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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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	154,245	159,145	157,585	154,885	150,560	149,995
Placed June deadline applicants	65,235	67,655	66,080	64,200	63,450	62,120
All placed applicants	80,015	82,595	80,405	78,650	77,695	78,365
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	2,048.0	2,077.2	2,102.4	2,090.6	2,084.4	2,119.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	866.2	883.1	881.6	866.5	878.4	877.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	1,062.4	1,078.1	1,072.7	1,061.6	1,075.6	1,107.1

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	404,080	410,265	397,150	379,560	364,605	358,450
Offers	317,740	326,425	317,910	310,770	303,295	300,205
Offer rate	78.6%	79.6%	80.0%	81.9%	83.2%	83.8%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	64,165	65,070	64,945	63,580	61,815	61,525
	Women	90,080	94,075	92,640	91,305	88,745	88,470
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	27,830	28,560	27,950	26,610	26,165	25,730
	Women	37,410	39,100	38,130	37,585	37,285	36,385
All placed applicants	Men	34,055	34,725	33,750	32,580	32,040	32,660
	Women	45,960	47,870	46,655	46,075	45,650	45,705
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	1,657.5	1,658.1	1,690.6	1,673.9	1,668.6	1,698.3
	Women	2,460.9	2,517.4	2,535.3	2,528.8	2,522.2	2,560.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	718.9	727.7	727.5	700.6	706.3	710.3
	Women	1,021.9	1,046.2	1,043.5	1,041.0	1,059.6	1,052.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	879.7	884.9	878.5	857.7	864.9	901.6
	Women	1,255.6	1,280.9	1,276.8	1,276.0	1,297.4	1,322.6

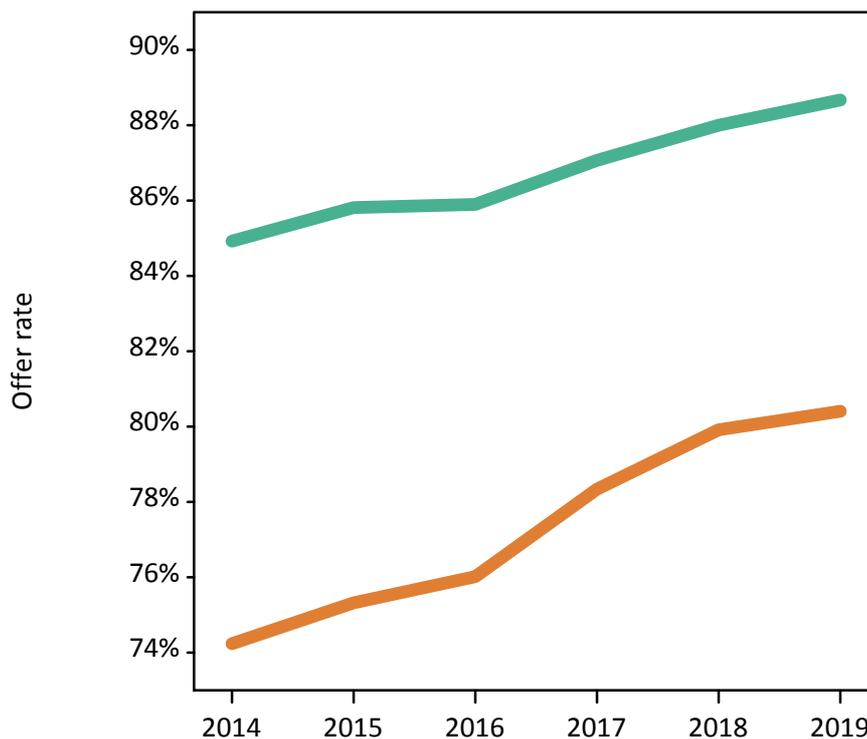
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	166,160	165,725	162,005	153,680	147,540	145,270
	Women	237,915	244,545	235,145	225,880	217,065	213,180
Offers	Men	141,110	142,215	139,155	133,810	129,835	128,800
	Women	176,630	184,210	178,750	176,960	173,465	171,410
Offer rate	Men	84.9%	85.8%	85.9%	87.1%	88.0%	88.7%
	Women	74.2%	75.3%	76.0%	78.3%	79.9%	80.4%
Average offer rate	Men	85.1%	86.0%	86.1%	87.1%	88.0%	88.8%
	Women	74.1%	75.2%	75.9%	78.3%	79.9%	80.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.0	-0.1
	Women	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.628	0.623	0.623	0.624	0.626	0.625
	Women	0.740	0.744	0.740	0.744	0.746	0.744

