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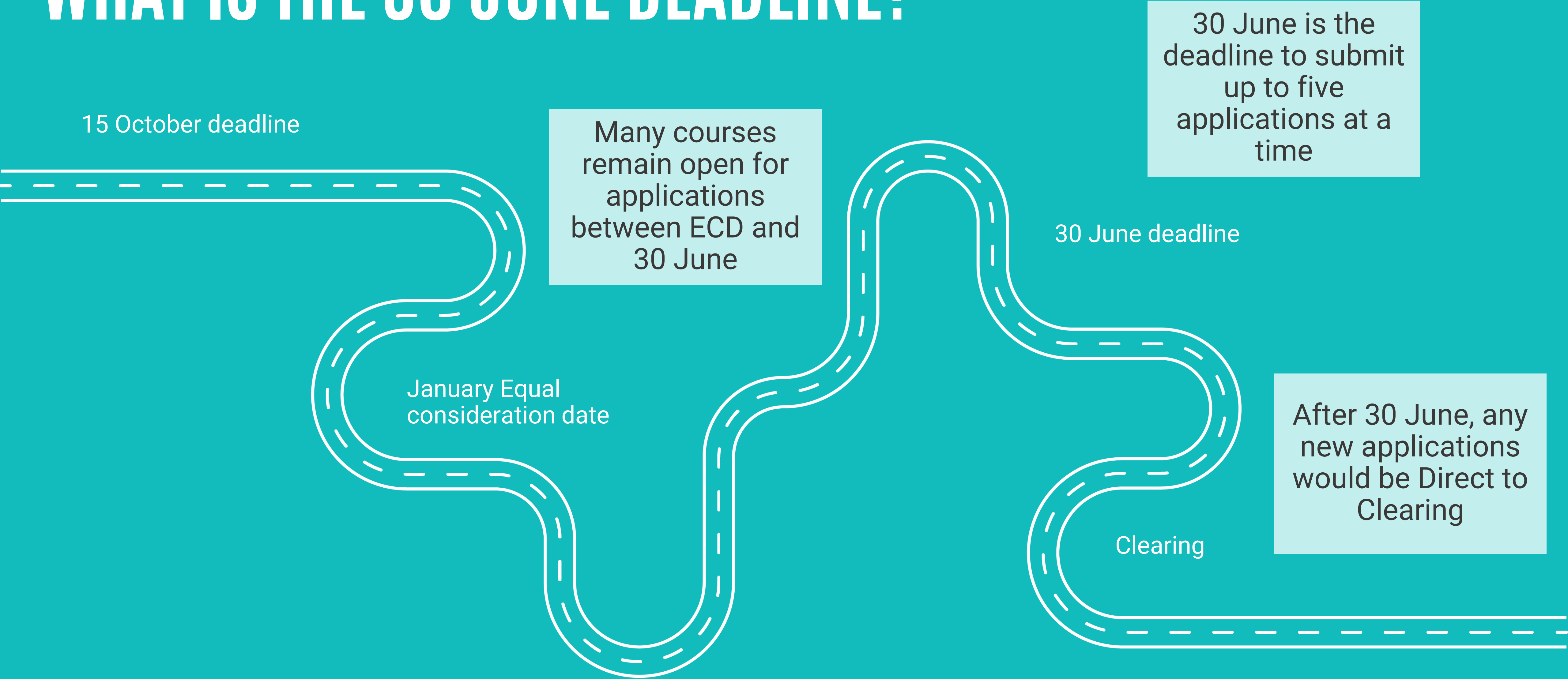
30 JUNE DEADLINE 2026

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WHAT IS THE 30 JUNE DEADLINE?



HIGH LEVEL DEMOGRAPHICS SUMMARY

+4.6%

TOTAL

695,740 applicants
665,070 last year
(+30,670)

+5.0%

UK 18-YEAR-OLDS

344,760 applicants
328,390 last year
(+16,370)

+7.1%

INTERNATIONAL

148,350 applicants
138,460 last year
(+9,890)

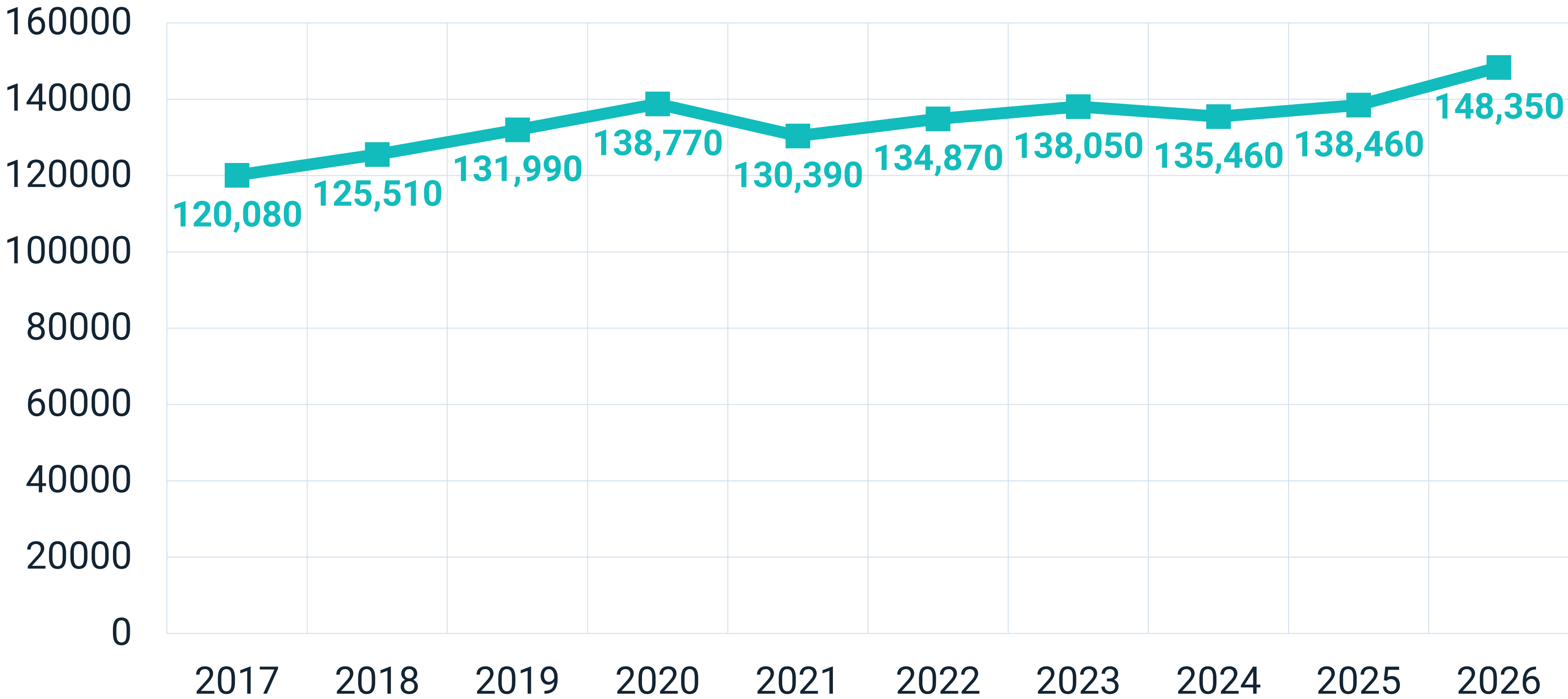
+1.0%

UK 21 AND OVER

87,180 applicants
86,310 last year
(+870)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Number of international applicants



+7.1%

International applicants increased by 9,890 from 2025. Rising to record levels on 2026.

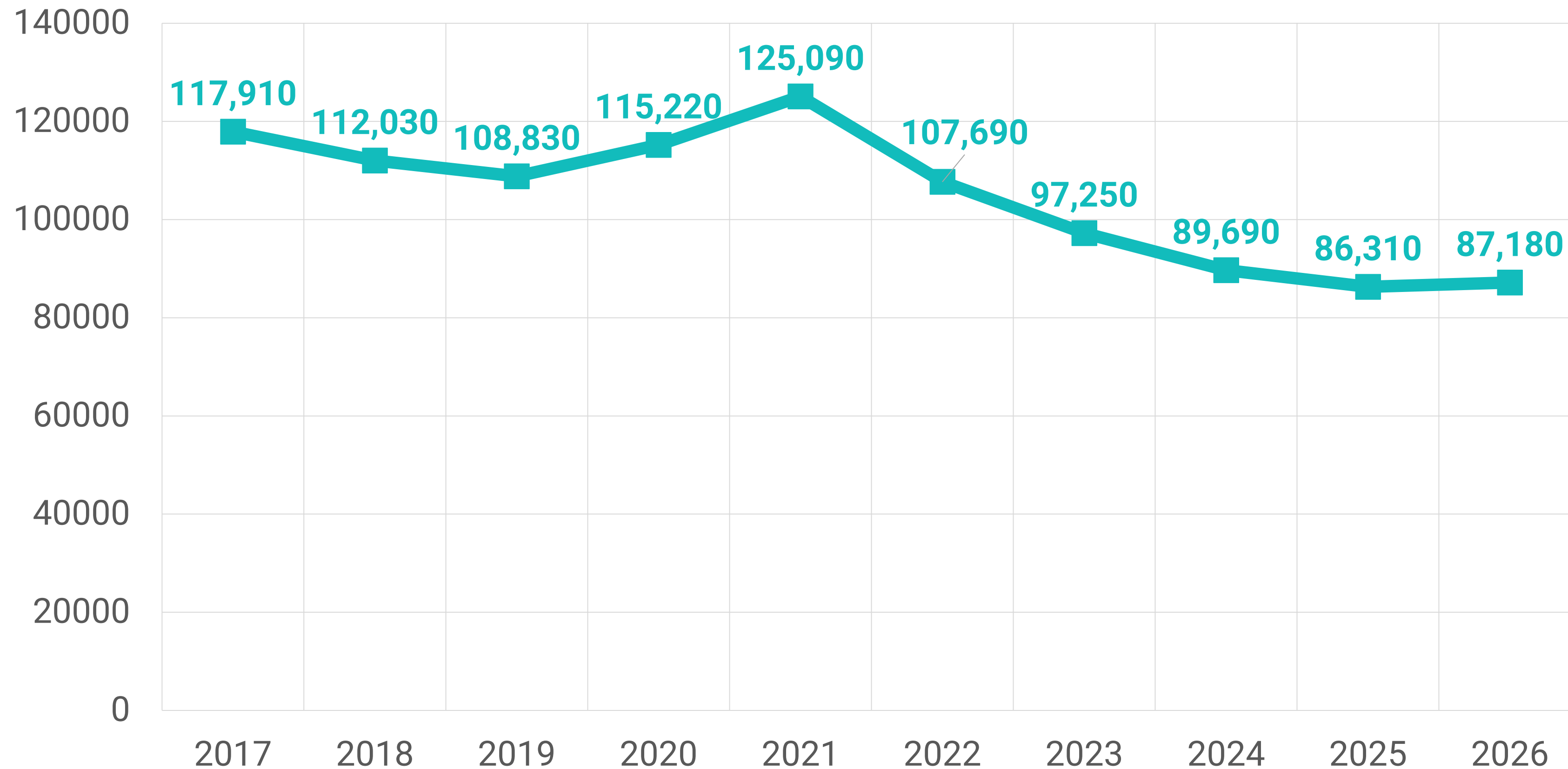
- Biggest International markets remain unchanged:
- China (38,000)
 - India (11,470)
 - USA (8,270)
 - Ireland (6,880)
 - Hong Kong (4,990)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE - BIGGEST CHANGES



