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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 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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	7,410	5,610	4,785	6,000	6,635	7,825
Placed June deadline applicants	805	670	775	1,085	1,085	1,490
All placed applicants	980	895	1,130	1,300	1,460	1,930
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	93.8	72.9	61.9	78.8	88.1	102.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	10.2	8.7	10.0	14.3	14.4	19.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	12.4	11.6	14.6	17.1	19.4	25.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	7,850	5,885	5,005	6,295	6,950	8,160
Offers	6,460	4,540	4,060	5,290	5,675	6,890
Offer rate	82.3%	77.2%	81.1%	84.0%	81.7%	84.4%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	3,760	2,720	2,350	3,070	3,500	4,175
	Women	3,650	2,890	2,435	2,930	3,135	3,655
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	370	305	340	550	550	705
	Women	435	365	440	535	535	785
All placed applicants	Men	455	425	480	635	725	920
	Women	525	470	650	665	730	1,010
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	93.6	69.2	59.3	78.6	90.4	106.3
	Women	94.1	76.7	64.6	79.0	85.6	97.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	9.2	7.8	8.5	14.1	14.3	17.9
	Women	11.3	9.7	11.6	14.4	14.6	21.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	11.3	10.9	12.1	16.3	18.8	23.4
	Women	13.5	12.5	17.2	18.0	20.0	27.0

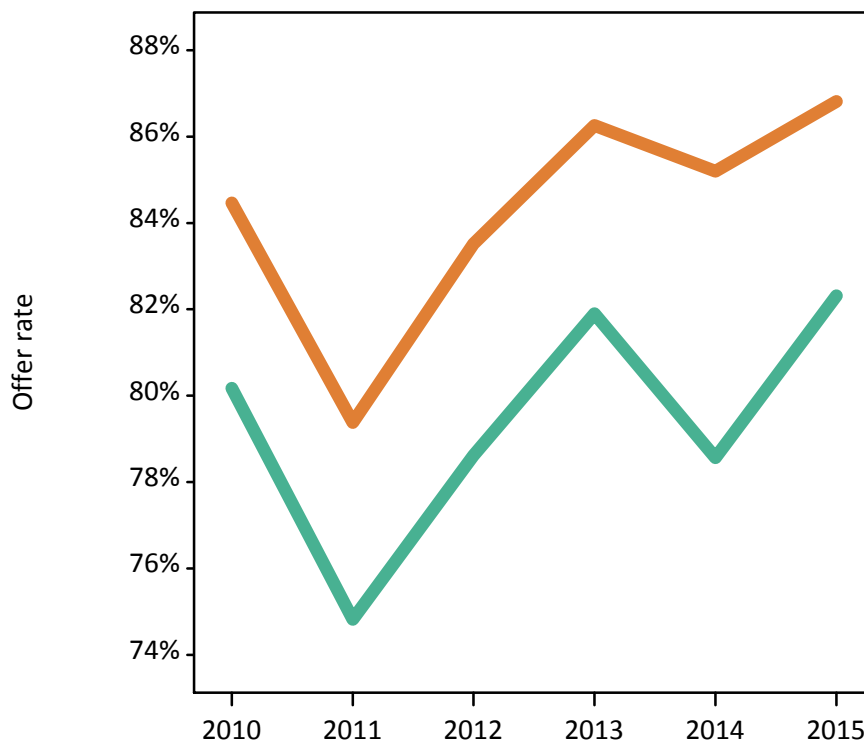
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	3,985	2,865	2,455	3,230	3,695	4,350
	Women	3,870	3,015	2,550	3,065	3,255	3,815
Offers	Men	3,195	2,145	1,930	2,645	2,900	3,580
	Women	3,265	2,395	2,130	2,640	2,775	3,310
Offer rate	Men	80.2%	74.8%	78.6%	81.9%	78.6%	82.3%
	Women	84.5%	79.4%	83.5%	86.3%	85.2%	86.8%
Average offer rate	Men	80.2%	75.4%	79.2%	82.1%	78.8%	82.8%
	Women	84.4%	78.8%	83.0%	86.0%	84.9%	86.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
	Women	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.635	0.626	0.626	0.650	0.672	0.655
	Women	0.624	0.644	0.639	0.631	0.628	0.607

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 2010-2015.

