Sex, area background and ethnic group

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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	5,505	5,345	5,855	6,470	5,680	4,915
Placed June deadline applicants	1,305	1,120	1,270	1,175	960	1,115
All placed applicants	1,505	1,285	1,435	1,320	1,085	1,200
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	71.1	70.3	77.8	84.4	75.8	66.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	16.9	14.7	16.9	15.3	12.8	15.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.4	16.9	19.0	17.2	14.5	16.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	6,045	5,790	6,475	7,115	6,210	5,375
Offers	4,975	4,895	5,545	5,980	5,475	4,900
Offer rate	82.3%	84.5%	85.6%	84.1%	88.2%	91.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	2,715	2,635	3,070	3,250	2,930	2,490
	Women	2,790	2,710	2,785	3,220	2,750	2,425
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	680	620	700	660	510	585
	Women	625	500	570	515	445	530
All placed applicants	Men	790	715	785	745	575	630
	Women	715	570	650	575	510	570
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	68.4	67.5	79.3	82.8	76.3	65.6
	Women	74.0	73.2	76.1	86.2	75.3	67.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	17.1	15.9	18.1	16.8	13.3	15.3
	Women	16.6	13.5	15.5	13.7	12.2	14.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	19.9	18.3	20.3	19.0	14.9	16.6
	Women	18.9	15.4	17.7	15.4	14.0	15.7

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	3,040	2,910	3,485	3,665	3,245	2,770
	Women	3,005	2,880	2,990	3,445	2,960	2,600
Offers	Men	2,615	2,620	3,135	3,225	2,950	2,570
	Women	2,355	2,275	2,410	2,755	2,525	2,325
Offer rate	Men	86.1%	90.0%	90.0%	88.0%	90.8%	92.8%
	Women	78.4%	79.0%	80.6%	79.9%	85.3%	89.5%
Average offer rate	Men	85.7%	89.5%	89.5%	87.9%	91.0%	93.5%
	Women	78.9%	79.5%	81.1%	80.1%	85.1%	88.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.7
	Women	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.686	0.700	0.710	0.695	0.676	0.658
	Women	0.682	0.697	0.662	0.675	0.645	0.636

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 2012-2017.
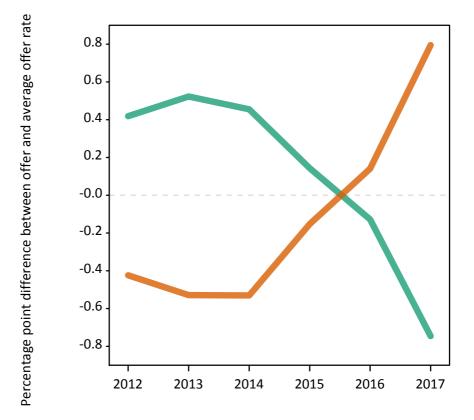

P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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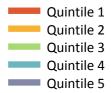
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	680	695	735	810	785	665
	Quintile 2	890	905	1,035	1,075	945	830
	Quintile 3	1,150	1,105	1,285	1,375	1,160	1,030
	Quintile 4	1,355	1,275	1,390	1,625	1,375	1,215
	Quintile 5	1,420	1,350	1,405	1,570	1,405	1,160
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	185	155	175	145	140	150
	Quintile 2	230	200	230	210	170	195
	Quintile 3	270	235	275	255	180	245
	Quintile 4	315	270	295	305	240	270
	Quintile 5	310	255	285	255	230	250
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	205	180	200	170	160	170
	Quintile 2	265	225	250	235	190	205
	Quintile 3	310	260	315	280	200	265
	Quintile 4	360	310	340	340	270	280
	Quintile 5	360	305	320	295	260	270
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	47.9	49.9	52.7	57.9	58.1	49.9
	Quintile 2	59.2	61.4	70.7	72.5	65.2	58.3
	Quintile 3	74.6	72.5	85.3	89.6	77.2	69.2
	Quintile 4	85.3	81.5	90.1	103.7	89.1	79.7
	Quintile 5	84.5	81.7	86.3	93.8	85.0	70.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.8	11.1	12.7	10.5	10.2	11.4
	Quintile 2	15.3	13.5	15.9	14.2	11.7	13.6
	Quintile 3	17.4	15.3	18.3	16.5	12.0	16.3
	Quintile 4	19.8	17.3	19.1	19.4	15.5	17.6
	Quintile 5	18.5	15.5	17.6	15.3	13.8	15.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	14.2	12.8	14.5	12.1	11.8	12.8
	Quintile 2	17.8	15.2	17.2	15.7	13.3	14.4
	Quintile 3	20.2	17.0	20.9	18.3	13.4	17.9
	Quintile 4	22.7	19.9	22.1	21.8	17.5	18.4
	Quintile 5	21.5	18.5	19.7	17.5	15.7	16.6

