

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_038_06 Applicants by POLAR3 and UK country

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Statistic: Number of Applicants

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

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and 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 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 | 19,185 | 21,335 | 23,940 | 24,135 | 23,040 | 23,710 | 25,430 | 26,430 | 26,530 | 26,925 |
| | Northern Ireland | 600 | 645 | 825 | 740 | 760 | 760 | 770 | 850 | 805 | 810 |
| | Scotland | 590 | 615 | 825 | 745 | 770 | 790 | 905 | 910 | 910 | 985 |
| | Wales | 1,370 | 1,475 | 1,595 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 1,515 | 1,750 | 1,755 | 1,830 | 1,725 |
| POLAR3 Quintile 2 | England | 28,995 | 31,520 | 33,870 | 34,260 | 32,825 | 33,640 | 35,180 | 36,750 | 36,915 | 36,915 |
| | Northern Ireland | 1,000 | 1,095 | 1,130 | 1,245 | 1,150 | 1,145 | 1,190 | 1,200 | 1,245 | 1,205 |
| | Scotland | 1,575 | 1,680 | 2,050 | 2,025 | 1,910 | 1,955 | 2,080 | 2,200 | 2,120 | 2,130 |
| | Wales | 2,165 | 2,455 | 2,405 | 2,345 | 2,350 | 2,290 | 2,295 | 2,470 | 2,525 | 2,360 |
| POLAR3 Quintile 3 | England | 37,990 | 41,125 | 43,945 | 43,780 | 42,265 | 43,115 | 44,350 | 46,265 | 46,425 | 46,875 |
| | Northern Ireland | 1,570 | 1,730 | 1,885 | 1,780 | 1,775 | 1,825 | 1,790 | 1,895 | 1,960 | 1,770 |
| | Scotland | 2,595 | 2,715 | 3,065 | 3,005 | 3,105 | 3,015 | 3,060 | 3,105 | 3,165 | 3,070 |
| | Wales | 1,860 | 2,075 | 2,060 | 1,985 | 1,990 | 1,880 | 2,010 | 2,010 | 2,000 | 2,020 |
| POLAR3 Quintile 4 | England | 47,360 | 50,130 | 53,005 | 52,590 | 50,175 | 50,845 | 51,105 | 53,390 | 53,795 | 53,775 |
| | Northern Ireland | 3,180 | 3,465 | 3,695 | 3,620 | 3,510 | 3,430 | 3,445 | 3,580 | 3,490 | 3,510 |
| | Scotland | 4,135 | 4,380 | 4,760 | 4,640 | 4,540 | 4,505 | 4,655 | 4,695 | 4,585 | 4,440 |
| | Wales | 2,525 | 2,725 | 2,745 | 2,645 | 2,500 | 2,435 | 2,490 | 2,675 | 2,495 | 2,510 |
| POLAR3 Quintile 5 | England | 63,790 | 67,305 | 69,405 | 69,265 | 66,470 | 65,880 | 67,100 | 69,125 | 70,260 | 71,010 |
| | Northern Ireland | 4,260 | 4,590 | 4,505 | 4,540 | 4,490 | 4,520 | 4,290 | 4,435 | 4,275 | 4,215 |
| | Scotland | 8,295 | 8,520 | 8,950 | 8,895 | 8,735 | 8,725 | 8,620 | 8,620 | 8,505 | 8,235 |
| | Wales | 2,980 | 3,185 | 3,130 | 3,045 | 2,980 | 2,985 | 2,980 | 3,000 | 3,085 | 2,915 |
| Not assigned | England | 3,080 | 625 | 480 | 435 | 415 | 360 | 420 | 440 | 495 | 650 |
| | Northern Ireland | 315 | 55 | 30 | 35 | 15 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 25 |
| | Scotland | 370 | 65 | 50 | 50 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 45 |
| | Wales | 245 | 40 | 25 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 15 | 25 |
| Total | | 240,020 | 253,535 | 268,370 | 267,410 | 257,430 | 259,410 | 265,980 | 275,875 | 277,495 | 278,150 |