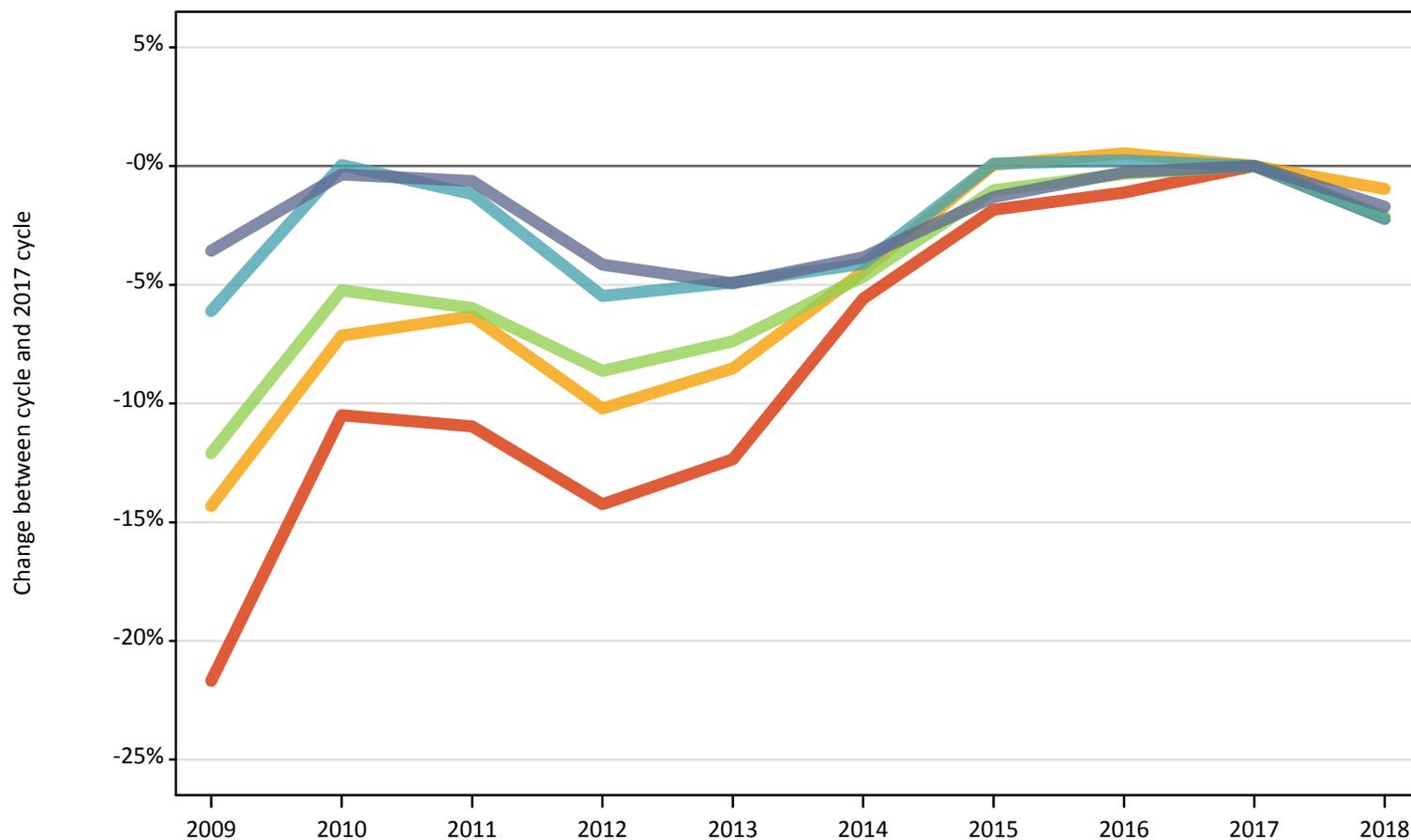


March Deadline Analysis: POLAR3 quintile

18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile and sex at the 24 March deadline

F.11.1 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.2 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
UK	Quintile 1	23,480	26,830	26,690	25,710	26,280	28,310	29,430	29,650	29,980	29,320
	Quintile 2	36,040	39,060	39,400	37,770	38,480	40,200	42,090	42,290	42,060	41,660
	Quintile 3	46,780	50,430	50,040	48,630	49,300	50,740	52,680	53,050	53,220	52,090
	Quintile 4	59,910	63,840	63,060	60,320	60,680	61,190	63,880	63,970	63,810	62,390
	Quintile 5	82,880	85,650	85,400	82,380	81,700	82,640	84,820	85,720	85,950	84,470

F.11.3 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK

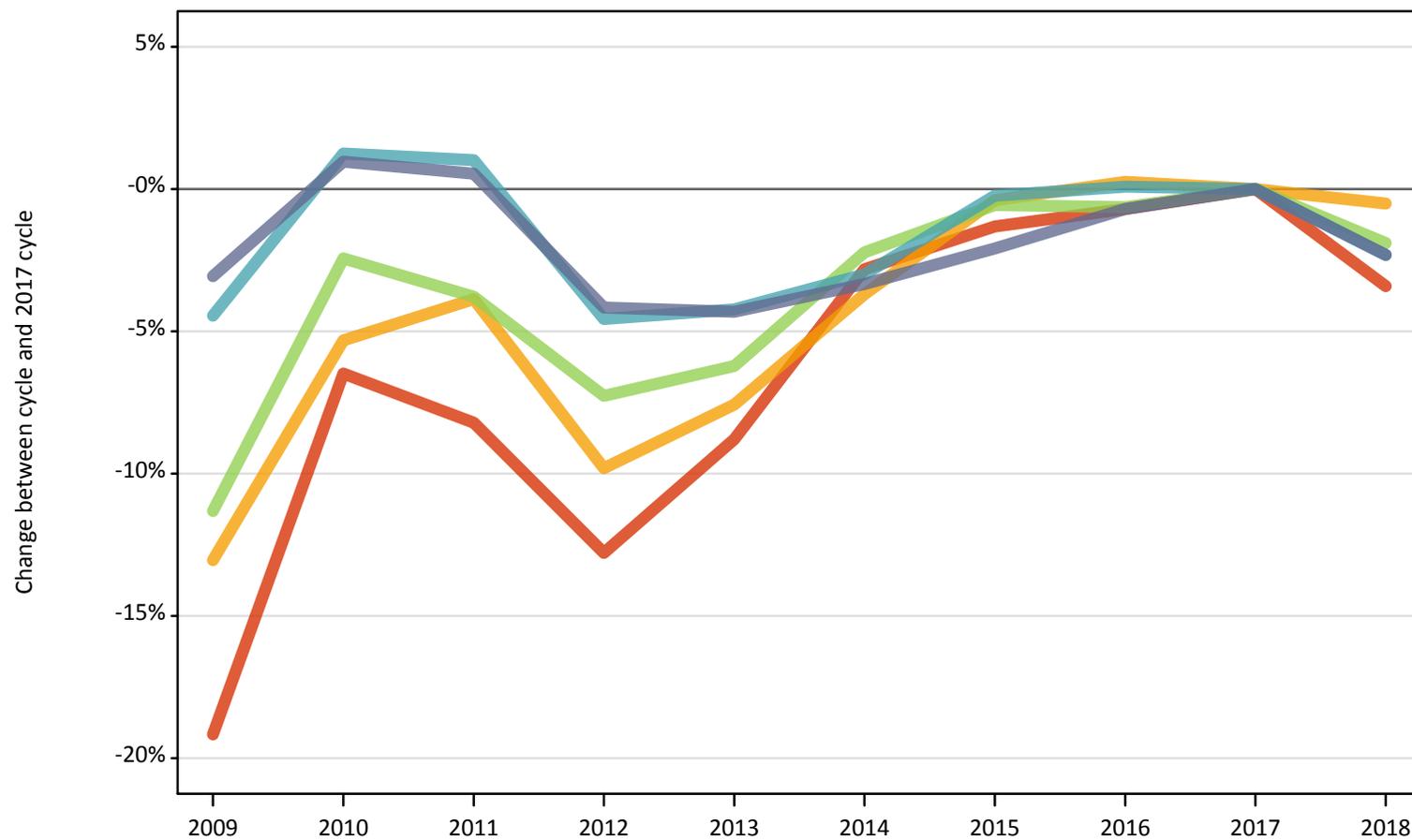
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
UK	Quintile 1	-22%	-11%	-11%	-14%	-12%	-6%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 2	-14%	-7%	-6%	-10%	-9%	-4%	0%	1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-12%	-5%	-6%	-9%	-7%	-5%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-6%	0%	-1%	-5%	-5%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-4%	-0%	-1%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.4 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK (Men)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

