# 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	18,065	17,505	19,555	19,970	19,510	19,210
Placed June deadline applicants	2,855	2,615	3,095	3,025	3,125	2,930
All placed applicants	3,040	2,885	3,305	3,325	3,480	3,525
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	234.6	226.3	257.0	265.1	254.6	256.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	37.1	33.8	40.6	40.2	40.8	39.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	39.5	37.3	43.4	44.1	45.4	47.0

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	18,700	18,115	20,215	20,535	20,040	19,795
Offers	13,730	14,800	16,700	17,275	17,150	16,750
Offer rate	73.4%	81.7%	82.6%	84.1%	85.6%	84.6%

## P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	9,065	8,645	9,590	9,760	9,555	9,300
	Women	8,995	8,860	9,965	10,210	9,955	9,910
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,415	1,265	1,505	1,455	1,565	1,405
	Women	1,440	1,345	1,590	1,570	1,560	1,525
All placed applicants	Men	1,505	1,400	1,610	1,600	1,745	1,720
	Women	1,540	1,485	1,695	1,720	1,735	1,805
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	230.4	217.9	245.6	252.1	243.4	242.1
population	Women	238.9	235.1	269.0	279.0	266.4	271.2
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	35.9	31.9	38.5	37.6	39.9	36.5
10,000 population	Women	38.3	35.7	42.9	42.9	41.7	41.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	38.2	35.3	41.3	41.4	44.4	44.7
population	Women	40.8	39.4	45.7	47.0	46.5	49.5

## P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	9,410	8,960	9,935	10,060	9,810	9,565
	Women	9,290	9,160	10,280	10,480	10,230	10,230
Offers	Men	6,865	7,185	8,160	8,370	8,300	7,955
	Women	6,860	7,615	8,540	8,905	8,855	8,795
Offer rate	Men	73.0%	80.2%	82.1%	83.2%	84.6%	83.2%
	Women	73.9%	83.2%	83.1%	85.0%	86.5%	86.0%
Average offer rate	Men	73.5%	80.7%	82.4%	83.7%	85.0%	83.8%
	Women	73.3%	82.7%	82.8%	84.5%	86.1%	85.4%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.615	0.609	0.606	0.605	0.610	0.610
offer rate	Women	0.611	0.617	0.619	0.621	0.626	0.635

## P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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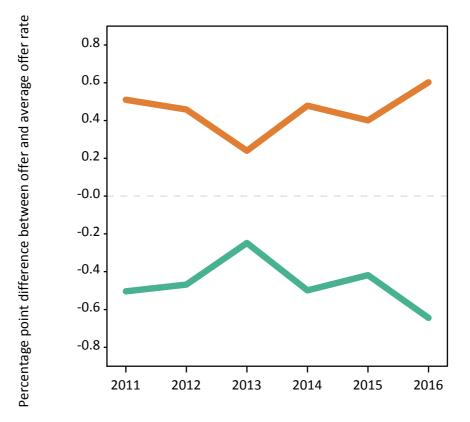




