Sex, area background and ethnic group

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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

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken
- 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	5,855	6,470	5,680	4,915	4,875	3,830
Placed June deadline applicants	1,270	1,175	960	1,115	1,025	790
All placed applicants	1,435	1,320	1,085	1,200	1,110	895
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	77.8	84.4	75.8	66.3	67.5	54.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	16.9	15.3	12.8	15.0	14.2	11.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.0	17.2	14.5	16.2	15.4	12.6

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	6,475	7,115	6,210	5,375	5,370	4,155
Offers	5,545	5,980	5,475	4,900	4,735	3,755
Offer rate	85.6%	84.1%	88.2%	91.2%	88.2%	90.4%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,070	3,250	2,930	2,490	2,395	1,895
	Women	2,785	3,220	2,750	2,425	2,480	1,935
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	700	660	510	585	520	395
	Women	570	515	445	530	505	395
All placed applicants	Men	785	745	575	630	560	440
	Women	650	575	510	570	550	455
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	79.3	82.8	76.3	65.6	64.7	52.3
	Women	76.1	86.2	75.3	67.2	70.5	56.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	18.1	16.8	13.3	15.3	14.0	10.9
	Women	15.5	13.7	12.2	14.7	14.4	11.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	20.3	19.0	14.9	16.6	15.1	12.1
	Women	17.7	15.4	14.0	15.7	15.7	13.2

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	3,485	3,665	3,245	2,770	2,675	2,070
	Women	2,990	3,445	2,960	2,600	2,695	2,090
Offers	Men	3,135	3,225	2,950	2,570	2,445	1,920
	Women	2,410	2,755	2,525	2,325	2,290	1,835
Offer rate	Men	90.0%	88.0%	90.8%	92.8%	91.4%	92.9%
	Women	80.6%	79.9%	85.3%	89.5%	85.0%	87.8%
Average offer rate	Men	89.5%	87.9%	91.0%	93.5%	90.7%	92.9%
	Women	81.1%	80.1%	85.1%	88.7%	85.7%	87.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.7	0.0
	Women	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.8	-0.7	-0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.710	0.695	0.676	0.658	0.650	0.654
	Women	0.662	0.675	0.645	0.636	0.653	0.657

