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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

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken

- 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	10,030	8,325	6,755	7,415	9,380	13,375
Placed June deadline applicants	1,420	1,400	1,340	1,570	1,805	2,135
All placed applicants	1,535	1,525	1,520	1,935	2,075	2,170
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	129.7	109.4	89.7	96.8	125.2	180.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	18.4	18.4	17.8	20.5	24.1	28.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.8	20.1	20.2	25.2	27.7	29.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	10,250	8,495	6,880	7,615	9,625	13,795
Offers	9,230	7,835	6,150	7,080	8,890	12,775
Offer rate	90.0%	92.3%	89.4%	92.9%	92.3%	92.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	4,560	3,660	3,050	3,180	4,205	6,085
	Women	5,470	4,665	3,705	4,235	5,175	7,290
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	580	545	545	625	715	890
	Women	840	855	790	950	1,090	1,245
All placed applicants	Men	620	595	630	805	850	905
	Women	915	930	895	1,125	1,220	1,260
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	115.0	93.7	78.7	81.0	109.5	160.3
population	Women	145.1	125.9	101.2	113.4	141.6	201.9
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	14.6	14.0	14.1	15.9	18.6	23.5
10,000 population	Women	22.3	23.0	21.6	25.4	29.8	34.4
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	15.7	15.3	16.2	20.6	22.2	23.9
population	Women	24.2	25.1	24.4	30.2	33.4	35.0

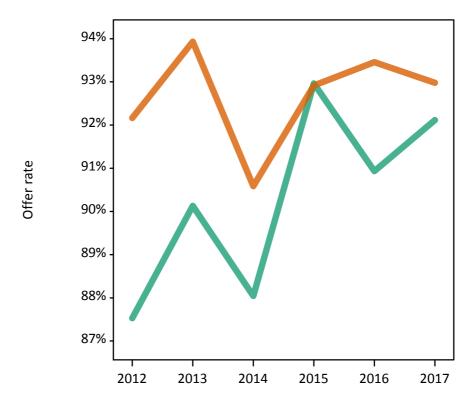
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	4,675	3,750	3,120	3,270	4,325	6,275
	Women	5,575	4,745	3,760	4,345	5,305	7,520
Offers	Men	4,090	3,380	2,745	3,040	3,930	5,780
	Women	5,140	4,460	3,405	4,040	4,955	6,990
Offer rate	Men	87.5%	90.1%	88.0%	93.0%	90.9%	92.1%
	Women	92.2%	93.9%	90.6%	92.9%	93.5%	93.0%
Average offer rate	Men	87.9%	90.4%	88.4%	92.6%	91.2%	92.4%
	Women	91.9%	93.7%	90.3%	93.2%	93.2%	92.8%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.597	0.598	0.629	0.611	0.606	0.590
offer rate	Women	0.663	0.682	0.692	0.708	0.679	0.658

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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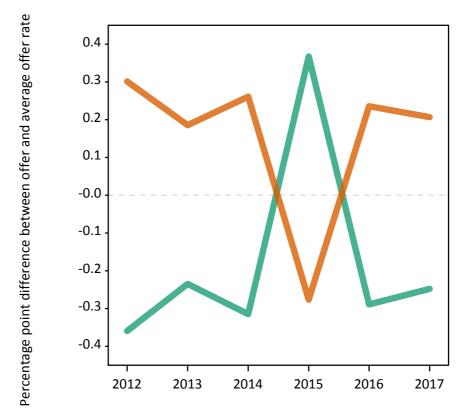




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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.