## P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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## P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PC	DLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,360	1,335	1,445	1,565	1,625	1,610
	Quintile 2	2,230	2,045	2,310	2,530	2,465	2,595
	Quintile 3	2,955	2,735	3,150	3,160	3,200	3,095
	Quintile 4	4,255	4,145	4,640	4,690	4,520	4,465
	Quintile 5	7,230	7,220	7,995	7,995	7,665	7,375
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	190	185	235	270	270	235
	Quintile 2	340	290	355	390	380	370
	Quintile 3	455	395	480	445	490	430
	Quintile 4	685	655	765	755	740	695
	Quintile 5	1,175	1,080	1,255	1,165	1,235	1,190
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	200	195	255	285	300	280
	Quintile 2	355	320	380	425	425	435
	Quintile 3	485	440	505	495	545	525
	Quintile 4	730	715	830	830	825	840
	Quintile 5	1,265	1,215	1,330	1,290	1,380	1,430
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	94.6	93.6	103.6	112.6	116.1	119.1
population	Quintile 2	148.5	136.5	156.8	172.9	166.0	179.4
	Quintile 3	192.2	177.0	206.4	210.0	208.3	205.7
	Quintile 4	271.7	261.1	296.8	304.5	288.6	289.1
	Quintile 5	436.7	429.8	483.6	490.1	457.7	446.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	13.3	13.1	16.8	19.3	19.3	17.4
10,000 population	Quintile 2	22.6	19.5	24.2	26.6	25.7	25.4
	Quintile 3	29.5	25.6	31.5	29.6	31.9	28.5
	Quintile 4	43.9	41.3	49.0	49.0	47.4	45.1
	Quintile 5	70.9	64.4	75.9	71.3	73.8	72.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	14.0	13.8	18.4	20.4	21.3	20.7
population	Quintile 2	23.5	21.2	25.8	29.1	28.5	30.2
	Quintile 3	31.5	28.6	33.2	32.8	35.6	34.9
	Quintile 4	46.5	45.1	52.9	53.8	52.7	54.5
	Quintile 5	76.3	72.2	80.6	79.0	82.4	86.6

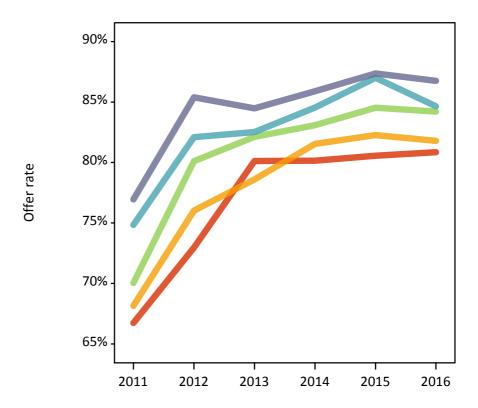
## P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,450	1,410	1,525	1,635	1,700	1,675
	Quintile 2	2,360	2,135	2,415	2,620	2,565	2,695
	Quintile 3	3,045	2,835	3,260	3,235	3,280	3,180
	Quintile 4	4,400	4,285	4,775	4,825	4,620	4,605
	Quintile 5	7,415	7,425	8,220	8,195	7,845	7,560
Offers	Quintile 1	965	1,030	1,220	1,310	1,370	1,355
	Quintile 2	1,605	1,625	1,900	2,140	2,110	2,205
	Quintile 3	2,130	2,270	2,680	2,690	2,770	2,675
	Quintile 4	3,295	3,520	3,940	4,080	4,020	3,900
	Quintile 5	5,705	6,340	6,945	7,035	6,850	6,560
Offer rate	Quintile 1	66.7%	73.0%	80.1%	80.1%	80.6%	80.9%
	Quintile 2	68.2%	76.0%	78.6%	81.5%	82.3%	81.8%
	Quintile 3	70.0%	80.1%	82.1%	83.1%	84.5%	84.2%
	Quintile 4	74.8%	82.1%	82.5%	84.5%	87.0%	84.7%
	Quintile 5	76.9%	85.4%	84.5%	85.9%	87.4%	86.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	66.6%	75.3%	80.8%	81.0%	81.9%	81.0%
	Quintile 2	69.0%	76.6%	79.8%	82.3%	82.6%	82.7%
	Quintile 3	71.1%	81.0%	82.9%	83.9%	84.8%	84.8%
	Quintile 4	74.7%	82.1%	82.6%	84.3%	86.8%	85.0%
	Quintile 5	76.3%	84.5%	83.7%	85.3%	87.0%	85.9%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	0.1	-2.3	-0.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.9	-0.6	-1.2	-0.7	-0.3	-1.0
	Quintile 3	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.3	-0.6
	Quintile 4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.3
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.175	0.172	0.160	0.154	0.171	0.163
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.205	0.195	0.177	0.188	0.191	0.203
	Quintile 3	0.215	0.212	0.213	0.203	0.217	0.217
	Quintile 4	0.283	0.284	0.276	0.272	0.273	0.279
	Quintile 5	0.446	0.461	0.451	0.443	0.442	0.434

