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Application statistics: June deadline applications, offers, offer rate, average offer rate, percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate, contribution of group to the average offer rate

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- All statistics related to the offer rate are not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 10. The percentage point difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate is not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 50.
- Offer rates are reported as 0% if there are fewer than 5 offers, and 100% if the number of offers is within 5 of the number of applications. When the offer rate is reported as 0% or 100%, it is reported in italics.

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P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	144,470	146,955	151,690	161,255	166,585	174,340
Placed June deadline applicants	64,415	67,695	68,410	71,955	72,820	73,480
All placed applicants	68,985	72,465	73,655	77,820	79,250	80,200
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	1,867.8	1,931.1	2,014.1	2,104.7	2,222.5	2,353.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	832.8	889.6	908.3	939.2	971.5	991.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	891.8	952.2	978.0	1,015.8	1,057.3	1,082.5

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	422,625	433,260	444,795	470,220	485,225	510,480
Offers	281,420	300,440	319,405	344,440	356,235	376,560
Offer rate	66.6%	69.3%	71.8%	73.3%	73.4%	73.8%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	65,100	66,280	67,880	71,360	72,950	77,195
	Women	79,375	80,675	83,810	89,890	93,635	97,145
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	29,580	31,195	31,195	32,505	32,115	32,880
	Women	34,835	36,500	37,215	39,450	40,700	40,600
All placed applicants	Men	31,600	33,395	33,650	35,150	35,105	35,990
	Women	37,380	39,070	40,005	42,670	44,145	44,215
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	1,641.5	1,697.7	1,753.5	1,818.4	1,899.1	2,032.3
	Women	2,105.8	2,177.0	2,289.7	2,405.4	2,562.5	2,690.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	745.9	799.1	805.9	828.3	836.1	865.7
	Women	924.1	985.0	1,016.6	1,055.6	1,113.9	1,124.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	796.9	855.4	869.3	895.7	913.9	947.5
	Women	991.8	1,054.3	1,092.9	1,141.8	1,208.1	1,224.5

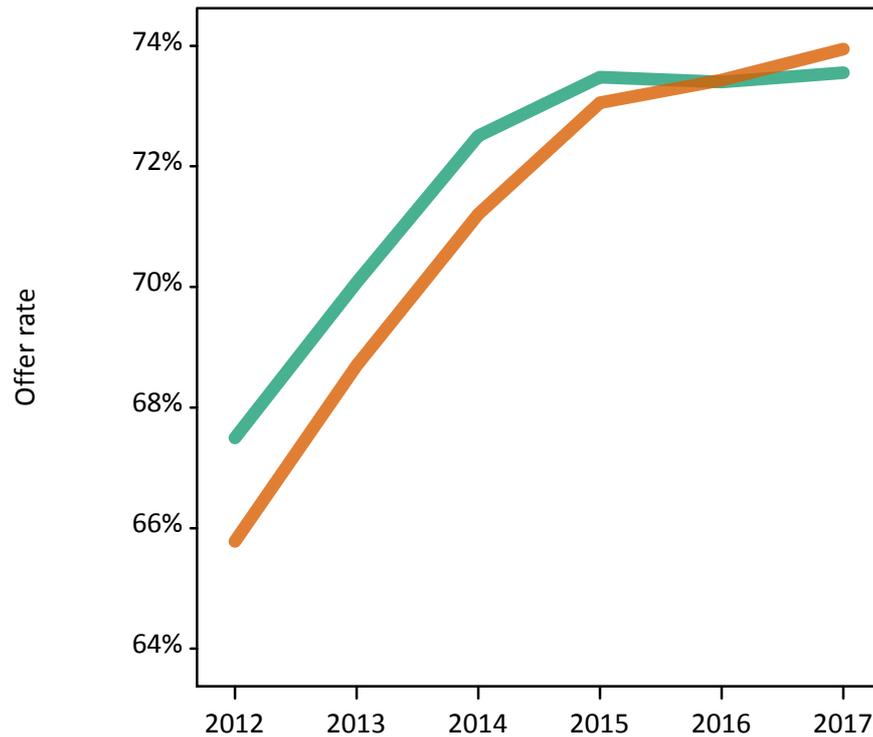
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	198,755	203,225	206,520	217,015	220,390	233,425
	Women	223,865	230,030	238,280	253,205	264,835	277,055
Offers	Men	134,155	142,410	149,730	159,460	161,760	171,695
	Women	147,260	158,025	169,675	184,980	194,475	204,860
Offer rate	Men	67.5%	70.1%	72.5%	73.5%	73.4%	73.6%
	Women	65.8%	68.7%	71.2%	73.1%	73.4%	73.9%
Average offer rate	Men	68.2%	70.8%	73.1%	74.1%	74.0%	74.2%
	Women	65.1%	68.1%	70.7%	72.5%	72.9%	73.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6
	Women	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.596	0.597	0.596	0.596	0.588	0.591
	Women	0.641	0.644	0.649	0.654	0.657	0.656

