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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	5,345	5,855	6,470	5,680	4,915	4,875
Placed June deadline applicants	1,120	1,270	1,175	960	1,115	1,025
All placed applicants	1,285	1,435	1,320	1,085	1,200	1,110
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	70.3	77.8	84.4	75.8	66.3	67.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	14.7	16.9	15.3	12.8	15.0	14.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	16.9	19.0	17.2	14.5	16.2	15.4

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	5,790	6,475	7,115	6,210	5,375	5,370
Offers	4,895	5,545	5,980	5,475	4,900	4,735
Offer rate	84.5%	85.6%	84.1%	88.2%	91.2%	88.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	2,635	3,070	3,250	2,930	2,490	2,395
	Women	2,710	2,785	3,220	2,750	2,425	2,480
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	620	700	660	510	585	520
	Women	500	570	515	445	530	505
All placed applicants	Men	715	785	745	575	630	560
	Women	570	650	575	510	570	550
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	67.5	79.3	82.8	76.3	65.6	64.7
	Women	73.2	76.1	86.2	75.3	67.2	70.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	15.9	18.1	16.8	13.3	15.3	14.0
	Women	13.5	15.5	13.7	12.2	14.7	14.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	18.3	20.3	19.0	14.9	16.6	15.1
	Women	15.4	17.7	15.4	14.0	15.7	15.7

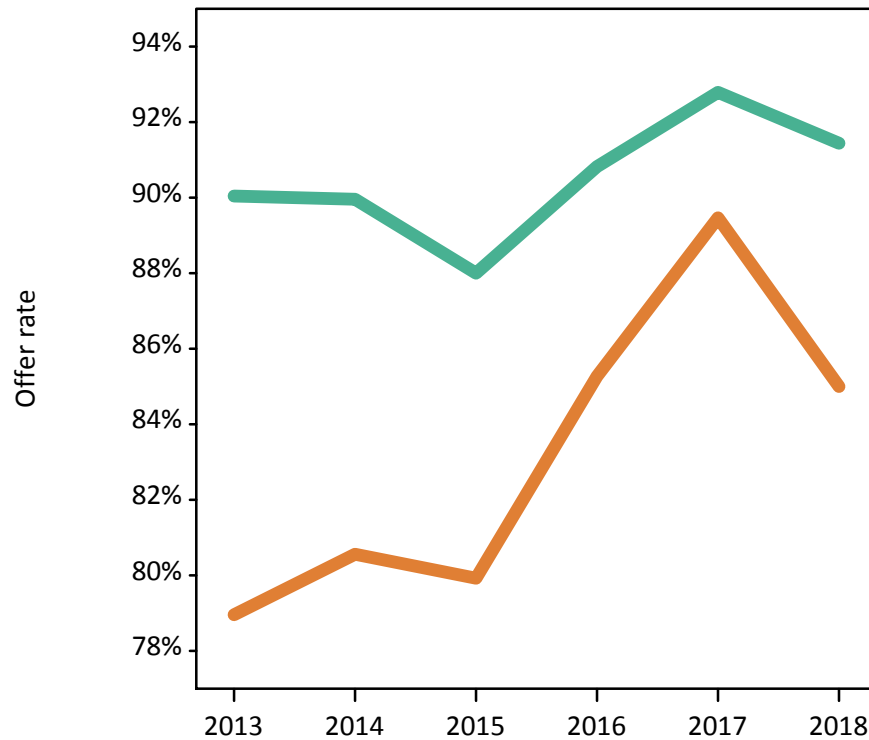
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	2,910	3,485	3,665	3,245	2,770	2,675
	Women	2,880	2,990	3,445	2,960	2,600	2,695
Offers	Men	2,620	3,135	3,225	2,950	2,570	2,445
	Women	2,275	2,410	2,755	2,525	2,325	2,290
Offer rate	Men	90.0%	90.0%	88.0%	90.8%	92.8%	91.4%
	Women	79.0%	80.6%	79.9%	85.3%	89.5%	85.0%
Average offer rate	Men	89.5%	89.5%	87.9%	91.0%	93.5%	90.6%
	Women	79.5%	81.1%	80.1%	85.1%	88.7%	85.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.8
	Women	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.8	-0.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.700	0.710	0.695	0.676	0.658	0.639
	Women	0.697	0.662	0.675	0.645	0.636	0.642