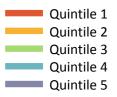
## P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

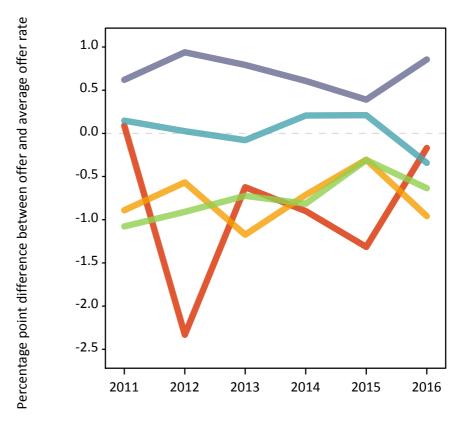
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**P.10** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





## P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,585	1,445	1,830	1,920	1,885	1,945
	Black	420	430	565	545	565	580
	Mixed	640	640	735	760	820	810
	White	15,170	14,765	16,195	16,460	15,940	15,525
	Other	130	120	145	200	185	215
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	150	120	155	150	195	190
	Black	35	35	65	50	55	50
	Mixed	95	85	95	110	130	115
	White	2,545	2,345	2,745	2,685	2,700	2,530
	Other	15	15	20	15	20	25
All placed applicants	Asian	175	160	185	185	245	285
	Black	40	40	70	65	75	80
	Mixed	100	90	110	125	145	140
	White	2,690	2,565	2,905	2,915	2,965	2,955
	Other	15	15	20	25	25	40
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	251.7	223.0	277.3	283.1	266.1	270.0
population	Black	153.6	152.7	190.3	179.8	177.2	186.0
	Mixed	263.8	245.3	272.2	264.2	266.6	256.8
	White	234.3	228.7	257.4	266.8	255.9	256.7
	Other	158.0	134.5	162.1	212.7	189.9	218.6
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	23.6	18.8	23.7	22.1	27.7	26.4
10,000 population	Black	12.8	12.8	21.6	16.8	17.9	16.3
	Mixed	38.4	31.9	35.5	38.9	41.8	36.9
	White	39.3	36.3	43.6	43.6	43.4	41.8
	Other	16.0	17.0	21.0	18.3	20.7	25.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	27.8	24.6	28.0	27.4	34.9	39.6
population	Black	15.0	14.9	23.2	22.1	22.9	25.2
	Mixed	41.3	34.9	39.9	43.4	47.7	45.1
	White	41.6	39.7	46.2	47.3	47.6	48.9
	Other	16.0	18.1	23.2	24.7	28.0	38.3

