

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_037_01 Acceptances by POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Acceptances

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

Coverage: 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	18,340	19,810	20,590	21,035	21,065	22,140	24,060	25,115	25,490	26,260
POLAR3 Quintile 2	28,890	30,800	30,600	31,650	31,120	32,790	34,240	35,955	36,645	36,875
POLAR3 Quintile 3	37,895	40,125	40,165	40,895	40,165	42,005	43,095	45,435	46,040	46,860
POLAR3 Quintile 4	49,620	51,345	51,355	51,950	50,120	51,835	52,045	54,915	55,545	55,580
POLAR3 Quintile 5	69,030	71,140	69,955	71,695	69,250	70,175	70,715	73,490	74,755	75,370
Not assigned	3,445	1,040	455	430	390	375	405	445	465	645
Total	207,215	214,260	213,120	217,655	212,105	219,320	224,555	235,360	238,940	241,585