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Applicant statistics: June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

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	1,670	2,010	1,845	1,750	1,670	1,710
Placed June deadline applicants	250	320	325	320	350	265
All placed applicants	395	485	445	405	450	375
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	22.2	26.3	24.6	23.6	23.1	24.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.9	3.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	5.2	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.2	5.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	1,785	2,160	1,970	1,860	1,775	1,840
Offers	1,465	1,820	1,465	1,355	1,235	1,240
Offer rate	82.1%	84.3%	74.3%	72.8%	69.6%	67.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	915	1,050	960	835	720	750
	Women	755	965	885	915	950	955
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	125	145	165	135	155	115
	Women	125	175	160	190	195	150
All placed applicants	Men	190	235	215	170	200	170
	Women	205	255	230	235	245	205
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	23.7	26.7	25.0	22.0	19.5	20.8
	Women	20.6	25.8	24.2	25.4	26.9	27.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	3.2	3.7	4.3	3.5	4.2	3.2
	Women	3.4	4.7	4.3	5.2	5.6	4.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	4.9	5.9	5.6	4.4	5.5	4.7
	Women	5.6	6.8	6.3	6.5	7.0	5.9

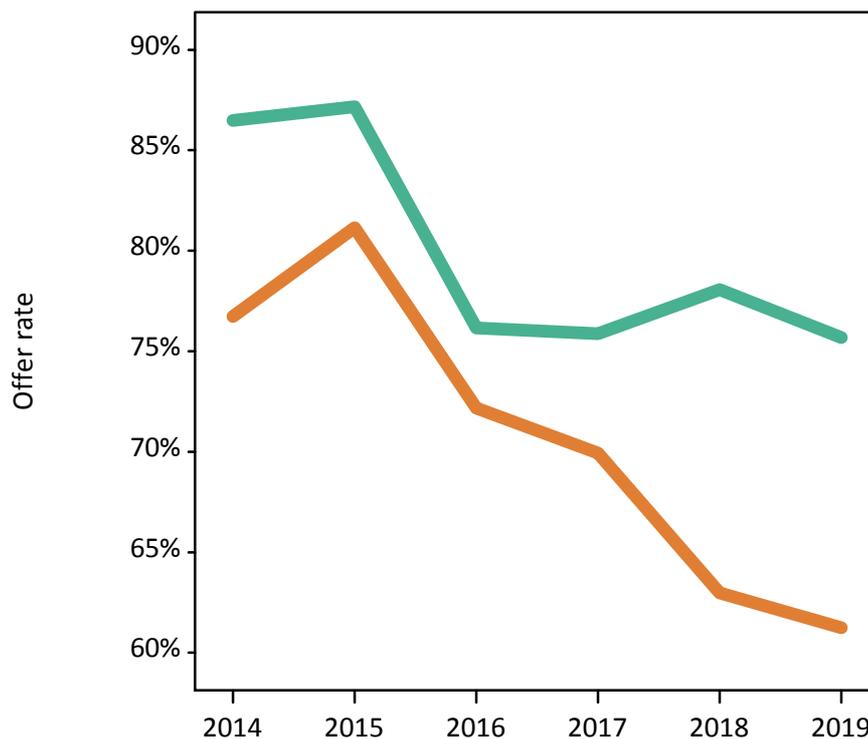
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	990	1,130	1,030	890	775	805
	Women	795	1,030	940	970	1,000	1,030
Offers	Men	855	985	785	675	605	610
	Women	610	835	675	675	630	630
Offer rate	Men	86.5%	87.2%	76.2%	75.9%	78.1%	75.7%
	Women	76.7%	81.1%	72.2%	69.9%	63.0%	61.2%
Average offer rate	Men	85.5%	87.0%	77.0%	76.6%	77.7%	75.7%
	Women	77.9%	81.4%	71.3%	69.3%	63.3%	61.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.9	0.2	-0.8	-0.7	0.4	-0.1
	Women	-1.2	-0.2	0.9	0.7	-0.3	0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.757	0.749	0.757	0.737	0.767	0.749
	Women	0.697	0.724	0.733	0.758	0.820	0.804

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.