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

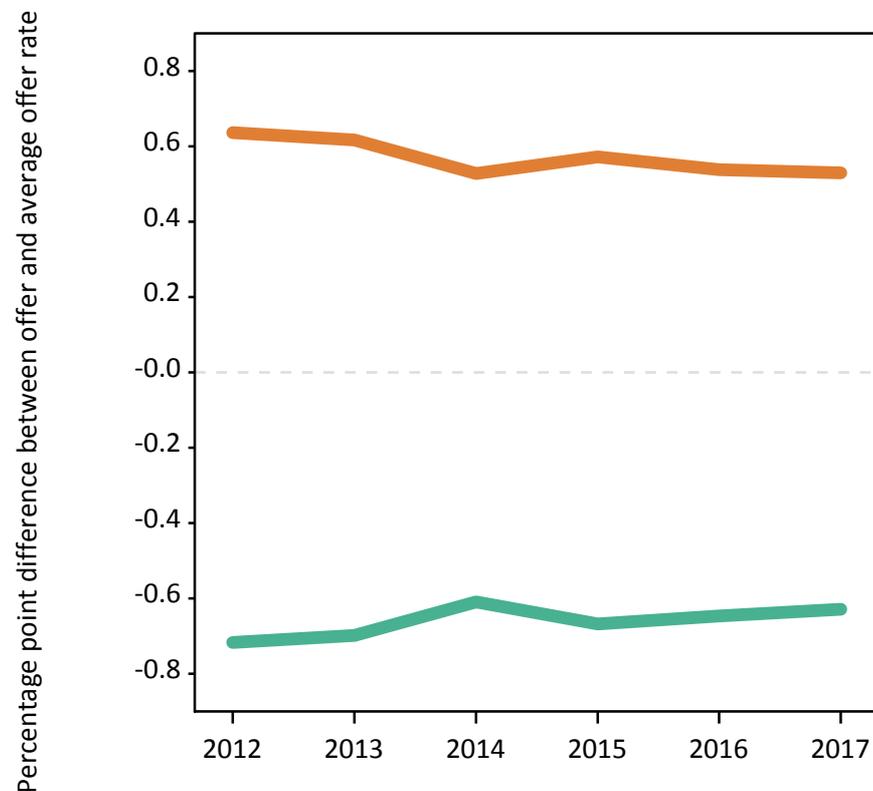
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	11,055	11,505	12,580	13,715	14,240	15,650
	Quintile 2	18,110	18,780	19,800	21,545	22,360	23,515
	Quintile 3	24,875	25,565	26,830	28,710	29,760	31,520
	Quintile 4	34,510	35,025	35,380	37,960	39,070	40,245
	Quintile 5	55,625	55,810	56,810	59,020	60,825	62,940
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	3,495	3,755	4,140	4,330	4,540	4,895
	Quintile 2	6,345	7,030	7,095	7,645	7,815	7,835
	Quintile 3	9,670	10,490	10,510	11,125	11,395	11,645
	Quintile 4	15,360	16,090	16,000	17,260	17,065	17,050
	Quintile 5	29,435	30,235	30,555	31,465	31,870	31,865
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	3,745	4,030	4,445	4,685	4,900	5,310
	Quintile 2	6,810	7,510	7,630	8,250	8,545	8,530
	Quintile 3	10,395	11,235	11,365	12,095	12,410	12,670
	Quintile 4	16,425	17,230	17,235	18,615	18,530	18,585
	Quintile 5	31,485	32,340	32,855	34,025	34,720	34,900
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	776.1	825.7	904.0	978.8	1,054.7	1,176.8
	Quintile 2	1,207.9	1,274.5	1,353.2	1,450.6	1,546.2	1,655.6
	Quintile 3	1,610.9	1,676.4	1,782.8	1,869.6	1,979.6	2,116.3
	Quintile 4	2,174.7	2,239.3	2,295.9	2,424.9	2,530.6	2,635.2
	Quintile 5	3,311.1	3,375.2	3,483.3	3,525.5	3,681.6	3,832.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	245.3	269.4	297.5	309.0	336.4	367.9
	Quintile 2	423.1	477.1	484.8	514.6	540.4	551.7
	Quintile 3	626.3	687.8	698.5	724.4	757.9	782.1
	Quintile 4	968.0	1,028.8	1,038.1	1,102.5	1,105.3	1,116.4
	Quintile 5	1,752.0	1,828.4	1,873.5	1,879.5	1,929.1	1,940.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	263.0	289.1	319.5	334.5	363.1	399.1
	Quintile 2	454.1	509.7	521.4	555.4	590.8	600.6
	Quintile 3	673.0	736.7	755.2	787.7	825.5	850.9
	Quintile 4	1,035.1	1,101.6	1,118.4	1,189.1	1,200.3	1,216.8
	Quintile 5	1,874.2	1,955.8	2,014.6	2,032.5	2,101.3	2,125.3

