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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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	5,560	5,435	5,105	4,530	3,970	3,390
Placed June deadline applicants	805	760	625	555	425	360
All placed applicants	1,085	990	835	795	595	520
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	73.0	72.2	66.6	60.4	53.6	46.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	10.6	10.1	8.2	7.4	5.7	5.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	14.2	13.1	10.9	10.6	8.1	7.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	5,970	5,795	5,440	4,810	4,210	3,610
Offers	4,665	4,575	4,255	3,865	3,640	3,235
Offer rate	78.2%	78.9%	78.2%	80.4%	86.5%	89.5%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	2,135	2,100	1,850	1,660	1,440	1,280
	Women	3,425	3,335	3,255	2,870	2,530	2,115
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	320	325	245	220	145	130
	Women	490	435	385	335	280	225
All placed applicants	Men	405	405	310	290	210	200
	Women	680	585	525	505	385	320
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	54.6	54.2	47.2	43.2	37.9	34.5
	Women	92.4	91.2	87.0	78.6	70.1	60.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	8.1	8.4	6.2	5.7	3.8	3.5
	Women	13.2	11.8	10.2	9.2	7.8	6.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	10.4	10.5	7.9	7.5	5.6	5.3
	Women	18.3	15.9	14.1	13.8	10.7	9.1

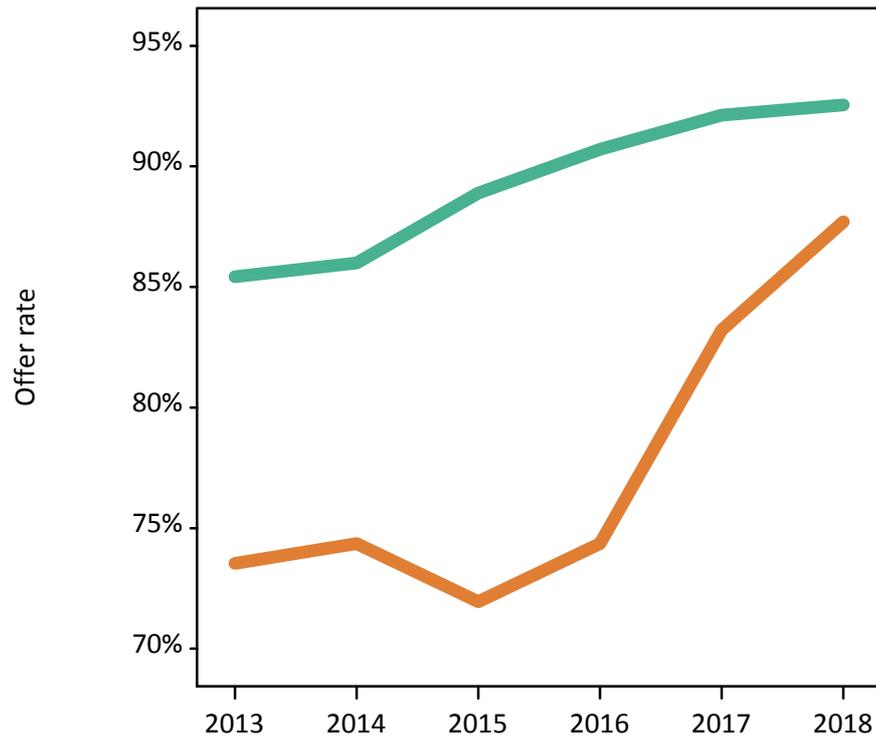
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	2,320	2,275	2,010	1,785	1,535	1,370
	Women	3,650	3,520	3,435	3,020	2,675	2,245
Offers	Men	1,980	1,960	1,785	1,620	1,415	1,265
	Women	2,685	2,615	2,470	2,245	2,225	1,970
Offer rate	Men	85.4%	86.0%	88.9%	90.7%	92.1%	92.5%
	Women	73.5%	74.4%	71.9%	74.4%	83.2%	87.7%
Average offer rate	Men	85.9%	87.6%	89.2%	91.3%	92.0%	91.9%
	Women	73.2%	73.3%	71.8%	74.0%	83.3%	88.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.5	-1.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	0.7
	Women	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.610	0.614	0.607	0.628	0.607	0.587
	Women	0.752	0.750	0.770	0.780	0.774	0.748

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 2013-2018.

