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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.

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P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	6,760	5,560	5,435	5,105	4,530	3,970
Placed June deadline applicants	1,095	805	760	625	555	425
All placed applicants	1,450	1,085	990	835	795	595
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	87.4	73.0	72.2	66.6	60.4	53.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	14.2	10.6	10.1	8.2	7.4	5.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	18.8	14.2	13.1	10.9	10.6	8.1

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	7,240	5,970	5,795	5,440	4,810	4,210
Offers	5,460	4,665	4,575	4,255	3,865	3,640
Offer rate	75.4%	78.2%	78.9%	78.2%	80.4%	86.5%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	2,460	2,135	2,100	1,850	1,660	1,440
	Women	4,300	3,425	3,335	3,255	2,870	2,530
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	410	320	325	245	220	145
	Women	685	490	435	385	335	280
All placed applicants	Men	555	405	405	310	290	210
	Women	895	680	585	525	505	385
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	62.0	54.6	54.2	47.2	43.2	37.9
	Women	114.1	92.4	91.2	87.0	78.6	70.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	10.4	8.1	8.4	6.2	5.7	3.8
	Women	18.1	13.2	11.8	10.2	9.2	7.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.0	10.4	10.5	7.9	7.5	5.6
	Women	23.8	18.3	15.9	14.1	13.8	10.7

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	2,670	2,320	2,275	2,010	1,785	1,535
	Women	4,565	3,650	3,520	3,435	3,020	2,675
Offers	Men	2,245	1,980	1,960	1,785	1,620	1,415
	Women	3,215	2,685	2,615	2,470	2,245	2,225
Offer rate	Men	84.0%	85.4%	86.0%	88.9%	90.7%	92.1%
	Women	70.4%	73.5%	74.4%	71.9%	74.4%	83.2%
Average offer rate	Men	84.7%	85.9%	87.6%	89.2%	91.3%	92.0%
	Women	70.0%	73.2%	73.3%	71.8%	74.0%	83.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.7	-0.5	-1.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.1
	Women	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.578	0.610	0.614	0.607	0.628	0.607
	Women	0.753	0.752	0.750	0.770	0.780	0.774

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex
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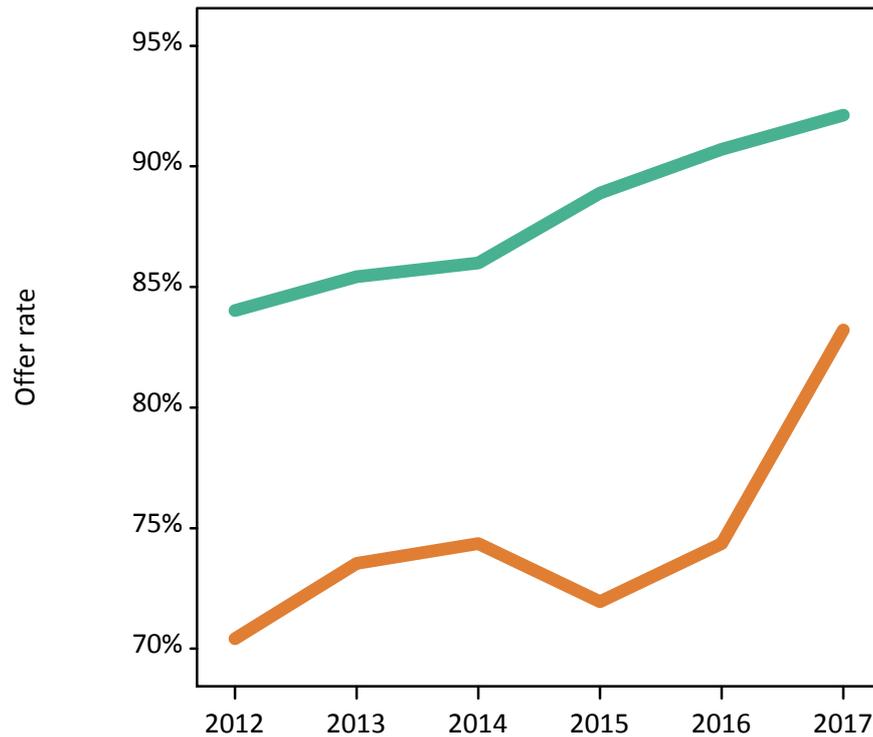

