

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR2_053_06 Applicants by Predicted A level points and POLAR3

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: Predicted A level points score, POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

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

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.

Predicted A level points score

A score attached to the predicted A level grade profile declared by the applicant on the application. The highest 3 grades are considered only, adding up the following points per grade: A* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. AS Levels are not included. This variable is currently only available 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.

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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Predicted A level points score, POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year							
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
3 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	10	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	15	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	10	10	0	0	0	0	5	5
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	0
4 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	20	15	5	5	5	5	5	5
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	30	30	5	10	5	5	5	10
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	35	30	15	10	10	10	10	5
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	40	30	15	20	10	10	10	10
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	30	35	25	10	10	15	5	15
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	80	65	35	20	15	15	10	30
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	110	80	55	45	30	30	30	35
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	140	95	70	45	40	30	25	25
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	125	105	60	60	40	35	30	35
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	150	105	75	55	50	45	30	45
	Not assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	245	195	130	90	85	70	55	70
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	335	275	175	145	105	80	75	90
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	375	280	200	150	130	110	100	125
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	420	300	200	170	155	125	110	125
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	415	335	225	175	150	155	120	130
	Not assigned	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
7 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	475	360	270	230	190	180	150	170
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	660	535	410	285	265	245	215	210
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	775	660	410	380	365	340	255	285
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	880	645	470	425	365	340	290	290
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	920	695	565	450	380	390	380	345
	Not assigned	5	5	5	0	0	5	0	0
8 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	855	730	545	475	415	380	345	345
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,165	1,015	790	690	545	540	555	485
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,480	1,235	935	825	740	650	610	605
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,535	1,335	1,020	855	850	755	725	650
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,765	1,405	1,105	950	950	775	785	705
	Not assigned	15	5	10	15	10	5	10	10
9 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,585	1,520	1,215	1,090	1,025	955	880	930
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,250	2,015	1,630	1,500	1,330	1,255	1,225	1,250
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,765	2,470	2,100	1,875	1,710	1,660	1,535	1,390
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,085	2,890	2,305	2,015	1,995	1,895	1,675	1,610
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,325	2,990	2,530	2,240	2,130	1,975	1,920	1,815
	Not assigned	30	20	15	10	20	15	15	20

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		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
10 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,815	1,720	1,635	1,440	1,450	1,465	1,490	1,375
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,730	2,525	2,355	2,095	2,055	2,130	1,935	1,885
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,230	3,120	2,870	2,665	2,615	2,570	2,365	2,350
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,840	3,760	3,270	3,015	2,945	2,935	2,780	2,540
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,360	4,200	3,765	3,385	3,195	3,250	3,115	2,920
	Not assigned	30	20	20	25	20	20	20	25
11 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,820	1,880	1,840	1,825	1,810	1,960	1,915	1,880
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,820	3,005	2,705	2,725	2,570	2,800	2,745	2,685
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,780	3,760	3,540	3,480	3,475	3,485	3,430	3,285
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,520	4,600	4,135	4,170	4,060	4,100	4,010	4,005
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	5,565	5,545	4,855	4,740	4,595	4,735	4,615	4,460
	Not assigned	45	20	30	15	25	30	30	50
12 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	2,150	2,195	2,165	2,215	2,290	2,330	2,360	2,540
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	3,350	3,420	3,380	3,405	3,320	3,310	3,540	3,415
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	4,365	4,510	4,345	4,415	4,260	4,460	4,435	4,575
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,665	5,630	5,280	5,455	5,145	5,270	5,310	5,240
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	7,145	6,855	6,370	6,415	6,295	6,430	6,360	6,420
	Not assigned	40	35	30	20	35	40	40	50
13 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,845	1,965	1,865	2,125	2,120	2,310	2,340	2,460
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	3,115	3,150	3,100	3,315	3,350	3,555	3,615	3,685
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	4,200	4,305	4,285	4,390	4,550	4,915	4,860	4,800
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,760	5,720	5,665	5,985	5,800	6,355	6,265	6,200
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	7,670	7,985	7,585	7,560	7,875	8,055	8,290	8,215
	Not assigned	40	40	40	25	40	40	45	50
14 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,580	1,580	1,670	1,725	1,910	1,990	1,965	2,130
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,710	2,655	2,860	2,970	3,120	3,195	3,315	3,280
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,885	4,000	3,885	4,175	4,185	4,520	4,670	4,750
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,570	5,485	5,595	5,800	5,670	5,955	6,200	6,330
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	8,140	8,210	8,295	8,310	8,445	8,735	8,745	9,090
	Not assigned	30	40	35	35	30	30	35	65
15 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,680	1,635	1,615	1,665	1,630	1,535	1,680	1,820
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	3,165	2,925	2,830	2,945	2,900	2,845	2,920	3,020
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	4,770	4,310	4,135	4,225	4,095	4,070	4,120	4,505
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	7,260	6,495	5,980	6,220	5,755	6,025	5,880	6,205
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	11,415	10,335	9,550	9,625	9,405	9,320	9,280	9,610
	Not assigned	40	45	35	30	30	30	40	50
16 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	480	675	775	800	850	890	900	950
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	975	1,335	1,390	1,565	1,585	1,695	1,665	1,770
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,565	2,090	2,300	2,415	2,480	2,480	2,630	2,760
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,700	3,350	3,705	3,840	3,995	3,865	3,975	4,155
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,950	5,960	6,360	6,680	6,720	6,930	7,020	7,220
	Not assigned	15	25	25	20	20	25	20	30

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17 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	270	365	420	420	460	450	520	560
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	525	705	850	840	885	1,000	1,045	995
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	950	1,200	1,345	1,460	1,415	1,515	1,615	1,670
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,625	1,970	2,360	2,290	2,300	2,550	2,485	2,610
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,435	4,000	4,460	4,470	4,660	4,710	4,905	5,045
	Not assigned	10	5	15	15	15	15	15	25
18 points	POLAR3 Quintile 1	280	320	365	345	385	415	405	465
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	545	715	815	775	810	830	835	850
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	990	1,210	1,305	1,290	1,295	1,360	1,390	1,390
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,755	2,130	2,400	2,300	2,330	2,560	2,495	2,435
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	4,295	4,860	5,410	5,315	5,145	5,605	5,570	5,295
	Not assigned	15	15	15	15	10	20	25	25
Total		181,715	181,170	173,550	172,840	170,565	174,805	174,470	176,120