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 2014-2019.

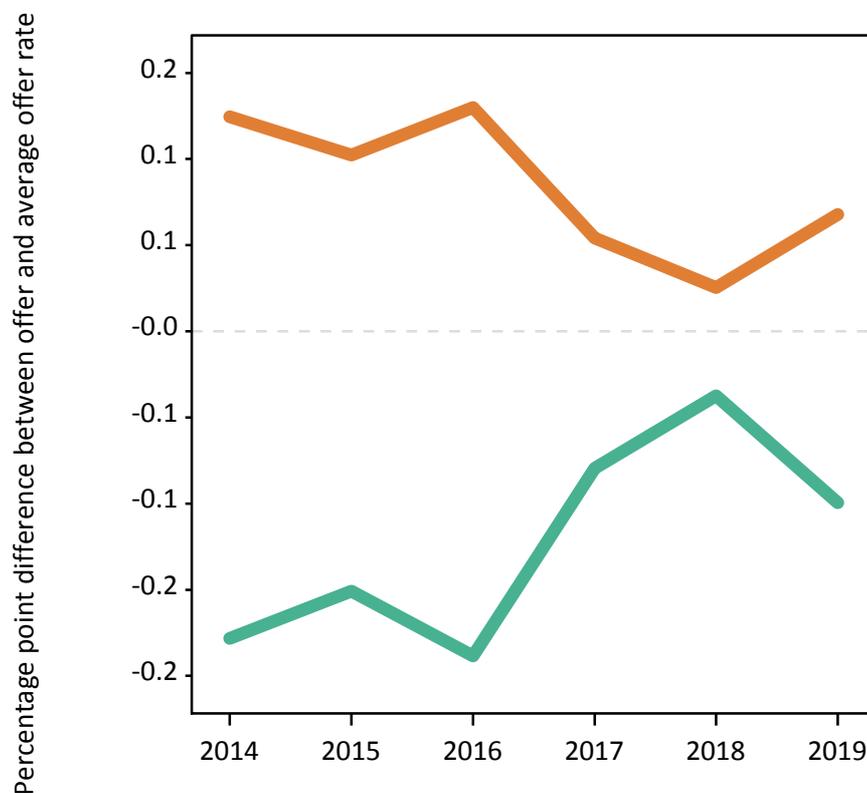
Men
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	21,410	22,480	22,175	21,920	21,190	21,280
	Quintile 2	28,205	29,035	29,005	28,010	27,380	26,780
	Quintile 3	32,135	33,315	32,925	32,480	31,080	31,150
	Quintile 4	35,760	36,615	36,030	35,565	34,840	34,765
	Quintile 5	36,455	37,425	37,140	36,595	35,635	35,270
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	9,845	10,350	10,100	9,720	9,645	9,450
	Quintile 2	12,810	13,105	13,030	12,480	12,445	11,925
	Quintile 3	13,945	14,615	14,005	14,050	13,515	13,295
	Quintile 4	14,950	15,275	15,020	14,395	14,420	14,345
	Quintile 5	13,565	14,200	13,800	13,435	13,235	12,825
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	11,745	12,275	11,965	11,640	11,600	11,690
	Quintile 2	15,425	15,760	15,480	15,000	15,055	14,770
	Quintile 3	16,935	17,745	17,185	17,170	16,680	16,850
	Quintile 4	18,635	18,970	18,475	17,960	17,800	18,220
	Quintile 5	17,125	17,695	17,140	16,720	16,300	16,435
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	1,523.3	1,587.7	1,629.2	1,638.1	1,629.4	1,678.3
	Quintile 2	1,964.8	1,987.7	2,043.7	2,007.3	2,022.5	2,028.5
	Quintile 3	2,194.4	2,222.2	2,246.4	2,242.2	2,204.8	2,256.8
	Quintile 4	2,345.6	2,364.1	2,363.8	2,352.1	2,361.5	2,398.2
	Quintile 5	2,142.5	2,154.9	2,152.9	2,134.3	2,115.9	2,124.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	700.3	731.1	741.9	726.4	741.6	745.1
	Quintile 2	892.5	897.2	918.2	894.3	919.2	903.1
	Quintile 3	952.2	974.9	955.6	969.8	958.7	963.1
	Quintile 4	980.4	986.3	985.6	952.0	977.4	989.5
	Quintile 5	797.3	817.4	799.8	783.5	785.9	772.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	835.4	867.1	878.9	869.7	892.2	922.0
	Quintile 2	1,074.6	1,078.8	1,090.8	1,075.1	1,112.0	1,118.6
	Quintile 3	1,156.5	1,183.6	1,172.5	1,185.5	1,183.3	1,220.6
	Quintile 4	1,222.2	1,224.6	1,212.0	1,187.6	1,206.3	1,256.9
	Quintile 5	1,006.5	1,018.8	993.6	975.2	967.9	989.9

