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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	4,505	4,160	3,365	3,210	2,780	3,050
Placed June deadline applicants	975	880	645	655	585	595
All placed applicants	1,190	1,080	795	805	750	805
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	59.8	54.3	44.9	43.3	38.5	43.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	13.0	11.5	8.6	8.9	8.1	8.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	15.8	14.1	10.6	10.9	10.4	11.4

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	5,275	4,900	3,885	3,655	3,130	3,440
Offers	4,620	4,305	3,380	3,210	2,780	2,855
Offer rate	87.6%	87.9%	87.0%	87.9%	88.8%	82.9%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	1,860	1,740	1,380	1,220	970	1,070
	Women	2,640	2,420	1,980	1,990	1,805	1,980
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	365	350	255	215	185	200
	Women	615	525	390	440	400	395
All placed applicants	Men	440	420	315	270	240	300
	Women	750	660	480	540	510	505
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	48.1	44.3	36.0	32.1	26.2	29.5
	Women	72.1	64.8	54.2	55.1	51.4	57.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	9.4	8.9	6.6	5.7	4.9	5.6
	Women	16.7	14.1	10.7	12.2	11.4	11.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	11.3	10.7	8.1	7.1	6.5	8.3
	Women	20.5	17.7	13.2	14.9	14.5	14.6

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	2,220	2,060	1,590	1,375	1,115	1,225
	Women	3,055	2,840	2,295	2,280	2,010	2,220
Offers	Men	1,975	1,850	1,430	1,225	1,025	1,050
	Women	2,645	2,455	1,950	1,985	1,750	1,800
Offer rate	Men	88.9%	89.9%	90.1%	89.1%	91.9%	86.0%
	Women	86.6%	86.4%	84.8%	87.1%	87.0%	81.2%
Average offer rate	Men	89.3%	89.8%	90.5%	89.8%	93.2%	88.1%
	Women	86.3%	86.5%	84.5%	86.7%	86.4%	80.0%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-1.2	-2.0
	Women	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.625	0.634	0.648	0.617	0.642	0.622
	Women	0.727	0.735	0.756	0.769	0.801	0.792

