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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	6,570	5,715	5,445	5,385	5,005	4,875
Placed June deadline applicants	1,115	1,010	1,040	960	1,270	1,145
All placed applicants	1,395	1,240	1,250	1,180	1,430	1,305
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	86.3	75.9	71.1	71.9	67.6	67.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	14.6	13.4	13.6	12.8	17.2	15.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	18.3	16.4	16.3	15.7	19.3	18.1

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	7,170	6,250	5,920	5,885	5,610	5,465
Offers	5,585	4,965	4,850	4,840	4,895	4,800
Offer rate	77.9%	79.4%	81.9%	82.3%	87.3%	87.8%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	3,185	2,715	2,445	2,500	2,485	2,430
	Women	3,385	2,995	3,000	2,890	2,525	2,445
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	605	560	555	510	700	635
	Women	510	455	490	455	570	510
All placed applicants	Men	720	670	650	615	765	720
	Women	675	565	605	565	665	585
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	81.5	70.2	62.3	65.0	65.4	65.6
population	Women	91.4	81.8	80.2	79.0	69.9	69.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	15.5	14.4	14.1	13.3	18.4	17.2
10,000 population	Women	13.7	12.4	13.1	12.4	15.8	14.5
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	18.4	17.3	16.5	16.0	20.1	19.4
population	Women	18.3	15.5	16.2	15.5	18.5	16.7

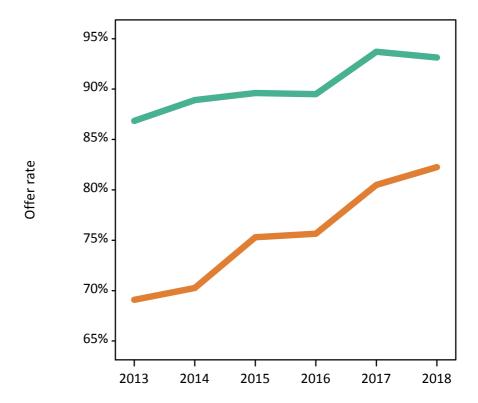
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	3,565	3,065	2,730	2,810	2,880	2,800
	Women	3,605	3,185	3,190	3,075	2,735	2,665
Offers	Men	3,095	2,725	2,450	2,515	2,695	2,610
	Women	2,490	2,240	2,400	2,325	2,200	2,190
Offer rate	Men	86.8%	88.9%	89.6%	89.5%	93.7%	93.1%
	Women	69.1%	70.3%	75.3%	75.6%	80.5%	82.3%
Average offer rate	Men	86.6%	88.4%	89.6%	89.0%	92.3%	93.0%
	Women	69.3%	70.8%	75.3%	76.1%	82.0%	82.4%
Percentage point difference between	Men	0.2	0.5	-0.0	0.5	1.4	0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.5	-0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.703	0.704	0.681	0.682	0.713	0.707
offer rate	Women	0.707	0.715	0.727	0.709	0.698	0.692

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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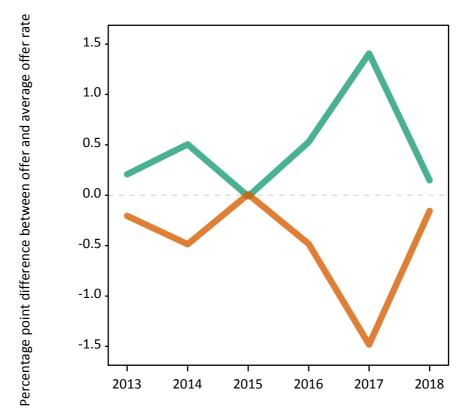




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,250	1,220	1,200	1,165	1,100	1,120
	Quintile 2	1,380	1,230	1,150	1,160	1,045	1,020
	Quintile 3	1,465	1,315	1,185	1,215	1,125	1,060
	Quintile 4	1,295	970	1,040	975	910	845
	Quintile 5	1,170	960	865	860	810	800
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	240	240	250	250	330	310
	Quintile 2	245	230	205	170	275	240
	Quintile 3	235	215	210	215	255	225
	Quintile 4	195	170	205	190	220	185
	Quintile 5	200	160	175	135	190	185
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	320	305	315	305	375	350
	Quintile 2	300	275	245	225	305	275
	Quintile 3	285	260	245	265	290	255
	Quintile 4	245	200	245	210	240	215
	Quintile 5	250	195	200	170	215	210
June deadline applicants per 10,00	Quintile 1	88.7	86.9	84.6	85.7	82.4	86.3
population	Quintile 2	95.2	85.8	78.8	81.7	75.0	75.3
	Quintile 3	98.4	89.9	79.0	83.0	77.6	75.2
	Quintile 4	84.0	63.7	67.1	64.0	60.1	57.1
	Quintile 5	68.0	56.5	49.7	49.8	47.4	47.5
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	17.0	16.9	17.5	18.3	24.6	23.7
10,000 population	Quintile 2	16.7	16.0	14.1	12.0	19.6	17.7
	Quintile 3	15.8	14.7	13.9	14.8	17.7	16.0
	Quintile 4	12.8	11.0	13.2	12.3	14.5	12.6
	Quintile 5	11.6	9.3	10.0	7.8	11.2	11.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	22.7	21.6	22.3	22.3	27.9	26.8
population	Quintile 2	20.5	19.1	16.8	15.7	22.0	20.2
	Quintile 3	19.1	17.8	16.3	18.1	20.1	18.2
	Quintile 4	15.9	13.2	15.8	13.8	16.0	14.4
	Quintile 5	14.5	11.4	11.5	10.0	12.5	12.5