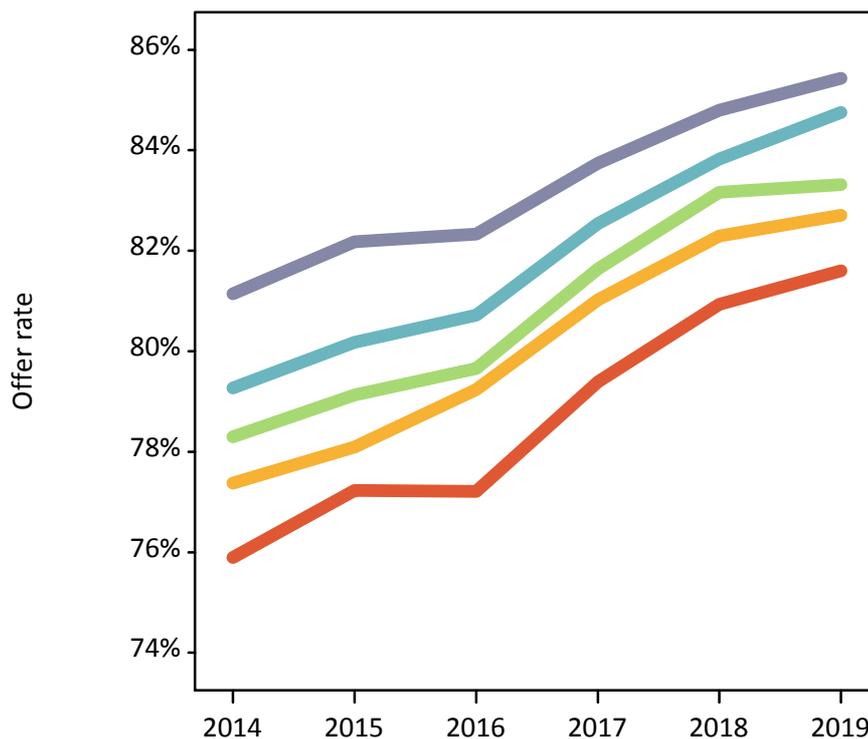
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	57,935	59,980	58,085	55,505	53,185	52,515
	Quintile 2	76,070	76,855	75,395	70,470	68,195	66,155
	Quintile 3	85,765	87,745	84,775	81,900	76,865	75,945
	Quintile 4	94,275	94,750	90,900	87,345	84,945	83,500
	Quintile 5	89,290	90,230	87,215	83,600	80,385	78,660
Offers	Quintile 1	43,970	46,325	44,845	44,065	43,045	42,855
	Quintile 2	58,860	60,020	59,740	57,095	56,115	54,715
	Quintile 3	67,155	69,435	67,530	66,860	63,920	63,275
	Quintile 4	74,730	75,965	73,375	72,090	71,205	70,770
	Quintile 5	72,455	74,150	71,805	70,010	68,165	67,200
Offer rate	Quintile 1	75.9%	77.2%	77.2%	79.4%	80.9%	81.6%
	Quintile 2	77.4%	78.1%	79.2%	81.0%	82.3%	82.7%
	Quintile 3	78.3%	79.1%	79.7%	81.6%	83.2%	83.3%
	Quintile 4	79.3%	80.2%	80.7%	82.5%	83.8%	84.8%
	Quintile 5	81.1%	82.2%	82.3%	83.7%	84.8%	85.4%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	76.9%	78.2%	78.4%	80.4%	81.9%	82.5%
	Quintile 2	77.6%	78.5%	79.4%	81.2%	82.7%	83.2%
	Quintile 3	78.4%	79.2%	79.9%	81.6%	83.2%	83.4%
	Quintile 4	79.0%	80.1%	80.4%	82.4%	83.7%	84.4%
	Quintile 5	80.4%	81.3%	81.6%	83.0%	84.0%	84.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.0	-0.9	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-0.9
	Quintile 2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5
	Quintile 3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
	Quintile 4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
	Quintile 5	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.247	0.248	0.249	0.253	0.256	0.259
	Quintile 2	0.279	0.278	0.282	0.279	0.286	0.287
	Quintile 3	0.291	0.293	0.293	0.298	0.297	0.300
	Quintile 4	0.320	0.317	0.319	0.321	0.326	0.331
	Quintile 5	0.328	0.325	0.325	0.327	0.328	0.333

