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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	4,135	3,915	4,070	4,100	4,410	4,480
Placed June deadline applicants	565	635	630	540	650	595
All placed applicants	565	640	635	540	650	595
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	54.3	52.0	53.1	54.7	59.5	62.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	7.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	8.8	8.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	7.4	8.5	8.3	7.2	8.8	8.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	4,215	4,000	4,140	4,165	4,490	4,590
Offers	1,210	1,455	1,535	1,545	1,725	1,815
Offer rate	28.7%	36.4%	37.0%	37.1%	38.4%	39.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	2,305	2,285	2,265	2,290	2,485	2,445
	Women	1,830	1,630	1,805	1,810	1,925	2,035
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	305	385	330	300	380	360
	Women	260	250	300	240	270	235
All placed applicants	Men	305	390	330	300	380	360
	Women	260	250	305	240	270	235
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	59.0	59.0	57.8	59.6	65.5	66.0
	Women	49.4	44.5	48.2	49.6	53.3	57.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	7.8	9.9	8.4	7.8	10.0	9.7
	Women	7.0	6.8	8.1	6.6	7.5	6.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	7.9	10.0	8.4	7.8	10.1	9.7
	Women	7.0	6.9	8.2	6.6	7.5	6.7

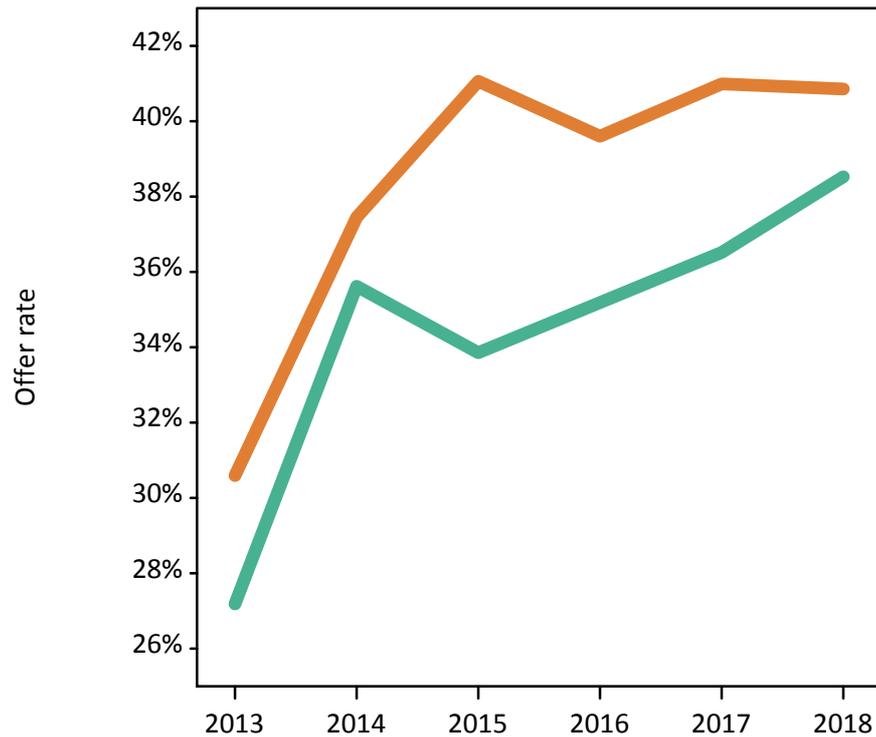
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	2,350	2,340	2,305	2,330	2,545	2,520
	Women	1,865	1,660	1,835	1,835	1,940	2,070
Offers	Men	640	835	780	820	930	970
	Women	570	620	755	725	795	845
Offer rate	Men	27.2%	35.6%	33.9%	35.2%	36.5%	38.5%