MATURE APPLICANTS SEE SHORT-TERM GROWTH AGAINST LONG-TERM DECLINES

Long Term trend for UK Mature applicants



+1.0%

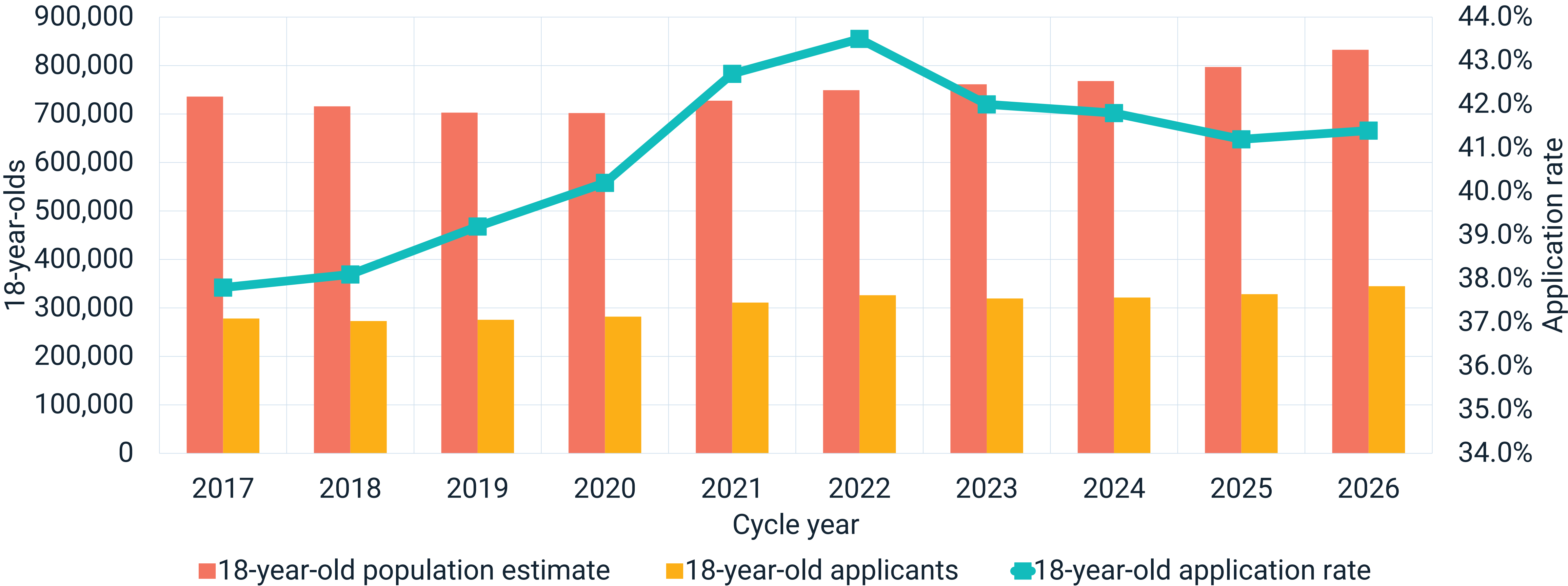
UK Mature applicants increased by +870 applicants from 2025.

The UK Mature cohort has experienced minor growth but this has not been even across the constituent age groups:

- 21-24 year olds up 0.7%
- 25-29 year olds up by 3.1%
- 30-34 year olds down -0.5%
- 35+ year olds up 0.6%

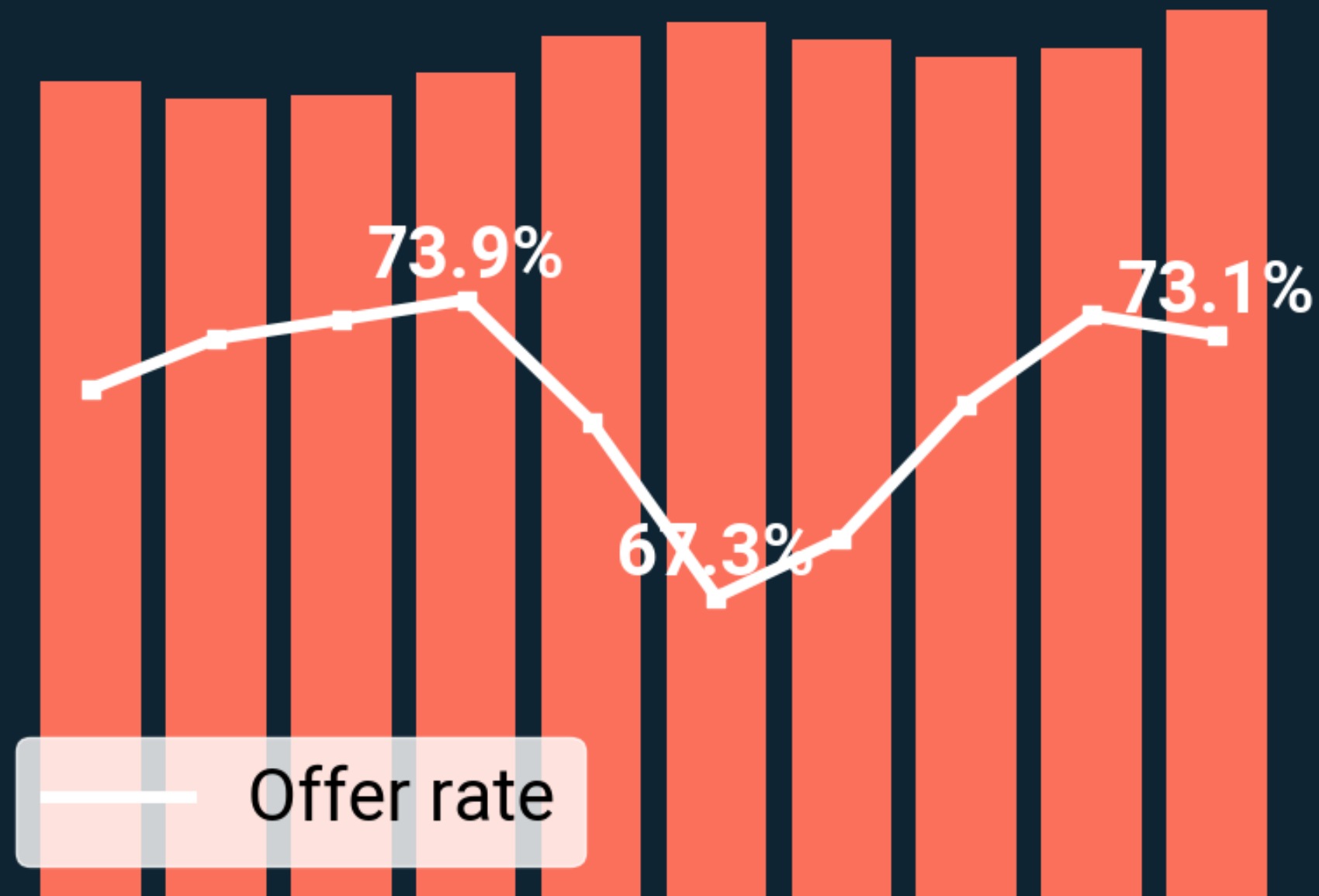
DEMAND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION REMAINS RELATIVELY STABLE

