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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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	186,900	191,160	182,020	183,530	188,080	195,430
Placed June deadline applicants	60,820	60,115	58,355	60,665	61,555	64,335
All placed applicants	68,135	68,220	67,570	69,170	70,855	74,905
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	2,367.3	2,482.3	2,353.2	2,411.8	2,497.2	2,550.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	770.3	780.6	754.4	797.2	817.3	839.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	863.0	885.9	873.6	908.9	940.8	977.7

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	392,450	404,260	382,360	385,000	398,050	413,995
Offers	292,045	285,350	281,785	296,680	309,295	320,740
Offer rate	74.4%	70.6%	73.7%	77.1%	77.7%	77.5%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	82,335	83,995	78,760	79,660	81,975	83,070
	Women	104,565	107,165	103,260	103,875	106,105	112,360
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	27,805	27,495	26,415	27,415	27,725	28,125
	Women	33,015	32,615	31,940	33,250	33,835	36,215
All placed applicants	Men	31,305	31,200	30,865	31,355	32,115	33,000
	Women	36,830	37,020	36,705	37,815	38,735	41,905
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	2,049.9	2,134.5	1,986.0	2,040.4	2,117.6	2,116.8
population	Women	2,695.9	2,845.6	2,739.5	2,803.1	2,898.7	3,006.6
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	692.3	698.8	666.1	702.2	716.2	716.6
10,000 population	Women	851.1	866.1	847.4	897.3	924.3	969.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	779.4	792.9	778.3	803.1	829.7	840.9
population	Women	949.5	983.0	973.8	1,020.4	1,058.3	1,121.3

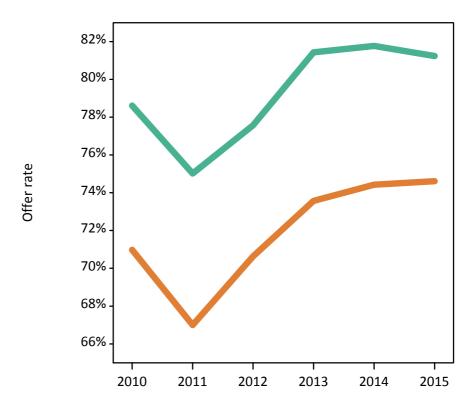
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	176,790	180,800	168,930	170,855	177,565	178,980
	Women	215,660	223,455	213,425	214,145	220,480	235,020
Offers	Men	138,975	135,635	131,040	139,130	145,200	145,390
	Women	153,075	149,715	150,750	157,550	164,095	175,350
Offer rate	Men	78.6%	75.0%	77.6%	81.4%	81.8%	81.2%
	Women	71.0%	67.0%	70.6%	73.6%	74.4%	74.6%
Average offer rate	Men	78.8%	75.2%	77.8%	81.6%	82.1%	81.5%
	Women	70.8%	66.9%	70.4%	73.4%	74.2%	74.4%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.615	0.610	0.612	0.616	0.620	0.607
offer rate	Women	0.684	0.685	0.693	0.694	0.694	0.701

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.