	Women	30.6%	37.4%	41.1%	39.6%	41.0%	40.8%
Average offer rate	Men	28.3%	36.1%	35.6%	37.1%	37.8%	39.8%
	Women	29.3%	36.8%	38.8%	37.1%	39.4%	39.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.1	-0.5	-1.8	-1.9	-1.2	-1.2
	Women	1.3	0.7	2.2	2.5	1.6	1.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.623	0.644	0.625	0.626	0.638	0.624
	Women	0.525	0.499	0.529	0.526	0.525	0.542

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	175	145	155	160	165	190
	Quintile 2	310	290	325	310	340	380
	Quintile 3	545	525	535	500	590	635
	Quintile 4	915	920	945	910	1,080	1,080
	Quintile 5	2,175	2,020	2,090	2,205	2,215	2,175
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	15	30	40	25	25	30
	Quintile 2	40	40	50	45	65	65
	Quintile 3	75	95	80	65	60	80
	Quintile 4	120	150	140	115	140	120
	Quintile 5	310	315	320	290	355	290
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	15	30	40	25	25	30
	Quintile 2	40	45	50	45	70	65
	Quintile 3	75	95	80	65	60	80
	Quintile 4	125	150	145	115	140	120
	Quintile 5	315	320	325	295	355	290
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.5	10.2	10.9	11.8	12.3	14.5
	Quintile 2	21.5	20.1	22.3	21.8	24.3	27.9
	Quintile 3	36.8	35.9	35.6	34.1	40.6	45.0
	Quintile 4	59.4	60.3	60.9	59.8	71.6	73.3
	Quintile 5	126.2	118.8	120.4	127.8	129.2	129.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	1.2	2.1	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.5
	Quintile 2	2.8	2.9	3.5	3.1	4.8	4.7
	Quintile 3	4.9	6.4	5.3	4.3	4.1	5.8
	Quintile 4	7.9	9.8	9.2	7.4	9.4	8.2
	Quintile 5	18.1	18.6	18.5	16.8	20.6	17.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	1.2	2.1	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.5