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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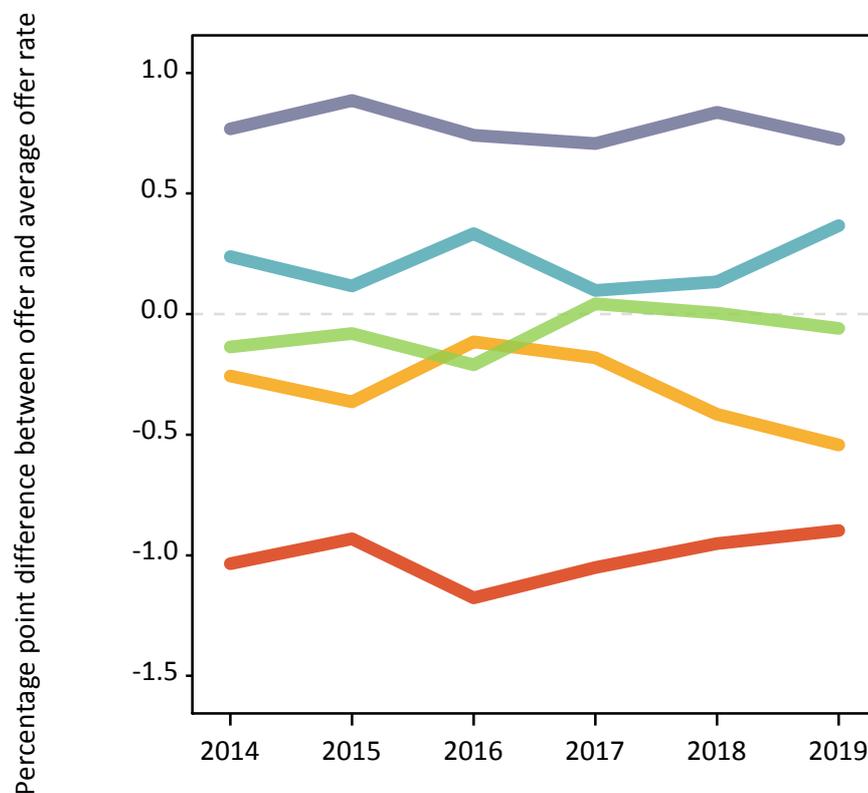
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- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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