P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	580	510	450	535	680	945
	Quintile 2	1,065	910	730	850	1,120	1,570
	Quintile 3	1,780	1,585	1,280	1,400	1,735	2,525
	Quintile 4	2,555	2,115	1,755	1,880	2,485	3,245
	Quintile 5	4,030	3,185	2,525	2,740	3,340	5,055
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	75	95	105	110	130	160
	Quintile 2	135	160	145	160	210	230
	Quintile 3	265	285	240	300	315	360
	Quintile 4	370	350	370	385	475	515
	Quintile 5	575	510	480	610	675	860
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	80	100	115	130	145	165
	Quintile 2	150	170	155	185	230	235
	Quintile 3	285	305	265	370	360	365
	Quintile 4	395	385	415	490	540	520
	Quintile 5	625	560	565	760	795	880
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	40.8	36.5	32.4	38.0	50.2	70.9
population	Quintile 2	71.1	61.7	49.9	57.2	77.5	110.6
	Quintile 3	115.3	104.0	85.0	91.1	115.5	169.5
	Quintile 4	161.0	135.1	113.9	120.0	160.9	212.5
	Quintile 5	239.9	192.7	154.8	163.7	202.3	307.9
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	5.2	6.7	7.5	8.0	9.7	12.2
10,000 population	Quintile 2	9.1	10.9	9.8	10.8	14.4	16.3
	Quintile 3	17.1	18.6	15.8	19.7	20.8	24.3
	Quintile 4	23.3	22.4	24.1	24.7	30.8	33.6
	Quintile 5	34.2	30.8	29.4	36.4	40.8	52.4
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	5.5	7.0	8.4	9.3	10.6	12.3
population	Quintile 2	9.9	11.5	10.7	12.6	16.0	16.6
	Quintile 3	18.5	20.0	17.7	24.0	24.1	24.6
	Quintile 4	24.9	24.7	27.1	31.2	35.1	34.0
	Quintile 5	37.2	34.0	34.5	45.3	48.0	53.5

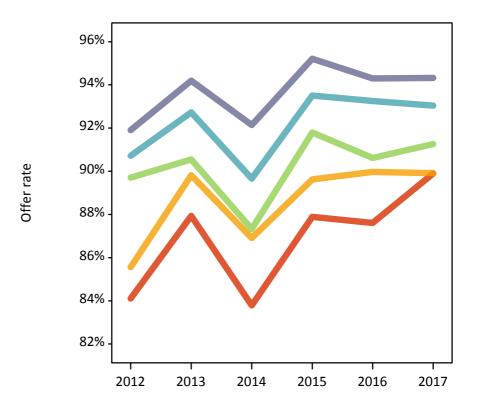
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	605	520	475	555	700	990
	Quintile 2	1,100	925	740	875	1,155	1,625
	Quintile 3	1,825	1,630	1,300	1,425	1,780	2,595
	Quintile 4	2,595	2,160	1,790	1,925	2,550	3,345
	Quintile 5	4,105	3,240	2,560	2,820	3,420	5,195
Offers	Quintile 1	510	460	400	485	615	890
	Quintile 2	940	830	645	785	1,040	1,460
	Quintile 3	1,640	1,475	1,135	1,310	1,610	2,370
	Quintile 4	2,355	2,000	1,605	1,800	2,375	3,115
	Quintile 5	3,770	3,050	2,360	2,685	3,225	4,900
Offer rate	Quintile 1	84.1%	87.9%	83.8%	87.9%	87.6%	89.9%
	Quintile 2	85.6%	89.8%	86.9%	89.6%	90.0%	89.9%
	Quintile 3	89.7%	90.6%	87.3%	91.8%	90.6%	91.3%
	Quintile 4	90.7%	92.7%	89.7%	93.5%	93.3%	93.0%
	Quintile 5	91.9%	94.2%	92.1%	95.2%	94.3%	94.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	84.5%	88.4%	85.2%	89.8%	88.3%	89.4%
	Quintile 2	85.8%	89.6%	86.3%	90.8%	89.8%	91.3%
	Quintile 3	89.7%	90.5%	87.5%	90.8%	91.2%	91.5%
	Quintile 4	90.7%	93.0%	89.9%	93.6%	93.0%	92.8%
	Quintile 5	91.8%	94.0%	91.8%	94.9%	94.1%	94.0%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-1.9	-0.7	0.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.2	0.2	0.7	-1.1	0.2	-1.4
	Quintile 3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	1.0	-0.5	-0.2
	Quintile 4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2
	Quintile 5	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.135	0.147	0.185	0.174	0.158	0.136
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.173	0.182	0.201	0.211	0.190	0.174
	Quintile 3	0.232	0.264	0.274	0.271	0.253	0.241
	Quintile 4	0.301	0.314	0.331	0.330	0.317	0.286
	Quintile 5	0.449	0.441	0.444	0.440	0.411	0.422