	Quintile 2	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.2	4.9	4.7
	Quintile 3	4.9	6.5	5.4	4.3	4.1	5.8
	Quintile 4	8.0	9.9	9.2	7.4	9.4	8.3
	Quintile 5	18.2	18.8	18.6	17.0	20.6	17.3

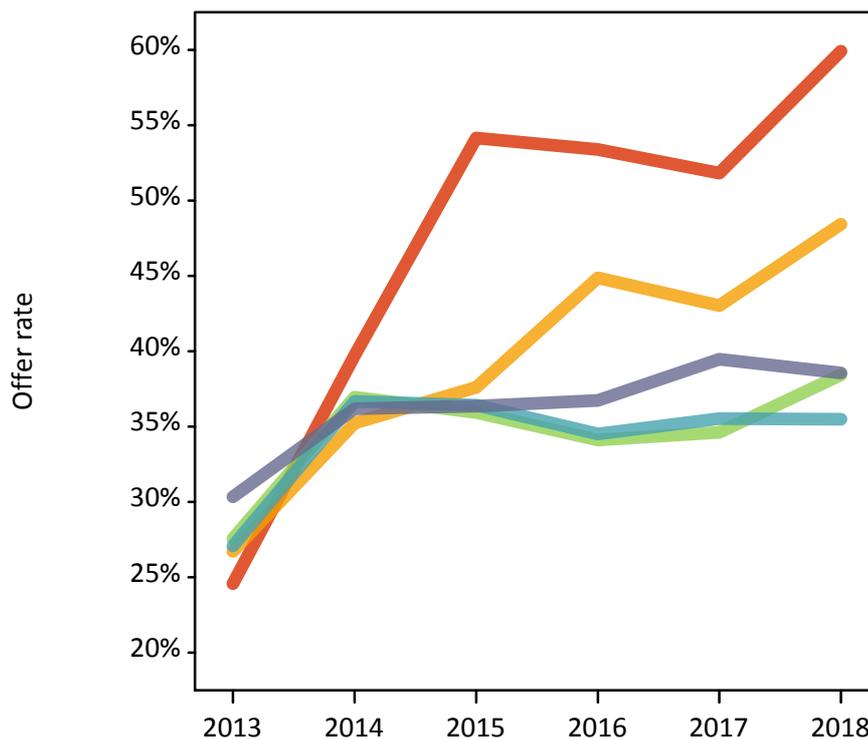
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	180	145	155	165	165	190
	Quintile 2	320	300	335	310	345	385
	Quintile 3	555	535	535	510	595	650
	Quintile 4	925	940	960	930	1,105	1,115
	Quintile 5	2,220	2,065	2,125	2,240	2,255	2,230
Offers	Quintile 1	45	60	85	85	85	115
	Quintile 2	85	105	125	140	150	185
	Quintile 3	155	200	195	175	205	250
	Quintile 4	250	345	350	320	390	395
	Quintile 5	675	750	775	820	890	860
Offer rate	Quintile 1	24.6%	39.7%	54.1%	53.4%	51.8%	59.9%
	Quintile 2	26.7%	35.2%	37.6%	44.9%	43.0%	48.4%
	Quintile 3	27.6%	36.9%	35.9%	34.1%	34.6%	38.4%
	Quintile 4	27.1%	36.7%	36.4%	34.5%	35.5%	35.5%
	Quintile 5	30.3%	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	39.5%	38.6%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	27.1%	38.4%	33.2%	31.5%	32.3%	36.9%
	Quintile 2	26.8%	34.9%	35.9%	36.7%	38.1%	38.5%
	Quintile 3	27.4%	34.9%	34.7%	33.9%	35.0%	37.6%
	Quintile 4	27.4%	35.0%	34.7%	36.2%	36.7%	37.1%
	Quintile 5	30.0%	37.6%	39.3%	38.8%	41.0%	41.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.6	1.3	20.9	21.9	19.5	23.0
	Quintile 2	-0.1	0.3	1.7	8.1	4.9	9.9
	Quintile 3	0.1	2.1	1.2	0.2	-0.3	0.8
	Quintile 4	-0.3	1.7	1.8	-1.7	-1.1	-1.6
	Quintile 5	0.3	-1.5	-2.9	-2.1	-1.5	-3.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.116	0.128	0.099	0.112	0.096	0.085
	Quintile 2	0.134	0.137	0.153	0.133	0.141	0.127
	Quintile 3	0.192	0.188	0.193	0.210	0.194	0.187
