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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

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken

- 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	7,100	5,840	7,365	7,110	7,915	7,585
Placed June deadline applicants	920	950	1,145	1,140	1,225	1,330
All placed applicants	1,140	1,405	1,455	1,605	1,815	1,880
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	93.3	77.6	96.1	94.8	106.8	105.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	12.1	12.6	15.0	15.2	16.5	18.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	15.0	18.7	19.0	21.4	24.5	26.1

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	7,370	6,070	7,610	7,380	8,185	7,945
Offers	5,480	4,470	5,685	5,780	6,195	6,310
Offer rate	74.4%	73.6%	74.7%	78.3%	75.7%	79.4%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	3,255	2,705	3,570	3,390	3,795	3,630
	Women	3,845	3,140	3,795	3,720	4,120	3,955
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	435	445	565	585	620	725
	Women	490	505	585	550	605	605
All placed applicants	Men	550	685	720	825	935	1,015
	Women	595	720	740	780	885	865
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	83.3	69.8	91.0	88.2	99.9	98.0
population	Women	103.7	85.8	101.5	101.8	114.1	112.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	11.1	11.5	14.3	15.3	16.3	19.6
10,000 population	Women	13.2	13.8	15.6	15.1	16.8	17.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	14.1	17.7	18.3	21.5	24.6	27.4
population	Women	16.0	19.7	19.7	21.3	24.5	24.6

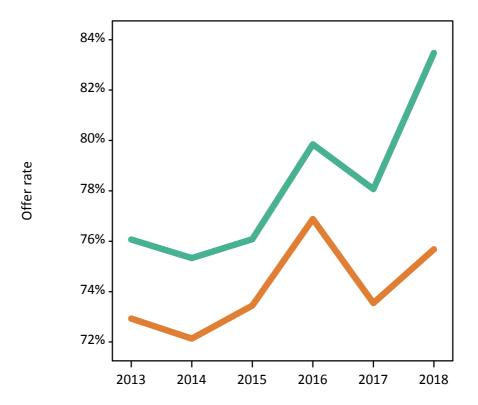
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	3,390	2,810	3,705	3,540	3,930	3,805
	Women	3,980	3,260	3,905	3,840	4,255	4,140
Offers	Men	2,580	2,115	2,820	2,825	3,070	3,175
	Women	2,900	2,355	2,870	2,955	3,130	3,135
Offer rate	Men	76.1%	75.3%	76.1%	79.8%	78.1%	83.5%
	Women	72.9%	72.1%	73.4%	76.9%	73.5%	75.7%
Average offer rate	Men	76.2%	75.0%	75.9%	79.9%	76.8%	82.5%
	Women	72.8%	72.4%	73.6%	76.9%	74.7%	76.6%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.0	1.2	1.0
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	-0.9
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.610	0.611	0.634	0.628	0.629	0.621
offer rate	Women	0.668	0.665	0.653	0.658	0.658	0.651

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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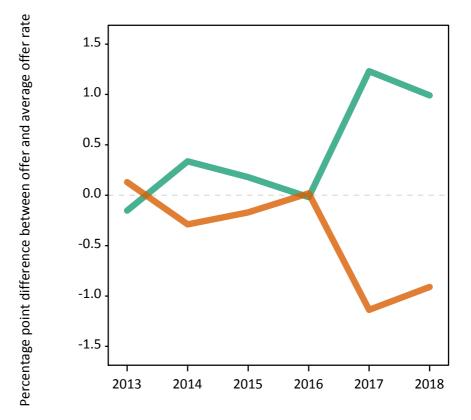




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	780	705	895	815	965	900
	Quintile 2	1,150	945	1,110	1,120	1,295	1,235
	Quintile 3	1,465	1,215	1,570	1,480	1,620	1,560
	Quintile 4	1,760	1,505	1,935	1,795	2,050	1,895
	Quintile 5	1,930	1,465	1,845	1,885	1,975	1,960
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	110	120	135	145	165	180
	Quintile 2	145	140	175	190	195	210
	Quintile 3	195	220	255	235	265	260
	Quintile 4	240	250	320	290	325	365
	Quintile 5	230	220	260	275	270	305
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	125	155	160	175	220	220
	Quintile 2	170	180	220	250	275	290
	Quintile 3	240	330	320	340	360	375
	Quintile 4	305	385	415	430	505	530
	Quintile 5	300	355	345	415	450	465
June deadline applicants per 10,00	Quintile 1	55.5	50.2	63.1	59.8	72.0	69.2
population	Quintile 2	79.1	65.7	76.0	78.8	92.8	91.4
	Quintile 3	98.6	83.1	104.9	101.0	111.7	110.7
	Quintile 4	114.1	98.8	125.0	117.6	135.6	128.5
	Quintile 5	112.0	86.0	106.3	109.3	115.2	116.3
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	7.7	8.5	9.5	10.5	12.3	14.0
10,000 population	Quintile 2	9.9	9.6	11.8	13.4	14.0	15.7
	Quintile 3	13.3	15.0	17.0	16.0	18.4	18.4
	Quintile 4	15.5	16.3	20.7	19.2	21.6	24.9
	Quintile 5	13.4	13.0	15.0	16.1	15.6	18.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	9.0	11.1	11.2	12.9	16.4	16.8
population	Quintile 2	11.6	12.6	14.9	17.5	19.7	21.3
	Quintile 3	16.3	22.4	21.2	23.1	24.9	26.5
	Quintile 4	19.7	25.1	26.7	28.1	33.5	35.9
	Quintile 5	17.5	20.9	19.9	23.9	26.3	27.5