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

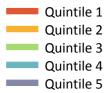| Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	765	765	830	920	870	745
	Quintile 2	985	985	1,140	1,190	1,015	890
	Quintile 3	1,260	1,210	1,425	1,505	1,280	1,120
	Quintile 4	1,480	1,375	1,540	1,765	1,510	1,345
	Quintile 5	1,545	1,435	1,525	1,720	1,520	1,255
Offers	Quintile 1	610	635	720	765	760	670
	Quintile 2	810	835	975	1,015	875	815
	Quintile 3	1,035	1,005	1,220	1,265	1,130	1,020
	Quintile 4	1,220	1,170	1,295	1,465	1,330	1,225
	Quintile 5	1,290	1,235	1,315	1,460	1,365	1,155
Offer rate	Quintile 1	79.6%	83.2%	87.2%	83.2%	87.5%	90.0%
	Quintile 2	82.5%	84.4%	85.6%	85.4%	86.2%	91.6%
	Quintile 3	82.3%	82.8%	85.6%	84.2%	88.1%	90.7%
	Quintile 4	82.5%	85.2%	84.0%	82.9%	88.1%	91.0%
	Quintile 5	83.3%	86.1%	86.2%	84.9%	90.0%	92.1%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	82.2%	84.0%	86.9%	84.1%	88.5%	89.9%
	Quintile 2	81.6%	83.9%	85.5%	85.0%	87.6%	90.8%
	Quintile 3	82.4%	84.5%	85.7%	84.0%	88.2%	90.7%
	Quintile 4	82.7%	84.4%	84.9%	83.4%	88.1%	92.1%
	Quintile 5	82.4%	85.4%	85.5%	84.3%	88.4%	91.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.6	-0.8	0.3	-0.9	-1.1	0.2
	Quintile 2	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	-1.4	0.8
	Quintile 3	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0
	Quintile 4	-0.2	0.7	-0.9	-0.5	0.0	-1.1
	Quintile 5	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.6	0.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.213	0.222	0.201	0.198	0.210	0.228
	Quintile 2	0.244	0.255	0.252	0.241	0.235	0.247
	Quintile 3	0.282	0.291	0.288	0.274	0.268	0.283
	Quintile 4	0.318	0.325	0.304	0.310	0.313	0.321
	Quintile 5	0.342	0.345	0.321	0.320	0.323	0.319

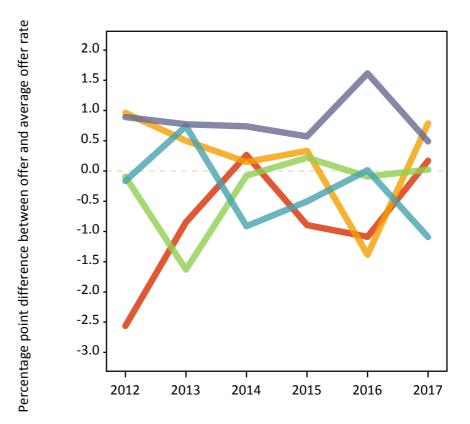**P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile**
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.

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 2012-2017.