	Quintile 4	0.277	0.293	0.288	0.278	0.295	0.291
	Quintile 5	0.572	0.561	0.560	0.584	0.551	0.532

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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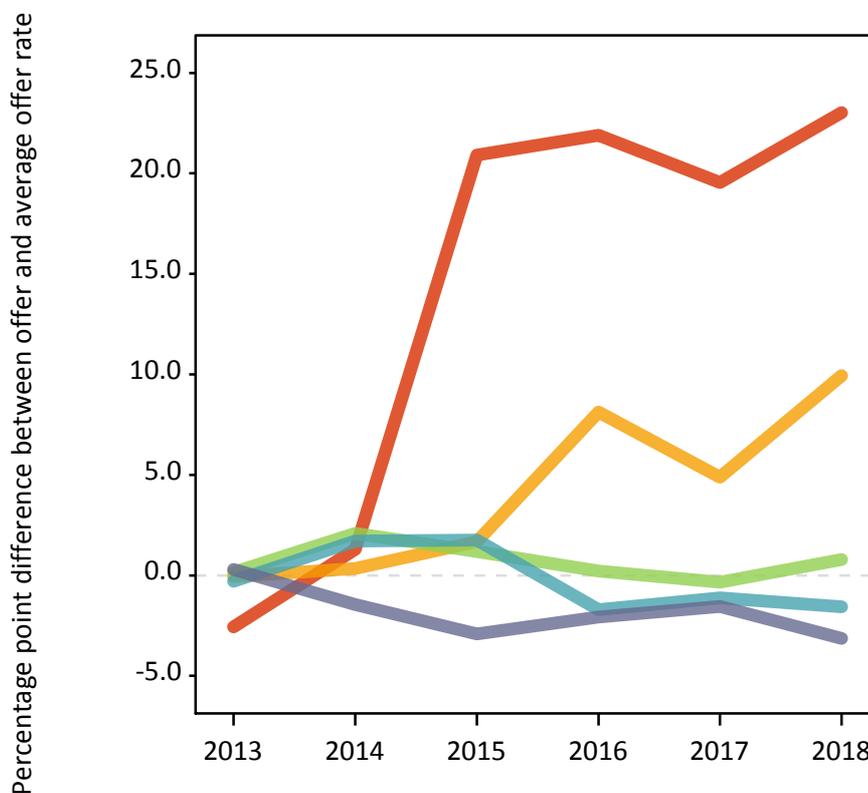
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

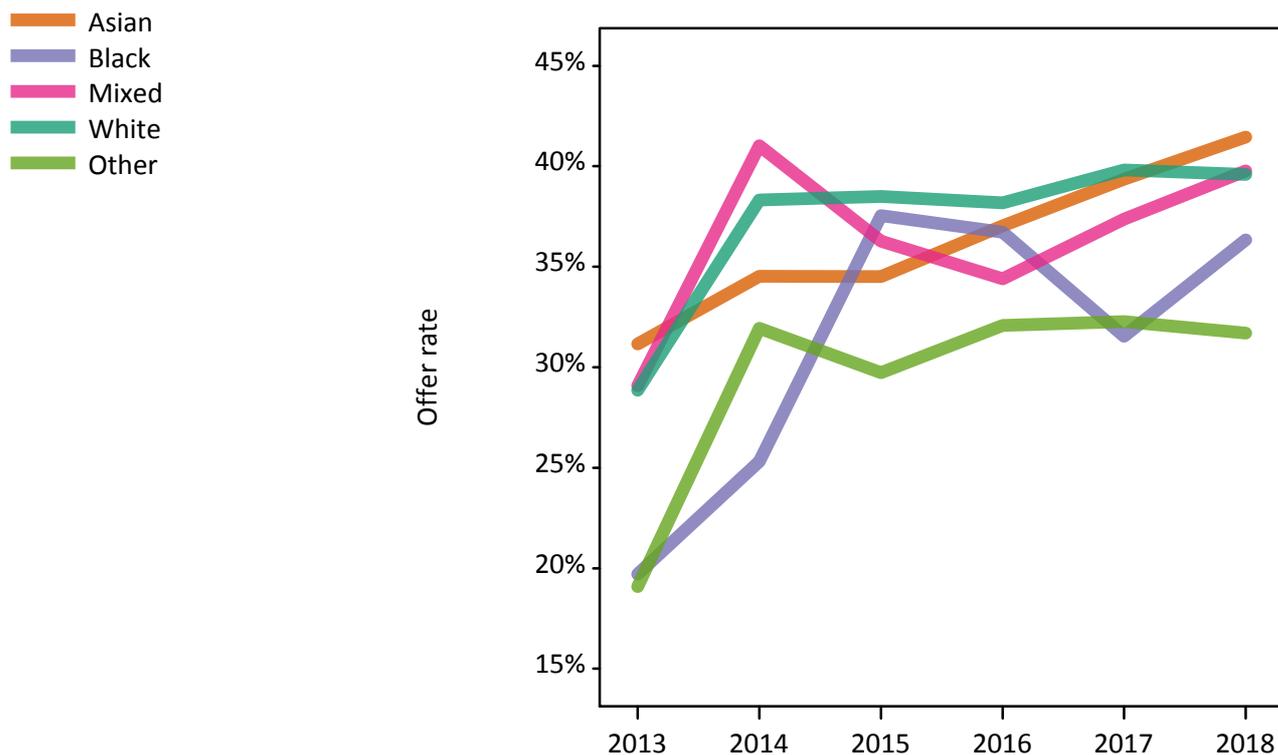
Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,230	1,145	1,195	1,250	1,420	1,515
	Black	270	240	240	250	315	370
	Mixed	250	255	285	275	300	340
	White	2,240	2,115	2,175	2,155	2,155	2,015
	Other	110	115	105	105	155	175
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	220	200	215	205	250	245
	Black	25	25	35	30	30	35
	Mixed	30	55	45	30	40	45
	White	275	330	315	250	310	245
	Other	10	15	15	10	15	20
All placed applicants	Asian	225	205	215	205	250	245
	Black	25	25	35	30	30	35
	Mixed	30	55	45	30	40	45
	White	275	330	315	250	310	250
	Other	10	20	15	15	15	20
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	186.3	168.7	168.8	173.7	192.9	204.0
	Black	91.6	78.5	75.1	80.5	100.1	118.3
	Mixed	91.7	87.9	93.1	87.7	93.5	105.9
	White	35.6	34.2	34.9	35.6	36.3	35.1
	Other	120.2	125.7	111.0	105.5	150.5	165.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	33.7	29.8	30.1	28.3	33.7	32.9
	Black	8.1	8.9	10.7	9.9	9.2	10.9
	Mixed	11.5	18.4	15.2	10.2	12.1	13.9
	White	4.3	5.3	5.0	4.2	5.2	4.3
	Other	9.9	17.2	15.6	12.1	16.5	17.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	33.8	30.1	30.5	28.8	34.0	32.9
	Black	8.4	8.9	10.7	9.9	9.2	10.9
	Mixed	11.5	18.8	15.2	10.2	12.1	13.9
	White	4.4	5.3	5.0	4.2	5.2	4.3
	Other	9.9	19.3	16.6	13.1	16.5	17.1

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,260	1,170	1,215	1,270	1,445	1,550