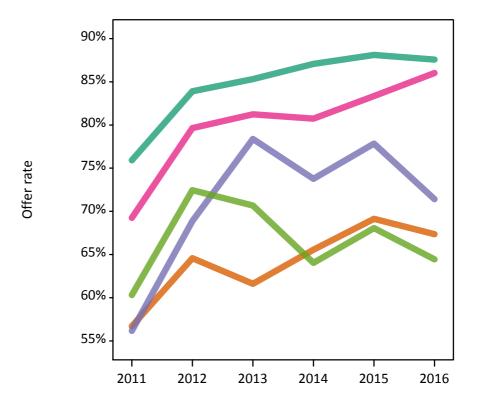
## P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	1,635	1,495	1,885	1,985	1,920	1,995
	Black	440	435	580	550	575	590
	Mixed	660	660	755	785	855	820
	White	15,720	15,290	16,755	16,930	16,390	16,020
	Other	130	125	150	205	190	225
Offers	Asian	925	965	1,160	1,300	1,325	1,345
	Black	245	300	455	405	445	420
	Mixed	455	525	615	635	710	705
	White	11,935	12,830	14,295	14,740	14,440	14,030
	Other	80	90	105	130	130	145
Offer rate	Asian	56.7%	64.6%	61.6%	65.6%	69.1%	67.4%
	Black	56.2%	68.9%	78.4%	73.8%	77.8%	71.4%
	Mixed	69.2%	79.6%	81.2%	80.7%	83.4%	86.0%
	White	75.9%	83.9%	85.3%	87.1%	88.1%	87.6%
	Other	60.3%	72.4%	70.7%	64.0%	68.1%	64.4%
Average offer rate	Asian	58.1%	67.4%	64.4%	68.0%	71.0%	69.5%
	Black	59.4%	71.2%	78.0%	76.6%	79.8%	75.5%
	Mixed	70.2%	80.6%	81.1%	82.4%	84.6%	85.4%
	White	75.7%	83.5%	85.0%	86.6%	87.7%	87.1%
	Other	60.0%	69.9%	69.9%	67.6%	70.5%	67.4%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-1.3	-2.8	-2.8	-2.5	-1.8	-2.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-3.3	-2.4	0.4	-2.8	-1.9	-4.1
	Mixed	-1.0	-0.9	0.1	-1.7	-1.3	0.6
	White	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5
	Other	0.3	2.6	0.8	-3.6	-2.4	-3.0
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.227	0.225	0.230	0.233	0.232	0.232
offer rate	Black	0.127	0.123	0.122	0.109	0.117	0.125
	Mixed	0.100	0.093	0.094	0.096	0.105	0.110
	White	0.863	0.866	0.853	0.850	0.844	0.837
	Other	0.067	0.102	0.097	0.095	0.079	0.097

## P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

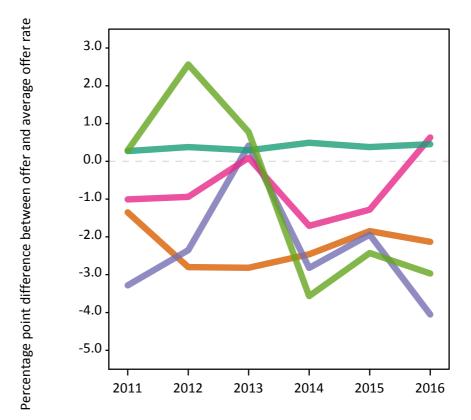
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**P.14** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





## P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	25,490	23,115	26,120	27,005	26,360	26,415
Placed June deadline applicants	3,985	3,420	4,085	4,105	4,220	4,070
All placed applicants	4,260	3,800	4,395	4,570	4,780	4,950

## P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	26,595	24,080	27,135	27,965	27,295	27,395
Offers	17,670	17,925	20,800	21,965	21,580	21,340
Offer rate	66.4%	74.4%	76.6%	78.6%	79.1%	77.9%

## P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	12,945	11,605	13,165	13,580	13,275	13,005
	Women	12,550	11,510	12,955	13,420	13,085	13,405
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,005	1,660	2,015	1,995	2,120	1,965
	Women	1,975	1,760	2,075	2,110	2,100	2,100
All placed applicants	Men	2,135	1,855	2,165	2,230	2,390	2,435
	Women	2,120	1,945	2,235	2,340	2,390	2,515

## P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	13,525	12,110	13,725	14,090	13,745	13,470
	Women	13,070	11,970	13,415	13,870	13,550	13,925
Offers	Men	8,950	8,825	10,405	10,900	10,715	10,265
	Women	8,720	9,095	10,395	11,065	10,865	11,075
Offer rate	Men	66.2%	72.9%	75.8%	77.4%	77.9%	76.2%
	Women	66.7%	76.0%	77.5%	79.8%	80.2%	79.5%