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	725	800	845	765	675	685
	Quintile 2	890	1,065	1,120	1,020	855	885
	Quintile 3	1,060	1,120	1,260	1,115	1,025	940
	Quintile 4	1,215	1,325	1,505	1,260	1,070	1,025
	Quintile 5	1,445	1,530	1,725	1,500	1,280	1,330
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	155	190	150	150	155	150
	Quintile 2	200	260	215	170	190	200
	Quintile 3	235	230	245	205	245	205
	Quintile 4	240	270	265	195	225	205
	Quintile 5	280	320	300	235	295	260
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	175	215	170	175	170	160
	Quintile 2	235	290	240	185	210	220
	Quintile 3	260	260	270	230	255	225
	Quintile 4	285	305	300	230	245	220
	Quintile 5	325	360	340	265	315	280
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	51.4	56.9	59.8	56.3	50.3	52.5
	Quintile 2	61.3	74.3	76.7	72.0	61.3	65.4
	Quintile 3	71.2	76.6	84.2	76.2	70.7	66.5
	Quintile 4	78.8	87.0	97.0	82.8	70.7	69.4
	Quintile 5	83.9	90.0	99.4	87.0	74.6	79.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	11.1	13.4	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.5
	Quintile 2	13.9	18.0	14.6	11.9	13.6	14.8
	Quintile 3	15.9	15.6	16.3	14.0	16.8	14.7
	Quintile 4	15.4	17.8	17.1	12.7	14.9	14.0
	Quintile 5	16.3	18.8	17.2	13.7	17.3	15.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.5	15.3	11.9	12.7	12.6	12.2
	Quintile 2	16.3	20.1	16.4	13.0	14.9	16.2
	Quintile 3	17.4	17.8	17.9	15.8	17.7	16.0
	Quintile 4	18.4	20.0	19.4	15.0	16.1	15.0
	Quintile 5	18.9	21.2	19.6	15.2	18.5	16.7