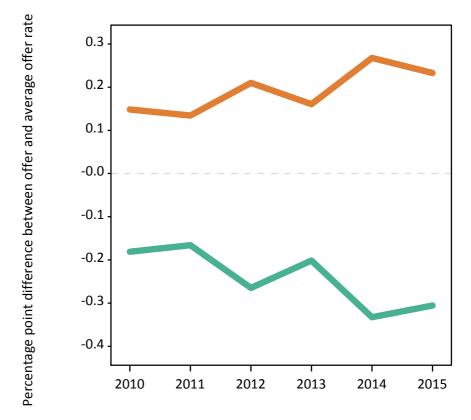




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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 P	OLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	18,780	19,225	18,230	18,905	20,195	21,180
	Quintile 2	27,940	28,675	27,215	27,925	29,140	30,510
	Quintile 3	36,425	36,660	35,300	35,935	36,935	38,665
	Quintile 4	45,865	46,535	44,200	44,630	44,820	46,600
	Quintile 5	57,465	59,700	56,730	55,825	56,635	58,000
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	5,810	5,505	5,675	5,935	6,505	6,800
	Quintile 2	8,975	8,815	8,575	9,115	9,600	10,055
	Quintile 3	11,585	11,265	11,190	11,790	12,065	12,500
	Quintile 4	15,355	15,020	14,575	15,040	14,980	15,685
	Quintile 5	18,955	19,385	18,240	18,695	18,305	19,150
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	6,320	6,150	6,450	6,625	7,305	7,800
	Quintile 2	9,845	9,795	9,870	10,245	10,810	11,520
	Quintile 3	12,980	12,665	12,925	13,470	13,965	14,605
	Quintile 4	17,195	17,015	16,855	17,240	17,175	18,235
	Quintile 5	21,630	22,455	21,345	21,480	21,470	22,570
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	1,268.9	1,337.6	1,279.5	1,356.4	1,451.3	1,511.6
population	Quintile 2	1,816.9	1,907.3	1,815.1	1,895.0	1,991.7	2,054.2
	Quintile 3	2,290.5	2,382.3	2,285.8	2,356.3	2,454.3	2,518.1
	Quintile 4	2,879.9	2,971.1	2,785.3	2,853.5	2,908.4	2,976.9
	Quintile 5	3,390.8	3,606.8	3,376.6	3,376.0	3,472.7	3,464.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	392.4	383.0	398.4	425.9	467.6	485.5
10,000 population	Quintile 2	583.6	586.3	571.8	618.7	656.0	677.0
	Quintile 3	728.5	732.1	724.5	773.1	801.6	814.0
	Quintile 4	964.1	959.1	918.5	961.7	972.1	1,002.0
	Quintile 5	1,118.4	1,171.1	1,085.7	1,130.5	1,122.5	1,144.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	426.8	427.7	452.8	475.4	525.0	556.6
population	Quintile 2	640.4	651.7	658.2	695.2	738.9	775.5
	Quintile 3	816.2	822.9	836.8	883.3	928.1	951.2
	Quintile 4	1,079.7	1,086.3	1,062.2	1,102.4	1,114.4	1,164.8
	Quintile 5	1,276.3	1,356.7	1,270.4	1,298.9	1,316.5	1,348.1

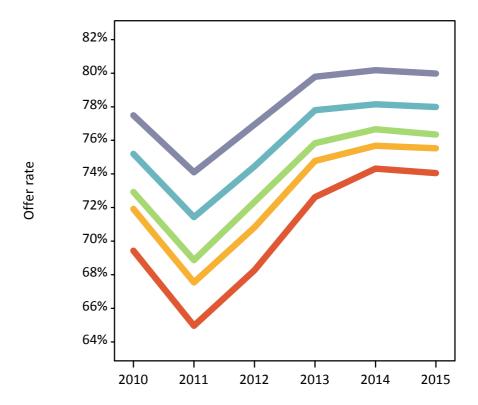
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	37,580	39,265	36,695	37,695	40,870	42,775
	Quintile 2	57,885	59,455	55,975	57,450	60,570	63,090
	Quintile 3	76,185	77,030	73,990	75,145	77,945	81,785
	Quintile 4	97,980	99,845	94,140	95,440	96,430	100,665
	Quintile 5	121,875	127,900	120,775	118,630	121,500	124,700
Offers	Quintile 1	26,090	25,505	25,050	27,375	30,375	31,675
	Quintile 2	41,630	40,155	39,640	42,955	45,845	47,650
	Quintile 3	55,560	53,050	53,520	56,990	59,755	62,445
	Quintile 4	73,675	71,320	70,090	74,245	75,365	78,510
	Quintile 5	94,445	94,775	92,925	94,655	97,420	99,730
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.4%	65.0%	68.3%	72.6%	74.3%	74.0%
	Quintile 2	71.9%	67.5%	70.8%	74.8%	75.7%	75.5%
	Quintile 3	72.9%	68.9%	72.3%	75.8%	76.7%	76.4%
	Quintile 4	75.2%	71.4%	74.5%	77.8%	78.2%	78.0%
	Quintile 5	77.5%	74.1%	76.9%	79.8%	80.2%	80.0%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	70.7%	66.4%	69.6%	73.8%	75.2%	75.3%
	Quintile 2	72.5%	68.1%	71.4%	75.3%	76.0%	76.1%
	Quintile 3	73.3%	69.5%	72.7%	76.1%	76.9%	76.5%
	Quintile 4	74.9%	71.2%	74.3%	77.6%	78.1%	77.9%
	Quintile 5	76.8%	73.2%	76.2%	79.2%	79.6%	79.2%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-1.3	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-0.9	-1.3
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.6
	Quintile 3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
	Quintile 4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
	Quintile 5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.193	0.195	0.195	0.194	0.199	0.196
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.224	0.223	0.226	0.226	0.226	0.226
	Quintile 3	0.259	0.254	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.259
	Quintile 4	0.310	0.307	0.307	0.307	0.301	0.301
	Quintile 5	0.386	0.390	0.392	0.385	0.381	0.376

