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Applicant statistics: June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

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	3,355	3,545	3,315	2,925	2,720	2,245
Placed June deadline applicants	660	655	570	510	490	410
All placed applicants	790	790	715	620	590	485
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	44.1	47.0	43.3	39.0	36.7	31.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	8.7	8.7	7.4	6.8	6.6	5.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	10.4	10.5	9.3	8.3	8.0	6.7

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	3,620	3,795	3,545	3,185	2,965	2,430
Offers	2,800	3,110	2,980	2,610	2,455	1,945
Offer rate	77.3%	82.0%	84.1%	81.9%	82.9%	80.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	995	1,000	970	880	725	650
	Women	2,360	2,545	2,345	2,045	1,995	1,600
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	210	175	160	150	115	100
	Women	450	480	410	360	375	310
All placed applicants	Men	255	210	200	180	145	115
	Women	535	580	515	440	445	370
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	25.5	25.8	24.7	22.9	19.1	17.5
	Women	63.7	69.5	62.8	56.0	55.2	45.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	5.4	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.0	2.6
	Women	12.2	13.1	10.9	9.9	10.3	8.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	6.5	5.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.1
	Women	14.4	15.8	13.8	12.0	12.4	10.5

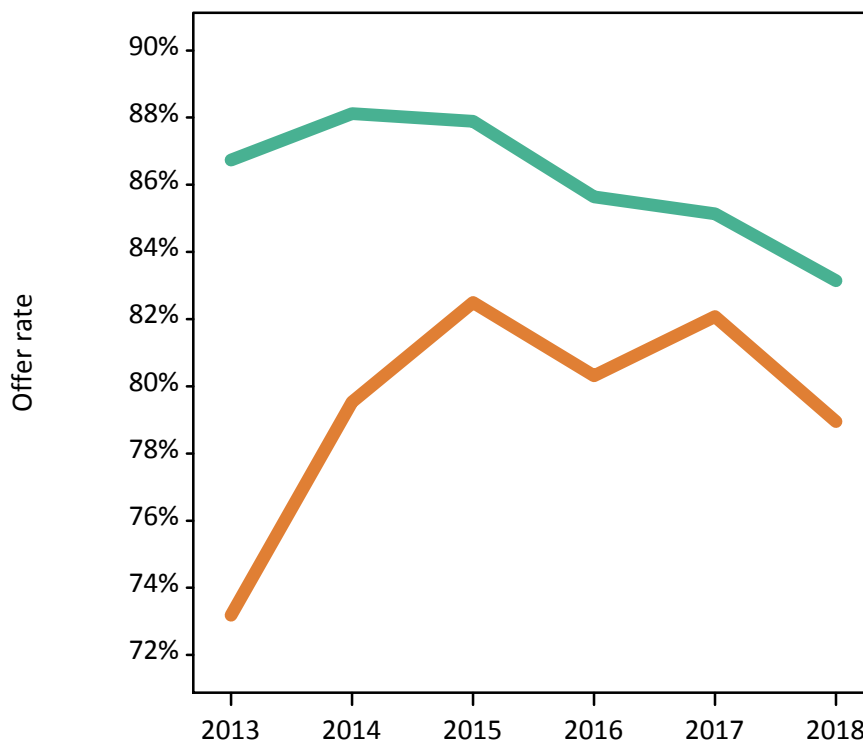
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	1,095	1,085	1,050	970	785	700
	Women	2,530	2,705	2,495	2,215	2,175	1,730
Offers	Men	950	955	920	830	670	580
	Women	1,850	2,155	2,060	1,780	1,785	1,365
Offer rate	Men	86.7%	88.1%	87.9%	85.6%	85.1%	83.1%
	Women	73.2%	79.5%	82.5%	80.3%	82.1%	78.9%
Average offer rate	Men	85.9%	88.0%	88.5%	85.3%	85.4%	83.4%
	Women	73.5%	79.6%	82.2%	80.5%	82.0%	78.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.8	0.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
	Women	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.550	0.536	0.552	0.558	0.527	0.547
	Women	0.806	0.814	0.812	0.807	0.829	0.817