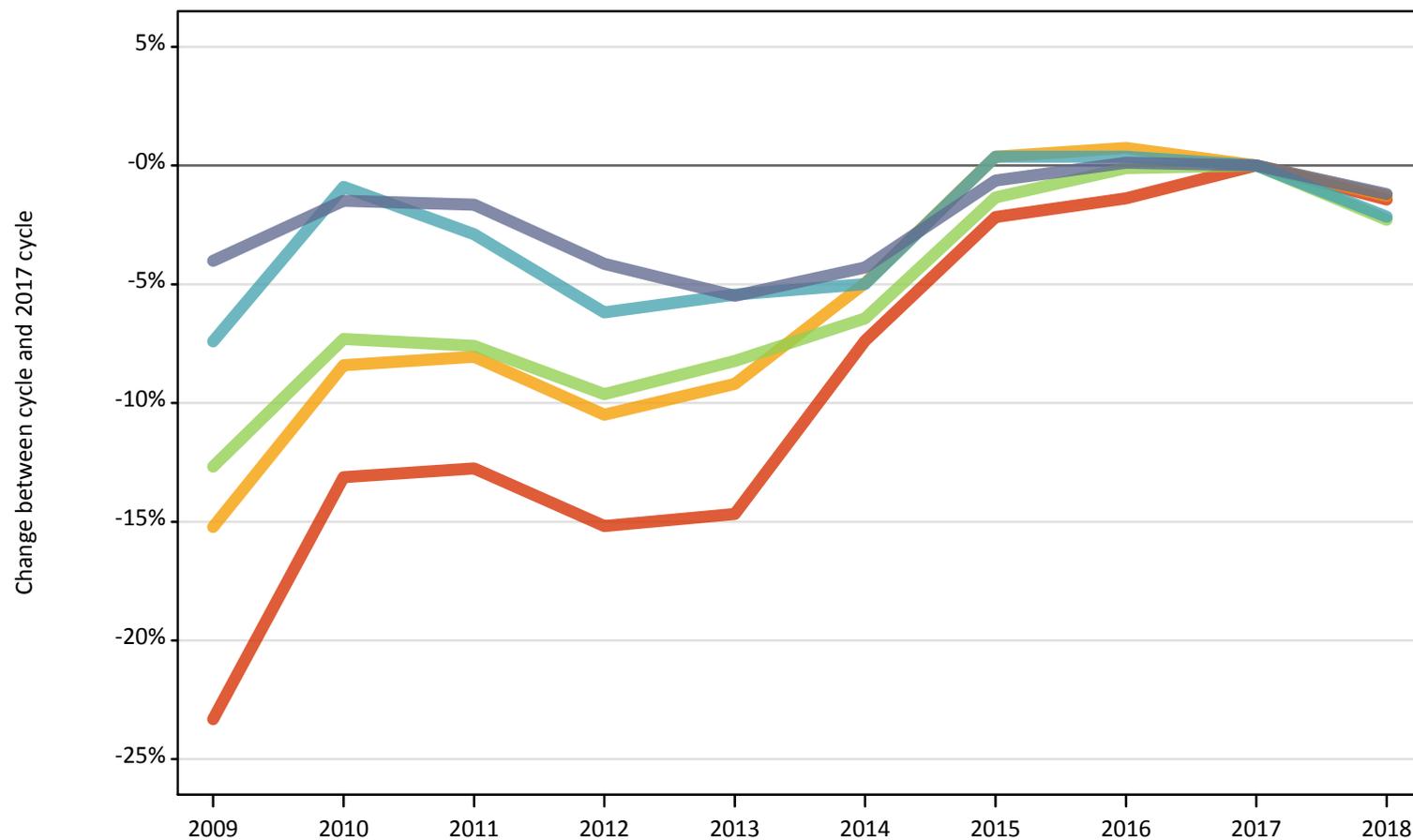
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- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.5 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK (Women)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.6 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: UK

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	13,920	15,770	15,840	15,400	15,490	16,810	17,760	17,900	18,160	17,900
	Quintile 2	20,930	22,620	22,710	22,100	22,420	23,470	24,790	24,880	24,690	24,380
	Quintile 3	26,760	28,400	28,310	27,690	28,120	28,660	30,230	30,610	30,640	29,940
	Quintile 4	33,120	35,450	34,740	33,560	33,830	33,990	35,900	35,900	35,770	35,000
	Quintile 5	44,300	45,460	45,380	44,240	43,620	44,170	45,860	46,200	46,150	45,590
Men	Quintile 1	9,560	11,060	10,850	10,310	10,790	11,490	11,670	11,740	11,830	11,420
	Quintile 2	15,110	16,450	16,700	15,670	16,060	16,730	17,300	17,410	17,370	17,280
	Quintile 3	20,030	22,030	21,730	20,940	21,180	22,080	22,460	22,440	22,580	22,150
	Quintile 4	26,790	28,390	28,330	26,760	26,860	27,200	27,970	28,060	28,040	27,390
	Quintile 5	38,580	40,180	40,020	38,140	38,090	38,470	38,970	39,520	39,800	38,880

F.11.7 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: UK

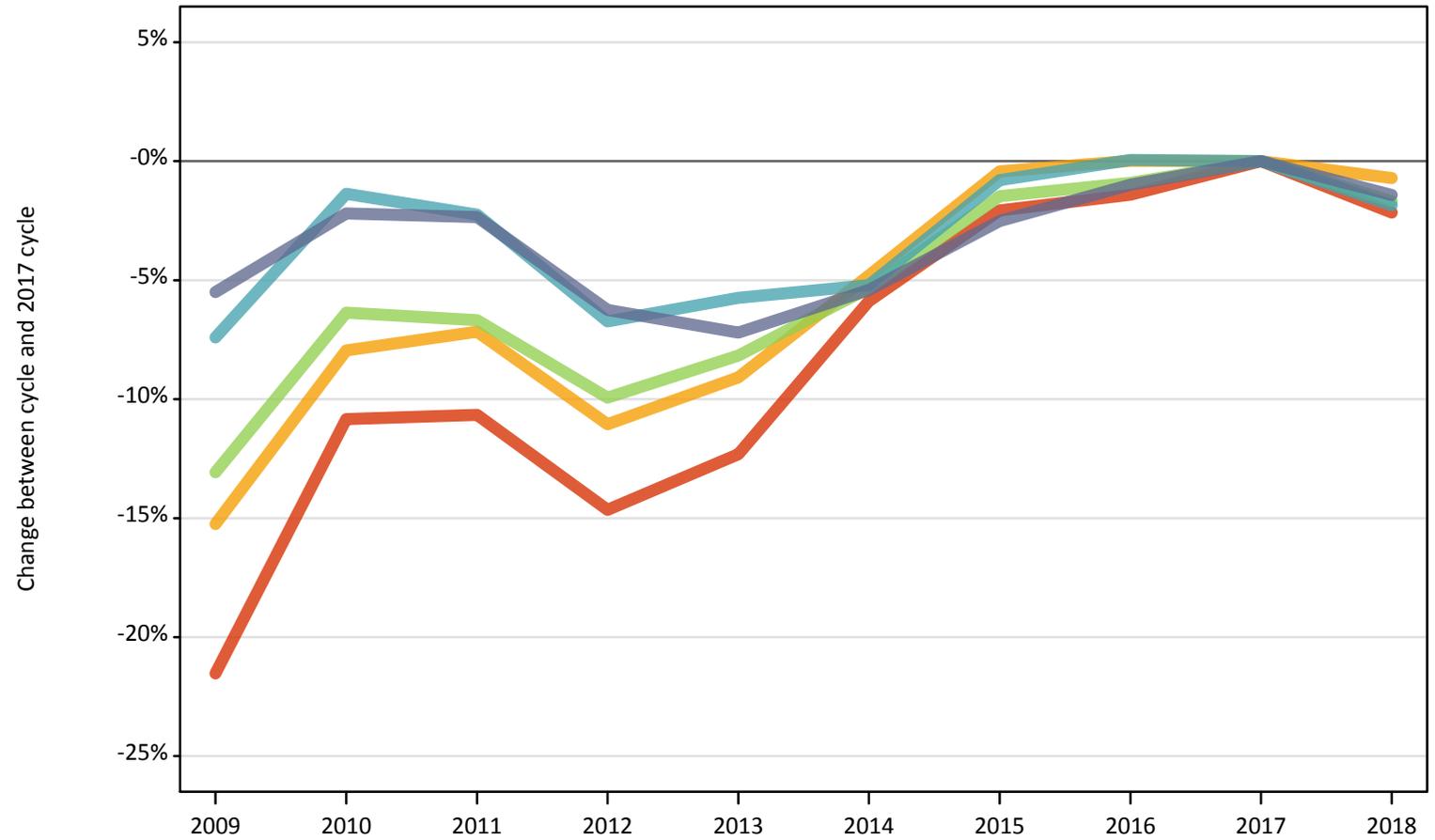
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	-23%	-13%	-13%	-15%	-15%	-7%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-15%	-8%	-8%	-11%	-9%	-5%	0%	1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-13%	-7%	-8%	-10%	-8%	-6%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-7%	-1%	-3%	-6%	-5%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-4%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%
Men	Quintile 1	-19%	-6%	-8%	-13%	-9%	-3%	-1%	-1%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	-13%	-5%	-4%	-10%	-8%	-4%	-0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-11%	-2%	-4%	-7%	-6%	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-4%	1%	1%	-5%	-4%	-3%	-0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-3%	1%	1%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.8 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.9 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	Quintile 1	20,800	23,630	23,680	22,620	23,240	24,940	25,960	26,130	26,500	25,930
	Quintile 2	30,870	33,530	33,810	32,400	33,120	34,680	36,270	36,430	36,430	36,170
	Quintile 3	40,340	43,450	43,310	41,800	42,620	43,930	45,720	45,980	46,400	45,620
	Quintile 4	49,440	52,670	52,200	49,810	50,330	50,620	52,970	53,430	53,400	52,410
	Quintile 5	66,730	69,060	68,950	66,200	65,530	66,790	68,840	69,910	70,610	69,610