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



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	119,685	121,710	119,225	115,920	110,575	106,195
	Black	9,005	9,785	9,640	9,585	9,895	10,740
	Asian	17,485	18,615	19,435	19,845	20,410	22,655
	Mixed	5,515	6,095	6,155	6,295	6,330	6,635
	Other	2,060	2,255	2,345	2,490	2,565	2,990
Placed June deadline applicants	White	50,890	51,950	50,235	48,345	46,730	44,445
	Black	3,645	4,035	3,995	4,005	4,250	4,405
	Asian	7,375	7,860	8,015	7,985	8,460	9,150
	Mixed	2,290	2,570	2,585	2,575	2,645	2,645
	Other	865	960	930	1,000	1,065	1,190
All placed applicants	White	59,500	60,375	58,290	56,300	54,380	52,850
	Black	5,390	5,995	5,760	5,720	5,910	6,405
	Asian	10,580	11,125	11,280	11,470	11,970	13,340
	Mixed	2,900	3,245	3,205	3,245	3,325	3,355
	Other	1,240	1,380	1,325	1,440	1,520	1,725
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	1,940.0	1,953.4	1,971.1	1,953.3	1,935.0	1,921.3
	Black	2,970.9	3,074.2	3,079.9	3,045.8	3,077.0	3,255.8
	Asian	2,578.5	2,630.4	2,700.8	2,696.8	2,700.5	2,905.0
	Mixed	1,917.0	1,975.9	1,956.6	1,960.8	1,953.0	2,016.8
	Other	2,213.2	2,339.5	2,354.4	2,417.2	2,392.7	2,663.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	824.8	833.8	830.5	814.7	817.7	804.1
	Black	1,202.8	1,267.5	1,276.4	1,271.9	1,321.9	1,335.4
	Asian	1,087.2	1,110.7	1,113.9	1,085.2	1,119.1	1,173.0
	Mixed	795.6	833.1	821.5	802.2	816.4	804.0
	Other	927.2	993.9	933.5	968.8	994.6	1,058.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	964.4	969.0	963.7	948.7	951.6	956.1
	Black	1,778.1	1,883.9	1,840.2	1,817.1	1,838.8	1,941.0
	Asian	1,560.1	1,571.9	1,567.8	1,558.8	1,583.9	1,710.3
	Mixed	1,007.3	1,051.7	1,017.9	1,010.3	1,024.9	1,020.4
	Other	1,332.2	1,430.7	1,332.5	1,399.9	1,415.9	1,534.8