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 2013-2018.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	660	745	675	660	560	455
	Quintile 2	1,010	1,040	980	890	765	655
	Quintile 3	1,210	1,185	1,145	990	910	725
	Quintile 4	1,595	1,465	1,370	1,135	1,040	885
	Quintile 5	1,080	995	925	840	685	660
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	100	75	60	75	50	30
	Quintile 2	150	160	110	120	105	75
	Quintile 3	165	145	155	110	100	80
	Quintile 4	270	255	200	160	115	105
	Quintile 5	130	120	95	90	55	65
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	120	95	75	95	65	50
	Quintile 2	180	190	140	155	135	105
	Quintile 3	230	200	205	160	140	120
	Quintile 4	370	340	285	240	175	145
	Quintile 5	180	160	135	135	85	95
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	46.9	52.9	47.5	48.6	41.7	35.1
	Quintile 2	69.5	72.3	67.0	62.8	54.9	48.4
	Quintile 3	81.4	81.1	76.4	67.6	62.9	51.4
	Quintile 4	103.4	96.2	88.6	74.6	68.8	59.8
	Quintile 5	62.7	58.5	53.3	48.7	39.8	39.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	7.0	5.4	4.4	5.4	3.7	2.3
	Quintile 2	10.2	11.1	7.6	8.5	7.6	5.7
	Quintile 3	11.0	10.0	10.3	7.6	6.9	5.8
	Quintile 4	17.4	16.6	13.0	10.6	7.7	7.0
	Quintile 5	7.5	7.1	5.6	5.1	3.1	3.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	8.6	6.9	5.2	7.1	4.9	3.8
	Quintile 2	12.5	13.2	9.4	11.1	9.5	7.8
	Quintile 3	15.3	13.5	13.6	11.0	9.8	8.6
	Quintile 4	24.0	22.3	18.5	15.9	11.4	9.9
	Quintile 5	10.6	9.5	7.8	7.8	4.8	5.6