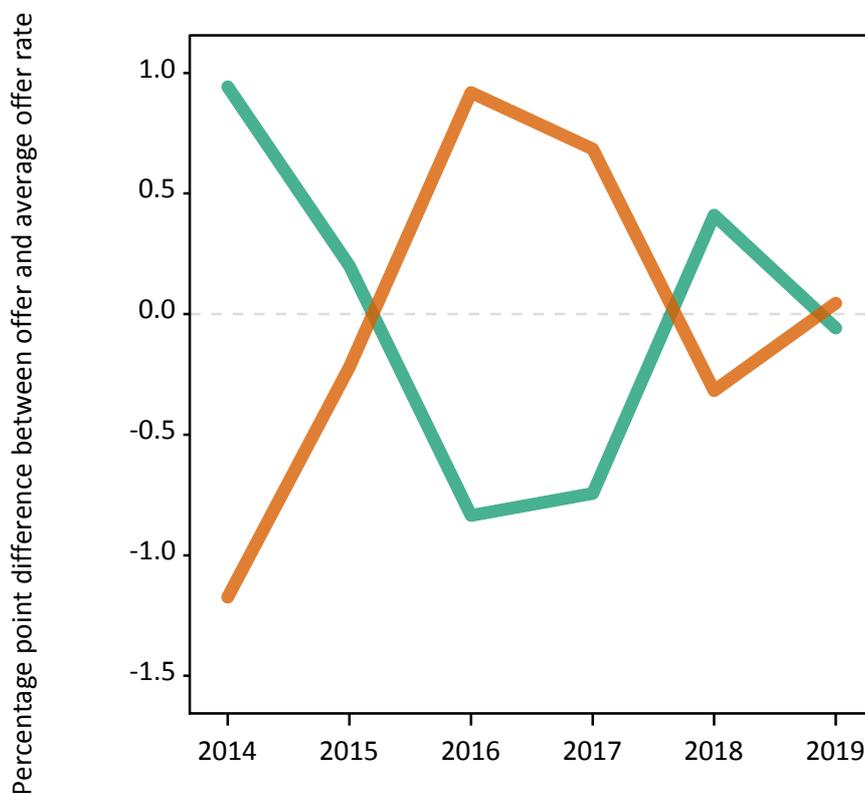
Men
Women



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 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	330	390	360	340	300	325
	Quintile 2	405	495	420	425	425	420
	Quintile 3	305	435	435	375	365	380
	Quintile 4	385	400	345	320	345	360
	Quintile 5	245	290	280	285	225	215
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	50	65	65	65	75	60
	Quintile 2	70	80	80	90	80	70
	Quintile 3	35	70	70	75	80	55
	Quintile 4	60	65	75	50	70	50
	Quintile 5	35	40	35	40	40	30
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	75	90	95	85	95	80
	Quintile 2	105	115	105	110	105	90
	Quintile 3	65	110	95	95	110	75
	Quintile 4	95	100	95	65	85	70
	Quintile 5	55	75	50	50	55	50
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	23.3	27.6	26.5	25.6	23.1	25.7
	Quintile 2	28.3	33.9	29.7	30.6	31.5	31.8
	Quintile 3	20.8	29.0	29.5	25.9	26.0	27.5
	Quintile 4	25.1	25.8	22.8	21.3	23.2	25.0
	Quintile 5	14.3	16.6	16.2	16.6	13.4	13.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	3.6	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.7	4.6
	Quintile 2	4.8	5.5	5.5	6.5	6.0	5.2
	Quintile 3	2.5	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.8	4.1
	Quintile 4	3.9	4.1	4.9	3.4	4.9	3.4
	Quintile 5	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.4	1.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.3	6.4	7.0	6.2	7.2	6.5
	Quintile 2	7.2	7.7	7.3	7.7	7.7	6.7
	Quintile 3	4.4	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.7	5.5
	Quintile 4	6.1	6.3	6.4	4.4	5.9	4.9
	Quintile 5	3.3	4.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.9