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 2010-2015.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	605	485	460	580	690	805
	Quintile 2	1,350	1,045	990	1,200	1,440	1,650
	Quintile 3	1,555	1,175	1,015	1,315	1,435	1,740
	Quintile 4	1,580	1,180	925	1,210	1,295	1,555
	Quintile 5	2,305	1,720	1,385	1,685	1,760	2,060
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	75	45	75	120	125	150
	Quintile 2	170	125	195	250	255	350
	Quintile 3	165	145	155	220	240	330
	Quintile 4	155	135	140	215	200	280
	Quintile 5	235	220	210	285	260	375
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	85	65	100	135	170	180
	Quintile 2	205	175	265	295	325	435
	Quintile 3	195	175	235	260	320	445
	Quintile 4	185	170	205	250	275	375
	Quintile 5	305	305	320	360	370	495
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	40.7	33.6	32.1	41.5	49.6	57.3
	Quintile 2	87.8	69.4	66.2	81.4	98.4	111.0
	Quintile 3	97.7	76.3	65.7	86.1	95.4	113.3
	Quintile 4	99.1	75.5	58.2	77.4	84.0	99.3
	Quintile 5	136.1	104.0	82.3	102.0	107.9	123.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.2	3.3	5.2	8.5	9.1	10.6
	Quintile 2	11.1	8.4	13.0	16.8	17.6	23.6
	Quintile 3	10.4	9.4	10.0	14.3	16.0	21.6
	Quintile 4	9.7	8.6	8.9	13.8	13.0	17.8
	Quintile 5	13.8	13.2	12.4	17.2	15.9	22.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.8	4.4	6.9	9.8	12.1	12.8
	Quintile 2	13.2	11.8	17.8	19.9	22.1	29.2
	Quintile 3	12.3	11.5	15.3	17.2	21.2	28.8
	Quintile 4	11.5	10.9	12.9	16.1	17.8	23.9
	Quintile 5	18.1	18.5	18.9	21.7	22.8	29.5

