

Applicants by age at the 30 June deadline

I.9.1 Applicants by UK country of domicile and age group

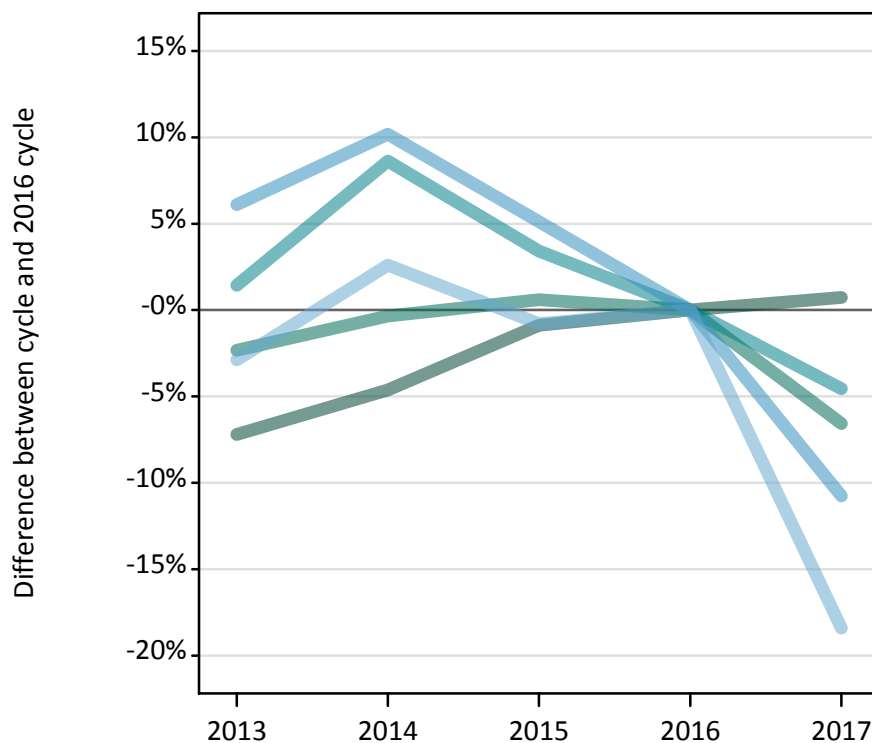
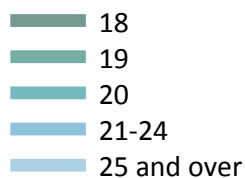
Domicile and age group		2017
England	Under 18	900
	18	236,140
	19	82,960
	20	28,330
	21-24	39,960
	25 and over	49,570
Northern Ireland	Under 18	30
	18	11,540
	19	3,370
	20	1,680
	21-24	2,120
	25 and over	1,560
Scotland	Under 18	810
	18	18,900
	19	5,900
	20	4,030
	21-24	8,400
	25 and over	10,900
Wales	Under 18	20
	18	11,550
	19	3,970
	20	1,580
	21-24	2,380
	25 and over	3,020

I.9.2 Proportions of 18 year olds by UK country of domicile

Domicile and age group		2017
England	18	37.9%
Northern Ireland	18	47.7%
Scotland	18	33.0%
Wales	18	32.5%

I.9.3 Applicants by domicile and age : England

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle



I.9.4 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England	Under 18	910	970	1,020	1,010	900
	18	217,540	223,560	232,360	234,420	236,140
	19	86,730	88,470	89,320	88,790	82,960
	20	30,110	32,240	30,700	29,680	28,330
	21-24	47,520	49,340	47,070	44,780	39,960
	25 and over	59,000	62,330	60,270	60,760	49,570

