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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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- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Applicants/placed applicants per 10,000 population figures are reported as 0 if the applicant/placed applicant figures are rounded to 0.
- 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	11,990	13,000	13,820	12,565	12,000	10,865
Placed June deadline applicants	1,595	1,610	1,675	1,605	1,650	1,750
All placed applicants	1,665	1,755	1,835	1,820	1,940	1,980
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	155.0	170.8	183.5	164.0	160.1	146.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	20.6	21.2	22.3	21.0	22.0	23.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	21.5	23.1	24.4	23.8	25.9	26.7

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	12,555	13,600	14,430	13,140	12,595	11,450
Offers	9,830	10,430	11,335	10,955	10,580	9,600
Offer rate	78.3%	76.7%	78.6%	83.4%	84.0%	83.8%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	3,950	4,290	4,860	4,290	3,965	3,495
	Women	8,040	8,710	8,960	8,270	8,035	7,370
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	545	580	575	535	555	555
	Women	1,050	1,035	1,105	1,075	1,095	1,195
All placed applicants	Men	565	620	645	600	650	645
	Women	1,100	1,135	1,195	1,220	1,290	1,335
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	99.6	109.9	125.5	109.3	103.3	92.1
	Women	213.3	235.0	244.8	221.3	219.9	204.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	13.8	14.8	14.8	13.6	14.5	14.7
	Women	27.8	27.9	30.2	28.7	30.0	33.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.2	15.9	16.6	15.3	16.9	17.0
	Women	29.1	30.6	32.6	32.7	35.3	36.9

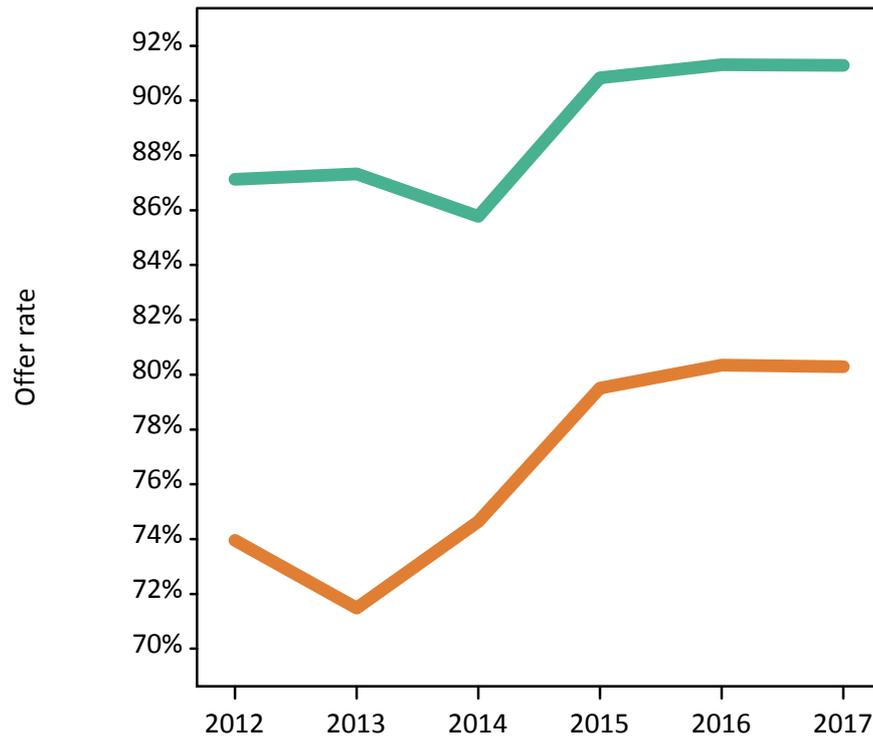
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	4,135	4,495	5,070	4,480	4,180	3,695
	Women	8,420	9,105	9,360	8,660	8,420	7,755
Offers	Men	3,600	3,925	4,350	4,070	3,815	3,375
	Women	6,230	6,505	6,990	6,885	6,765	6,230
Offer rate	Men	87.1%	87.3%	85.8%	90.8%	91.3%	91.3%
	Women	73.9%	71.5%	74.6%	79.5%	80.3%	80.3%
Average offer rate	Men	87.7%	88.0%	86.5%	91.3%	91.6%	91.4%
	Women	73.7%	71.2%	74.3%	79.3%	80.2%	80.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1
	Women	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.515	0.524	0.539	0.539	0.530	0.537
	Women	0.762	0.765	0.750	0.761	0.767	0.779

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.