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

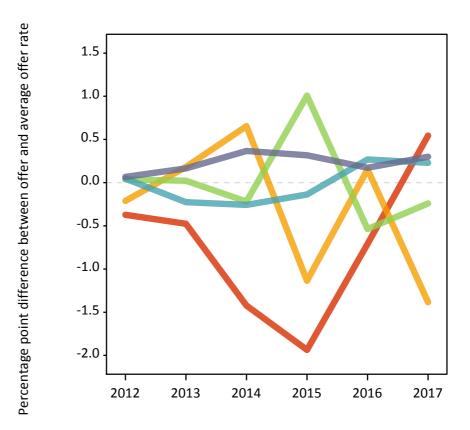
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	640	500	475	455	740	1,250
	Black	520	505	440	430	630	780
	Mixed	565	485	430	450	580	910
	White	8,105	6,675	5,260	5,915	7,190	10,140
	Other	140	120	115	115	170	240
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	60	60	65	75	95	140
	Black	55	85	50	75	70	85
	Mixed	90	80	90	90	115	160
	White	1,185	1,150	1,100	1,300	1,485	1,710
	Other	20	20	20	25	25	30
All placed applicants	Asian	70	75	80	110	135	140
	Black	65	95	60	100	95	85
	Mixed	100	80	105	125	130	160
	White	1,270	1,240	1,240	1,555	1,670	1,740
	Other	20	25	25	30	30	30
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	99.1	75.5	70.2	64.1	102.7	169.6
population	Black	183.9	169.8	145.5	134.8	201.5	248.5
	Mixed	216.9	180.1	149.5	145.3	185.0	283.2
	White	125.5	106.1	85.2	94.9	118.9	170.8
	Other	156.0	130.1	122.5	120.3	168.8	232.0
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	9.4	9.1	9.9	10.5	13.5	18.8
10,000 population	Black	20.2	29.0	16.2	23.6	22.7	26.4
	Mixed	34.6	28.8	31.6	29.2	36.2	49.5
	White	18.3	18.3	17.8	20.9	24.5	28.8
	Other	20.3	19.9	23.6	23.9	27.1	31.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	11.0	11.5	11.9	15.3	18.5	19.0
population	Black	23.1	32.0	20.5	32.0	31.0	26.4
	Mixed	37.6	30.0	35.8	41.2	41.6	50.2
	White	19.6	19.7	20.1	24.9	27.6	29.4
	Other	23.7	26.5	26.9	32.2	32.2	31.1