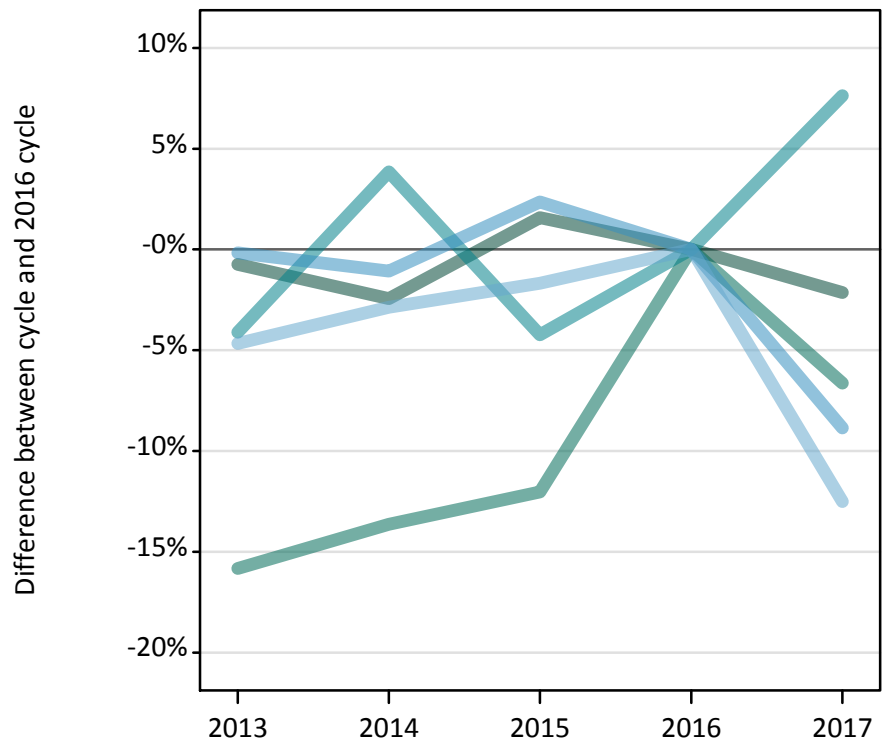
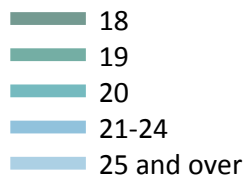
I.9.5 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England	Under 18	-10%	-3%	1%	0%	-10%
	18	-7%	-5%	-1%	0%	1%
	19	-2%	-0%	1%	0%	-7%
	20	1%	9%	3%	0%	-5%
	21-24	6%	10%	5%	0%	-11%
	25 and over	-3%	3%	-1%	0%	-18%

I.9.6 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle



I.9.7 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northern Ireland	Under 18	40	30	30	40	30
	18	11,700	11,500	11,980	11,790	11,540
	19	3,040	3,120	3,170	3,610	3,370
	20	1,490	1,620	1,490	1,560	1,680
	21-24	2,320	2,300	2,380	2,330	2,120
	25 and over	1,700	1,730	1,750	1,780	1,560

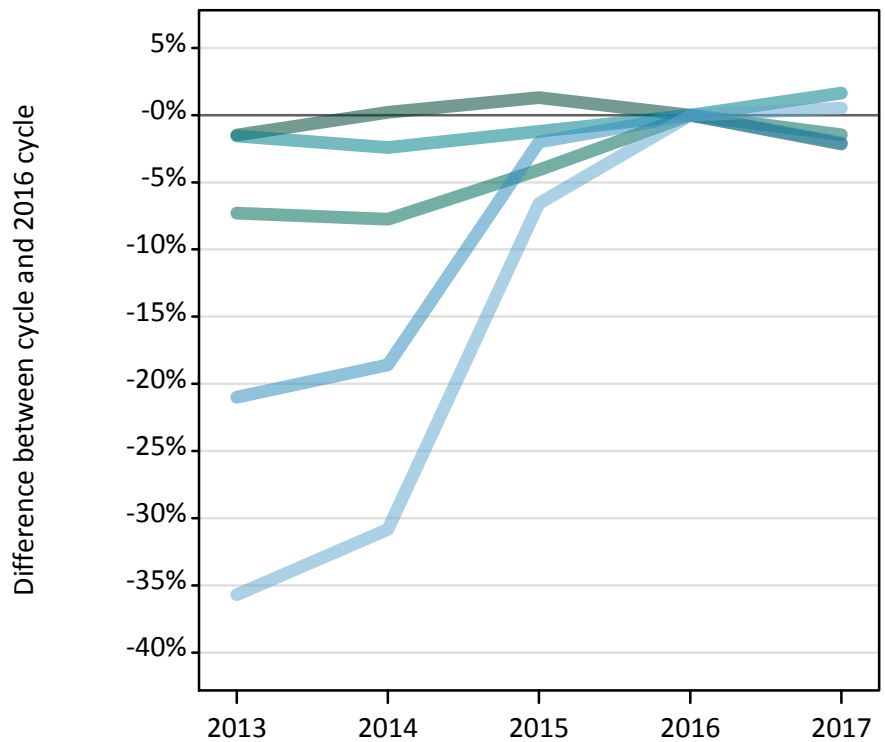
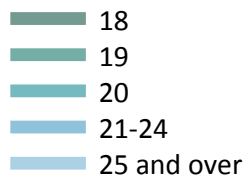
I.9.8 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northern Ireland	Under 18	-10%	-32%	-20%	0%	-37%
	18	-1%	-2%	2%	0%	-2%
	19	-16%	-14%	-12%	0%	-7%
	20	-4%	4%	-4%	0%	8%
	21-24	0%	-1%	2%	0%	-9%
	25 and over	-5%	-3%	-2%	0%	-13%