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	535	595	550	490	470	370
	Quintile 2	685	715	705	655	550	470
	Quintile 3	695	755	670	610	595	485
	Quintile 4	770	800	765	610	595	500
	Quintile 5	675	670	625	560	505	415
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	140	130	85	105	100	70
	Quintile 2	140	130	105	120	100	85
	Quintile 3	130	135	135	105	120	105
	Quintile 4	125	140	140	100	95	85
	Quintile 5	125	125	105	80	70	65
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	160	145	105	115	115	80
	Quintile 2	165	155	125	135	115	100
	Quintile 3	155	165	165	140	145	130
	Quintile 4	160	175	180	125	120	100
	Quintile 5	155	150	140	105	90	75
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	37.9	42.5	38.8	35.9	35.2	28.6
	Quintile 2	47.0	49.9	48.3	46.1	39.3	34.6
	Quintile 3	46.6	51.5	44.6	41.5	41.0	34.4
	Quintile 4	50.0	52.5	49.4	40.0	39.3	34.0
	Quintile 5	39.1	39.4	35.9	32.5	29.6	24.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.9	9.1	5.9	7.6	7.6	5.2
	Quintile 2	9.5	9.1	7.1	8.3	7.1	6.4
	Quintile 3	8.7	9.1	9.0	7.2	8.4	7.4
	Quintile 4	8.2	9.1	9.1	6.6	6.2	5.8
	Quintile 5	7.3	7.4	6.0	4.7	4.1	3.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	11.3	10.2	7.4	8.4	8.7	6.2
	Quintile 2	11.3	10.9	8.6	9.6	8.4	7.2
	Quintile 3	10.3	11.1	10.9	9.5	10.0	9.1
	Quintile 4	10.3	11.5	11.6	8.3	7.8	6.8
	Quintile 5	8.9	8.8	8.1	6.0	5.3	4.5

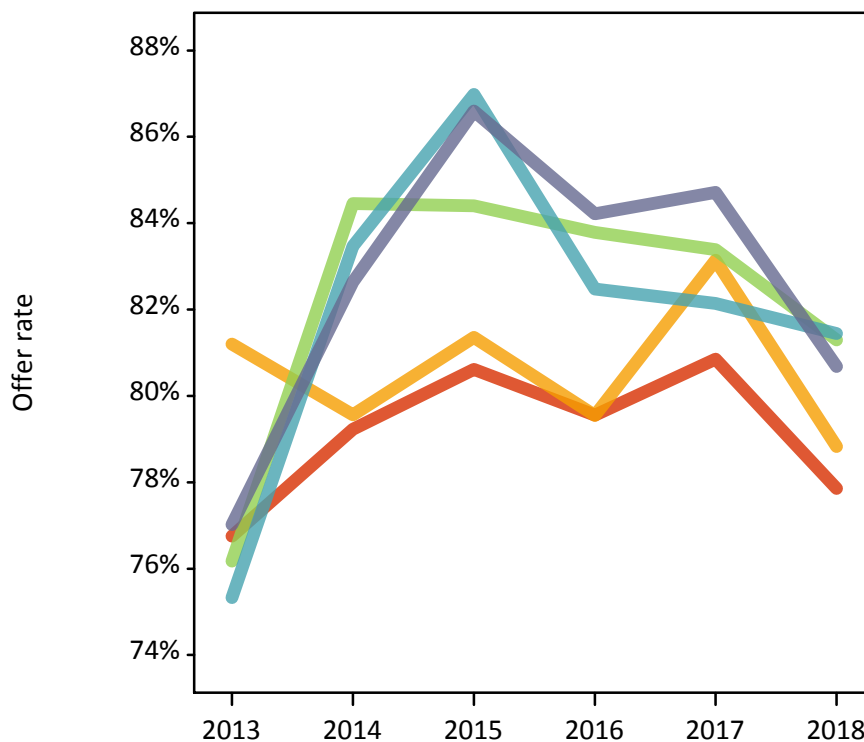
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	585	645	590	540	515	410
	Quintile 2	735	775	750	710	605	495
	Quintile 3	745	805	720	665	650	540
	Quintile 4	830	845	820	660	645	540
	Quintile 5	720	720	665	600	545	440
Offers	Quintile 1	450	510	475	430	420	320
	Quintile 2	595	615	610	565	505	390
	Quintile 3	570	680	605	560	540	440
	Quintile 4	625	705	715	545	530	440
	Quintile 5	555	595	575	505	460	355
Offer rate	Quintile 1	76.8%	79.2%	80.6%	79.6%	80.9%	77.9%
	Quintile 2	81.2%	79.6%	81.4%	79.5%	83.1%	78.8%
	Quintile 3	76.2%	84.5%	84.4%	83.8%	83.4%	81.3%
	Quintile 4	75.3%	83.5%	87.0%	82.5%	82.1%	81.4%
	Quintile 5	77.0%	82.6%	86.6%	84.2%	84.7%	80.7%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	78.5%	82.3%	82.3%	79.3%	81.9%	79.3%
	Quintile 2	79.4%	80.8%	83.4%	80.3%	83.1%	80.0%
	Quintile 3	75.3%	82.6%	84.2%	83.6%	81.8%	80.1%
	Quintile 4	76.4%	82.0%	85.4%	83.2%	83.4%	81.3%
	Quintile 5	77.1%	82.4%	84.9%	83.0%	84.3%	79.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.8	-3.1	-1.7	0.2	-1.1	-1.4
	Quintile 2	1.8	-1.2	-2.0	-0.7	0.1	-1.2
	Quintile 3	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.1	1.6	1.2
	Quintile 4	-1.0	1.5	1.6	-0.7	-1.2	0.2
	Quintile 5	-0.1	0.3	1.6	1.2	0.4	1.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.279	0.269	0.266	0.301	0.316	0.305
	Quintile 2	0.322	0.287	0.309	0.345	0.352	0.309
	Quintile 3	0.314	0.302	0.310	0.329	0.333	0.332
	Quintile 4	0.334	0.320	0.346	0.331	0.347	0.322
	Quintile 5	0.315	0.305	0.317	0.340	0.355	0.297