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.
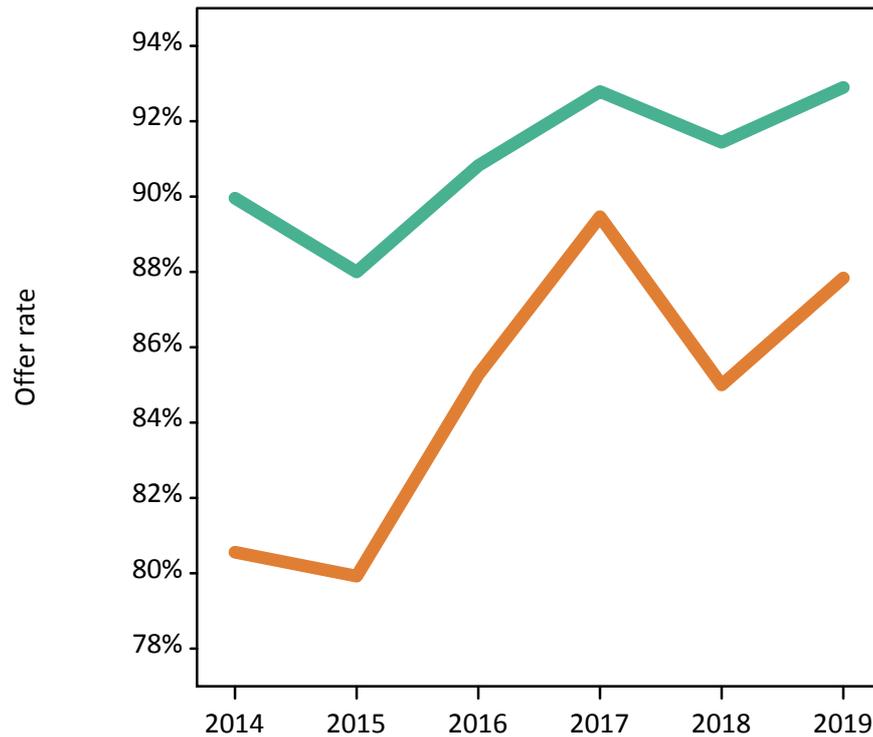
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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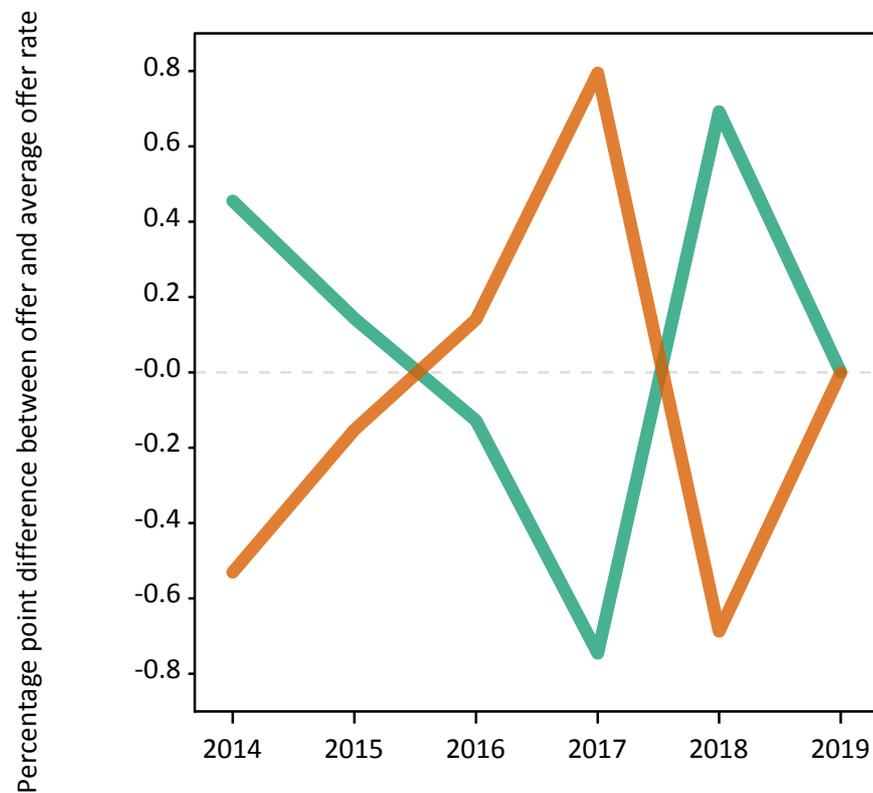
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	800	845	765	675	685	560
	Quintile 2	1,065	1,120	1,020	855	885	640
	Quintile 3	1,120	1,260	1,115	1,025	940	755
	Quintile 4	1,325	1,505	1,260	1,070	1,025	800
	Quintile 5	1,530	1,725	1,500	1,280	1,330	1,050
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	190	150	150	155	150	130
	Quintile 2	260	215	170	190	200	130
	Quintile 3	230	245	205	245	205	155
	Quintile 4	270	265	195	225	205	145
	Quintile 5	320	300	235	295	260	220
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	215	170	175	170	160	140
	Quintile 2	290	240	185	210	220	155
	Quintile 3	260	270	230	255	225	175
	Quintile 4	305	300	230	245	220	175
	Quintile 5	360	340	265	315	280	240
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	56.9	59.8	56.3	50.3	52.5	44.2
	Quintile 2	74.3	76.7	72.0	61.3	65.4	48.3
	Quintile 3	76.6	84.2	76.2	70.7	66.5	54.8
	Quintile 4	87.0	97.0	82.8	70.7	69.4	55.3
	Quintile 5	90.0	99.4	87.0	74.6	79.0	63.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	13.4	10.6	11.1	11.5	11.5	10.1
	Quintile 2	18.0	14.6	11.9	13.6	14.8	9.9
	Quintile 3	15.6	16.3	14.0	16.8	14.7	11.4
	Quintile 4	17.8	17.1	12.7	14.9	14.0	10.1
	Quintile 5	18.8	17.2	13.7	17.3	15.3	13.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	15.3	11.9	12.7	12.6	12.2	10.9
	Quintile 2	20.1	16.4	13.0	14.9	16.2	11.7
	Quintile 3	17.8	17.9	15.8	17.7	16.0	12.8
	Quintile 4	20.0	19.4	15.0	16.1	15.0	11.9
	Quintile 5	21.2	19.6	15.2	18.5	16.7	14.5