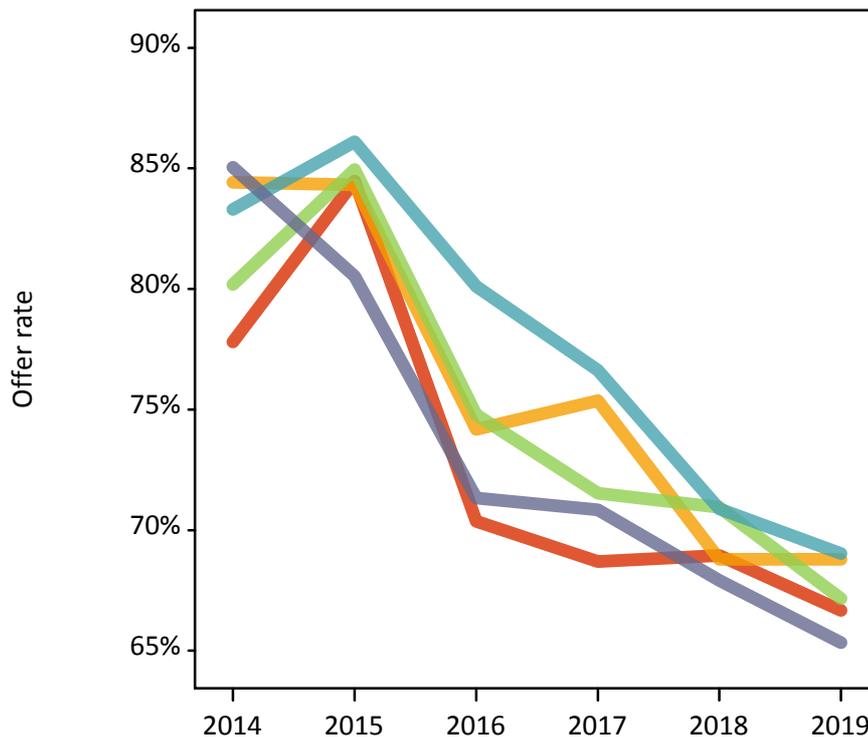
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	355	425	390	360	320	365
	Quintile 2	430	525	455	465	455	455
	Quintile 3	330	465	465	395	390	410
	Quintile 4	415	440	375	340	365	380
	Quintile 5	255	305	285	295	240	225
Offers	Quintile 1	275	360	275	250	220	240
	Quintile 2	365	440	335	350	315	315
	Quintile 3	265	395	345	285	275	275
	Quintile 4	345	380	300	260	260	265
	Quintile 5	215	245	205	210	165	145
Offer rate	Quintile 1	77.8%	84.5%	70.4%	68.7%	68.9%	66.7%
	Quintile 2	84.4%	84.3%	74.2%	75.4%	68.8%	68.8%
	Quintile 3	80.2%	84.9%	74.8%	71.5%	71.0%	67.2%
	Quintile 4	83.3%	86.1%	80.1%	76.6%	70.9%	69.0%
	Quintile 5	85.0%	80.5%	71.3%	70.8%	67.9%	65.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	78.9%	83.3%	70.6%	70.4%	69.5%	67.3%
	Quintile 2	83.2%	83.8%	74.6%	73.9%	68.2%	67.3%
	Quintile 3	81.0%	85.4%	77.2%	71.9%	70.6%	67.0%
	Quintile 4	83.6%	86.3%	75.4%	75.6%	72.1%	68.2%
	Quintile 5	84.0%	82.0%	72.7%	71.8%	67.0%	68.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.1	1.1	-0.2	-1.7	-0.5	-0.6
	Quintile 2	1.2	0.5	-0.4	1.5	0.6	1.5
	Quintile 3	-0.8	-0.4	-2.4	-0.4	0.3	0.1
	Quintile 4	-0.3	-0.2	4.7	1.0	-1.2	0.8
	Quintile 5	1.1	-1.5	-1.4	-1.0	0.9	-3.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.334	0.338	0.349	0.349	0.350	0.340
	Quintile 2	0.371	0.373	0.362	0.397	0.420	0.377
	Quintile 3	0.347	0.340	0.373	0.383	0.387	0.357
	Quintile 4	0.387	0.350	0.353	0.338	0.380	0.365
	Quintile 5	0.301	0.323	0.332	0.346	0.335	0.276

