

## C55 University of Chester

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**Reporting groups:** Sex, POLAR3, ethnic group

**Applicant statistics:** June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

**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

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- 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	13,300	11,990	13,000	13,820	12,565	12,000
Placed June deadline applicants	1,595	1,595	1,610	1,675	1,605	1,650
All placed applicants	1,610	1,665	1,755	1,835	1,820	1,940
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	172.7	155.0	170.8	183.5	164.0	160.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	20.7	20.6	21.2	22.3	21.0	22.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	20.9	21.5	23.1	24.4	23.8	25.9

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	14,055	12,555	13,600	14,430	13,140	12,595
Offers	9,110	9,830	10,430	11,335	10,955	10,580
Offer rate	64.8%	78.3%	76.7%	78.6%	83.4%	84.0%

### P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	4,530	3,950	4,290	4,860	4,290	3,965
	Women	8,775	8,040	8,710	8,960	8,270	8,035
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	555	545	580	575	535	555
	Women	1,040	1,050	1,035	1,105	1,075	1,095
All placed applicants	Men	560	565	620	645	600	650
	Women	1,050	1,100	1,135	1,195	1,220	1,290
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	115.1	99.6	109.9	125.5	109.3	103.3
	Women	233.0	213.3	235.0	244.8	221.3	219.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.1	13.8	14.8	14.8	13.6	14.5
	Women	27.6	27.8	27.9	30.2	28.7	30.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.3	14.2	15.9	16.6	15.3	16.9
	Women	27.9	29.1	30.6	32.6	32.7	35.3

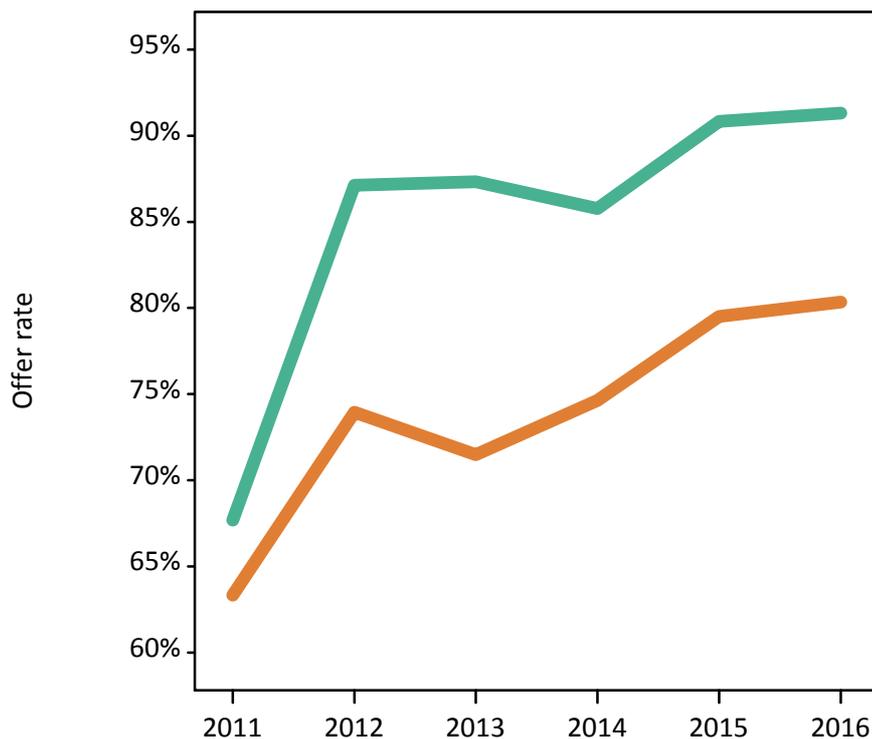
### P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	4,785	4,135	4,495	5,070	4,480	4,180
	Women	9,270	8,420	9,105	9,360	8,660	8,420
Offers	Men	3,240	3,600	3,925	4,350	4,070	3,815
	Women	5,870	6,230	6,505	6,990	6,885	6,765
Offer rate	Men	67.7%	87.1%	87.3%	85.8%	90.8%	91.3%
	Women	63.3%	73.9%	71.5%	74.6%	79.5%	80.3%
Average offer rate	Men	69.8%	87.7%	88.0%	86.5%	91.3%	91.6%
	Women	62.3%	73.7%	71.2%	74.3%	79.3%	80.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-2.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3
	Women	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.525	0.515	0.524	0.539	0.539	0.530
	Women	0.755	0.762	0.765	0.750	0.761	0.767