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

| Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	915	950	865	755	775	625
	Quintile 2	1,180	1,240	1,110	930	985	690
	Quintile 3	1,220	1,395	1,225	1,105	1,035	815
	Quintile 4	1,455	1,635	1,375	1,180	1,110	865
	Quintile 5	1,695	1,880	1,615	1,390	1,445	1,135
Offers	Quintile 1	790	800	745	685	675	565
	Quintile 2	1,020	1,035	965	840	860	630
	Quintile 3	1,020	1,175	1,080	1,010	910	730
	Quintile 4	1,250	1,370	1,220	1,075	995	790
	Quintile 5	1,445	1,585	1,450	1,270	1,280	1,015
Offer rate	Quintile 1	86.7%	84.2%	86.2%	90.8%	87.2%	90.7%
	Quintile 2	86.6%	83.6%	86.9%	90.4%	87.4%	90.9%
	Quintile 3	83.6%	84.3%	88.1%	91.3%	87.7%	90.0%
	Quintile 4	86.0%	84.0%	88.7%	91.4%	89.6%	91.2%
	Quintile 5	85.4%	84.4%	89.7%	91.5%	88.6%	89.4%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	86.5%	84.2%	87.4%	90.8%	87.1%	91.3%
	Quintile 2	85.1%	84.4%	87.5%	90.2%	87.9%	90.4%
	Quintile 3	85.9%	84.0%	88.5%	91.5%	88.3%	89.9%
	Quintile 4	85.3%	84.2%	88.4%	91.5%	88.8%	90.6%
	Quintile 5	85.4%	83.9%	88.6%	91.5%	88.5%	90.0%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.2	0.0	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.6
	Quintile 2	1.5	-0.8	-0.6	0.2	-0.5	0.5
	Quintile 3	-2.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.2
	Quintile 4	0.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.6
	Quintile 5	-0.0	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.2	-0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.218	0.201	0.216	0.225	0.229	0.244
	Quintile 2	0.265	0.240	0.250	0.259	0.259	0.260
	Quintile 3	0.259	0.257	0.266	0.275	0.271	0.280
	Quintile 4	0.294	0.294	0.294	0.293	0.292	0.310
	Quintile 5	0.342	0.345	0.337	0.339	0.352	0.367

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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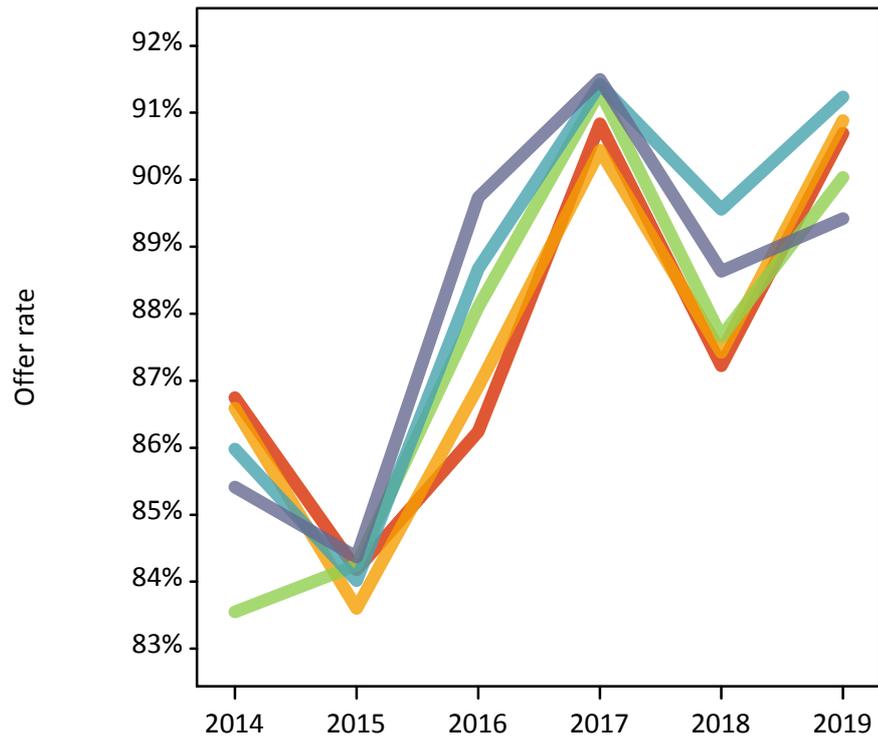
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.