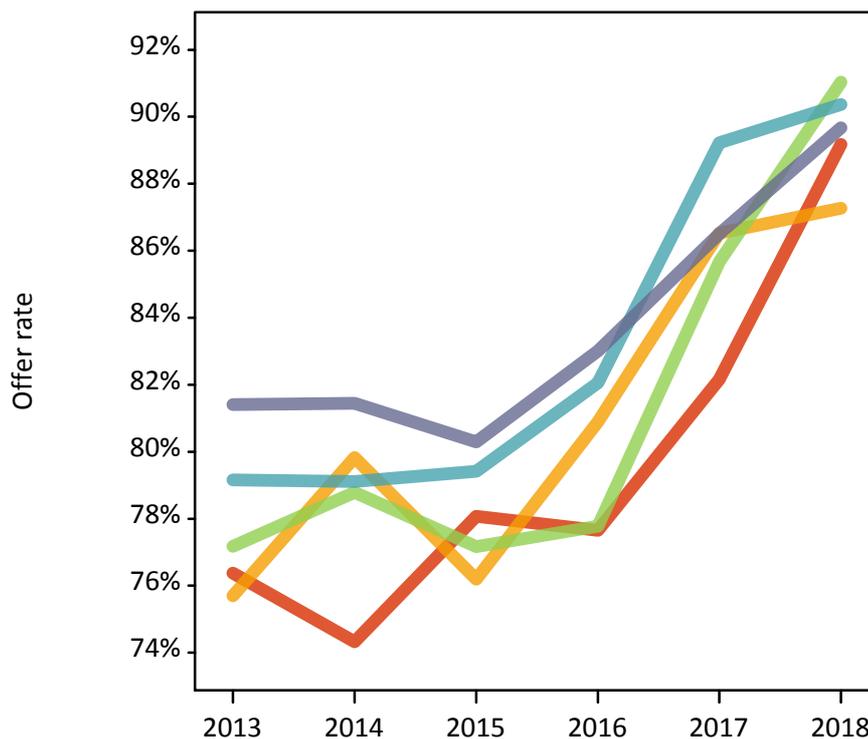
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	690	780	705	690	585	470
	Quintile 2	1,110	1,125	1,065	960	825	705
	Quintile 3	1,295	1,250	1,220	1,055	970	780
	Quintile 4	1,730	1,595	1,465	1,225	1,105	945
	Quintile 5	1,135	1,040	970	870	720	695
Offers	Quintile 1	525	580	550	535	480	420
	Quintile 2	840	900	815	775	715	615
	Quintile 3	1,000	985	945	820	830	710
	Quintile 4	1,370	1,260	1,165	1,005	985	855
	Quintile 5	925	845	780	725	620	625
Offer rate	Quintile 1	76.4%	74.3%	78.1%	77.6%	82.2%	89.2%
	Quintile 2	75.7%	79.8%	76.2%	80.9%	86.5%	87.3%
	Quintile 3	77.2%	78.8%	77.2%	77.8%	85.7%	91.0%
	Quintile 4	79.2%	79.1%	79.4%	82.1%	89.2%	90.4%
	Quintile 5	81.4%	81.4%	80.3%	83.0%	86.5%	89.7%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	77.4%	76.5%	78.2%	78.9%	85.6%	89.7%
	Quintile 2	76.3%	78.6%	76.3%	80.6%	85.1%	89.0%
	Quintile 3	77.5%	79.6%	78.5%	79.0%	85.3%	89.9%
	Quintile 4	79.0%	78.7%	79.7%	81.8%	88.4%	89.8%
	Quintile 5	80.0%	80.9%	78.0%	81.2%	87.0%	89.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.1	-2.1	-0.1	-1.3	-3.5	-0.5
	Quintile 2	-0.6	1.2	-0.1	0.3	1.4	-1.8
	Quintile 3	-0.3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.2	0.4	1.1
	Quintile 4	0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6
	Quintile 5	1.4	0.5	2.3	1.8	-0.5	0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.198	0.203	0.213	0.243	0.243	0.227
	Quintile 2	0.264	0.271	0.274	0.292	0.301	0.287
	Quintile 3	0.284	0.278	0.304	0.301	0.333	0.302
	Quintile 4	0.362	0.338	0.351	0.347	0.366	0.347
	Quintile 5	0.280	0.269	0.285	0.289	0.294	0.287

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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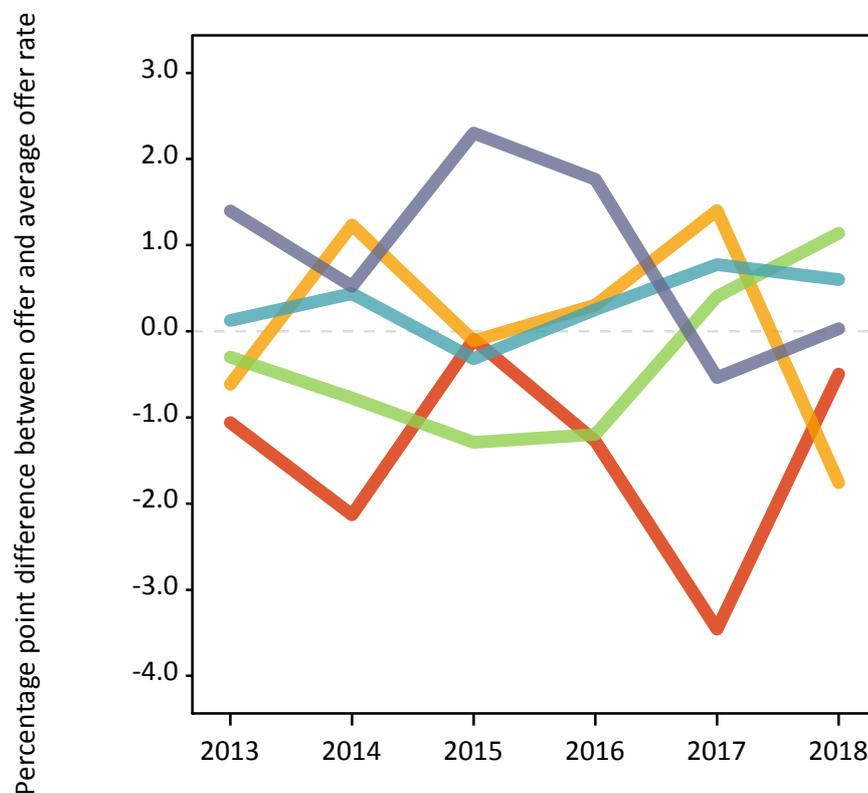
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

