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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

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken
- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	7,715	8,130	8,280	8,400	8,275	8,055
Placed June deadline applicants	2,140	2,315	2,215	2,270	2,255	2,200
All placed applicants	2,140	2,320	2,220	2,275	2,265	2,210
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	100.2	105.1	108.8	111.5	108.0	107.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	27.8	29.9	29.1	30.2	29.4	29.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	27.8	30.0	29.2	30.2	29.5	29.5

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	7,715	8,130	8,280	8,400	8,275	8,055
Offers	2,480	2,730	2,665	2,725	2,770	2,720
Offer rate	32.1%	33.6%	32.2%	32.5%	33.5%	33.8%

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P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	4,300	4,525	4,635	4,750	4,605	4,455
	Women	3,415	3,610	3,645	3,650	3,670	3,600
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,135	1,200	1,195	1,200	1,155	1,115
	Women	1,005	1,115	1,020	1,070	1,100	1,090
All placed applicants	Men	1,135	1,200	1,195	1,200	1,160	1,115
	Women	1,005	1,120	1,025	1,070	1,105	1,095
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	109.3	114.1	118.7	122.7	117.3	116.0
	Women	90.7	95.7	98.4	99.7	98.2	98.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	28.8	30.3	30.6	31.0	29.5	29.0
	Women	26.7	29.6	27.6	29.3	29.4	29.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	28.9	30.3	30.6	31.1	29.6	29.0
	Women	26.7	29.7	27.6	29.3	29.5	29.9

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	4,300	4,525	4,635	4,750	4,605	4,455
	Women	3,415	3,610	3,645	3,650	3,670	3,600
Offers	Men	1,310	1,445	1,410	1,445	1,425	1,375
	Women	1,170	1,290	1,250	1,285	1,345	1,345
Offer rate	Men	30.5%	31.9%	30.5%	30.4%	30.9%	30.9%
	Women	34.2%	35.7%	34.3%	35.2%	36.6%	37.4%
Average offer rate	Men	31.6%	33.2%	31.0%	31.8%	32.5%	32.5%
	Women	32.7%	34.1%	33.6%	33.2%	34.6%	35.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.2	-1.3	-0.6	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6
	Women	1.5	1.6	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.632	0.628	0.636	0.643	0.640	0.638
	Women	0.537	0.534	0.537	0.535	0.548	0.552

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 2011-2016.