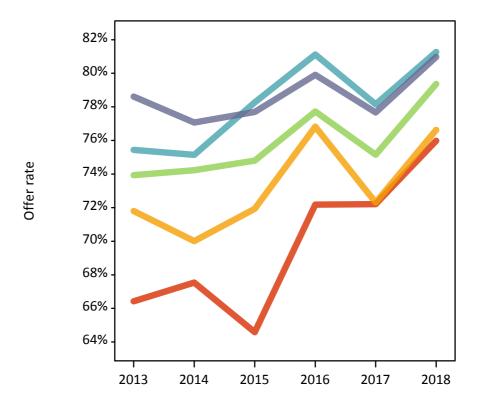
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	820	765	945	870	1,020	970
	Quintile 2	1,200	995	1,160	1,180	1,355	1,320
	Quintile 3	1,525	1,260	1,630	1,520	1,670	1,635
	Quintile 4	1,815	1,540	1,990	1,850	2,090	1,960
	Quintile 5	1,985	1,500	1,885	1,940	2,035	2,030
Offers	Quintile 1	545	515	610	630	740	735
	Quintile 2	865	700	835	905	980	1,010
	Quintile 3	1,130	935	1,220	1,185	1,255	1,295
	Quintile 4	1,370	1,160	1,555	1,500	1,635	1,595
	Quintile 5	1,560	1,155	1,465	1,550	1,580	1,645
Offer rate	Quintile 1	66.4%	67.5%	64.6%	72.2%	72.2%	76.0%
	Quintile 2	71.8%	70.0%	71.9%	76.8%	72.3%	76.6%
	Quintile 3	73.9%	74.2%	74.8%	77.7%	75.1%	79.4%
	Quintile 4	75.4%	75.1%	78.3%	81.1%	78.2%	81.3%
	Quintile 5	78.6%	77.1%	77.7%	79.9%	77.7%	81.0%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	67.8%	70.8%	67.6%	74.3%	74.1%	78.6%
	Quintile 2	72.0%	71.2%	72.5%	77.4%	74.9%	78.2%
	Quintile 3	74.7%	74.2%	75.1%	77.6%	75.0%	78.8%
	Quintile 4	75.7%	74.1%	76.7%	79.5%	76.9%	80.4%
	Quintile 5	77.1%	75.7%	77.3%	80.3%	76.4%	80.0%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-1.3	-3.2	-3.0	-2.1	-1.8	-2.6
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.2	-1.2	-0.6	-0.5	-2.6	-1.6
	Quintile 3	-0.7	-0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5
	Quintile 4	-0.3	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.9
	Quintile 5	1.5	1.4	0.4	-0.4	1.3	1.0
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.212	0.240	0.219	0.216	0.209	0.203
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.251	0.252	0.235	0.235	0.246	0.233
	Quintile 3	0.279	0.284	0.293	0.270	0.274	0.265
	Quintile 4	0.313	0.332	0.327	0.317	0.316	0.308
	Quintile 5	0.356	0.342	0.327	0.338	0.321	0.328

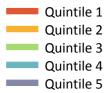
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

