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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

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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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	5,610	4,785	6,000	6,635	7,825	8,565
Placed June deadline applicants	670	775	1,085	1,085	1,490	1,555
All placed applicants	895	1,130	1,300	1,460	1,930	2,005
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	72.9	61.9	78.8	88.1	102.2	114.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	8.7	10.0	14.3	14.4	19.4	20.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	11.6	14.6	17.1	19.4	25.2	26.7

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	5,885	5,005	6,295	6,950	8,160	8,910
Offers	4,540	4,060	5,290	5,675	6,890	7,485
Offer rate	77.2%	81.1%	84.0%	81.7%	84.4%	84.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	2,720	2,350	3,070	3,500	4,175	4,440
	Women	2,890	2,435	2,930	3,135	3,655	4,125
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	305	340	550	550	705	795
	Women	365	440	535	535	785	760
All placed applicants	Men	425	480	635	725	920	1,020
	Women	470	650	665	730	1,010	985
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	69.2	59.3	78.6	90.4	106.3	115.6
population	Women	76.7	64.6	79.0	85.6	97.8	112.9
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	7.8	8.5	14.1	14.3	17.9	20.7
10,000 population	Women	9.7	11.6	14.4	14.6	21.1	20.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	10.9	12.1	16.3	18.8	23.4	26.5
population	Women	12.5	17.2	18.0	20.0	27.0	26.9

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	2,865	2,455	3,230	3,695	4,350	4,645
	Women	3,015	2,550	3,065	3,255	3,815	4,265
Offers	Men	2,145	1,930	2,645	2,900	3,580	3,870
	Women	2,395	2,130	2,640	2,775	3,310	3,615
Offer rate	Men	74.8%	78.6%	81.9%	78.6%	82.3%	83.3%
	Women	79.4%	83.5%	86.3%	85.2%	86.8%	84.8%
Average offer rate	Men	75.4%	79.2%	82.1%	78.8%	82.8%	83.4%
	Women	78.8%	83.0%	86.0%	84.9%	86.3%	84.6%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.626	0.626	0.650	0.672	0.655	0.649
offer rate	Women	0.644	0.639	0.631	0.628	0.607	0.618

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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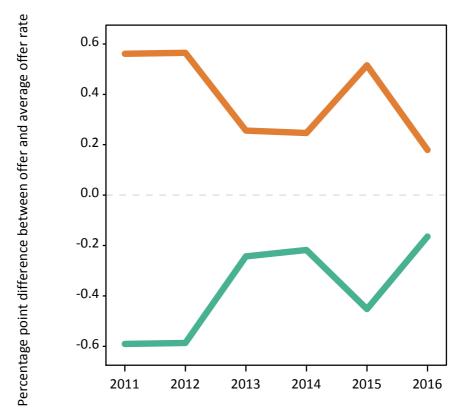




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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Men Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic P	OLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	485	460	580	690	805	920
	Quintile 2	1,045	990	1,200	1,440	1,650	1,870
	Quintile 3	1,175	1,015	1,315	1,435	1,740	1,925
	Quintile 4	1,180	925	1,210	1,295	1,555	1,735
	Quintile 5	1,720	1,385	1,685	1,760	2,060	2,090
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	45	75	120	125	150	170
	Quintile 2	125	195	250	255	350	380
	Quintile 3	145	155	220	240	330	330
	Quintile 4	135	140	215	200	280	310
	Quintile 5	220	210	285	260	375	365
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	65	100	135	170	180	200
	Quintile 2	175	265	295	325	435	495
	Quintile 3	175	235	260	320	445	435
	Quintile 4	170	205	250	275	375	390
	Quintile 5	305	320	360	370	495	475
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	33.6	32.1	41.5	49.6	57.3	68.1
population	Quintile 2	69.4	66.2	81.4	98.4	111.0	129.3
	Quintile 3	76.3	65.7	86.1	95.4	113.3	128.2
	Quintile 4	75.5	58.2	77.4	84.0	99.3	112.2
	Quintile 5	104.0	82.3	102.0	107.9	123.2	126.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	3.3	5.2	8.5	9.1	10.6	12.5
10,000 population	Quintile 2	8.4	13.0	16.8	17.6	23.6	26.1
	Quintile 3	9.4	10.0	14.3	16.0	21.6	21.9
	Quintile 4	8.6	8.9	13.8	13.0	17.8	20.0
	Quintile 5	13.2	12.4	17.2	15.9	22.4	22.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	4.4	6.9	9.8	12.1	12.8	15.0
population	Quintile 2	11.8	17.8	19.9	22.1	29.2	34.1
	Quintile 3	11.5	15.3	17.2	21.2	28.8	29.0
	Quintile 4	10.9	12.9	16.1	17.8	23.9	25.1
	Quintile 5	18.5	18.9	21.7	22.8	29.5	28.8

