

Reference Number: EXACT_000002

Scheme: UCAS Undergraduate Scheme

Client Name: UCAS

Statistics Requested: Number of Applicants, Number of Acceptances

Summary: Breakdown of Achieved A level point score, Achieved A level grade profile filtered to for 18 year old applicants with 15 or more achieved A level points, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales at End of Cycle.

Years: 2013 - 2018. Year is defined as cycle year, when the application was processed, rather than entry year.

Cycle Reference Point: End of Cycle.

Technical notes and definitions

Applicant Domicile (High Level)

Applicant's area of permanent residence summarised at a high level. This variable is derived from domicile as declared by the applicant and does not guarantee fee status. Split by the following values: 'England', 'Northern Ireland', 'Scotland', 'Wales', 'EU (excluding UK)' and 'Not EU'. Please note: The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

Age Band (5 Levels)

Derived from date of birth declared by the applicant, age is aligned with the cut off points for school/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 the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used. Age then is grouped in the following bands: '17 and under', '18', '19', '20', '21 and Over'. Please note: if the derived age is outside of the range 11-100 then it is set to 18 by default.

Achieved A level grade profile

The highest 3 A level grades achieved by the applicant as identified either on application or through awarding body linkage process. ABL grades are verified through the awarding bodies for qualifications achieved during the application cycle. Application, i.e. self-declared, grades are considered for any qualifications achieved prior to the academic year in which the application was made, these are then topped-up with ABL grades if there are less than 3 grades declared. The application and ABL grade profiles are then converted to points and compared. The grade profile corresponding to highest overall points score is then used. A level Double Award grades are included, AS Level grades are not included. The profile represents the qualifications recorded as held by the applicant at the end of the cycle to which the statistic relates. This variable is currently only available 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'.

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. ABL grades are verified through the awarding bodies for qualifications achieved during the application cycle. Application, i.e. self-declared, grades are considered for any qualifications achieved prior to the academic year in which the application was made, these are then topped-up with ABL grades if there are less than 3 grades declared. The application and ABL grade profiles are then converted to points and compared. The grade profile corresponding to highest overall points score is then used. 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. The score represents the qualifications recorded as held by the applicant at the end of the cycle to which the statistic relates. This variable is currently only available 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.

Number of Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system. RPAs are included in the total. An RPA (record of prior acceptance) is an application submitted to UCAS by an institution when an unconditional firm has already been offered and accepted by the applicant.

Number of Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education. RPAs are included in the total. An RPA (record of prior acceptance) is an application submitted to UCAS by an institution when an unconditional firm has already been offered and accepted by the applicant.

Disclosure Controls

Disclosure controls have been applied to the data to reduce the risk of disclosing personal data about identifiable individuals.

For counts, the controls include reporting each cell count to the nearest five. In particular cell counts of 1 and 2 are reported as 0. Rows that only report 0 are omitted from the output. These controls are applied to each cell independently so this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components.

For derived statistics (e.g. means), to ensure these disclosure controls are not undone, a minor adjustment is applied, if necessary, such that the set of records contributing to each cell matches the reported cell count (to the nearest five). This involves either removing 1 or 2 records at random, or adding in 1 or 2 duplicates at random. If the number of values contributing to a cell is 1, 2 or 0 then it is displayed as 'N'. Rows that only report 'N' are omitted from the output.

Number of Applicants by Achieved A level point score, Achieved A level grade profile for 18 year old applicants with 15 or more achieved A level points, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales at End of Cycle

15 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*C	110	145	130	170	170	140
A*AB	5,685	6,005	6,315	6,320	6,265	5,495
AAA	9,730	8,095	7,765	7,670	7,655	8,020
All	15,520	14,245	14,210	14,155	14,090	13,655

16 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*B	890	1,065	1,125	1,160	1,135	1,005
A*AA	10,530	9,820	9,915	9,915	9,525	9,365
All	11,420	10,885	11,035	11,075	10,655	10,370

17 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*A	6,670	6,960	7,155	6,810	6,890	6,605
All	6,670	6,960	7,155	6,810	6,890	6,605

18 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*A*	5,290	5,580	5,670	5,140	5,700	5,775
All	5,290	5,580	5,670	5,140	5,700	5,775

Number of Acceptances by Achieved A level point score, Achieved A level grade profile for 18 year old applicants with 15 or more achieved A level points, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales at End of Cycle

15 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*C	90	130	110	145	160	120
A*AB	5,255	5,535	5,855	5,830	5,785	5,025
AAA	8,775	7,325	7,120	7,060	7,110	7,370
All	14,115	12,990	13,090	13,035	13,055	12,515

16 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*B	810	975	1,035	1,065	1,045	910
A*AA	9,555	9,000	9,160	9,170	8,855	8,665
All	10,365	9,975	10,200	10,235	9,900	9,575

17 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*A	6,065	6,425	6,605	6,280	6,350	6,065
All	6,065	6,425	6,605	6,280	6,350	6,065

18 points	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*A*A*	4,880	5,175	5,280	4,780	5,310	5,400
All	4,880	5,175	5,280	4,780	5,310	5,400