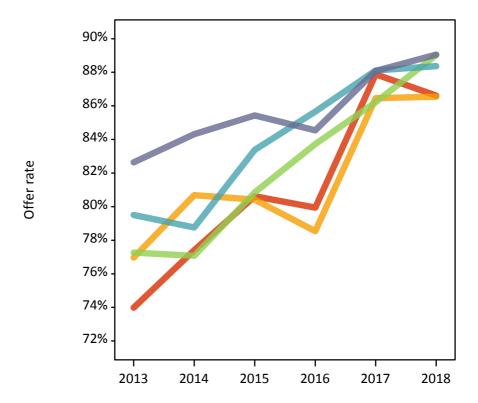
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,430	1,380	1,330	1,305	1,260	1,315
	Quintile 2	1,515	1,350	1,250	1,265	1,165	1,145
	Quintile 3	1,590	1,425	1,315	1,320	1,270	1,155
	Quintile 4	1,365	1,045	1,095	1,065	1,000	935
	Quintile 5	1,255	1,035	920	920	900	875
Offers	Quintile 1	1,060	1,070	1,075	1,045	1,110	1,140
	Quintile 2	1,165	1,090	1,005	990	1,010	990
	Quintile 3	1,230	1,100	1,065	1,105	1,095	1,030
	Quintile 4	1,085	825	915	915	880	830
	Quintile 5	1,040	870	785	775	790	780
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.0%	77.4%	80.6%	79.9%	87.9%	86.6%
	Quintile 2	77.0%	80.7%	80.4%	78.5%	86.5%	86.6%
	Quintile 3	77.3%	77.1%	80.9%	83.7%	86.2%	89.0%
	Quintile 4	79.5%	78.8%	83.4%	85.7%	88.1%	88.4%
	Quintile 5	82.6%	84.3%	85.4%	84.5%	88.1%	89.1%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	76.2%	78.5%	80.7%	81.9%	87.0%	87.7%
	Quintile 2	78.1%	79.7%	80.0%	80.0%	86.6%	86.4%
	Quintile 3	76.8%	78.0%	81.8%	82.7%	86.9%	88.6%
	Quintile 4	79.1%	79.2%	82.5%	84.0%	88.0%	87.5%
	Quintile 5	79.8%	82.4%	85.5%	83.1%	88.3%	89.1%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-2.2	-1.1	-0.1	-2.0	0.9	-1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-1.1	1.0	0.4	-1.4	-0.1	0.1
	Quintile 3	0.5	-0.9	-1.0	1.0	-0.7	0.4
	Quintile 4	0.4	-0.5	0.9	1.6	0.1	0.8
	Quintile 5	2.8	1.9	-0.1	1.5	-0.2	-0.0
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.284	0.317	0.311	0.304	0.315	0.314
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.290	0.300	0.288	0.293	0.284	0.276
	Quintile 3	0.294	0.310	0.305	0.294	0.313	0.284
	Quintile 4	0.275	0.278	0.286	0.273	0.271	0.258
	Quintile 5	0.281	0.282	0.287	0.271	0.263	0.254