F.11.10 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England

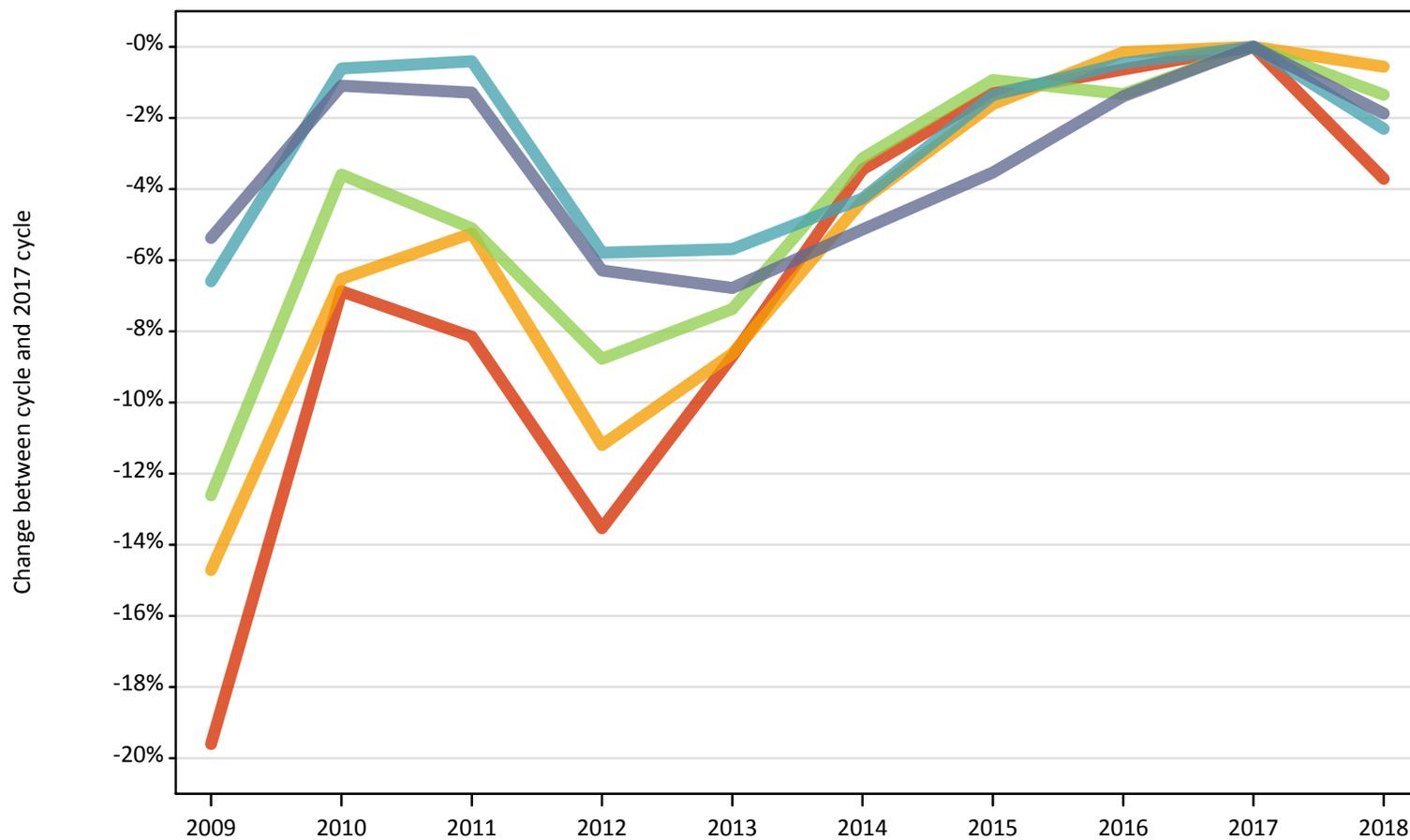
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	Quintile 1	-22%	-11%	-11%	-15%	-12%	-6%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 2	-15%	-8%	-7%	-11%	-9%	-5%	-0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-13%	-6%	-7%	-10%	-8%	-5%	-1%	-1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-7%	-1%	-2%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-6%	-2%	-2%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%

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F.11.11 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England (Men)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

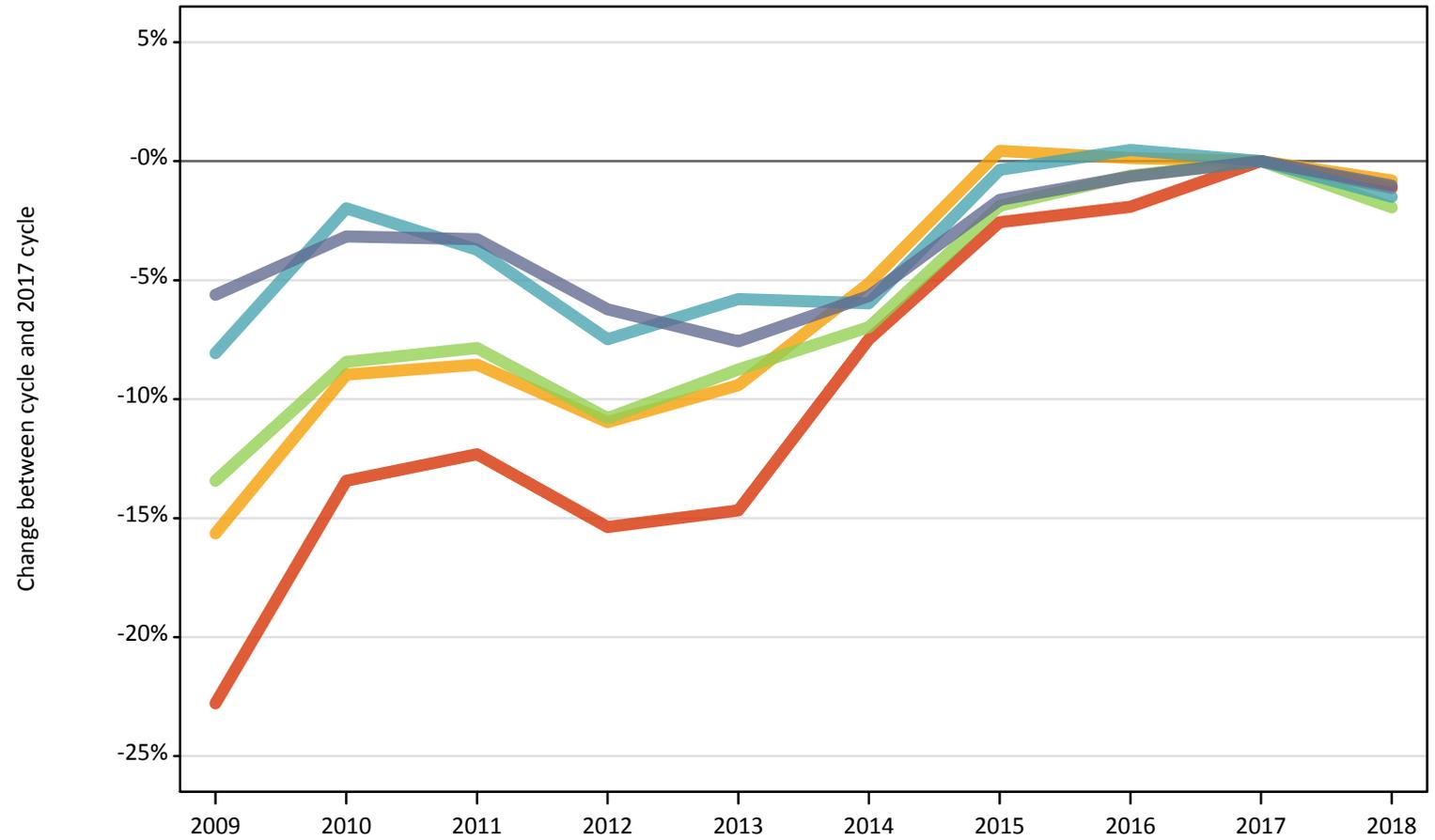
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- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.12 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England (Women)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.13 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: England

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	12,360	13,860	14,040	13,550	13,660	14,810	15,600	15,700	16,010	15,830
	Quintile 2	17,870	19,290	19,380	18,870	19,190	20,100	21,280	21,220	21,190	21,020
	Quintile 3	22,980	24,300	24,460	23,670	24,220	24,690	26,040	26,380	26,540	26,030
	Quintile 4	27,240	29,040	28,520	27,410	27,910	27,860	29,520	29,770	29,630	29,180
	Quintile 5	35,480	36,410	36,360	35,260	34,750	35,470	36,980	37,350	37,590	37,210
Men	Quintile 1	8,440	9,770	9,640	9,080	9,580	10,130	10,360	10,430	10,500	10,110
	Quintile 2	13,000	14,240	14,440	13,530	13,920	14,580	14,990	15,210	15,240	15,150
	Quintile 3	17,360	19,150	18,850	18,120	18,400	19,240	19,680	19,600	19,870	19,600
	Quintile 4	22,210	23,630	23,680	22,400	22,420	22,760	23,450	23,660	23,770	23,230
	Quintile 5	31,240	32,660	32,590	30,940	30,780	31,320	31,850	32,560	33,020	32,400