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

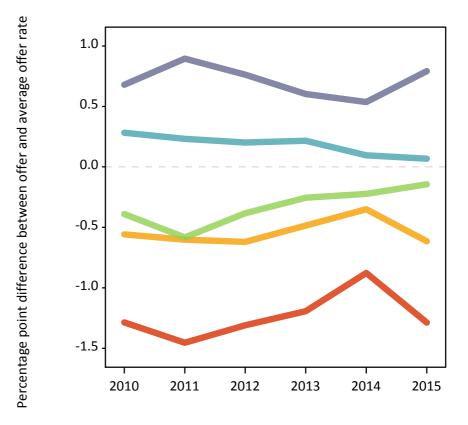
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	16,410	16,945	16,535	17,390	18,820	20,335
	Black	7,335	7,960	7,880	8,900	9,510	10,450
	Mixed	5,575	6,250	5,955	6,315	6,770	7,725
	White	155,125	157,500	149,000	148,220	149,955	153,400
	Other	1,525	1,630	1,900	2,000	2,320	2,580
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	4,100	4,110	3,925	4,500	4,890	5,435
	Black	1,800	1,765	1,940	2,345	2,595	2,905
	Mixed	1,645	1,760	1,730	1,855	2,055	2,375
	White	52,605	51,860	50,095	51,210	51,235	52,670
	Other	375	370	460	545	575	685
All placed applicants	Asian	5,255	5,220	5,515	5,920	6,555	7,380
	Black	2,255	2,220	2,640	3,075	3,545	3,865
	Mixed	1,885	2,095	2,110	2,220	2,440	2,825
	White	57,835	57,885	56,365	56,935	57,230	59,555
	Other	475	475	615	695	785	910
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	2,654.1	2,688.6	2,552.9	2,636.5	2,775.4	2,874.1
population	Black	2,801.3	2,911.1	2,798.0	2,997.8	3,136.8	3,283.4
	Mixed	2,406.7	2,580.5	2,286.7	2,334.9	2,353.4	2,505.1
	White	2,313.0	2,432.7	2,307.6	2,355.6	2,430.6	2,461.9
	Other	1,978.2	2,014.9	2,145.0	2,206.7	2,490.4	2,678.1
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	663.0	652.5	606.4	682.1	721.0	768.0
10,000 population	Black	687.2	645.6	688.2	789.5	855.8	912.9
	Mixed	710.0	727.1	664.6	686.8	713.9	770.4
	White	784.4	801.0	775.8	813.9	830.5	845.3
	Other	489.7	456.8	521.0	603.2	619.9	711.3
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	850.0	828.3	851.6	897.9	966.6	1,042.7
population	Black	862.2	812.4	937.9	1,036.4	1,169.9	1,214.3
	Mixed	813.6	864.6	809.3	820.7	847.7	917.0
	White	862.3	894.1	872.9	904.9	927.6	955.8
	Other	618.3	585.2	697.3	766.4	842.3	945.0