Men
Women



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	1,865	2,030	2,345	2,100	2,125	1,920
	Quintile 2	2,240	2,515	2,600	2,465	2,320	2,040
	Quintile 3	2,445	2,585	2,730	2,680	2,355	2,160
	Quintile 4	2,735	3,000	3,085	2,690	2,630	2,350
	Quintile 5	2,685	2,855	3,035	2,610	2,550	2,375
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	230	260	290	280	310	305
	Quintile 2	315	310	340	315	345	350
	Quintile 3	365	315	335	335	310	360
	Quintile 4	335	350	360	370	355	375
	Quintile 5	340	370	350	300	330	360
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	245	280	310	305	355	335
	Quintile 2	330	330	365	355	390	390
	Quintile 3	380	340	365	380	365	410
	Quintile 4	350	390	400	430	420	430
	Quintile 5	355	405	385	350	400	410
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	131.0	145.7	168.4	149.9	157.5	144.5
	Quintile 2	149.5	170.7	177.7	166.0	160.4	143.7
	Quintile 3	158.5	169.4	181.5	174.6	156.7	145.0
	Quintile 4	172.3	191.8	200.1	171.8	170.5	153.8
	Quintile 5	159.8	172.6	186.2	155.9	154.3	144.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	16.3	18.8	20.7	20.1	22.8	22.8
	Quintile 2	21.0	21.1	23.3	21.3	24.0	24.6
	Quintile 3	23.8	20.6	22.3	21.8	20.6	24.0
	Quintile 4	21.2	22.4	23.2	23.8	23.0	24.6
	Quintile 5	20.4	22.5	21.3	17.9	20.0	21.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	17.1	20.2	22.2	21.8	26.4	25.2
	Quintile 2	22.0	22.5	24.9	24.0	26.9	27.3
	Quintile 3	24.7	22.4	24.4	24.7	24.4	27.6
	Quintile 4	22.1	24.9	26.0	27.3	27.1	28.1
	Quintile 5	21.1	24.6	23.7	20.9	24.3	24.8

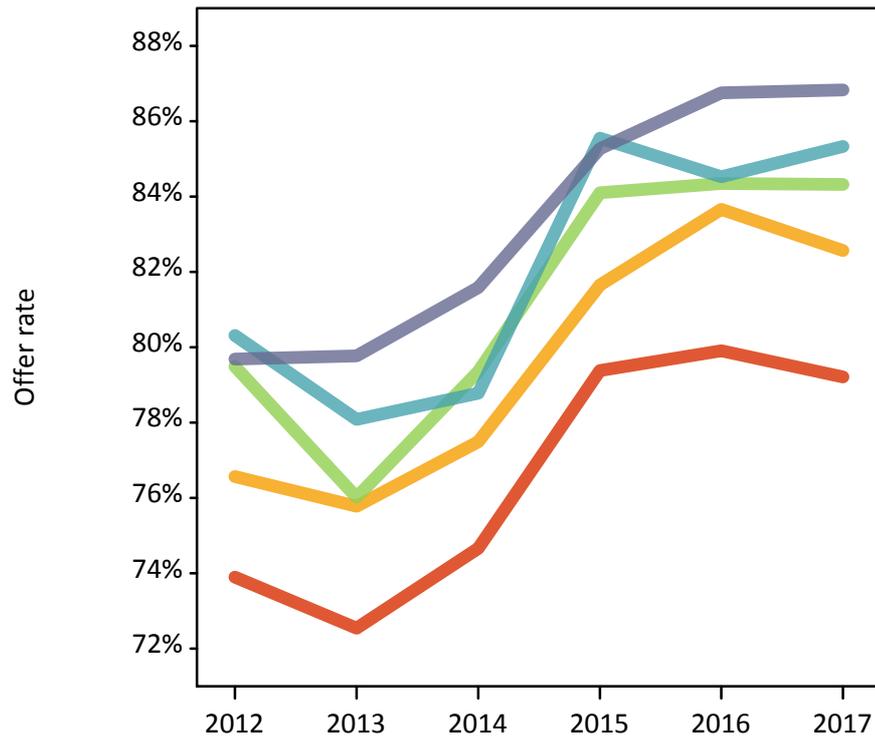
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,980	2,130	2,465	2,200	2,240	2,040
	Quintile 2	2,360	2,630	2,715	2,590	2,450	2,175
	Quintile 3	2,565	2,695	2,845	2,800	2,470	2,270
	Quintile 4	2,860	3,120	3,225	2,825	2,745	2,470
	Quintile 5	2,770	3,000	3,155	2,710	2,670	2,475
Offers	Quintile 1	1,465	1,545	1,840	1,750	1,790	1,615
	Quintile 2	1,805	1,995	2,105	2,115	2,050	1,795
	Quintile 3	2,040	2,050	2,255	2,355	2,085	1,915
	Quintile 4	2,295	2,435	2,540	2,415	2,320	2,105
	Quintile 5	2,210	2,395	2,575	2,310	2,320	2,150
Offer rate	Quintile 1	73.9%	72.5%	74.7%	79.4%	79.9%	79.2%
	Quintile 2	76.6%	75.8%	77.5%	81.7%	83.7%	82.6%
	Quintile 3	79.5%	76.0%	79.4%	84.1%	84.3%	84.3%
	Quintile 4	80.3%	78.1%	78.8%	85.6%	84.5%	85.3%
	Quintile 5	79.7%	79.8%	81.6%	85.3%	86.8%	86.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	75.4%	73.5%	76.1%	80.1%	80.9%	80.8%
	Quintile 2	76.3%	76.0%	77.6%	82.4%	83.7%	82.4%
	Quintile 3	79.6%	76.0%	79.0%	83.5%	84.0%	84.1%
	Quintile 4	79.9%	77.9%	78.8%	84.5%	84.6%	84.6%
	Quintile 5	79.1%	79.2%	80.7%	85.7%	86.2%	86.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.5	-0.9	-1.4	-0.7	-1.0	-1.6
	Quintile 2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	-0.0	0.1
	Quintile 3	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
	Quintile 4	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.1	-0.0	0.7
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.6	0.9	-0.4	0.6	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.229	0.216	0.239	0.235	0.254	0.257
	Quintile 2	0.243	0.245	0.237	0.252	0.253	0.258
	Quintile 3	0.260	0.244	0.249	0.272	0.260	0.275
	Quintile 4	0.285	0.277	0.275	0.278	0.283	0.288
	Quintile 5	0.279	0.281	0.282	0.284	0.286	0.305