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.
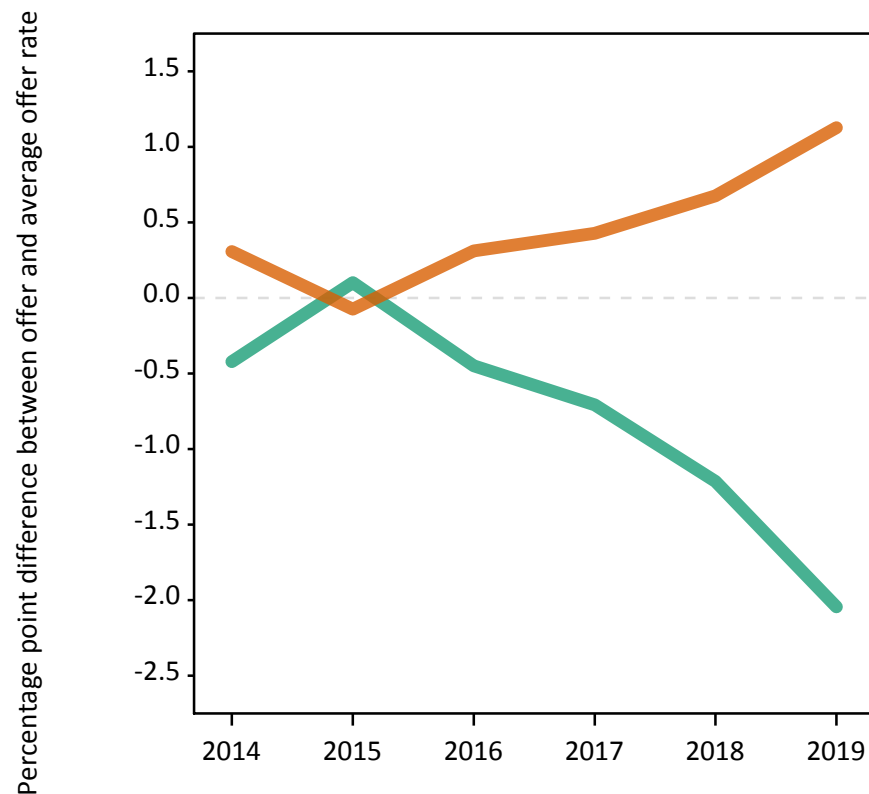
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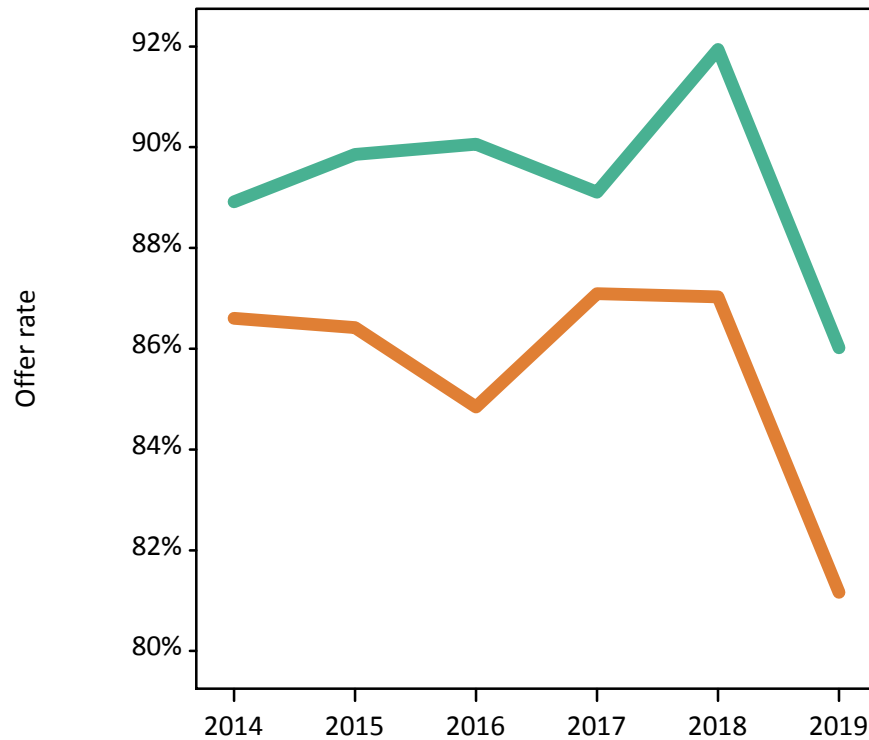
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.

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	1,035	1,080	835	845	725	825
	Quintile 2	1,140	1,110	865	855	730	815
	Quintile 3	865	720	650	580	520	570
	Quintile 4	795	680	530	545	420	460
	Quintile 5	650	565	480	380	375	365
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	275	260	200	185	180	195
	Quintile 2	270	265	175	190	155	160
	Quintile 3	170	155	115	125	105	115
	Quintile 4	140	110	90	95	80	70
	Quintile 5	120	90	70	65	60	55
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	330	315	235	215	215	250
	Quintile 2	350	325	215	240	210	215
	Quintile 3	195	185	140	155	145	155
	Quintile 4	170	140	110	110	100	100
	Quintile 5	140	110	90	90	80	85
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	73.8	76.1	61.3	63.2	55.8	65.0
	Quintile 2	79.5	76.0	60.8	61.3	54.1	61.6
	Quintile 3	59.2	48.0	44.3	40.0	36.9	41.4
	Quintile 4	52.3	43.9	34.8	35.9	28.5	31.9
	Quintile 5	38.1	32.5	27.9	22.2	22.2	21.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	19.6	18.2	14.8	13.8	13.7	15.4
	Quintile 2	18.9	18.2	12.2	13.8	11.5	12.3
	Quintile 3	11.5	10.3	7.7	8.5	7.6	8.3
	Quintile 4	9.1	7.1	5.9	6.2	5.6	4.7
	Quintile 5	7.0	5.1	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	23.5	22.2	17.2	16.1	16.5	19.7
	Quintile 2	24.2	22.4	15.3	17.1	15.5	16.2
	Quintile 3	13.2	12.5	9.6	10.6	10.4	11.3
	Quintile 4	11.2	9.0	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.8
	Quintile 5	8.3	6.3	5.3	5.2	4.8	5.1