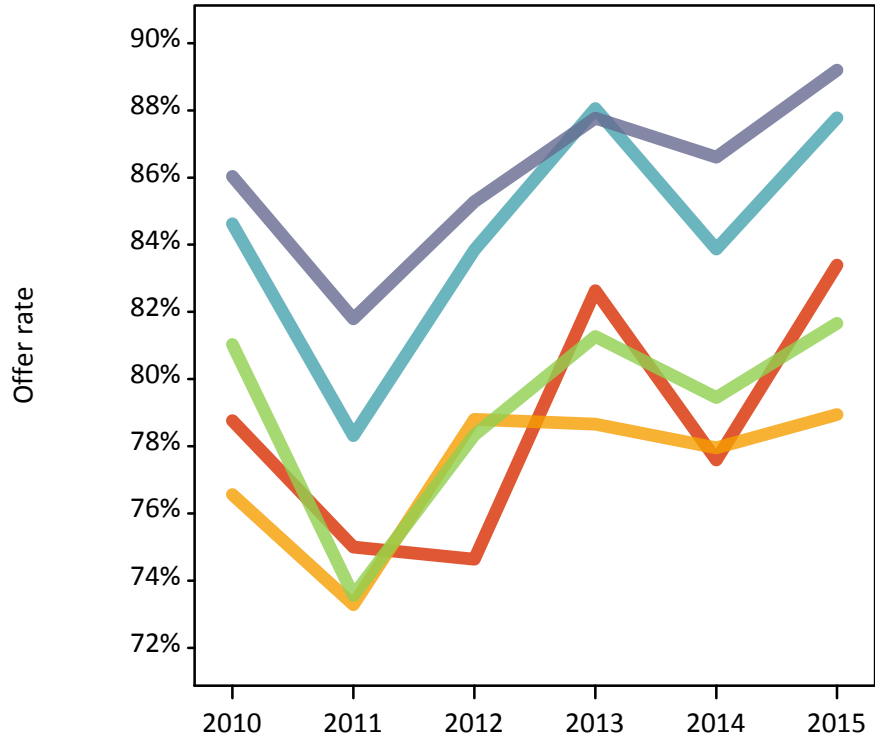
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	645	495	480	615	715	830
	Quintile 2	1,490	1,125	1,050	1,285	1,535	1,760
	Quintile 3	1,670	1,250	1,065	1,390	1,515	1,830
	Quintile 4	1,630	1,220	945	1,245	1,340	1,595
	Quintile 5	2,400	1,785	1,440	1,750	1,835	2,120
Offers	Quintile 1	510	370	360	510	555	695
	Quintile 2	1,140	825	830	1,010	1,195	1,390
	Quintile 3	1,355	920	835	1,130	1,200	1,495
	Quintile 4	1,380	955	795	1,100	1,125	1,400
	Quintile 5	2,065	1,460	1,230	1,535	1,590	1,890
Offer rate	Quintile 1	78.8%	75.0%	74.6%	82.6%	77.6%	83.4%
	Quintile 2	76.6%	73.3%	78.8%	78.7%	78.0%	78.9%
	Quintile 3	81.0%	73.6%	78.3%	81.3%	79.4%	81.7%
	Quintile 4	84.6%	78.3%	83.8%	88.1%	83.9%	87.8%
	Quintile 5	86.0%	81.8%	85.3%	87.8%	86.6%	89.2%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	78.7%	76.4%	77.4%	82.3%	78.5%	82.7%
	Quintile 2	78.8%	73.4%	78.4%	79.6%	78.5%	80.6%
	Quintile 3	81.3%	74.6%	78.7%	81.9%	80.3%	82.2%
	Quintile 4	82.8%	78.8%	82.7%	86.3%	83.5%	87.4%
	Quintile 5	85.7%	80.2%	85.1%	87.9%	85.4%	87.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.0	-1.4	-2.8	0.3	-0.9	0.7
	Quintile 2	-2.2	-0.1	0.4	-1.0	-0.5	-1.7
	Quintile 3	-0.3	-1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6
	Quintile 4	1.8	-0.5	1.1	1.8	0.4	0.3
	Quintile 5	0.3	1.6	0.2	-0.2	1.2	1.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.168	0.197	0.207	0.187	0.188	0.173
	Quintile 2	0.272	0.279	0.301	0.292	0.304	0.287
	Quintile 3	0.285	0.290	0.305	0.292	0.290	0.287
	Quintile 4	0.278	0.288	0.280	0.280	0.264	0.261
	Quintile 5	0.374	0.388	0.372	0.368	0.345	0.330

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

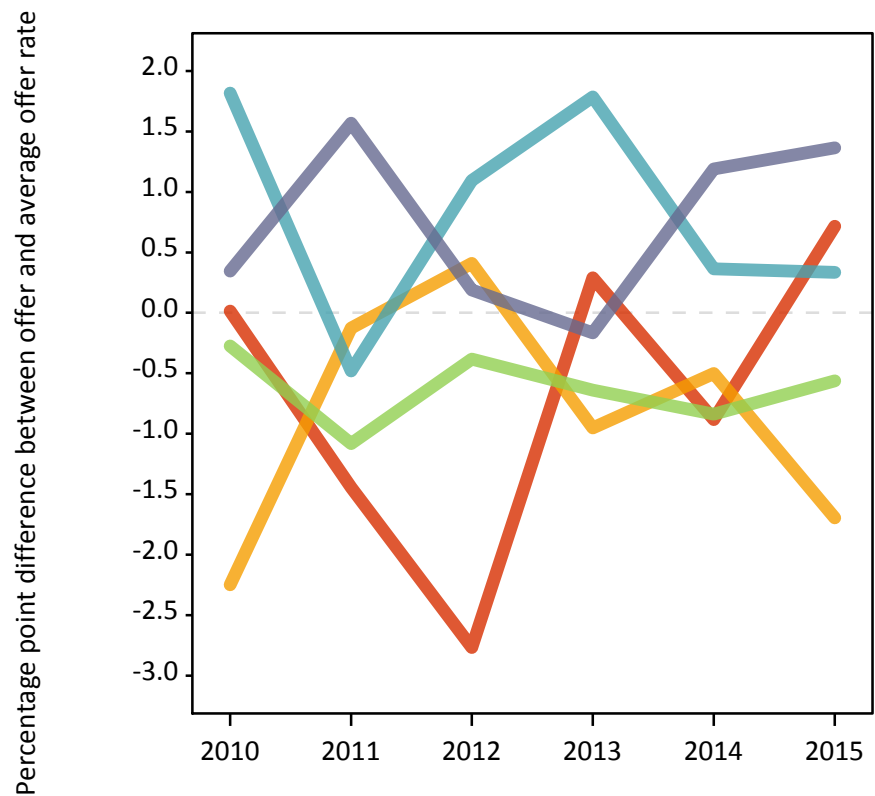
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