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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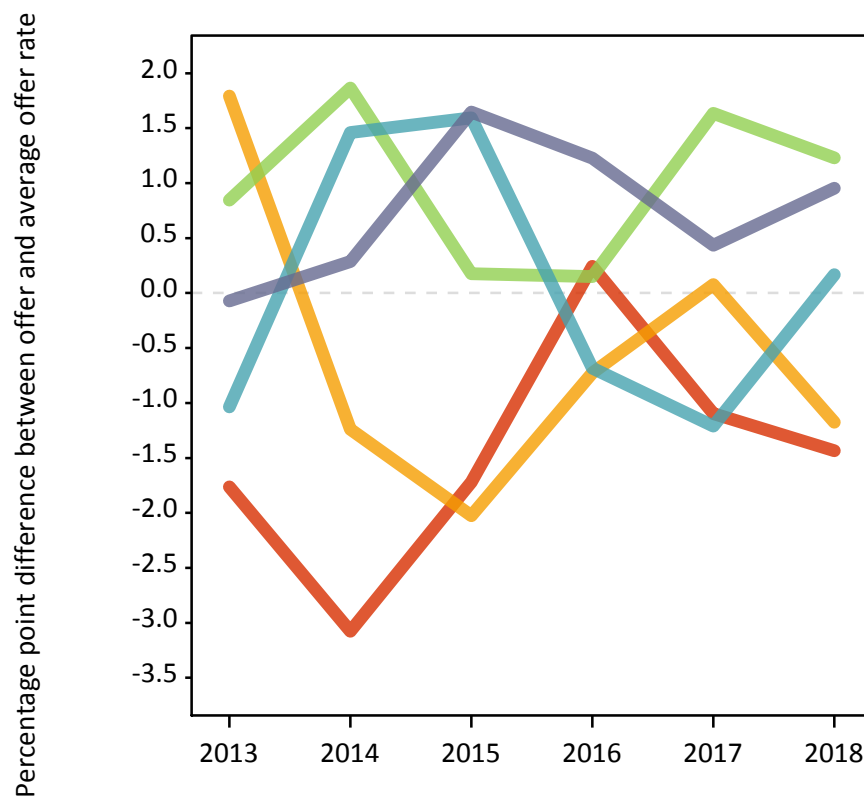
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- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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	195	190	235	215	220	180
	Black	50	80	85	60	50	45
	Mixed	60	55	70	55	65	55
	White	3,040	3,200	2,895	2,580	2,370	1,950
	Other	5	15	15	10	5	5
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	20	25	45	30	25	25
	Black	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Mixed	15	10	10	5	5	5
	White	625	610	505	470	450	375
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
All placed applicants	Asian	30	45	65	45	45	35
	Black	10	15	10	5	5	5
	Mixed	15	10	10	10	5	5
	White	725	715	620	555	525	430
	Other	0	0	5	0	0	0
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	29.4	27.9	33.3	29.7	29.8	24.5
	Black	17.5	26.1	26.7	19.5	15.3	14.8
	Mixed	22.6	18.8	23.0	17.5	20.2	16.4
	White	48.3	51.9	46.5	42.6	39.9	34.0
	Other	4.4	14.0	17.6	10.0	5.8	5.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	3.2	4.0	6.4	3.9	3.7	3.6
	Black	1.3	2.3	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.0
	Mixed	4.8	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.2	0.9
	White	9.9	9.9	8.1	7.8	7.6	6.5
	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.5	6.6	9.3	6.1	6.0	4.4
	Black	3.0	4.3	2.8	1.6	1.6	1.9
	Mixed	5.9	2.8	3.2	3.2	1.6	1.2
	White	11.5	11.6	10.0	9.2	8.8	7.5
	Other	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