F.11.14 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: England

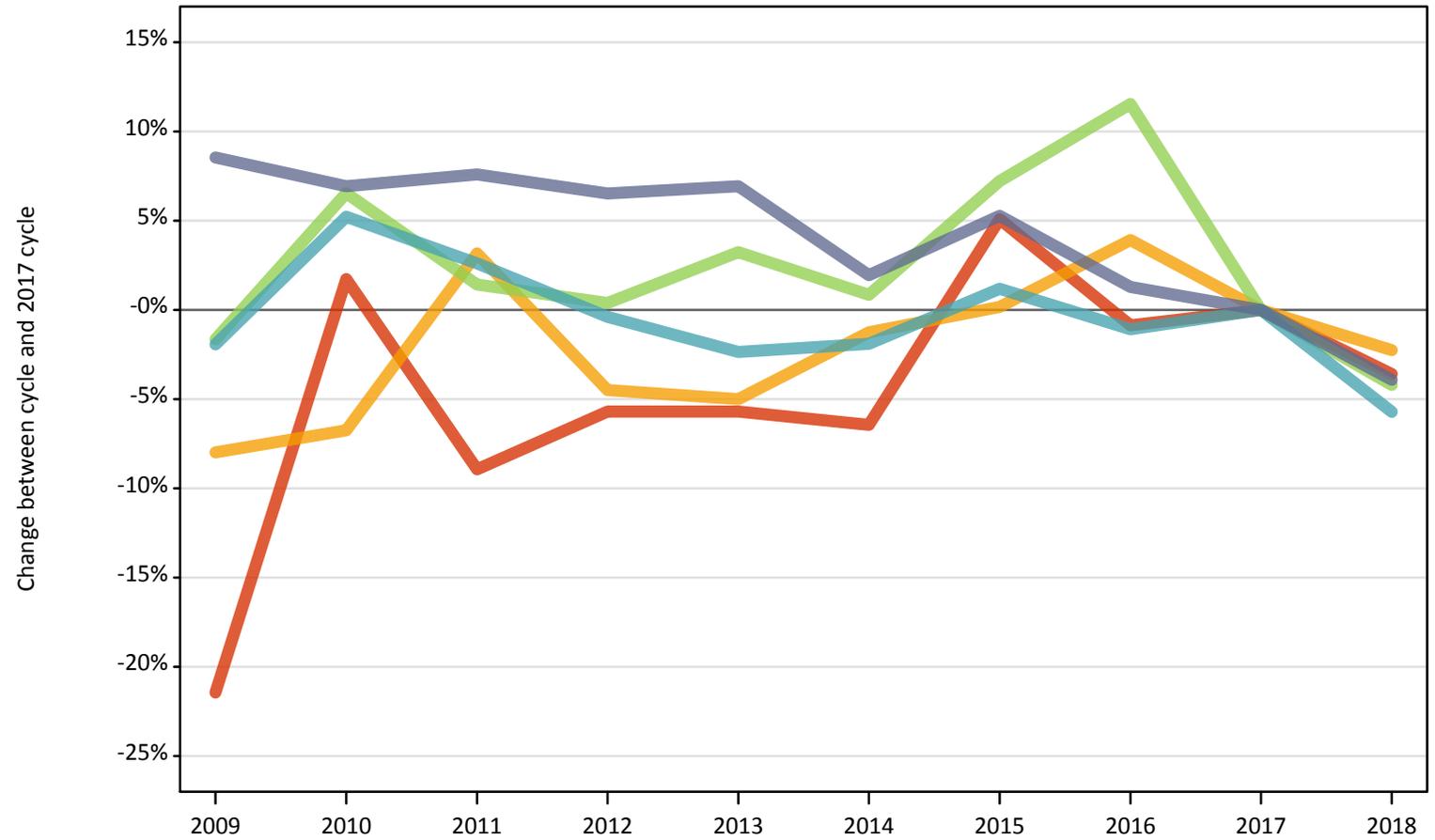
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	-23%	-13%	-12%	-15%	-15%	-7%	-3%	-2%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-16%	-9%	-9%	-11%	-9%	-5%	0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-13%	-8%	-8%	-11%	-9%	-7%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-8%	-2%	-4%	-7%	-6%	-6%	-0%	0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 5	-6%	-3%	-3%	-6%	-8%	-6%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%
Men	Quintile 1	-20%	-7%	-8%	-14%	-9%	-3%	-1%	-1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	-15%	-7%	-5%	-11%	-9%	-4%	-2%	-0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-13%	-4%	-5%	-9%	-7%	-3%	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 4	-7%	-1%	-0%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-5%	-1%	-1%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	-2%

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F.11.15 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



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F.11.16 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Northern Ireland	Quintile 1	630	820	740	760	760	760	850	800	810	780
	Quintile 2	1,110	1,120	1,240	1,150	1,140	1,190	1,200	1,250	1,200	1,180
	Quintile 3	1,730	1,870	1,780	1,770	1,820	1,770	1,890	1,960	1,760	1,690
	Quintile 4	3,450	3,710	3,610	3,510	3,440	3,460	3,560	3,480	3,520	3,320
	Quintile 5	4,580	4,510	4,540	4,490	4,510	4,300	4,440	4,270	4,220	4,050

F.11.17 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

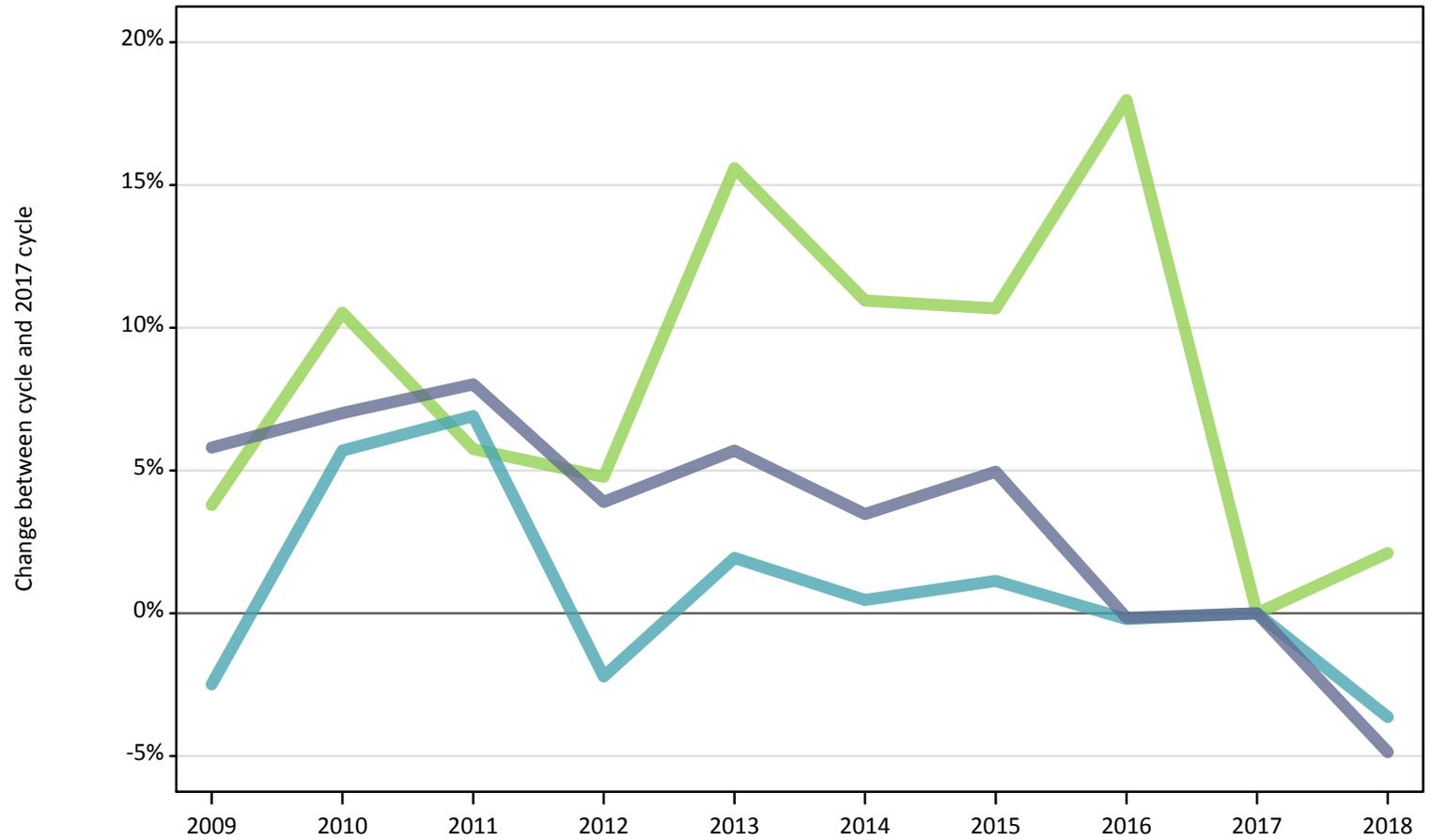
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Northern Ireland	Quintile 1	-21%	2%	-9%	-6%	-6%	-6%	5%	-1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	-8%	-7%	3%	-4%	-5%	-1%	0%	4%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 3	-2%	7%	1%	0%	3%	1%	7%	12%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 4	-2%	5%	3%	-0%	-2%	-2%	1%	-1%	0%	-6%
	Quintile 5	9%	7%	8%	7%	7%	2%	5%	1%	0%	-4%