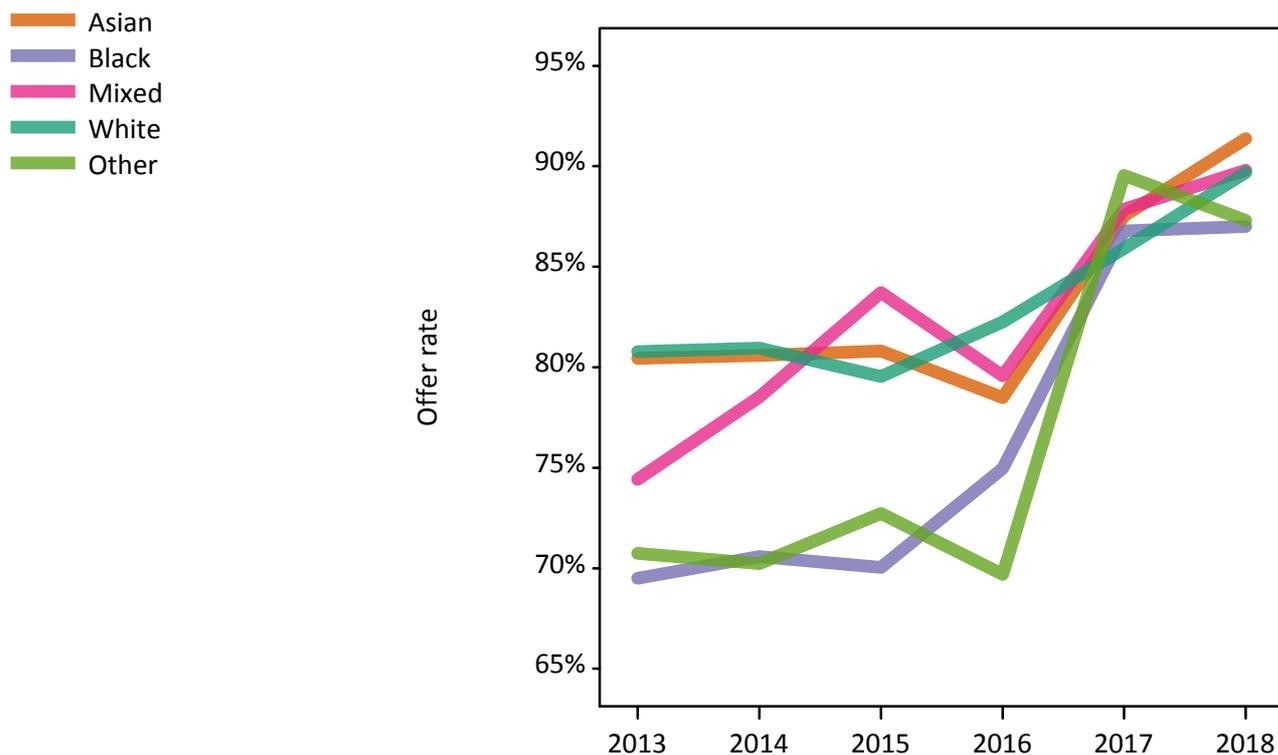
Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	650	560	540	600	555	550
	Black	1,110	905	865	635	585	510
	Mixed	240	250	245	215	225	180
	White	3,460	3,620	3,355	2,985	2,515	2,070
	Other	80	85	75	65	65	60
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	135	110	115	85	75	85
	Black	185	140	105	90	80	60
	Mixed	25	35	35	30	25	20
	White	440	460	360	340	235	180
	Other	15	10	10	10	5	5
All placed applicants	Asian	190	155	165	150	125	120
	Black	300	225	165	155	125	105
	Mixed	45	45	45	40	35	30
	White	530	545	440	430	300	245
	Other	15	15	20	15	10	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	98.9	82.7	76.6	83.5	75.6	74.1
	Black	373.2	298.5	272.0	203.1	185.6	163.5
	Mixed	89.1	86.6	79.8	69.0	69.8	55.7
	White	55.0	58.7	53.9	49.4	42.3	36.1
	Other	86.0	89.2	77.8	66.3	61.2	55.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	20.8	16.4	16.2	12.1	10.1	11.5
	Black	62.3	46.2	32.7	28.1	25.7	19.9
	Mixed	8.9	12.2	10.7	9.5	8.4	6.2
	White	7.0	7.5	5.8	5.6	3.9	3.2
	Other	15.4	9.7	9.3	9.0	3.9	3.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	28.5	22.9	23.6	20.8	17.0	16.2
	Black	100.7	73.6	51.2	49.5	39.7	34.0
	Mixed	15.9	15.3	14.6	12.7	10.3	9.9
	White	8.4	8.8	7.0	7.1	5.0	4.2
	Other	18.7	18.3	20.7	15.1	8.7	10.5