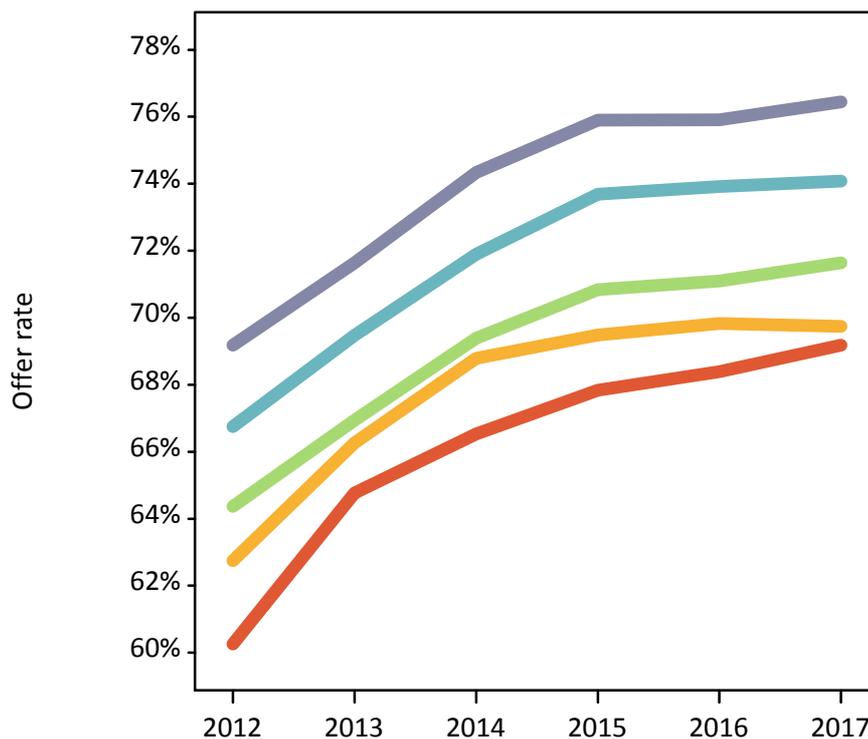
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	25,745	26,955	29,635	32,130	33,445	37,655
	Quintile 2	45,570	47,310	49,590	54,080	55,840	59,155
	Quintile 3	66,700	69,520	72,095	76,470	79,280	85,015
	Quintile 4	100,640	102,620	103,915	110,975	113,925	118,400
	Quintile 5	183,075	186,060	188,705	195,615	201,725	208,865
Offers	Quintile 1	15,515	17,460	19,715	21,795	22,870	26,050
	Quintile 2	28,595	31,350	34,110	37,575	38,990	41,255
	Quintile 3	42,930	46,540	50,030	54,170	56,365	60,905
	Quintile 4	67,180	71,300	74,715	81,780	84,215	87,710
	Quintile 5	126,650	133,295	140,280	148,475	153,120	159,665
Offer rate	Quintile 1	60.3%	64.8%	66.5%	67.8%	68.4%	69.2%
	Quintile 2	62.7%	66.3%	68.8%	69.5%	69.8%	69.7%
	Quintile 3	64.4%	66.9%	69.4%	70.8%	71.1%	71.6%
	Quintile 4	66.8%	69.5%	71.9%	73.7%	73.9%	74.1%
	Quintile 5	69.2%	71.6%	74.3%	75.9%	75.9%	76.4%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	62.1%	65.9%	67.3%	68.7%	68.8%	69.4%
	Quintile 2	63.8%	66.9%	69.1%	69.9%	70.4%	70.4%
	Quintile 3	65.1%	67.7%	70.0%	71.6%	71.7%	72.4%
	Quintile 4	67.1%	69.7%	72.1%	73.9%	74.1%	74.4%
	Quintile 5	68.3%	70.9%	73.8%	75.2%	75.3%	75.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.8	-1.1	-0.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.2
	Quintile 2	-1.0	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7
	Quintile 3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8
	Quintile 4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
	Quintile 5	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.149	0.151	0.152	0.153	0.151	0.153
	Quintile 2	0.178	0.177	0.177	0.180	0.179	0.181
	Quintile 3	0.213	0.214	0.216	0.216	0.214	0.217
	Quintile 4	0.283	0.279	0.277	0.278	0.276	0.273
	Quintile 5	0.487	0.484	0.479	0.473	0.472	0.466