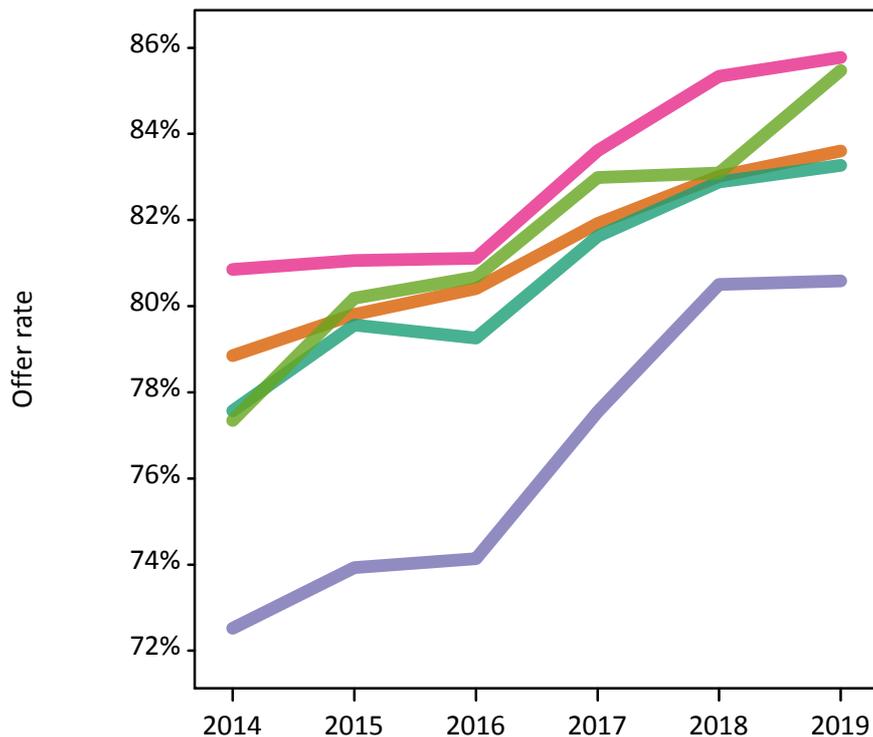
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	305,670	305,955	292,435	276,910	261,440	248,370
	Black	26,050	27,710	26,690	25,835	25,940	27,310
	Asian	50,620	52,850	53,885	53,275	53,415	57,810
	Mixed	14,525	15,750	15,890	15,295	15,360	15,655
	Other	5,960	6,240	6,290	6,430	6,605	7,495
Offers	White	241,030	244,170	235,140	226,850	217,040	207,645
	Black	18,895	20,485	19,785	20,035	20,885	22,005
	Asian	40,925	42,845	43,710	44,545	45,585	49,585
	Mixed	11,270	12,530	12,595	12,485	12,730	13,035
	Other	4,610	5,005	5,075	5,335	5,490	6,410
Offer rate	White	78.9%	79.8%	80.4%	81.9%	83.0%	83.6%
	Black	72.5%	73.9%	74.1%	77.5%	80.5%	80.6%
	Asian	80.9%	81.1%	81.1%	83.6%	85.3%	85.8%
	Mixed	77.6%	79.6%	79.3%	81.6%	82.9%	83.3%
	Other	77.3%	80.2%	80.7%	83.0%	83.1%	85.5%
Average offer rate	White	78.4%	79.4%	79.9%	81.6%	82.7%	83.3%
	Black	75.7%	76.6%	77.0%	79.6%	82.3%	82.4%
	Asian	81.6%	81.8%	81.9%	84.2%	85.7%	86.0%
	Mixed	78.1%	80.0%	80.2%	81.8%	83.1%	84.1%
	Other	80.1%	81.5%	81.9%	84.2%	84.8%	86.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
	Black	-3.2	-2.7	-2.8	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8
	Asian	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3
	Mixed	-0.5	-0.4	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8
	Other	-2.7	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-1.7	-1.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.832	0.824	0.818	0.817	0.812	0.799
	Black	0.212	0.212	0.215	0.225	0.230	0.237
	Asian	0.346	0.344	0.350	0.361	0.368	0.383
	Mixed	0.137	0.139	0.138	0.146	0.151	0.154
	Other	0.139	0.136	0.132	0.140	0.147	0.150

