Other	80	95	105	85	120	145
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	205	270	270	290	270	305
	Black	25	30	30	35	45	45
	Mixed	110	125	105	125	145	115
	White	1,835	1,800	1,780	1,710	1,685	1,615
	Other	15	20	25	20	15	20
All placed applicants	Asian	205	270	270	290	270	305
	Black	25	30	30	35	45	45
	Mixed	110	125	105	125	145	115
	White	1,835	1,800	1,785	1,720	1,685	1,620
	Other	15	20	25	20	15	20
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	143.7	148.0	144.5	142.9	169.0	207.6
	Black	50.5	63.0	56.2	70.6	83.3	114.8
	Mixed	160.5	161.3	151.1	145.5	182.9	184.3
	White	104.5	106.4	102.3	102.1	114.6	122.1
	Other	88.2	99.9	107.9	84.4	115.5	136.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	30.8	39.7	38.3	40.6	36.8	41.4
	Black	8.1	10.2	8.8	11.8	14.9	14.8
	Mixed	39.9	43.8	34.4	39.1	45.5	35.0
	White	29.1	29.1	28.6	28.3	28.4	28.2
	Other	17.6	20.4	27.0	18.1	16.5	20.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	30.8	39.7	38.3	40.6	36.8	41.4
	Black	8.1	10.6	8.8	11.8	14.9	14.8
	Mixed	40.3	43.8	34.7	39.1	45.5	35.0
	White	29.2	29.2	28.6	28.4	28.4	28.2
	Other	17.6	20.4	27.0	18.1	16.5	20.0

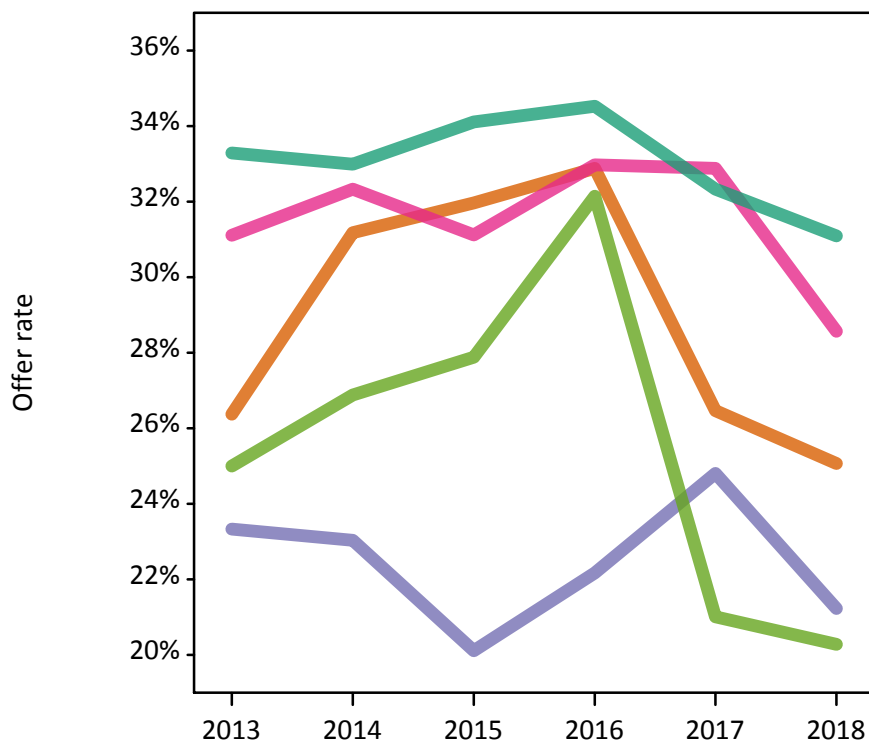
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	950	1,005	1,025	1,030	1,245	1,540
	Black	150	190	180	220	260	360
	Mixed	435	465	465	460	585	595
	White	6,575	6,565	6,375	6,175	6,800	7,010
	Other	80	95	105	85	120	145
Offers	Asian	250	315	325	340	330	385
	Black	35	45	35	50	65	75
	Mixed	135	150	145	150	195	170
	White	2,190	2,165	2,175	2,130	2,200	2,180
	Other	20	25	30	25	25	30
Offer rate	Asian	26.4%	31.2%	32.0%	32.9%	26.5%	25.1%
	Black	23.3%	23.0%	20.1%	22.2%	24.8%	21.2%
	Mixed	31.1%	32.3%	31.1%	33.0%	32.9%	28.6%
	White	33.3%	33.0%	34.1%	34.5%	32.3%	31.1%
	Other	25.0%	26.9%	27.9%	32.1%	21.0%	20.3%
Average offer rate	Asian	29.1%	32.0%	31.6%	33.1%	28.5%	26.6%
	Black	21.5%	21.5%	22.0%	27.0%	22.6%	19.3%
	Mixed	31.4%	33.0%	33.0%	32.7%	30.7%	29.3%
	White	32.9%	32.9%	34.1%	34.2%	32.2%	30.7%
	Other	28.5%	27.4%	30.9%	33.3%	24.7%	23.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-2.7	-0.8	0.3	-0.2	-2.0	-1.5
	Black	1.9	1.5	-1.9	-4.8	2.2	1.9
	Mixed	-0.3	-0.7	-1.9	0.3	2.1	-0.7
	White	0.4	0.1	-0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4
	Other	-3.5	-0.5	-3.0	-1.2	-3.7	-3.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.209	0.205	0.208	0.213	0.223	0.232
	Black	0.069	0.091	0.073	0.078	0.090	0.086
	Mixed	0.086	0.080	0.091	0.102	0.103	0.081
	White	0.813	0.801	0.792	0.788	0.771	0.742
	Other	0.043	0.044	0.062	0.068	0.047	0.056

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 2013-2018.

