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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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	4,785	6,000	6,635	7,825	8,565	8,915
Placed June deadline applicants	775	1,085	1,085	1,490	1,555	1,610
All placed applicants	1,130	1,300	1,460	1,930	2,005	2,070
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	61.9	78.8	88.1	102.2	114.3	120.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	10.0	14.3	14.4	19.4	20.7	21.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	14.6	17.1	19.4	25.2	26.7	27.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	5,005	6,295	6,950	8,160	8,910	9,390
Offers	4,060	5,290	5,675	6,890	7,485	7,890
Offer rate	81.1%	84.0%	81.7%	84.4%	84.0%	84.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

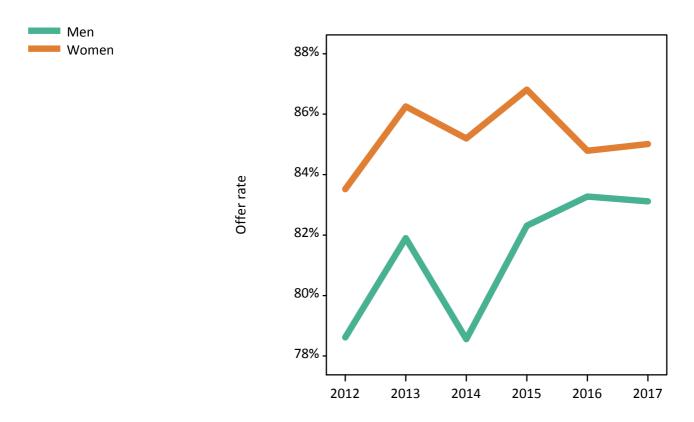
Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	2,350	3,070	3,500	4,175	4,440	4,610
	Women	2,435	2,930	3,135	3,655	4,125	4,305
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	340	550	550	705	795	795
	Women	440	535	535	785	760	815
All placed applicants	Men	480	635	725	920	1,020	1,025
	Women	650	665	730	1,010	985	1,045
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	59.3	78.6	90.4	106.3	115.6	121.4
population	Women	64.6	79.0	85.6	97.8	112.9	119.2
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	8.5	14.1	14.3	17.9	20.7	21.0
10,000 population	Women	11.6	14.4	14.6	21.1	20.8	22.5
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	12.1	16.3	18.8	23.4	26.5	27.0
population	Women	17.2	18.0	20.0	27.0	26.9	28.9

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	2,455	3,230	3,695	4,350	4,645	4,880
	Women	2,550	3,065	3,255	3,815	4,265	4,510
Offers	Men	1,930	2,645	2,900	3,580	3,870	4,055
	Women	2,130	2,640	2,775	3,310	3,615	3,835
Offer rate	Men	78.6%	81.9%	78.6%	82.3%	83.3%	83.1%
	Women	83.5%	86.3%	85.2%	86.8%	84.8%	85.0%
Average offer rate	Men	79.2%	82.1%	78.8%	82.8%	83.4%	83.4%
	Women	83.0%	86.0%	84.9%	86.3%	84.6%	84.7%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.626	0.650	0.672	0.655	0.649	0.645
offer rate	Women	0.639	0.631	0.628	0.607	0.618	0.616

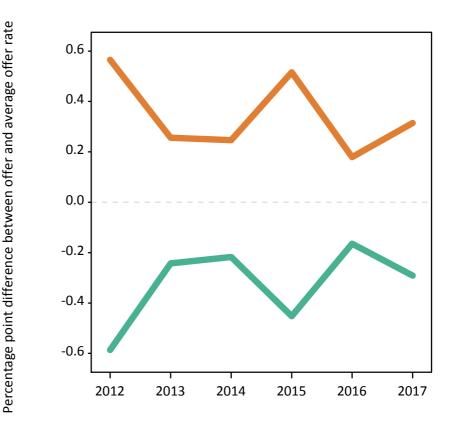
P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.



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 2012-2017.





