

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_038_01 Acceptances by POLAR3 and UK country

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Statistic: Number of Acceptances

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 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 Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education.

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POLAR3 Quintile, Applicant Domicile (High Level)		Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	England	16,310	17,660	18,235	18,875	18,710	19,790	21,425	22,495	22,785	23,515
	Northern Ireland	425	455	510	455	490	500	515	520	525	525
	Scotland	425	415	560	470	530	545	600	605	600	700
	Wales	1,175	1,275	1,285	1,235	1,330	1,305	1,515	1,500	1,580	1,525
POLAR3 Quintile 2	England	24,975	26,475	26,425	27,540	27,030	28,580	30,010	31,525	32,005	32,335
	Northern Ireland	775	840	775	835	765	805	845	760	890	835
	Scotland	1,225	1,325	1,435	1,395	1,330	1,380	1,390	1,505	1,530	1,580
	Wales	1,910	2,160	1,965	1,885	1,995	2,025	1,995	2,170	2,220	2,120
POLAR3 Quintile 3	England	32,905	34,840	34,840	35,955	34,975	36,810	37,850	40,105	40,555	41,440
	Northern Ireland	1,275	1,340	1,340	1,230	1,245	1,345	1,295	1,300	1,350	1,260
	Scotland	2,060	2,115	2,290	2,085	2,255	2,230	2,185	2,235	2,345	2,330
	Wales	1,655	1,830	1,690	1,625	1,690	1,625	1,765	1,800	1,785	1,830
POLAR3 Quintile 4	England	41,290	42,515	42,620	43,810	41,995	43,635	43,910	46,470	47,200	47,270
	Northern Ireland	2,635	2,835	2,690	2,590	2,540	2,610	2,545	2,480	2,560	2,550
	Scotland	3,405	3,565	3,750	3,355	3,405	3,415	3,370	3,550	3,530	3,490
	Wales	2,290	2,430	2,300	2,195	2,180	2,175	2,215	2,420	2,255	2,265
POLAR3 Quintile 5	England	55,630	57,255	56,590	58,745	56,335	57,135	58,140	60,710	61,880	62,795
	Northern Ireland	3,590	3,765	3,395	3,455	3,370	3,480	3,235	3,245	3,185	3,160
	Scotland	7,120	7,270	7,300	6,905	6,900	6,905	6,700	6,810	6,845	6,735
	Wales	2,690	2,850	2,665	2,590	2,650	2,655	2,640	2,725	2,845	2,680
Not assigned	England	2,715	595	385	350	325	310	340	380	420	565
	Northern Ireland	245	45	20	20	10	20	15	10	10	20
	Scotland	285	370	35	40	35	25	35	35	25	40
	Wales	200	35	20	15	20	20	15	20	15	20
Total		207,215	214,260	213,120	217,655	212,105	219,320	224,555	235,360	238,940	241,585