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F.11.18 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland (Men)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

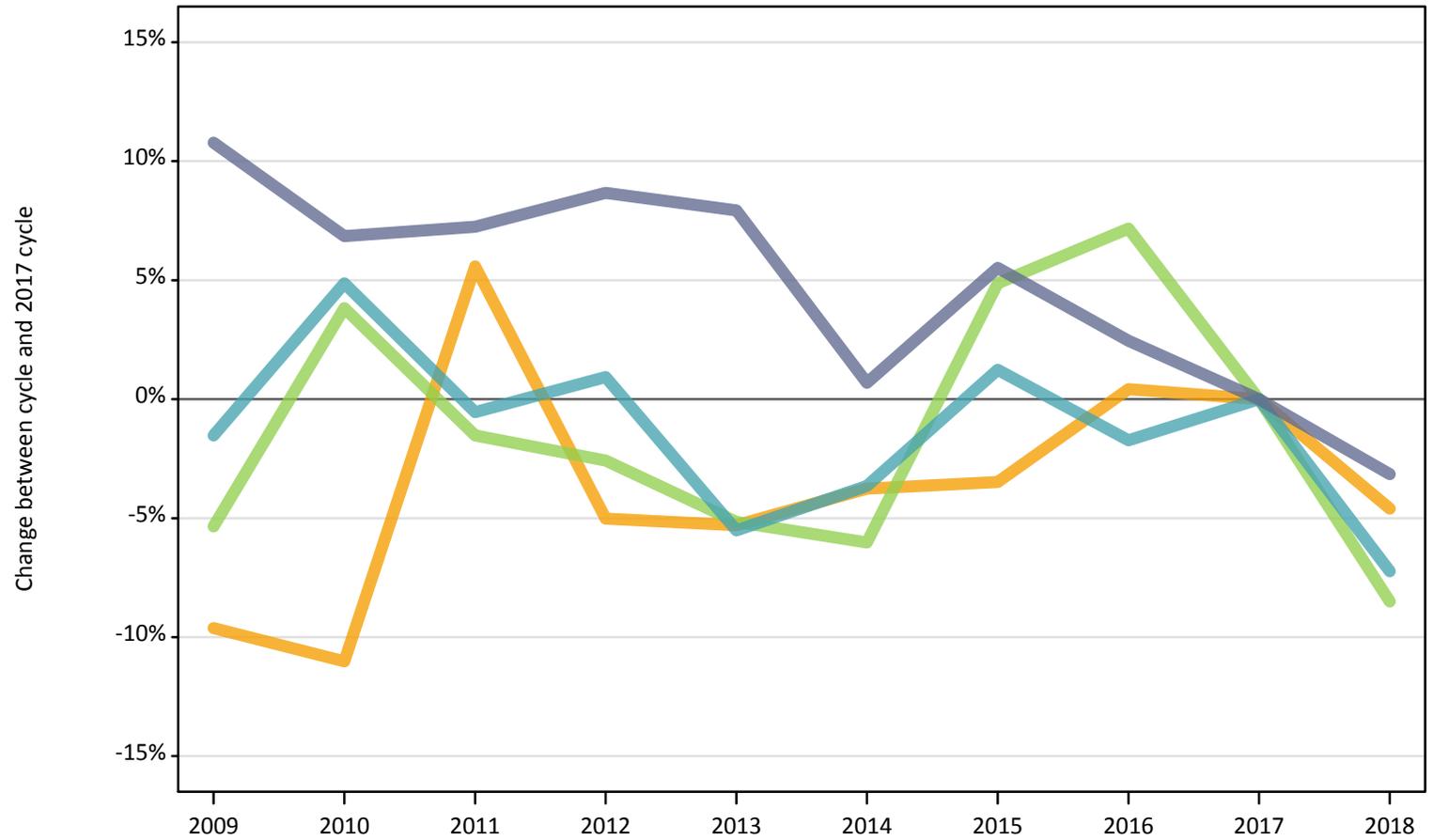
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- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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F.11.19 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland (Women)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.20 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	370	490	420	420	420	420	530	480	460	440
	Quintile 2	650	640	760	680	680	690	690	720	720	680
	Quintile 3	990	1,090	1,030	1,020	990	980	1,100	1,120	1,050	960
	Quintile 4	2,000	2,130	2,020	2,050	1,920	1,960	2,060	2,000	2,030	1,890
	Quintile 5	2,570	2,480	2,490	2,520	2,500	2,340	2,450	2,380	2,320	2,250
Men	Quintile 1	270	340	310	340	340	330	320	320	340	340
	Quintile 2	460	480	480	470	460	500	510	530	490	490
	Quintile 3	740	790	750	750	820	790	790	840	710	730
	Quintile 4	1,450	1,580	1,590	1,460	1,520	1,500	1,510	1,490	1,490	1,440
	Quintile 5	2,010	2,030	2,050	1,970	2,000	1,960	1,990	1,890	1,900	1,800

F.11.21 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

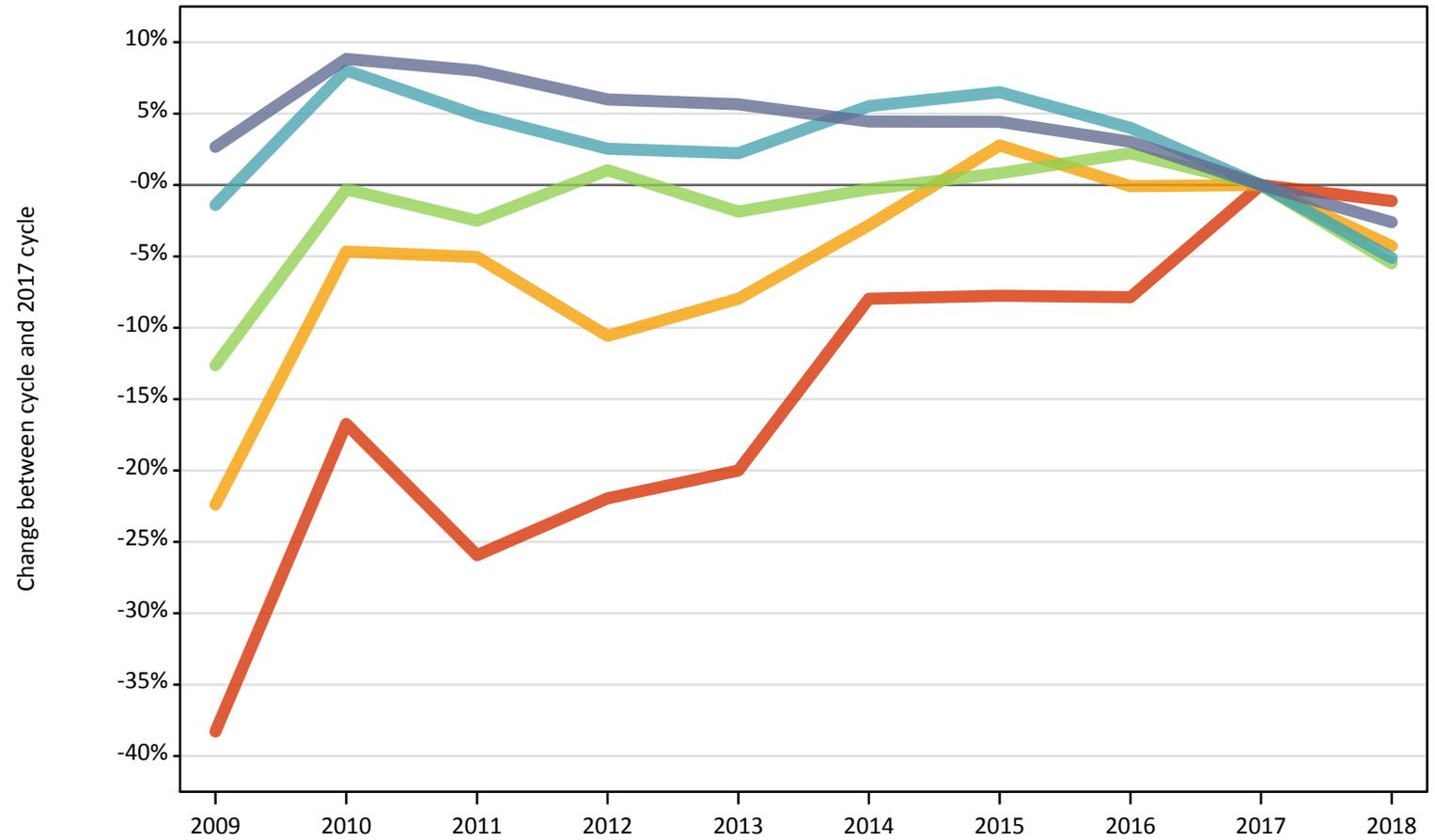
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	-21%	5%	-9%	-9%	-9%	-8%	14%	3%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 2	-10%	-11%	6%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 3	-5%	4%	-2%	-3%	-5%	-6%	5%	7%	0%	-9%
	Quintile 4	-2%	5%	-1%	1%	-6%	-4%	1%	-2%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 5	11%	7%	7%	9%	8%	1%	6%	2%	0%	-3%
Men	Quintile 1	-22%	-2%	-9%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-7%	-6%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 2	-6%	-0%	-0%	-4%	-5%	2%	6%	9%	0%	1%
	Quintile 3	4%	11%	6%	5%	16%	11%	11%	18%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-2%	6%	7%	-2%	2%	0%	1%	-0%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 5	6%	7%	8%	4%	6%	3%	5%	-0%	0%	-5%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.22 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.23 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Scotland	Quintile 1	610	820	730	770	780	900	900	900	980	970
	Quintile 2	1,650	2,020	2,010	1,900	1,950	2,060	2,180	2,120	2,120	2,030
	Quintile 3	2,680	3,060	2,990	3,100	3,010	3,060	3,090	3,130	3,070	2,900
	Quintile 4	4,340	4,750	4,620	4,510	4,500	4,640	4,690	4,580	4,400	4,180
	Quintile 5	8,450	8,960	8,890	8,720	8,700	8,600	8,590	8,480	8,230	8,020