P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

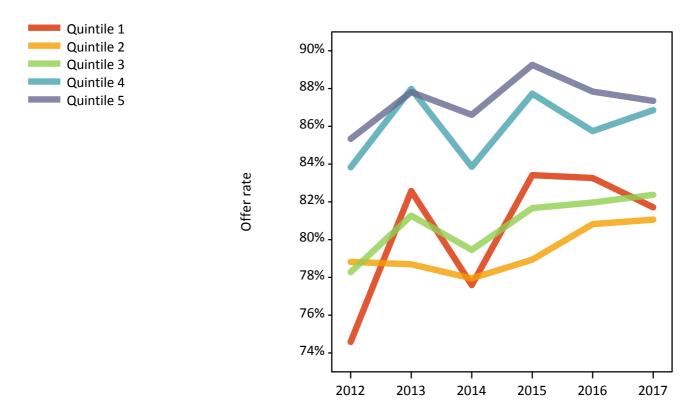
Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	455	575	690	805	920	985
	Quintile 2	995	1,200	1,440	1,650	1,875	2,050
	Quintile 3	1,015	1,315	1,435	1,740	1,930	2,070
	Quintile 4	925	1,210	1,295	1,555	1,735	1,645
	Quintile 5	1,380	1,685	1,760	2,060	2,095	2,145
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	75	120	125	150	170	165
	Quintile 2	195	250	255	350	380	420
	Quintile 3	155	220	240	330	330	375
	Quintile 4	140	215	200	280	310	270
	Quintile 5	210	285	260	375	365	375
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	100	135	170	180	200	210
	Quintile 2	265	295	325	435	495	535
	Quintile 3	235	260	320	445	435	490
	Quintile 4	205	250	275	375	390	345
	Quintile 5	320	360	370	495	475	485
June deadline applicants per 10,00	0 Quintile 1	32.1	41.4	49.6	57.4	68.1	74.1
population	Quintile 2	66.2	81.6	98.4	111.0	129.7	144.5
	Quintile 3	65.9	86.1	95.5	113.4	128.2	138.9
	Quintile 4	58.2	77.4	83.9	99.4	112.4	107.6
	Quintile 5	82.3	101.9	107.9	123.2	126.7	130.6
Placed June deadline applicants pe		5.2	8.5	9.1	10.6	12.4	12.3
10,000 population	Quintile 2	13.0	16.8	17.6	23.6	26.2	29.7
	Quintile 3	10.0	14.3	16.0	21.6	21.9	25.3
	Quintile 4	8.9	13.8	13.0	17.9	20.1	17.7
	Quintile 5	12.4	17.2	15.9	22.4	22.0	22.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	6.9	9.8	12.1	12.8	14.9	15.8
population	Quintile 2	17.8	19.9	22.1	29.2	34.2	37.7
	Quintile 3	15.3	17.2	21.2	28.8	29.0	32.8
	Quintile 4	12.9	16.1	17.8	24.0	25.2	22.6
	Quintile 5	18.9	21.7	22.8	29.5	28.9	29.7

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	480	615	715	830	955	1,030
	Quintile 2	1,055	1,285	1,535	1,760	1,995	2,215
	Quintile 3	1,070	1,390	1,515	1,835	2,025	2,185
	Quintile 4	945	1,250	1,340	1,595	1,775	1,710
	Quintile 5	1,440	1,750	1,835	2,120	2,145	2,230
Offers	Quintile 1	360	505	555	695	795	840
	Quintile 2	830	1,010	1,195	1,390	1,615	1,795
	Quintile 3	835	1,130	1,205	1,495	1,660	1,800
	Quintile 4	795	1,100	1,120	1,400	1,520	1,485
	Quintile 5	1,230	1,535	1,590	1,895	1,885	1,945
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.6%	82.6%	77.6%	83.4%	83.3%	81.7%
	Quintile 2	78.8%	78.7%	78.0%	78.9%	80.8%	81.1%
	Quintile 3	78.3%	81.3%	79.5%	81.7%	82.0%	82.4%
	Quintile 4	83.8%	88.0%	83.9%	87.7%	85.7%	86.8%
	Quintile 5	85.3%	87.8%	86.6%	89.3%	87.8%	87.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	77.5%	82.3%	78.5%	82.7%	82.7%	82.8%
	Quintile 2	78.4%	79.6%	78.5%	80.6%	81.7%	81.6%
	Quintile 3	78.7%	81.9%	80.3%	82.2%	82.8%	83.4%
	Quintile 4	82.7%	86.3%	83.5%	87.4%	84.8%	86.0%
	Quintile 5	85.1%	87.9%	85.4%	87.9%	87.2%	85.9%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-2.9	0.3	-0.9	0.7	0.5	-1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	0.5	-1.0	-0.5	-1.7	-0.9	-0.6
	Quintile 3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0
	Quintile 4	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.8
	Quintile 5	0.2	-0.1	1.2	1.4	0.6	1.4
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.207	0.187	0.188	0.173	0.168	0.172
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.302	0.292	0.304	0.287	0.290	0.297
	Quintile 3	0.306	0.292	0.290	0.287	0.288	0.284
	Quintile 4	0.280	0.280	0.264	0.261	0.256	0.239
	Quintile 5	0.372	0.368	0.345	0.330	0.314	0.301