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	760	640	620	635	610	590
	Black	1,150	935	890	650	600	525
	Mixed	260	270	265	235	240	195
	White	3,700	3,845	3,575	3,195	2,670	2,210
	Other	80	85	75	65	65	65
Offers	Asian	615	515	500	500	535	540
	Black	800	660	620	490	520	455
	Mixed	190	210	220	185	210	175
	White	2,985	3,115	2,840	2,630	2,290	1,985
	Other	60	60	55	45	60	55
Offer rate	Asian	80.4%	80.6%	80.8%	78.5%	87.5%	91.4%
	Black	69.5%	70.6%	70.0%	75.0%	86.8%	87.0%
	Mixed	74.4%	78.5%	83.7%	79.6%	87.9%	89.8%
	White	80.8%	80.9%	79.5%	82.3%	85.9%	89.7%
	Other	70.7%	70.2%	72.7%	69.7%	89.6%	87.3%
Average offer rate	Asian	79.1%	80.6%	79.5%	79.7%	88.8%	90.8%
	Black	75.3%	77.6%	75.0%	79.3%	87.3%	89.3%
	Mixed	78.3%	76.6%	82.4%	82.3%	90.0%	89.7%
	White	78.7%	79.1%	78.4%	80.8%	85.4%	89.2%
	Other	81.7%	78.0%	80.6%	73.7%	88.5%	88.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	1.4	0.0	1.3	-1.2	-1.2	0.6
	Black	-5.8	-7.0	-4.9	-4.3	-0.5	-2.3
	Mixed	-3.8	1.9	1.3	-2.7	-2.1	0.1
	White	2.0	1.8	1.1	1.4	0.5	0.5
	Other	-11.0	-7.8	-7.9	-4.0	1.0	-0.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.285	0.264	0.275	0.295	0.342	0.349
	Black	0.309	0.271	0.279	0.260	0.262	0.246
	Mixed	0.125	0.122	0.126	0.170	0.190	0.146
	White	0.703	0.731	0.731	0.739	0.726	0.697
	Other	0.123	0.092	0.115	0.112	0.142	0.212