18-year-old demand for higher education

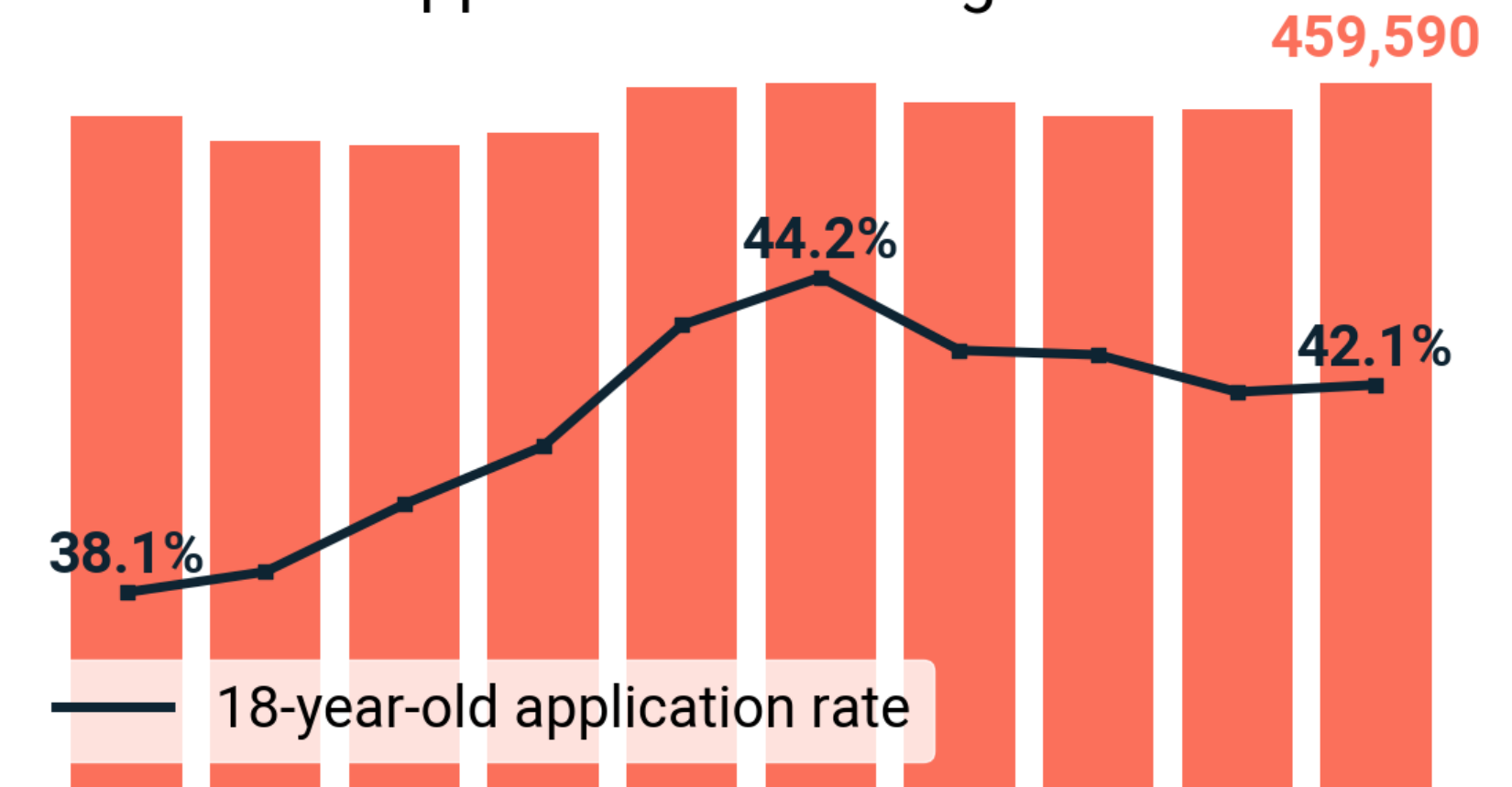


ENGLAND FOCUS

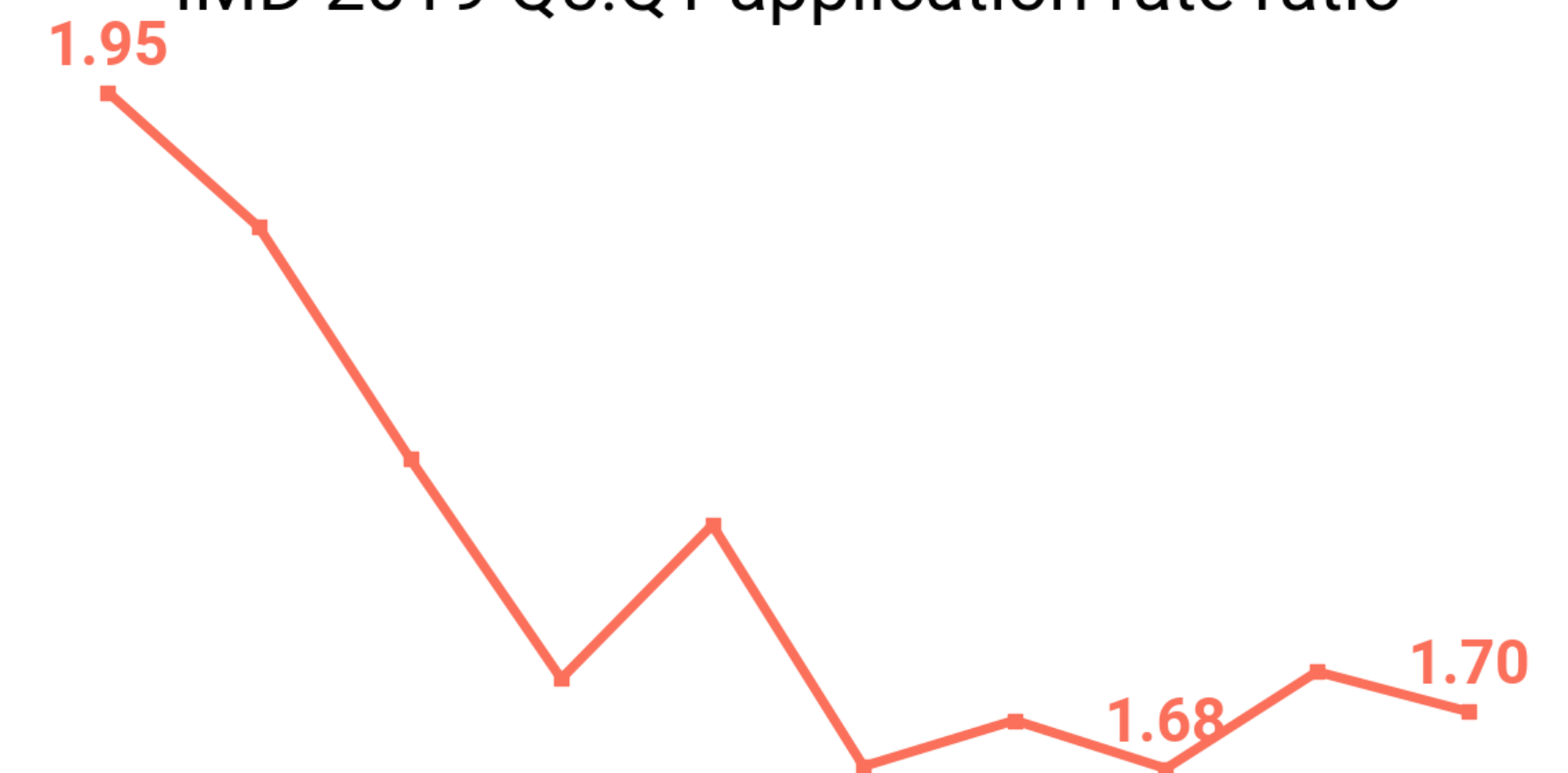
Applicants to providers in England
629,880