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,285	1,325	1,015	1,000	830	975
	Quintile 2	1,360	1,350	990	995	845	915
	Quintile 3	1,000	825	735	640	565	650
	Quintile 4	885	765	600	595	475	495
	Quintile 5	730	635	540	420	405	390
Offers	Quintile 1	1,130	1,155	865	865	715	810
	Quintile 2	1,185	1,185	860	870	760	780
	Quintile 3	870	735	645	565	510	530
	Quintile 4	775	675	515	535	420	400
	Quintile 5	640	550	485	370	365	320
Offer rate	Quintile 1	88.1%	87.2%	85.6%	86.9%	86.4%	83.2%
	Quintile 2	87.3%	87.8%	86.7%	87.3%	89.8%	85.4%
	Quintile 3	87.2%	89.2%	88.1%	88.3%	90.3%	81.7%
	Quintile 4	87.7%	88.3%	85.7%	89.8%	88.0%	80.4%
	Quintile 5	87.9%	86.9%	89.8%	88.3%	90.4%	81.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	86.9%	86.9%	85.8%	87.1%	87.4%	83.6%
	Quintile 2	87.4%	87.2%	86.3%	87.6%	89.2%	84.5%
	Quintile 3	87.9%	88.9%	87.5%	87.8%	88.7%	81.7%
	Quintile 4	88.4%	88.5%	87.6%	89.5%	89.7%	81.8%
	Quintile 5	88.0%	88.9%	89.0%	88.1%	89.7%	80.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	1.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.4
	Quintile 2	-0.1	0.7	0.4	-0.4	0.6	0.9
	Quintile 3	-0.7	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.5	-0.0
	Quintile 4	-0.7	-0.2	-1.9	0.3	-1.7	-1.4
	Quintile 5	-0.1	-2.0	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.342	0.362	0.379	0.380	0.389	0.395
	Quintile 2	0.344	0.358	0.367	0.382	0.386	0.379
	Quintile 3	0.285	0.273	0.306	0.302	0.300	0.324
	Quintile 4	0.283	0.260	0.297	0.295	0.297	0.280
	Quintile 5	0.278	0.258	0.296	0.299	0.294	0.299