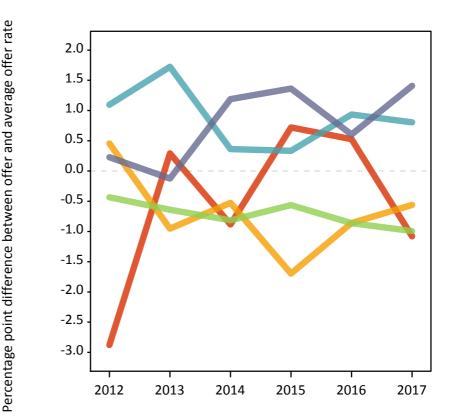
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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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 2012-2017.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

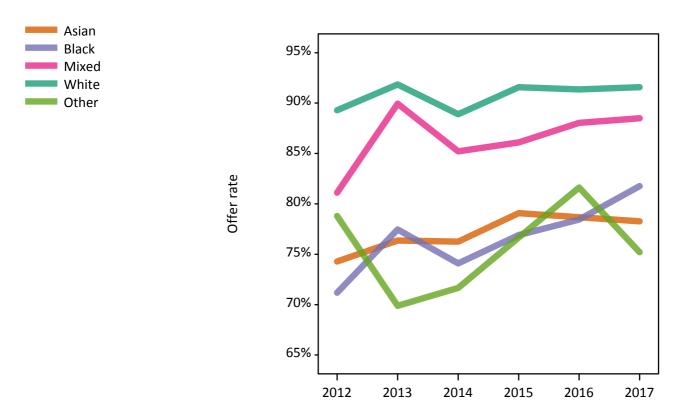
Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,940	2,360	2,680	2,990	3,450	3,670
	Black	400	545	690	930	1,145	1,255
	Mixed	175	190	250	325	355	405
	White	2,175	2,785	2,845	3,375	3,345	3,285
	Other	60	80	120	140	205	230
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	330	470	515	680	770	805
	Black	60	90	105	175	205	220
	Mixed	25	35	45	45	55	65
	White	345	470	400	550	480	460
	Other	15	10	15	25	35	45
All placed applicants	Asian	530	600	710	915	1,020	1,040
	Black	90	125	145	255	290	300
	Mixed	35	40	60	65	75	90
	White	450	515	505	645	560	570
	Other	15	10	20	35	45	55
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	299.4	357.7	394.9	422.7	479.4	498.7
population	Black	142.0	182.9	228.0	291.8	365.1	398.5
	Mixed	68.0	71.0	87.6	105.7	112.5	125.5
	White	33.7	44.3	46.1	54.2	55.3	55.3
	Other	70.1	90.4	128.9	146.3	208.0	222.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	50.8	71.6	75.9	96.2	107.0	109.3
10,000 population	Black	21.7	30.0	34.0	55.3	65.8	70.5
	Mixed	8.8	13.3	15.3	14.9	18.1	20.9
	White	5.3	7.5	6.5	8.8	7.9	7.8
	Other	17.0	11.0	16.1	25.9	33.2	41.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	82.2	91.1	104.7	129.3	142.0	141.4
population	Black	32.0	41.8	48.5	79.5	92.0	95.0
	Mixed	13.8	14.8	21.2	21.1	23.2	27.4
	White	6.9	8.2	8.2	10.4	9.3	9.6
	Other	18.1	12.1	21.5	34.2	45.2	54.4