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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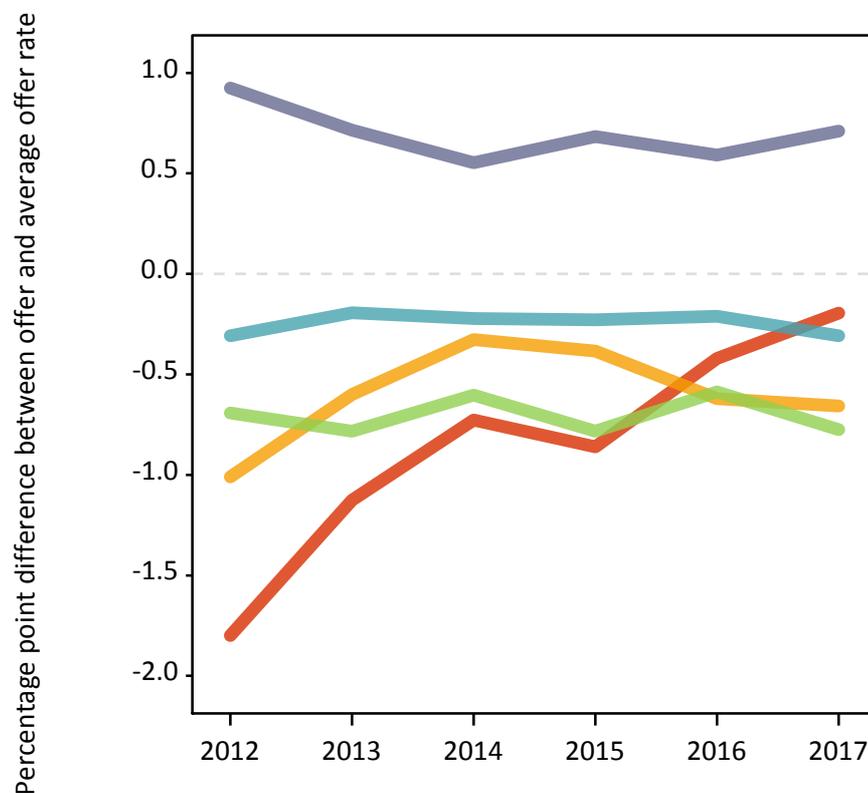
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

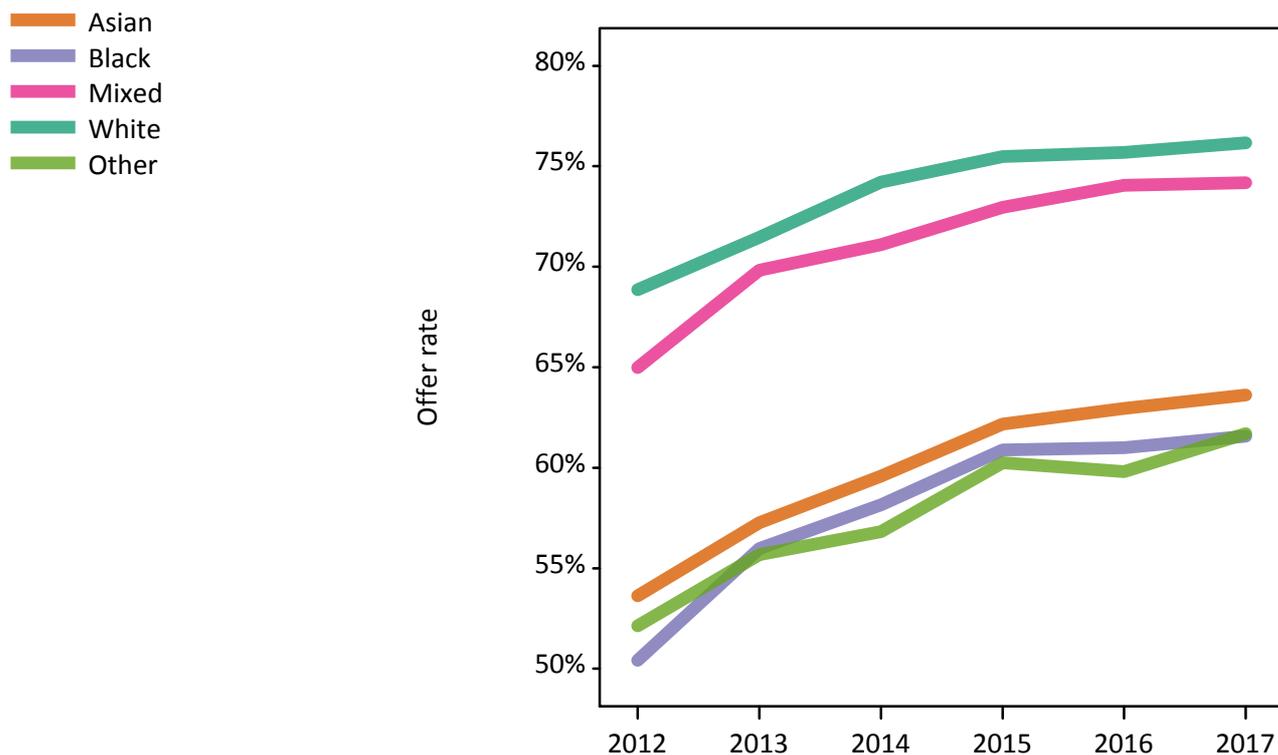
Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	14,625	15,495	16,695	18,390	19,905	22,090
	Black	4,415	5,235	5,865	6,620	7,300	7,885
	Mixed	5,125	5,440	5,905	6,665	7,155	8,110
	White	117,960	118,500	120,675	126,420	128,805	132,420
	Other	1,470	1,515	1,805	2,040	2,205	2,590
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	5,150	5,675	5,825	6,445	6,645	7,285
	Black	1,035	1,360	1,480	1,685	1,845	1,910
	Mixed	2,340	2,630	2,785	3,065	3,315	3,485
	White	54,945	57,140	57,370	59,490	59,820	59,440
	Other	510	510	610	690	670	790
All placed applicants	Asian	5,735	6,420	6,625	7,375	7,720	8,400
	Black	1,245	1,580	1,755	2,000	2,200	2,320
	Mixed	2,555	2,840	3,040	3,405	3,685	3,870
	White	58,415	60,605	61,150	63,610	64,260	64,035
	Other	570	585	715	800	795	930
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2,258.2	2,349.7	2,462.1	2,598.6	2,765.9	3,002.7
	Black	1,568.1	1,762.9	1,935.4	2,080.2	2,331.4	2,505.8
	Mixed	1,968.4	2,012.0	2,052.5	2,161.4	2,273.5	2,527.1
	White	1,826.9	1,883.2	1,956.0	2,029.1	2,129.5	2,231.4
	Other	1,663.5	1,668.5	1,940.4	2,116.5	2,216.8	2,515.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	795.4	860.8	858.9	910.9	923.6	990.1
	Black	367.2	458.7	488.6	529.3	588.7	606.7
	Mixed	899.2	972.0	967.4	993.6	1,053.2	1,085.0
	White	851.0	908.1	929.9	954.8	989.0	1,001.6
	Other	577.5	562.4	657.5	713.8	673.3	768.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	885.9	973.6	976.9	1,042.0	1,072.7	1,141.9
	Black	442.4	532.5	579.6	628.3	703.3	737.6
	Mixed	980.2	1,050.4	1,056.3	1,104.5	1,171.4	1,206.2
	White	904.7	963.2	991.1	1,020.9	1,062.4	1,079.0
	Other	645.3	645.1	768.2	828.9	796.9	903.8