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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

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.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	380	475	500	420	480	465
	Black	280	365	380	275	260	265
	Mixed	295	340	350	350	330	305
	White	10,985	11,740	12,500	11,440	10,845	9,745
	Other	35	55	55	45	60	70
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	30	40	45	25	60	60
	Black	25	35	20	20	30	20
	Mixed	35	35	30	35	45	40
	White	1,500	1,490	1,575	1,520	1,505	1,620
	Other	5	5	5	5	10	5
All placed applicants	Asian	30	45	55	30	70	65
	Black	25	40	25	20	45	25
	Mixed	35	40	30	40	50	50
	White	1,565	1,620	1,715	1,715	1,750	1,825
	Other	5	10	5	10	15	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	59.0	71.9	74.0	59.6	67.0	63.1
	Black	99.1	122.6	125.7	86.7	83.4	83.9
	Mixed	113.3	125.7	121.3	113.2	104.2	94.4
	White	170.1	186.5	202.6	183.6	179.3	164.2
	Other	40.7	59.6	61.2	47.7	62.3	66.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.6	6.1	6.5	3.7	8.1	7.9
	Black	8.9	11.8	6.9	5.7	10.2	6.7
	Mixed	13.4	13.7	9.7	11.0	14.0	12.8
	White	23.2	23.7	25.6	24.4	24.9	27.3
	Other	3.4	7.7	5.4	6.2	11.1	6.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.8	6.7	7.8	4.2	9.7	8.6
	Black	9.2	13.1	8.6	6.9	15.0	8.3
	Mixed	13.8	15.2	10.4	13.3	16.2	16.2
	White	24.3	25.7	27.8	27.5	29.0	30.8
	Other	3.4	8.8	7.5	9.3	13.1	6.8