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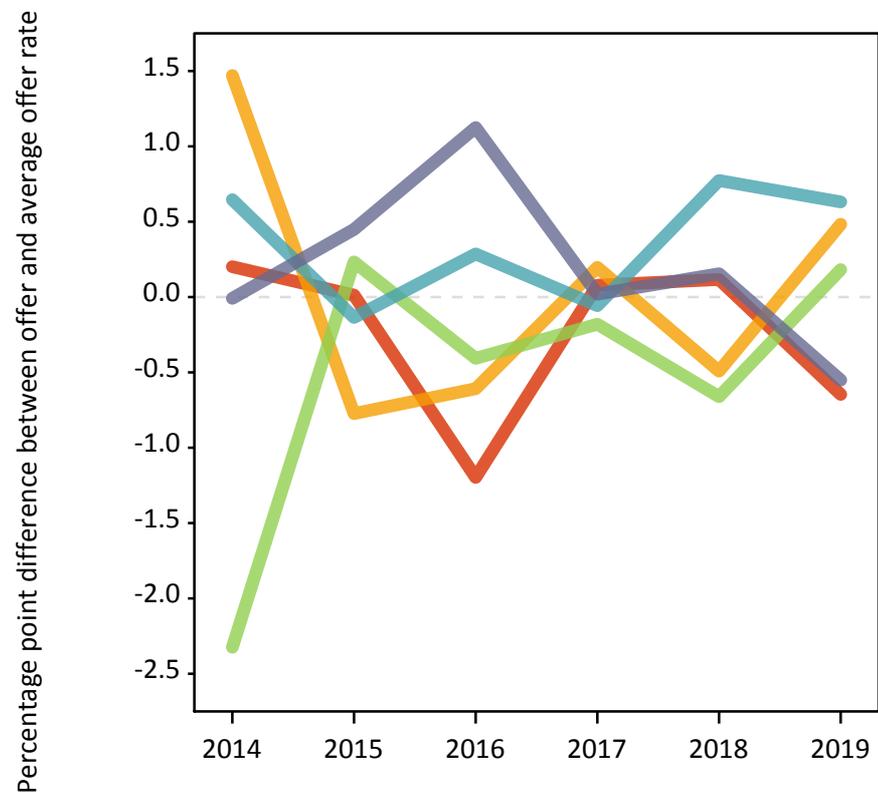
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	4,935	5,325	4,800	4,180	4,105	3,225
	Black	385	480	320	250	255	195
	Asian	225	305	210	185	205	170
	Mixed	250	295	265	240	245	190
	Other	45	45	55	40	40	35
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,110	990	820	970	890	680
	Black	60	80	55	40	45	35
	Asian	45	40	25	25	30	30
	Mixed	55	55	50	65	55	40
	Other	5	5	10	10	5	5
All placed applicants	White	1,230	1,095	920	1,030	950	750
	Black	75	100	65	45	55	45
	Asian	65	50	30	35	40	45
	Mixed	60	65	55	65	60	45
	Other	5	5	10	15	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	80.0	85.5	79.4	70.4	71.9	58.3
	Black	127.7	150.5	102.5	80.1	79.9	59.1
	Asian	33.2	43.4	29.5	25.3	27.0	22.1
	Mixed	86.9	96.3	84.9	75.4	76.2	57.1
	Other	49.4	46.7	53.3	36.9	38.2	33.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	18.0	15.9	13.5	16.3	15.6	12.3
	Black	19.1	25.1	17.2	13.0	14.3	10.3
	Asian	6.5	5.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1
	Mixed	18.4	17.8	15.6	19.6	16.3	11.6
	Other	4.3	6.2	8.0	9.7	4.7	3.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	19.9	17.6	15.2	17.4	16.6	13.6
	Black	25.1	30.8	20.4	14.6	17.1	13.6
	Asian	9.3	7.3	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8
	Mixed	20.2	20.8	18.1	20.9	17.9	13.1
	Other	5.4	7.3	11.1	12.6	4.7	3.6