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

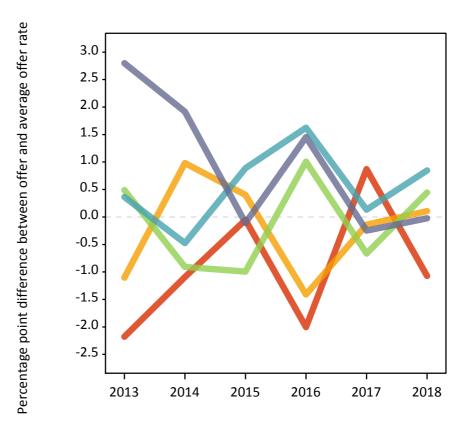
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	645	570	505	565	475	475
	Black	360	275	265	250	215	220
	Mixed	235	205	200	205	190	185
	White	5,275	4,605	4,410	4,310	4,075	3,935
	Other	45	40	40	35	30	30
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	75	60	70	55	65	65
	Black	40	35	45	25	35	30
	Mixed	40	30	40	35	45	45
	White	955	880	880	840	1,120	990
	Other	5	5	10	0	5	5
All placed applicants	Asian	105	90	95	80	80	85
	Black	60	55	60	35	45	45
	Mixed	45	35	50	50	50	50
	White	1,180	1,050	1,035	1,000	1,245	1,105
	Other	5	5	10	10	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	97.9	84.0	71.6	78.2	64.7	64.0
population	Black	120.6	91.4	83.9	79.2	68.6	70.9
	Mixed	86.9	70.9	65.2	65.8	59.8	57.9
	White	83.8	74.7	70.8	71.3	68.7	68.5
	Other	49.6	40.8	43.6	34.2	31.1	30.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	11.4	8.8	9.9	7.5	9.0	8.5
10,000 population	Black	13.1	11.5	13.5	7.7	11.1	9.9
	Mixed	14.4	10.4	12.6	11.4	13.4	14.6
	White	15.2	14.3	14.1	13.9	18.9	17.3
	Other	6.6	3.2	8.3	0.0	3.9	4.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	15.9	13.0	13.3	10.8	10.7	11.7
population	Black	20.2	17.5	18.5	11.5	14.9	14.4
	Mixed	17.0	12.9	15.6	15.9	15.3	15.8
	White	18.7	17.0	16.6	16.6	21.0	19.2
	Other	7.7	7.5	9.3	8.0	5.8	6.7

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	695	610	545	610	505	515
	Black	370	285	275	255	235	225
	Mixed	260	215	215	225	220	210
	White	5,790	5,085	4,820	4,730	4,600	4,450
	Other	45	40	45	35	35	40
Offers	Asian	555	500	420	515	440	445
	Black	275	205	220	205	195	185
	Mixed	210	190	175	180	195	180
	White	4,505	4,025	3,980	3,890	4,025	3,935
	Other	35	30	40	25	30	35
Offer rate	Asian	80.0%	82.4%	76.7%	84.3%	86.8%	86.2%
	Black	74.1%	72.4%	78.7%	80.5%	83.8%	82.7%
	Mixed	81.0%	87.0%	81.0%	80.2%	87.8%	86.1%
	White	77.8%	79.1%	82.6%	82.2%	87.5%	88.3%
	Other	74.5%	73.7%	86.4%	79.4%	82.4%	87.2%
Average offer rate	Asian	78.8%	79.4%	75.9%	81.0%	86.5%	88.1%
	Black	74.6%	75.9%	78.9%	79.6%	82.8%	87.0%
	Mixed	79.5%	82.6%	81.5%	80.7%	89.3%	89.2%
	White	78.0%	79.5%	82.7%	82.6%	87.5%	87.7%
	Other	72.8%	76.1%	81.3%	81.1%	83.1%	91.2%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	1.2	3.0	0.8	3.3	0.3	-1.9
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-0.5	-3.5	-0.2	0.8	1.1	-4.4
	Mixed	1.5	4.4	-0.4	-0.6	-1.6	-3.1
	White	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.0	0.6
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.242	0.245	0.230	0.257	0.239	0.214
offer rate	Black	0.142	0.137	0.133	0.151	0.158	0.107
	Mixed	0.134	0.171	0.143	0.135	0.146	0.111
	White	0.838	0.844	0.841	0.836	0.850	0.838
	Other	0.086	0.064	0.108	0.129	0.154	0.043

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

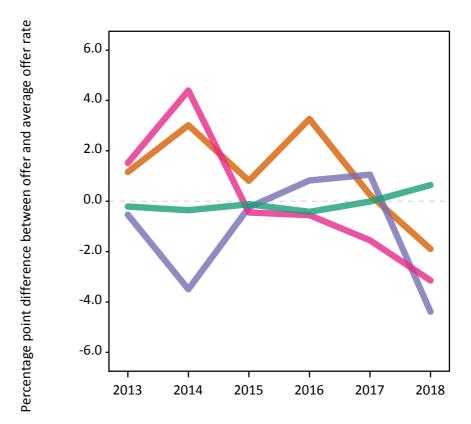
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	13,945	12,655	11,920	11,310	10,495	9,880
Placed June deadline applicants	2,630	2,410	2,405	2,370	2,760	2,610
All placed applicants	3,625	3,240	3,200	3,160	3,495	3,310