F.11.24 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

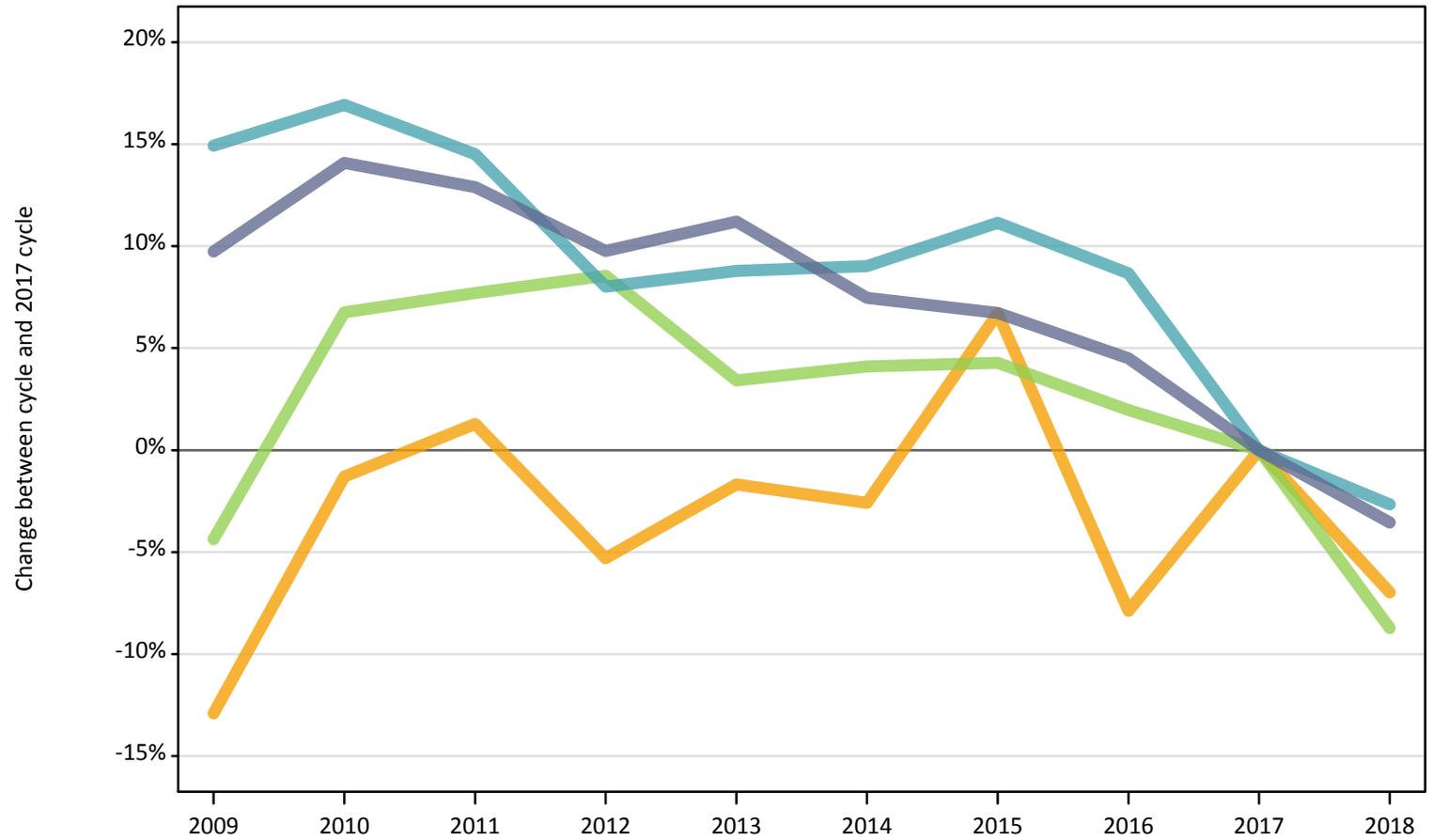
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Scotland	Quintile 1	-38%	-17%	-26%	-22%	-20%	-8%	-8%	-8%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-22%	-5%	-5%	-11%	-8%	-3%	3%	-0%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 3	-13%	-0%	-3%	1%	-2%	-0%	1%	2%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 4	-1%	8%	5%	3%	2%	6%	6%	4%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 5	3%	9%	8%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%	0%	-3%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.25 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland (Men)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

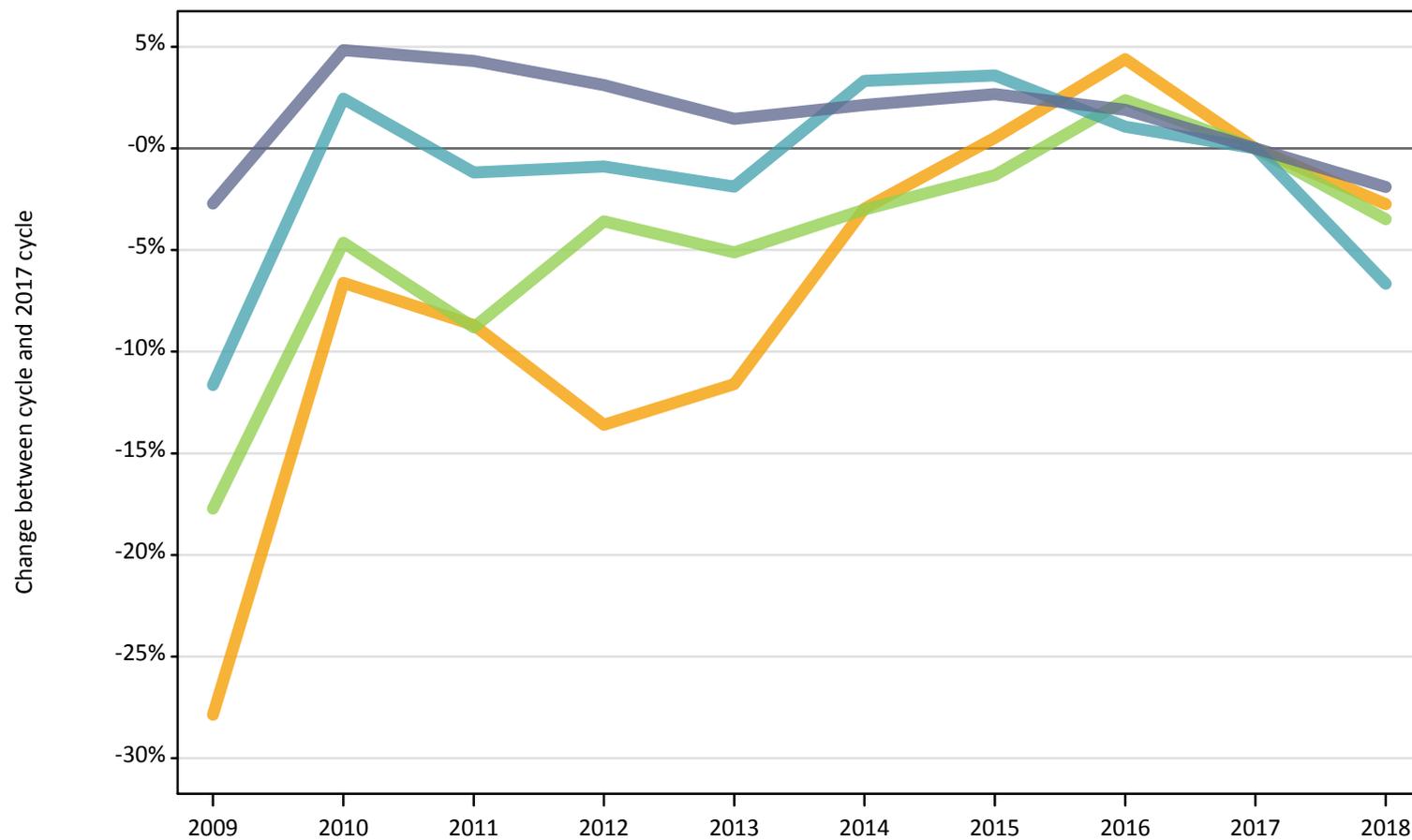
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Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.26 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland (Women)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.27 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	360	500	430	480	490	560	570	580	650	620
	Quintile 2	970	1,260	1,230	1,160	1,190	1,310	1,350	1,410	1,350	1,310
	Quintile 3	1,560	1,810	1,730	1,830	1,800	1,840	1,870	1,940	1,900	1,830
	Quintile 4	2,390	2,770	2,670	2,680	2,660	2,800	2,800	2,740	2,710	2,530
	Quintile 5	4,550	4,910	4,880	4,830	4,750	4,780	4,800	4,770	4,680	4,590
Men	Quintile 1	240	320	290	290	300	350	330	320	330	350
	Quintile 2	680	770	790	730	760	760	830	710	780	720
	Quintile 3	1,120	1,250	1,260	1,270	1,210	1,220	1,220	1,190	1,170	1,070
	Quintile 4	1,950	1,980	1,940	1,830	1,840	1,850	1,880	1,840	1,700	1,650
	Quintile 5	3,900	4,050	4,010	3,900	3,950	3,820	3,790	3,710	3,550	3,430