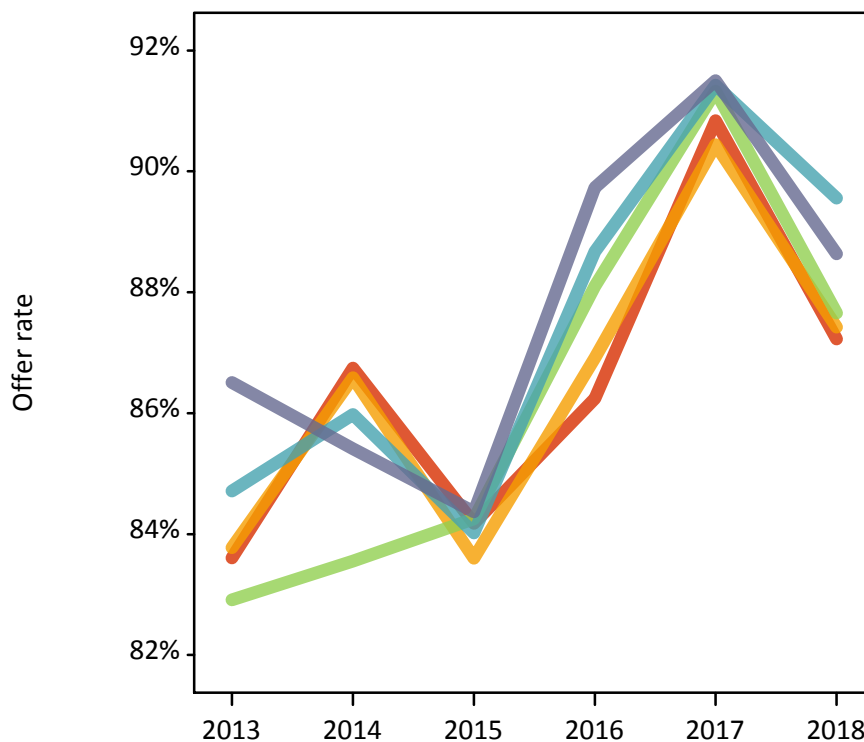
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	795	915	950	865	755	775
	Quintile 2	985	1,180	1,240	1,110	930	985
	Quintile 3	1,145	1,220	1,395	1,225	1,105	1,035
	Quintile 4	1,315	1,455	1,635	1,375	1,180	1,110
	Quintile 5	1,535	1,695	1,880	1,615	1,390	1,445
Offers	Quintile 1	665	790	800	745	685	675
	Quintile 2	825	1,020	1,035	965	840	860
	Quintile 3	950	1,020	1,175	1,080	1,010	910
	Quintile 4	1,115	1,250	1,370	1,220	1,075	995
	Quintile 5	1,325	1,445	1,585	1,450	1,270	1,280
Offer rate	Quintile 1	83.6%	86.7%	84.2%	86.2%	90.8%	87.2%
	Quintile 2	83.8%	86.6%	83.6%	86.9%	90.4%	87.4%
	Quintile 3	82.9%	83.6%	84.3%	88.1%	91.3%	87.7%
	Quintile 4	84.7%	86.0%	84.0%	88.7%	91.4%	89.6%
	Quintile 5	86.5%	85.4%	84.4%	89.7%	91.5%	88.6%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	83.6%	86.5%	84.2%	87.4%	90.8%	87.4%
	Quintile 2	84.1%	85.1%	84.4%	87.5%	90.2%	87.9%
	Quintile 3	84.2%	85.9%	84.0%	88.5%	91.5%	88.5%
	Quintile 4	85.0%	85.3%	84.2%	88.4%	91.5%	88.7%
	Quintile 5	85.0%	85.4%	83.9%	88.6%	91.5%	88.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.0	0.2	0.0	-1.2	0.1	-0.1
	Quintile 2	-0.3	1.5	-0.8	-0.6	0.2	-0.5
	Quintile 3	-1.3	-2.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.9
	Quintile 4	-0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.9
	Quintile 5	1.5	-0.0	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.229	0.218	0.201	0.216	0.225	0.205
	Quintile 2	0.258	0.265	0.240	0.250	0.259	0.244
	Quintile 3	0.274	0.259	0.257	0.266	0.275	0.249
	Quintile 4	0.301	0.294	0.294	0.294	0.293	0.272
	Quintile 5	0.354	0.342	0.345	0.337	0.339	0.341

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.

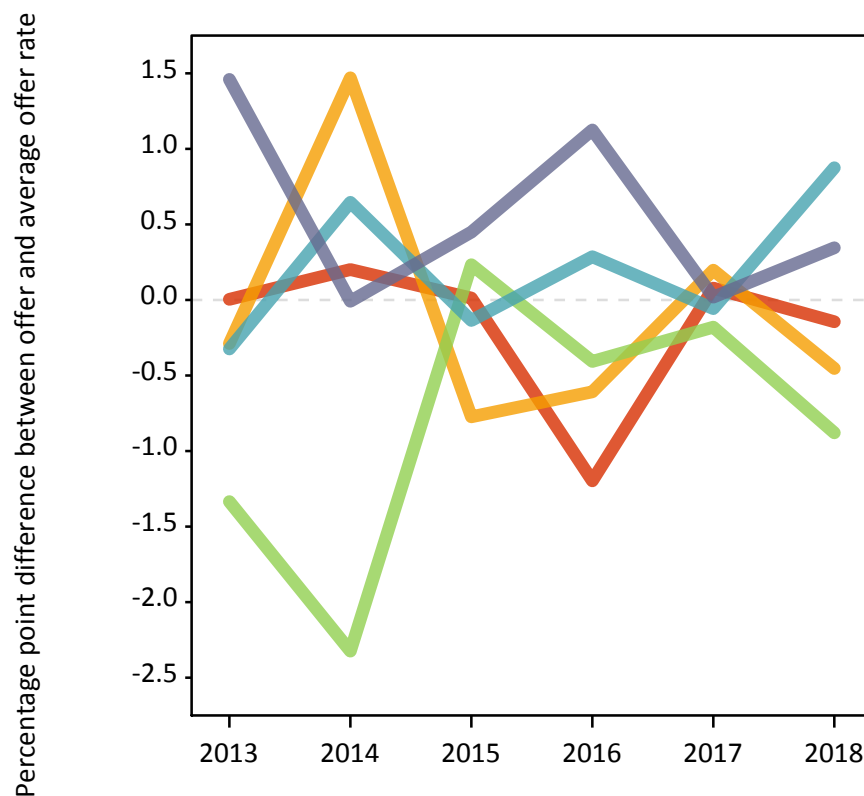
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- Quintile 5