Applicants from England



IMD 2019 Q5:Q1 application rate ratio

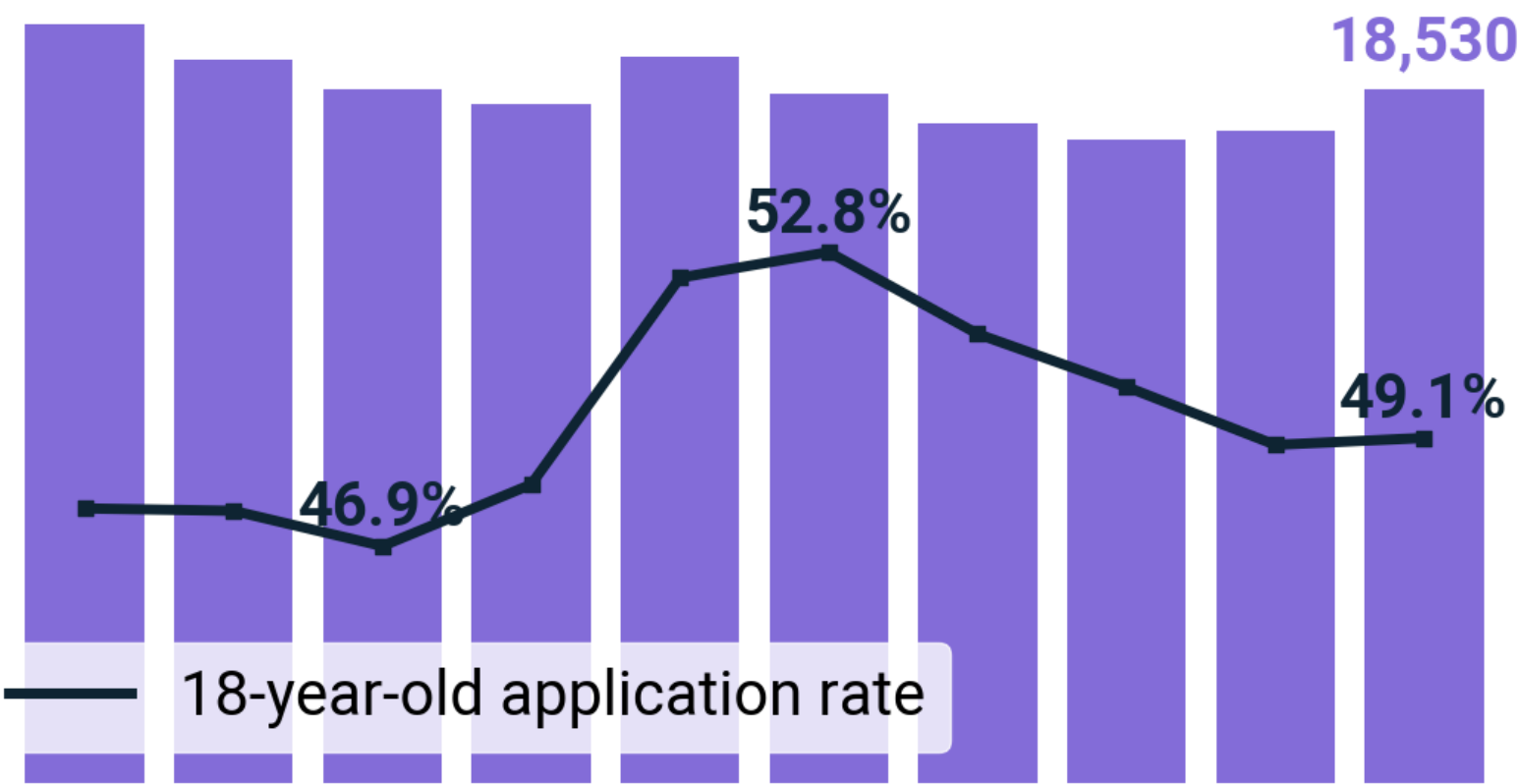


NORTHERN IRELAND FOCUS

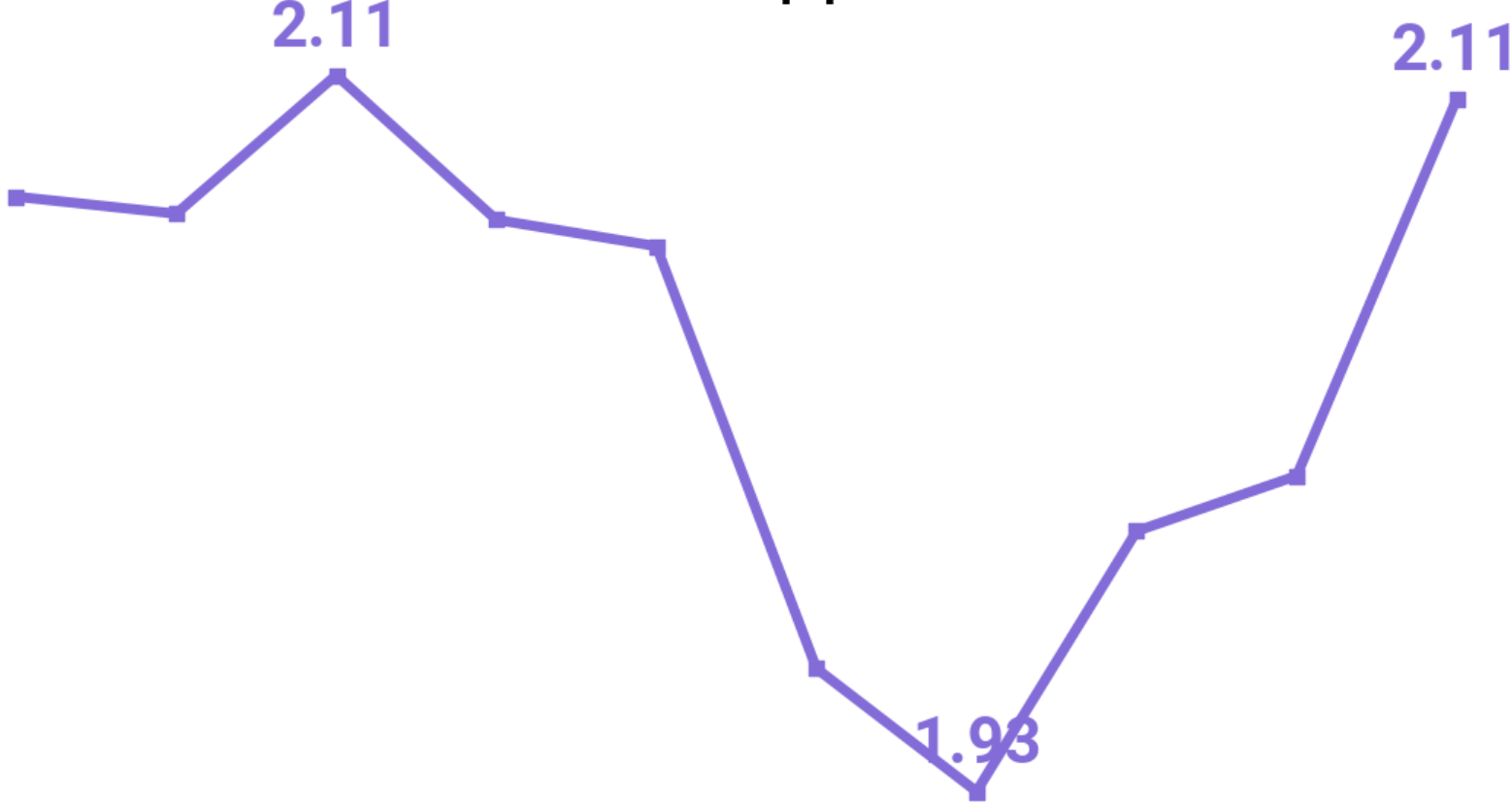
Applicants to providers in Northern Ireland



