Sex, area background and ethnic group



C99 University of Cumbria

Cycle years: 2010 - 2015

Cycle Reference Point: End of Cycle

Applicant coverage: UK domiciled

Reporting groups: Sex, POLAR3, ethnic group

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.

Contents:

18 year old applicants: P.1 18 year old applications: P.2 18 year old applicants by sex: P.3 18 year old applications by sex: P.4

18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: P.7 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile: P.8 18 year old applicants by ethnic group: P.11 18 year old applications by ethnic group: P.12

Applicants (all ages): P.15 Applications (all ages): P.16 Applicants (all ages) by sex: P.17 Applications (all ages) by sex: P.18

Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile: P.19 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile: P.20 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group: P.21 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group: P.22

P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	3,335	3,435	3,550	3,355	3,545	3,315
Placed June deadline applicants	810	835	735	660	655	570
All placed applicants	1,030	1,175	920	790	790	715
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	42.3	44.6	45.9	44.1	47.0	43.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	10.3	10.8	9.5	8.7	8.7	7.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	13.1	15.3	11.9	10.4	10.5	9.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	3,805	3,845	3,830	3,620	3,795	3,545
Offers	2,570	2,560	2,595	2,800	3,110	2,980
Offer rate	67.5%	66.6%	67.8%	77.3%	82.0%	84.1%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	1,195	1,105	1,095	995	1,000	970
	Women	2,145	2,330	2,460	2,360	2,545	2,345
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	255	250	220	210	175	160
	Women	555	585	520	450	480	410
All placed applicants	Men	335	385	270	255	210	200
	Women	695	790	650	535	580	515
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	29.7	28.1	27.6	25.5	25.8	24.7
population	Women	55.2	61.8	65.2	63.7	69.5	62.8
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	6.4	6.4	5.5	5.4	4.5	4.1
10,000 population	Women	14.3	15.5	13.8	12.2	13.1	10.9
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	8.3	9.8	6.8	6.5	5.4	5.1
population	Women	18.0	21.0	17.3	14.4	15.8	13.8

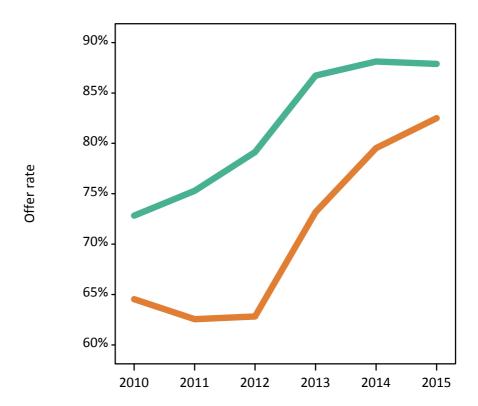
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	1,350	1,220	1,175	1,095	1,085	1,050
	Women	2,455	2,620	2,655	2,530	2,705	2,495
Offers	Men	985	920	930	950	955	920
	Women	1,585	1,640	1,670	1,850	2,155	2,060
Offer rate	Men	72.8%	75.3%	79.1%	86.7%	88.1%	87.9%
	Women	64.5%	62.5%	62.8%	73.2%	79.5%	82.5%
Average offer rate	Men	73.7%	75.3%	78.3%	85.9%	88.0%	88.5%
	Women	64.1%	62.5%	63.2%	73.5%	79.6%	82.2%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.8	-0.0	0.8	0.8	0.2	-0.7
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.3
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.591	0.550	0.529	0.550	0.536	0.552
offer rate	Women	0.775	0.791	0.792	0.806	0.814	0.812

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 2010-2015.

