Sex, area background and ethnic group



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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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	6,355	5,505	5,345	5,855	6,470	5,680
Placed June deadline applicants	1,420	1,305	1,120	1,270	1,175	960
All placed applicants	1,525	1,505	1,285	1,435	1,320	1,085
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	82.5	71.1	70.3	77.8	84.4	75.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	18.5	16.9	14.7	16.9	15.3	12.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.8	19.4	16.9	19.0	17.2	14.5

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	6,985	6,045	5,790	6,475	7,115	6,210
Offers	5,635	4,975	4,895	5,545	5,980	5,475
Offer rate	80.6%	82.3%	84.5%	85.6%	84.1%	88.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	3,045	2,715	2,635	3,070	3,250	2,930
	Women	3,310	2,790	2,710	2,785	3,220	2,750
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	730	680	620	700	660	510
	Women	695	625	500	570	515	445
All placed applicants	Men	790	790	715	785	745	575
	Women	735	715	570	650	575	510
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	77.4	68.4	67.5	79.3	82.8	76.3
population	Women	87.9	74.0	73.2	76.1	86.2	75.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	18.5	17.1	15.9	18.1	16.8	13.3
10,000 population	Women	18.4	16.6	13.5	15.5	13.7	12.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	20.1	19.9	18.3	20.3	19.0	14.9
population	Women	19.5	18.9	15.4	17.7	15.4	14.0

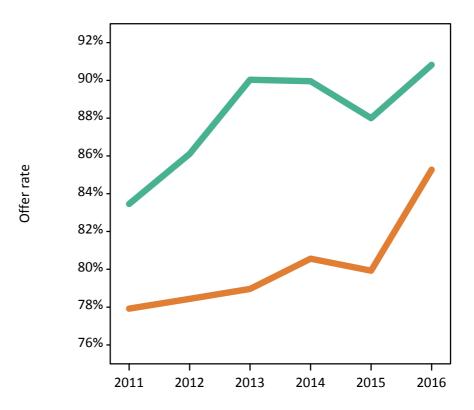
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	3,440	3,040	2,910	3,485	3,665	3,245
	Women	3,545	3,005	2,880	2,990	3,445	2,960
Offers	Men	2,870	2,615	2,620	3,135	3,225	2,950
	Women	2,765	2,355	2,275	2,410	2,755	2,525
Offer rate	Men	83.5%	86.1%	90.0%	90.0%	88.0%	90.8%
	Women	77.9%	78.4%	79.0%	80.6%	79.9%	85.3%
Average offer rate	Men	83.0%	85.7%	89.5%	89.5%	87.9%	91.0%
	Women	78.3%	78.9%	79.5%	81.1%	80.1%	85.1%
Percentage point difference between	Men	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.1
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.677	0.686	0.700	0.710	0.695	0.676
offer rate	Women	0.687	0.682	0.697	0.662	0.675	0.645

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 2011-2016.

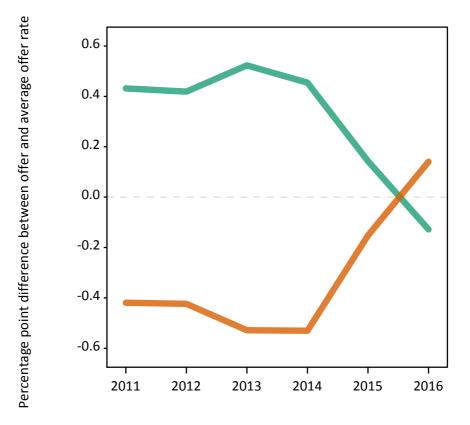




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic P	OLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	715	680	695	735	810	785
	Quintile 2	1,035	890	905	1,035	1,075	940
	Quintile 3	1,280	1,150	1,105	1,285	1,375	1,155
	Quintile 4	1,585	1,350	1,275	1,385	1,620	1,375
	Quintile 5	1,730	1,420	1,350	1,405	1,570	1,400
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	160	185	155	175	145	140
	Quintile 2	245	230	200	230	210	170
	Quintile 3	275	270	235	275	255	180
	Quintile 4	360	315	270	295	305	240
	Quintile 5	380	310	255	285	255	230
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	165	205	180	200	170	160
	Quintile 2	260	265	225	250	235	190
	Quintile 3	300	310	260	315	280	200
	Quintile 4	380	360	310	340	340	270
	Quintile 5	420	360	305	320	295	260
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	49.7	47.9	49.9	52.7	58.0	58.0
population	Quintile 2	69.0	59.3	61.4	70.7	72.5	65.1
	Quintile 3	83.2	74.6	72.5	85.3	89.6	76.8
	Quintile 4	101.1	85.2	81.5	90.0	103.6	88.9
	Quintile 5	104.5	84.5	81.8	86.3	93.7	84.8
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	11.1	12.8	11.1	12.7	10.5	10.2
10,000 population	Quintile 2	16.3	15.3	13.5	15.9	14.2	11.7
	Quintile 3	18.0	17.4	15.3	18.3	16.5	11.9
	Quintile 4	22.9	19.8	17.3	19.1	19.4	15.4
	Quintile 5	23.0	18.5	15.5	17.6	15.3	13.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	11.3	14.2	12.8	14.5	12.1	11.8
population	Quintile 2	17.3	17.8	15.2	17.2	15.7	13.3
	Quintile 3	19.6	20.2	17.0	20.9	18.3	13.3
	Quintile 4	24.3	22.7	19.9	22.1	21.7	17.4
	Quintile 5	25.3	21.5	18.5	19.7	17.5	15.7