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.
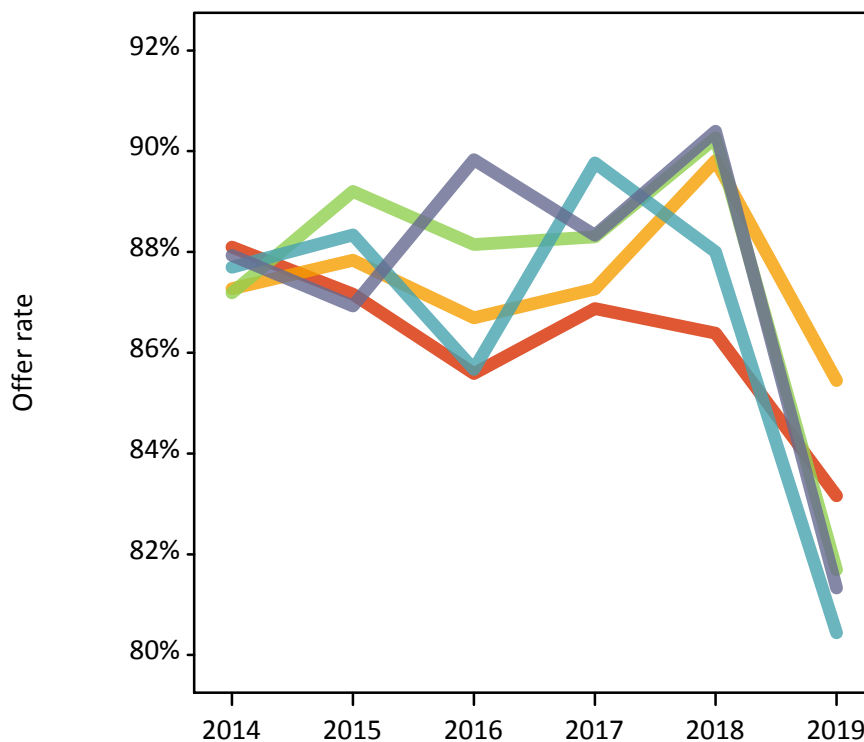
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.
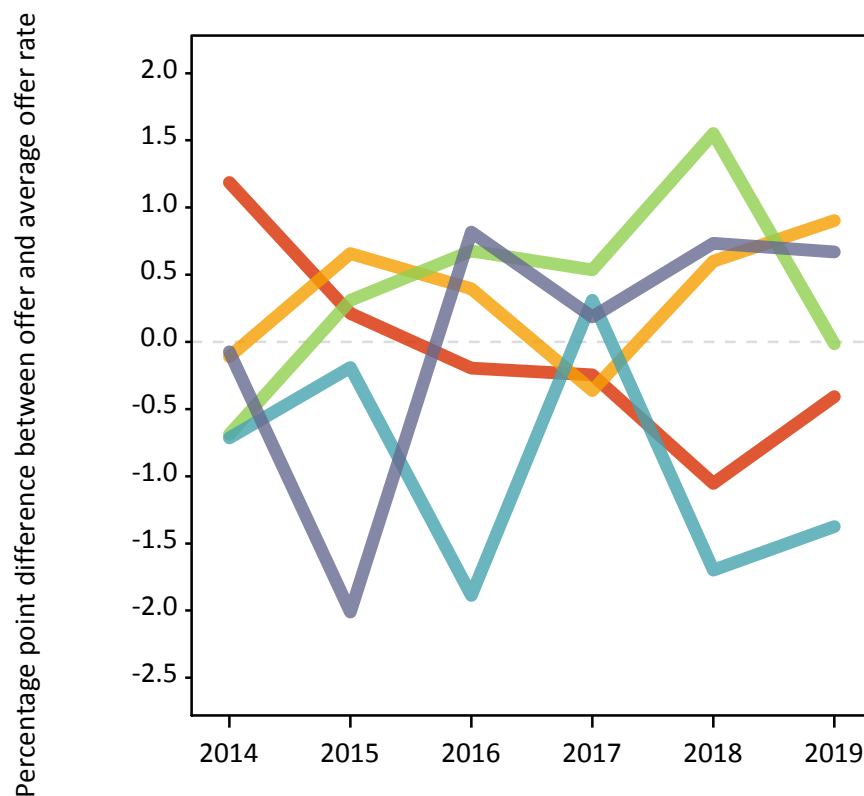
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	4,040	3,670	2,990	2,795	2,415	2,565
	Black	100	110	70	50	45	60
	Asian	260	245	225	260	230	320
	Mixed	75	95	50	70	55	65
	Other	15	25	20	25	20	35
Placed June deadline applicants	White	905	800	585	585	515	525
	Black	10	15	5	5	5	5
	Asian	50	50	45	45	50	50
	Mixed	10	10	5	15	10	5
	Other	5	5	0	5	5	5
All placed applicants	White	1,100	970	715	710	655	675
	Black	10	15	5	10	5	10
	Asian	60	70	60	65	70	95
	Mixed	10	15	10	15	10	10
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	65.5	58.9	49.5	47.1	42.2	46.4
	Black	33.3	33.9	23.0	16.2	13.7	18.8
	Asian	38.6	34.5	31.3	35.1	30.4	40.9
	Mixed	26.8	31.5	15.9	22.4	17.3	19.5
	Other	17.2	28.0	19.1	25.2	20.5	29.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	14.7	12.8	9.7	9.9	9.0	9.5
	Black	3.0	4.1	1.6	1.3	0.9	2.1
	Asian	7.1	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.7
	Mixed	3.1	3.9	1.9	4.4	2.8	2.1
	Other	4.3	3.1	0.0	4.9	3.7	4.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	17.8	15.6	11.8	12.0	11.5	12.2
	Black	3.6	4.7	1.9	2.9	1.6	3.6
	Asian	9.1	9.9	8.2	8.7	9.0	12.1
	Mixed	3.5	4.9	3.2	5.3	3.7	3.6
	Other	4.3	4.1	3.0	4.9	4.7	9.8