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	2,035	2,495	2,845	3,170	3,645	3,950
	Black	405	560	710	950	1,165	1,295
	Mixed	180	200	255	340	370	415
	White	2,280	2,920	2,955	3,490	3,440	3,410
	Other	65	85	125	150	225	240
Offers	Asian	1,510	1,905	2,170	2,505	2,870	3,095
	Black	290	435	525	730	915	1,060
	Mixed	145	180	220	290	325	370
	White	2,035	2,680	2,625	3,195	3,140	3,125
	Other	50	60	90	115	180	180
Offer rate	Asian	74.3%	76.4%	76.2%	79.1%	78.7%	78.3%
	Black	71.2%	77.5%	74.1%	76.9%	78.4%	81.8%
	Mixed	81.1%	89.9%	85.2%	86.1%	88.0%	88.5%
	White	89.3%	91.8%	88.9%	91.6%	91.4%	91.6%
	Other	78.8%	69.9%	71.7%	76.7%	81.6%	75.2%
Average offer rate	Asian	76.4%	78.5%	77.3%	80.5%	80.2%	79.5%
	Black	74.0%	78.9%	76.7%	79.3%	80.9%	83.2%
	Mixed	82.6%	91.0%	83.2%	85.4%	87.0%	86.4%
	White	86.7%	89.6%	87.2%	89.6%	89.1%	89.6%
	Other	74.7%	74.5%	75.9%	79.3%	80.6%	79.1%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-2.2	-2.1	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-1.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-2.8	-1.5	-2.6	-2.4	-2.5	-1.5
	Mixed	-1.5	-1.0	2.0	0.7	1.1	2.1
	White	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.0
	Other	4.1	-4.7	-4.2	-2.7	1.0	-3.8
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.534	0.523	0.515	0.491	0.505	0.508
offer rate	Black	0.206	0.190	0.201	0.203	0.211	0.221
	Mixed	0.149	0.129	0.113	0.134	0.114	0.110
	White	0.581	0.587	0.537	0.541	0.497	0.472
	Other	0.104	0.117	0.105	0.089	0.086	0.079

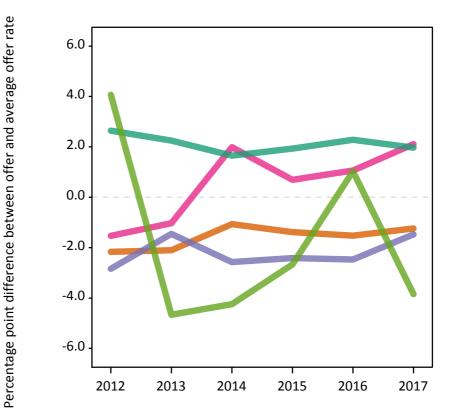
P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.



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 2012-2017.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	7,920	9,900	10,855	12,890	13,730	13,600
Placed June deadline applicants	1,230	1,810	1,680	2,235	2,310	2,265
All placed applicants	1,820	2,180	2,290	2,995	3,065	3,065

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	8,365	10,445	11,475	13,565	14,410	14,380
Offers	5,970	7,935	8,410	10,140	10,900	10,975
Offer rate	71.4%	76.0%	73.3%	74.7%	75.7%	76.3%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	4,150	5,360	5,935	7,170	7,480	7,385
	Women	3,770	4,540	4,920	5,720	6,255	6,220
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	605	980	895	1,130	1,245	1,170
	Women	625	830	785	1,110	1,065	1,095
All placed applicants	Men	890	1,145	1,215	1,530	1,650	1,585
	Women	925	1,035	1,075	1,465	1,415	1,475