I.9.9 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle



I.9.10 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Scotland	Under 18	690	680	730	780	810
	18	19,030	19,360	19,570	19,320	18,900
	19	5,550	5,530	5,750	5,990	5,900
	20	3,900	3,870	3,910	3,960	4,030
	21-24	6,780	6,980	8,400	8,580	8,400
	25 and over	6,970	7,500	10,130	10,840	10,900

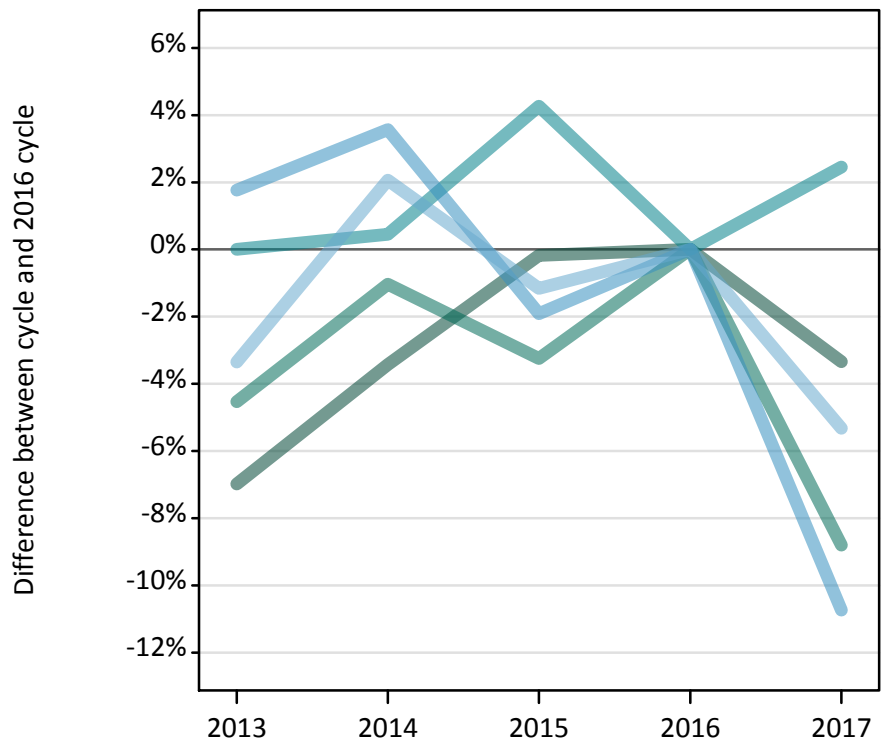
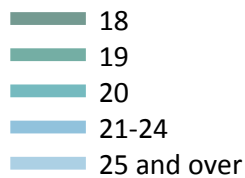
I.9.11 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Scotland	Under 18	-12%	-13%	-7%	0%	3%
	18	-1%	0%	1%	0%	-2%
	19	-7%	-8%	-4%	0%	-1%
	20	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	2%
	21-24	-21%	-19%	-2%	0%	-2%
	25 and over	-36%	-31%	-7%	0%	1%