Applicants from Northern Ireland

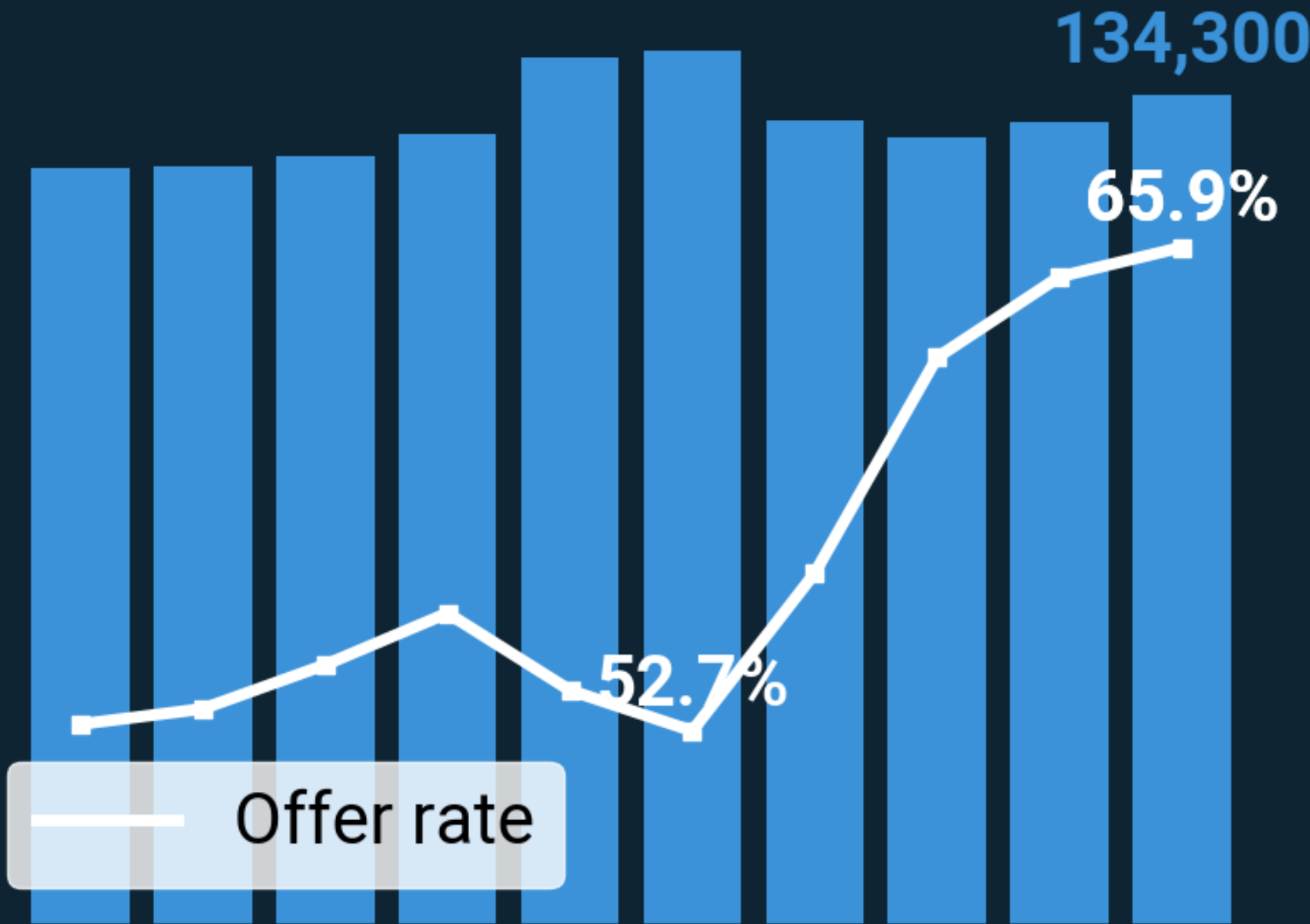


NIMDM 2017 Q5:Q1 application rate ratio

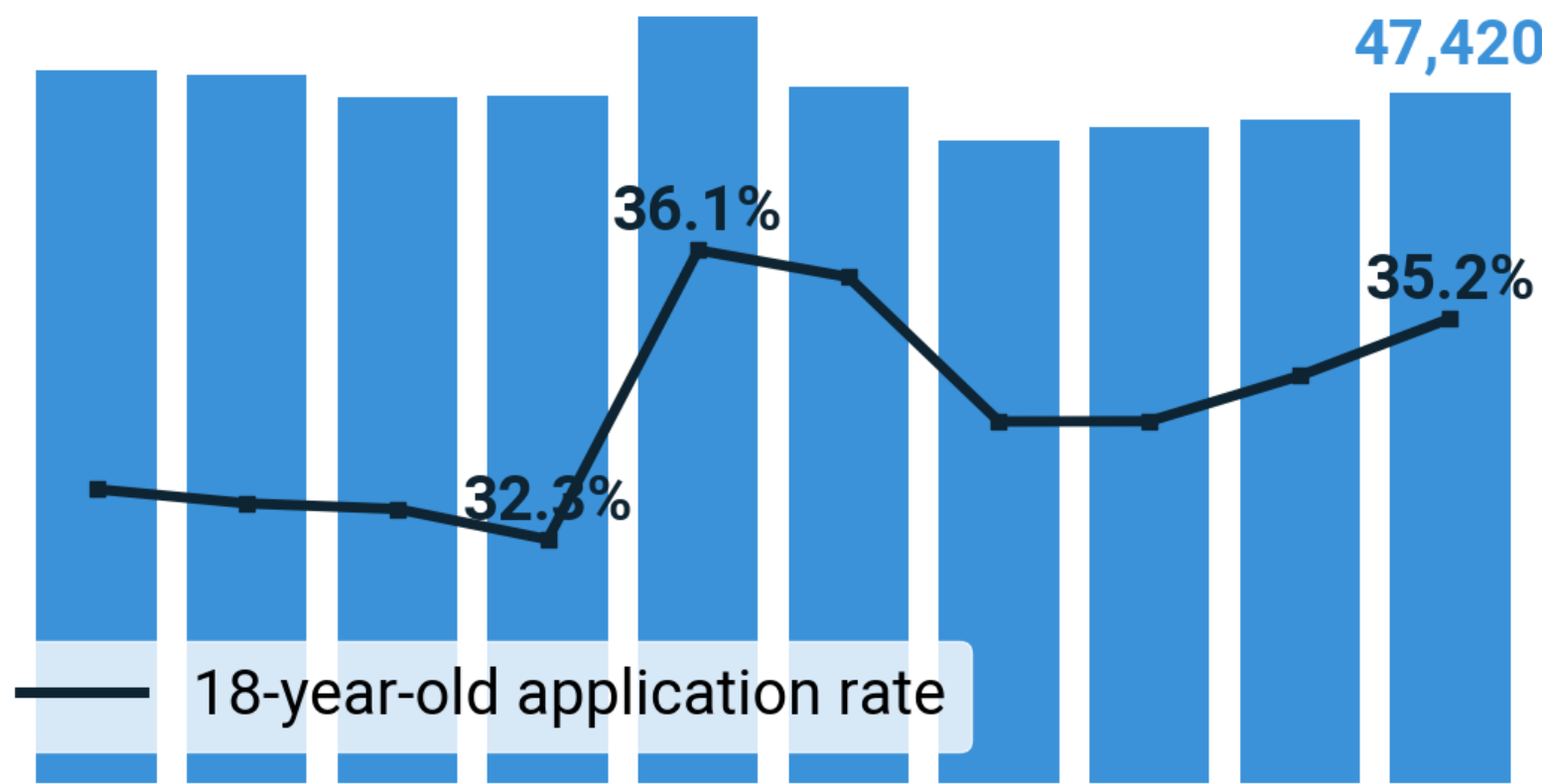


SCOTLAND FOCUS

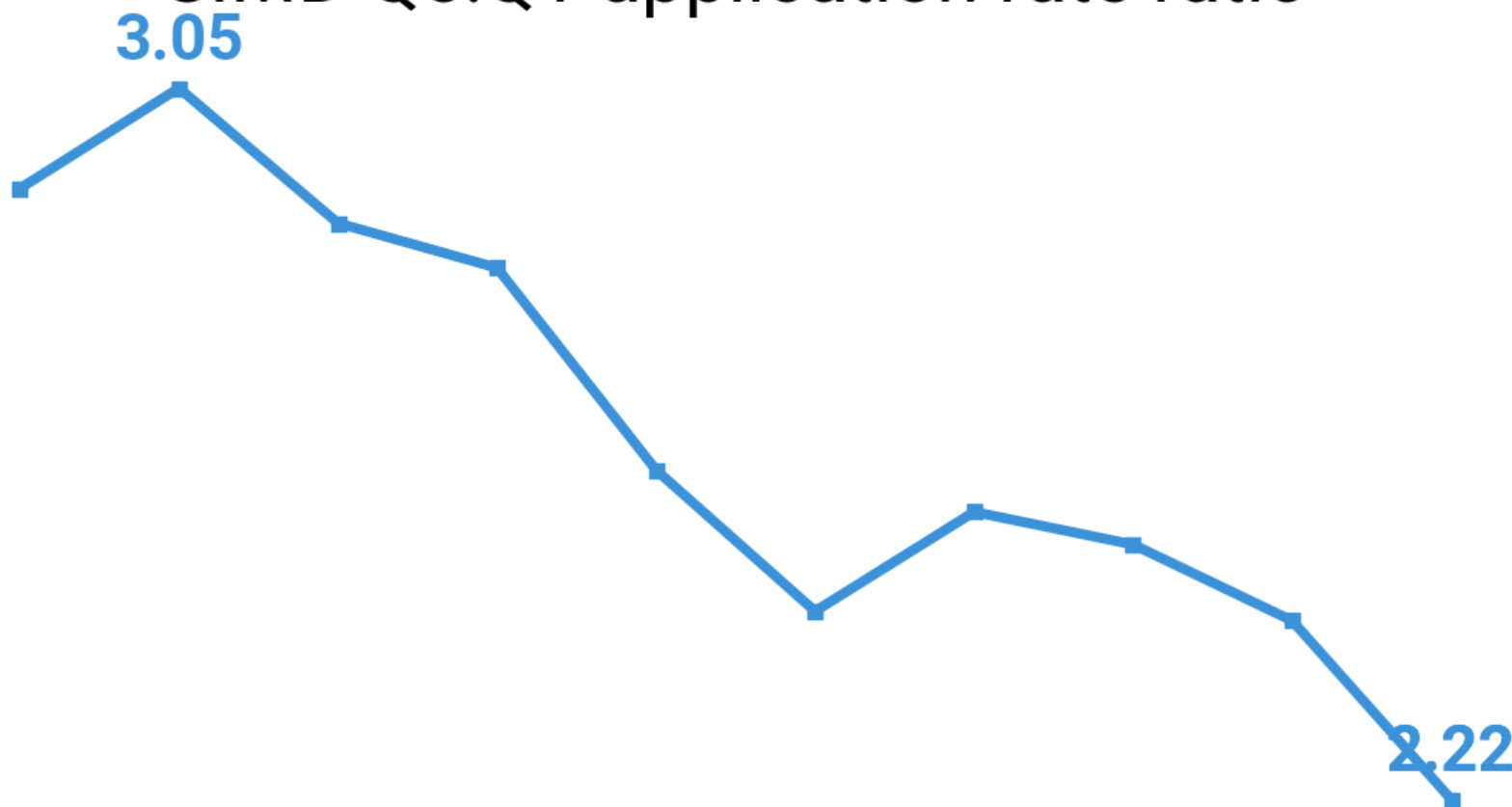
Applicants to providers in Scotland



Applicants from Scotland

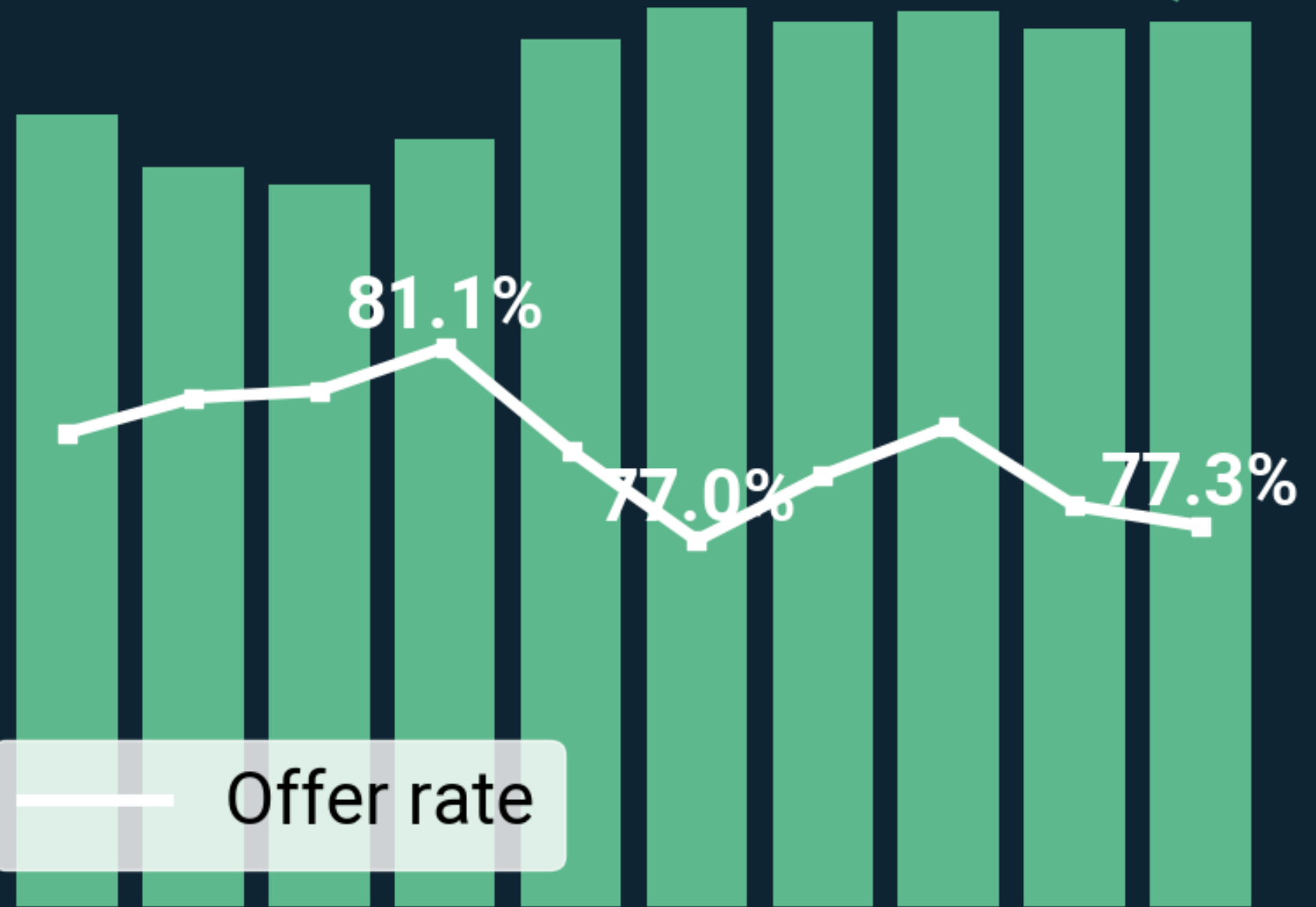


SIMD Q5:Q1 application rate ratio

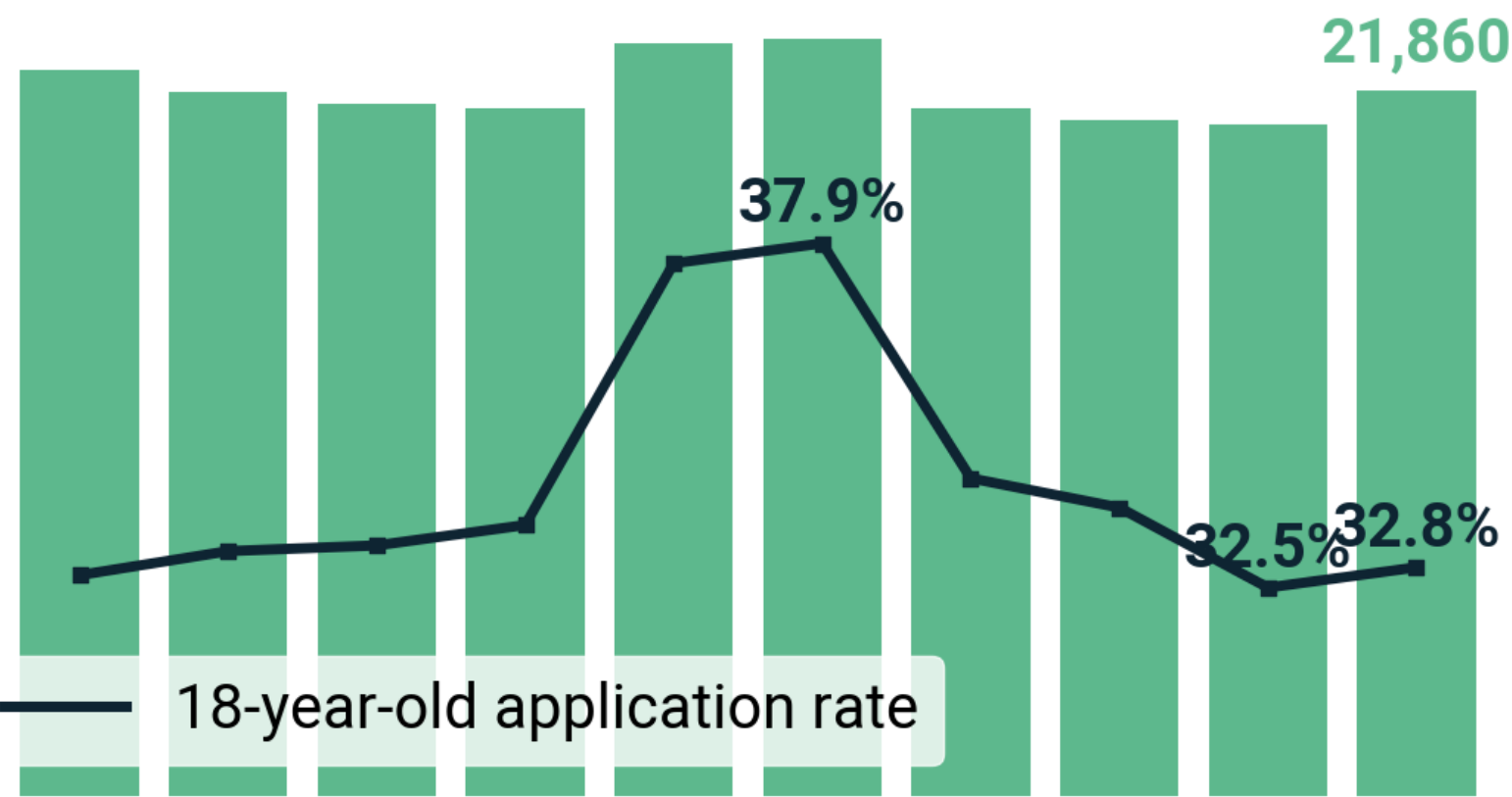


WALES FOCUS