### 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.

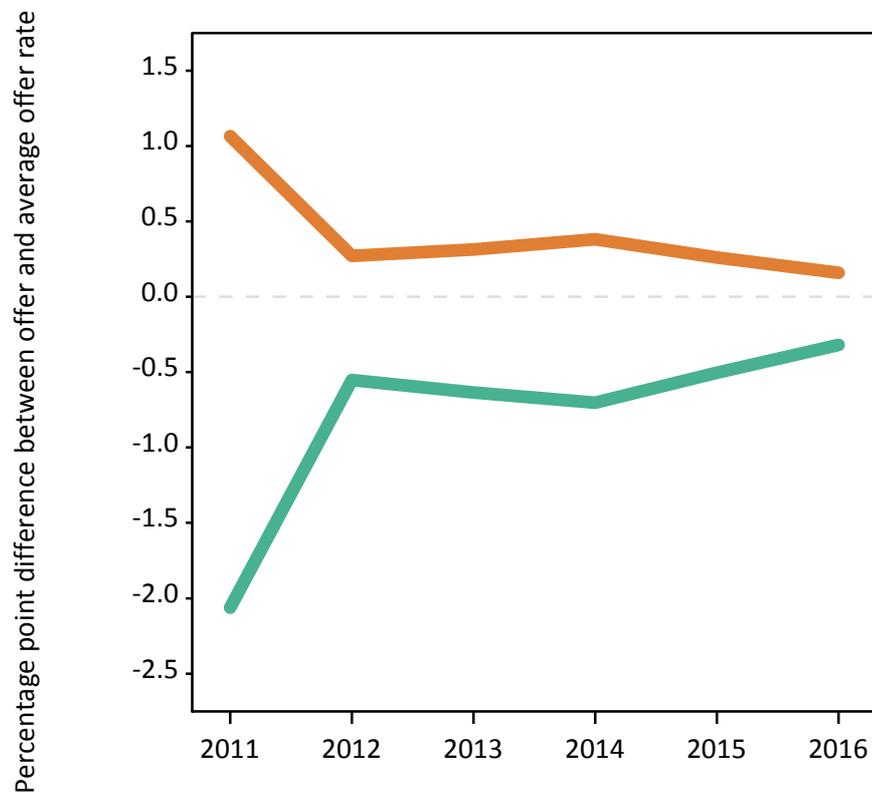
Men  
Women



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

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.

Men  
Women



## P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,960	1,865	2,030	2,345	2,100	2,125
	Quintile 2	2,355	2,240	2,515	2,600	2,465	2,315
	Quintile 3	2,650	2,450	2,585	2,730	2,680	2,350
	Quintile 4	3,150	2,735	3,000	3,085	2,685	2,625
	Quintile 5	3,160	2,685	2,855	3,035	2,610	2,550
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	260	230	260	290	285	310
	Quintile 2	270	315	310	340	315	345
	Quintile 3	310	365	315	335	335	310
	Quintile 4	370	335	350	360	370	355
	Quintile 5	380	340	370	350	300	330
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	265	245	280	310	305	360
	Quintile 2	275	330	330	365	355	385
	Quintile 3	315	380	340	365	380	370
	Quintile 4	375	350	390	400	425	415
	Quintile 5	385	355	405	385	350	400
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	136.5	131.0	145.5	168.5	150.0	157.3
	Quintile 2	156.8	149.5	170.5	177.6	166.0	160.1
	Quintile 3	172.3	158.5	169.6	181.4	174.6	156.4
	Quintile 4	201.1	172.3	191.7	200.3	171.5	169.9
	Quintile 5	191.0	159.7	172.7	186.1	155.9	154.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	18.2	16.3	18.7	20.7	20.2	22.9
	Quintile 2	18.0	21.1	21.1	23.3	21.3	23.9
	Quintile 3	20.1	23.7	20.7	22.3	21.8	20.6
	Quintile 4	23.7	21.2	22.4	23.2	23.6	22.9
	Quintile 5	23.0	20.4	22.5	21.3	17.9	19.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	18.3	17.1	20.2	22.2	21.8	26.5
	Quintile 2	18.2	22.1	22.5	24.9	24.0	26.6
	Quintile 3	20.4	24.7	22.4	24.4	24.7	24.5
	Quintile 4	23.9	22.1	24.9	26.0	27.2	27.0
	Quintile 5	23.3	21.1	24.6	23.7	20.9	24.3