P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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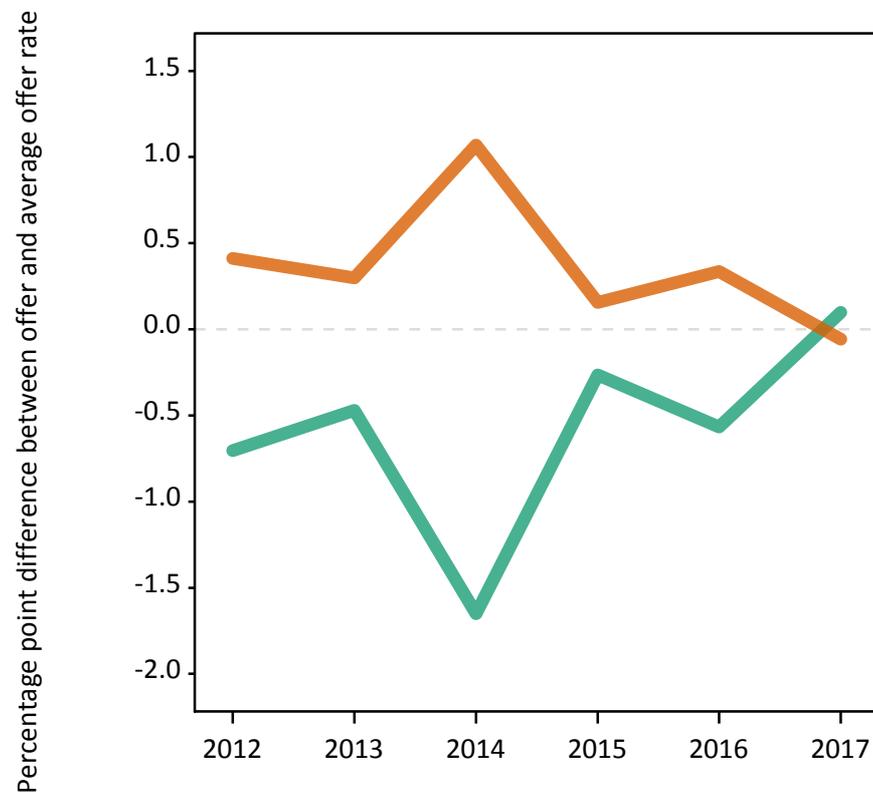
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	885	665	750	680	680	560
	Quintile 2	1,310	1,070	1,085	1,005	895	825
	Quintile 3	1,670	1,485	1,345	1,300	1,095	960
	Quintile 4	1,680	1,330	1,340	1,250	1,110	945
	Quintile 5	1,205	1,005	910	865	740	665
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	125	95	85	70	70	60
	Quintile 2	225	165	150	120	120	95
	Quintile 3	285	210	205	170	150	110
	Quintile 4	290	225	210	175	140	115
	Quintile 5	170	115	105	95	80	45
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	160	120	105	80	95	80
	Quintile 2	275	210	185	155	160	130
	Quintile 3	405	300	270	235	205	150
	Quintile 4	390	300	285	230	205	165
	Quintile 5	225	155	140	135	125	70
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	62.1	47.8	53.8	48.5	50.4	42.2
	Quintile 2	87.2	72.7	74.2	67.5	61.8	58.1
	Quintile 3	108.1	97.2	89.4	84.7	72.9	64.6
	Quintile 4	106.0	85.0	86.8	79.7	72.0	61.7
	Quintile 5	71.7	60.7	55.9	51.7	44.9	40.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	8.6	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.3	4.4
	Quintile 2	15.0	11.1	10.4	7.9	8.2	6.7
	Quintile 3	18.6	13.6	13.6	11.1	9.8	7.5
	Quintile 4	18.2	14.3	13.8	11.1	9.0	7.5
	Quintile 5	10.1	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.8	2.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	11.2	8.7	7.5	5.9	7.1	5.9
	Quintile 2	18.4	14.1	12.6	10.4	11.2	9.0
	Quintile 3	26.1	19.6	18.1	15.2	13.6	10.2
	Quintile 4	24.5	19.1	18.4	14.6	13.2	10.7
	Quintile 5	13.3	9.5	8.6	8.1	7.6	4.4