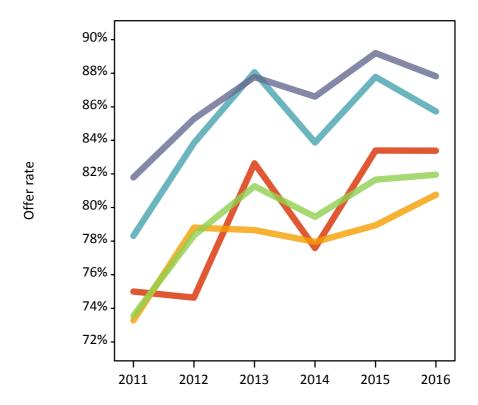
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	495	480	615	715	830	955
	Quintile 2	1,125	1,050	1,285	1,535	1,760	1,990
	Quintile 3	1,250	1,065	1,390	1,515	1,830	2,025
	Quintile 4	1,220	945	1,245	1,340	1,595	1,770
	Quintile 5	1,785	1,440	1,750	1,835	2,120	2,140
Offers	Quintile 1	370	360	510	555	695	800
	Quintile 2	825	830	1,010	1,195	1,390	1,610
	Quintile 3	920	835	1,130	1,200	1,495	1,660
	Quintile 4	955	795	1,100	1,125	1,400	1,520
	Quintile 5	1,460	1,230	1,535	1,590	1,890	1,880
Offer rate	Quintile 1	75.0%	74.6%	82.6%	77.6%	83.4%	83.4%
	Quintile 2	73.3%	78.8%	78.7%	78.0%	78.9%	80.8%
	Quintile 3	73.6%	78.3%	81.3%	79.4%	81.7%	82.0%
	Quintile 4	78.3%	83.8%	88.1%	83.9%	87.8%	85.7%
	Quintile 5	81.8%	85.3%	87.8%	86.6%	89.2%	87.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	76.4%	77.4%	82.3%	78.5%	82.7%	82.8%
	Quintile 2	73.4%	78.4%	79.6%	78.5%	80.6%	81.7%
	Quintile 3	74.6%	78.7%	81.9%	80.3%	82.2%	82.8%
	Quintile 4	78.8%	82.7%	86.3%	83.5%	87.4%	84.8%
	Quintile 5	80.2%	85.1%	87.9%	85.4%	87.8%	87.2%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-1.4	-2.8	0.3	-0.9	0.7	0.6
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.1	0.4	-1.0	-0.5	-1.7	-0.9
	Quintile 3	-1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.9
	Quintile 4	-0.5	1.1	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.9
	Quintile 5	1.6	0.2	-0.2	1.2	1.4	0.6
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.197	0.207	0.187	0.188	0.173	0.168
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.279	0.301	0.292	0.304	0.287	0.289
	Quintile 3	0.290	0.305	0.292	0.290	0.287	0.288
	Quintile 4	0.288	0.280	0.280	0.264	0.261	0.256
	Quintile 5	0.388	0.372	0.368	0.345	0.330	0.314

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

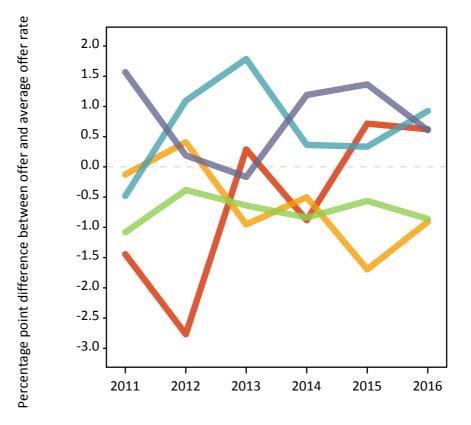
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	2,090	1,940	2,360	2,680	2,990	3,450
	Black	500	400	545	690	930	1,145
	Mixed	195	175	190	250	325	355
	White	2,730	2,175	2,785	2,845	3,375	3,345
	Other	70	60	80	120	140	205
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	250	330	470	515	680	770
	Black	55	60	90	105	175	205
	Mixed	25	25	35	45	45	55
	White	335	345	470	400	550	480
	Other	5	15	10	15	25	35
All placed applicants	Asian	365	530	600	710	915	1,020
	Black	80	90	125	145	255	290
	Mixed	35	35	40	60	65	75
	White	405	450	515	505	645	560
	Other	10	15	10	20	35	45
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	331.8	299.4	357.7	394.9	422.7	479.4
population	Black	182.5	142.0	182.9	228.0	291.8	365.3
	Mixed	80.9	68.0	71.0	87.6	105.7	112.5
	White	42.2	33.7	44.3	46.1	54.2	55.3
	Other	86.4	70.1	90.4	128.9	146.3	208.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	39.5	50.8	71.6	75.9	96.2	107.0
10,000 population	Black	20.5	21.7	30.0	34.0	55.3	65.8
	Mixed	11.1	8.8	13.3	15.3	14.9	18.1
	White	5.1	5.3	7.5	6.5	8.8	7.9
	Other	6.2	17.0	11.0	16.1	25.9	33.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	57.6	82.1	91.1	104.7	129.3	142.0
population	Black	29.3	32.0	41.8	48.5	79.5	92.0
	Mixed	14.9	13.8	14.8	21.2	21.1	23.2
	White	6.2	6.9	8.2	8.2	10.4	9.3
	Other	9.9	18.1	12.1	21.5	34.2	45.3