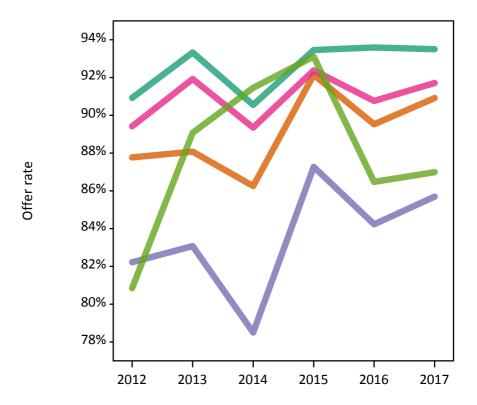
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	655	505	480	460	755	1,275
	Black	525	515	440	430	635	790
	Mixed	575	495	440	460	595	940
	White	8,295	6,815	5,360	6,095	7,395	10,485
	Other	140	120	115	115	170	245
Offers	Asian	575	445	415	420	675	1,160
	Black	430	425	345	375	535	675
	Mixed	515	455	395	425	540	865
	White	7,540	6,360	4,855	5,695	6,925	9,800
	Other	115	105	105	110	145	215
Offer rate	Asian	87.8%	88.1%	86.3%	92.1%	89.5%	90.9%
	Black	82.2%	83.1%	78.5%	87.3%	84.2%	85.7%
	Mixed	89.4%	91.9%	89.3%	92.4%	90.8%	91.7%
	White	90.9%	93.3%	90.5%	93.5%	93.6%	93.5%
	Other	80.9%	89.1%	91.5%	93.1%	86.5%	87.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	87.8%	87.7%	86.6%	92.2%	90.0%	91.0%
	Black	85.7%	85.3%	81.2%	88.5%	86.9%	88.3%
	Mixed	89.2%	91.3%	87.7%	92.8%	91.7%	92.6%
	White	90.7%	93.2%	90.5%	93.3%	93.2%	93.2%
	Other	83.3%	91.6%	89.7%	90.8%	89.0%	88.4%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	0.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-3.5	-2.2	-2.7	-1.3	-2.7	-2.6
	Mixed	0.2	0.7	1.7	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9
	White	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3
	Other	-2.5	-2.5	1.8	2.3	-2.5	-1.4
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.156	0.167	0.201	0.167	0.196	0.170
offer rate	Black	0.162	0.198	0.207	0.172	0.177	0.123
	Mixed	0.122	0.137	0.174	0.152	0.136	0.125
	White	0.831	0.831	0.814	0.828	0.801	0.786
	Other	0.113	0.086	0.129	0.117	0.113	0.078

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

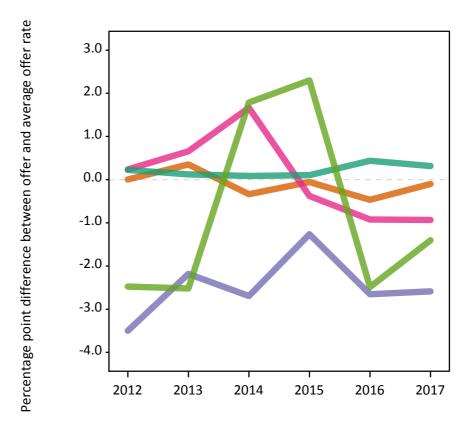
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	14,185	12,505	10,890	11,605	14,490	19,325
Placed June deadline applicants	2,120	2,220	2,220	2,510	2,910	3,280
All placed applicants	2,305	2,435	2,525	3,080	3,305	3,350

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	14,780	12,965	11,295	12,105	15,125	20,195
Offers	11,940	10,965	9,190	10,410	12,830	17,340
Offer rate	80.8%	84.6%	81.4%	86.0%	84.9%	85.8%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	6,790	5,860	5,180	5,465	6,920	9,210
	Women	7,395	6,645	5,710	6,140	7,570	10,115
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	935	965	990	1,115	1,285	1,465
	Women	1,185	1,255	1,235	1,395	1,625	1,815
All placed applicants	Men	1,015	1,065	1,135	1,410	1,500	1,495
	Women	1,290	1,370	1,395	1,670	1,810	1,855