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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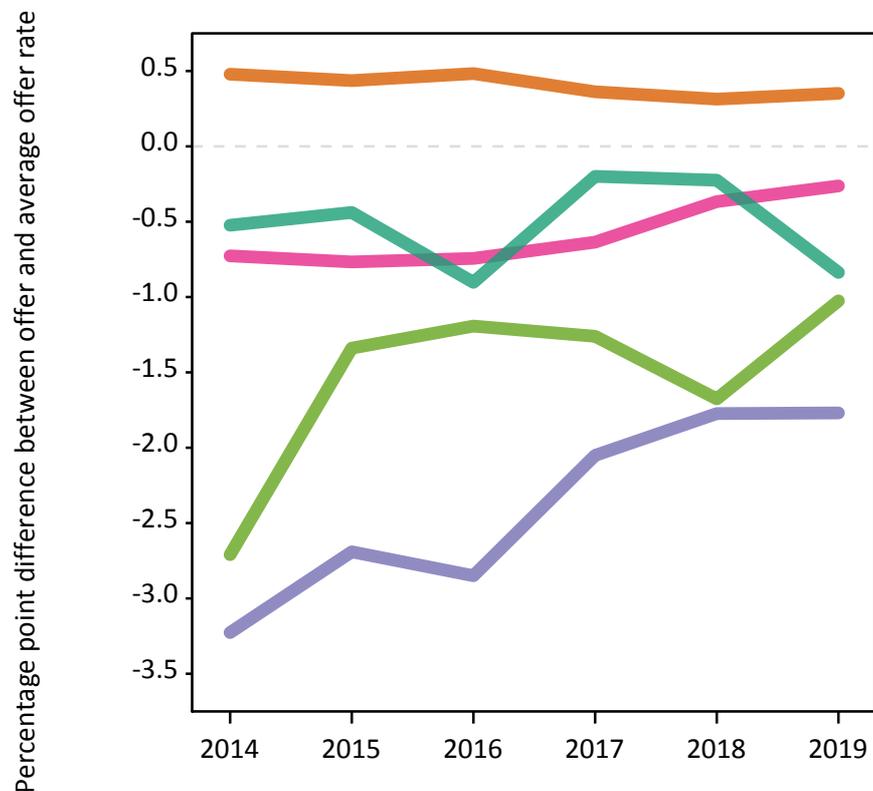
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group

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- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	349,130	348,180	343,195	319,445	302,695	296,635
Placed June deadline applicants	153,730	154,530	151,265	143,270	138,760	134,770
All placed applicants	204,645	205,805	199,415	193,755	194,420	198,885

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	903,385	888,485	863,005	785,185	730,485	708,050
Offers	593,835	600,635	582,315	558,445	538,605	530,150
Offer rate	65.7%	67.6%	67.5%	71.1%	73.7%	74.9%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	141,070	139,970	137,300	128,255	121,030	117,710
	Women	208,060	208,210	205,895	191,190	181,670	178,925
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	64,985	64,665	62,700	58,410	55,600	53,740
	Women	88,740	89,865	88,565	84,860	83,160	81,030
All placed applicants	Men	87,805	87,125	83,490	79,880	79,450	80,675
	Women	116,845	118,680	115,930	113,870	114,970	118,210

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	364,220	355,880	343,630	313,625	291,310	280,065
	Women	539,165	532,605	519,375	471,565	439,170	427,980
Offers	Men	268,935	267,995	257,635	243,200	230,775	226,030
	Women	324,895	332,640	324,675	315,245	307,830	304,120
Offer rate	Men	73.8%	75.3%	75.0%	77.5%	79.2%	80.7%
	Women	60.3%	62.5%	62.5%	66.9%	70.1%	71.1%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	53,790	53,890	53,045	49,800	47,275	46,570
	Quintile 2	64,485	64,435	63,735	58,740	55,715	53,865
	Quintile 3	72,400	71,880	71,025	66,170	61,845	60,735
	Quintile 4	79,380	79,440	77,820	72,495	68,860	67,245
	Quintile 5	78,320	77,770	76,705	71,430	67,940	66,305
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	25,115	25,355	24,855	23,740	23,170	22,335
	Quintile 2	29,990	30,160	29,600	27,845	27,030	25,930
	Quintile 3	32,675	32,545	31,635	30,550	29,005	28,205
	Quintile 4	34,160	34,500	33,875	31,920	31,045	30,350
	Quintile 5	31,490	31,660	30,945	28,850	28,035	27,090
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	31,930	32,250	31,540	30,795	31,210	31,985
	Quintile 2	38,610	38,970	37,845	36,660	36,830	37,460
	Quintile 3	43,340	43,240	42,035	41,330	40,805	41,925
	Quintile 4	47,280	47,715	45,965	44,785	45,205	46,085
	Quintile 5	42,990	43,025	41,435	39,560	39,460	39,825

