

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_037_05 Acceptances by POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Acceptances

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

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	Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	17,865	19,425	20,420	20,865	20,735	21,740	23,685	24,645	25,045	25,735
POLAR3 Quintile 2	28,270	30,290	30,335	31,410	30,690	32,305	33,770	35,410	36,090	36,195
POLAR3 Quintile 3	37,200	39,585	39,835	40,585	39,655	41,380	42,580	44,800	45,375	46,080
POLAR3 Quintile 4	48,805	50,790	50,945	51,625	49,495	51,120	51,530	54,245	54,835	54,725
POLAR3 Quintile 5	68,195	70,585	69,515	71,370	68,595	69,420	70,205	72,770	74,040	74,495
Not assigned	3,300	620	445	415	370	345	390	415	450	620
Total	203,630	211,290	211,495	216,270	209,540	216,310	222,160	232,285	235,835	237,855