

# End of Cycle 2017 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. This variable is derived from domicile as declared by the applicant and does not guarantee fee status. See the additional technical notes at [www.ucas.com](http://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									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	England	19,630	21,750	24,125	24,335	23,355	24,100	25,820	26,920	26,995	27,465
	Northern Ireland	600	650	825	740	760	760	770	855	805	815
	Scotland	630	625	845	750	790	815	915	930	920	1,005
	Wales	1,415	1,515	1,615	1,605	1,620	1,555	1,780	1,790	1,870	1,760
POLAR3 Quintile 2	England	29,580	32,055	34,130	34,530	33,240	34,120	35,655	37,265	37,455	37,595
	Northern Ireland	1,000	1,100	1,130	1,245	1,155	1,150	1,190	1,200	1,250	1,205
	Scotland	1,625	1,705	2,095	2,055	1,945	2,000	2,085	2,245	2,170	2,170
	Wales	2,235	2,510	2,425	2,375	2,390	2,330	2,335	2,530	2,575	2,405
POLAR3 Quintile 3	England	38,645	41,705	44,225	44,120	42,770	43,725	44,925	46,855	47,060	47,630
	Northern Ireland	1,575	1,735	1,885	1,785	1,780	1,825	1,790	1,895	1,960	1,780
	Scotland	2,675	2,755	3,165	3,045	3,165	3,090	3,065	3,185	3,240	3,135
	Wales	1,905	2,120	2,085	2,005	2,020	1,920	2,045	2,050	2,040	2,070
POLAR3 Quintile 4	England	48,070	50,700	53,300	52,920	50,725	51,480	51,640	53,965	54,420	54,585
	Northern Ireland	3,180	3,465	3,700	3,625	3,515	3,430	3,450	3,585	3,490	3,520
	Scotland	4,295	4,430	4,930	4,695	4,655	4,635	4,665	4,845	4,720	4,555
	Wales	2,590	2,775	2,765	2,665	2,545	2,470	2,525	2,715	2,535	2,555
POLAR3 Quintile 5	England	64,455	67,860	69,725	69,590	67,035	66,575	67,645	69,750	70,905	71,815
	Northern Ireland	4,270	4,595	4,510	4,545	4,495	4,525	4,295	4,435	4,280	4,225
	Scotland	8,505	8,595	9,120	8,965	8,865	8,835	8,640	8,765	8,635	8,365
	Wales	3,025	3,230	3,150	3,060	3,020	3,025	3,020	3,045	3,125	2,955
Not assigned	England	3,210	725	485	445	430	385	430	465	510	675
	Northern Ireland	315	55	35	35	20	25	20	20	20	25
	Scotland	385	390	50	50	45	45	45	40	35	45
	Wales	255	40	25	20	30	25	20	25	20	25
Total		244,070	257,090	270,350	269,195	260,360	262,850	268,760	279,365	281,040	282,380