

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_038_04 Applicants by POLAR3 and UK country

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Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile , Applicant Domicile (High Level) , Cycle Year

Coverage: UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

Applicant Domicile (High Level)

Applicant's area of permanent residence summarised at a high level, individual UK country, EU and not EU. This variable is derived from domicile as declared by the applicant and does not guarantee fee status. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are assigned as 'Not EU'. See the additional technical notes at www.ucas.com for coverage and trends for Scotland.

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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POLAR3 Quintile , Applicant Domicile (High Level)		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
POLAR3 Quintile 1	England	18,165	19,630	21,745	24,125	24,335	23,360	24,105	25,820	26,910	26,930
	Northern Ireland	640	600	650	820	740	760	760	770	855	805
	Scotland	585	630	625	845	750	790	815	915	930	925
	Wales	1,320	1,415	1,515	1,610	1,610	1,620	1,550	1,780	1,790	1,870
POLAR3 Quintile 2	England	27,650	29,575	32,060	34,135	34,525	33,235	34,115	35,650	37,240	37,360
	Northern Ireland	1,055	1,000	1,100	1,130	1,240	1,155	1,150	1,190	1,200	1,250
	Scotland	1,595	1,625	1,710	2,095	2,055	1,950	2,000	2,085	2,240	2,165
	Wales	2,155	2,235	2,510	2,425	2,370	2,390	2,330	2,335	2,525	2,570
POLAR3 Quintile 3	England	36,990	38,650	41,710	44,245	44,125	42,775	43,725	44,940	46,835	46,930
	Northern Ireland	1,660	1,570	1,735	1,890	1,785	1,780	1,825	1,795	1,900	1,960
	Scotland	2,610	2,675	2,760	3,160	3,040	3,160	3,090	3,065	3,185	3,225
	Wales	1,860	1,905	2,120	2,080	2,010	2,020	1,915	2,040	2,050	2,045
POLAR3 Quintile 4	England	46,060	48,065	50,700	53,290	52,915	50,715	51,485	51,645	53,925	54,300
	Northern Ireland	3,325	3,185	3,470	3,700	3,625	3,515	3,430	3,450	3,580	3,480
	Scotland	4,005	4,295	4,430	4,930	4,695	4,655	4,635	4,665	4,845	4,705
	Wales	2,555	2,590	2,770	2,765	2,665	2,540	2,475	2,525	2,715	2,520
POLAR3 Quintile 5	England	62,090	64,465	67,860	69,710	69,590	67,045	66,570	67,635	69,710	70,795
	Northern Ireland	4,385	4,270	4,595	4,510	4,550	4,485	4,530	4,290	4,440	4,275
	Scotland	8,165	8,505	8,595	9,120	8,965	8,865	8,835	8,645	8,755	8,615
	Wales	3,035	3,020	3,235	3,155	3,060	3,020	3,025	3,020	3,040	3,120
Not assigned	England	1,150	3,205	720	485	445	430	385	430	605	1,035
	Northern Ireland	65	315	55	35	35	20	25	20	20	35
	Scotland	85	385	390	50	50	45	45	45	45	85
	Wales	60	255	40	25	20	30	25	20	30	40
Total		231,270	244,070	257,090	270,350	269,195	260,360	262,850	268,760	279,365	281,040