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	935	695	790	720	715	595
	Quintile 2	1,420	1,175	1,170	1,090	950	880
	Quintile 3	1,775	1,590	1,420	1,385	1,165	1,005
	Quintile 4	1,810	1,445	1,460	1,325	1,190	1,020
	Quintile 5	1,285	1,060	950	910	780	695
Offers	Quintile 1	695	525	590	565	565	485
	Quintile 2	1,060	895	915	825	755	755
	Quintile 3	1,320	1,220	1,115	1,055	950	890
	Quintile 4	1,380	1,165	1,185	1,065	940	890
	Quintile 5	995	860	765	740	645	605
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.3%	75.7%	74.9%	78.5%	79.0%	81.2%
	Quintile 2	74.7%	76.2%	78.2%	75.6%	79.9%	85.7%
	Quintile 3	74.4%	76.7%	78.5%	76.2%	81.4%	88.6%
	Quintile 4	76.3%	80.5%	81.2%	80.3%	79.0%	87.4%
	Quintile 5	77.4%	81.0%	80.5%	81.4%	83.1%	87.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	75.6%	77.3%	76.9%	78.3%	80.8%	84.1%
	Quintile 2	74.9%	76.2%	78.2%	76.9%	79.3%	85.4%
	Quintile 3	75.2%	77.4%	78.8%	78.0%	81.2%	86.8%
	Quintile 4	75.7%	79.5%	79.7%	78.7%	79.9%	87.5%
	Quintile 5	76.0%	80.3%	80.6%	79.7%	81.0%	87.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.4	-1.6	-2.0	0.2	-1.8	-3.0
	Quintile 2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.2	0.6	0.3
	Quintile 3	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3	-1.8	0.2	1.7
	Quintile 4	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.6	-0.9	-0.1
	Quintile 5	1.4	0.7	-0.1	1.7	2.1	-0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.191	0.203	0.208	0.218	0.247	0.261
	Quintile 2	0.263	0.271	0.274	0.280	0.288	0.312
	Quintile 3	0.303	0.329	0.303	0.336	0.325	0.343
	Quintile 4	0.311	0.316	0.323	0.316	0.334	0.351
	Quintile 5	0.253	0.264	0.252	0.280	0.270	0.298