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



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	2,775	2,090	1,940	2,360	2,680	2,990
	Black	610	500	400	545	690	930
	Mixed	240	195	175	190	250	325
	White	3,665	2,730	2,175	2,785	2,845	3,375
	Other	75	70	60	80	120	140
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	350	250	330	470	515	680
	Black	75	55	60	90	105	175
	Mixed	20	25	25	35	45	45
	White	345	335	345	470	400	550
	Other	10	5	15	10	15	25
All placed applicants	Asian	440	365	530	600	710	915
	Black	95	80	90	125	145	255
	Mixed	30	35	35	40	60	65
	White	395	405	450	515	505	645
	Other	15	10	15	10	20	35
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	449.2	331.8	299.4	357.7	394.9	422.8
	Black	233.4	182.5	142.0	182.9	228.0	292.0
	Mixed	102.7	80.9	68.0	71.0	87.6	105.7
	White	54.6	42.2	33.7	44.3	46.1	54.2
	Other	100.0	86.4	70.1	90.4	128.9	146.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	56.6	39.5	50.8	71.6	75.9	96.2
	Black	29.0	20.5	21.7	30.0	34.0	55.3
	Mixed	9.1	11.1	8.8	13.3	15.3	14.9
	White	5.1	5.1	5.3	7.5	6.5	8.8
	Other	11.7	6.2	17.0	11.0	16.1	26.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	71.3	57.6	82.1	91.1	104.7	129.3
	Black	35.5	29.3	32.0	41.8	48.5	79.5
	Mixed	12.9	14.9	13.8	14.8	21.2	21.1
	White	5.9	6.2	6.9	8.2	8.2	10.4
	Other	18.2	9.9	18.1	12.1	21.5	34.3