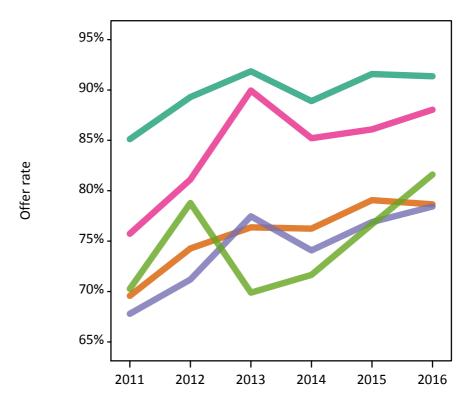
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	2,230	2,035	2,495	2,845	3,170	3,645
	Black	505	405	560	710	950	1,165
	Mixed	205	180	200	255	340	370
	White	2,840	2,280	2,920	2,955	3,490	3,440
	Other	75	65	85	125	150	225
Offers	Asian	1,550	1,510	1,905	2,170	2,505	2,870
	Black	345	290	435	525	730	915
	Mixed	155	145	180	220	290	325
	White	2,420	2,035	2,680	2,625	3,195	3,140
	Other	50	50	60	90	115	180
Offer rate	Asian	69.6%	74.3%	76.4%	76.2%	79.1%	78.7%
	Black	67.8%	71.2%	77.5%	74.1%	76.9%	78.4%
	Mixed	75.7%	81.1%	89.9%	85.2%	86.1%	88.0%
	White	85.1%	89.3%	91.8%	88.9%	91.6%	91.4%
	Other	70.3%	78.8%	69.9%	71.7%	76.7%	81.6%
Average offer rate	Asian	71.7%	76.4%	78.5%	77.3%	80.5%	80.2%
	Black	69.0%	74.0%	78.9%	76.7%	79.3%	80.9%
	Mixed	75.1%	82.6%	91.0%	83.2%	85.4%	87.0%
	White	83.2%	86.7%	89.6%	87.2%	89.6%	89.1%
	Other	73.7%	74.7%	74.5%	75.9%	79.3%	80.6%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-2.2	-2.2	-2.1	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-1.3	-2.8	-1.5	-2.6	-2.4	-2.5
	Mixed	0.6	-1.5	-1.0	2.0	0.7	1.1
	White	1.9	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.3
	Other	-3.5	4.1	-4.7	-4.2	-2.7	1.0
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.518	0.534	0.523	0.515	0.491	0.505
offer rate	Black	0.212	0.206	0.190	0.201	0.203	0.211
	Mixed	0.140	0.149	0.129	0.113	0.134	0.114
	White	0.606	0.581	0.587	0.537	0.541	0.497
	Other	0.118	0.104	0.117	0.105	0.089	0.086

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

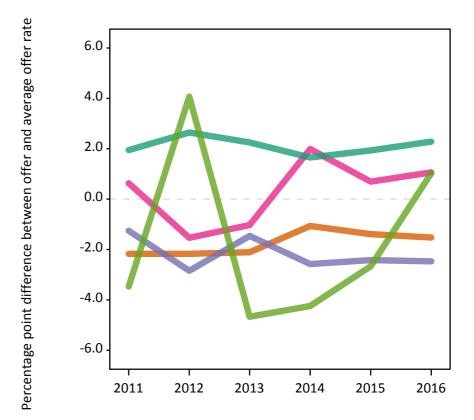
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	9,750	7,920	9,900	10,855	12,890	13,730
Placed June deadline applicants	1,165	1,230	1,810	1,680	2,235	2,310
All placed applicants	1,545	1,820	2,180	2,290	2,995	3,065

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	10,405	8,365	10,445	11,475	13,565	14,410
Offers	6,885	5,970	7,935	8,410	10,140	10,900
Offer rate	66.1%	71.4%	76.0%	73.3%	74.7%	75.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	5,130	4,150	5,360	5,935	7,170	7,480
	Women	4,620	3,770	4,540	4,920	5,720	6,255
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	585	605	980	895	1,130	1,245
	Women	580	625	830	785	1,110	1,065
All placed applicants	Men	795	890	1,145	1,215	1,530	1,650
	Women	750	925	1,035	1,075	1,465	1,415