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

| Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	5,490	5,905	5,270	4,580	4,550	3,520
	Black	405	510	340	265	270	205
	Asian	245	320	230	200	215	180
	Mixed	275	320	285	270	260	200
	Other	50	45	55	40	45	40
Offers	White	4,705	4,955	4,655	4,175	4,015	3,180
	Black	335	435	285	245	235	185
	Asian	225	275	215	175	195	160
	Mixed	235	265	250	245	230	175
	Other	40	40	40	35	35	35
Offer rate	White	85.7%	83.9%	88.3%	91.2%	88.2%	90.3%
	Black	82.7%	85.1%	84.2%	93.6%	86.0%	91.6%
	Asian	91.1%	86.8%	93.9%	89.4%	90.7%	89.4%
	Mixed	85.3%	83.4%	88.7%	91.1%	88.4%	88.9%
	Other	74.5%	85.1%	74.1%	85.0%	81.8%	*100.0%*
Average offer rate	White	85.5%	83.7%	88.0%	91.1%	88.0%	90.3%
	Black	85.9%	84.9%	88.5%	92.5%	89.4%	91.5%
	Asian	89.1%	88.7%	91.7%	93.2%	89.6%	89.8%
	Mixed	85.4%	84.7%	87.8%	90.5%	89.1%	88.8%
	Other	84.5%	83.4%	84.1%	87.3%	89.5%	95.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.0
	Black	-3.3	0.2	-4.3	1.0	-3.4	0.1
	Asian	2.0	-1.9	2.2	-3.8	1.1	-0.4
	Mixed	-0.0	-1.3	1.0	0.7	-0.7	0.1
	Other	-10.0	N/A	-10.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.865	0.851	0.865	0.868	0.865	0.868
	Black	0.157	0.162	0.143	0.127	0.132	0.147
	Asian	0.146	0.150	0.145	0.165	0.174	0.174
	Mixed	0.127	0.120	0.122	0.120	0.134	0.139
	Other	0.052	0.142	0.107	0.113	0.062	0.154

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.

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.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	11,585	11,990	10,580	9,100	9,030	7,190
Placed June deadline applicants	2,705	2,505	2,070	2,175	2,045	1,680
All placed applicants	3,160	2,860	2,410	2,430	2,315	1,980

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	12,975	13,480	11,785	10,110	10,160	8,030
Offers	10,390	10,625	9,840	8,780	8,345	6,865
Offer rate	80.1%	78.8%	83.5%	86.9%	82.2%	85.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	6,295	6,305	5,675	4,760	4,505	3,550
	Women	5,285	5,680	4,905	4,340	4,525	3,640
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,560	1,455	1,160	1,180	1,075	880
	Women	1,145	1,050	905	995	970	800
All placed applicants	Men	1,820	1,650	1,365	1,330	1,205	1,030
	Women	1,340	1,210	1,045	1,100	1,110	950