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	215	225	305	210	185	205
	Black	330	385	480	320	250	255
	Mixed	220	250	295	265	240	245
	White	4,530	4,935	5,325	4,800	4,180	4,105
	Other	45	45	45	55	40	40
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	35	45	40	25	25	30
	Black	75	60	80	55	40	45
	Mixed	40	55	55	50	65	55
	White	960	1,110	990	820	970	890
	Other	5	5	5	10	10	5
All placed applicants	Asian	45	65	50	30	35	40
	Black	90	75	100	65	45	55
	Mixed	50	60	65	55	65	60
	White	1,085	1,230	1,095	920	1,030	950
	Other	10	5	5	10	15	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	32.3	33.2	43.4	29.5	25.3	27.5
	Black	110.5	127.7	150.5	102.5	80.1	82.4
	Mixed	81.4	86.9	96.3	84.9	75.4	76.5
	White	72.0	80.0	85.5	79.4	70.4	71.5
	Other	47.4	49.4	46.7	53.3	36.9	39.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	5.2	6.5	5.4	3.5	3.7	3.9
	Black	24.9	19.1	25.1	17.2	13.0	14.8
	Mixed	14.8	18.4	17.8	15.6	19.6	16.4
	White	15.3	18.0	15.9	13.5	16.3	15.5
	Other	7.7	4.3	6.2	8.0	9.7	4.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	7.1	9.3	7.3	4.3	4.8	5.4
	Black	30.7	25.1	30.8	20.4	14.6	17.6
	Mixed	17.8	20.2	20.8	18.1	20.9	18.0
	White	17.3	19.9	17.6	15.2	17.4	16.5
	Other	11.0	5.4	7.3	11.1	12.6	4.8