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	40,670	43,405	46,350	50,550	54,470	61,130
	Black	10,395	12,515	14,160	15,905	17,555	19,485
	Mixed	15,935	17,040	18,095	20,340	22,245	25,130
	White	348,545	353,560	358,685	374,080	381,125	393,485
	Other	4,125	4,135	5,100	5,545	5,920	7,185
Offers	Asian	21,810	24,860	27,615	31,430	34,285	38,890
	Black	5,240	7,005	8,235	9,685	10,705	11,995
	Mixed	10,355	11,900	12,865	14,840	16,475	18,645
	White	239,975	252,675	266,200	282,370	288,495	299,710
	Other	2,150	2,305	2,895	3,340	3,540	4,430
Offer rate	Asian	53.6%	57.3%	59.6%	62.2%	62.9%	63.6%
	Black	50.4%	56.0%	58.1%	60.9%	61.0%	61.6%
	Mixed	65.0%	69.8%	71.1%	73.0%	74.1%	74.2%
	White	68.9%	71.5%	74.2%	75.5%	75.7%	76.2%
	Other	52.1%	55.7%	56.8%	60.2%	59.8%	61.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	55.2%	58.6%	61.2%	63.7%	64.2%	64.5%
	Black	54.2%	58.7%	61.1%	63.8%	64.0%	64.2%
	Mixed	64.9%	69.4%	71.5%	73.0%	73.5%	74.1%
	White	68.5%	71.2%	73.8%	75.1%	75.4%	75.9%
	Other	55.7%	57.7%	59.6%	63.0%	62.8%	64.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.6	-1.3	-1.6	-1.6	-1.2	-0.9
	Black	-3.8	-2.8	-3.0	-2.9	-3.0	-2.6
	Mixed	0.1	0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1
	White	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Other	-3.6	-2.0	-2.8	-2.7	-3.0	-2.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.269	0.268	0.262	0.262	0.265	0.268
	Black	0.135	0.143	0.144	0.132	0.137	0.134
	Mixed	0.105	0.104	0.101	0.103	0.106	0.107
	White	0.861	0.854	0.845	0.835	0.828	0.817
	Other	0.097	0.093	0.090	0.086	0.094	0.087