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	4,750	4,335	3,460	3,205	2,730	2,915
	Black	110	110	75	55	45	65
	Asian	305	300	270	285	260	355
	Mixed	80	105	55	75	60	70
	Other	20	25	20	25	20	35
Offers	White	4,150	3,820	3,005	2,790	2,415	2,425
	Black	100	95	60	45	40	50
	Asian	275	270	240	275	240	290
	Mixed	70	85	45	70	50	50
	Other	20	25	20	25	20	30
Offer rate	White	87.3%	88.1%	86.9%	87.0%	88.5%	83.3%
	Black	90.8%	85.6%	83.6%	83.9%	88.9%	80.0%
	Asian	89.3%	88.7%	88.8%	95.8%	92.3%	82.2%
	Mixed	87.5%	81.6%	87.0%	91.9%	84.7%	75.0%
	Other	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	80.6%
Average offer rate	White	87.2%	87.7%	86.6%	87.1%	88.4%	83.1%
	Black	90.2%	91.0%	87.8%	90.5%	89.8%	80.3%
	Asian	91.8%	88.8%	90.1%	93.8%	91.6%	82.0%
	Mixed	88.0%	89.2%	90.3%	90.1%	91.2%	79.6%
	Other	97.9%	89.1%	92.0%	96.0%	95.7%	84.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
	Black	0.7	-5.4	-4.2	-6.6	N/A	-0.3
	Asian	-2.6	-0.1	-1.3	2.0	0.7	0.1
	Mixed	-0.5	-7.7	-3.3	1.8	-6.5	-4.6
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.925	0.910	0.917	0.911	0.904	0.889
	Black	0.157	0.175	0.233	0.230	0.180	0.199
	Asian	0.282	0.246	0.269	0.321	0.303	0.326
	Mixed	0.124	0.171	0.154	0.156	0.170	0.203
	Other	0.186	0.139	0.133	0.160	0.183	0.199

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.

Legend:
- White
- 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.

Legend:
- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	8,220	7,640	6,795	6,485	5,790	6,190
Placed June deadline applicants	2,015	1,745	1,905	1,595	1,530	1,500
All placed applicants	2,470	2,245	2,225	1,940	3,285	3,670

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	9,885	9,160	8,050	7,635	6,735	7,235
Offers	8,085	7,455	6,570	6,115	5,320	5,230
Offer rate	81.8%	81.4%	81.6%	80.1%	78.9%	72.3%

Technical notes and definitions are at the end of the report.