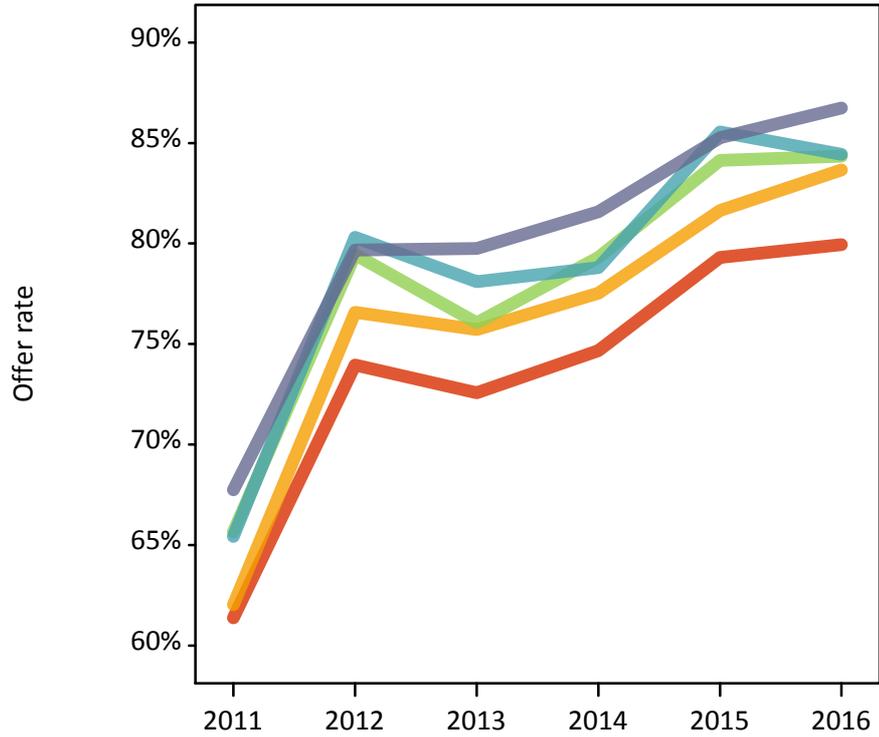
## P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,085	1,980	2,130	2,470	2,205	2,240
	Quintile 2	2,490	2,360	2,625	2,715	2,590	2,445
	Quintile 3	2,785	2,565	2,700	2,840	2,800	2,465
	Quintile 4	3,350	2,860	3,120	3,225	2,815	2,740
	Quintile 5	3,315	2,770	3,005	3,155	2,710	2,670
Offers	Quintile 1	1,280	1,465	1,545	1,845	1,750	1,790
	Quintile 2	1,545	1,810	1,990	2,105	2,115	2,045
	Quintile 3	1,830	2,040	2,050	2,255	2,355	2,080
	Quintile 4	2,195	2,295	2,435	2,540	2,410	2,310
	Quintile 5	2,245	2,205	2,395	2,575	2,310	2,315
Offer rate	Quintile 1	61.4%	74.0%	72.6%	74.7%	79.3%	79.9%
	Quintile 2	62.0%	76.6%	75.7%	77.5%	81.6%	83.7%
	Quintile 3	65.6%	79.5%	76.1%	79.3%	84.1%	84.3%
	Quintile 4	65.4%	80.3%	78.1%	78.8%	85.6%	84.4%
	Quintile 5	67.7%	79.7%	79.8%	81.6%	85.3%	86.7%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	60.7%	75.5%	73.5%	76.1%	80.0%	80.9%
	Quintile 2	64.2%	76.3%	75.9%	77.6%	82.4%	83.7%
	Quintile 3	65.8%	79.6%	76.0%	79.0%	83.5%	84.0%
	Quintile 4	65.5%	79.9%	77.9%	78.8%	84.5%	84.5%
	Quintile 5	66.3%	79.1%	79.1%	80.7%	85.7%	86.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.6	-1.5	-0.9	-1.4	-0.7	-1.0
	Quintile 2	-2.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	0.0
	Quintile 3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3
	Quintile 4	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.0	-0.1
	Quintile 5	1.5	0.6	0.6	0.9	-0.4	0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.220	0.229	0.216	0.240	0.235	0.254
	Quintile 2	0.231	0.243	0.245	0.237	0.252	0.253
	Quintile 3	0.252	0.260	0.245	0.249	0.272	0.260
	Quintile 4	0.284	0.285	0.277	0.276	0.278	0.283
	Quintile 5	0.298	0.278	0.282	0.282	0.284	0.286