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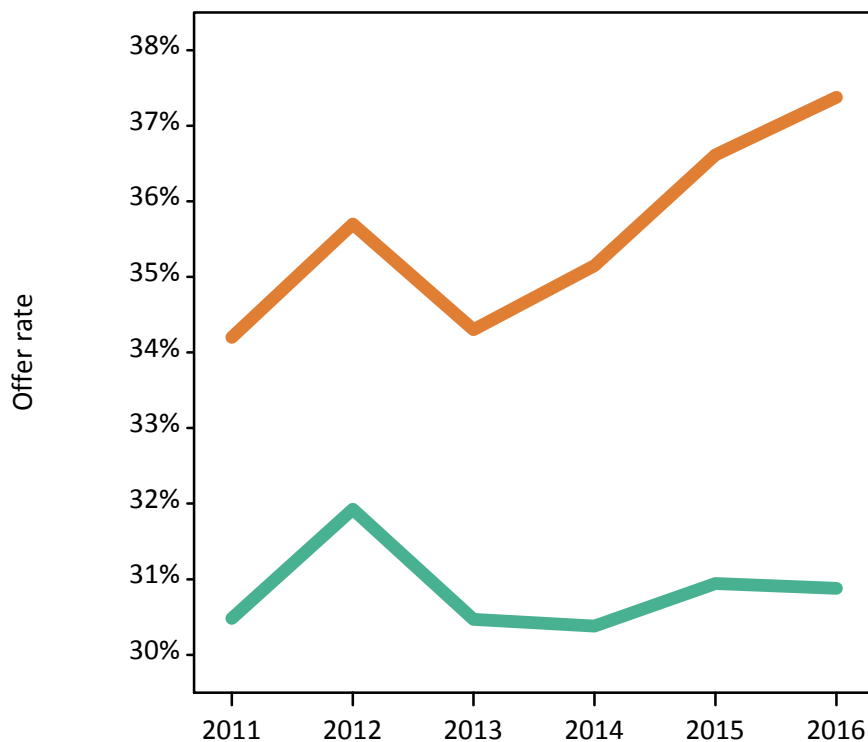
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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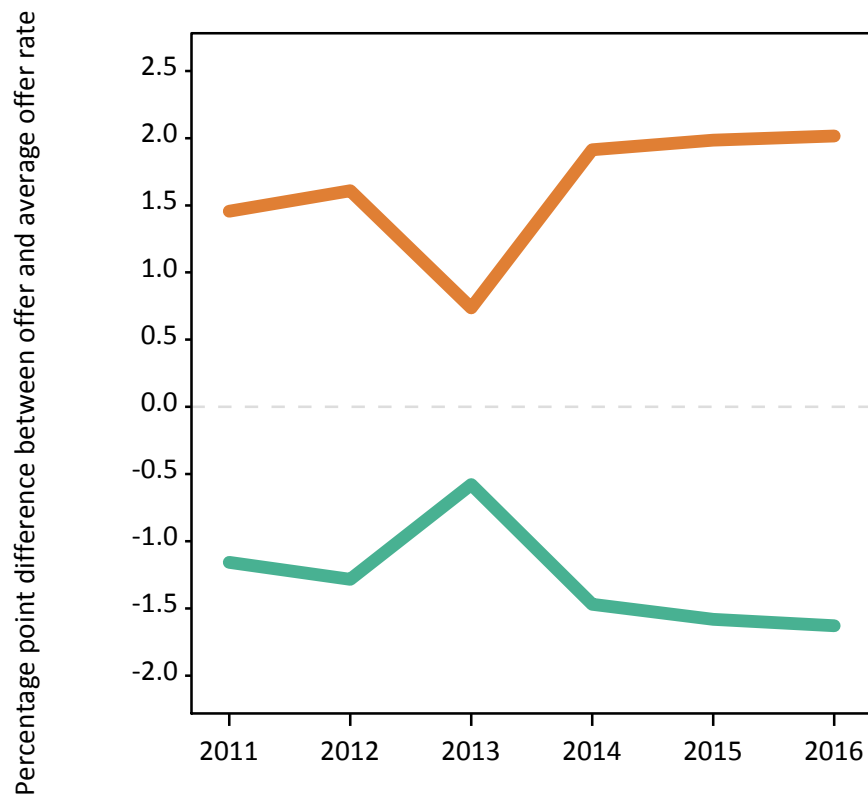
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Percentage point difference between offer and average offer rate

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	295	365	385	360	390	385
	Quintile 2	675	690	695	730	725	710
	Quintile 3	1,075	1,140	1,240	1,210	1,185	1,155
	Quintile 4	1,795	1,945	1,950	1,970	1,895	1,850
	Quintile 5	3,860	3,975	3,990	4,115	4,055	3,930
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	50	90	75	80	65	65
	Quintile 2	160	150	140	155	140	170
	Quintile 3	255	285	305	285	285	250
	Quintile 4	470	525	500	480	500	465
	Quintile 5	1,205	1,260	1,195	1,270	1,260	1,245
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	50	90	75	80	65	65
	Quintile 2	160	150	140	155	140	170
	Quintile 3	255	285	305	285	285	250
	Quintile 4	470	530	500	480	505	465
	Quintile 5	1,205	1,265	1,200	1,270	1,260	1,245
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	20.5	25.5	27.8	25.9	27.8	28.4
	Quintile 2	44.8	46.0	47.2	49.9	48.8	49.1
	Quintile 3	70.0	74.0	81.4	80.3	77.1	76.8
	Quintile 4	114.6	122.6	124.8	127.9	121.2	120.0
	Quintile 5	233.2	236.7	241.4	252.2	242.3	237.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	3.4	6.2	5.5	5.8	4.6	4.7
	Quintile 2	10.6	10.0	9.4	10.6	9.6	11.9
	Quintile 3	16.5	18.5	19.9	18.8	18.6	16.8
	Quintile 4	30.0	33.2	31.8	31.0	32.1	30.1
	Quintile 5	72.7	75.1	72.3	78.0	75.2	75.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	3.4	6.2	5.5	5.8	4.7	4.7
	Quintile 2	10.6	10.0	9.4	10.6	9.6	11.9
	Quintile 3	16.6	18.5	20.1	19.0	18.6	16.8
	Quintile 4	30.0	33.3	31.8	31.0	32.3	30.2
	Quintile 5	72.7	75.2	72.5	78.0	75.3	75.5