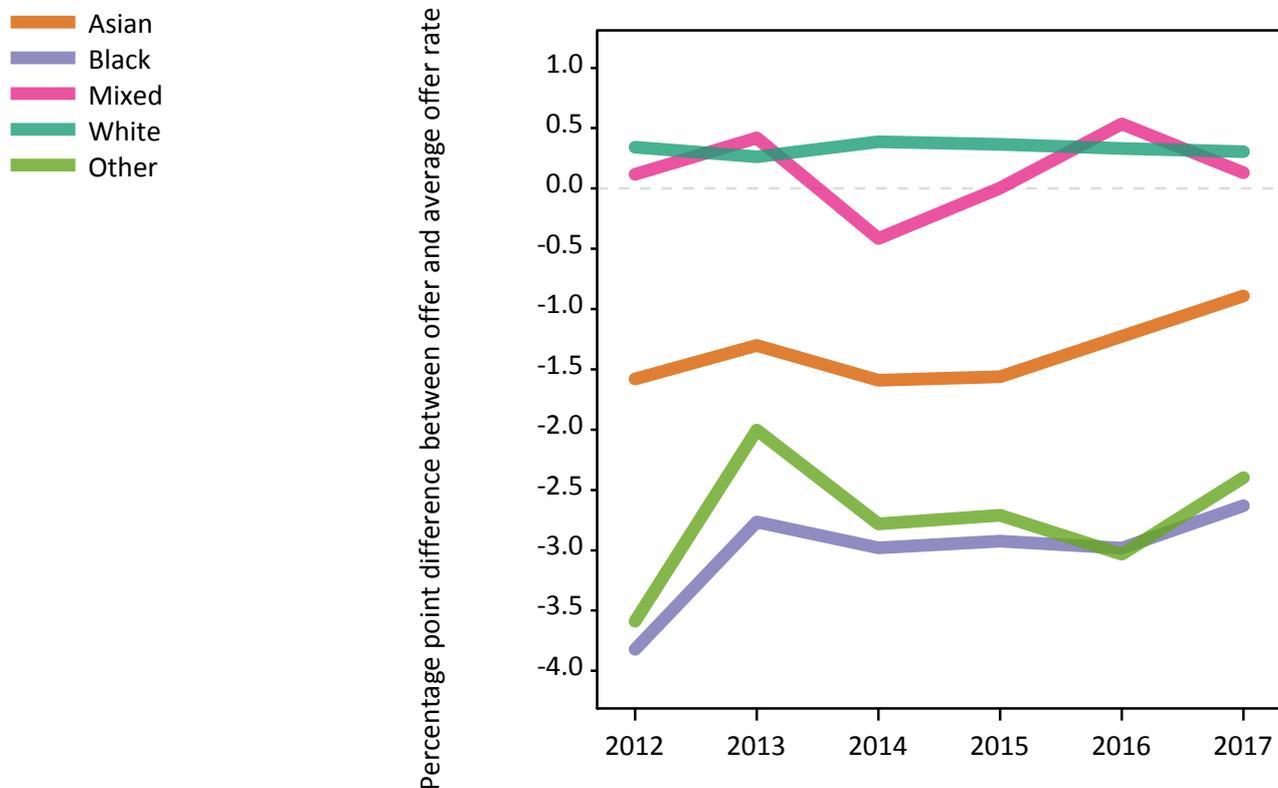
P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group

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P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	240,595	249,670	259,255	274,080	281,305	280,315
Placed June deadline applicants	88,915	95,085	97,425	103,420	105,500	105,260
All placed applicants	95,835	102,620	105,550	112,685	115,160	115,385

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	627,035	655,435	676,915	714,675	736,310	748,610
Offers	357,790	390,555	416,875	450,365	467,100	486,070
Offer rate	57.1%	59.6%	61.6%	63.0%	63.4%	64.9%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	104,745	109,105	112,495	118,415	120,155	121,495
	Women	135,850	140,560	146,760	155,665	161,150	158,820
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	41,045	43,845	44,365	46,425	46,380	46,930
	Women	47,870	51,240	53,055	56,995	59,120	58,330
All placed applicants	Men	44,185	47,310	48,220	50,685	50,960	51,630
	Women	51,650	55,305	57,335	62,000	64,200	63,755

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	291,290	304,290	311,290	327,005	332,490	340,555
	Women	335,745	351,145	365,625	387,670	403,820	408,055
Offers	Men	172,560	187,190	197,315	211,170	214,760	223,815
	Women	185,230	203,365	219,555	239,195	252,340	262,255
Offer rate	Men	59.2%	61.5%	63.4%	64.6%	64.6%	65.7%
	Women	55.2%	57.9%	60.0%	61.7%	62.5%	64.3%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	23,655	24,815	26,485	28,085	28,680	28,955
	Quintile 2	33,525	35,130	37,455	39,785	40,790	40,505
	Quintile 3	43,930	45,855	48,185	50,975	52,425	52,010
	Quintile 4	55,505	57,455	58,990	62,705	64,320	63,490
	Quintile 5	83,285	85,760	87,560	91,870	94,390	94,475
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	5,665	6,180	6,805	7,065	7,450	7,720
	Quintile 2	9,280	10,445	10,830	11,605	12,035	11,955
	Quintile 3	13,695	15,100	15,415	16,465	16,965	16,855
	Quintile 4	21,035	22,390	22,715	24,475	24,530	24,335
	Quintile 5	39,025	40,795	41,475	43,580	44,280	44,095
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	6,170	6,730	7,410	7,735	8,125	8,485
	Quintile 2	10,065	11,295	11,710	12,655	13,205	13,075
	Quintile 3	14,830	16,300	16,775	18,090	18,590	18,520
	Quintile 4	22,640	24,160	24,585	26,615	26,700	26,655
	Quintile 5	41,880	43,915	44,870	47,330	48,280	48,320