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,545	3,275	2,960	2,355	2,010	2,075
	Women	4,675	4,365	3,835	4,125	3,780	4,120
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	815	680	850	550	500	475
	Women	1,200	1,065	1,055	1,045	1,030	1,025
All placed applicants	Men	1,000	895	990	675	1,220	1,345
	Women	1,470	1,350	1,235	1,260	2,065	2,325

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	4,290	3,915	3,470	2,790	2,345	2,450
	Women	5,595	5,245	4,580	4,845	4,390	4,785
Offers	Men	3,590	3,250	2,895	2,290	1,925	1,860
	Women	4,495	4,205	3,670	3,820	3,390	3,365
Offer rate	Men	83.7%	83.0%	83.5%	82.2%	82.1%	76.0%
	Women	80.3%	80.1%	80.2%	78.9%	77.2%	70.4%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,005	1,985	1,635	1,850	1,565	1,800
	Quintile 2	2,080	1,985	1,650	1,680	1,560	1,640
	Quintile 3	1,595	1,330	1,265	1,165	1,075	1,115
	Quintile 4	1,375	1,280	1,285	1,030	890	905
	Quintile 5	1,145	1,035	945	750	685	700
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	595	505	510	515	490	520
	Quintile 2	540	515	440	435	420	380
	Quintile 3	365	310	335	280	280	265
	Quintile 4	280	240	400	215	200	190
	Quintile 5	230	180	220	150	135	140
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	715	635	590	600	735	815
	Quintile 2	695	645	530	535	705	725
	Quintile 3	430	395	390	345	630	680
	Quintile 4	345	325	445	265	760	830
	Quintile 5	280	245	265	195	440	600

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,545	2,480	2,050	2,270	1,865	2,180
	Quintile 2	2,540	2,470	1,995	2,010	1,825	1,895
	Quintile 3	1,895	1,560	1,475	1,335	1,225	1,320
	Quintile 4	1,565	1,460	1,445	1,155	1,030	1,010
	Quintile 5	1,315	1,175	1,070	855	765	800
Offers	Quintile 1	2,050	2,015	1,665	1,785	1,435	1,565
	Quintile 2	2,075	2,020	1,630	1,625	1,440	1,390
	Quintile 3	1,575	1,285	1,200	1,070	990	965
	Quintile 4	1,300	1,165	1,165	945	815	715
	Quintile 5	1,065	950	895	680	625	575
Offer rate	Quintile 1	80.6%	81.3%	81.1%	78.7%	76.8%	71.8%
	Quintile 2	81.7%	81.8%	81.8%	80.9%	79.0%	73.3%
	Quintile 3	83.2%	82.6%	81.2%	80.2%	80.9%	73.2%
	Quintile 4	83.2%	79.9%	80.7%	82.1%	79.0%	70.8%
	Quintile 5	81.0%	81.0%	83.8%	79.3%	81.5%	71.7%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	7,075	6,500	5,295	5,470	4,925	5,120
	Black	300	365	445	290	240	280
	Asian	595	505	850	510	430	560
	Mixed	160	175	115	125	105	120
	Other	70	65	65	65	60	80
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,815	1,570	1,395	1,385	1,360	1,330
	Black	45	40	170	55	30	40
	Asian	110	90	300	100	95	95
	Mixed	30	30	15	25	20	20
	Other	15	10	20	15	15	10
All placed applicants	White	2,170	1,945	1,655	1,655	2,355	2,505
	Black	65	90	180	75	400	525
	Asian	160	155	335	145	395	450
	Mixed	35	40	20	35	55	60
	Other	20	10	20	15	55	90

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	8,580	7,860	6,380	6,485	5,775	6,055
	Black	320	385	475	310	265	300
	Asian	700	605	970	590	480	615
	Mixed	175	200	130	135	120	140
	Other	80	65	70	70	65	85
Offers	White	7,015	6,460	5,225	5,190	4,575	4,415
	Black	245	250	350	220	165	175
	Asian	595	515	820	505	415	450
	Mixed	135	150	100	110	90	100
	Other	65	50	55	55	45	65
Offer rate	White	81.8%	82.2%	81.9%	80.0%	79.2%	72.9%
	Black	76.4%	64.8%	73.6%	70.5%	62.0%	58.7%
	Asian	85.2%	84.9%	84.4%	85.8%	86.8%	73.1%
	Mixed	78.3%	75.9%	78.3%	80.7%	75.4%	73.2%
	Other	81.5%	77.3%	76.4%	82.6%	72.3%	72.4%

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 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.