### 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.

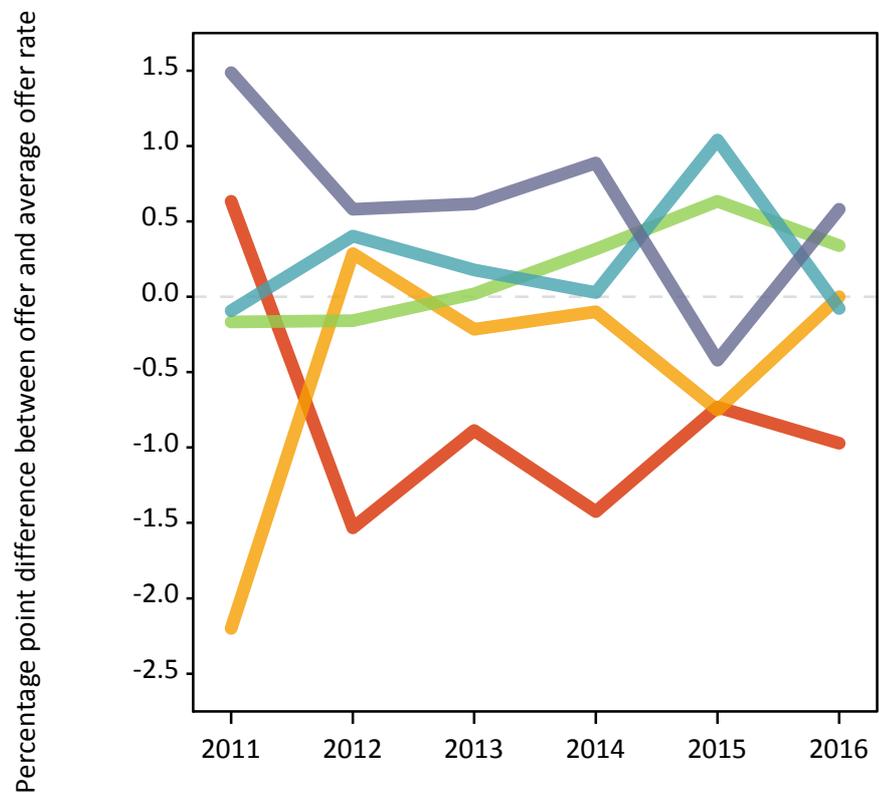
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



### 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.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



## P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	365	380	475	500	420	480
	Black	265	280	365	380	275	260
	Mixed	330	295	340	350	350	330
	White	12,275	10,985	11,740	12,500	11,440	10,845
	Other	40	35	55	55	45	60
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	20	30	40	45	25	60
	Black	20	25	35	20	20	30
	Mixed	25	35	35	30	35	45
	White	1,530	1,500	1,490	1,575	1,520	1,505
	Other	0	5	5	5	5	10
All placed applicants	Asian	20	30	45	55	30	70
	Black	20	25	40	25	20	45
	Mixed	25	35	40	30	40	50
	White	1,545	1,565	1,620	1,715	1,715	1,750
	Other	0	5	10	5	10	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	57.8	59.0	71.9	74.0	59.6	67.0
	Black	96.6	99.1	122.6	125.7	86.7	83.4
	Mixed	135.4	113.3	125.7	121.3	113.2	104.3
	White	189.6	170.1	186.5	202.6	183.6	179.3
	Other	50.6	40.7	59.6	61.2	47.7	62.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	3.2	4.6	6.1	6.5	3.7	8.1
	Black	6.6	8.9	11.8	6.9	5.7	10.2
	Mixed	9.9	13.4	13.7	9.7	11.0	14.0
	White	23.6	23.2	23.7	25.6	24.4	24.9
	Other	0.0	3.4	7.7	5.4	6.2	11.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	3.2	4.8	6.7	7.8	4.2	9.7
	Black	6.6	9.2	13.1	8.6	6.9	15.0
	Mixed	10.3	13.8	15.2	10.4	13.3	16.2
	White	23.8	24.3	25.7	27.8	27.5	29.0
	Other	0.0	3.4	8.8	7.5	9.3	13.1