- 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 2013-2018.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	10,090	10,220	10,045	9,785	10,760	11,575
Placed June deadline applicants	2,630	2,645	2,635	2,590	2,585	2,545
All placed applicants	2,635	2,645	2,640	2,600	2,585	2,545

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	10,105	10,230	10,060	9,795	10,775	11,590
Offers	3,140	3,160	3,200	3,180	3,305	3,360
Offer rate	31.1%	30.9%	31.8%	32.5%	30.7%	29.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	5,560	5,680	5,520	5,385	5,795	6,130
	Women	4,530	4,540	4,525	4,400	4,965	5,445
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,385	1,385	1,330	1,310	1,315	1,260
	Women	1,245	1,260	1,305	1,280	1,270	1,285
All placed applicants	Men	1,390	1,385	1,335	1,315	1,315	1,260
	Women	1,245	1,260	1,305	1,285	1,275	1,285

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	5,565	5,685	5,530	5,390	5,805	6,135
	Women	4,535	4,545	4,530	4,405	4,970	5,455
Offers	Men	1,630	1,660	1,625	1,615	1,645	1,640
	Women	1,505	1,500	1,575	1,565	1,660	1,720
Offer rate	Men	29.3%	29.2%	29.4%	30.0%	28.4%	26.7%
	Women	33.2%	33.1%	34.7%	35.6%	33.4%	31.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	445	465	460	485	525	645
	Quintile 2	860	905	855	815	935	1,085
	Quintile 3	1,390	1,415	1,420	1,320	1,455	1,605
	Quintile 4	2,195	2,215	2,155	2,140	2,320	2,540
	Quintile 5	5,180	5,190	5,125	4,995	5,485	5,660
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	70	85	65	85	100	105
	Quintile 2	165	190	160	165	185	195
	Quintile 3	320	305	300	310	300	295
	Quintile 4	535	520	540	515	535	515
	Quintile 5	1,535	1,540	1,560	1,510	1,455	1,425
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	70	85	70	85	100	105
	Quintile 2	165	190	160	165	185	195
	Quintile 3	320	305	305	310	300	295
	Quintile 4	535	520	540	515	535	515
	Quintile 5	1,535	1,540	1,565	1,515	1,460	1,425

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	445	470	460	485	525	645
	Quintile 2	860	905	855	815	935	1,085
	Quintile 3	1,395	1,415	1,420	1,320	1,455	1,610
	Quintile 4	2,200	2,215	2,160	2,140	2,325	2,545
	Quintile 5	5,185	5,195	5,130	5,005	5,495	5,665
Offers	Quintile 1	95	110	95	120	140	175
	Quintile 2	205	240	220	235	255	280
	Quintile 3	390	380	385	390	420	420
	Quintile 4	645	635	675	655	685	695
	Quintile 5	1,790	1,790	1,820	1,775	1,795	1,780
Offer rate	Quintile 1	21.5%	23.5%	20.3%	24.9%	26.5%	27.4%
	Quintile 2	24.0%	26.6%	25.6%	28.6%	27.4%	26.0%
	Quintile 3	27.9%	26.7%	27.3%	29.7%	28.7%	26.1%
	Quintile 4	29.4%	28.6%	31.3%	30.5%	29.6%	27.4%
	Quintile 5	34.6%	34.5%	35.4%	35.4%	32.7%	31.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,215	1,245	1,280	1,255	1,470	1,820
	Black	240	295	275	300	355	470
	Mixed	540	575	560	560	695	750
	White	7,835	7,840	7,605	7,385	7,905	8,140
	Other	125	130	145	130	165	195
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	245	300	310	320	295	345
	Black	30	35	35	40	55	60
	Mixed	130	150	130	150	175	150
	White	2,160	2,095	2,070	2,015	1,990	1,925
	Other	20	20	30	30	25	25
All placed applicants	Asian	245	300	310	320	295	345
	Black	30	40	35	40	55	60
	Mixed	130	150	130	150	175	150
	White	2,165	2,100	2,075	2,025	1,990	1,930
	Other	20	20	30	30	25	25

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,220	1,250	1,285	1,260	1,470	1,825
	Black	240	295	275	300	355	470
	Mixed	540	575	560	560	695	755
	White	7,840	7,845	7,620	7,390	7,915	8,145
	Other	125	130	145	130	165	195
Offers	Asian	295	350	375	375	360	430
	Black	45	50	45	55	75	90
	Mixed	160	180	170	180	225	215
	White	2,560	2,505	2,510	2,495	2,555	2,530
	Other	25	30	35	40	35	40
Offer rate	Asian	24.3%	27.8%	29.1%	29.6%	24.5%	23.6%
	Black	18.7%	17.6%	16.4%	18.5%	21.6%	19.5%
	Mixed	29.9%	30.8%	30.5%	31.8%	32.3%	28.5%
	White	32.6%	32.0%	32.9%	33.7%	32.3%	31.1%
	Other	21.8%	23.8%	24.5%	29.0%	19.9%	20.1%

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 2018 cycle runs from September 2017 through to October 2018.

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.

POLAR4 quintile

Developed by OfS, 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). POLAR4 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, 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 POLAR4 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 2018 End of Cycle Report and the 2018 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 POLAR4 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 POLAR4 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.