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	295	365	385	360	390	385
	Quintile 2	675	690	695	730	725	710
	Quintile 3	1,075	1,140	1,240	1,210	1,185	1,155
	Quintile 4	1,795	1,945	1,950	1,970	1,895	1,850
	Quintile 5	3,860	3,975	3,990	4,115	4,055	3,930
Offers	Quintile 1	65	110	100	100	100	100
	Quintile 2	185	180	185	195	195	230
	Quintile 3	310	350	375	360	365	340
	Quintile 4	550	620	600	590	605	585
	Quintile 5	1,370	1,470	1,400	1,480	1,495	1,460
Offer rate	Quintile 1	22.1%	30.0%	25.8%	27.2%	25.4%	25.5%
	Quintile 2	27.2%	25.8%	26.3%	27.0%	26.8%	32.1%
	Quintile 3	28.6%	30.6%	30.3%	29.6%	30.7%	29.5%
	Quintile 4	30.6%	31.9%	30.8%	29.8%	32.0%	31.6%
	Quintile 5	35.5%	37.0%	35.0%	36.0%	36.9%	37.2%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	28.9%	29.4%	28.3%	28.7%	29.4%	28.2%
	Quintile 2	30.0%	29.9%	28.9%	29.7%	28.8%	30.9%
	Quintile 3	31.0%	31.6%	30.2%	29.6%	31.6%	31.7%
	Quintile 4	32.0%	32.7%	31.4%	31.7%	33.6%	33.2%
	Quintile 5	33.2%	35.7%	34.1%	34.5%	35.2%	35.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-6.8	0.7	-2.5	-1.5	-3.9	-2.6
	Quintile 2	-2.8	-4.0	-2.6	-2.7	-2.0	1.2
	Quintile 3	-2.4	-1.1	0.1	0.1	-0.8	-2.2
	Quintile 4	-1.3	-0.8	-0.6	-1.8	-1.6	-1.5
	Quintile 5	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.080	0.084	0.090	0.102	0.097	0.090
	Quintile 2	0.126	0.118	0.120	0.120	0.128	0.124
	Quintile 3	0.176	0.173	0.183	0.174	0.174	0.173
	Quintile 4	0.258	0.264	0.258	0.257	0.255	0.256
	Quintile 5	0.526	0.519	0.514	0.520	0.525	0.521