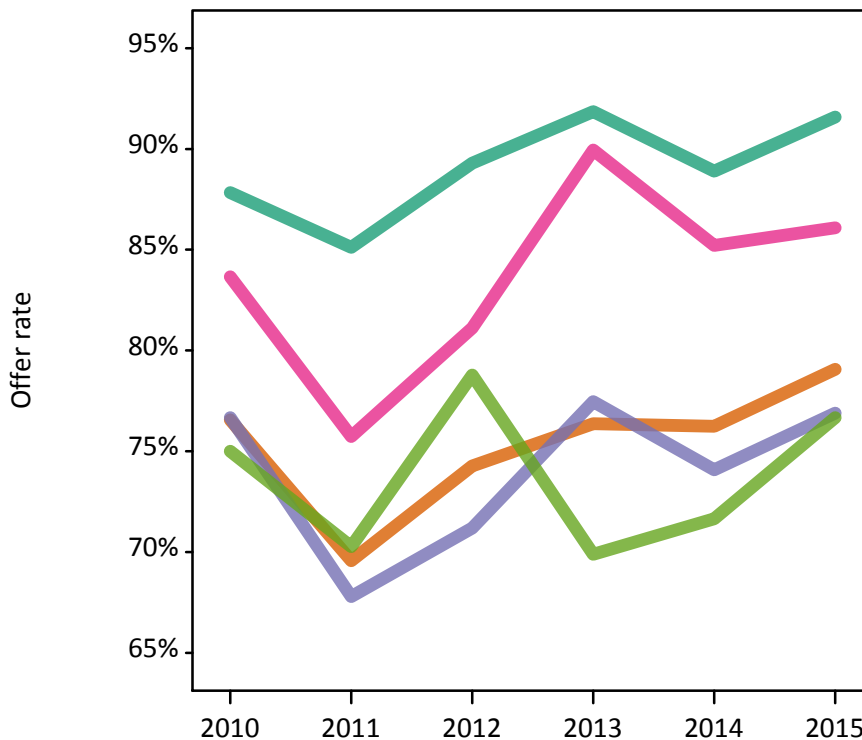
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	3,020	2,230	2,035	2,495	2,845	3,170
	Black	630	505	405	560	710	950
	Mixed	250	205	180	200	255	340
	White	3,830	2,840	2,280	2,920	2,955	3,490
	Other	80	75	65	85	125	150
Offers	Asian	2,310	1,550	1,510	1,905	2,170	2,505
	Black	485	345	290	435	525	730
	Mixed	210	155	145	180	220	290
	White	3,365	2,420	2,035	2,680	2,625	3,195
	Other	60	50	50	60	90	115
Offer rate	Asian	76.6%	69.6%	74.3%	76.4%	76.2%	79.1%
	Black	76.7%	67.8%	71.2%	77.5%	74.1%	76.9%
	Mixed	83.7%	75.7%	81.1%	89.9%	85.2%	86.1%
	White	87.8%	85.1%	89.3%	91.8%	88.9%	91.6%
	Other	75.0%	70.3%	78.8%	69.9%	71.7%	76.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	78.0%	71.7%	76.4%	78.5%	77.3%	80.5%
	Black	77.1%	69.0%	74.0%	78.9%	76.7%	79.3%
	Mixed	83.2%	75.1%	82.6%	91.0%	83.2%	85.4%
	White	86.6%	83.2%	86.7%	89.6%	87.2%	89.6%
	Other	76.6%	73.7%	74.7%	74.5%	75.9%	79.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.4	-2.2	-2.2	-2.1	-1.1	-1.4
	Black	-0.5	-1.3	-2.8	-1.5	-2.6	-2.4
	Mixed	0.4	0.6	-1.5	-1.0	2.0	0.7
	White	1.3	1.9	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9
	Other	-1.6	-3.5	4.1	-4.7	-4.2	-2.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.520	0.518	0.534	0.523	0.515	0.491
	Black	0.180	0.212	0.206	0.190	0.201	0.203
	Mixed	0.115	0.140	0.149	0.129	0.113	0.134
	White	0.600	0.606	0.581	0.587	0.537	0.541
	Other	0.109	0.118	0.104	0.117	0.105	0.089

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 2010-2015.

- 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 2010-2015.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	11,800	9,750	7,920	9,900	10,855	12,890
Placed June deadline applicants	1,420	1,165	1,230	1,810	1,680	2,235
All placed applicants	1,690	1,545	1,820	2,180	2,290	2,995

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	12,615	10,405	8,365	10,445	11,475	13,565
Offers	9,290	6,885	5,970	7,935	8,410	10,140
Offer rate	73.7%	66.1%	71.4%	76.0%	73.3%	74.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	6,325	5,130	4,150	5,360	5,935	7,170
	Women	5,475	4,620	3,770	4,540	4,920	5,720
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	720	585	605	980	895	1,130
	Women	700	580	625	830	785	1,110
All placed applicants	Men	870	795	890	1,145	1,215	1,530
	Women	820	750	925	1,035	1,075	1,465