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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.

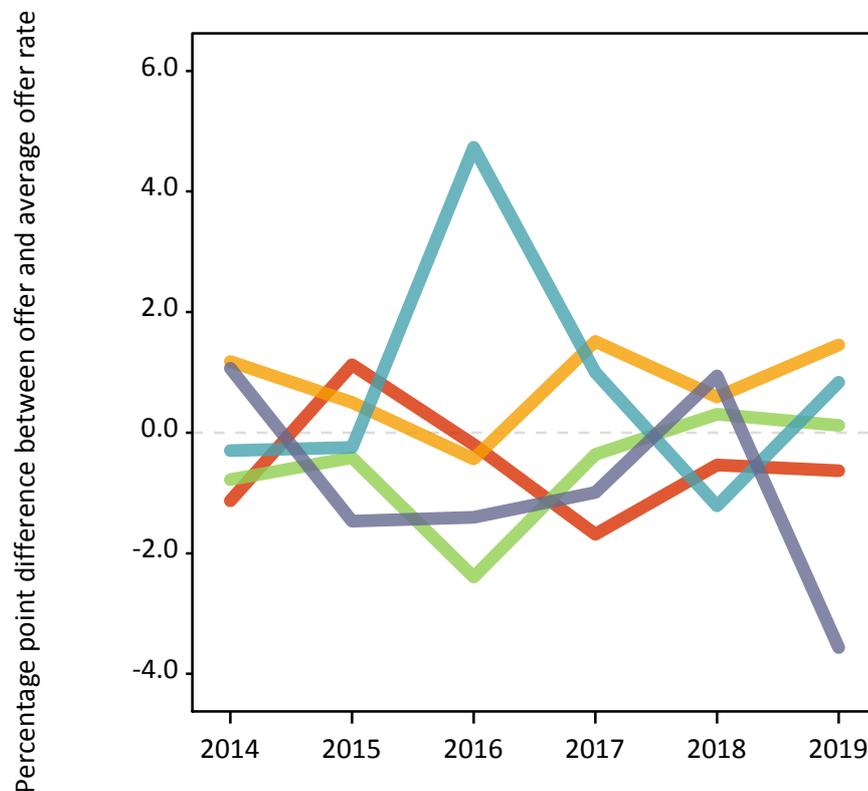
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- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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

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.

- 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	1,280	1,445	1,335	1,240	1,170	1,225
	Black	70	125	90	95	90	80
	Asian	255	340	335	335	300	295
	Mixed	45	70	55	60	65	75
	Other	15	25	15	20	30	25
Placed June deadline applicants	White	220	245	265	255	275	220
	Black	5	15	10	20	20	5
	Asian	20	45	35	30	40	20
	Mixed	5	10	15	10	15	15
	Other	0	5	0	5	0	0
All placed applicants	White	305	335	330	305	325	270
	Black	15	30	15	25	20	25
	Asian	50	95	70	50	70	55
	Mixed	15	20	20	15	20	25
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	20.7	23.2	22.0	20.9	20.5	22.1
	Black	22.8	39.0	29.1	30.5	28.3	24.2
	Asian	37.7	48.3	46.6	45.5	40.0	38.1
	Mixed	15.6	23.0	18.1	18.7	20.7	23.1
	Other	18.3	23.9	17.1	17.5	29.8	24.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	3.5	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.8	4.0
	Black	1.6	4.1	2.6	6.7	5.6	1.8
	Asian	2.7	6.4	5.0	4.3	5.3	2.8
	Mixed	2.4	3.9	4.4	3.4	4.0	4.6
	Other	0.0	3.1	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	4.9	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.7	4.9
	Black	5.6	8.8	5.1	8.3	6.8	7.0
	Asian	7.7	13.3	10.0	6.9	9.4	6.8
	Mixed	5.9	6.2	5.7	5.0	6.8	7.0
	Other	3.2	6.2	3.0	5.8	5.6	3.6