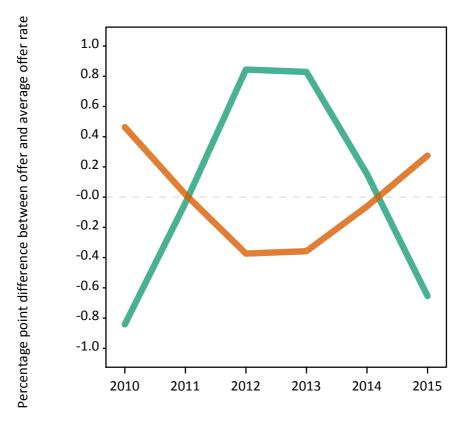




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	580	570	620	600	665	595
	Quintile 2	515	620	655	610	650	625
	Quintile 3	735	710	735	695	765	720
	Quintile 4	815	830	795	775	775	745
	Quintile 5	685	705	745	670	680	620
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	145	145	125	145	135	90
	Quintile 2	105	145	130	140	135	100
	Quintile 3	185	145	155	120	135	135
	Quintile 4	200	205	170	125	120	130
	Quintile 5	170	195	160	130	130	110
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	175	185	150	165	155	105
	Quintile 2	140	200	160	160	160	130
	Quintile 3	230	220	190	140	170	165
	Quintile 4	250	300	220	165	150	165
	Quintile 5	230	265	200	160	155	150
June deadline applicants per 10,00	00 Quintile 1	39.3	39.6	43.4	42.9	47.9	42.5
population	Quintile 2	33.5	41.2	43.8	41.5	44.6	42.2
	Quintile 3	46.3	46.1	47.5	45.7	51.0	46.8
	Quintile 4	51.2	52.9	50.0	49.7	50.2	47.5
	Quintile 5	40.3	42.5	44.5	40.5	41.8	37.2
Placed June deadline applicants pe	er Quintile 1	9.9	10.0	8.8	10.5	9.6	6.4
10,000 population	Quintile 2	6.8	9.6	8.7	9.4	9.3	6.8
	Quintile 3	11.7	9.4	10.0	7.8	8.9	8.8
	Quintile 4	12.6	13.2	10.7	8.1	7.9	8.3
	Quintile 5	10.1	11.7	9.4	7.8	8.0	6.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	11.8	12.7	10.4	11.9	11.1	7.6
population	Quintile 2	9.2	13.3	10.7	10.8	10.9	8.6
	Quintile 3	14.6	14.4	12.4	9.2	11.4	10.7
	Quintile 4	15.8	19.1	13.7	10.5	9.6	10.6
	Quintile 5	13.5	16.1	12.0	9.6	9.5	8.8

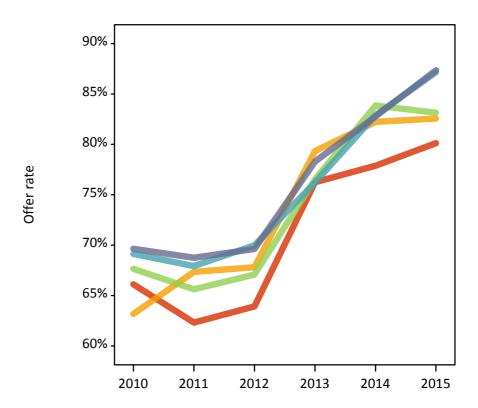
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	660	660	670	660	720	635
	Quintile 2	580	690	695	645	690	670
	Quintile 3	855	795	795	750	810	760
	Quintile 4	935	925	865	835	830	800
	Quintile 5	775	770	805	725	735	670
Offers	Quintile 1	435	410	425	505	560	510
	Quintile 2	365	465	470	510	570	555
	Quintile 3	575	520	535	575	680	630
	Quintile 4	645	630	605	640	690	700
	Quintile 5	540	530	560	565	610	585
Offer rate	Quintile 1	66.1%	62.3%	63.9%	76.2%	77.9%	80.1%
	Quintile 2	63.2%	67.3%	67.8%	79.3%	82.2%	82.6%
	Quintile 3	67.6%	65.6%	67.1%	76.5%	83.8%	83.1%
	Quintile 4	69.1%	67.9%	70.0%	76.2%	82.9%	87.2%
	Quintile 5	69.6%	68.7%	69.6%	78.3%	82.8%	87.4%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	64.0%	64.2%	66.3%	78.2%	81.7%	82.3%
	Quintile 2	66.2%	65.8%	67.3%	77.7%	81.2%	84.4%
	Quintile 3	67.7%	66.3%	66.5%	76.8%	82.3%	83.2%
	Quintile 4	69.0%	67.7%	69.6%	76.5%	82.6%	85.5%
	Quintile 5	69.2%	68.1%	69.2%	77.3%	82.1%	85.4%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	2.1	-1.9	-2.4	-1.9	-3.8	-2.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-3.1	1.6	0.5	1.6	1.0	-1.9
	Quintile 3	-0.1	-0.6	0.6	-0.3	1.6	-0.0
	Quintile 4	0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.3	1.6
	Quintile 5	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.0
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.298	0.301	0.287	0.292	0.282	0.286
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.276	0.295	0.266	0.284	0.280	0.295
	Quintile 3	0.344	0.311	0.302	0.312	0.301	0.313
	Quintile 4	0.362	0.349	0.329	0.342	0.322	0.326
	Quintile 5	0.334	0.332	0.308	0.327	0.318	0.326

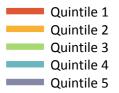
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

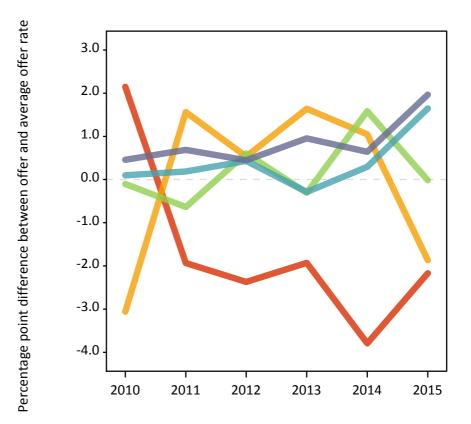
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