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 2011-2016.
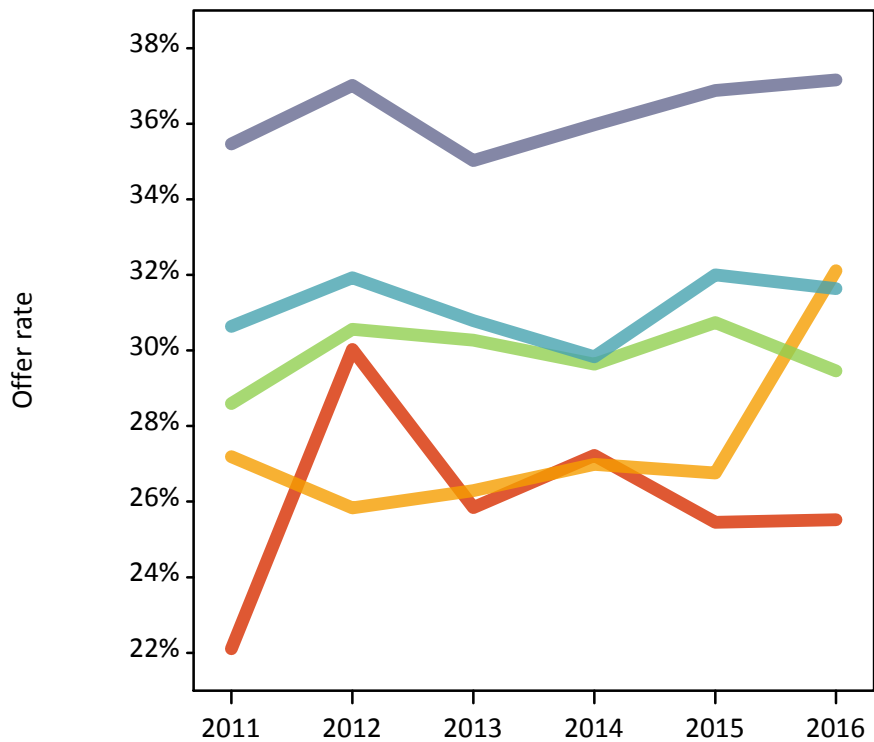
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.
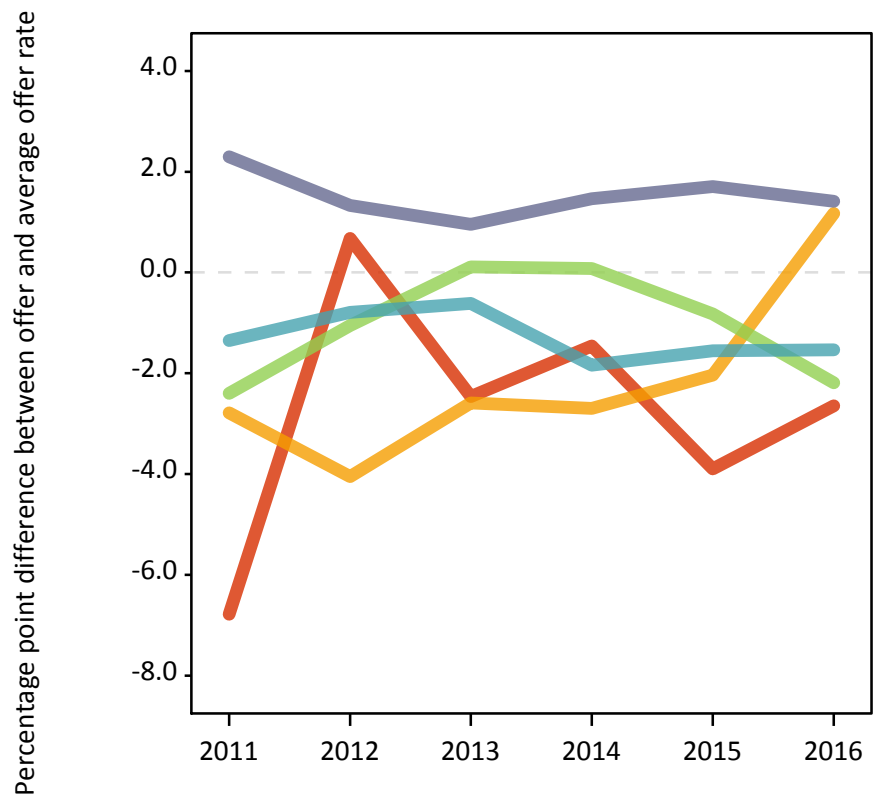
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	890	950	950	1,005	1,025	1,030
	Black	145	155	150	190	180	220
	Mixed	380	405	435	465	465	460
	White	6,130	6,410	6,575	6,565	6,375	6,175
	Other	60	105	80	95	105	85
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	205	205	205	270	270	290
	Black	25	20	25	30	30	35
	Mixed	105	115	110	125	105	125
	White	1,750	1,915	1,835	1,800	1,780	1,710
	Other	15	20	15	20	25	20
All placed applicants	Asian	205	205	205	270	270	290
	Black	25	20	25	30	30	35
	Mixed	105	120	110	125	105	125
	White	1,755	1,920	1,835	1,800	1,785	1,720
	Other	15	20	15	20	25	20
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	140.9	146.8	143.7	148.0	144.5	142.9
	Black	53.8	55.0	50.5	63.0	56.2	70.6
	Mixed	157.3	154.7	160.5	161.3	151.1	145.6
	White	94.7	99.3	104.5	106.4	102.3	102.0
	Other	74.1	118.7	88.2	99.9	107.9	84.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	32.2	31.7	30.8	39.7	38.3	40.6
	Black	9.5	7.8	8.1	10.2	8.8	11.8
	Mixed	42.5	44.9	39.9	43.8	34.4	39.1
	White	27.0	29.7	29.1	29.1	28.6	28.3
	Other	19.8	21.5	17.6	20.4	27.0	18.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	32.2	31.7	30.8	39.7	38.3	40.6
	Black	9.5	7.8	8.1	10.6	8.8	11.8
	Mixed	42.9	45.3	40.3	43.8	34.7	39.1
	White	27.1	29.7	29.2	29.2	28.6	28.4
	Other	19.8	21.5	17.6	20.4	27.0	18.1