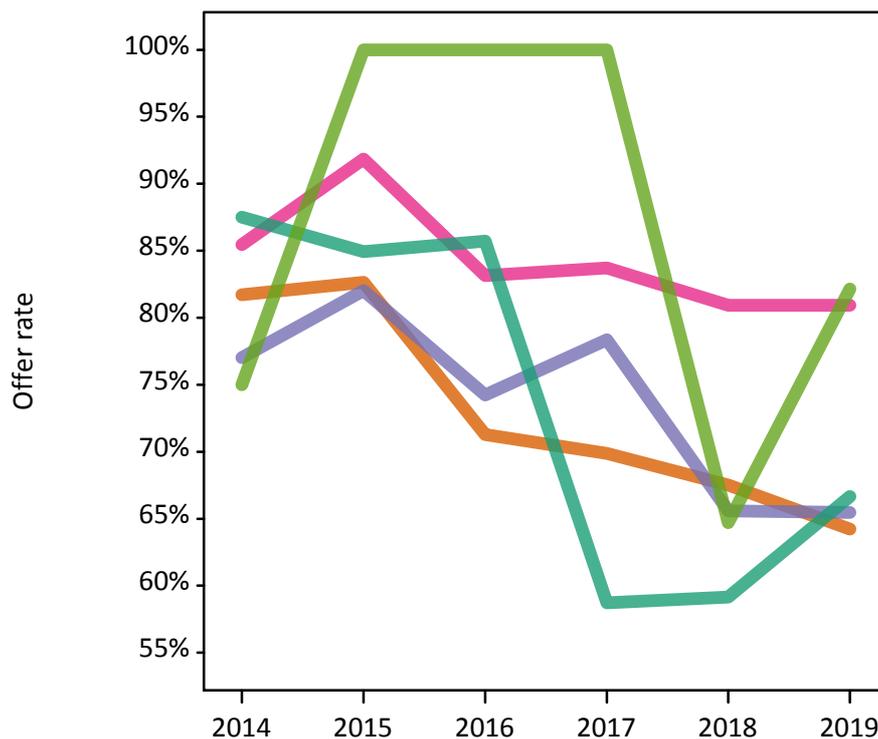
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	1,370	1,560	1,430	1,325	1,255	1,330
	Black	75	130	95	95	95	85
	Asian	270	370	350	350	320	305
	Mixed	50	75	65	65	70	85
	Other	20	25	20	20	35	30
Offers	White	1,120	1,290	1,020	925	845	855
	Black	55	105	70	75	60	55
	Asian	230	340	290	295	260	245
	Mixed	40	60	55	35	40	55
	Other	15	20	15	20	20	25
Offer rate	White	81.7%	82.6%	71.3%	69.9%	67.5%	64.2%
	Black	77.0%	82.0%	74.2%	78.4%	65.6%	65.5%
	Asian	85.4%	91.8%	83.1%	83.7%	80.9%	80.9%
	Mixed	87.5%	84.9%	85.7%	58.7%	59.2%	66.7%
	Other	75.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	64.7%	82.1%
Average offer rate	White	81.0%	82.5%	71.5%	69.9%	66.8%	64.1%
	Black	80.2%	85.0%	74.9%	72.0%	72.7%	63.1%
	Asian	87.6%	90.9%	83.4%	84.9%	78.8%	84.0%
	Mixed	84.9%	85.2%	78.5%	64.0%	67.1%	61.0%
	Other	84.2%	90.3%	86.7%	82.3%	77.9%	81.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.7	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2
	Black	-3.1	-2.9	-0.7	6.3	-7.1	2.3
	Asian	-2.1	0.9	-0.2	-1.2	2.2	-3.1
	Mixed	N/A	-0.2	7.2	-5.3	-7.9	5.6
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.854	0.811	0.807	0.809	0.819	0.812
	Black	0.274	0.211	0.203	0.183	0.304	0.206
	Asian	0.457	0.441	0.408	0.481	0.499	0.453
	Mixed	0.235	0.178	0.185	0.233	0.237	0.231
	Other	0.324	0.191	0.133	0.222	0.267	0.167

