

# End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

## DR2\_042\_05 Acceptances by A level points and POLAR3

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**Statistic:** Number of Acceptances

**Variables:** Achieved A-Level point score , POLAR3 Quintile , Cycle Year

**Coverage:** Applied before June deadline, UK domiciled (excluding Scotland) 18 year olds and hold at least 3 A levels

### Definitions

#### Achieved A-Level point score

A points score attached to the highest 3 A Level grades achieved by the applicant as identified either on application or through awarding body linkage process. The following points per grade are used in the calculation: A\* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. A Level Double Award grades are included, AS Level grades are not included. This value is not updated beyond the end of the application cycle for each applicant. (I.e. if an applicant applied in the 2010 cycle with one A Level grade 'C', but went on to obtain a further two A Levels in 2011, the value for the applicant applying in 2010 would remain 3.) This is only relevant for 18 year-old applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, any applicants outside of this cohort will be assigned the value 'Not applicable'. These scores are calculated purely for analytical purposes and do not relate to the UCAS tariff.

#### 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). 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 classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

#### Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

#### Number of Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education.

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Achieved A-Level point score , POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year						
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	30	10	15	15	25	25	20
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	45	30	15	30	20	20	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	45	30	30	45	35	25	40
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	45	45	20	40	35	40	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	45	40	40	30	35	35	40
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	110	85	105	85	100	80	90
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	135	110	105	115	115	110	145
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	205	135	150	135	145	160	150
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	170	135	140	140	155	165	175
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	190	180	155	150	185	160	160
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	270	195	240	250	250	240	265
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	375	325	305	340	315	350	360
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	480	390	385	390	405	425	440
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	495	435	405	390	420	420	415
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	540	435	435	440	500	470	500
	Not assigned	10	10	5	0	0	5	10
6 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	555	495	495	485	530	485	535
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	810	660	675	675	690	725	730
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	925	820	830	785	870	890	865
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,070	895	825	915	930	920	915
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,100	955	960	935	1,080	1,035	1,065
	Not assigned	10	5	5	10	10	5	10
7 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	860	830	765	805	800	840	895
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,265	1,205	1,190	1,145	1,135	1,210	1,170
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,540	1,405	1,430	1,370	1,440	1,510	1,500
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,675	1,660	1,480	1,525	1,685	1,660	1,650
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,875	1,685	1,610	1,715	1,685	1,750	1,820
	Not assigned	15	0	10	15	15	15	20
8 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,160	1,165	1,055	1,105	1,140	1,170	1,210
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,680	1,655	1,620	1,600	1,665	1,785	1,735
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,110	2,110	2,005	2,045	2,050	2,155	2,115
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,430	2,420	2,245	2,230	2,350	2,375	2,505
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,700	2,775	2,505	2,525	2,635	2,685	2,690
	Not assigned	20	20	10	10	15	20	40
9 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,480	1,520	1,355	1,350	1,405	1,525	1,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,180	2,190	2,010	2,005	2,080	2,085	2,190
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,685	2,810	2,630	2,735	2,650	2,730	2,800
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,200	3,270	3,030	3,070	3,010	3,225	3,265
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,730	3,825	3,465	3,560	3,515	3,725	3,815

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
9 points	Not assigned	30	15	15	15	20	20	55
10 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,465	1,565	1,495	1,510	1,570	1,660	1,635
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,300	2,430	2,305	2,360	2,330	2,385	2,405
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,985	3,155	2,890	3,020	3,055	3,085	3,105
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,690	3,855	3,580	3,855	3,510	3,810	3,715
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,380	4,755	4,340	4,285	4,295	4,470	4,625
	Not assigned	20	20	35	15	25	35	55
11 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,420	1,555	1,550	1,580	1,520	1,560	1,555
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,310	2,420	2,355	2,375	2,230	2,360	2,500
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,065	3,170	3,040	3,075	3,080	3,255	3,235
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,930	4,140	3,850	4,025	3,820	4,160	4,080
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,900	5,175	4,905	4,990	5,040	5,245	5,245
	Not assigned	45	20	15	15	20	30	60
12 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,410	1,455	1,410	1,430	1,450	1,455	1,485
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,290	2,440	2,305	2,415	2,330	2,325	2,340
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,135	3,205	3,085	3,240	3,100	3,245	3,310
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,045	4,360	4,155	4,285	4,115	4,325	4,380
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,555	5,795	5,625	5,890	5,660	6,090	6,080
	Not assigned	25	30	25	30	20	45	65
13 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,160	1,205	1,195	1,205	1,175	1,205	1,205
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,000	2,045	2,055	2,080	2,020	2,055	2,130
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,905	2,995	2,825	2,945	2,815	2,940	2,870
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,010	4,135	4,155	4,225	3,900	3,970	4,060
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,765	6,010	6,000	6,080	5,940	6,055	6,010
	Not assigned	25	25	20	15	15	35	50
14 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	910	995	960	985	950	930	970
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,660	1,695	1,685	1,700	1,640	1,650	1,655
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,450	2,585	2,520	2,455	2,380	2,430	2,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,835	3,810	3,570	3,765	3,525	3,600	3,495
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,830	6,170	5,995	5,860	5,665	5,725	5,780
	Not assigned	25	30	15	20	25	35	50
15 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	815	825	820	700	765	795	745
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,445	1,600	1,455	1,540	1,405	1,380	1,430
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,300	2,370	2,275	2,190	1,995	2,040	2,075
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,705	3,780	3,550	3,545	3,195	3,330	3,180
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,510	6,325	6,200	6,115	5,615	5,515	5,560
	Not assigned	25	25	25	20	15	20	45
16 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	535	595	525	525	530	465	505
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,015	1,120	995	975	930	1,015	950
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,640	1,730	1,545	1,570	1,445	1,490	1,545
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,765	2,650	2,720	2,525	2,450	2,485	2,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,880	5,235	4,835	4,755	4,600	4,720	4,690

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
16 points	Not assigned	15	20	20	15	20	20	35
17 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	295	275	295	250	245	295	290
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	580	560	555	555	600	570	545
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	900	1,010	930	895	920	920	880
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,505	1,680	1,530	1,420	1,505	1,585	1,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,080	3,155	2,945	2,940	3,145	3,220	3,080
	Not assigned	15	5	10	5	5	15	15
18 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	190	205	185	160	225	200	175
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	385	430	385	380	425	415	365
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	660	710	670	695	685	685	610
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,140	1,190	1,225	1,135	1,210	1,265	1,070
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,505	2,835	2,675	2,500	2,625	2,715	2,550
	Not assigned	5	10	5	10	5	10	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>152,735</b>	<b>156,580</b>	<b>149,125</b>	<b>150,370</b>	<b>147,935</b>	<b>152,620</b>	<b>152,930</b>