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	890	950	950	1,005	1,025	1,030
	Black	145	155	150	190	180	220
	Mixed	380	405	435	465	465	460
	White	6,130	6,410	6,575	6,565	6,375	6,175
	Other	60	105	80	95	105	85
Offers	Asian	220	245	250	315	325	340
	Black	40	30	35	45	35	50
	Mixed	115	140	135	150	145	150
	White	2,040	2,250	2,190	2,165	2,175	2,130
	Other	15	20	20	25	30	25
Offer rate	Asian	25.0%	26.0%	26.4%	31.2%	32.0%	32.9%
	Black	27.9%	19.4%	23.3%	23.0%	20.1%	22.2%
	Mixed	30.2%	35.0%	31.1%	32.3%	31.1%	33.0%
	White	33.3%	35.1%	33.3%	33.0%	34.1%	34.5%
	Other	28.3%	21.0%	25.0%	26.9%	27.9%	32.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	28.3%	30.0%	29.1%	32.0%	31.6%	33.1%
	Black	20.2%	22.2%	21.5%	21.5%	22.0%	27.0%
	Mixed	30.5%	32.9%	31.4%	33.0%	33.0%	32.7%
	White	33.0%	34.4%	32.9%	32.9%	34.1%	34.2%
	Other	29.6%	32.3%	28.5%	27.4%	30.9%	33.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-3.3	-4.0	-2.7	-0.8	0.3	-0.2
	Black	7.7	-2.9	1.9	1.5	-1.9	-4.8
	Mixed	-0.3	2.1	-0.3	-0.7	-1.9	0.3
	White	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	-0.0	0.3
	Other	-1.3	-11.3	-3.5	-0.5	-3.0	-1.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.207	0.201	0.209	0.205	0.208	0.213
	Black	0.067	0.080	0.069	0.091	0.073	0.078
	Mixed	0.089	0.083	0.086	0.080	0.091	0.102
	White	0.814	0.810	0.813	0.801	0.792	0.788
	Other	0.038	0.047	0.043	0.044	0.062	0.068

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 2011-2016.
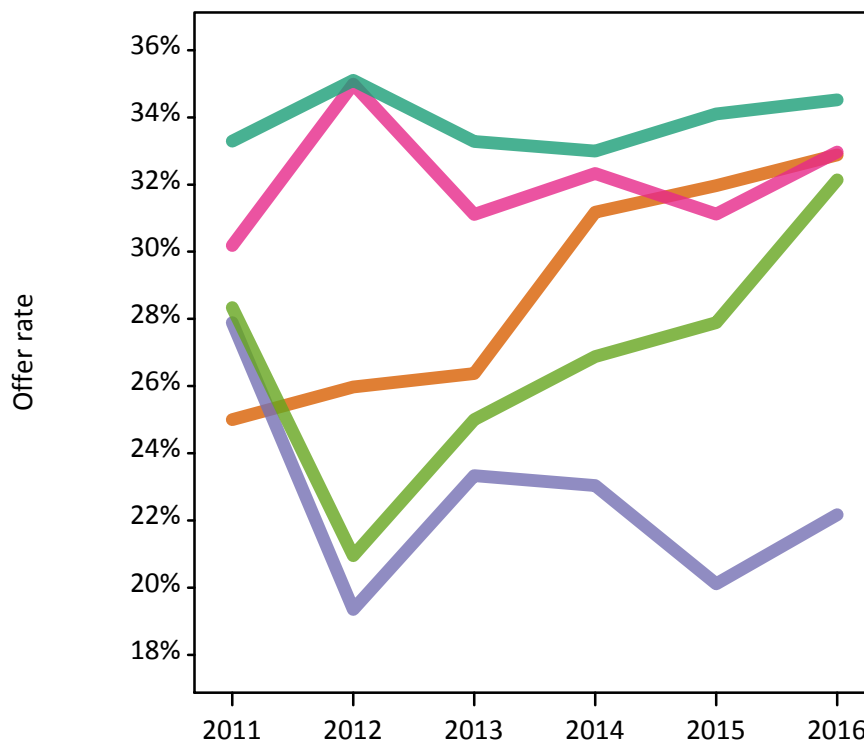
P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	9,665	9,680	10,090	10,220	10,045	9,785
Placed June deadline applicants	2,570	2,665	2,630	2,645	2,635	2,590
All placed applicants	2,575	2,665	2,635	2,645	2,640	2,600

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	9,675	9,685	10,105	10,230	10,060	9,795
Offers	2,975	3,155	3,140	3,160	3,200	3,180
Offer rate	30.7%	32.6%	31.1%	30.9%	31.8%	32.5%