**P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile**
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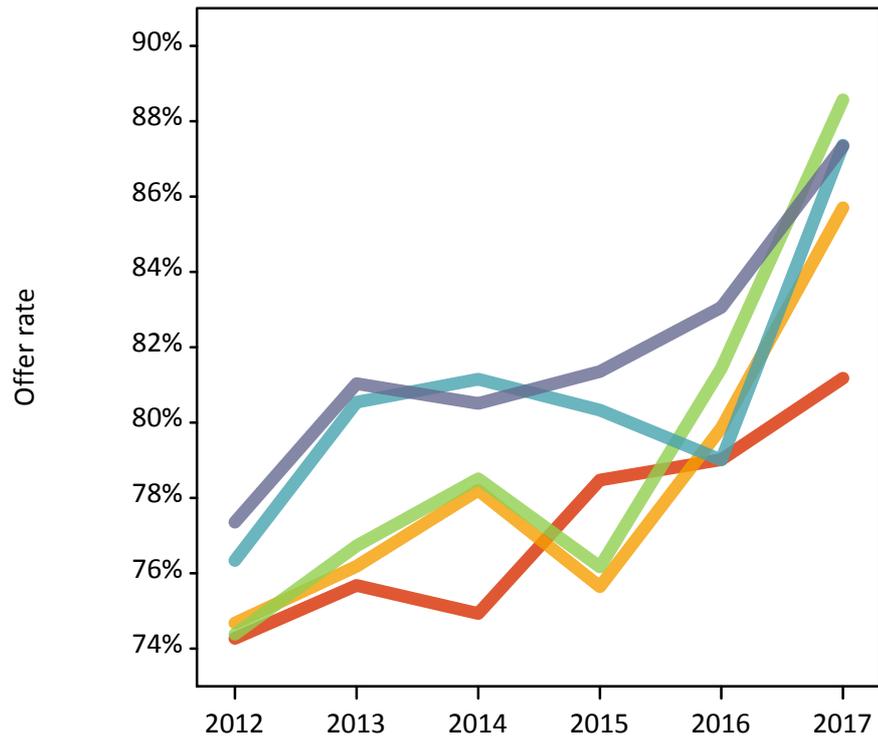
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile
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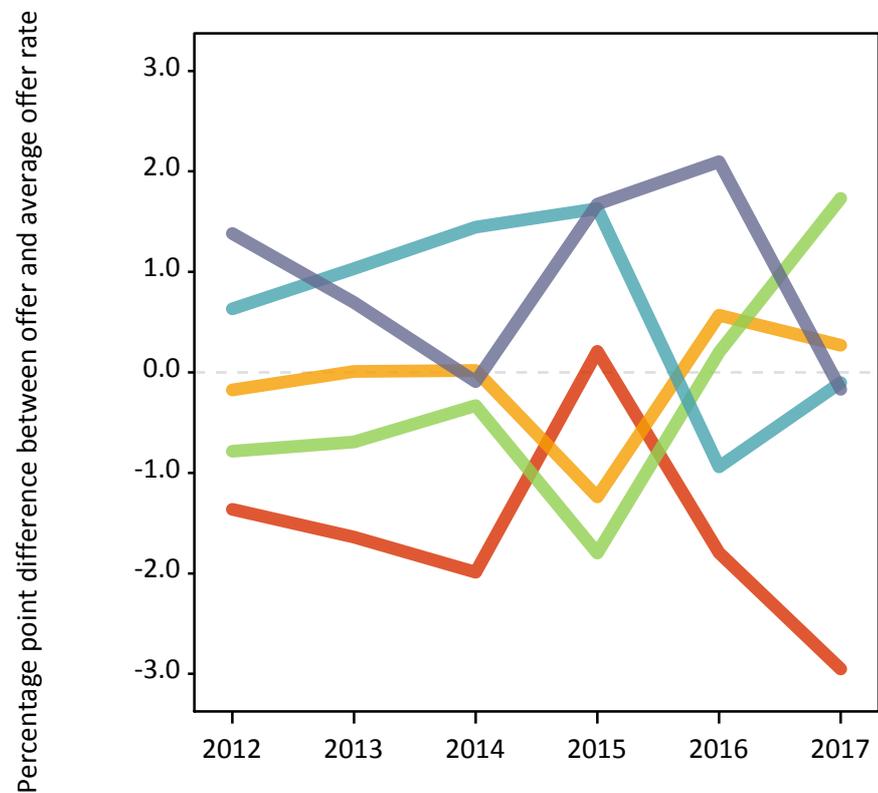
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	655	650	560	540	600	555
	Black	1,200	1,110	905	865	635	585
	Mixed	285	240	250	245	215	225
	White	4,530	3,460	3,620	3,355	2,985	2,515
	Other	70	80	85	75	65	65
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	125	135	110	115	85	75
	Black	260	185	140	105	90	80
	Mixed	65	25	35	35	30	25
	White	635	440	460	360	340	235
	Other	10	15	10	10	10	5
All placed applicants	Asian	190	190	155	165	150	125
	Black	405	300	225	165	155	125
	Mixed	80	45	45	45	40	35
	White	755	530	545	440	430	300
	Other	15	15	15	20	15	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	101.3	98.9	82.7	76.6	83.5	75.6
	Black	425.4	373.2	298.5	272.0	203.1	185.6
	Mixed	108.7	89.1	86.6	79.8	69.0	69.8
	White	70.1	55.0	58.7	53.9	49.4	42.3
	Other	81.4	86.0	89.2	77.8	66.3	61.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	19.3	20.8	16.4	16.2	12.1	10.1
	Black	91.6	62.3	46.2	32.7	28.1	25.7
	Mixed	25.0	8.9	12.2	10.7	9.5	8.4
	White	9.8	7.0	7.5	5.8	5.6	3.9
	Other	12.4	15.4	9.7	9.3	9.0	3.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	29.5	28.5	22.9	23.6	20.8	17.0
	Black	143.8	100.7	73.6	51.2	49.5	39.7
	Mixed	30.7	15.9	15.3	14.6	12.7	10.3
	White	11.7	8.4	8.8	7.0	7.1	5.0
	Other	17.0	18.7	18.3	20.7	15.1	8.7

