

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_042_05 Acceptances by A level points and POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Acceptances

Variables: Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline, UK domiciled (excluding Scotland) 18 year olds and hold at least 3 A levels

Definitions

Achieved A level point score

A points score attached to the highest 3 A level grades achieved by the applicant as identified either on application or through awarding body linkage process. The following points per grade are used in the calculation: A* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. A Level Double Award grades are included, AS level grades are not included. This value is not updated beyond the end of the application cycle for each applicant. (I.e. if an applicant applied in the 2010 cycle with one A level grade 'C', but went on to obtain a further two A levels in 2011, the value for the applicant applying in 2010 would remain 3.) This is only relevant for 18 year-old applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, any applicants outside of this cohort will be assigned the value 'Not applicable'. These scores are calculated purely for analytical purposes and do not relate to the UCAS tariff.

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.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education.

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Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	30	10	15	15	25	25	20	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	45	30	15	30	20	20	30	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	45	30	30	45	35	25	40	25
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	45	45	20	40	35	40	30	40
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	45	40	40	30	35	35	40	40
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	110	85	105	85	100	80	90	115
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	135	110	105	115	115	110	145	140
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	205	135	150	135	145	160	150	165
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	170	135	140	140	155	165	175	175
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	190	180	155	150	185	160	160	165
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	270	195	240	250	250	240	270	315
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	375	325	305	340	315	350	360	360
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	480	390	385	390	405	425	440	480
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	495	435	405	390	420	420	415	450
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	540	435	435	440	500	470	500	550
	Not assigned	10	10	5	0	0	5	5	10
6 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	555	495	495	485	530	485	535	585
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	810	660	675	675	690	725	730	740
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	925	825	830	785	870	890	865	915
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,065	895	820	915	930	920	920	985
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,100	955	960	935	1,080	1,040	1,065	1,100
	Not assigned	10	5	5	10	10	5	10	10
7 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	860	830	765	805	800	840	900	910
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,265	1,205	1,190	1,145	1,135	1,210	1,175	1,205
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,535	1,405	1,435	1,370	1,440	1,515	1,500	1,555
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,680	1,660	1,480	1,525	1,685	1,655	1,655	1,690
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,875	1,685	1,610	1,715	1,685	1,750	1,820	1,785
	Not assigned	15	0	10	15	15	10	10	15
8 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,160	1,165	1,055	1,105	1,140	1,170	1,210	1,185
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,680	1,655	1,620	1,600	1,665	1,785	1,745	1,755
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,110	2,115	2,000	2,045	2,055	2,155	2,125	2,145
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,430	2,415	2,250	2,230	2,350	2,375	2,510	2,480
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,700	2,775	2,505	2,525	2,635	2,685	2,695	2,740
	Not assigned	20	20	10	10	15	15	15	30
9 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,480	1,520	1,355	1,350	1,405	1,525	1,515	1,605
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,180	2,190	2,010	2,005	2,080	2,085	2,195	2,145
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,680	2,810	2,630	2,735	2,650	2,730	2,805	2,760
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,200	3,275	3,030	3,070	3,005	3,225	3,275	3,175
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,735	3,825	3,465	3,560	3,515	3,730	3,825	3,845

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Achieved A level point score, POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
9 points	Not assigned	30	15	15	15	20	15	30	30
10 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,465	1,565	1,495	1,510	1,570	1,660	1,635	1,640
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,300	2,430	2,305	2,360	2,330	2,385	2,410	2,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,980	3,155	2,895	3,020	3,060	3,085	3,110	3,180
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,695	3,855	3,580	3,855	3,505	3,815	3,730	3,660
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,380	4,755	4,340	4,280	4,295	4,470	4,635	4,705
	Not assigned	20	20	35	15	25	25	25	40
11 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,420	1,560	1,550	1,575	1,520	1,560	1,555	1,650
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,310	2,415	2,355	2,380	2,230	2,365	2,505	2,500
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,065	3,170	3,040	3,075	3,075	3,260	3,240	3,320
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,935	4,135	3,855	4,025	3,820	4,155	4,095	4,125
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,900	5,175	4,905	4,990	5,040	5,250	5,255	5,385
	Not assigned	45	20	15	15	20	20	25	35
12 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,410	1,455	1,410	1,430	1,445	1,460	1,480	1,490
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,290	2,440	2,305	2,415	2,330	2,325	2,355	2,290
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,140	3,205	3,090	3,245	3,095	3,245	3,325	3,155
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,045	4,365	4,150	4,285	4,115	4,325	4,380	4,185
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,555	5,790	5,625	5,890	5,665	6,100	6,085	6,055
	Not assigned	25	30	25	30	20	30	30	35
13 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,160	1,205	1,200	1,205	1,175	1,205	1,205	1,285
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,000	2,050	2,055	2,080	2,020	2,055	2,130	1,960
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,905	2,995	2,825	2,945	2,810	2,940	2,880	2,910
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,010	4,135	4,155	4,220	3,900	3,975	4,065	4,035
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,765	6,010	6,000	6,080	5,940	6,060	6,020	6,000
	Not assigned	25	25	20	15	15	25	25	40
14 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	910	995	960	985	950	935	970	1,015
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,665	1,695	1,685	1,700	1,640	1,650	1,655	1,575
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,445	2,585	2,520	2,460	2,380	2,425	2,465	2,470
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,830	3,815	3,570	3,760	3,520	3,605	3,510	3,465
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,830	6,170	5,990	5,860	5,670	5,725	5,790	5,685
	Not assigned	25	30	15	20	25	25	20	30
15 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	815	825	820	700	765	795	750	785
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,445	1,605	1,455	1,540	1,405	1,385	1,430	1,415
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,300	2,370	2,270	2,190	1,990	2,040	2,080	2,120
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,705	3,775	3,555	3,545	3,195	3,335	3,185	3,185
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,510	6,325	6,200	6,115	5,615	5,520	5,565	5,510
	Not assigned	25	25	25	20	15	15	20	35
16 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	540	595	520	525	535	470	505	565
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,010	1,120	1,000	975	930	1,020	955	905
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,640	1,730	1,545	1,570	1,445	1,485	1,545	1,535
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,760	2,650	2,725	2,525	2,450	2,490	2,515	2,430
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,885	5,230	4,830	4,755	4,600	4,720	4,700	4,440

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
16 points	Not assigned	15	20	20	15	20	15	20	25
17 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	295	275	295	250	245	295	290	275
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	580	560	555	555	600	570	545	575
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	900	1,010	930	895	920	920	885	915
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,510	1,680	1,530	1,415	1,505	1,585	1,470	1,510
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,080	3,155	2,950	2,940	3,145	3,220	3,085	3,065
	Not assigned	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	10
18 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	190	205	185	160	225	200	175	240
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	385	430	385	380	425	415	370	415
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	660	710	670	695	690	685	610	710
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,140	1,190	1,230	1,135	1,205	1,265	1,075	1,235
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	2,505	2,835	2,675	2,500	2,625	2,715	2,550	2,705
	Not assigned	5	10	5	10	5	10	5	10
Total		152,735	156,580	149,125	150,370	147,935	152,620	152,930	153,485