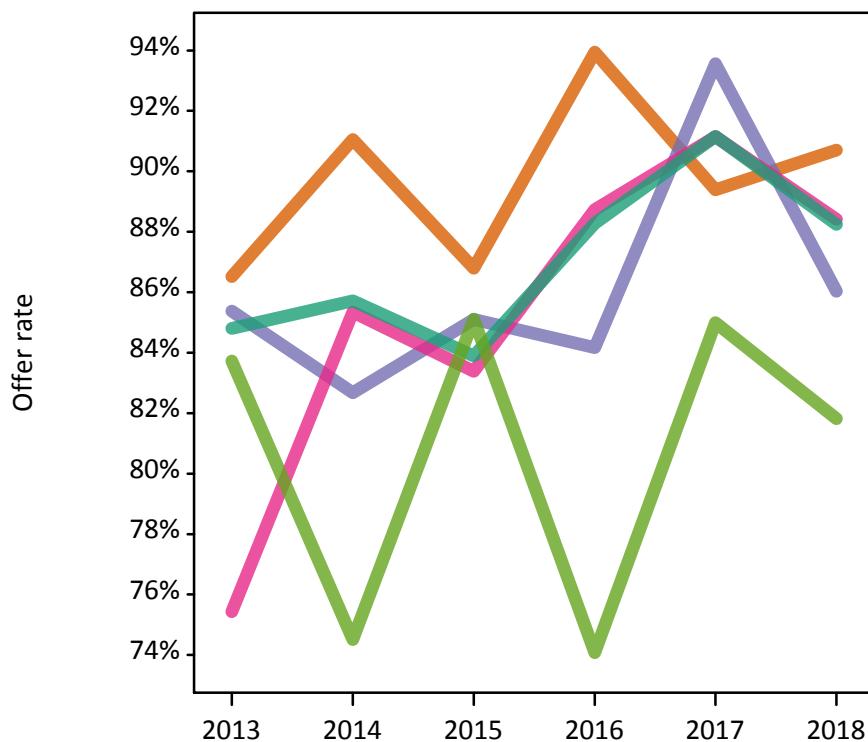
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	230	245	320	230	200	215
	Black	340	405	510	340	265	270
	Mixed	230	275	320	285	270	260
	White	4,930	5,490	5,905	5,270	4,580	4,550
	Other	45	50	45	55	40	45
Offers	Asian	200	225	275	215	175	195
	Black	290	335	435	285	245	235
	Mixed	175	235	265	250	245	230
	White	4,180	4,705	4,955	4,655	4,175	4,015
	Other	35	40	40	40	35	35
Offer rate	Asian	86.5%	91.1%	86.8%	93.9%	89.4%	90.7%
	Black	85.4%	82.7%	85.1%	84.2%	93.6%	86.0%
	Mixed	75.4%	85.3%	83.4%	88.7%	91.1%	88.4%
	White	84.8%	85.7%	83.9%	88.3%	91.2%	88.2%
	Other	83.7%	74.5%	85.1%	74.1%	85.0%	81.8%
Average offer rate	Asian	89.1%	89.1%	88.7%	91.7%	93.2%	89.5%
	Black	86.2%	85.9%	84.9%	88.5%	92.5%	88.9%
	Mixed	80.1%	85.4%	84.7%	87.8%	90.5%	88.4%
	White	84.4%	85.5%	83.7%	88.0%	91.1%	88.1%
	Other	85.2%	84.5%	83.4%	84.1%	87.3%	88.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-2.6	2.0	-1.9	2.2	-3.8	1.2
	Black	-0.8	-3.3	0.2	-4.3	1.0	-2.9
	Mixed	-4.7	-0.0	-1.3	1.0	0.7	0.0
	White	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
	Other	N/A	-10.0	N/A	-10.0	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.193	0.146	0.150	0.145	0.165	0.154
	Black	0.163	0.157	0.162	0.143	0.127	0.101
	Mixed	0.118	0.127	0.120	0.122	0.120	0.127
	White	0.873	0.865	0.851	0.865	0.868	0.862
	Other	0.075	0.052	0.142	0.107	0.113	0.052

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	10,945	11,585	11,990	10,580	9,100	9,030
Placed June deadline applicants	2,545	2,705	2,505	2,070	2,175	2,045
All placed applicants	3,040	3,160	2,860	2,410	2,430	2,315

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	12,150	12,975	13,480	11,785	10,110	10,160
Offers	9,570	10,390	10,625	9,840	8,780	8,345
Offer rate	78.8%	80.1%	78.8%	83.5%	86.9%	82.2%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	5,690	6,295	6,305	5,675	4,760	4,505
	Women	5,255	5,285	5,680	4,905	4,340	4,525
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,475	1,560	1,455	1,160	1,180	1,075
	Women	1,065	1,145	1,050	905	995	970
All placed applicants	Men	1,795	1,820	1,650	1,365	1,330	1,205
	Women	1,245	1,340	1,210	1,045	1,100	1,110