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	725	760	640	620	635	610
	Black	1,235	1,150	935	890	650	600
	Mixed	310	260	270	265	235	240
	White	4,870	3,700	3,845	3,575	3,195	2,670
	Other	75	80	85	75	65	65
Offers	Asian	555	615	515	500	500	535
	Black	865	800	660	620	490	520
	Mixed	250	190	210	220	185	210
	White	3,720	2,985	3,115	2,840	2,630	2,290
	Other	55	60	60	55	45	60
Offer rate	Asian	76.5%	80.4%	80.6%	80.8%	78.5%	87.5%
	Black	70.0%	69.5%	70.6%	70.0%	75.0%	86.8%
	Mixed	79.7%	74.4%	78.5%	83.7%	79.6%	87.9%
	White	76.4%	80.8%	80.9%	79.5%	82.3%	85.9%
	Other	73.3%	70.7%	70.2%	72.7%	69.7%	89.6%
Average offer rate	Asian	78.4%	79.1%	80.6%	79.5%	79.7%	88.8%
	Black	76.2%	75.3%	77.6%	75.0%	79.3%	87.3%
	Mixed	79.7%	78.3%	76.6%	82.4%	82.3%	90.0%
	White	74.4%	78.7%	79.1%	78.4%	80.8%	85.4%
	Other	85.2%	81.7%	78.0%	80.6%	73.7%	88.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.9	1.4	0.0	1.3	-1.2	-1.2
	Black	-6.2	-5.8	-7.0	-4.9	-4.3	-0.5
	Mixed	0.1	-3.8	1.9	1.3	-2.7	-2.1
	White	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.1	1.4	0.5
	Other	-11.8	-11.0	-7.8	-7.9	-4.0	1.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.241	0.285	0.264	0.275	0.295	0.342
	Black	0.295	0.309	0.271	0.279	0.260	0.262
	Mixed	0.118	0.125	0.122	0.126	0.170	0.190
	White	0.746	0.703	0.731	0.731	0.739	0.726
	Other	0.082	0.123	0.092	0.115	0.112	0.142