	Black	275	240	245	255	315	375
	Mixed	250	255	295	280	305	345
	White	2,275	2,165	2,210	2,190	2,200	2,065
	Other	110	120	110	105	160	185
Offers	Asian	395	405	420	470	570	640
	Black	55	60	90	95	100	135
	Mixed	75	105	105	95	115	140
	White	655	830	850	835	875	820
	Other	20	40	35	35	50	60
Offer rate	Asian	31.2%	34.5%	34.5%	37.0%	39.4%	41.4%
	Black	19.7%	25.3%	37.6%	36.7%	31.5%	36.3%
	Mixed	29.1%	41.0%	36.3%	34.4%	37.4%	39.8%
	White	28.9%	38.3%	38.5%	38.2%	39.8%	39.6%
	Other	19.1%	31.9%	29.7%	32.1%	32.3%	31.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	29.6%	34.6%	34.5%	37.7%	37.6%	40.3%
	Black	21.5%	28.4%	31.5%	29.5%	30.9%	32.2%
	Mixed	29.0%	37.1%	37.1%	37.1%	40.3%	40.9%
	White	29.2%	38.6%	39.3%	38.0%	40.5%	40.5%
	Other	24.0%	29.5%	33.1%	34.6%	29.9%	36.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	1.5	-0.0	0.1	-0.6	1.7	1.2
	Black	-1.8	-3.1	6.1	7.2	0.7	4.2
	Mixed	0.1	3.9	-0.8	-2.7	-3.0	-1.2
	White	-0.4	-0.2	-0.8	0.2	-0.7	-0.9
	Other	-4.9	2.5	-3.3	-2.5	2.4	-4.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.387	0.387	0.385	0.390	0.394	0.413
	Black	0.168	0.150	0.138	0.132	0.149	0.139
	Mixed	0.124	0.112	0.152	0.146	0.149	0.116
	White	0.594	0.595	0.591	0.582	0.546	0.502
	Other	0.106	0.113	0.092	0.108	0.091	0.088

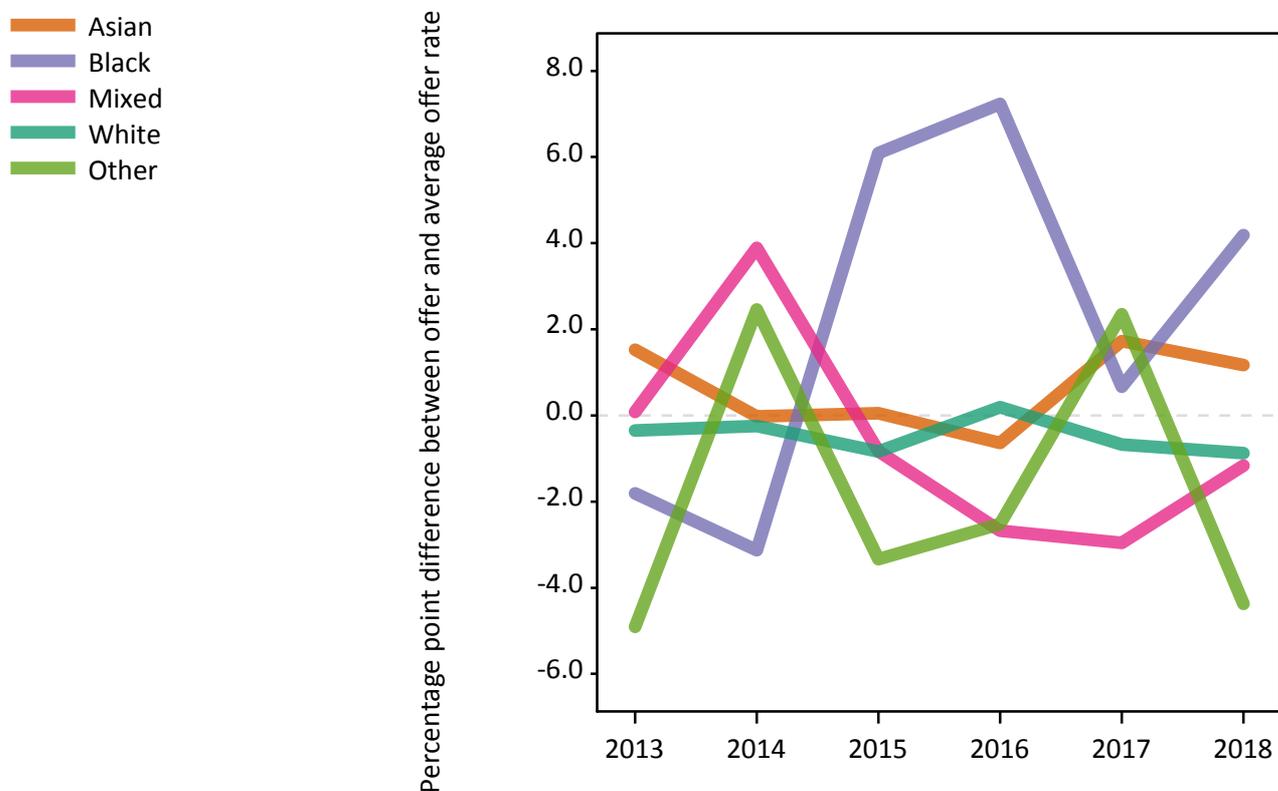
P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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	6,065	5,815	5,965	6,060	6,260	6,450
Placed June deadline applicants	735	845	795	740	845	790
All placed applicants	735	850	800	745	850	790

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	6,295	6,010	6,140	6,255	6,490	6,725
Offers	1,495	1,850	1,905	1,980	2,130	2,285