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	6,455	7,210	7,285	6,425	5,370	5,150
	Women	5,695	5,770	6,195	5,355	4,740	5,010
Offers	Men	5,410	6,055	6,010	5,540	4,810	4,405
	Women	4,160	4,335	4,610	4,295	3,970	3,940
Offer rate	Men	83.9%	84.0%	82.5%	86.2%	89.5%	85.6%
	Women	73.0%	75.2%	74.5%	80.2%	83.8%	78.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,665	1,780	1,820	1,615	1,410	1,485
	Quintile 2	1,950	2,145	2,140	1,915	1,680	1,675
	Quintile 3	2,095	2,195	2,250	2,015	1,795	1,660
	Quintile 4	2,385	2,520	2,665	2,330	1,950	1,900
	Quintile 5	2,815	2,920	3,085	2,680	2,240	2,285
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	410	450	405	370	360	375
	Quintile 2	485	550	475	380	415	415
	Quintile 3	495	500	465	420	450	375
	Quintile 4	540	545	520	400	430	405
	Quintile 5	605	660	630	490	515	470
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	485	525	460	425	410	430
	Quintile 2	580	635	540	430	460	470
	Quintile 3	580	585	530	485	500	415
	Quintile 4	665	635	605	480	480	460
	Quintile 5	720	775	720	585	570	530

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,890	2,035	2,130	1,860	1,595	1,730
	Quintile 2	2,220	2,430	2,415	2,120	1,875	1,910
	Quintile 3	2,305	2,445	2,545	2,255	2,000	1,865
	Quintile 4	2,650	2,800	2,955	2,570	2,170	2,110
	Quintile 5	3,050	3,240	3,395	2,950	2,450	2,510
Offers	Quintile 1	1,440	1,640	1,630	1,505	1,370	1,385
	Quintile 2	1,730	1,935	1,885	1,740	1,590	1,550
	Quintile 3	1,775	1,910	2,015	1,885	1,750	1,525
	Quintile 4	2,160	2,260	2,340	2,165	1,890	1,750
	Quintile 5	2,445	2,625	2,735	2,515	2,160	2,115
Offer rate	Quintile 1	76.1%	80.5%	76.4%	81.0%	85.9%	79.8%
	Quintile 2	77.9%	79.7%	78.0%	82.2%	84.9%	81.2%
	Quintile 3	77.0%	78.1%	79.1%	83.5%	87.5%	81.8%
	Quintile 4	81.4%	80.7%	79.1%	84.4%	87.1%	83.0%
	Quintile 5	80.2%	81.0%	80.5%	85.2%	88.2%	84.3%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	505	585	625	495	420	440
	Black	895	985	1,065	855	655	635
	Mixed	480	545	565	530	455	475
	White	8,900	9,315	9,575	8,525	7,435	7,330
	Other	110	120	100	120	95	105
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	90	115	100	80	75	70
	Black	230	175	185	145	130	105
	Mixed	110	120	115	110	115	105
	White	2,070	2,260	2,075	1,710	1,825	1,740
	Other	25	25	15	20	20	15
All placed applicants	Asian	135	160	135	105	100	95
	Black	300	250	240	190	160	135
	Mixed	130	150	135	130	130	120
	White	2,420	2,550	2,310	1,950	2,000	1,930
	Other	35	35	25	25	30	25

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	545	650	675	560	450	470
	Black	960	1,065	1,150	915	710	685
	Mixed	530	605	625	570	500	515
	White	9,925	10,485	10,855	9,555	8,310	8,315
	Other	125	140	115	125	105	120
Offers	Asian	445	550	560	475	385	385
	Black	740	790	860	695	585	510
	Mixed	385	475	495	455	430	415
	White	7,855	8,440	8,580	8,065	7,260	6,905
	Other	95	105	90	95	85	95
Offer rate	Asian	82.0%	84.9%	83.0%	84.7%	84.9%	81.7%
	Black	77.0%	74.4%	75.0%	76.2%	82.9%	74.3%
	Mixed	73.0%	78.8%	78.9%	80.2%	86.6%	80.9%
	White	79.2%	80.5%	79.1%	84.4%	87.4%	83.0%
	Other	74.0%	75.2%	78.1%	75.4%	81.6%	78.2%

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.