**P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group**
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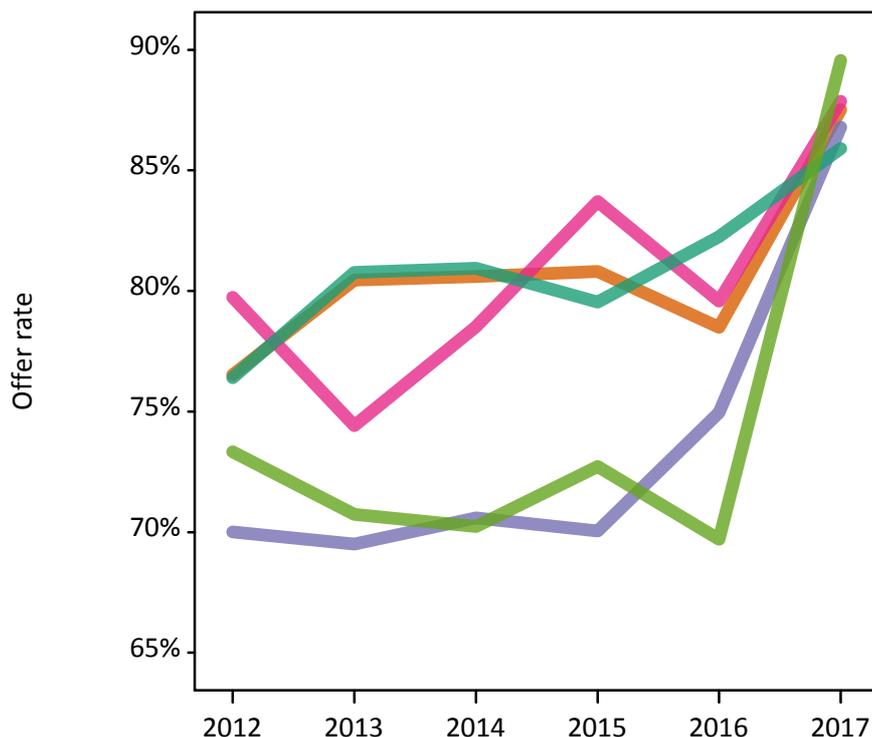
P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
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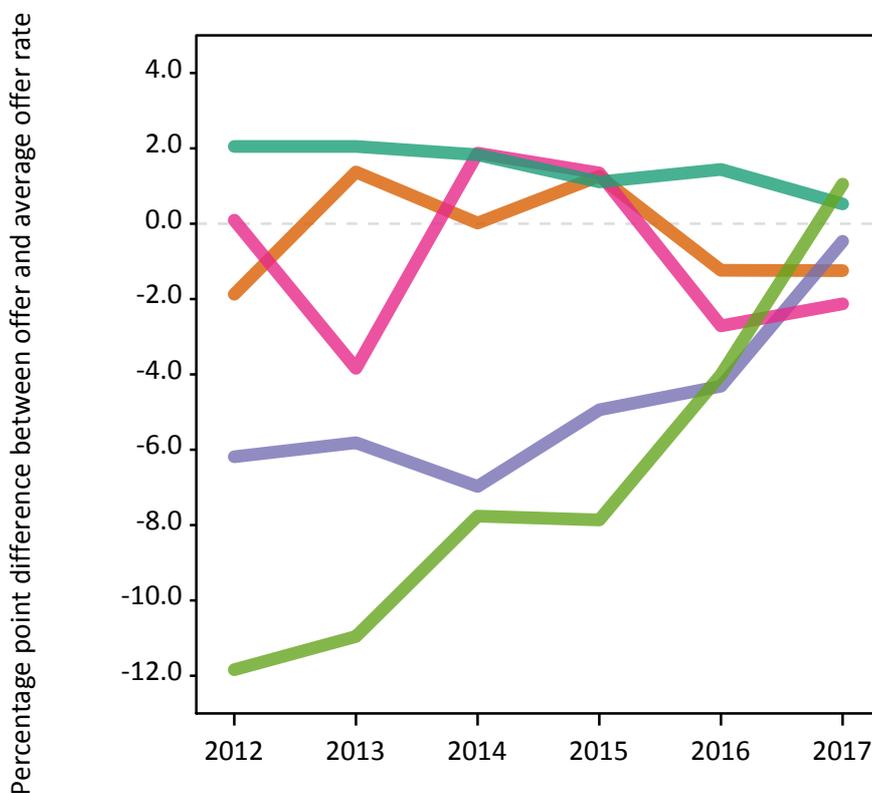
P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	15,150	12,910	12,990	12,020	11,025	9,465
Placed June deadline applicants	2,575	2,015	1,985	1,795	1,600	1,495
All placed applicants	3,625	3,065	3,005	2,770	2,985	2,660

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	16,780	14,090	14,260	13,125	12,040	10,365
Offers	10,010	8,460	8,565	8,005	7,335	7,515
Offer rate	59.7%	60.0%	60.1%	61.0%	60.9%	72.5%

Technical notes and definitions are at the end of the report.

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	5,495	4,755	4,730	4,165	3,770	3,330
	Women	9,655	8,155	8,260	7,855	7,255	6,135
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	965	750	760	630	600	485
	Women	1,610	1,265	1,225	1,160	1,000	1,010
All placed applicants	Men	1,415	1,170	1,185	1,025	1,190	970
	Women	2,210	1,895	1,820	1,745	1,800	1,685