Offer rate	23.8%	30.8%	31.0%	31.6%	32.8%	34.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	3,405	3,380	3,335	3,435	3,540	3,545
	Women	2,660	2,435	2,630	2,625	2,715	2,905
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	390	515	420	415	495	480
	Women	340	330	375	320	350	310
All placed applicants	Men	395	520	420	420	500	480
	Women	345	330	380	325	350	310

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	3,560	3,510	3,440	3,565	3,690	3,725
	Women	2,735	2,500	2,700	2,690	2,800	2,995
Offers	Men	775	1,055	955	1,055	1,135	1,215
	Women	720	790	950	920	990	1,070
Offer rate	Men	21.8%	30.1%	27.8%	29.6%	30.8%	32.6%
	Women	26.3%	31.7%	35.2%	34.3%	35.4%	35.7%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	275	240	245	260	250	280
	Quintile 2	450	425	465	445	475	515
	Quintile 3	790	770	805	755	840	910
	Quintile 4	1,410	1,440	1,440	1,430	1,540	1,575
	Quintile 5	3,115	2,910	2,970	3,145	3,110	3,125
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	25	35	50	35	45	40
	Quintile 2	55	60	60	65	80	70
	Quintile 3	90	115	95	80	85	120
	Quintile 4	165	195	170	160	190	165
	Quintile 5	400	435	415	395	445	390
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	25	35	50	35	45	40
	Quintile 2	55	60	60	65	80	70
	Quintile 3	90	115	100	80	85	120
	Quintile 4	165	195	175	160	190	165
	Quintile 5	400	440	420	400	450	390

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	280	245	250	260	255	290
	Quintile 2	460	440	485	465	495	530
	Quintile 3	815	785	815	785	860	950
	Quintile 4	1,450	1,490	1,480	1,485	1,600	1,650
	Quintile 5	3,260	3,015	3,060	3,235	3,235	3,260
Offers	Quintile 1	60	80	100	110	115	140
	Quintile 2	105	130	145	175	170	215