Applicants to providers in Wales



Applicants from Wales

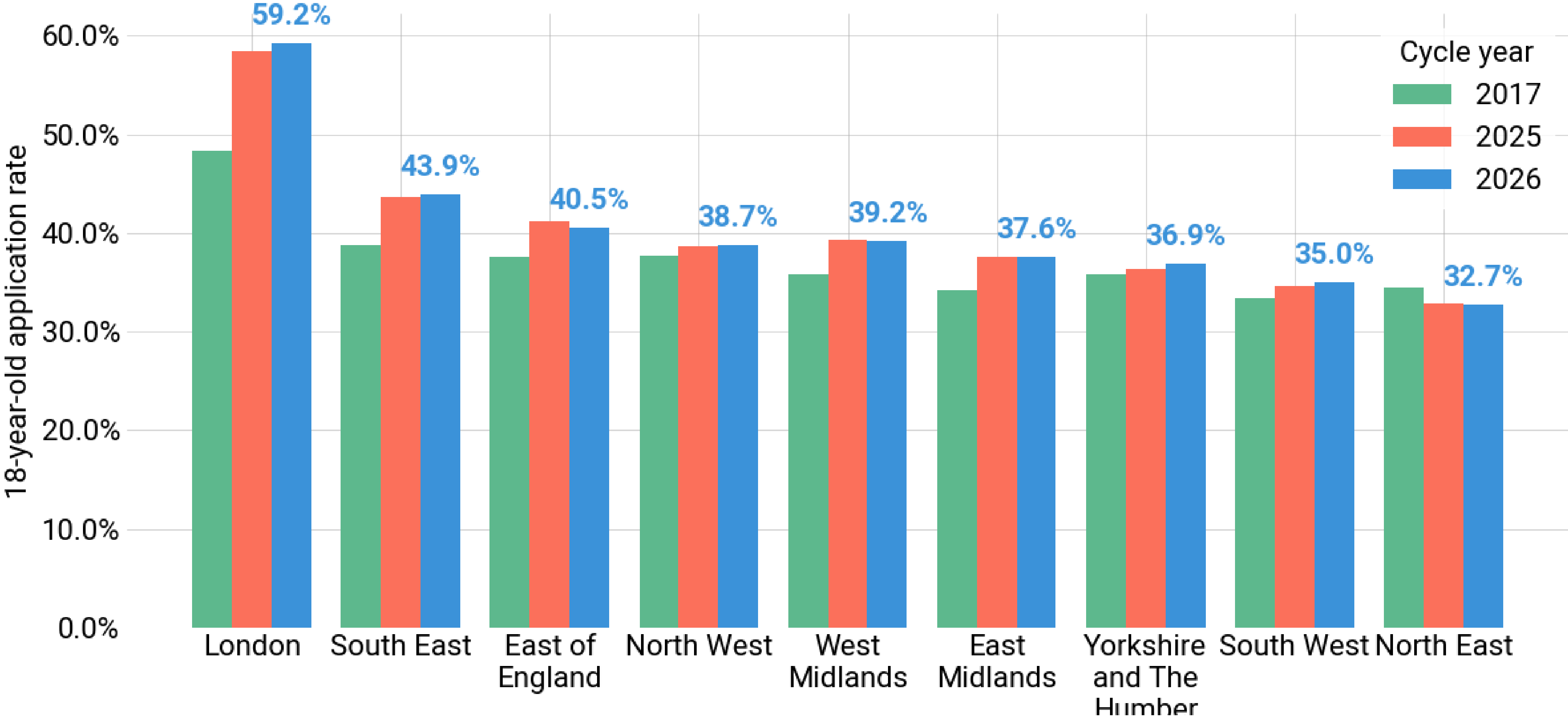


WIMD 2019 Q5:Q1 application rate ratio



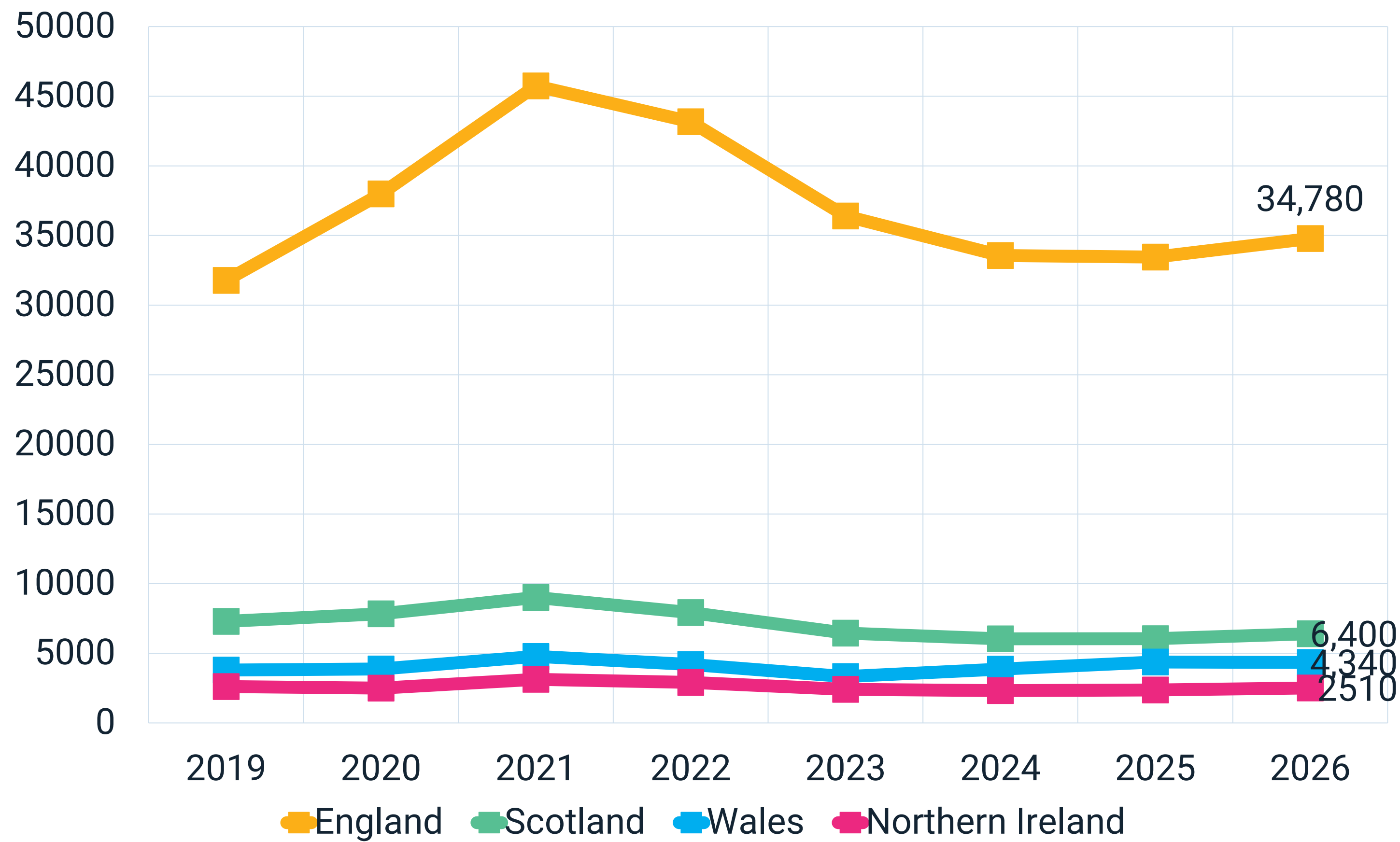
ENGLISH REGION OF DOMICILE

18-year-old application rate by English region of domicile



NURSING

Unique applicants to Nursing by provider country



Across the sector applicants to Nursing have increased 3.5%, an increase of 1,480 compared to 2025.