I.9.12 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle



I.9.13 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

All age groups

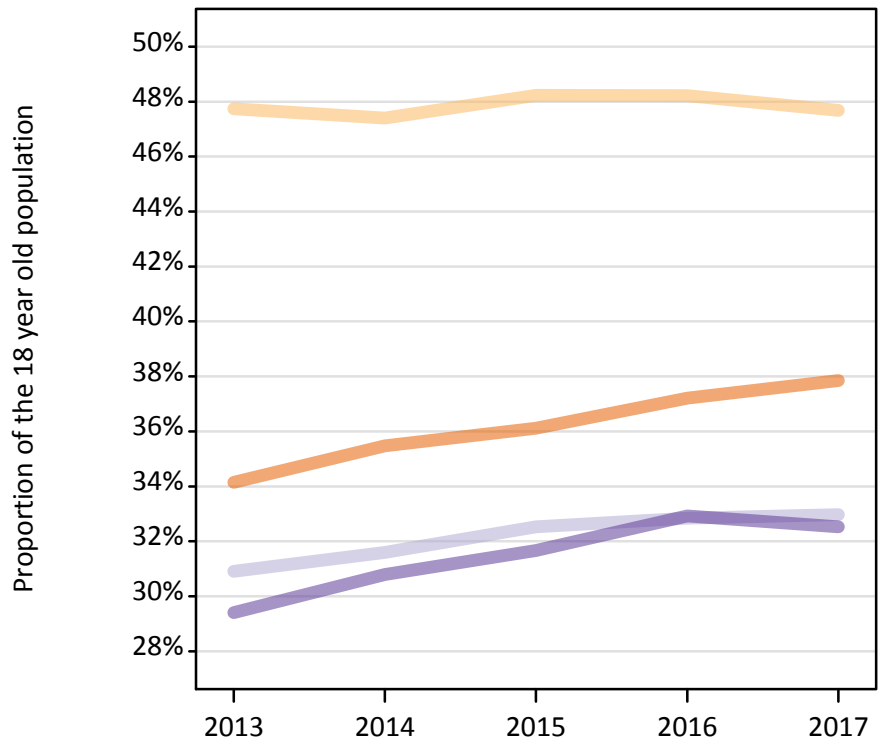
Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Wales	Under 18	50	30	20	30	20
	18	11,120	11,540	11,930	11,950	11,550
	19	4,150	4,310	4,210	4,350	3,970
	20	1,550	1,550	1,610	1,550	1,580
	21-24	2,710	2,760	2,610	2,660	2,380
	25 and over	3,090	3,260	3,160	3,190	3,020

I.9.14 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2016 cycle

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Wales	Under 18	55%	3%	-17%	0%	-21%
	18	-7%	-3%	-0%	0%	-3%
	19	-5%	-1%	-3%	0%	-9%
	20	0%	0%	4%	0%	2%
	21-24	2%	4%	-2%	0%	-11%
	25 and over	-3%	2%	-1%	0%	-5%

I.9.15 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile
 18 year old applicants as a proportion of the 18 year old population



I.9.16 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile
 18 year old applicants as a proportion of the 18 year old population

Domicile and age group		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
England	18	34.1%	35.5%	36.1%	37.2%	37.9%
Northern Ireland	18	47.7%	47.4%	48.2%	48.2%	47.7%
Scotland	18	30.9%	31.6%	32.5%	32.8%	33.0%
Wales	18	29.4%	30.8%	31.7%	32.9%	32.5%

I.9.17 Technical notes and definitions

Applicants have been able to submit applications for all 2017 courses since early September.

People who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS. Some art and design courses have a later deadline of 24 March. By definition all main scheme applications have been received by the 30 June deadline.

Counts of the number of applicants reported have been rounded to the nearest 10 applicants, this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components. Proportional changes have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

In Scotland there is a substantial component (around one third of young full-time higher education) where admissions are not processed through UCAS. Consequently, for Scotland, this report reflects the trends in applications that are recruited through UCAS and not, as elsewhere in the UK, full-time undergraduate study in general.

Age

This statistical release uses country-specific age definitions which align with the cut off points for school/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 the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used.

Applicant

A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application

An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider

An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

This statistical release excludes a small number of applications to a provider based in the EU.

Domicile

Declared area of permanent residence. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

First time applicant

An applicant that did not apply to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Main scheme

The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Reapplicant

An applicant that applied to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Subject group

The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups.

Tariff group of provider

Providers are grouped as higher, medium or lower tariff based on their average levels of attainment of their accepted applicants (summarised through UCAS Tariff points) in recent cycles. Each group of providers accounted for around a third of all UK 18 year old acceptances in recent cycles.