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	7,095	6,090	5,405	5,715	7,235	9,625
	Women	7,685	6,875	5,890	6,390	7,890	10,570
Offers	Men	5,545	5,010	4,290	4,870	6,015	8,145
	Women	6,395	5,955	4,900	5,545	6,815	9,195
Offer rate	Men	78.2%	82.2%	79.3%	85.2%	83.1%	84.6%
	Women	83.2%	86.7%	83.2%	86.8%	86.4%	87.0%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	975	910	825	920	1,195	1,510
	Quintile 2	1,570	1,480	1,235	1,385	1,775	2,350
	Quintile 3	2,605	2,400	2,115	2,270	2,780	3,690
	Quintile 4	3,565	3,120	2,820	2,955	3,710	4,755
	Quintile 5	5,425	4,550	3,875	4,050	4,990	6,960
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	120	160	190	195	240	275
	Quintile 2	220	260	245	285	365	390
	Quintile 3	395	455	410	470	505	560
	Quintile 4	555	565	620	625	765	810
	Quintile 5	820	775	760	930	1,030	1,240
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	130	175	215	225	260	275
	Quintile 2	245	275	270	330	405	405
	Quintile 3	430	495	470	570	580	570
	Quintile 4	590	620	690	780	865	830
	Quintile 5	900	865	880	1,165	1,195	1,265

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,045	955	885	1,000	1,275	1,620
	Quintile 2	1,665	1,535	1,280	1,455	1,905	2,475
	Quintile 3	2,705	2,515	2,210	2,355	2,880	3,835
	Quintile 4	3,715	3,230	2,925	3,070	3,855	4,960
	Quintile 5	5,600	4,685	3,975	4,205	5,165	7,240
Offers	Quintile 1	705	710	640	760	995	1,280
	Quintile 2	1,220	1,215	980	1,185	1,560	2,030
	Quintile 3	2,140	2,085	1,720	1,955	2,355	3,235
	Quintile 4	3,035	2,770	2,400	2,665	3,325	4,285
	Quintile 5	4,810	4,150	3,435	3,825	4,560	6,455
Offer rate	Quintile 1	67.6%	74.4%	72.2%	76.3%	78.0%	79.0%
	Quintile 2	73.4%	79.2%	76.5%	81.6%	81.9%	82.1%
	Quintile 3	79.1%	82.9%	77.7%	83.1%	81.7%	84.3%
	Quintile 4	81.6%	85.7%	82.0%	86.8%	86.3%	86.4%
	Quintile 5	85.9%	88.6%	86.5%	90.9%	88.3%	89.1%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	985	835	800	840	1,290	1,880
	Black	900	890	850	810	1,115	1,345
	Mixed	790	770	690	745	930	1,335
	White	11,155	9,695	8,275	8,855	10,700	14,205
	Other	230	215	200	230	315	435
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	90	100	105	125	170	215
	Black	80	125	95	125	140	135
	Mixed	130	140	145	165	205	245
	White	1,765	1,795	1,815	2,035	2,320	2,605
	Other	30	35	40	40	45	55
All placed applicants	Asian	105	125	130	185	225	220
	Black	90	145	120	170	180	135
	Mixed	145	150	165	220	230	245
	White	1,900	1,940	2,035	2,410	2,590	2,660
	Other	35	50	50	55	50	60

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	1,010	850	815	855	1,320	1,930
	Black	915	915	870	820	1,130	1,370
	Mixed	815	790	720	765	970	1,400
	White	11,675	10,085	8,595	9,295	11,225	14,925
	Other	240	215	215	240	325	445
Offers	Asian	800	700	660	720	1,080	1,620
	Black	580	645	575	625	845	1,015
	Mixed	670	665	595	655	810	1,195
	White	9,630	8,685	7,120	8,100	9,730	13,045
	Other	175	170	170	205	255	360
Offer rate	Asian	79.3%	82.7%	81.1%	84.2%	82.0%	84.1%
	Black	63.7%	70.6%	66.4%	76.3%	75.1%	74.0%
	Mixed	82.3%	84.5%	82.4%	85.3%	83.2%	85.3%
	White	82.5%	86.1%	82.9%	87.1%	86.7%	87.4%
	Other	72.7%	78.7%	79.2%	85.7%	77.4%	80.9%

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.