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	4,380	5,650	6,305	7,540	7,880	7,825
	Women	3,985	4,795	5,170	6,025	6,530	6,555
Offers	Men	3,010	4,160	4,460	5,525	5,920	5,895
	Women	2,965	3,775	3,955	4,610	4,980	5,080
Offer rate	Men	68.6%	73.6%	70.7%	73.3%	75.1%	75.3%
	Women	74.4%	78.7%	76.5%	76.5%	76.3%	77.5%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	795	990	1,140	1,375	1,470	1,525
	Quintile 2	1,820	2,175	2,495	2,920	3,100	3,210
	Quintile 3	1,755	2,235	2,435	2,940	3,225	3,155
	Quintile 4	1,440	1,890	2,010	2,405	2,640	2,465
	Quintile 5	2,075	2,585	2,745	3,220	3,270	3,210
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	125	195	180	225	240	230
	Quintile 2	330	420	390	525	590	590
	Quintile 3	245	395	395	510	500	535
	Quintile 4	210	350	300	410	430	395
	Quintile 5	320	450	410	565	540	520
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	165	215	245	275	300	300
	Quintile 2	465	505	505	680	785	790
	Quintile 3	385	485	530	705	690	730
	Quintile 4	315	410	415	550	565	525
	Quintile 5	485	560	590	780	720	710

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	845	1,050	1,200	1,435	1,535	1,605
	Quintile 2	1,940	2,335	2,695	3,165	3,340	3,475
	Quintile 3	1,870	2,395	2,590	3,100	3,405	3,350
	Quintile 4	1,495	1,955	2,085	2,505	2,730	2,565
	Quintile 5	2,175	2,690	2,875	3,330	3,370	3,345
Offers	Quintile 1	545	755	830	1,035	1,125	1,170
	Quintile 2	1,300	1,615	1,830	2,145	2,385	2,545
	Quintile 3	1,270	1,755	1,835	2,255	2,485	2,490
	Quintile 4	1,130	1,585	1,590	1,980	2,155	2,050
	Quintile 5	1,705	2,215	2,305	2,700	2,730	2,690
Offer rate	Quintile 1	64.5%	71.9%	69.0%	72.2%	73.3%	72.9%
	Quintile 2	67.0%	69.1%	67.9%	67.8%	71.5%	73.2%
	Quintile 3	67.9%	73.2%	70.8%	72.8%	73.0%	74.3%
	Quintile 4	75.5%	80.9%	76.3%	78.9%	78.9%	79.9%
	Quintile 5	78.3%	82.2%	80.3%	81.1%	81.0%	80.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	3,400	4,260	4,670	5,355	5,820	5,790
	Black	1,000	1,230	1,360	1,795	2,050	2,110
	Mixed	300	330	435	555	600	620
	White	2,985	3,780	4,035	4,730	4,730	4,520
	Other	160	195	250	310	390	395
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	530	860	800	1,070	1,150	1,125
	Black	145	185	185	280	315	325
	Mixed	40	55	65	75	90	85
	White	485	665	580	740	690	645
	Other	30	30	30	50	55	65
All placed applicants	Asian	875	1,090	1,135	1,490	1,555	1,540
	Black	205	240	265	410	465	465
	Mixed	65	65	85	105	120	120
	White	625	730	725	880	820	800
	Other	35	30	45	75	80	95

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	3,600	4,525	4,995	5,700	6,185	6,225
	Black	1,040	1,280	1,410	1,865	2,115	2,195
	Mixed	310	340	450	580	635	645
	White	3,165	3,980	4,225	4,925	4,910	4,725
	Other	165	210	270	335	410	420
Offers	Asian	2,390	3,195	3,415	3,965	4,385	4,460
	Black	575	810	890	1,210	1,450	1,575
	Mixed	220	275	340	445	480	500
	White	2,635	3,455	3,530	4,195	4,190	4,050
	Other	105	130	170	215	290	275
Offer rate	Asian	66.4%	70.6%	68.3%	69.6%	70.9%	71.6%
	Black	55.2%	63.3%	62.9%	64.9%	68.6%	71.8%
	Mixed	70.8%	80.1%	75.7%	77.0%	76.1%	77.6%
	White	83.2%	86.7%	83.5%	85.2%	85.4%	85.7%
	Other	64.5%	62.5%	63.8%	63.2%	70.9%	65.4%

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 2017 cycle runs from September 2016 through to October 2017.

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 2016 quintile

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 2017 End of Cycle Report and the 2017 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. 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.