

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_042_06 Applicants by A level points and POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Applicants

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 Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system.

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Achieved A-Level point score , POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year						
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	60	45	45	40	40	35	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	85	75	40	55	40	45	45
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	95	70	60	65	65	50	60
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	115	75	35	70	65	65	50
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	105	70	65	55	65	55	60
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	210	175	180	130	160	130	145
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	285	255	180	170	190	170	210
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	370	270	255	215	220	245	205
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	340	285	285	215	240	250	230
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	345	310	265	250	285	235	235
	Not assigned	5	5	5	0	0	0	5
5 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	490	350	380	365	360	340	360
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	650	595	485	485	470	480	485
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	785	675	595	585	585	595	590
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	810	775	650	590	600	590	570
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	895	745	695	645	715	635	665
	Not assigned	10	10	5	5	5	10	15
6 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	830	785	715	640	695	630	665
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,175	1,065	980	910	930	945	900
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,375	1,280	1,185	1,045	1,125	1,145	1,120
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,610	1,375	1,205	1,230	1,265	1,200	1,175
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,635	1,450	1,430	1,285	1,445	1,370	1,380
	Not assigned	15	10	5	15	15	10	15
7 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,155	1,160	1,025	985	1,000	1,040	1,095
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,725	1,670	1,580	1,435	1,435	1,485	1,455
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,080	1,945	1,925	1,755	1,810	1,855	1,840
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,300	2,245	1,965	1,975	2,085	2,035	2,010
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,625	2,385	2,190	2,200	2,165	2,215	2,260
	Not assigned	20	5	20	15	15	15	30
8 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,520	1,505	1,305	1,340	1,355	1,415	1,430
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,165	2,120	1,995	1,920	1,990	2,130	2,030
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,735	2,690	2,520	2,495	2,495	2,585	2,480
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,165	3,055	2,875	2,775	2,895	2,885	3,015
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,575	3,525	3,195	3,120	3,285	3,280	3,295
	Not assigned	25	25	15	15	20	25	50
9 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,770	1,815	1,625	1,625	1,620	1,775	1,740
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,660	2,610	2,420	2,380	2,415	2,445	2,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,320	3,345	3,215	3,235	3,155	3,230	3,215
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,960	3,955	3,745	3,615	3,590	3,825	3,765
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,665	4,620	4,255	4,265	4,230	4,475	4,480

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
9 points	Not assigned	35	20	20	15	25	25	60
10 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,750	1,820	1,735	1,730	1,790	1,875	1,865
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,735	2,820	2,695	2,730	2,695	2,760	2,710
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,570	3,670	3,420	3,500	3,560	3,550	3,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,460	4,530	4,300	4,460	4,160	4,445	4,315
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,420	5,585	5,260	5,090	5,115	5,270	5,360
	Not assigned	25	25	40	20	30	40	65
11 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,650	1,740	1,775	1,775	1,700	1,740	1,725
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,675	2,700	2,700	2,655	2,535	2,665	2,780
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,655	3,600	3,510	3,525	3,500	3,670	3,635
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,675	4,725	4,540	4,625	4,400	4,720	4,670
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,080	6,040	5,855	5,765	5,880	6,045	6,055
	Not assigned	50	30	25	20	20	35	65
12 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,585	1,600	1,575	1,585	1,585	1,605	1,630
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,620	2,680	2,570	2,640	2,575	2,550	2,570
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,570	3,590	3,485	3,580	3,450	3,570	3,655
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,725	4,905	4,750	4,785	4,635	4,765	4,830
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,585	6,580	6,430	6,620	6,370	6,710	6,715
	Not assigned	25	35	35	30	25	50	75
13 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,290	1,310	1,305	1,300	1,260	1,310	1,300
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,255	2,210	2,220	2,235	2,155	2,235	2,290
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,250	3,270	3,120	3,165	3,045	3,195	3,120
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,535	4,540	4,610	4,595	4,230	4,370	4,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,605	6,695	6,650	6,595	6,465	6,655	6,575
	Not assigned	30	35	25	15	15	35	60
14 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,000	1,080	1,040	1,070	1,020	990	1,055
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,835	1,825	1,830	1,835	1,780	1,770	1,800
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,710	2,780	2,785	2,660	2,570	2,620	2,680
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,270	4,145	3,900	4,085	3,820	3,940	3,790
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,530	6,690	6,520	6,360	6,175	6,240	6,315
	Not assigned	30	35	15	25	30	35	55
15 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	900	885	890	785	830	855	785
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,570	1,715	1,595	1,675	1,515	1,490	1,530
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,540	2,555	2,500	2,395	2,195	2,215	2,260
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,130	4,100	3,910	3,900	3,495	3,610	3,440
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	7,230	6,875	6,835	6,740	6,190	6,010	6,090
	Not assigned	30	30	25	25	15	25	50
16 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	570	630	560	570	570	505	530
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,090	1,175	1,095	1,060	1,005	1,100	1,025
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,820	1,845	1,695	1,755	1,580	1,605	1,680
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,055	2,885	2,955	2,765	2,695	2,685	2,720
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,410	5,650	5,340	5,260	5,020	5,120	5,070

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
16 points	Not assigned	15	20	20	15	20	25	40
17 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	325	290	325	270	260	315	305
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	625	600	600	605	645	615	580
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	990	1,080	1,010	970	1,000	985	945
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,675	1,800	1,680	1,565	1,625	1,725	1,595
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,455	3,435	3,300	3,250	3,420	3,500	3,360
	Not assigned	15	5	10	5	5	15	20
18 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	200	215	195	165	230	205	185
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	415	450	425	415	450	435	390
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	720	760	730	755	735	740	645
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,255	1,265	1,320	1,230	1,300	1,345	1,150
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,760	3,055	2,920	2,715	2,855	2,930	2,755
	Not assigned	5	10	5	10	10	10	15
Total		182,790	182,075	174,280	172,195	169,445	173,490	172,885