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 2010-2015.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	115	140	145	195	190	235
	Black	20	35	45	50	80	85
	Mixed	35	55	65	60	55	70
	White	3,165	3,190	3,280	3,040	3,200	2,895
	Other	0	5	10	5	15	15
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	25	20	30	20	25	45
	Black	0	5	5	5	5	5
	Mixed	10	10	10	15	10	10
	White	775	800	690	625	610	505
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
All placed applicants	Asian	30	40	45	30	45	65
	Black	5	25	15	10	15	10
	Mixed	15	20	15	15	10	10
	White	975	1,080	840	725	715	620
	Other	0	5	0	0	0	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	18.3	22.4	22.2	29.4	27.9	33.4
population	Black	8.0	12.8	16.7	17.5	26.1	26.7
	Mixed	14.7	22.3	24.6	22.6	18.8	23.0
	White	47.2	49.3	50.8	48.3	51.9	46.5
	Other	0.0	7.4	13.6	4.4	14.0	17.7
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	4.0	3.0	4.5	3.2	4.0	6.4
10,000 population	Black	0.0	1.5	2.1	1.3	2.3	1.6
	Mixed	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.8	2.8	2.6
	White	11.6	12.3	10.7	9.9	9.9	8.1
	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	5.0	6.3	6.6	4.5	6.6	9.3
population	Black	2.7	8.8	4.6	3.0	4.3	2.8
	Mixed	6.0	8.7	5.0	5.9	2.8	3.2
	White	14.5	16.7	13.0	11.5	11.6	10.0
	Other	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	130	160	150	200	190	240
	Black	20	35	50	55	80	85
	Mixed	35	55	65	65	55	75
	White	3,615	3,580	3,545	3,295	3,450	3,120
	Other	0	5	10	5	15	15
Offers	Asian	70	60	80	110	150	200
	Black	10	20	30	30	60	60
	Mixed	25	40	50	45	50	60
	White	2,460	2,430	2,425	2,605	2,840	2,640
	Other	0	5	10	0	10	15
Offer rate	Asian	54.6%	39.0%	53.6%	53.5%	77.5%	82.5%
	Black	50.0%	54.3%	58.3%	56.6%	75.9%	71.8%
	Mixed	63.9%	66.7%	72.7%	74.6%	85.7%	80.0%
	White	68.1%	67.9%	68.4%	79.1%	82.4%	84.6%
	Other	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	61.5%	100.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	68.5%	57.4%	61.3%	66.0%	75.3%	83.6%
	Black	63.6%	68.8%	71.5%	70.3%	83.8%	79.2%
	Mixed	63.3%	66.7%	72.1%	76.8%	83.9%	83.1%
	White	67.5%	67.0%	67.9%	78.1%	82.3%	84.3%
	Other	N/A	N/A	69.7%	N/A	80.4%	90.0%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-13.9	-18.4	-7.7	-12.6	2.2	-1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	-13.7	-7.8	-7.5
	Mixed	N/A	-0.0	0.6	-2.2	1.9	-3.1
	White	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.1	0.3
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.168	0.174	0.154	0.181	0.181	0.216
offer rate	Black	0.171	0.140	0.133	0.162	0.125	0.140
	Mixed	0.112	0.143	0.170	0.182	0.125	0.156
	White	0.956	0.941	0.936	0.922	0.921	0.898
	Other	N/A	N/A	0.172	N/A	0.140	0.141

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

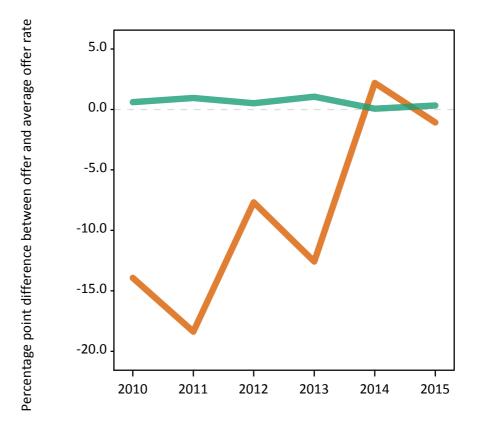
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





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 2010-2015.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	6,625	7,090	6,905	6,920	7,200	6,725
Placed June deadline applicants	1,735	1,750	1,520	1,515	1,515	1,380
All placed applicants	2,190	2,335	1,915	1,885	1,850	1,730