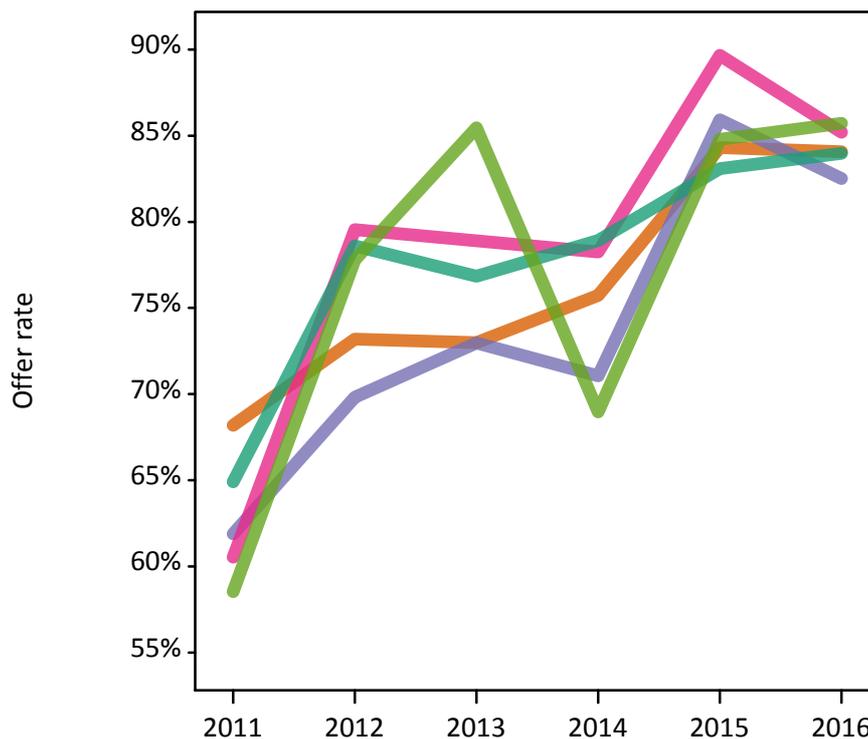
## P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	375	390	485	510	425	495
	Black	265	285	370	385	275	265
	Mixed	340	305	345	355	370	340
	White	13,000	11,530	12,310	13,090	11,990	11,410
	Other	40	35	55	60	45	65
Offers	Asian	255	285	355	385	360	415
	Black	165	200	270	275	240	215
	Mixed	205	240	275	275	330	290
	White	8,440	9,060	9,460	10,330	9,965	9,580
	Other	25	30	45	40	40	55
Offer rate	Asian	68.2%	73.2%	73.0%	75.7%	84.3%	84.1%
	Black	61.9%	69.8%	73.0%	71.1%	85.9%	82.5%
	Mixed	60.5%	79.5%	78.9%	78.2%	89.7%	85.2%
	White	64.9%	78.6%	76.8%	78.9%	83.1%	84.0%
	Other	58.5%	77.8%	85.5%	69.0%	84.8%	85.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	67.1%	79.0%	76.6%	79.6%	84.0%	85.0%
	Black	65.1%	80.1%	80.4%	80.3%	87.4%	85.6%
	Mixed	66.8%	81.7%	79.8%	82.9%	87.1%	86.0%
	White	64.7%	78.1%	76.5%	78.3%	83.1%	83.8%
	Other	64.0%	86.6%	83.1%	77.6%	90.2%	89.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	1.1	-5.8	-3.6	-3.9	0.4	-1.0
	Black	-3.2	-10.3	-7.5	-9.3	-1.4	-3.1
	Mixed	-6.3	-2.2	-0.9	-4.6	2.6	-0.8
	White	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	-0.0	0.2
	Other	N/A	N/A	2.4	-8.6	N/A	-3.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.097	0.123	0.128	0.115	0.137	0.176
	Black	0.112	0.118	0.104	0.127	0.122	0.131
	Mixed	0.102	0.087	0.101	0.092	0.114	0.110
	White	0.933	0.927	0.915	0.917	0.923	0.919
	Other	0.103	0.109	0.057	0.072	0.069	0.119

### 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.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



### 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.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



### P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	22,145	19,585	21,895	23,150	20,535	19,500
Placed June deadline applicants	2,760	2,805	2,815	3,075	2,850	3,025
All placed applicants	2,805	2,970	3,085	3,425	3,305	3,600

### P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	23,940	20,850	23,280	24,630	21,720	20,810
Offers	13,305	14,370	15,510	16,905	16,120	15,750
Offer rate	55.6%	68.9%	66.6%	68.6%	74.2%	75.7%