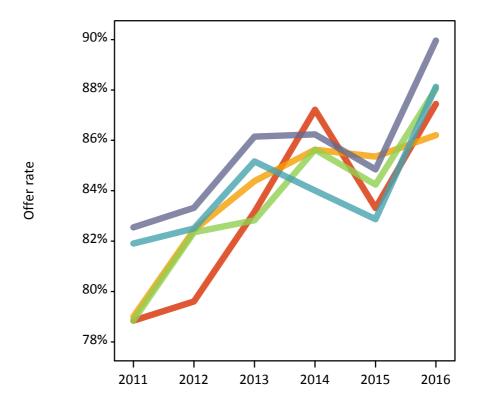
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	795	765	765	830	925	870
	Quintile 2	1,145	985	985	1,140	1,190	1,015
	Quintile 3	1,405	1,260	1,210	1,425	1,505	1,270
	Quintile 4	1,720	1,480	1,375	1,540	1,765	1,505
	Quintile 5	1,915	1,545	1,435	1,525	1,715	1,515
Offers	Quintile 1	625	610	635	725	770	760
	Quintile 2	905	810	830	975	1,015	875
	Quintile 3	1,105	1,035	1,005	1,220	1,265	1,120
	Quintile 4	1,410	1,220	1,170	1,290	1,460	1,330
	Quintile 5	1,580	1,290	1,240	1,315	1,455	1,360
Offer rate	Quintile 1	78.8%	79.6%	83.2%	87.2%	83.3%	87.4%
	Quintile 2	79.0%	82.4%	84.4%	85.6%	85.4%	86.2%
	Quintile 3	78.8%	82.4%	82.8%	85.6%	84.2%	88.1%
	Quintile 4	81.9%	82.5%	85.2%	84.0%	82.9%	88.1%
	Quintile 5	82.5%	83.3%	86.2%	86.2%	84.8%	90.0%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	80.0%	82.2%	84.0%	86.9%	84.2%	88.5%
	Quintile 2	79.6%	81.5%	83.9%	85.5%	85.0%	87.6%
	Quintile 3	80.5%	82.4%	84.5%	85.7%	84.0%	88.1%
	Quintile 4	81.5%	82.7%	84.4%	85.0%	83.4%	88.1%
	Quintile 5	80.9%	82.4%	85.4%	85.5%	84.3%	88.3%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-1.2	-2.6	-0.9	0.3	-0.9	-1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.6	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.3	-1.4
	Quintile 3	-1.7	-0.0	-1.6	-0.0	0.2	-0.1
	Quintile 4	0.4	-0.2	0.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.0
	Quintile 5	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.6
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.189	0.213	0.223	0.201	0.199	0.210
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.237	0.244	0.254	0.252	0.241	0.236
	Quintile 3	0.282	0.282	0.291	0.288	0.275	0.268
	Quintile 4	0.316	0.318	0.325	0.303	0.310	0.313
	Quintile 5	0.345	0.342	0.345	0.321	0.320	0.323