## P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,290	2,145	2,350	2,475	2,595	2,645
	Quintile 2	3,415	2,930	3,300	3,660	3,580	3,760
	Quintile 3	4,220	3,705	4,245	4,370	4,365	4,350
	Quintile 4	5,840	5,335	6,055	6,190	5,990	6,045
	Quintile 5	9,675	8,955	10,135	10,265	9,770	9,490
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	320	280	370	410	400	410
	Quintile 2	510	420	510	550	540	560
	Quintile 3	610	520	655	610	665	615
	Quintile 4	925	840	990	990	1,005	930
	Quintile 5	1,605	1,355	1,555	1,545	1,595	1,540
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	340	305	410	445	460	505
	Quintile 2	535	460	550	610	610	670
	Quintile 3	650	595	700	690	770	755
	Quintile 4	990	920	1,075	1,090	1,130	1,130
	Quintile 5	1,730	1,520	1,660	1,730	1,805	1,865

## P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,470	2,280	2,510	2,610	2,765	2,800
	Quintile 2	3,640	3,095	3,475	3,835	3,745	3,950
	Quintile 3	4,365	3,860	4,420	4,505	4,495	4,485
	Quintile 4	6,060	5,545	6,240	6,405	6,185	6,260
	Quintile 5	10,000	9,245	10,455	10,565	10,040	9,775
Offers	Quintile 1	1,370	1,340	1,720	1,830	1,905	1,960
	Quintile 2	2,145	2,060	2,465	2,805	2,775	2,895
	Quintile 3	2,725	2,765	3,335	3,500	3,460	3,445
	Quintile 4	4,160	4,235	4,840	5,100	5,015	4,935
	Quintile 5	7,240	7,495	8,415	8,705	8,390	8,030
Offer rate	Quintile 1	55.5%	58.8%	68.5%	70.0%	68.8%	69.9%
	Quintile 2	58.9%	66.5%	70.9%	73.1%	74.1%	73.2%
	Quintile 3	62.4%	71.7%	75.5%	77.8%	77.0%	76.8%
	Quintile 4	68.6%	76.3%	77.6%	79.6%	81.0%	78.8%
	Quintile 5	72.4%	81.1%	80.5%	82.4%	83.6%	82.2%

## P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	2,605	2,275	2,865	2,995	2,985	3,075
	Black	1,025	970	1,050	1,080	1,190	1,245
	Mixed	930	895	1,050	1,095	1,170	1,175
	White	20,470	18,570	20,700	21,315	20,470	20,295
	Other	230	230	295	345	340	385
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	240	200	255	240	300	305
	Black	75	70	85	95	115	105
	Mixed	145	125	155	155	180	185
	White	3,470	2,980	3,540	3,570	3,550	3,415
	Other	20	30	35	30	40	40
All placed applicants	Asian	280	260	305	315	375	455
	Black	85	85	95	130	150	170
	Mixed	160	140	170	180	210	215
	White	3,675	3,265	3,770	3,890	3,950	4,005
	Other	25	30	35	40	50	60

## P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	2,700	2,365	2,960	3,115	3,055	3,165
	Black	1,075	1,005	1,085	1,100	1,240	1,280
	Mixed	975	940	1,085	1,145	1,220	1,220
	White	21,365	19,345	21,520	22,070	21,205	21,075
	Other	235	245	315	350	355	405
Offers	Asian	1,355	1,350	1,630	1,880	1,895	1,950
	Black	400	460	635	645	685	690
	Mixed	620	690	825	860	935	955
	White	15,030	15,150	17,420	18,280	17,690	17,355
	Other	120	150	180	190	215	235
Offer rate	Asian	50.1%	57.1%	55.1%	60.3%	62.1%	61.5%
	Black	37.1%	45.7%	58.7%	58.4%	55.5%	54.0%
	Mixed	63.6%	73.5%	76.1%	75.2%	76.8%	78.5%
	White	70.3%	78.3%	81.0%	82.8%	83.4%	82.3%
	Other	50.0%	60.6%	57.0%	54.3%	60.7%	57.2%

## **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.