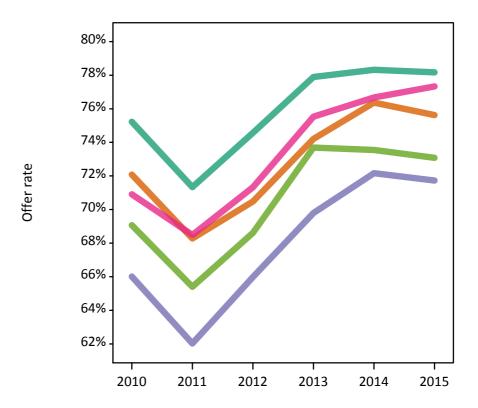
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	33,300	33,625	32,390	33,940	37,505	40,600
	Black	15,595	16,240	16,095	18,260	19,920	22,160
	Mixed	11,625	12,850	12,125	12,975	14,140	16,075
	White	326,955	336,505	316,470	314,350	320,330	327,935
	Other	3,095	3,255	3,765	4,070	4,690	5,305
Offers	Asian	24,005	22,960	22,825	25,185	28,640	30,705
	Black	10,295	10,075	10,620	12,745	14,375	15,895
	Mixed	8,240	8,800	8,645	9,800	10,840	12,430
	White	245,945	240,065	235,990	244,865	250,875	256,335
	Other	2,135	2,130	2,580	3,000	3,450	3,875
Offer rate	Asian	72.1%	68.3%	70.5%	74.2%	76.4%	75.6%
	Black	66.0%	62.0%	66.0%	69.8%	72.2%	71.7%
	Mixed	70.9%	68.5%	71.3%	75.5%	76.7%	77.3%
	White	75.2%	71.3%	74.6%	77.9%	78.3%	78.2%
	Other	69.1%	65.4%	68.6%	73.7%	73.6%	73.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	73.0%	69.8%	72.1%	75.4%	77.3%	76.8%
	Black	68.4%	64.8%	68.8%	72.8%	74.5%	73.9%
	Mixed	71.6%	69.6%	71.7%	76.1%	77.2%	77.7%
	White	75.0%	71.0%	74.2%	77.5%	78.0%	77.8%
	Other	70.1%	68.7%	70.4%	75.1%	75.2%	74.9%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-0.9	-1.5	-1.6	-1.2	-0.9	-1.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-2.4	-2.7	-2.8	-3.1	-2.3	-2.2
	Mixed	-0.7	-1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4
	White	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
	Other	-1.0	-3.3	-1.8	-1.4	-1.7	-1.8
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.330	0.307	0.302	0.302	0.296	0.301
offer rate	Black	0.181	0.180	0.180	0.187	0.187	0.184
	Mixed	0.113	0.116	0.118	0.118	0.117	0.121
	White	0.883	0.879	0.874	0.866	0.857	0.848
	Other	0.113	0.105	0.121	0.116	0.117	0.111

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

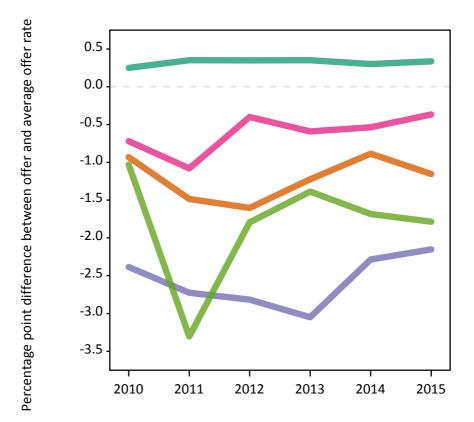
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	361,640	375,355	339,515	350,965	362,395	370,940
Placed June deadline applicants	116,235	115,735	106,165	114,745	117,800	121,570
All placed applicants	132,325	132,410	126,600	134,245	137,005	144,915

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	729,230	764,800	686,545	710,380	742,460	761,935
Offers	450,400	448,265	425,470	464,295	490,170	506,525
Offer rate	61.8%	58.6%	62.0%	65.4%	66.0%	66.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	156,665	162,390	144,535	149,875	154,525	156,265
	Women	204,975	212,965	194,980	201,090	207,870	214,670
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	52,290	52,420	47,620	51,460	52,165	53,150
	Women	63,940	63,315	58,545	63,285	65,640	68,420
All placed applicants	Men	59,920	59,940	57,250	60,560	61,300	64,025
	Women	72,405	72,470	69,350	73,685	75,705	80,890