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

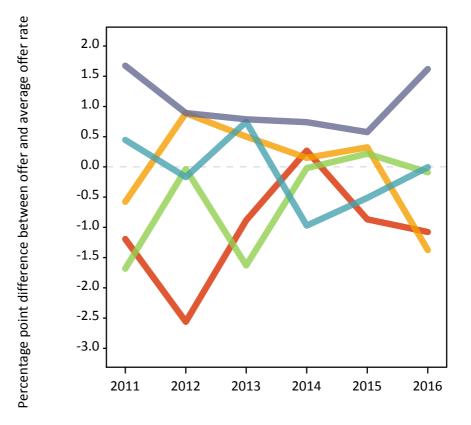
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2011-2016.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	225	195	215	225	305	210
	Black	340	295	330	385	480	320
	Mixed	250	230	220	250	295	265
	White	5,485	4,740	4,530	4,935	5,325	4,800
	Other	40	35	45	45	45	55
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	45	30	35	45	40	25
	Black	65	70	75	60	80	55
	Mixed	60	60	40	55	55	50
	White	1,240	1,140	960	1,110	990	820
	Other	10	5	5	5	5	10
All placed applicants	Asian	60	55	45	65	50	30
	Black	75	90	90	75	100	65
	Mixed	65	70	50	60	65	55
	White	1,315	1,280	1,085	1,230	1,095	920
	Other	10	10	10	5	5	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	35.5	30.1	32.3	33.2	43.4	29.5
population	Black	124.7	105.1	110.5	127.7	150.5	102.6
	Mixed	104.0	88.3	81.4	86.9	96.3	84.9
	White	84.7	73.4	72.0	80.0	85.5	79.4
	Other	50.6	37.3	47.4	49.4	46.7	53.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	7.5	4.5	5.2	6.5	5.4	3.5
10,000 population	Black	23.8	24.5	24.9	19.1	25.1	17.3
	Mixed	23.9	22.3	14.8	18.4	17.8	15.6
	White	19.2	17.7	15.3	18.0	15.9	13.5
	Other	9.9	7.9	7.7	4.3	6.2	8.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	9.2	8.3	7.1	9.3	7.3	4.3
population	Black	27.4	32.0	30.7	25.1	30.8	20.5
	Mixed	27.2	26.1	17.8	20.2	20.8	18.1
	White	20.3	19.8	17.3	19.9	17.6	15.2
	Other	9.9	9.0	11.0	5.4	7.3	11.1

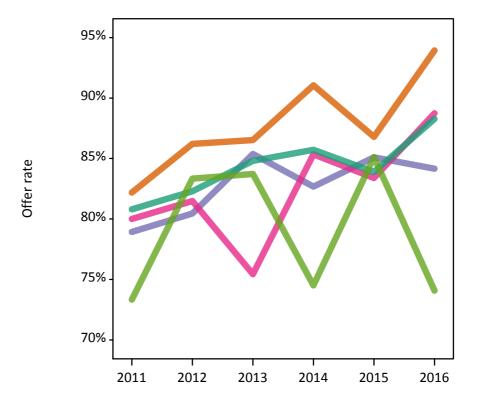
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	245	205	230	245	320	230
	Black	355	310	340	405	510	340
	Mixed	270	245	230	275	320	285
	White	6,050	5,240	4,930	5,490	5,905	5,270
	Other	45	35	45	50	45	55
Offers	Asian	205	175	200	225	275	215
	Black	280	250	290	335	435	285
	Mixed	215	200	175	235	265	250
	White	4,890	4,310	4,180	4,705	4,955	4,655
	Other	35	30	35	40	40	40
Offer rate	Asian	82.2%	86.2%	86.5%	91.1%	86.8%	93.9%
	Black	78.9%	80.4%	85.4%	82.7%	85.1%	84.2%
	Mixed	80.0%	81.5%	75.4%	85.3%	83.4%	88.7%
	White	80.8%	82.3%	84.8%	85.7%	83.9%	88.3%
	Other	73.3%	83.3%	83.7%	74.5%	85.1%	74.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	82.5%	85.1%	89.1%	89.1%	88.7%	91.7%
	Black	80.8%	82.6%	86.2%	85.9%	84.9%	88.5%
	Mixed	81.6%	81.0%	80.1%	85.4%	84.7%	87.8%
	White	80.6%	82.2%	84.4%	85.5%	83.7%	88.0%
	Other	79.8%	79.6%	85.2%	84.5%	83.4%	84.1%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-0.3	1.1	-2.6	2.0	-1.9	2.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-1.9	-2.2	-0.8	-3.3	0.2	-4.3
	Mixed	-1.6	0.5	-4.7	-0.0	-1.3	1.0
	White	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	-10.0	N/A	-10.0
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.160	0.176	0.193	0.146	0.150	0.145
offer rate	Black	0.152	0.147	0.163	0.157	0.162	0.143
	Mixed	0.119	0.132	0.118	0.127	0.120	0.122
	White	0.883	0.885	0.873	0.865	0.851	0.865
	Other	0.088	0.120	0.075	0.052	0.142	0.107

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 2011-2016.