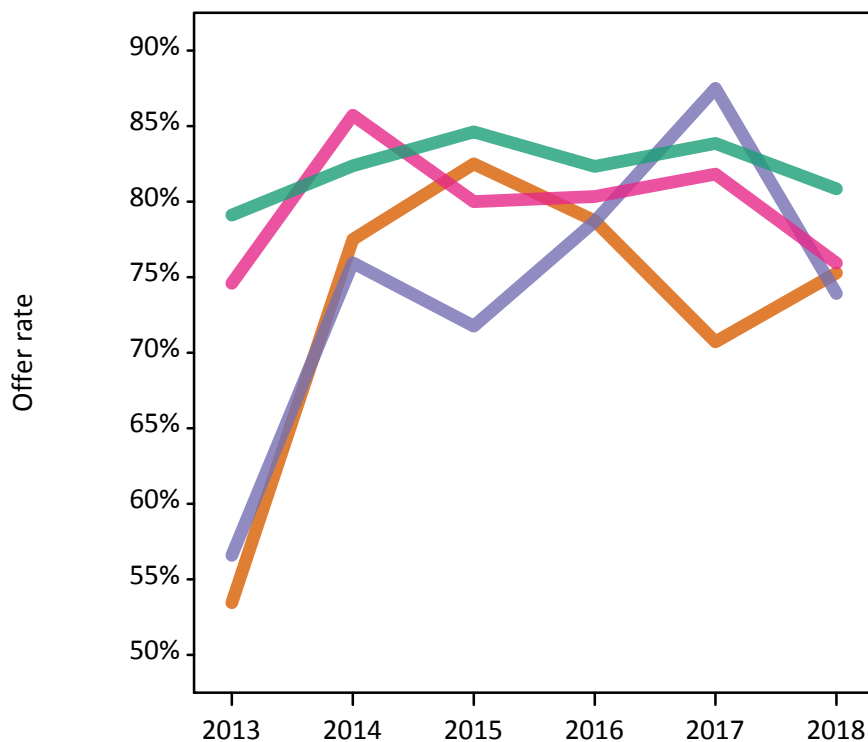
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	200	190	240	220	220	190
	Black	55	80	85	60	50	45
	Mixed	65	55	75	60	65	55
	White	3,295	3,450	3,120	2,820	2,605	2,125
	Other	5	15	15	10	5	5
Offers	Asian	110	150	200	175	155	145
	Black	30	60	60	50	40	35
	Mixed	45	50	60	50	55	40
	White	2,605	2,840	2,640	2,325	2,185	1,715
	Other	0	10	15	5	5	5
Offer rate	Asian	53.5%	77.5%	82.5%	78.7%	70.7%	75.3%
	Black	56.6%	75.9%	71.8%	78.7%	87.5%	73.9%
	Mixed	74.6%	85.7%	80.0%	80.3%	81.8%	75.9%
	White	79.1%	82.4%	84.6%	82.3%	83.9%	80.8%
	Other	N/A	61.5%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
Average offer rate	Asian	66.0%	75.3%	83.6%	80.0%	75.1%	78.2%
	Black	70.3%	83.8%	79.2%	79.9%	91.2%	77.1%
	Mixed	76.8%	83.9%	83.1%	81.9%	85.5%	80.9%
	White	78.1%	82.3%	84.3%	82.1%	83.4%	80.4%
	Other	N/A	80.4%	90.0%	75.9%	N/A	N/A
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-12.6	2.2	-1.1	-1.3	-4.4	-3.0
	Black	-13.7	-7.8	-7.5	-1.3	N/A	N/A
	Mixed	-2.2	1.9	-3.1	-1.6	-3.7	-4.9
	White	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.181	0.181	0.216	0.227	0.294	0.276
	Black	0.162	0.125	0.140	0.226	0.139	0.134
	Mixed	0.182	0.125	0.156	0.205	0.198	0.117
	White	0.922	0.921	0.898	0.908	0.905	0.899
	Other	N/A	0.140	0.141	0.239	N/A	N/A