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	325,905	340,065	300,790	313,230	326,905	329,835
	Women	403,325	424,735	385,755	397,150	415,555	432,105
Offers	Men	216,985	215,975	201,565	222,445	233,095	235,385
	Women	233,420	232,290	223,905	241,850	257,075	271,140
Offer rate	Men	66.6%	63.5%	67.0%	71.0%	71.3%	71.4%
	Women	57.9%	54.7%	58.0%	60.9%	61.9%	62.7%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	41,430	43,970	40,365	42,080	44,760	45,445
	Quintile 2	56,990	59,535	54,140	56,375	59,010	60,500
	Quintile 3	72,980	75,255	68,440	71,075	73,575	75,285
	Quintile 4	85,755	88,070	79,260	82,355	83,755	85,970
	Quintile 5	103,300	107,475	96,340	98,240	100,465	102,655
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	12,900	12,625	12,240	13,305	14,260	14,640
	Quintile 2	17,995	18,100	16,540	18,230	19,050	19,740
	Quintile 3	22,495	22,140	20,525	22,475	23,360	23,835
	Quintile 4	28,210	27,760	25,560	27,425	27,800	28,680
	Quintile 5	34,260	34,785	31,045	33,045	33,090	34,360
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	14,280	14,265	14,435	15,250	16,305	17,240
	Quintile 2	20,220	20,355	19,585	21,005	21,815	23,140
	Quintile 3	25,500	25,215	24,565	26,495	27,270	28,605
	Quintile 4	32,160	31,830	30,470	32,245	32,305	34,285
	Quintile 5	39,720	40,355	37,185	38,915	38,995	41,215

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	79,110	86,130	77,665	80,515	86,725	88,300
	Quintile 2	112,135	118,495	106,580	110,855	118,080	120,910
	Quintile 3	145,355	150,820	136,665	142,055	148,900	153,150
	Quintile 4	176,145	182,020	162,870	170,075	174,705	180,360
	Quintile 5	214,050	225,200	200,765	205,190	212,350	217,020
Offers	Quintile 1	44,910	45,315	43,195	48,265	53,330	54,990
	Quintile 2	66,585	66,055	62,460	69,810	74,935	77,700
	Quintile 3	86,380	84,600	81,950	90,000	95,905	99,445
	Quintile 4	110,705	108,845	103,050	113,100	116,925	121,405
	Quintile 5	140,510	142,335	133,735	142,155	148,080	151,670
Offer rate	Quintile 1	56.8%	52.6%	55.6%	59.9%	61.5%	62.3%
	Quintile 2	59.4%	55.7%	58.6%	63.0%	63.5%	64.3%
	Quintile 3	59.4%	56.1%	60.0%	63.4%	64.4%	64.9%
	Quintile 4	62.8%	59.8%	63.3%	66.5%	66.9%	67.3%
	Quintile 5	65.6%	63.2%	66.6%	69.3%	69.7%	69.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	33,655	35,500	32,925	34,810	37,670	39,895
	Black	25,915	28,295	26,605	27,075	28,520	29,670
	Mixed	12,165	13,365	11,905	12,750	13,810	14,990
	White	283,390	291,520	261,205	269,195	274,760	277,700
	Other	3,895	4,075	4,750	4,935	5,485	5,920
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	7,880	8,020	7,385	8,625	9,280	10,130
	Black	4,640	4,655	4,865	5,385	5,760	6,265
	Mixed	3,465	3,680	3,435	3,790	4,030	4,585
	White	98,625	97,845	88,870	95,130	96,865	98,355
	Other	875	855	1,065	1,205	1,290	1,480
All placed applicants	Asian	10,160	10,080	10,435	11,485	12,600	13,950
	Black	5,780	5,790	6,660	7,195	7,950	8,700
	Mixed	3,970	4,285	4,260	4,555	4,895	5,575
	White	109,470	109,970	102,385	108,150	108,560	113,135
	Other	1,105	1,100	1,480	1,605	1,765	2,080

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	66,215	68,805	62,565	66,240	73,405	78,215
	Black	46,615	49,990	46,725	48,080	51,790	55,115
	Mixed	24,290	26,610	23,565	25,380	27,885	30,490
	White	579,625	606,685	540,780	557,085	574,730	581,065
	Other	7,535	7,750	8,850	9,440	10,515	11,725
Offers	Asian	39,445	38,980	37,340	42,315	48,365	51,450
	Black	19,675	19,515	20,055	23,400	26,175	28,725
	Mixed	13,880	14,755	14,090	16,145	17,980	20,210
	White	370,785	368,460	346,915	374,350	388,970	395,770
	Other	3,905	3,865	4,790	5,690	6,330	7,130
Offer rate	Asian	59.6%	56.7%	59.7%	63.9%	65.9%	65.8%
	Black	42.2%	39.0%	42.9%	48.7%	50.5%	52.1%
	Mixed	57.1%	55.4%	59.8%	63.6%	64.5%	66.3%
	White	64.0%	60.7%	64.2%	67.2%	67.7%	68.1%
	Other	51.8%	49.9%	54.1%	60.3%	60.2%	60.8%

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.