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 2014-2019.

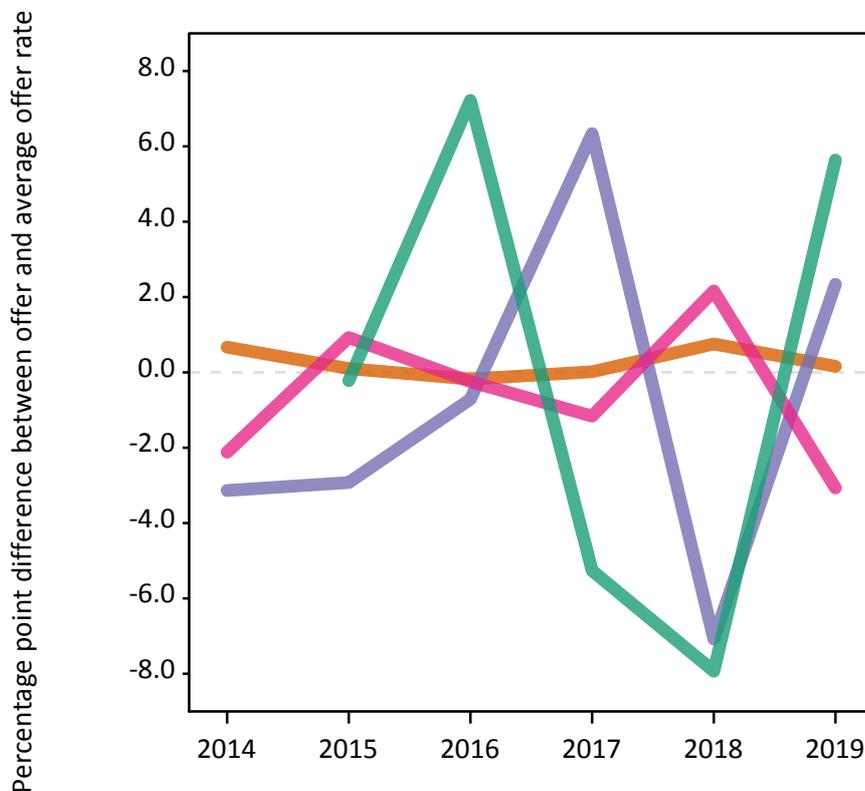
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- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



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 2014-2019.

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	3,885	4,935	4,515	4,405	4,075	4,255
Placed June deadline applicants	800	945	1,025	945	1,055	940
All placed applicants	1,540	1,540	1,450	1,425	1,650	1,795

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	4,215	5,375	4,895	4,840	4,495	4,685
Offers	3,060	3,900	3,140	3,065	2,845	2,930
Offer rate	72.6%	72.5%	64.1%	63.3%	63.3%	62.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	2,205	2,535	2,200	1,985	1,655	1,715
	Women	1,680	2,400	2,315	2,420	2,420	2,540
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	430	480	485	405	415	370
	Women	370	465	540	545	640	575
All placed applicants	Men	795	805	675	640	690	730
	Women	750	735	770	780	960	1,065