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	6,120	5,225	5,205	4,580	4,175	3,670
	Women	10,660	8,865	9,055	8,545	7,870	6,695
Offers	Men	4,180	3,645	3,665	3,315	2,995	2,900
	Women	5,830	4,815	4,900	4,690	4,335	4,615
Offer rate	Men	68.3%	69.8%	70.5%	72.3%	71.8%	79.1%
	Women	54.7%	54.3%	54.1%	54.9%	55.1%	68.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,040	1,700	1,810	1,660	1,635	1,355
	Quintile 2	2,990	2,575	2,650	2,545	2,260	2,060
	Quintile 3	3,840	3,350	3,265	3,020	2,725	2,360
	Quintile 4	3,620	3,045	3,055	2,785	2,570	2,135
	Quintile 5	2,630	2,215	2,175	1,980	1,800	1,530
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	300	250	220	205	205	195
	Quintile 2	525	405	425	410	350	345
	Quintile 3	680	525	530	465	415	390
	Quintile 4	640	540	515	430	385	375
	Quintile 5	425	295	295	275	240	190
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	395	355	305	290	340	290
	Quintile 2	715	590	635	610	595	590
	Quintile 3	1,010	855	835	765	840	745
	Quintile 4	905	800	765	660	720	655
	Quintile 5	595	465	450	430	480	365

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,235	1,820	1,970	1,775	1,755	1,460
	Quintile 2	3,380	2,880	2,970	2,870	2,510	2,295
	Quintile 3	4,245	3,645	3,555	3,300	3,000	2,580
	Quintile 4	4,025	3,345	3,380	3,025	2,800	2,355
	Quintile 5	2,860	2,380	2,345	2,125	1,945	1,650
Offers	Quintile 1	1,280	1,055	1,120	1,035	1,015	990
	Quintile 2	1,915	1,650	1,730	1,655	1,455	1,625
	Quintile 3	2,550	2,175	2,100	2,030	1,850	1,880
	Quintile 4	2,445	2,095	2,120	1,900	1,770	1,785
	Quintile 5	1,805	1,470	1,470	1,365	1,230	1,215
Offer rate	Quintile 1	57.3%	57.9%	57.0%	58.4%	57.9%	67.9%
	Quintile 2	56.6%	57.4%	58.2%	57.7%	58.0%	70.8%
	Quintile 3	60.0%	59.7%	59.1%	61.5%	61.7%	72.8%
	Quintile 4	60.8%	62.7%	62.8%	62.8%	63.2%	75.8%
	Quintile 5	63.2%	61.9%	62.7%	64.3%	63.1%	73.6%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,530	1,500	1,425	1,350	1,395	1,225
	Black	4,325	3,760	3,605	3,365	2,940	2,635
	Mixed	690	610	645	575	525	505
	White	8,310	6,740	7,040	6,460	5,845	4,855
	Other	210	220	215	190	230	155
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	300	300	260	265	215	220
	Black	780	595	515	475	400	455
	Mixed	145	95	115	90	95	80
	White	1,320	985	1,060	920	835	710
	Other	20	25	25	30	35	20
All placed applicants	Asian	480	495	420	470	610	475
	Black	1,275	1,070	970	865	895	905
	Mixed	190	160	180	135	155	125
	White	1,610	1,270	1,355	1,210	1,210	990
	Other	45	45	60	60	75	115

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	1,770	1,740	1,610	1,560	1,545	1,370
	Black	4,730	4,050	3,940	3,600	3,150	2,810
	Mixed	780	665	720	630	585	560
	White	9,185	7,325	7,680	7,035	6,420	5,360
	Other	225	225	235	205	240	165
Offers	Asian	1,135	1,150	1,030	1,015	985	1,065
	Black	2,180	1,810	1,700	1,590	1,355	1,670
	Mixed	485	410	445	415	365	445
	White	6,050	4,925	5,215	4,810	4,430	4,140
	Other	120	120	140	130	140	130
Offer rate	Asian	64.2%	66.2%	63.8%	65.1%	64.0%	77.7%
	Black	46.0%	44.7%	43.1%	44.2%	43.0%	59.4%
	Mixed	61.9%	61.8%	61.9%	65.7%	62.6%	79.3%
	White	65.9%	67.2%	67.9%	68.4%	69.0%	77.3%
	Other	54.0%	53.3%	60.0%	62.9%	58.2%	80.0%

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 2017 cycle runs from September 2016 through to October 2017.

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.

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) 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 2017 End of Cycle Report and the 2017 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. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

Provider
A higher education provider - a university or college.

UK 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.