F.11.28 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

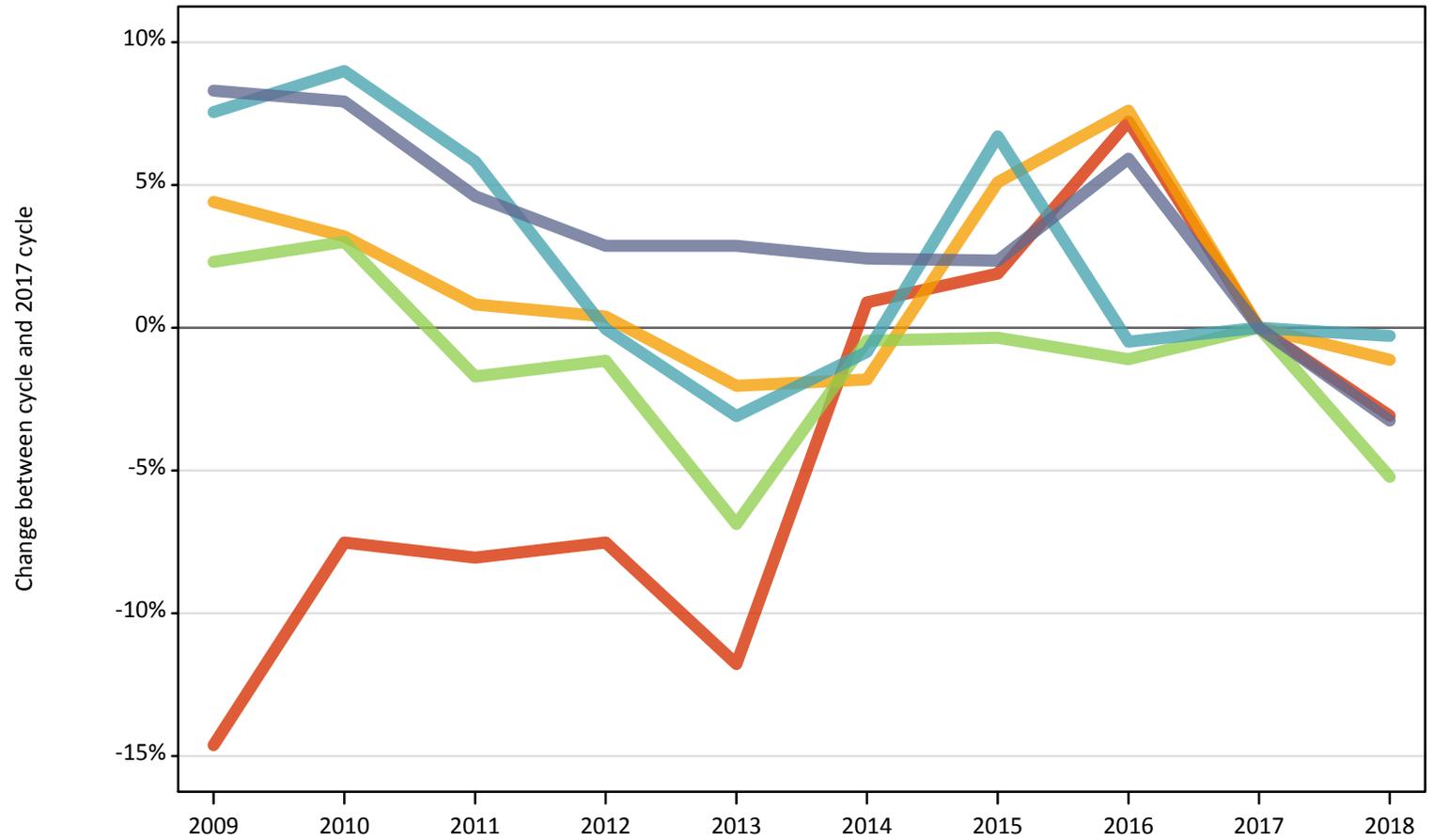
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	-44%	-23%	-33%	-26%	-24%	-14%	-11%	-10%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 2	-28%	-7%	-9%	-14%	-12%	-3%	1%	4%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 3	-18%	-5%	-9%	-4%	-5%	-3%	-1%	2%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 4	-12%	2%	-1%	-1%	-2%	3%	4%	1%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 5	-3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	-2%
Men	Quintile 1	-27%	-5%	-12%	-14%	-11%	4%	-1%	-3%	0%	6%
	Quintile 2	-13%	-1%	1%	-5%	-2%	-3%	7%	-8%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 3	-4%	7%	8%	9%	3%	4%	4%	2%	0%	-9%
	Quintile 4	15%	17%	15%	8%	9%	9%	11%	9%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 5	10%	14%	13%	10%	11%	7%	7%	5%	0%	-4%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.29 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.30 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wales	Quintile 1	1,440	1,560	1,550	1,560	1,490	1,710	1,720	1,810	1,690	1,640
	Quintile 2	2,420	2,390	2,340	2,330	2,270	2,270	2,430	2,490	2,320	2,290
	Quintile 3	2,040	2,050	1,960	1,970	1,860	1,990	1,990	1,970	1,990	1,890
	Quintile 4	2,680	2,710	2,640	2,490	2,410	2,470	2,660	2,480	2,490	2,480
	Quintile 5	3,130	3,120	3,020	2,970	2,970	2,960	2,960	3,060	2,890	2,800

F.11.31 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales

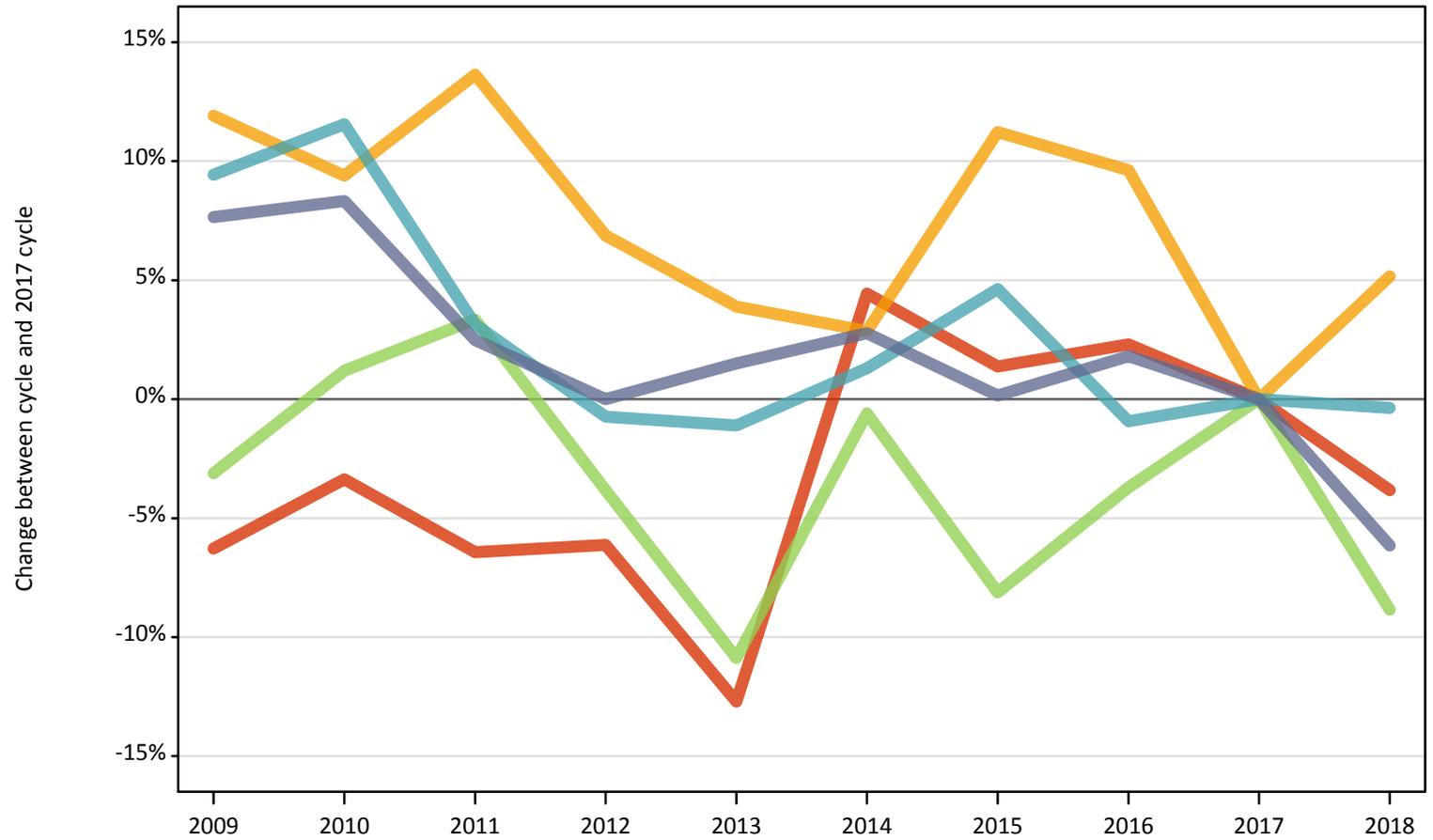
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wales	Quintile 1	-15%	-8%	-8%	-8%	-12%	1%	2%	7%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	4%	3%	1%	0%	-2%	-2%	5%	8%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	2%	3%	-2%	-1%	-7%	-0%	-0%	-1%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 4	8%	9%	6%	-0%	-3%	-1%	7%	-0%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 5	8%	8%	5%	3%	3%	2%	2%	6%	0%	-3%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.32 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales (Men)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