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P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	5,305	5,335	5,560	5,680	5,520	5,385
	Women	4,360	4,345	4,530	4,540	4,525	4,400
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,355	1,385	1,385	1,385	1,330	1,310
	Women	1,215	1,280	1,245	1,260	1,305	1,280
All placed applicants	Men	1,360	1,385	1,390	1,385	1,335	1,315
	Women	1,215	1,285	1,245	1,260	1,305	1,285

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	5,310	5,335	5,565	5,685	5,530	5,390
	Women	4,365	4,350	4,535	4,545	4,530	4,405
Offers	Men	1,565	1,655	1,630	1,660	1,625	1,615
	Women	1,410	1,495	1,505	1,500	1,575	1,565
Offer rate	Men	29.5%	31.1%	29.3%	29.2%	29.4%	30.0%
	Women	32.3%	34.4%	33.2%	33.1%	34.7%	35.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	395	450	490	475	485	485
	Quintile 2	830	830	875	915	885	865
	Quintile 3	1,385	1,390	1,505	1,495	1,475	1,400
	Quintile 4	2,230	2,290	2,380	2,380	2,315	2,240
	Quintile 5	4,790	4,680	4,820	4,925	4,850	4,750
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	65	100	90	95	75	85
	Quintile 2	180	175	170	180	165	190
	Quintile 3	325	345	350	335	340	300
	Quintile 4	565	600	590	560	590	555
	Quintile 5	1,430	1,440	1,425	1,465	1,455	1,455
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	65	100	90	95	80	85
	Quintile 2	180	175	170	180	165	190
	Quintile 3	330	345	350	340	340	300
	Quintile 4	565	600	590	560	595	555
	Quintile 5	1,430	1,445	1,425	1,465	1,455	1,460

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	395	450	490	475	485	485
	Quintile 2	830	830	880	920	885	865
	Quintile 3	1,385	1,390	1,510	1,495	1,475	1,400
	Quintile 4	2,230	2,295	2,380	2,380	2,320	2,245
	Quintile 5	4,795	4,685	4,825	4,930	4,855	4,755
Offers	Quintile 1	85	125	120	115	115	125
	Quintile 2	210	210	220	230	225	255
	Quintile 3	390	415	425	420	430	395
	Quintile 4	660	710	715	685	710	690
	Quintile 5	1,625	1,685	1,655	1,705	1,715	1,705
Offer rate	Quintile 1	21.2%	27.7%	24.1%	24.0%	23.6%	25.5%
	Quintile 2	25.2%	25.3%	24.9%	24.8%	25.2%	29.6%
	Quintile 3	28.1%	29.9%	28.3%	28.1%	29.0%	28.1%
	Quintile 4	29.6%	31.0%	29.9%	28.7%	30.6%	30.7%
	Quintile 5	33.9%	36.0%	34.3%	34.6%	35.3%	35.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,110	1,195	1,215	1,245	1,280	1,255
	Black	220	240	240	295	275	300
	Mixed	475	480	540	575	560	560
	White	7,570	7,455	7,835	7,840	7,605	7,385
	Other	100	140	125	130	145	130
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	235	245	245	300	310	320
	Black	35	30	30	35	35	40
	Mixed	125	135	130	150	130	150
	White	2,095	2,185	2,160	2,095	2,070	2,015
	Other	20	25	20	20	30	30
All placed applicants	Asian	235	245	245	300	310	320
	Black	35	30	30	40	35	40
	Mixed	130	135	130	150	130	150
	White	2,100	2,185	2,165	2,100	2,075	2,025
	Other	20	25	20	20	30	30

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	1,115	1,195	1,220	1,250	1,285	1,260
	Black	225	240	240	295	275	300
	Mixed	475	485	540	575	560	560
	White	7,570	7,460	7,840	7,845	7,620	7,390
	Other	100	140	125	130	145	130
Offers	Asian	260	295	295	350	375	375
	Black	50	40	45	50	45	55
	Mixed	140	165	160	180	170	180
	White	2,440	2,570	2,560	2,505	2,510	2,495
	Other	25	30	25	30	35	40
Offer rate	Asian	23.5%	24.6%	24.3%	27.8%	29.1%	29.6%
	Black	22.9%	17.0%	18.7%	17.6%	16.4%	18.5%
	Mixed	29.6%	33.7%	29.9%	30.8%	30.5%	31.8%
	White	32.2%	34.5%	32.6%	32.0%	32.9%	33.7%
	Other	23.5%	20.4%	21.8%	23.8%	24.5%	29.0%

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 2016 cycle runs from September 2015 through to October 2016.

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 2016 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.