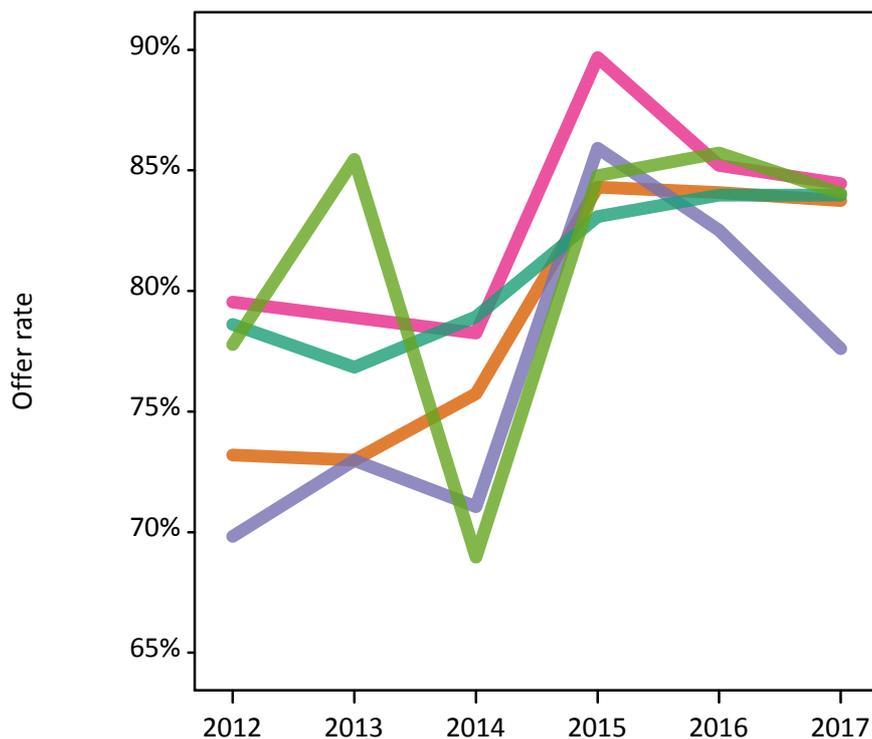
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	390	485	510	425	495	480
	Black	285	370	385	275	265	270
	Mixed	305	345	355	370	340	315
	White	11,530	12,310	13,090	11,990	11,410	10,295
	Other	35	55	60	45	65	70
Offers	Asian	285	355	385	360	415	400
	Black	200	270	275	240	215	210
	Mixed	240	275	275	330	290	265
	White	9,060	9,460	10,330	9,965	9,580	8,645
	Other	30	45	40	40	55	60
Offer rate	Asian	73.2%	73.0%	75.7%	84.3%	84.1%	83.8%
	Black	69.8%	73.0%	71.1%	85.9%	82.5%	77.6%
	Mixed	79.5%	78.9%	78.2%	89.7%	85.2%	84.4%
	White	78.6%	76.8%	78.9%	83.1%	84.0%	84.0%
	Other	77.8%	85.5%	69.0%	84.8%	85.7%	84.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	79.0%	76.6%	79.6%	84.0%	85.0%	86.6%
	Black	80.1%	80.4%	80.3%	87.4%	85.6%	84.8%
	Mixed	81.7%	79.8%	82.9%	87.1%	86.0%	84.6%
	White	78.1%	76.5%	78.3%	83.1%	83.8%	83.6%
	Other	86.6%	83.1%	77.6%	90.2%	89.4%	87.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-5.8	-3.6	-3.9	0.4	-1.0	-2.9
	Black	-10.3	-7.5	-9.3	-1.4	-3.1	-7.2
	Mixed	-2.2	-0.9	-4.6	2.6	-0.8	-0.1
	White	0.5	0.4	0.6	-0.0	0.2	0.4
	Other	N/A	2.4	-8.6	N/A	-3.6	-3.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.123	0.128	0.115	0.137	0.176	0.176
	Black	0.118	0.104	0.127	0.122	0.131	0.136
	Mixed	0.087	0.101	0.092	0.114	0.110	0.119
	White	0.927	0.915	0.917	0.923	0.919	0.913
	Other	0.109	0.057	0.072	0.069	0.119	0.093

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



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

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.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	19,585	21,895	23,150	20,535	19,500	17,730
Placed June deadline applicants	2,805	2,815	3,075	2,850	3,025	3,080
All placed applicants	2,970	3,085	3,425	3,305	3,600	3,575

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	20,850	23,280	24,630	21,720	20,810	18,940
Offers	14,370	15,510	16,905	16,120	15,750	14,330
Offer rate	68.9%	66.6%	68.6%	74.2%	75.7%	75.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	6,385	7,080	7,900	6,805	6,210	5,640
	Women	13,200	14,810	15,250	13,730	13,290	12,090
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	945	1,000	1,040	905	980	960
	Women	1,865	1,815	2,040	1,945	2,045	2,120
All placed applicants	Men	1,005	1,085	1,190	1,065	1,190	1,145
	Women	1,965	2,000	2,235	2,235	2,410	2,425