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	2,410	2,795	2,395	2,180	1,820	1,885
	Women	1,810	2,580	2,500	2,665	2,670	2,800
Offers	Men	1,825	2,105	1,660	1,525	1,280	1,330
	Women	1,240	1,795	1,475	1,545	1,560	1,600
Offer rate	Men	75.7%	75.3%	69.4%	69.9%	70.3%	70.4%
	Women	68.5%	69.6%	59.1%	57.9%	58.5%	57.3%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	805	1,060	940	965	890	930
	Quintile 2	965	1,250	1,110	1,090	1,040	1,080
	Quintile 3	750	1,015	990	925	865	915
	Quintile 4	820	960	865	825	795	840
	Quintile 5	540	640	600	590	470	470
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	165	210	220	210	245	230
	Quintile 2	215	245	285	245	270	270
	Quintile 3	155	195	215	230	220	175
	Quintile 4	160	175	185	155	205	175
	Quintile 5	105	120	120	100	115	90
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	335	335	320	290	385	405
	Quintile 2	405	385	385	370	420	460
	Quintile 3	315	330	300	350	350	350
	Quintile 4	305	290	275	260	310	345
	Quintile 5	180	195	165	155	185	185

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	880	1,170	1,025	1,055	990	1,035
	Quintile 2	1,045	1,335	1,200	1,215	1,155	1,190
	Quintile 3	825	1,105	1,075	1,040	950	1,015
	Quintile 4	895	1,070	950	890	870	910
	Quintile 5	565	685	640	630	515	510
Offers	Quintile 1	605	795	620	615	605	615
	Quintile 2	755	990	775	785	705	770
	Quintile 3	615	810	710	660	620	625
	Quintile 4	655	770	615	595	570	575
	Quintile 5	420	525	415	405	335	335
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.1%	68.0%	60.4%	58.3%	61.4%	59.1%
	Quintile 2	72.2%	73.9%	64.6%	64.9%	61.1%	64.9%
	Quintile 3	75.0%	73.3%	66.0%	63.3%	65.4%	61.7%
	Quintile 4	73.2%	72.2%	65.1%	66.9%	65.3%	62.9%
	Quintile 5	74.3%	76.9%	64.6%	63.9%	64.8%	65.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	2,700	3,185	2,865	2,755	2,495	2,590
	Black	355	660	570	605	605	670
	Asian	605	770	770	710	690	685
	Mixed	135	205	175	190	165	170
	Other	75	80	95	105	90	100
Placed June deadline applicants	White	595	665	715	640	710	640
	Black	80	105	110	135	150	150
	Asian	90	115	125	90	120	100
	Mixed	20	40	50	50	40	30
	Other	15	10	15	20	25	15
All placed applicants	White	935	930	915	850	1,025	1,065
	Black	235	235	200	225	280	355
	Asian	245	270	220	190	215	245
	Mixed	80	65	60	75	65	65
	Other	30	30	30	55	50	45

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	2,925	3,480	3,100	3,030	2,725	2,880
	Black	380	705	630	665	690	745
	Asian	655	845	830	770	760	720
	Mixed	140	220	190	210	180	195
	Other	90	85	105	125	105	105
Offers	White	2,150	2,620	1,985	1,885	1,750	1,795
	Black	235	390	325	355	350	380
	Asian	510	655	610	595	570	535
	Mixed	105	155	120	135	95	115
	Other	50	60	65	75	65	70
Offer rate	White	73.6%	75.3%	64.1%	62.1%	64.1%	62.3%
	Black	61.4%	55.1%	51.8%	53.6%	50.4%	51.4%
	Asian	78.3%	77.4%	73.6%	77.1%	75.0%	74.0%
	Mixed	72.5%	71.4%	63.7%	63.0%	52.8%	60.0%
	Other	53.8%	69.0%	60.6%	62.6%	60.4%	66.0%

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.