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	6,760	5,480	4,380	5,650	6,305	7,540
	Women	5,855	4,925	3,985	4,795	5,170	6,025
Offers	Men	4,820	3,430	3,010	4,160	4,460	5,525
	Women	4,475	3,455	2,965	3,775	3,955	4,610
Offer rate	Men	71.3%	62.5%	68.6%	73.6%	70.7%	73.3%
	Women	76.4%	70.2%	74.4%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,050	920	800	990	1,140	1,375
	Quintile 2	2,290	1,975	1,815	2,175	2,495	2,915
	Quintile 3	2,565	2,165	1,755	2,235	2,435	2,935
	Quintile 4	2,415	1,895	1,440	1,885	2,010	2,405
	Quintile 5	3,445	2,770	2,075	2,590	2,745	3,225
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	140	90	125	195	180	225
	Quintile 2	300	250	330	420	390	525
	Quintile 3	315	260	245	395	395	510
	Quintile 4	275	225	210	350	300	410
	Quintile 5	390	340	320	450	410	565
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	155	120	165	215	245	275
	Quintile 2	355	335	465	505	505	680
	Quintile 3	360	325	385	485	530	705
	Quintile 4	330	285	315	410	415	550
	Quintile 5	485	475	485	560	590	780

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,120	975	850	1,050	1,200	1,435
	Quintile 2	2,525	2,165	1,935	2,330	2,695	3,160
	Quintile 3	2,805	2,345	1,870	2,395	2,590	3,100
	Quintile 4	2,535	1,980	1,495	1,955	2,090	2,505
	Quintile 5	3,600	2,910	2,175	2,695	2,875	3,330
Offers	Quintile 1	760	575	550	755	830	1,035
	Quintile 2	1,685	1,325	1,295	1,610	1,830	2,145
	Quintile 3	2,005	1,465	1,270	1,755	1,835	2,255
	Quintile 4	1,950	1,385	1,130	1,580	1,595	1,980
	Quintile 5	2,865	2,120	1,705	2,215	2,305	2,700
Offer rate	Quintile 1	68.0%	58.9%	64.6%	72.0%	69.0%	72.3%
	Quintile 2	66.7%	61.2%	66.9%	69.1%	67.9%	67.8%
	Quintile 3	71.5%	62.4%	68.0%	73.2%	70.8%	72.8%
	Quintile 4	76.9%	69.9%	75.5%	81.0%	76.3%	79.0%
	Quintile 5	79.6%	72.8%	78.2%	82.2%	80.3%	81.1%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	4,705	3,945	3,400	4,260	4,670	5,355
	Black	1,370	1,285	1,000	1,230	1,360	1,795
	Mixed	415	360	300	330	435	555
	White	5,045	3,930	2,985	3,780	4,035	4,730
	Other	165	140	160	195	250	310
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	630	455	530	860	800	1,070
	Black	150	140	145	185	185	280
	Mixed	55	50	40	55	65	75
	White	565	500	485	665	580	740
	Other	20	15	30	30	30	50
All placed applicants	Asian	775	655	875	1,090	1,135	1,490
	Black	175	185	205	240	265	410
	Mixed	65	65	65	65	85	105
	White	630	605	625	730	725	880
	Other	25	20	35	30	45	75

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	5,125	4,295	3,600	4,525	4,995	5,700
	Black	1,460	1,360	1,040	1,280	1,410	1,865
	Mixed	440	380	310	340	450	580
	White	5,315	4,125	3,165	3,980	4,225	4,925
	Other	175	155	165	210	270	335
Offers	Asian	3,595	2,625	2,390	3,195	3,415	3,965
	Black	855	685	575	810	890	1,210
	Mixed	325	245	220	275	340	445
	White	4,350	3,195	2,635	3,455	3,530	4,195
	Other	110	90	105	130	170	215
Offer rate	Asian	70.1%	61.1%	66.4%	70.6%	68.3%	69.6%
	Black	58.5%	50.4%	55.2%	63.3%	62.9%	64.9%
	Mixed	73.8%	64.8%	70.8%	80.1%	75.7%	77.0%
	White	81.8%	77.5%	83.2%	86.7%	83.5%	85.2%
	Other	63.2%	57.8%	64.5%	62.5%	63.8%	63.2%

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 2015 cycle runs from September 2014 through to October 2015.

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.

POLAR3 quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, 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 POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) for 2012 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 2015 End of Cycle Report and the 2016 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 POLAR3 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 POLAR3 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.

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.