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	6,775	7,515	8,365	7,165	6,610	6,070
	Women	14,075	15,765	16,260	14,560	14,200	12,875
Offers	Men	5,410	5,990	6,630	6,075	5,680	5,090
	Women	8,960	9,525	10,275	10,040	10,070	9,240
Offer rate	Men	79.9%	79.7%	79.2%	84.8%	85.9%	83.9%
	Women	63.6%	60.4%	63.2%	69.0%	70.9%	71.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	3,610	4,125	4,485	3,960	3,895	3,540
	Quintile 2	3,830	4,330	4,460	4,040	3,855	3,480
	Quintile 3	3,900	4,225	4,475	4,190	3,795	3,370
	Quintile 4	4,135	4,720	4,910	4,235	4,065	3,665
	Quintile 5	4,070	4,450	4,780	4,075	3,860	3,630
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	515	560	620	580	640	645
	Quintile 2	565	560	615	535	635	620
	Quintile 3	615	515	600	585	545	585
	Quintile 4	540	565	605	600	610	610
	Quintile 5	570	610	625	545	585	610
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	540	615	665	660	760	740
	Quintile 2	595	610	680	630	725	695
	Quintile 3	650	560	675	665	650	680
	Quintile 4	575	625	685	700	730	710
	Quintile 5	605	675	705	640	725	730

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	3,915	4,450	4,845	4,230	4,205	3,820
	Quintile 2	4,060	4,600	4,745	4,260	4,120	3,755
	Quintile 3	4,150	4,475	4,725	4,420	4,035	3,595
	Quintile 4	4,380	4,980	5,205	4,485	4,305	3,890
	Quintile 5	4,305	4,740	5,065	4,295	4,115	3,835
Offers	Quintile 1	2,485	2,660	3,055	2,890	2,920	2,685
	Quintile 2	2,685	2,980	3,200	3,075	3,105	2,765
	Quintile 3	2,940	2,975	3,265	3,345	3,060	2,755
	Quintile 4	3,120	3,460	3,625	3,440	3,330	3,040
	Quintile 5	3,115	3,410	3,730	3,345	3,305	3,050
Offer rate	Quintile 1	63.5%	59.8%	63.1%	68.3%	69.4%	70.4%
	Quintile 2	66.2%	64.8%	67.4%	72.2%	75.4%	73.7%
	Quintile 3	70.9%	66.5%	69.2%	75.7%	75.9%	76.7%
	Quintile 4	71.2%	69.5%	69.6%	76.6%	77.3%	78.1%
	Quintile 5	72.3%	71.9%	73.7%	77.8%	80.3%	79.5%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	685	870	880	770	810	765
	Black	760	925	925	750	760	730
	Mixed	470	570	575	565	550	530
	White	17,545	19,360	20,590	18,255	17,180	15,520
	Other	85	105	115	120	135	135
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	60	70	80	65	85	95
	Black	70	100	60	50	85	85
	Mixed	55	65	60	60	80	85
	White	2,605	2,565	2,860	2,650	2,750	2,790
	Other	10	10	10	15	15	15
All placed applicants	Asian	65	75	95	70	115	115
	Black	80	110	70	75	115	110
	Mixed	60	70	65	70	95	105
	White	2,755	2,805	3,165	3,045	3,235	3,205
	Other	10	10	15	20	20	20

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	700	895	905	780	835	790
	Black	795	950	945	770	785	740
	Mixed	495	590	595	590	575	565
	White	18,730	20,670	22,005	19,375	18,410	16,650
	Other	90	110	120	125	135	135
Offers	Asian	450	575	605	585	635	605
	Black	375	500	475	435	435	430
	Mixed	360	400	425	480	445	435
	White	13,100	13,905	15,285	14,470	14,080	12,720
	Other	55	75	75	85	100	100
Offer rate	Asian	64.2%	64.4%	66.7%	75.2%	76.1%	76.4%
	Black	47.0%	52.6%	50.1%	56.6%	55.5%	57.8%
	Mixed	72.4%	68.3%	72.0%	81.8%	77.3%	77.2%
	White	70.0%	67.3%	69.5%	74.7%	76.5%	76.4%
	Other	61.8%	69.4%	61.7%	70.7%	73.7%	71.5%

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.