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	13,070	11,090	10,945	11,585	11,990	10,580
Placed June deadline applicants	3,255	2,825	2,545	2,705	2,505	2,070
All placed applicants	3,490	3,330	3,040	3,160	2,860	2,410

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	14,770	12,475	12,150	12,975	13,480	11,785
Offers	10,805	9,540	9,570	10,390	10,625	9,840
Offer rate	73.2%	76.5%	78.8%	80.1%	78.8%	83.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Men	6,735	5,790	5,690	6,295	6,305	5,675
	Women	6,335	5,300	5,255	5,285	5,680	4,905
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,830	1,610	1,475	1,560	1,455	1,160
	Women	1,430	1,215	1,065	1,145	1,050	905
All placed applicants	Men	1,970	1,920	1,795	1,820	1,650	1,365
	Women	1,520	1,410	1,245	1,340	1,210	1,045

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Men	7,805	6,675	6,455	7,210	7,285	6,425
	Women	6,965	5,800	5,695	5,770	6,195	5,355
Offers	Men	5,875	5,335	5,410	6,055	6,010	5,540
	Women	4,930	4,205	4,160	4,335	4,610	4,295
Offer rate	Men	75.3%	79.9%	83.9%	84.0%	82.5%	86.2%
	Women	70.7%	72.5%	73.0%	75.2%	74.5%	80.2%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,715	1,625	1,595	1,685	1,770	1,580
	Quintile 2	2,260	1,910	1,910	2,030	2,030	1,760
	Quintile 3	2,670	2,295	2,285	2,495	2,515	2,220
	Quintile 4	3,135	2,620	2,550	2,730	2,880	2,505
	Quintile 5	3,255	2,610	2,580	2,620	2,765	2,450
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	445	425	380	435	390	355
	Quintile 2	585	500	460	495	435	340
	Quintile 3	640	595	535	560	535	435
	Quintile 4	790	665	605	635	595	480
	Quintile 5	790	635	555	575	535	450
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	470	500	460	505	450	410
	Quintile 2	615	585	540	565	490	390
	Quintile 3	685	705	635	660	610	495
	Quintile 4	845	780	725	755	680	555
	Quintile 5	865	750	670	675	620	545

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,995	1,880	1,805	1,930	2,080	1,805
	Quintile 2	2,535	2,160	2,140	2,280	2,275	1,935
	Quintile 3	3,040	2,585	2,560	2,810	2,815	2,470
	Quintile 4	3,515	2,930	2,815	3,065	3,225	2,795
	Quintile 5	3,645	2,875	2,805	2,865	3,050	2,710
Offers	Quintile 1	1,410	1,400	1,370	1,535	1,580	1,480
	Quintile 2	1,815	1,660	1,670	1,815	1,790	1,580
	Quintile 3	2,205	1,975	1,985	2,225	2,210	2,045
	Quintile 4	2,585	2,240	2,275	2,445	2,550	2,345
	Quintile 5	2,765	2,235	2,245	2,345	2,465	2,330
Offer rate	Quintile 1	70.8%	74.6%	76.0%	79.7%	76.1%	82.0%
	Quintile 2	71.6%	76.9%	78.0%	79.7%	78.7%	81.7%
	Quintile 3	72.5%	76.4%	77.6%	79.2%	78.4%	82.8%
	Quintile 4	73.4%	76.3%	80.9%	79.7%	79.1%	83.9%
	Quintile 5	75.9%	77.6%	80.2%	81.8%	80.9%	85.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applicants	Asian	610	545	505	585	625	495
	Black	915	895	895	985	1,065	855
	Mixed	580	505	480	545	565	530
	White	10,815	8,990	8,900	9,315	9,575	8,525
	Other	95	100	110	120	100	120
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	150	110	90	115	100	80
	Black	180	235	230	175	185	145
	Mixed	140	140	110	120	115	110
	White	2,750	2,310	2,070	2,260	2,075	1,710
	Other	25	20	25	25	15	20
All placed applicants	Asian	170	175	135	160	135	105
	Black	215	305	300	250	240	190
	Mixed	160	165	130	150	135	130
	White	2,905	2,640	2,420	2,550	2,310	1,950
	Other	25	30	35	35	25	25

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June deadline applications	Asian	690	600	545	650	675	560
	Black	980	965	960	1,065	1,150	915
	Mixed	640	570	530	605	625	570
	White	12,300	10,160	9,925	10,485	10,855	9,555
	Other	105	110	125	140	115	125
Offers	Asian	515	490	445	550	560	475
	Black	640	695	740	790	860	695
	Mixed	460	435	385	475	495	455
	White	9,080	7,805	7,855	8,440	8,580	8,065
	Other	75	80	95	105	90	95
Offer rate	Asian	74.8%	81.4%	82.0%	84.9%	83.0%	84.7%
	Black	65.5%	71.9%	77.0%	74.4%	75.0%	76.2%
	Mixed	71.8%	75.9%	73.0%	78.8%	78.9%	80.2%
	White	73.8%	76.8%	79.2%	80.5%	79.1%	84.4%
	Other	73.1%	73.2%	74.0%	75.2%	78.1%	75.4%

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 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.