Applicants to **English providers** are up 4.0% (+1,330) compared to last year

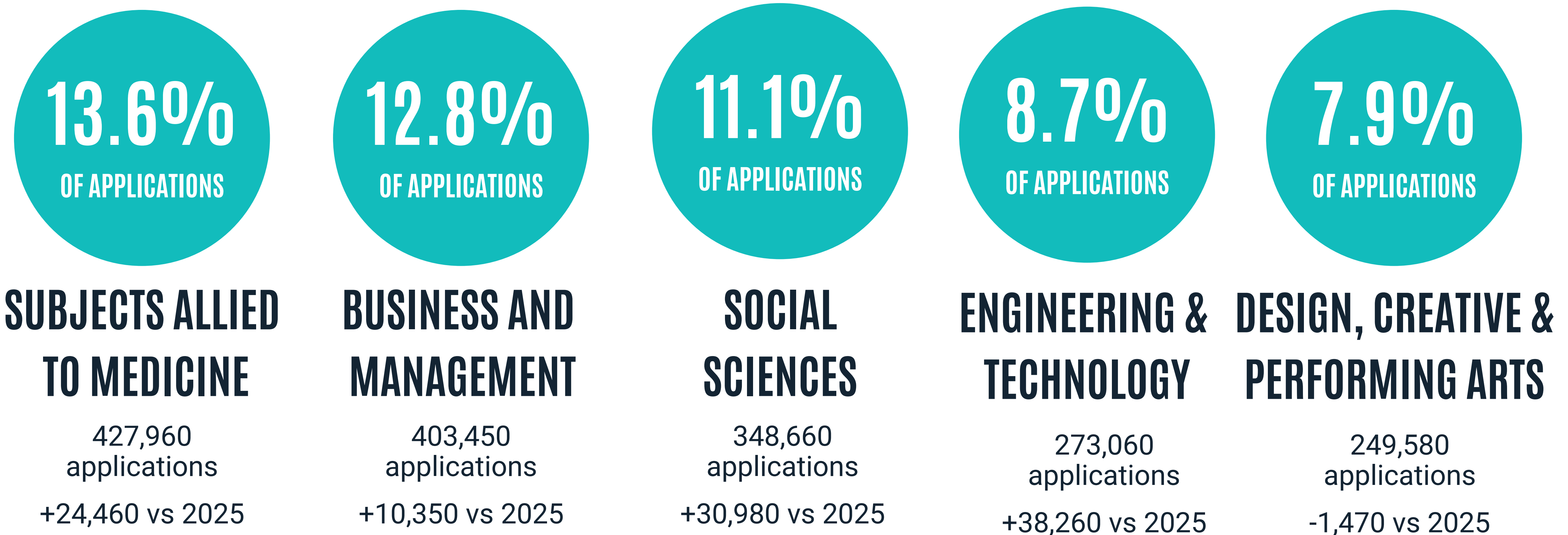
Applicants to **Scottish providers** have risen by 5.7% (+350)

Applicants to **Welsh providers** have dropped by 0.7% (-30 applicants)

Applicants to **Northern Ireland providers** have increased by 6.0% (+140 applicants)

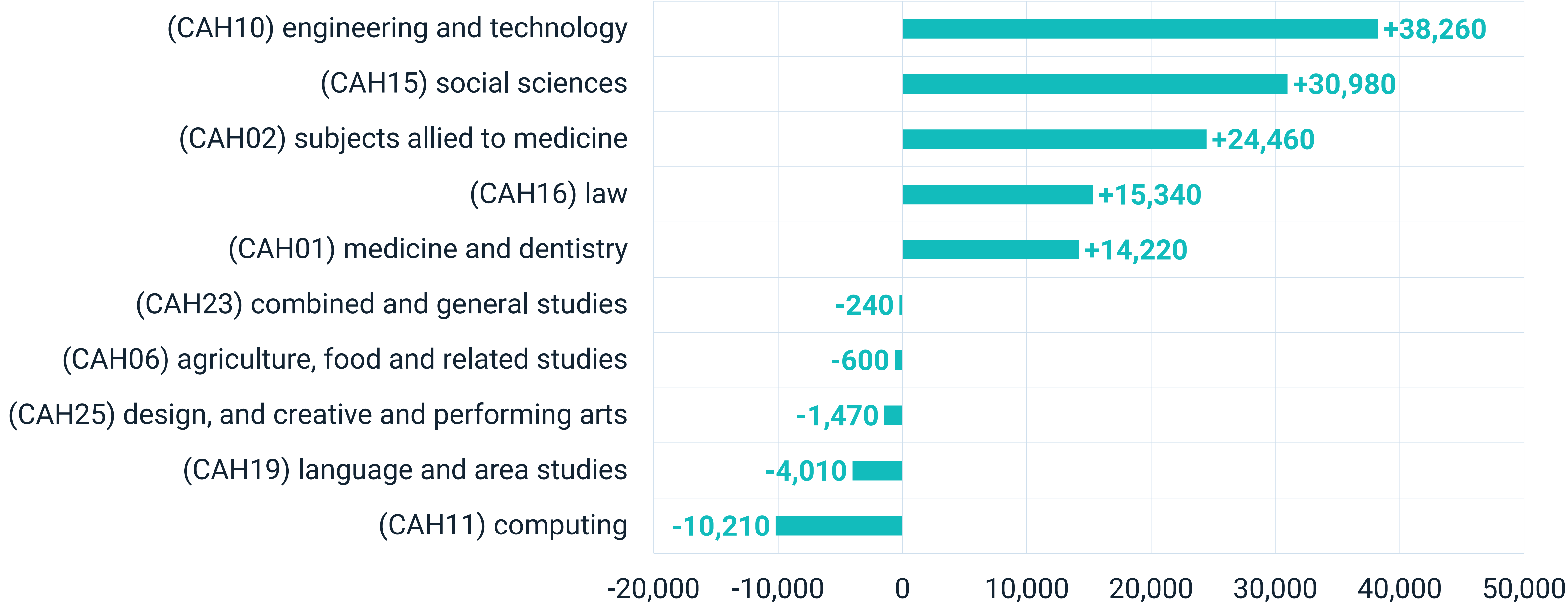
MAIN SCHEME APPLICATIONS REMAIN HIGHEST TO SUBJECTS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

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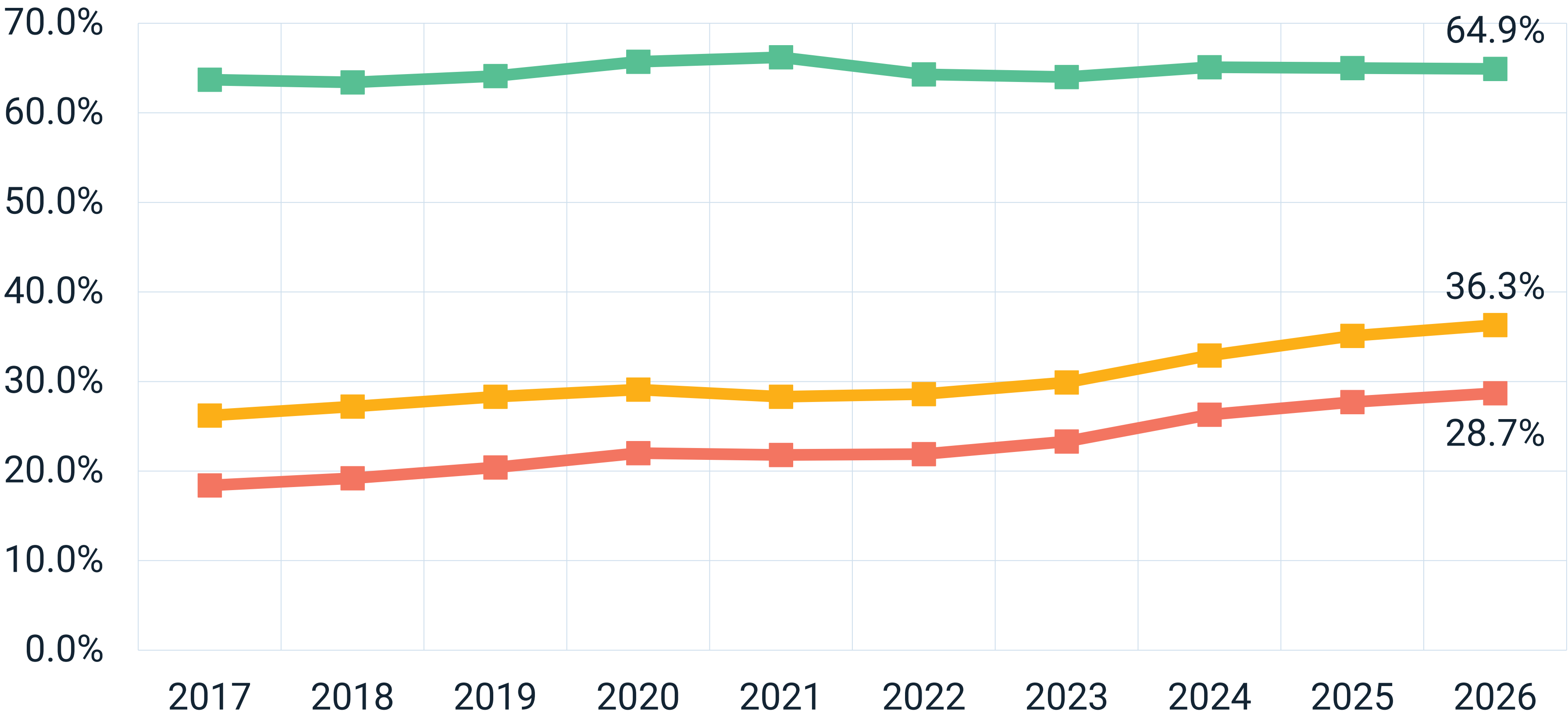
ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY HAS THE BIGGEST GROWTH IN APPLICATIONS, AS COMPUTING CONTINUES TO FALL

Applications by subject grouping (CAH1) – Biggest changes 2025 to 2026



INCREASES IN PERCENTAGE OF UK APPLICATIONS WHERE INTENT IS TO LIVE AT HOME BY AGE

Percentage of UK applications where an intention to live at home is declared by age



