

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_039_04 Applicants by POLAR3 and sex

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Sex, Cycle Year

Coverage: UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

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). 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 classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system.

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POLAR3 Quintile, Sex		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POLAR3 Quintile 1	Men	8,905	10,090	11,370	11,220	10,740	11,265	12,015	12,215	12,260	12,330
	Women	13,365	14,445	16,035	16,210	15,780	15,965	17,270	18,275	18,335	18,715
POLAR3 Quintile 2	Men	14,345	15,750	16,810	17,080	16,145	16,635	17,250	17,880	18,005	18,030
	Women	20,095	21,620	22,970	23,120	22,590	22,965	24,015	25,355	25,445	25,345
POLAR3 Quintile 3	Men	18,965	20,810	22,490	22,215	21,525	21,845	22,605	23,105	23,095	23,325
	Women	25,835	27,505	28,865	28,740	28,210	28,715	29,220	30,880	31,205	31,285
POLAR3 Quintile 4	Men	25,785	27,585	28,855	28,755	27,395	27,545	27,775	28,655	28,720	28,750
	Women	32,355	33,785	35,840	35,150	34,040	34,475	34,505	36,455	36,445	36,465
POLAR3 Quintile 5	Men	37,295	39,305	40,670	40,435	38,700	38,765	39,035	39,625	40,130	40,565
	Women	42,960	44,975	45,840	45,725	44,715	44,200	44,560	46,370	46,815	46,800
Not assigned	Men	1,835	595	280	245	250	230	250	240	270	360
	Women	2,330	615	320	305	275	250	260	305	315	415
Total		244,070	257,090	270,350	269,195	260,360	262,850	268,760	279,365	281,040	282,380