

# End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

## DR2\_038\_05 Acceptances by POLAR3 and UK country

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**Statistic:** Number of Acceptances

**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](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 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	15,915	17,320	18,100	18,730	18,440	19,445	21,085	22,070	22,390	23,045
	Northern Ireland	420	455	510	455	490	500	515	520	525	520
	Scotland	390	405	540	465	510	525	595	585	590	675
	Wales	1,135	1,240	1,265	1,220	1,295	1,270	1,490	1,470	1,545	1,495
POLAR3 Quintile 2	England	24,475	26,050	26,225	27,350	26,680	28,175	29,585	31,070	31,545	31,740
	Northern Ireland	775	835	775	835	760	805	845	755	890	835
	Scotland	1,175	1,300	1,390	1,370	1,295	1,340	1,380	1,465	1,485	1,540
	Wales	1,845	2,105	1,945	1,860	1,955	1,985	1,960	2,120	2,175	2,080
POLAR3 Quintile 3	England	32,335	34,380	34,630	35,705	34,550	36,295	37,370	39,585	40,005	40,770
	Northern Ireland	1,275	1,335	1,340	1,230	1,240	1,340	1,295	1,295	1,350	1,255
	Scotland	1,985	2,080	2,195	2,045	2,200	2,155	2,180	2,160	2,270	2,265
	Wales	1,610	1,790	1,670	1,605	1,665	1,590	1,735	1,760	1,750	1,790
POLAR3 Quintile 4	England	40,700	42,045	42,395	43,555	41,520	43,085	43,445	45,980	46,655	46,580
	Northern Ireland	2,630	2,835	2,690	2,590	2,535	2,610	2,545	2,475	2,555	2,545
	Scotland	3,250	3,525	3,585	3,300	3,295	3,290	3,360	3,410	3,400	3,375
	Wales	2,225	2,385	2,275	2,180	2,140	2,140	2,185	2,380	2,220	2,230
POLAR3 Quintile 5	England	55,045	56,810	56,340	58,500	55,840	56,530	57,680	60,165	61,330	62,090
	Northern Ireland	3,585	3,765	3,390	3,455	3,365	3,475	3,235	3,245	3,180	3,150
	Scotland	6,915	7,205	7,130	6,835	6,780	6,795	6,685	6,675	6,720	6,610
	Wales	2,650	2,805	2,655	2,580	2,610	2,615	2,610	2,685	2,810	2,645
Not assigned	England	2,585	500	375	340	310	285	330	355	400	545
	Northern Ireland	245	45	20	20	10	20	15	10	10	20
	Scotland	275	45	35	40	30	25	35	30	20	35
	Wales	195	30	15	15	20	15	15	20	15	20
Total		203,630	211,290	211,495	216,270	209,540	216,310	222,160	232,285	235,835	237,855