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	5,480	4,380	5,650	6,305	7,540	7,880
	Women	4,925	3,985	4,795	5,170	6,025	6,530
Offers	Men	3,430	3,010	4,160	4,460	5,525	5,920
	Women	3,455	2,965	3,775	3,955	4,610	4,980
Offer rate	Men	62.5%	68.6%	73.6%	70.7%	73.3%	75.1%
	Women	70.2%	74.4%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%	76.3%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	920	800	990	1,140	1,375	1,470
	Quintile 2	1,975	1,815	2,175	2,495	2,915	3,090
	Quintile 3	2,165	1,755	2,235	2,435	2,935	3,225
	Quintile 4	1,895	1,440	1,885	2,010	2,405	2,630
	Quintile 5	2,770	2,075	2,590	2,745	3,225	3,265
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	90	125	195	180	225	240
	Quintile 2	250	330	420	390	525	590
	Quintile 3	260	245	395	395	510	500
	Quintile 4	225	210	350	300	410	430
	Quintile 5	340	320	450	410	565	540
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	120	165	215	245	275	300
	Quintile 2	335	465	505	505	680	780
	Quintile 3	325	385	485	530	705	690
	Quintile 4	285	315	410	415	550	565
	Quintile 5	475	485	560	590	780	720

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	975	850	1,050	1,200	1,435	1,535
	Quintile 2	2,165	1,935	2,330	2,695	3,160	3,330
	Quintile 3	2,345	1,870	2,395	2,590	3,100	3,400
	Quintile 4	1,980	1,495	1,955	2,090	2,505	2,725
	Quintile 5	2,910	2,175	2,695	2,875	3,330	3,370
Offers	Quintile 1	575	550	755	830	1,035	1,125
	Quintile 2	1,325	1,295	1,610	1,830	2,145	2,375
	Quintile 3	1,465	1,270	1,755	1,835	2,255	2,485
	Quintile 4	1,385	1,130	1,580	1,595	1,980	2,150
	Quintile 5	2,120	1,705	2,215	2,305	2,700	2,725
Offer rate	Quintile 1	58.9%	64.6%	72.0%	69.0%	72.3%	73.3%
	Quintile 2	61.2%	66.9%	69.1%	67.9%	67.8%	71.4%
	Quintile 3	62.4%	68.0%	73.2%	70.8%	72.8%	73.1%
	Quintile 4	69.9%	75.5%	81.0%	76.3%	79.0%	79.0%
	Quintile 5	72.8%	78.2%	82.2%	80.3%	81.1%	80.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	3,945	3,400	4,260	4,670	5,355	5,820
	Black	1,285	1,000	1,230	1,360	1,795	2,050
	Mixed	360	300	330	435	555	600
	White	3,930	2,985	3,780	4,035	4,730	4,730
	Other	140	160	195	250	310	390
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	455	530	860	800	1,070	1,150
	Black	140	145	185	185	280	315
	Mixed	50	40	55	65	75	90
	White	500	485	665	580	740	690
	Other	15	30	30	30	50	55
All placed applicants	Asian	655	875	1,090	1,135	1,490	1,555
	Black	185	205	240	265	410	465
	Mixed	65	65	65	85	105	120
	White	605	625	730	725	880	820
	Other	20	35	30	45	75	80

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	4,295	3,600	4,525	4,995	5,700	6,185
	Black	1,360	1,040	1,280	1,410	1,865	2,115
	Mixed	380	310	340	450	580	635
	White	4,125	3,165	3,980	4,225	4,925	4,910
	Other	155	165	210	270	335	410
Offers	Asian	2,625	2,390	3,195	3,415	3,965	4,385
	Black	685	575	810	890	1,210	1,450
	Mixed	245	220	275	340	445	480
	White	3,195	2,635	3,455	3,530	4,195	4,190
	Other	90	105	130	170	215	290
Offer rate	Asian	61.1%	66.4%	70.6%	68.3%	69.6%	70.9%
	Black	50.4%	55.2%	63.3%	62.9%	64.9%	68.6%
	Mixed	64.8%	70.8%	80.1%	75.7%	77.0%	76.1%
	White	77.5%	83.2%	86.7%	83.5%	85.2%	85.4%
	Other	57.8%	64.5%	62.5%	63.8%	63.2%	70.9%

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 2016 cycle runs from September 2015 through to October 2016.

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.

POLAR3 quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, 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 POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) for 2012 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 2016 End of Cycle Report and the 2016 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 POLAR3 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 POLAR3 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.

Provider

A higher education provider - a university or college.

LIK 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.