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	47,845	50,585	54,595	58,090	59,760	62,080
	Quintile 2	74,355	78,560	83,305	88,875	91,610	92,660
	Quintile 3	104,070	110,200	115,225	121,670	125,475	128,375
	Quintile 4	146,475	152,350	155,815	165,690	170,335	171,940
	Quintile 5	252,395	262,030	266,430	278,520	287,195	291,185
Offers	Quintile 1	21,880	25,160	28,195	30,930	32,845	35,465
	Quintile 2	37,570	42,550	46,380	50,645	52,855	54,970
	Quintile 3	55,295	61,375	66,640	72,140	75,065	79,295
	Quintile 4	84,940	91,895	97,210	106,020	109,615	113,100
	Quintile 5	157,200	168,750	177,640	189,660	195,695	201,890
Offer rate	Quintile 1	45.7%	49.7%	51.6%	53.2%	55.0%	57.1%
	Quintile 2	50.5%	54.2%	55.7%	57.0%	57.7%	59.3%
	Quintile 3	53.1%	55.7%	57.8%	59.3%	59.8%	61.8%
	Quintile 4	58.0%	60.3%	62.4%	64.0%	64.4%	65.8%
	Quintile 5	62.3%	64.4%	66.7%	68.1%	68.1%	69.3%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	26,390	28,390	30,520	33,110	34,950	36,250
	Black	15,620	16,065	17,080	18,330	19,220	18,410
	Mixed	8,755	9,575	10,390	11,580	12,250	12,890
	White	184,425	190,140	195,330	204,060	207,360	204,885
	Other	3,415	3,505	3,970	4,415	4,705	5,125
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	7,625	8,235	8,575	9,525	9,855	10,675
	Black	1,970	2,335	2,550	2,965	3,250	3,315
	Mixed	3,280	3,790	4,005	4,460	4,760	4,975
	White	74,430	79,120	80,600	84,340	85,485	83,895
	Other	860	885	1,005	1,125	1,175	1,340
All placed applicants	Asian	8,565	9,395	9,865	11,045	11,565	12,390
	Black	2,350	2,750	3,055	3,555	3,880	4,065
	Mixed	3,590	4,150	4,405	4,990	5,290	5,545
	White	79,470	84,385	86,235	90,570	91,925	90,570
	Other	985	1,030	1,190	1,335	1,380	1,590

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	67,170	72,245	77,000	82,820	87,215	92,710
	Black	28,500	30,275	33,000	35,775	37,765	38,035
	Mixed	23,990	26,335	28,305	31,425	33,685	36,320
	White	493,445	512,510	523,410	546,705	558,535	560,910
	Other	8,235	8,460	9,730	10,650	11,350	12,730
Offers	Asian	30,430	34,705	38,415	44,050	47,550	52,275
	Black	8,415	10,680	12,515	14,770	16,285	17,600
	Mixed	13,520	15,905	17,330	19,880	21,790	24,160
	White	299,265	322,765	341,455	362,380	371,595	380,810
	Other	3,340	3,660	4,385	5,140	5,615	6,660
Offer rate	Asian	45.3%	48.0%	49.9%	53.2%	54.5%	56.4%
	Black	29.5%	35.3%	37.9%	41.3%	43.1%	46.3%
	Mixed	56.4%	60.4%	61.2%	63.3%	64.7%	66.5%
	White	60.6%	63.0%	65.2%	66.3%	66.5%	67.9%
	Other	40.6%	43.3%	45.1%	48.3%	49.5%	52.3%

Technical Notes and Definitions

UCAS undergraduate scheme

Adjustment

Adjustment allows applicants who have met and exceeded the terms of their conditional firm offer to seek and find a place at another provider whilst keeping their place at their original firm choice provider.

Clearing

Clearing is a route for applicants that are not placed and holding no offers to find a place on courses with vacancies.

Cycle year

The UCAS application cycle which runs from September to October the following year. For example the 2017 cycle runs from September 2016 through to October 2017.

End of cycle

The point in the cycle to which the numbers in this report refer, and the point at which the cycle is closed such that no more applications or offers can be made, and no more applicants can be placed. Numbers reported at the end of cycle exclude information on a small number of applicants who cancelled during the cycle.

Extra

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining an offer or decline all offers may be eligible to apply through Extra, where they can apply to one further course at a time. Extra operates from 25 February until early July. It provides applicants who are eligible the possibility of obtaining an offer before exam results are published and Clearing starts.