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	138,810	138,200	134,210	122,700	114,690	111,825
	Quintile 2	168,045	165,795	161,390	145,620	136,035	130,670
	Quintile 3	190,550	187,120	182,695	167,180	152,035	148,170
	Quintile 4	210,395	206,485	199,210	181,275	169,475	162,990
	Quintile 5	193,635	189,000	183,375	166,450	155,765	150,000
Offers	Quintile 1	87,940	89,905	87,095	84,030	81,565	80,885
	Quintile 2	109,235	110,940	108,035	102,750	99,250	96,415
	Quintile 3	124,845	126,065	122,275	118,445	112,020	110,500
	Quintile 4	137,875	139,065	134,095	129,130	125,625	123,435
	Quintile 5	132,725	133,510	129,490	122,735	118,470	115,855
Offer rate	Quintile 1	63.4%	65.1%	64.9%	68.5%	71.1%	72.3%
	Quintile 2	65.0%	66.9%	66.9%	70.6%	73.0%	73.8%
	Quintile 3	65.5%	67.4%	66.9%	70.8%	73.7%	74.6%
	Quintile 4	65.5%	67.3%	67.3%	71.2%	74.1%	75.7%
	Quintile 5	68.5%	70.6%	70.6%	73.7%	76.1%	77.2%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	250,830	246,560	239,805	223,130	209,495	199,450
	Black	36,955	37,380	37,910	33,830	31,695	32,185
	Asian	39,705	41,230	41,905	39,800	39,260	41,435
	Mixed	13,780	14,345	14,520	13,870	13,535	13,810
	Other	5,860	6,100	6,310	6,270	6,180	6,725
Placed June deadline applicants	White	113,515	112,645	108,450	102,095	97,150	91,965
	Black	14,070	14,395	15,095	14,470	14,540	14,625
	Asian	16,925	17,505	17,535	16,815	17,115	17,705
	Mixed	6,040	6,365	6,430	6,155	6,155	6,050
	Other	2,395	2,560	2,605	2,635	2,685	2,805
All placed applicants	White	138,210	137,300	132,050	127,055	124,205	121,830
	Black	24,985	25,180	24,530	24,480	24,855	27,190
	Asian	25,920	26,760	26,525	25,805	26,425	28,740
	Mixed	8,395	8,755	8,630	8,475	8,725	8,805
	Other	4,025	4,300	4,270	4,465	4,515	5,080

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	617,765	599,570	572,730	521,185	481,530	453,775
	Black	112,450	111,825	112,395	98,350	89,900	89,910
	Asian	115,000	116,480	116,175	108,185	103,580	107,495
	Mixed	36,385	37,315	37,500	34,545	33,355	33,355
	Other	16,740	16,855	17,320	16,670	16,270	17,300
Offers	White	425,175	425,120	406,835	385,890	364,780	347,700
	Black	51,150	52,985	52,690	51,585	53,065	55,245
	Asian	80,275	82,480	82,165	80,930	80,575	84,855
	Mixed	23,470	25,005	25,090	24,340	24,350	24,855
	Other	10,890	11,215	11,340	11,625	11,820	13,045
Offer rate	White	68.8%	70.9%	71.0%	74.0%	75.8%	76.6%
	Black	45.5%	47.4%	46.9%	52.4%	59.0%	61.4%
	Asian	69.8%	70.8%	70.7%	74.8%	77.8%	78.9%
	Mixed	64.5%	67.0%	66.9%	70.5%	73.0%	74.5%
	Other	65.1%	66.5%	65.5%	69.7%	72.7%	75.4%

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 2019 cycle runs from September 2018 through to October 2019.

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 2019 End of Cycle Report and the 2019 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.