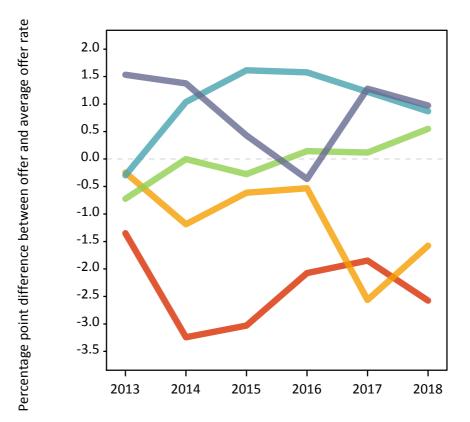
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	595	465	635	685	820	805
	Black	840	765	1,155	1,000	1,155	1,085
	Mixed	390	315	455	425	510	500
	White	5,130	4,180	4,930	4,810	5,200	4,975
	Other	110	105	150	140	175	155
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	60	55	80	100	110	145
	Black	125	150	200	175	235	240
	Mixed	70	45	80	65	100	95
	White	645	680	755	765	735	810
	Other	15	15	25	15	30	25
All placed applicants	Asian	90	130	130	175	250	260
	Black	180	305	290	335	420	425
	Mixed	80	70	95	100	135	130
	White	765	875	905	945	955	990
	Other	20	25	30	35	45	45
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	90.2	68.3	89.7	95.1	111.3	108.5
population	Black	282.6	252.4	362.2	318.8	366.7	347.6
	Mixed	144.6	108.8	147.6	135.7	159.2	155.5
	White	81.5	67.7	79.1	79.5	87.6	86.6
	Other	122.4	111.7	154.6	138.7	168.0	146.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	9.2	8.4	11.6	14.0	15.2	19.4
10,000 population	Black	41.4	49.8	62.8	55.6	75.0	77.0
	Mixed	25.5	16.0	25.9	21.3	30.5	28.8
	White	10.3	11.0	12.1	12.7	12.4	14.1
	Other	16.5	16.1	24.9	16.1	30.1	23.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	13.5	19.0	18.4	24.5	34.0	35.3
population	Black	60.6	100.0	91.1	106.4	133.2	136.6
	Mixed	29.2	24.7	30.5	31.5	42.1	40.0
	White	12.2	14.2	14.5	15.6	16.1	17.2
	Other	21.0	25.8	32.2	35.2	42.7	44.7

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	605	475	650	695	830	830
	Black	855	770	1,160	1,005	1,165	1,105
	Mixed	400	315	465	440	520	525
	White	5,360	4,385	5,135	5,045	5,425	5,250
	Other	115	105	150	145	185	160
Offers	Asian	430	370	525	580	685	720
	Black	605	570	880	775	920	930
	Mixed	300	220	340	330	405	430
	White	4,035	3,215	3,800	3,930	3,985	4,035
	Other	80	80	110	115	155	130
Offer rate	Asian	71.2%	77.7%	80.6%	83.8%	82.6%	86.7%
	Black	71.0%	73.8%	75.8%	77.3%	79.1%	83.9%
	Mixed	75.3%	69.4%	72.4%	75.0%	77.4%	82.0%
	White	75.3%	73.4%	74.0%	77.9%	73.5%	76.9%
	Other	70.4%	77.9%	71.5%	78.6%	85.2%	81.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	74.4%	79.2%	81.7%	84.4%	83.2%	85.5%
	Black	71.7%	74.3%	74.7%	78.2%	78.4%	81.5%
	Mixed	74.2%	69.8%	71.5%	77.4%	75.9%	80.1%
	White	74.8%	73.1%	74.0%	77.4%	73.8%	77.8%
	Other	72.3%	77.5%	76.8%	80.3%	82.2%	82.4%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-3.2	-1.5	-1.1	-0.5	-0.6	1.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-0.7	-0.5	1.1	-0.9	0.7	2.4
	Mixed	1.1	-0.4	0.8	-2.4	1.4	1.9
	White	0.4	0.3	-0.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.9
	Other	-1.9	0.4	-5.3	-1.7	3.0	-1.3
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.227	0.220	0.200	0.198	0.224	0.209
offer rate	Black	0.243	0.242	0.263	0.236	0.251	0.218
	Mixed	0.160	0.142	0.147	0.146	0.143	0.133
	White	0.779	0.771	0.728	0.737	0.721	0.710
	Other	0.150	0.147	0.115	0.137	0.114	0.072

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

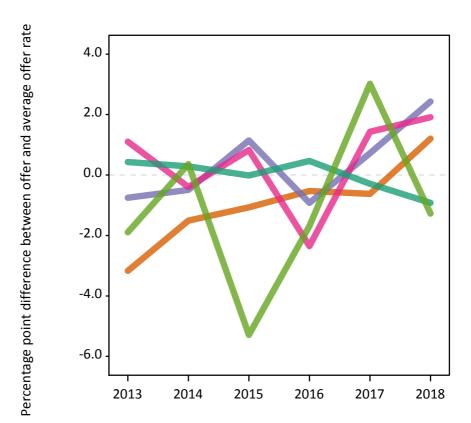
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	12,285	10,835	13,075	12,985	13,770	13,385
Placed June deadline applicants	1,510	1,620	1,910	2,000	2,160	2,385
All placed applicants	1,995	2,510	2,695	3,010	3,120	3,230