June 30 deadline

The deadline for main scheme applications. Applicants who apply after this date will go directly into Clearing.

Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA)

RPA is an acceptance route used when a provider informs UCAS of applicants it has accepted outside of the normal application process (e.g. individuals who have applied directly to the provider).

Reporting groups

Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', 'Other', 'Unknown'. Applicants who declare themselves as 'Unknown' ethnic origin are not reported in these tables, but are included in the associated csv data file.

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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, therefore is most suitable for applicants aged 19 and under. 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 not assigned to a quintile. Applicants with no POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016 quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation amongst 6505 small areas (data zones) based on 7 socio-economic domains. These small areas are classified into five groups ranked from Quintile 1 (considered the most deprived) to Quintile 5 (considered least deprived), with equal populations in each quintile. Quintiles are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant, applicants declaring invalid postcodes are classified as 'Not assigned' and are not reported.

SIMD is only defined for applicants domiciled in Scotland, therefore any applicants domiciled outside of Scotland cannot be assigned to an SIMD quintile and so are not reported for this measure.

SIMD is only reported for providers in Scotland. Application and entry rates by SIMD are reported in the 2017 End of Cycle Report and the 2017 cycle January deadline application rate report.

Statistics reported in the tables

All placed applicants

The number of applicants placed for entry into higher education at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA.

All placed applicants per 10,000 population

The number of total UK domiciled 18 year old placed applicants for entry into higher education at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Average offer rate

The offer rate that you might expect if the predicted grades and subject choice of applicants were the only factors that influenced whether an applicant was made an offer by the provider. The average offer rate is calculated by dividing applicants according to their specific combination of grades (for A levels the best three predicted grades are used, for BTECs, International Baccalaureate and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, predicted grades along with any grades already achieved upon applying are used) and subject choice. For each combination the number of main scheme offers is divided by the number of main scheme applications, to give an overall offer rate. This is then multiplied by the number of applications made by the group for which the average offer rate is being calculated (for example POLAR3 quintile 1), to give an average number of offers for that group. These average number of offers are then added together across all combinations of predicted grade and subject and divided by the number of main scheme applications from the group to give the average offer rate.

The average offer rate does not attempt to control for any other factors that may play a part in the decision to make an offer, such as the subject of the qualifications studied, their relevance to a course, or the grade in each subject; higher numbers of A levels being studied; the exact profile of grades predicted; personal statements; teacher references; interviews; or any other criteria (such as work experience or portfolios) that may be part of the admissions decision.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Contribution of group to the average offer rate

The way in which the average offer rate is defined means that the pattern of application and offers of a group (for example POLAR3 quintile 1) will always contribute, in part, to the average offer rate for that group. When this contribution is large, the average offer rate will mainly reflect the patterns for the group, meaning that the value of the average offer rate will be similar to the offer rate, the percentage point difference statistic will be small, and any real difference between the offer rate and what might be expected given the predicted grades and subject choices of the applicants will be difficult to detect.

Values of the contribution of group to the average offer rate range between 0 and 1. The closer the value is to 1 the greater the contribution a group makes to its own average offer rate.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Placed June deadline applicants

An applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education at the provider through a June deadline application.

Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old placed June deadline applicants at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their June deadline applications. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider, but for placed June deadline applicants only. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider through a June deadline application.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

June deadline applications

An application (or choice) to a course in higher education to the provider that is made by the June 30 deadline. Each applicant can make up to five choices this way. The number of June deadline applications does not include choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs. Applications made to October deadline courses received after the October deadline are not included in these statistics.

June deadline applicants

The number of applicants that made at least one application to the provider by the June 30 deadline.

June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old June deadline applicants to the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, who applied by the June 30 deadline. It is equivalent to the application rate. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will apply to a provider by the June 30 deadline.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Offers

An offer is defined as a provider's decision in response to an application to offer a place to an applicant, often subject to the applicant satisfying academic and/or other criteria, via a June deadline application (i.e. does not cover choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs).

Offer rate

The number of offers made divided by the number of June deadline applications. This gives the proportion of all June deadline applications to the provider that received an offer.

Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate

The offer rate minus the average offer rate.

The percentage point difference can be compared to the expected range of statistical variation resulting from the calculation of the average offer rate using the Average Offer Rate Lookup Table. Where the value of the percentage point difference lies outside of this range, the percentage point difference may be considered to represent a real difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate.

Other definitions

Age

This analysis uses country-specific age definitions that align with the cut off points for school and college cohorts within the different administrations of the UK. For England and Wales, ages are defined on the 31 August, for Northern Ireland on the 1 July and for Scotland on the 28 February the following year. Defining ages in this way matches the assignment of children to school cohorts. For applicants outside of the UK a cohort cut off of 31 August has been used. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

Provider

A higher education provider - a university or college.

UK domiciled

Declared area of permanent residence within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Applicants from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not included.