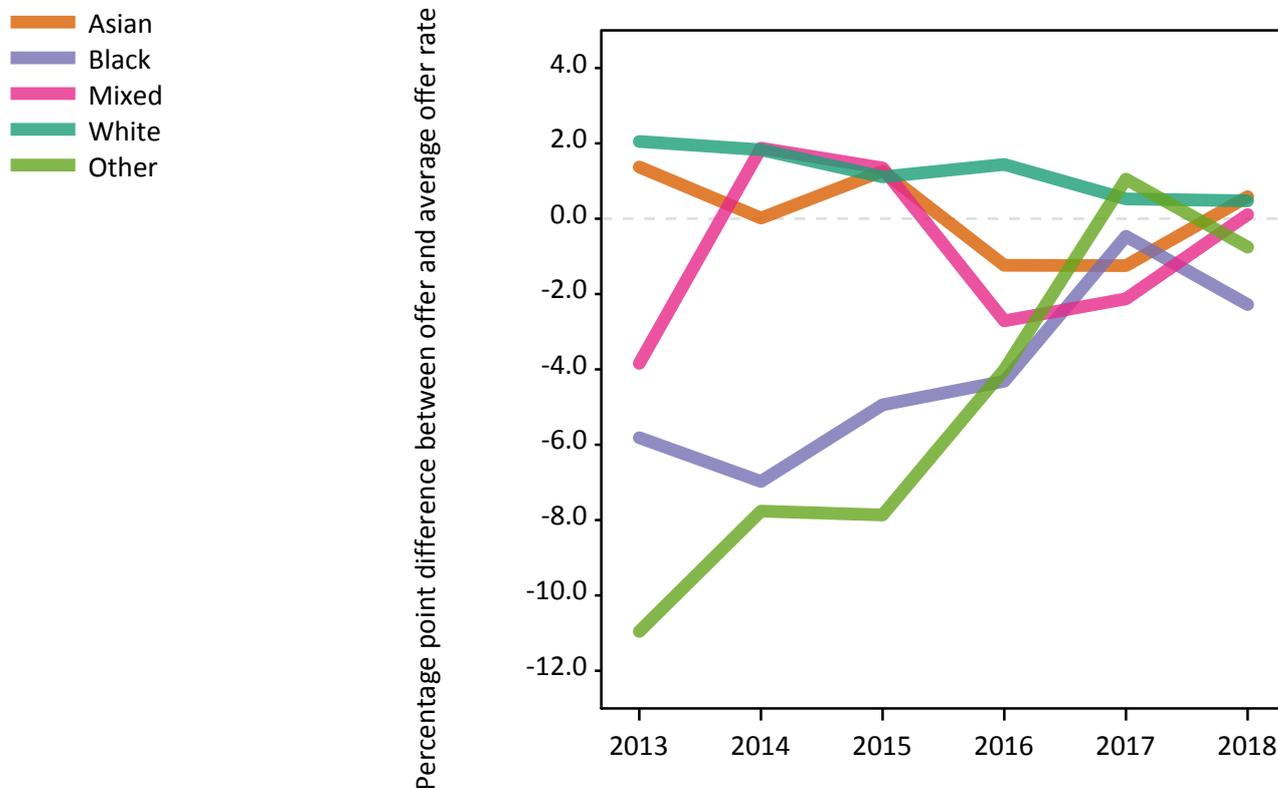
P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.



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 2013-2018.



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	12,910	12,990	12,020	11,025	9,465	7,715
Placed June deadline applicants	2,015	1,985	1,795	1,600	1,495	1,210
All placed applicants	3,065	3,005	2,770	2,985	2,660	1,950

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	14,090	14,260	13,125	12,040	10,365	8,490
Offers	8,460	8,565	8,005	7,335	7,515	6,650
Offer rate	60.0%	60.1%	61.0%	60.9%	72.5%	78.3%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	4,755	4,730	4,165	3,770	3,330	2,785
	Women	8,155	8,260	7,855	7,255	6,135	4,930
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	750	760	630	600	485	390
	Women	1,265	1,225	1,160	1,000	1,010	820
All placed applicants	Men	1,170	1,185	1,025	1,190	970	710
	Women	1,895	1,820	1,745	1,800	1,685	1,240