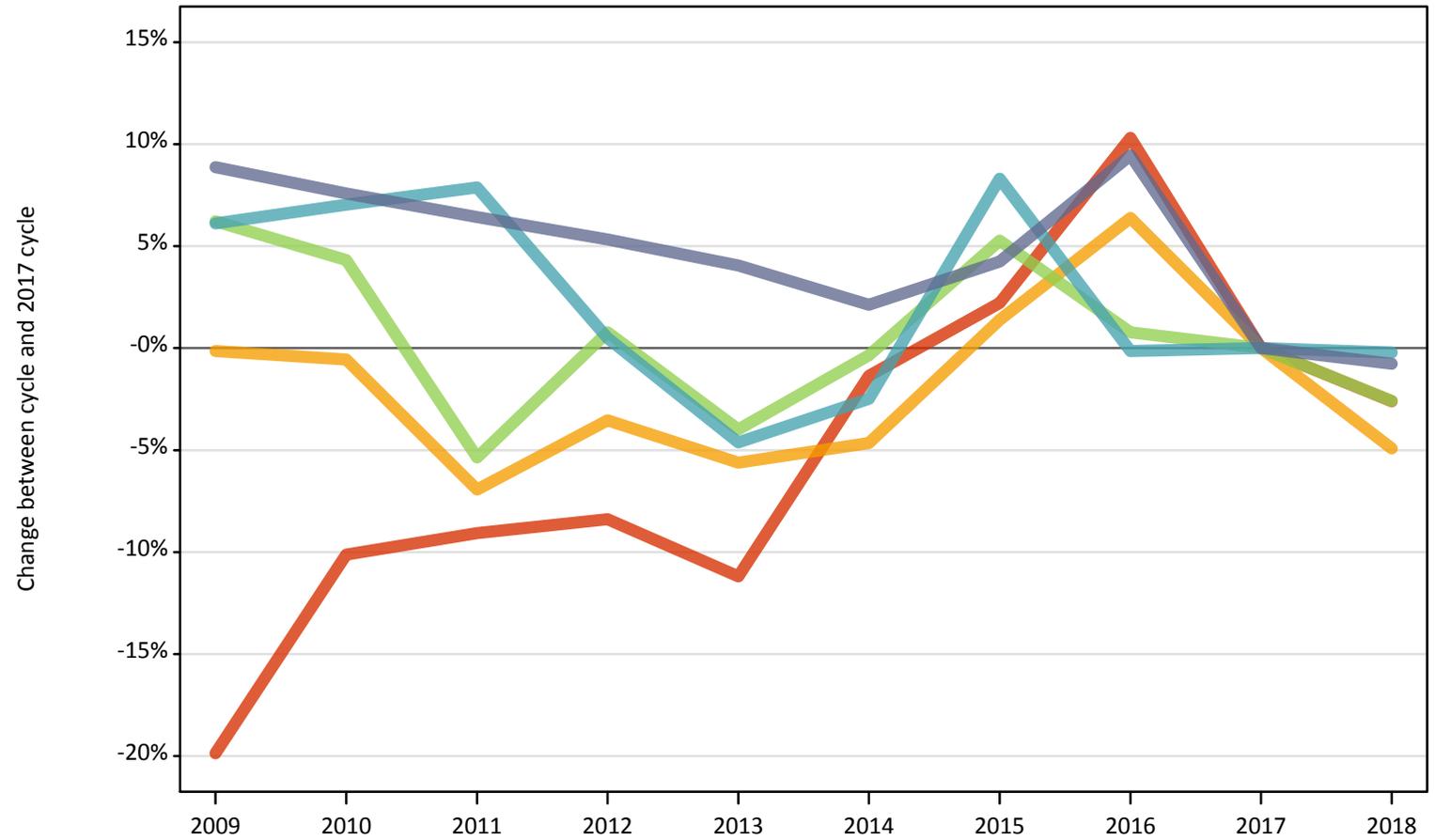
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.33 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales (Women)
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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



Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above chart for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

F.11.34 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Wales

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	830	930	940	950	920	1,020	1,060	1,140	1,040	1,010
	Quintile 2	1,440	1,440	1,340	1,390	1,360	1,380	1,460	1,540	1,440	1,370
	Quintile 3	1,230	1,210	1,100	1,170	1,110	1,150	1,220	1,170	1,160	1,130
	Quintile 4	1,490	1,510	1,520	1,420	1,340	1,370	1,530	1,410	1,410	1,410
	Quintile 5	1,690	1,670	1,660	1,640	1,620	1,590	1,620	1,700	1,560	1,540
Men	Quintile 1	610	630	610	610	570	680	660	670	650	630
	Quintile 2	980	960	990	930	910	900	970	960	870	920
	Quintile 3	810	850	870	810	750	830	770	810	840	760
	Quintile 4	1,180	1,210	1,120	1,070	1,070	1,100	1,130	1,070	1,080	1,080
	Quintile 5	1,440	1,440	1,370	1,330	1,350	1,370	1,340	1,360	1,330	1,250

F.11.35 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Wales

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Women	Quintile 1	-20%	-10%	-9%	-8%	-11%	-1%	2%	10%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	-0%	-1%	-7%	-4%	-6%	-5%	1%	6%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 3	6%	4%	-5%	1%	-4%	-0%	5%	1%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 4	6%	7%	8%	0%	-5%	-2%	8%	-0%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 5	9%	8%	6%	5%	4%	2%	4%	9%	0%	-1%
Men	Quintile 1	-6%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-13%	4%	1%	2%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	12%	9%	14%	7%	4%	3%	11%	10%	0%	5%
	Quintile 3	-3%	1%	3%	-4%	-11%	-1%	-8%	-4%	0%	-9%
	Quintile 4	9%	12%	3%	-1%	-1%	1%	5%	-1%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 5	8%	8%	2%	0%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%	-6%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11.36 Technical notes and definitions

Applicants have been able to submit applications for all 2018 courses since early September.

Applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS. Some art and design courses have a later deadline of 24 March. Almost all main scheme applications have been received by the 24 March deadline.

This statistical release covers all Main Scheme applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the March deadline, including those who have applied for courses with a 15 October or January deadline. Counts of RPAs (records of prior acceptance) are not included.

Counts of the number of applicants reported have been rounded to the nearest 10 applicants, this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components. Proportional changes have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

Age

This statistical release uses country-specific age definitions which align with the cut off points for school/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 the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used.

Applicant

A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application

An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider

An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

Domicile

Declared area of permanent residence. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'Asian', 'Black', 'Mixed', 'White', 'Other', 'Unknown'.

First time applicant

An applicant that did not apply to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Main scheme

The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Reapplicant

An applicant that applied to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Sex

As declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation among small areas (data zones). In this report, the SIMD 2016 has been used to group areas in each year in the times series.

POLAR3

Developed by HEFCE and classifies small areas across the UK into five groups, according to their level of young participation in HE. 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).

POLAR4

Developed by HEFCE and classifies small areas across the UK into five groups, according to their level of young participation in HE. 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). POLAR4 is the most recent version of the POLAR classification, and is available for the first time in UCAS? reporting since its launch in 2017.

Tariff Group of provider

Providers are grouped as higher, medium or lower tariff based on their average levels of attainment of their accepted applicants (summarised through UCAS Tariff points) in recent cycles. Each group of providers accounted for around a third of all UK 18 year old acceptances in recent cycles.

Subject group

The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups.