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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

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	6,755	7,415	9,380	13,375	11,670	10,385
Placed June deadline applicants	1,340	1,570	1,805	2,135	1,755	1,645
All placed applicants	1,520	1,935	2,075	2,170	2,115	2,110
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	89.7	96.8	125.2	180.6	161.5	146.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	17.8	20.5	24.1	28.8	24.3	23.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	20.2	25.2	27.7	29.3	29.3	29.8

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	6,880	7,615	9,625	13,795	12,070	10,750
Offers	6,150	7,080	8,890	12,775	11,190	10,060
Offer rate	89.4%	92.9%	92.3%	92.6%	92.7%	93.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,050	3,180	4,205	6,085	5,190	4,450
	Women	3,705	4,235	5,175	7,290	6,480	5,930
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	545	625	715	890	765	625
	Women	790	950	1,090	1,245	990	1,020
All placed applicants	Men	630	805	850	905	935	840
	Women	895	1,125	1,220	1,260	1,180	1,270
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	78.7	81.0	109.5	160.3	140.1	122.9
	Women	101.2	113.4	141.6	201.9	184.2	171.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.1	15.9	18.6	23.5	20.7	17.3
	Women	21.6	25.4	29.8	34.4	28.1	29.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	16.2	20.6	22.2	23.9	25.2	23.2
	Women	24.4	30.2	33.4	35.0	33.5	36.8

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	3,120	3,270	4,325	6,275	5,375	4,610
	Women	3,760	4,345	5,305	7,520	6,690	6,140
Offers	Men	2,745	3,040	3,930	5,780	4,960	4,345
	Women	3,405	4,040	4,955	6,990	6,230	5,715
Offer rate	Men	88.0%	93.0%	90.9%	92.1%	92.2%	94.3%
	Women	90.6%	92.9%	93.5%	93.0%	93.1%	93.0%
Average offer rate	Men	88.4%	92.6%	91.2%	92.4%	92.4%	94.1%
	Women	90.3%	93.2%	93.2%	92.8%	92.9%	93.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
	Women	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.629	0.611	0.606	0.590	0.592	0.583
	Women	0.692	0.708	0.679	0.658	0.672	0.687

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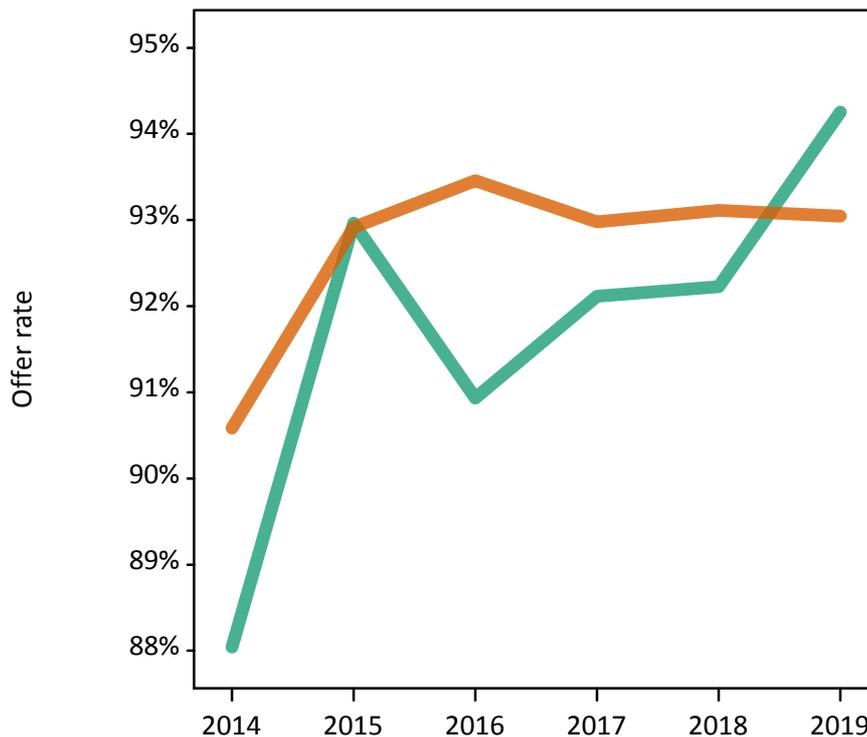
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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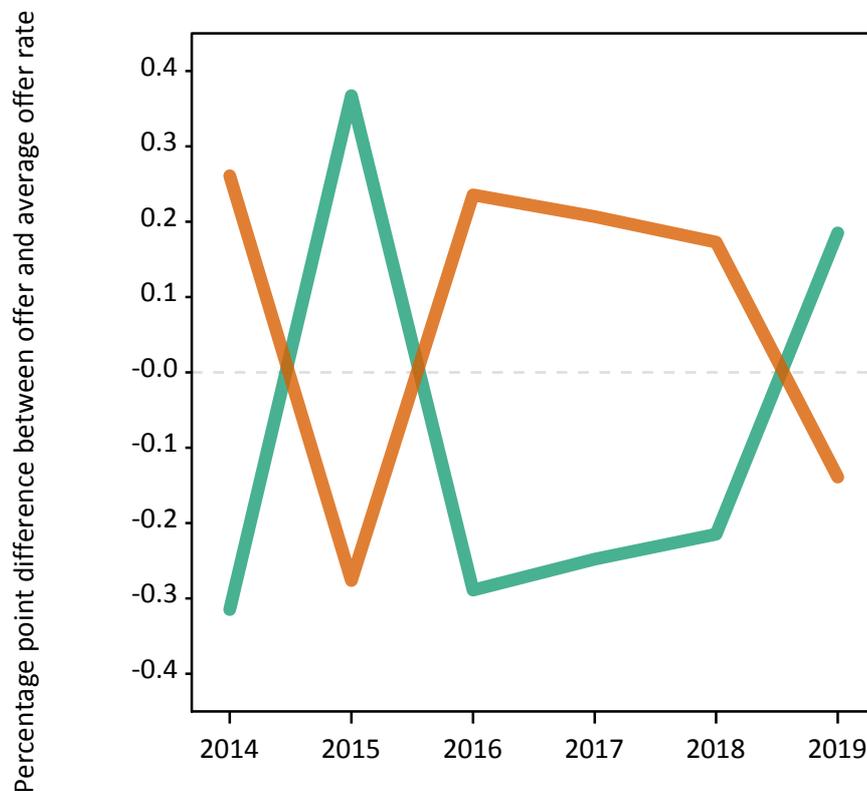
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	490	535	725	975	870	805
	Quintile 2	735	850	1,080	1,520	1,300	1,185
	Quintile 3	1,015	1,185	1,480	2,205	1,880	1,670
	Quintile 4	1,695	1,790	2,340	3,095	2,735	2,435
	Quintile 5	2,805	3,040	3,735	5,550	4,855	4,245
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	100	110	145	145	130	120
	Quintile 2	165	180	210	240	220	190
	Quintile 3	185	240	265	335	265	245
	Quintile 4	335	375	420	475	385	400
	Quintile 5	550	670	765	930	750	685
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	110	130	155	150	150	145
	Quintile 2	175	210	235	245	255	235
	Quintile 3	210	290	295	340	320	315
	Quintile 4	390	460	490	480	455	510
	Quintile 5	635	850	895	950	935	900
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	34.8	37.7	53.3	72.9	66.8	63.4
	Quintile 2	51.3	58.3	76.2	108.9	96.1	89.9
	Quintile 3	69.2	79.0	100.8	152.3	133.3	120.8
	Quintile 4	111.2	115.6	153.6	204.7	185.2	168.1
	Quintile 5	165.0	175.0	216.5	323.6	288.3	255.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	7.1	7.6	10.6	11.0	10.0	9.5
	Quintile 2	11.4	12.3	14.9	17.3	16.2	14.3
	Quintile 3	12.8	15.9	18.0	23.1	18.7	17.9
	Quintile 4	22.0	24.3	27.4	31.5	26.2	27.5
	Quintile 5	32.4	38.5	44.3	54.2	44.6	41.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	8.0	9.1	11.3	11.1	11.4	11.3
	Quintile 2	12.1	14.3	16.7	17.6	18.7	17.7
	Quintile 3	14.3	19.2	20.1	23.5	22.7	22.7
	Quintile 4	25.5	29.6	32.2	31.7	30.8	35.3
	Quintile 5	37.4	48.8	51.9	55.4	55.4	54.3

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	510	555	745	1,030	920	855
	Quintile 2	750	885	1,130	1,570	1,365	1,245
	Quintile 3	1,030	1,210	1,520	2,275	1,930	1,720
	Quintile 4	1,725	1,830	2,390	3,175	2,810	2,505
	Quintile 5	2,850	3,125	3,820	5,715	5,010	4,385
Offers	Quintile 1	430	470	660	920	825	755
	Quintile 2	650	815	1,015	1,415	1,235	1,150
	Quintile 3	905	1,100	1,380	2,075	1,750	1,585
	Quintile 4	1,530	1,705	2,210	2,940	2,595	2,355
	Quintile 5	2,630	2,975	3,605	5,395	4,755	4,180
Offer rate	Quintile 1	84.1%	84.8%	88.6%	89.6%	89.5%	88.2%
	Quintile 2	86.5%	92.0%	89.8%	90.1%	90.5%	92.4%
	Quintile 3	87.8%	91.2%	90.7%	91.3%	90.9%	92.1%
	Quintile 4	88.7%	93.1%	92.4%	92.5%	92.3%	94.2%
	Quintile 5	92.2%	95.3%	94.4%	94.4%	94.9%	95.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	86.9%	87.8%	88.9%	89.7%	89.6%	89.8%
	Quintile 2	85.9%	91.1%	90.0%	90.8%	90.5%	92.8%
	Quintile 3	87.8%	91.7%	91.2%	91.9%	91.7%	92.4%
	Quintile 4	89.2%	93.1%	92.1%	92.4%	92.6%	94.1%
	Quintile 5	91.6%	94.8%	94.3%	94.0%	94.4%	94.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.8	-3.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.6
	Quintile 2	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.7	-0.0	-0.5
	Quintile 3	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	-0.3
	Quintile 4	-0.6	-0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.1
	Quintile 5	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.181	0.164	0.161	0.146	0.149	0.163
	Quintile 2	0.200	0.211	0.185	0.172	0.186	0.188
	Quintile 3	0.232	0.242	0.227	0.209	0.218	0.225
	Quintile 4	0.324	0.323	0.305	0.276	0.281	0.291
	Quintile 5	0.486	0.475	0.454	0.456	0.465	0.463

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.
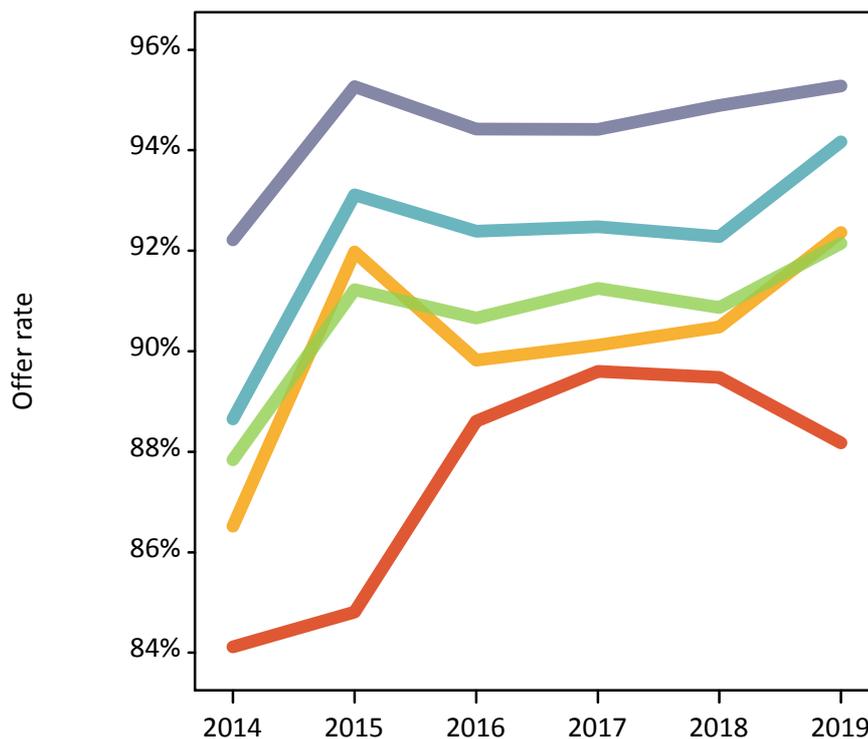
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
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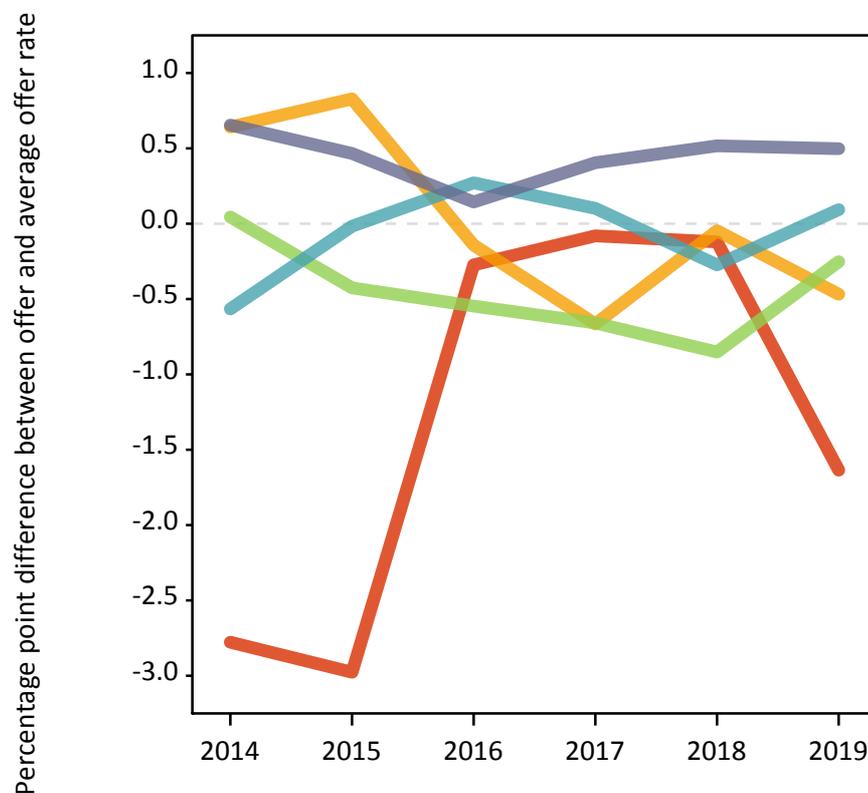
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	5,260	5,915	7,190	10,140	8,845	7,785
	Black	440	430	630	780	745	635
	Asian	475	455	740	1,250	1,020	910
	Mixed	430	450	580	910	775	740
	Other	115	115	170	240	200	225
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,100	1,300	1,485	1,710	1,410	1,260
	Black	50	75	70	85	60	75
	Asian	65	75	95	140	115	120
	Mixed	90	90	115	160	130	130
	Other	20	25	25	30	30	40
All placed applicants	White	1,240	1,555	1,670	1,740	1,635	1,555
	Black	60	100	95	85	95	120
	Asian	80	110	135	140	165	180
	Mixed	105	125	130	160	165	175
	Other	25	30	30	30	45	50
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	85.2	94.9	118.9	170.9	154.8	140.9
	Black	145.5	134.8	201.6	248.5	232.0	191.9
	Asian	70.2	64.1	102.7	169.6	135.0	116.8
	Mixed	149.5	145.3	185.0	283.2	239.3	225.2
	Other	122.5	120.3	168.8	232.0	185.5	198.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	17.8	20.9	24.5	28.8	24.6	22.8
	Black	16.2	23.6	22.7	26.4	19.3	23.0
	Asian	9.9	10.5	13.5	18.8	15.0	15.5
	Mixed	31.6	29.2	36.2	49.5	40.4	39.2
	Other	23.6	23.9	27.1	31.1	28.9	34.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	20.1	24.9	27.6	29.4	28.6	28.2
	Black	20.5	32.0	31.0	26.4	29.9	36.7
	Asian	11.9	15.3	18.5	19.0	21.7	23.3
	Mixed	35.8	41.2	41.6	50.2	50.3	52.9
	Other	26.9	32.2	32.2	31.1	41.9	44.5

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

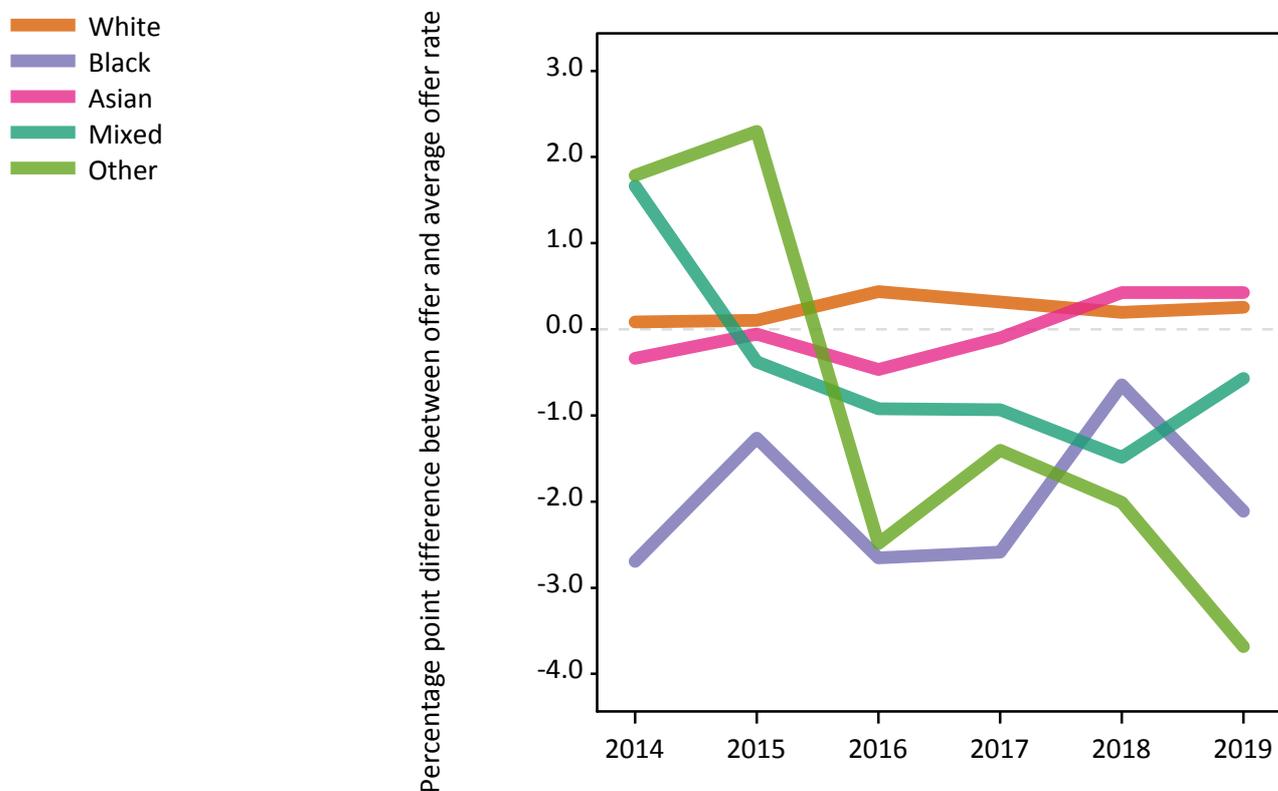| Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	5,360	6,095	7,395	10,485	9,185	8,090
	Black	440	430	635	790	760	640
	Asian	480	460	755	1,275	1,035	935
	Mixed	440	460	595	940	800	765
	Other	115	115	170	245	200	225
Offers	White	4,855	5,695	6,925	9,800	8,565	7,605
	Black	345	375	535	675	665	570
	Asian	415	420	675	1,160	960	875
	Mixed	395	425	540	865	740	715
	Other	105	110	145	215	180	205
Offer rate	White	90.5%	93.5%	93.6%	93.5%	93.2%	94.0%
	Black	78.5%	87.3%	84.2%	85.7%	87.9%	89.1%
	Asian	86.3%	92.1%	89.5%	90.9%	93.0%	93.6%
	Mixed	89.3%	92.4%	90.8%	91.7%	92.4%	93.3%
	Other	91.5%	93.1%	86.5%	87.0%	89.6%	90.3%
Average offer rate	White	90.5%	93.3%	93.2%	93.2%	93.0%	93.7%
	Black	81.2%	88.5%	86.9%	88.3%	88.5%	91.2%
	Asian	86.6%	92.2%	90.0%	91.0%	92.6%	93.2%
	Mixed	87.7%	92.8%	91.7%	92.6%	93.9%	93.9%
	Other	89.7%	90.8%	89.0%	88.4%	91.6%	93.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
	Black	-2.7	-1.3	-2.7	-2.6	-0.6	-2.1
	Asian	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.4
	Mixed	1.7	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5	-0.6
	Other	1.8	2.3	-2.5	-1.4	-2.0	-3.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.814	0.828	0.801	0.786	0.789	0.781
	Black	0.207	0.172	0.177	0.123	0.159	0.138
	Asian	0.201	0.167	0.196	0.170	0.173	0.176
	Mixed	0.174	0.152	0.136	0.125	0.129	0.135
	Other	0.129	0.117	0.113	0.078	0.090	0.109

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	10,890	11,605	14,490	19,325	17,040	14,985
Placed June deadline applicants	2,220	2,510	2,910	3,280	2,845	2,670
All placed applicants	2,525	3,080	3,305	3,350	3,375	3,360

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	11,295	12,105	15,125	20,195	17,940	15,780
Offers	9,190	10,410	12,830	17,340	15,395	13,880
Offer rate	81.4%	86.0%	84.9%	85.8%	85.8%	88.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	5,180	5,465	6,920	9,210	7,840	6,620
	Women	5,710	6,140	7,570	10,115	9,200	8,365
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	990	1,115	1,285	1,465	1,275	1,105
	Women	1,235	1,395	1,625	1,815	1,565	1,565
All placed applicants	Men	1,135	1,410	1,500	1,495	1,525	1,450
	Women	1,395	1,670	1,810	1,855	1,850	1,910

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,405	5,715	7,235	9,625	8,250	6,980
	Women	5,890	6,390	7,890	10,570	9,690	8,800
Offers	Men	4,290	4,870	6,015	8,145	7,000	6,115
	Women	4,900	5,545	6,815	9,195	8,395	7,765
Offer rate	Men	79.3%	85.2%	83.1%	84.6%	84.8%	87.6%
	Women	83.2%	86.8%	86.4%	87.0%	86.7%	88.2%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	880	940	1,250	1,585	1,405	1,285
	Quintile 2	1,240	1,370	1,690	2,235	1,975	1,805
	Quintile 3	1,650	1,865	2,310	3,170	2,800	2,370
	Quintile 4	2,700	2,795	3,555	4,475	4,000	3,470
	Quintile 5	4,405	4,615	5,650	7,810	6,805	5,985
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	180	205	255	265	245	225
	Quintile 2	280	285	340	385	355	335
	Quintile 3	300	385	440	495	440	390
	Quintile 4	550	575	665	725	640	605
	Quintile 5	910	1,055	1,205	1,405	1,160	1,110
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	205	235	270	270	275	260
	Quintile 2	305	335	385	390	405	405
	Quintile 3	350	465	490	510	520	485
	Quintile 4	625	695	770	735	755	770
	Quintile 5	1,040	1,345	1,385	1,435	1,410	1,425

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	935	1,000	1,330	1,715	1,535	1,390
	Quintile 2	1,305	1,465	1,815	2,345	2,095	1,925
	Quintile 3	1,700	1,920	2,395	3,295	2,925	2,490
	Quintile 4	2,795	2,890	3,680	4,645	4,200	3,625
	Quintile 5	4,540	4,810	5,860	8,140	7,135	6,275
Offers	Quintile 1	675	765	1,060	1,340	1,225	1,120
	Quintile 2	990	1,200	1,475	1,950	1,745	1,620
	Quintile 3	1,340	1,610	1,980	2,780	2,440	2,160
	Quintile 4	2,245	2,485	3,130	3,990	3,570	3,225
	Quintile 5	3,925	4,340	5,145	7,230	6,375	5,700
Offer rate	Quintile 1	72.5%	76.3%	79.7%	78.0%	79.8%	80.3%
	Quintile 2	75.8%	81.9%	81.4%	83.2%	83.3%	84.2%
	Quintile 3	78.8%	83.8%	82.7%	84.3%	83.5%	86.8%
	Quintile 4	80.3%	85.9%	85.1%	85.9%	85.0%	88.9%
	Quintile 5	86.4%	90.2%	87.8%	88.9%	89.3%	90.8%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	8,275	8,855	10,700	14,205	12,620	10,995
	Black	850	810	1,115	1,345	1,155	990
	Asian	800	840	1,290	1,880	1,565	1,365
	Mixed	690	745	930	1,335	1,180	1,135
	Other	200	230	315	435	375	355
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,815	2,035	2,320	2,605	2,275	2,050
	Black	95	125	140	135	110	125
	Asian	105	125	170	215	170	195
	Mixed	145	165	205	245	205	220
	Other	40	40	45	55	65	55
All placed applicants	White	2,035	2,410	2,590	2,660	2,600	2,485
	Black	120	170	180	135	165	180
	Asian	130	185	225	220	245	285
	Mixed	165	220	230	245	245	290
	Other	50	55	50	60	90	75

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	8,595	9,295	11,225	14,925	13,400	11,645
	Black	870	820	1,130	1,370	1,185	1,005
	Asian	815	855	1,320	1,930	1,590	1,420
	Mixed	720	765	970	1,400	1,225	1,190
	Other	215	240	325	445	385	360
Offers	White	7,120	8,100	9,730	13,045	11,655	10,345
	Black	575	625	845	1,015	925	795
	Asian	660	720	1,080	1,620	1,340	1,240
	Mixed	595	655	810	1,195	1,045	1,050
	Other	170	205	255	360	305	310
Offer rate	White	82.9%	87.1%	86.7%	87.4%	87.0%	88.8%
	Black	66.4%	76.3%	75.1%	74.0%	78.2%	79.0%
	Asian	81.1%	84.2%	82.0%	84.1%	84.3%	87.3%
	Mixed	82.4%	85.3%	83.2%	85.3%	85.4%	88.2%
	Other	79.2%	85.7%	77.4%	80.9%	78.9%	85.1%

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.

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.