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	12,875	11,430	13,645	13,635	14,435	14,205
Offers	7,850	6,835	8,455	8,605	9,260	9,565
Offer rate	61.0%	59.8%	62.0%	63.1%	64.2%	67.3%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	5,625	4,950	6,190	6,105	6,395	6,105
	Women	6,655	5,885	6,885	6,880	7,370	7,280
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	660	760	925	1,015	1,060	1,205
	Women	850	860	985	985	1,105	1,180
All placed applicants	Men	890	1,190	1,265	1,525	1,545	1,645
	Women	1,105	1,320	1,435	1,485	1,575	1,580

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	5,900	5,250	6,490	6,440	6,740	6,475
	Women	6,975	6,180	7,155	7,190	7,700	7,725
Offers	Men	3,740	3,335	4,230	4,350	4,630	4,765
	Women	4,110	3,505	4,220	4,260	4,630	4,800
Offer rate	Men	63.4%	63.5%	65.2%	67.5%	68.7%	73.6%
	Women	58.9%	56.7%	59.0%	59.2%	60.2%	62.1%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,535	1,485	1,770	1,685	1,860	1,795
	Quintile 2	1,965	1,800	2,055	2,125	2,290	2,240
	Quintile 3	2,460	2,245	2,715	2,720	2,825	2,685
	Quintile 4	3,050	2,695	3,320	3,155	3,425	3,255
	Quintile 5	3,235	2,595	3,195	3,275	3,330	3,335
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	195	240	265	280	315	350
	Quintile 2	225	225	295	355	335	390
	Quintile 3	330	355	415	415	470	475
	Quintile 4	375	420	490	470	545	625
	Quintile 5	380	375	440	475	490	535
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	260	335	395	385	430	415
	Quintile 2	305	340	430	500	465	510
	Quintile 3	430	545	565	640	645	640
	Quintile 4	485	665	685	725	810	860
	Quintile 5	515	620	610	755	755	785

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,630	1,660	1,905	1,820	2,025	1,950
	Quintile 2	2,075	1,930	2,165	2,270	2,445	2,440
	Quintile 3	2,580	2,345	2,845	2,845	2,955	2,865
	Quintile 4	3,170	2,785	3,435	3,265	3,515	3,395
	Quintile 5	3,375	2,695	3,280	3,405	3,460	3,480
Offers	Quintile 1	850	895	1,005	990	1,195	1,230
	Quintile 2	1,195	1,055	1,265	1,375	1,470	1,580
	Quintile 3	1,575	1,420	1,745	1,765	1,870	1,920
	Quintile 4	1,965	1,730	2,240	2,195	2,355	2,385
	Quintile 5	2,240	1,725	2,185	2,270	2,350	2,405
Offer rate	Quintile 1	52.2%	53.9%	52.9%	54.3%	59.0%	63.0%
	Quintile 2	57.5%	54.7%	58.4%	60.7%	60.1%	64.7%
	Quintile 3	61.1%	60.5%	61.4%	62.0%	63.2%	66.9%
	Quintile 4	62.0%	62.2%	65.3%	67.2%	67.0%	70.2%
	Quintile 5	66.4%	64.1%	66.7%	66.7%	68.0%	69.1%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,110	935	1,225	1,310	1,395	1,390
	Black	1,890	1,835	2,440	2,370	2,425	2,260
	Mixed	680	595	820	805	905	850
	White	8,315	7,215	8,220	8,115	8,605	8,410
	Other	200	195	275	275	315	335
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	105	110	150	165	185	230
	Black	210	270	310	310	395	435
	Mixed	100	75	130	120	170	150
	White	1,050	1,135	1,260	1,350	1,345	1,465
	Other	20	30	40	35	55	65
All placed applicants	Asian	165	250	260	325	380	415
	Black	305	535	480	615	695	705
	Mixed	120	120	165	190	230	215
	White	1,295	1,480	1,610	1,710	1,695	1,755
	Other	25	50	55	75	80	95

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,140	965	1,265	1,335	1,425	1,450
	Black	1,930	1,885	2,485	2,430	2,475	2,335
	Mixed	705	615	855	835	925	895
	White	8,800	7,700	8,655	8,630	9,140	9,030
	Other	205	200	285	290	335	350
Offers	Asian	705	630	845	910	1,030	1,100
	Black	965	985	1,385	1,285	1,495	1,525
	Mixed	430	355	515	525	630	630
	White	5,570	4,705	5,470	5,635	5,780	5,965
	Other	125	130	170	175	245	245
Offer rate	Asian	61.9%	65.0%	67.0%	68.2%	72.5%	75.8%
	Black	49.9%	52.1%	55.6%	52.9%	60.4%	65.4%
	Mixed	61.1%	57.9%	60.5%	62.9%	68.1%	70.6%
	White	63.3%	61.1%	63.2%	65.3%	63.2%	66.0%
	Other	59.4%	65.3%	60.8%	60.5%	73.1%	69.9%

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 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.