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	7,210	7,285	6,425	5,370	5,150	4,025
	Women	5,770	6,195	5,355	4,740	5,010	4,010
Offers	Men	6,055	6,010	5,540	4,810	4,405	3,570
	Women	4,335	4,610	4,295	3,970	3,940	3,295
Offer rate	Men	84.0%	82.5%	86.2%	89.5%	85.6%	88.8%
	Women	75.2%	74.5%	80.2%	83.8%	78.6%	82.2%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,780	1,820	1,615	1,410	1,485	1,290
	Quintile 2	2,145	2,140	1,915	1,680	1,675	1,285
	Quintile 3	2,195	2,250	2,015	1,795	1,660	1,350
	Quintile 4	2,520	2,665	2,330	1,950	1,900	1,450
	Quintile 5	2,920	3,085	2,680	2,240	2,285	1,765
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	450	405	370	360	375	330
	Quintile 2	550	475	380	415	415	310
	Quintile 3	500	465	420	450	375	315
	Quintile 4	545	520	400	430	405	315
	Quintile 5	660	630	490	515	470	395
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	525	460	425	410	430	390
	Quintile 2	635	540	430	460	470	375
	Quintile 3	585	530	485	500	415	375
	Quintile 4	635	605	480	480	460	370
	Quintile 5	775	720	585	570	530	450

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,035	2,130	1,860	1,595	1,730	1,460
	Quintile 2	2,430	2,415	2,120	1,875	1,910	1,440
	Quintile 3	2,445	2,545	2,255	2,000	1,865	1,490
	Quintile 4	2,800	2,955	2,570	2,170	2,110	1,595
	Quintile 5	3,240	3,395	2,950	2,450	2,510	1,990
Offers	Quintile 1	1,640	1,630	1,505	1,370	1,385	1,230
	Quintile 2	1,935	1,885	1,740	1,590	1,550	1,200
	Quintile 3	1,910	2,015	1,885	1,750	1,525	1,290
	Quintile 4	2,260	2,340	2,165	1,890	1,750	1,375
	Quintile 5	2,625	2,735	2,515	2,160	2,115	1,720
Offer rate	Quintile 1	80.5%	76.4%	81.0%	85.9%	79.8%	84.3%
	Quintile 2	79.7%	78.0%	82.2%	84.9%	81.2%	83.6%
	Quintile 3	78.1%	79.1%	83.5%	87.5%	81.8%	86.5%
	Quintile 4	80.7%	79.1%	84.4%	87.1%	83.0%	86.4%
	Quintile 5	81.0%	80.5%	85.2%	88.2%	84.3%	86.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	9,315	9,575	8,525	7,435	7,330	5,790
	Black	985	1,065	855	655	635	510
	Asian	585	625	495	420	440	370
	Mixed	545	565	530	455	475	390
	Other	120	100	120	95	105	90
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,260	2,075	1,710	1,825	1,740	1,380
	Black	175	185	145	130	105	95
	Asian	115	100	80	75	70	85
	Mixed	120	115	110	115	105	95
	Other	25	15	20	20	15	15
All placed applicants	White	2,550	2,310	1,950	2,000	1,930	1,590
	Black	250	240	190	160	135	125
	Asian	160	135	105	100	95	115
	Mixed	150	135	130	130	120	110
	Other	35	25	25	30	25	20

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	10,485	10,855	9,555	8,310	8,315	6,515
	Black	1,065	1,150	915	710	685	540
	Asian	650	675	560	450	470	400
	Mixed	605	625	570	500	515	430
	Other	140	115	125	105	120	105
Offers	White	8,440	8,580	8,065	7,260	6,905	5,600
	Black	790	860	695	585	510	435
	Asian	550	560	475	385	385	345
	Mixed	475	495	455	430	415	360
	Other	105	90	95	85	95	85
Offer rate	White	80.5%	79.1%	84.4%	87.4%	83.0%	86.0%
	Black	74.4%	75.0%	76.2%	82.9%	74.3%	80.3%
	Asian	84.9%	83.0%	84.7%	84.9%	81.7%	86.9%
	Mixed	78.8%	78.9%	80.2%	86.6%	80.9%	83.6%
	Other	75.2%	78.1%	75.4%	81.6%	78.2%	84.5%

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 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 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.

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.