	Quintile 3	185	240	240	205	255	325
	Quintile 4	320	435	420	430	485	505
	Quintile 5	825	960	990	1,055	1,100	1,090
Offer rate	Quintile 1	20.9%	33.5%	40.3%	41.9%	44.1%	48.3%
	Quintile 2	23.1%	29.5%	30.2%	38.0%	34.8%	40.9%
	Quintile 3	22.8%	30.5%	29.1%	26.1%	29.7%	34.1%
	Quintile 4	22.0%	29.1%	28.5%	28.8%	30.3%	30.5%
	Quintile 5	25.3%	31.8%	32.3%	32.7%	34.0%	33.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,670	1,600	1,620	1,725	1,875	2,070
	Black	475	440	435	450	510	550
	Mixed	380	380	435	415	440	500
	White	3,295	3,105	3,180	3,160	3,095	2,940
	Other	170	195	185	195	220	255
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	265	245	250	245	295	295
	Black	30	40	40	40	40	45
	Mixed	40	65	60	45	50	60
	White	375	465	410	380	420	350
	Other	15	25	15	20	25	20
All placed applicants	Asian	265	245	255	245	300	295
	Black	30	40	40	40	40	45
	Mixed	40	70	65	45	50	60
	White	375	465	410	380	420	350
	Other	15	25	20	20	25	20

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,740	1,660	1,655	1,770	1,940	2,150
	Black	490	455	455	465	525	570
	Mixed	390	400	455	435	450	515
	White	3,420	3,200	3,260	3,260	3,220	3,075
	Other	175	200	190	200	230	275
Offers	Asian	455	475	485	540	645	760
	Black	65	85	110	115	135	160
	Mixed	90	130	140	130	145	175
	White	840	1,085	1,095	1,125	1,115	1,085
	Other	30	45	35	50	65	65
Offer rate	Asian	26.1%	28.7%	29.4%	30.4%	33.2%	35.4%
	Black	13.3%	18.3%	24.6%	24.9%	25.9%	28.4%
	Mixed	22.8%	33.2%	30.5%	29.5%	31.9%	34.0%
	White	24.6%	33.9%	33.5%	34.4%	34.6%	35.3%
	Other	16.4%	23.6%	19.4%	23.8%	27.4%	24.5%

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 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.