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	15,470	14,000	13,125	12,495	11,745	11,220
Offers	10,125	9,090	8,975	8,735	8,795	8,905
Offer rate	65.4%	64.9%	68.4%	69.9%	74.9%	79.4%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	6,395	5,580	5,145	4,910	4,940	4,655
	Women	7,550	7,075	6,775	6,400	5,555	5,225
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,410	1,265	1,240	1,190	1,485	1,360
	Women	1,215	1,145	1,165	1,180	1,275	1,250
All placed applicants	Men	1,865	1,670	1,595	1,595	1,825	1,700
	Women	1,755	1,570	1,605	1,565	1,670	1,610

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	7,275	6,315	5,810	5,570	5,685	5,435
	Women	8,195	7,685	7,315	6,925	6,055	5,780
Offers	Men	5,645	4,960	4,660	4,485	4,830	4,735
	Women	4,480	4,130	4,315	4,250	3,965	4,170
Offer rate	Men	77.6%	78.5%	80.2%	80.5%	84.9%	87.1%
	Women	54.7%	53.7%	59.0%	61.4%	65.5%	72.1%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,990	2,895	2,865	2,705	2,525	2,510
	Quintile 2	3,010	2,845	2,580	2,485	2,290	2,115
	Quintile 3	3,180	2,920	2,540	2,490	2,325	2,085
	Quintile 4	2,480	2,050	2,100	1,930	1,755	1,595
	Quintile 5	2,260	1,910	1,820	1,680	1,575	1,520
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	645	640	665	675	765	785
	Quintile 2	575	545	490	485	610	525
	Quintile 3	575	515	480	495	545	520
	Quintile 4	435	370	415	405	450	405
	Quintile 5	400	330	355	305	380	370
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	945	875	900	925	995	995
	Quintile 2	780	735	655	655	780	665
	Quintile 3	770	685	620	645	690	670
	Quintile 4	580	495	555	515	545	520
	Quintile 5	540	440	455	410	475	445

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	3,450	3,320	3,245	3,065	2,870	2,965
	Quintile 2	3,330	3,155	2,845	2,725	2,545	2,395
	Quintile 3	3,510	3,210	2,800	2,715	2,615	2,325
	Quintile 4	2,700	2,220	2,265	2,145	1,930	1,800
	Quintile 5	2,450	2,060	1,945	1,825	1,750	1,680
Offers	Quintile 1	2,105	2,105	2,150	2,045	2,100	2,285
	Quintile 2	2,155	2,010	1,890	1,805	1,890	1,835
	Quintile 3	2,285	2,005	1,885	1,930	1,910	1,880
	Quintile 4	1,855	1,485	1,595	1,585	1,500	1,465
	Quintile 5	1,710	1,460	1,435	1,350	1,375	1,400
Offer rate	Quintile 1	61.0%	63.4%	66.2%	66.8%	73.1%	77.1%
	Quintile 2	64.7%	63.7%	66.5%	66.3%	74.2%	76.6%
	Quintile 3	65.1%	62.5%	67.4%	71.1%	73.0%	80.8%
	Quintile 4	68.6%	66.9%	70.5%	74.0%	77.8%	81.5%
	Quintile 5	69.8%	70.8%	73.8%	73.9%	78.5%	83.2%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,455	1,315	1,190	1,120	1,010	920
	Black	1,220	1,080	1,065	1,060	880	730
	Mixed	495	475	440	465	415	420
	White	10,595	9,615	9,060	8,510	8,030	7,650
	Other	125	120	115	95	95	105
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	185	170	165	145	150	135
	Black	165	135	135	140	145	135
	Mixed	90	80	90	90	105	95
	White	2,155	1,995	1,980	1,980	2,325	2,205
	Other	20	20	20	10	20	25
All placed applicants	Asian	305	280	265	240	240	230
	Black	305	255	245	235	245	225
	Mixed	120	110	120	135	130	120
	White	2,845	2,545	2,510	2,500	2,815	2,670
	Other	30	30	30	25	35	35

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,565	1,410	1,270	1,220	1,075	995
	Black	1,300	1,130	1,130	1,110	940	775
	Mixed	545	510	475	505	465	470
	White	11,860	10,765	10,055	9,485	9,090	8,810
	Other	140	130	120	100	105	115
Offers	Asian	1,095	980	865	890	805	790
	Black	685	530	570	530	475	475
	Mixed	360	380	305	345	365	375
	White	7,860	7,085	7,105	6,860	7,020	7,130
	Other	90	85	90	60	75	90
Offer rate	Asian	69.8%	69.3%	68.1%	72.8%	75.0%	79.7%
	Black	52.7%	47.1%	50.4%	47.9%	50.7%	61.5%
	Mixed	66.7%	74.5%	63.5%	68.4%	78.9%	79.5%
	White	66.3%	65.8%	70.6%	72.3%	77.2%	80.9%
	Other	63.3%	65.6%	75.6%	60.0%	72.1%	79.1%

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 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.