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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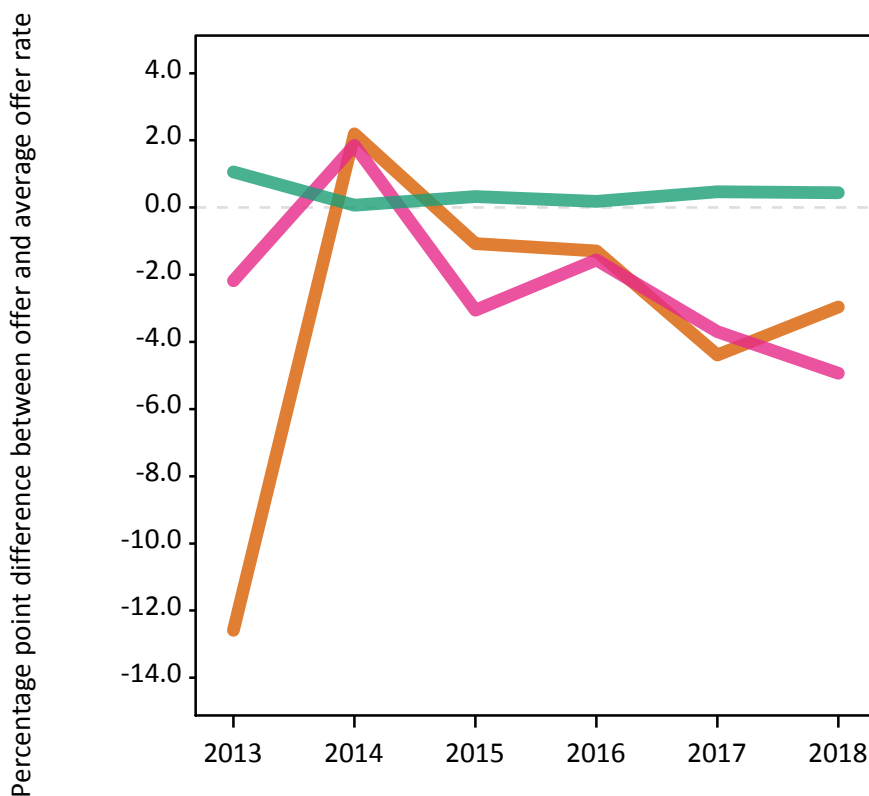
- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



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	6,920	7,200	6,725	6,350	5,595	4,565
Placed June deadline applicants	1,515	1,515	1,380	1,270	1,160	1,025
All placed applicants	1,885	1,850	1,730	1,585	1,460	1,250

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	7,550	7,840	7,285	6,935	6,130	4,985
Offers	5,365	5,930	5,695	5,125	4,635	3,720
Offer rate	71.1%	75.6%	78.2%	73.9%	75.6%	74.6%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	2,130	2,150	1,995	1,860	1,615	1,335
	Women	4,790	5,050	4,730	4,490	3,980	3,230
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	515	455	420	390	325	265
	Women	1,000	1,060	960	880	835	760
All placed applicants	Men	650	560	530	480	410	325
	Women	1,235	1,290	1,200	1,105	1,055	925