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	7,600	7,985	7,560	7,550	7,840	7,285
Offers	4,525	4,540	4,435	5,365	5,930	5,695
Offer rate	59.6%	56.9%	58.7%	71.1%	75.6%	78.2%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	2,415	2,365	2,230	2,130	2,150	1,995
	Women	4,210	4,725	4,675	4,790	5,050	4,730
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	585	565	485	515	455	420
	Women	1,150	1,180	1,030	1,000	1,060	960
All placed applicants	Men	765	795	625	650	560	530
	Women	1,425	1,540	1,290	1,235	1,290	1,200

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	2,760	2,625	2,420	2,350	2,365	2,175
	Women	4,840	5,360	5,135	5,200	5,475	5,110
Offers	Men	1,790	1,710	1,695	1,855	1,920	1,780
	Women	2,735	2,830	2,740	3,510	4,010	3,915
Offer rate	Men	65.0%	65.1%	70.0%	79.0%	81.3%	81.7%
	Women	56.5%	52.8%	53.3%	67.5%	73.2%	76.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,230	1,250	1,350	1,315	1,455	1,300
	Quintile 2	1,050	1,295	1,300	1,305	1,330	1,265
	Quintile 3	1,405	1,445	1,375	1,390	1,540	1,420
	Quintile 4	1,570	1,650	1,470	1,565	1,520	1,440
	Quintile 5	1,360	1,435	1,400	1,335	1,340	1,280
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	340	310	295	330	340	265
	Quintile 2	260	320	285	310	300	235
	Quintile 3	350	330	290	270	290	275
	Quintile 4	430	405	335	325	285	310
	Quintile 5	350	385	310	275	295	290
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	420	385	360	405	405	320
	Quintile 2	335	420	355	370	370	305
	Quintile 3	445	455	365	340	375	345
	Quintile 4	525	545	425	405	345	400
	Quintile 5	450	520	405	360	355	360

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,425	1,455	1,490	1,455	1,605	1,410
	Quintile 2	1,180	1,430	1,410	1,410	1,440	1,355
	Quintile 3	1,615	1,620	1,500	1,505	1,665	1,520
	Quintile 4	1,810	1,850	1,620	1,720	1,650	1,570
	Quintile 5	1,550	1,615	1,530	1,445	1,465	1,410
Offers	Quintile 1	805	750	795	1,030	1,150	1,050
	Quintile 2	660	810	810	1,010	1,100	1,055
	Quintile 3	955	920	895	1,045	1,260	1,170
	Quintile 4	1,140	1,090	985	1,220	1,255	1,270
	Quintile 5	960	965	945	1,045	1,155	1,135
Offer rate	Quintile 1	56.5%	51.6%	53.5%	70.8%	71.7%	74.3%
	Quintile 2	55.7%	56.5%	57.4%	71.7%	76.1%	78.0%
	Quintile 3	59.2%	56.8%	59.7%	69.5%	75.9%	77.0%
	Quintile 4	62.9%	58.8%	60.6%	71.1%	76.0%	81.0%
	Quintile 5	61.9%	59.8%	61.7%	72.3%	78.9%	80.5%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	275	340	355	425	405	505
	Black	145	195	270	215	255	275
	Mixed	85	125	135	140	155	140
	White	6,090	6,400	6,090	6,085	6,320	5,725
	Other	15	15	35	35	40	50
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	55	50	60	55	60	105
	Black	15	25	25	15	40	40
	Mixed	25	25	25	35	30	20
	White	1,630	1,645	1,400	1,405	1,375	1,205
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	5
All placed applicants	Asian	65	80	80	75	85	135
	Black	45	65	50	35	70	60
	Mixed	30	40	35	45	30	25
	White	2,010	2,100	1,695	1,635	1,590	1,425
	Other	5	10	5	10	15	10

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	310	380	380	450	425	520
	Black	160	205	280	220	265	290
	Mixed	95	130	135	145	160	145
	White	7,000	7,235	6,700	6,675	6,925	6,245
	Other	15	20	35	35	40	50
Offers	Asian	150	130	165	225	290	395
	Black	45	65	90	90	165	170
	Mixed	50	75	85	100	115	105
	White	4,255	4,255	4,060	4,920	5,310	4,970
	Other	10	10	20	15	25	35
Offer rate	Asian	49.4%	33.8%	43.8%	50.1%	68.6%	76.1%
	Black	29.6%	32.8%	31.7%	40.0%	62.0%	58.7%
	Mixed	53.8%	56.9%	61.8%	67.8%	73.6%	72.6%
	White	60.8%	58.8%	60.6%	73.8%	76.7%	79.6%
	Other	100.0%	55.6%	55.6%	44.4%	63.4%	71.4%

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 2015 cycle runs from September 2014 through to October 2015.

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 2015 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.