### P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	7,520	6,385	7,080	7,900	6,805	6,210
	Women	14,625	13,200	14,810	15,250	13,730	13,290
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	950	945	1,000	1,040	905	980
	Women	1,810	1,865	1,815	2,040	1,945	2,045
All placed applicants	Men	965	1,005	1,085	1,190	1,065	1,190
	Women	1,840	1,965	2,000	2,235	2,235	2,410

### P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	8,095	6,775	7,515	8,365	7,165	6,610
	Women	15,845	14,075	15,765	16,260	14,560	14,200
Offers	Men	4,905	5,410	5,990	6,630	6,075	5,680
	Women	8,400	8,960	9,525	10,275	10,040	10,070
Offer rate	Men	60.6%	79.9%	79.7%	79.2%	84.8%	85.9%
	Women	53.0%	63.6%	60.4%	63.2%	69.0%	70.9%

### P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	3,835	3,610	4,125	4,490	3,965	3,880
	Quintile 2	4,060	3,830	4,330	4,460	4,040	3,845
	Quintile 3	4,390	3,905	4,230	4,470	4,195	3,790
	Quintile 4	4,905	4,135	4,720	4,910	4,230	4,050
	Quintile 5	4,910	4,070	4,455	4,780	4,070	3,860
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	525	515	560	620	580	640
	Quintile 2	475	565	560	615	535	630
	Quintile 3	540	610	515	600	585	545
	Quintile 4	600	540	565	605	595	610
	Quintile 5	610	570	610	625	545	585
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	530	545	610	665	660	755
	Quintile 2	485	595	610	680	630	720
	Quintile 3	550	645	560	675	665	650
	Quintile 4	610	570	625	685	695	730
	Quintile 5	620	605	675	710	640	720

### P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	4,215	3,915	4,445	4,845	4,235	4,190
	Quintile 2	4,385	4,060	4,595	4,750	4,255	4,110
	Quintile 3	4,715	4,150	4,475	4,720	4,420	4,025
	Quintile 4	5,290	4,380	4,975	5,205	4,475	4,295
	Quintile 5	5,285	4,305	4,745	5,065	4,290	4,115
Offers	Quintile 1	2,140	2,485	2,660	3,055	2,890	2,910
	Quintile 2	2,295	2,685	2,975	3,200	3,075	3,105
	Quintile 3	2,635	2,940	2,980	3,260	3,345	3,055
	Quintile 4	3,075	3,120	3,460	3,625	3,430	3,320
	Quintile 5	3,130	3,115	3,410	3,730	3,340	3,305
Offer rate	Quintile 1	50.8%	63.5%	59.8%	63.1%	68.3%	69.5%
	Quintile 2	52.4%	66.2%	64.7%	67.4%	72.2%	75.5%
	Quintile 3	55.9%	70.8%	66.6%	69.1%	75.7%	75.9%
	Quintile 4	58.1%	71.2%	69.6%	69.7%	76.7%	77.3%
	Quintile 5	59.3%	72.3%	71.8%	73.7%	77.8%	80.3%

## P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	700	685	870	880	770	810
	Black	710	760	925	925	750	760
	Mixed	570	470	570	575	565	550
	White	20,015	17,545	19,360	20,590	18,255	17,180
	Other	85	85	105	115	120	135
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	45	60	70	80	65	85
	Black	70	70	100	60	50	85
	Mixed	50	55	65	60	60	80
	White	2,580	2,605	2,565	2,860	2,650	2,750
	Other	10	10	10	10	15	15
All placed applicants	Asian	50	65	75	95	70	115
	Black	75	80	110	70	75	115
	Mixed	50	60	70	65	70	95
	White	2,615	2,755	2,805	3,165	3,045	3,235
	Other	10	10	10	15	20	20

## P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	725	700	895	905	780	835
	Black	740	795	950	945	770	785
	Mixed	600	495	590	595	590	575
	White	21,720	18,730	20,670	22,005	19,375	18,410
	Other	90	90	110	120	125	135
Offers	Asian	415	450	575	605	585	635
	Black	310	375	500	475	435	435
	Mixed	325	360	400	425	480	445
	White	12,175	13,100	13,905	15,285	14,470	14,080
	Other	45	55	75	75	85	100
Offer rate	Asian	57.2%	64.2%	64.4%	66.7%	75.2%	76.1%
	Black	42.1%	47.0%	52.6%	50.1%	56.6%	55.5%
	Mixed	54.0%	72.4%	68.3%	72.0%	81.8%	77.3%
	White	56.1%	70.0%	67.3%	69.5%	74.7%	76.5%
	Other	51.1%	61.8%	69.4%	61.7%	70.7%	73.7%

## 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.