-0.1PP

UK 21 and over
+2,350 choices,
+1.2% vs 2025

+1.3PP

UK 19-20 year olds
+13,180 choices,
+7.8% vs 2025

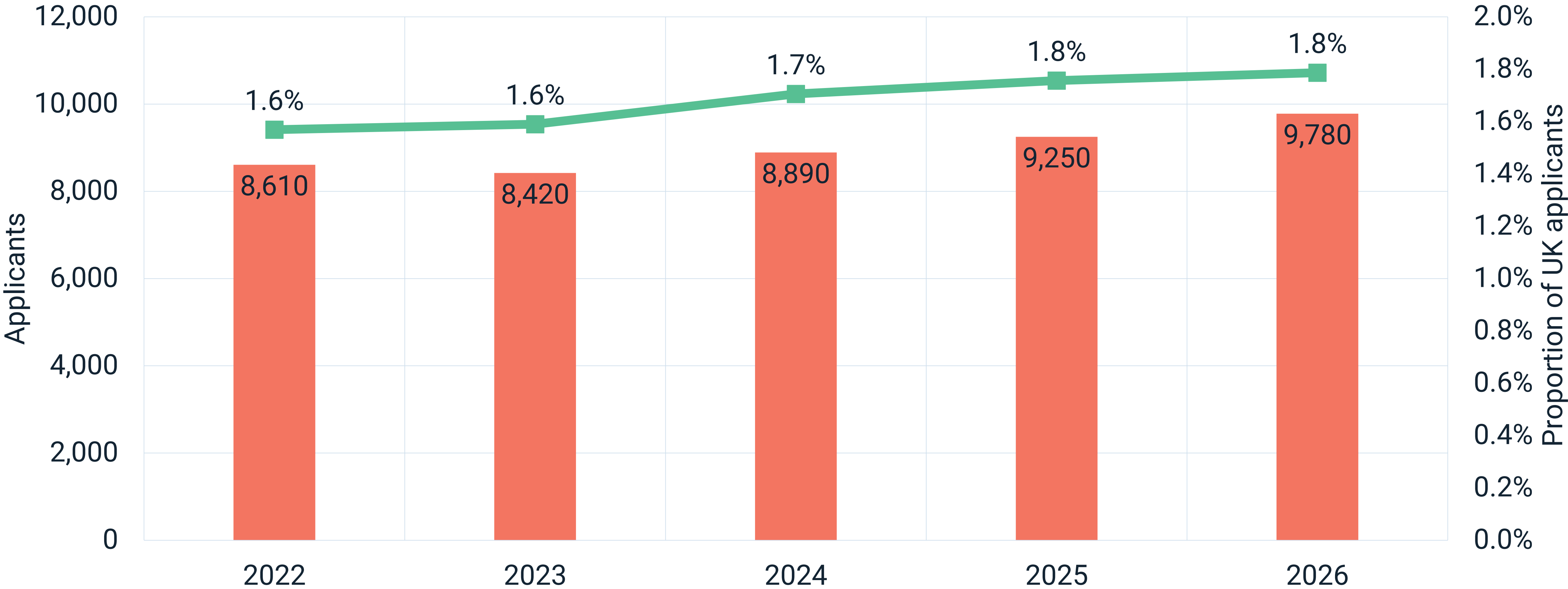
+1.0PP

UK 18 year olds
+37,930 choices,
+8.7% vs 2025

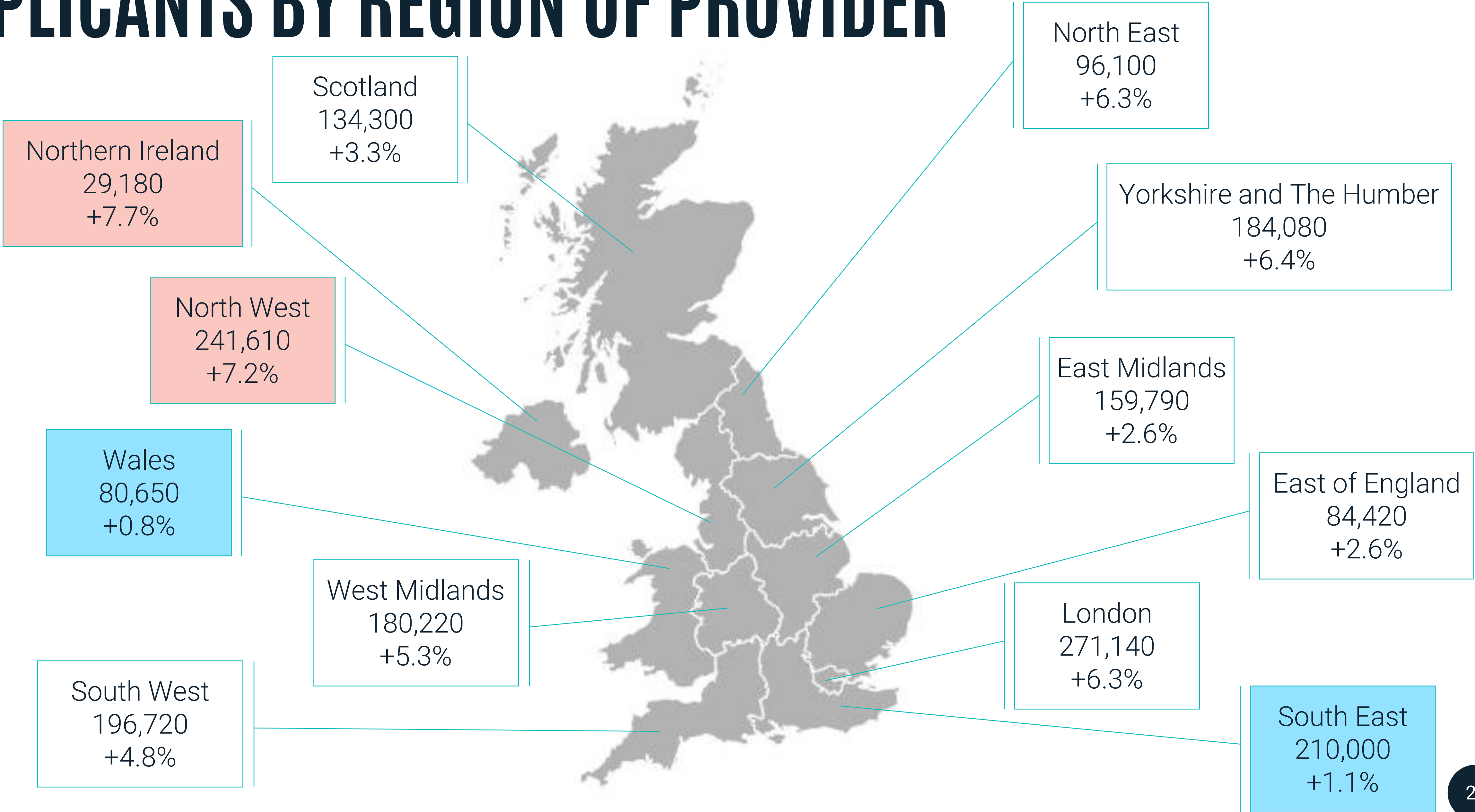
APPLICANTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN CARE

Care-experienced applicants from the UK, and their proportional make-up of the total

Applicants Proportion of UK applicants

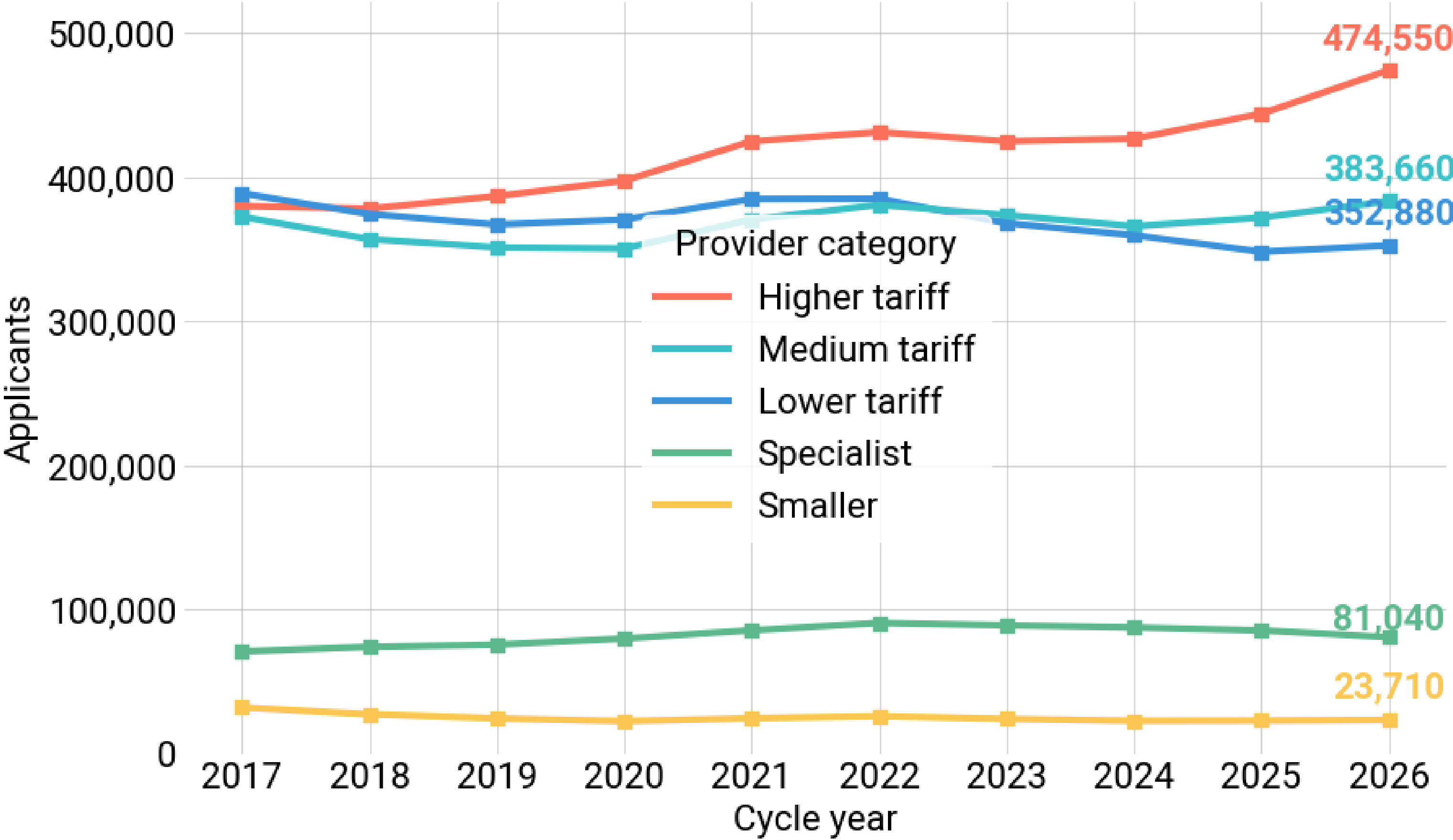


APPLICANTS BY REGION OF PROVIDER



APPLICANTS BY PROVIDER CATEGORY

Applicants by provider category



There were **474,550** applicants to **Higher tariff** providers, which is an **increase** of 6.8% since 2025.

There were **352,880** applicants to **Lower tariff** providers, which is an **increase** of 1.3% since 2025.

There were **383,660** applicants to **Medium tariff** providers, which is an **increase** of 3.1% since 2025.

There were **23,710** applicants to **Smaller** providers, which is an **increase** of 2.0% since 2025.

There were **81,040** applicants to **Specialist** providers, which is a **decrease** of 5.5% since 2025.

NEW DASHBOARD DESIGN



Fresh design
Less navigation needed



All data is still available in the data files found
alongside the dashboard
Definitions can be downloaded in a separate
document

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UPCOMING DATA RELEASES

4 Aug, 09:30 Qualifications Scotland results day

13 Aug, 08:00 Level 3 results day

14-28 Aug, 11:00 Daily Clearing analysis

10 Sep, 11:00 Day 28 analysis