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	5,225	5,205	4,580	4,175	3,670	3,065
	Women	8,865	9,055	8,545	7,870	6,695	5,425
Offers	Men	3,645	3,665	3,315	2,995	2,900	2,475
	Women	4,815	4,900	4,690	4,335	4,615	4,175
Offer rate	Men	69.8%	70.5%	72.3%	71.8%	79.1%	80.8%
	Women	54.3%	54.1%	54.9%	55.1%	68.9%	76.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,615	1,745	1,620	1,530	1,300	1,070
	Quintile 2	2,420	2,460	2,375	2,150	1,880	1,495
	Quintile 3	2,880	2,855	2,645	2,505	2,235	1,665
	Quintile 4	3,610	3,490	3,225	2,810	2,415	2,045
	Quintile 5	2,360	2,405	2,125	2,000	1,620	1,405
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	225	200	190	190	160	120
	Quintile 2	390	410	385	335	345	265
	Quintile 3	450	420	410	375	365	290
	Quintile 4	615	610	500	435	395	340
	Quintile 5	325	345	300	265	230	190
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	315	275	260	285	240	200
	Quintile 2	570	590	565	555	545	405
	Quintile 3	685	665	640	695	675	465
	Quintile 4	985	955	825	915	775	550
	Quintile 5	505	510	470	520	410	315

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,730	1,875	1,735	1,625	1,390	1,145
	Quintile 2	2,705	2,760	2,680	2,395	2,115	1,695
	Quintile 3	3,160	3,130	2,890	2,775	2,450	1,840
	Quintile 4	3,970	3,870	3,530	3,075	2,655	2,250
	Quintile 5	2,510	2,585	2,265	2,135	1,740	1,520
Offers	Quintile 1	1,015	1,045	1,025	940	980	880
	Quintile 2	1,570	1,645	1,585	1,430	1,485	1,320
	Quintile 3	1,845	1,835	1,740	1,640	1,760	1,415
	Quintile 4	2,430	2,410	2,170	1,940	1,985	1,810
	Quintile 5	1,590	1,615	1,470	1,370	1,285	1,200
Offer rate	Quintile 1	58.7%	55.7%	59.1%	57.8%	70.5%	76.9%
	Quintile 2	58.1%	59.5%	59.2%	59.8%	70.4%	77.8%
	Quintile 3	58.4%	58.6%	60.2%	59.0%	72.0%	76.9%
	Quintile 4	61.2%	62.3%	61.5%	63.0%	74.7%	80.5%
	Quintile 5	63.4%	62.5%	64.8%	64.1%	73.8%	78.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,500	1,425	1,350	1,395	1,225	1,125
	Black	3,760	3,605	3,365	2,940	2,635	2,150
	Mixed	610	645	575	525	505	405
	White	6,740	7,040	6,460	5,845	4,855	3,820
	Other	220	215	190	230	155	140
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	300	260	265	215	220	210
	Black	595	515	475	400	455	385
	Mixed	95	115	90	95	80	55
	White	985	1,060	920	835	710	525
	Other	25	25	30	35	20	15
All placed applicants	Asian	495	420	470	610	475	355
	Black	1,070	970	865	895	905	690
	Mixed	160	180	135	155	125	90
	White	1,270	1,355	1,210	1,210	990	735
	Other	45	60	60	75	115	45

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,740	1,610	1,560	1,545	1,370	1,270
	Black	4,050	3,940	3,600	3,150	2,810	2,320
	Mixed	665	720	630	585	560	445
	White	7,325	7,680	7,035	6,420	5,360	4,205
	Other	225	235	205	240	165	150
Offers	Asian	1,150	1,030	1,015	985	1,065	1,040
	Black	1,810	1,700	1,590	1,355	1,670	1,625
	Mixed	410	445	415	365	445	350
	White	4,925	5,215	4,810	4,430	4,140	3,455
	Other	120	140	130	140	130	115
Offer rate	Asian	66.2%	63.8%	65.1%	64.0%	77.7%	82.0%
	Black	44.7%	43.1%	44.2%	43.0%	59.4%	70.1%
	Mixed	61.8%	61.9%	65.7%	62.6%	79.3%	78.9%
	White	67.2%	67.9%	68.4%	69.0%	77.3%	82.1%
	Other	53.3%	60.0%	62.9%	58.2%	80.0%	76.3%

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 2018 cycle runs from September 2017 through to October 2018.

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.

POLAR4 quintile

Developed by OfS, POLAR4 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). POLAR4 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, 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 POLAR4 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 2018 End of Cycle Report and the 2018 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 POLAR4 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 POLAR4 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.