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	2,350	2,365	2,175	2,040	1,785	1,470
	Women	5,200	5,475	5,110	4,895	4,345	3,515
Offers	Men	1,855	1,920	1,780	1,600	1,330	1,110
	Women	3,510	4,010	3,915	3,520	3,305	2,610
Offer rate	Men	79.0%	81.3%	81.7%	78.5%	74.5%	75.4%
	Women	67.5%	73.2%	76.6%	71.9%	76.1%	74.3%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,165	1,310	1,150	1,120	1,015	800
	Quintile 2	1,455	1,470	1,425	1,355	1,130	940
	Quintile 3	1,460	1,535	1,420	1,385	1,200	975
	Quintile 4	1,560	1,580	1,520	1,320	1,235	1,045
	Quintile 5	1,270	1,290	1,195	1,155	1,005	790
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	315	325	230	250	245	200
	Quintile 2	320	290	260	275	240	220
	Quintile 3	335	320	325	295	280	240
	Quintile 4	280	310	335	250	230	225
	Quintile 5	255	265	225	195	165	140
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	385	380	290	300	300	235
	Quintile 2	390	350	320	325	285	260
	Quintile 3	420	410	400	380	360	305
	Quintile 4	360	395	425	330	295	275
	Quintile 5	325	315	295	250	215	170

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,295	1,450	1,250	1,225	1,130	880
	Quintile 2	1,580	1,620	1,545	1,475	1,250	1,025
	Quintile 3	1,605	1,670	1,550	1,535	1,315	1,085
	Quintile 4	1,690	1,695	1,635	1,435	1,340	1,130
	Quintile 5	1,360	1,395	1,290	1,250	1,085	855
Offers	Quintile 1	925	1,070	930	860	845	650
	Quintile 2	1,155	1,175	1,180	1,070	935	760
	Quintile 3	1,160	1,290	1,225	1,165	990	800
	Quintile 4	1,125	1,295	1,300	1,060	1,010	860
	Quintile 5	990	1,090	1,045	955	845	640
Offer rate	Quintile 1	71.2%	73.8%	74.3%	70.1%	74.8%	73.9%
	Quintile 2	73.1%	72.5%	76.5%	72.7%	74.7%	74.0%
	Quintile 3	72.1%	77.4%	79.0%	76.0%	75.4%	73.8%
	Quintile 4	66.7%	76.4%	79.6%	73.9%	75.4%	76.0%
	Quintile 5	72.7%	78.2%	81.1%	76.3%	77.8%	75.3%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	425	405	505	460	460	395
	Black	215	255	275	255	190	165
	Mixed	140	155	140	150	125	115
	White	6,085	6,320	5,725	5,415	4,760	3,830
	Other	35	40	50	35	25	35
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	55	60	105	75	50	70
	Black	15	40	40	25	15	15
	Mixed	35	30	20	30	10	20
	White	1,405	1,375	1,205	1,135	1,075	910
	Other	5	5	5	5	0	5
All placed applicants	Asian	75	85	135	115	80	95
	Black	35	70	60	45	30	20
	Mixed	45	30	25	35	15	20
	White	1,635	1,590	1,425	1,325	1,250	1,030
	Other	10	15	10	15	5	10

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	450	425	520	480	470	425
	Black	220	265	290	265	195	165
	Mixed	145	160	145	160	130	115
	White	6,675	6,925	6,245	5,960	5,275	4,215
	Other	35	40	50	40	25	35
Offers	Asian	225	290	395	340	320	300
	Black	90	165	170	145	135	95
	Mixed	100	115	105	110	95	80
	White	4,920	5,310	4,970	4,475	4,035	3,195
	Other	15	25	35	30	15	30
Offer rate	Asian	50.1%	68.6%	76.1%	71.0%	68.6%	70.4%
	Black	40.0%	62.0%	58.7%	55.5%	69.7%	56.4%
	Mixed	67.8%	73.6%	72.6%	69.1%	70.5%	70.7%
	White	73.8%	76.7%	79.6%	75.1%	76.5%	75.8%
	Other	44.4%	63.4%	71.4%	68.3%	70.8%	82.4%

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 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.