P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	195	215	225	305	210	185
	Black	295	330	385	480	320	250
	Mixed	230	220	250	295	265	240
	White	4,740	4,530	4,935	5,325	4,800	4,180
	Other	35	45	45	45	55	40
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	30	35	45	40	25	25
	Black	70	75	60	80	55	40
	Mixed	60	40	55	55	50	65
	White	1,140	960	1,110	990	820	970
	Other	5	5	5	5	10	10
All placed applicants	Asian	55	45	65	50	30	35
	Black	90	90	75	100	65	45
	Mixed	70	50	60	65	55	65
	White	1,280	1,085	1,230	1,095	920	1,030
	Other	10	10	5	5	10	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	30.1	32.3	33.2	43.4	29.5	25.3
	Black	105.1	110.5	127.7	150.5	102.5	80.1
	Mixed	88.3	81.4	86.9	96.3	84.9	75.4
	White	73.4	72.0	80.0	85.5	79.4	70.4
	Other	37.3	47.4	49.4	46.7	53.3	36.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.5	5.2	6.5	5.4	3.5	3.7
	Black	24.5	24.9	19.1	25.1	17.2	13.0
	Mixed	22.3	14.8	18.4	17.8	15.6	19.6
	White	17.7	15.3	18.0	15.9	13.5	16.3
	Other	7.9	7.7	4.3	6.2	8.0	9.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	8.3	7.1	9.3	7.3	4.3	4.8
	Black	32.0	30.7	25.1	30.8	20.4	14.6
	Mixed	26.1	17.8	20.2	20.8	18.1	20.9
	White	19.8	17.3	19.9	17.6	15.2	17.4
	Other	9.0	11.0	5.4	7.3	11.1	12.6

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	205	230	245	320	230	200
	Black	310	340	405	510	340	265
	Mixed	245	230	275	320	285	270
	White	5,240	4,930	5,490	5,905	5,270	4,580
	Other	35	45	50	45	55	40
Offers	Asian	175	200	225	275	215	175
	Black	250	290	335	435	285	245
	Mixed	200	175	235	265	250	245
	White	4,310	4,180	4,705	4,955	4,655	4,175
	Other	30	35	40	40	40	35
Offer rate	Asian	86.2%	86.5%	91.1%	86.8%	93.9%	89.4%
	Black	80.4%	85.4%	82.7%	85.1%	84.2%	93.6%
	Mixed	81.5%	75.4%	85.3%	83.4%	88.7%	91.1%
	White	82.3%	84.8%	85.7%	83.9%	88.3%	91.2%
	Other	83.3%	83.7%	74.5%	85.1%	74.1%	85.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	85.1%	89.1%	89.1%	88.7%	91.7%	93.2%
	Black	82.6%	86.2%	85.9%	84.9%	88.5%	92.5%
	Mixed	81.0%	80.1%	85.4%	84.7%	87.8%	90.5%
	White	82.2%	84.4%	85.5%	83.7%	88.0%	91.1%
	Other	79.6%	85.2%	84.5%	83.4%	84.1%	87.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	1.1	-2.6	2.0	-1.9	2.2	-3.8
	Black	-2.2	-0.8	-3.3	0.2	-4.3	1.0
	Mixed	0.5	-4.7	-0.0	-1.3	1.0	0.7
	White	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
	Other	N/A	N/A	-10.0	N/A	-10.0	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.176	0.193	0.146	0.150	0.145	0.165
	Black	0.147	0.163	0.157	0.162	0.143	0.127
	Mixed	0.132	0.118	0.127	0.120	0.122	0.120
	White	0.885	0.873	0.865	0.851	0.865	0.868
	Other	0.120	0.075	0.052	0.142	0.107	0.113

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 2012-2017.

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 2012-2017.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	11,090	10,945	11,585	11,990	10,580	9,100
Placed June deadline applicants	2,825	2,545	2,705	2,505	2,070	2,175
All placed applicants	3,330	3,040	3,160	2,860	2,410	2,430

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	12,475	12,150	12,975	13,480	11,785	10,110
Offers	9,540	9,570	10,390	10,625	9,840	8,780
Offer rate	76.5%	78.8%	80.1%	78.8%	83.5%	86.9%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	5,790	5,690	6,295	6,305	5,675	4,760
	Women	5,300	5,255	5,285	5,680	4,905	4,340
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,610	1,475	1,560	1,455	1,160	1,180
	Women	1,215	1,065	1,145	1,050	905	995
All placed applicants	Men	1,920	1,795	1,820	1,650	1,365	1,330
	Women	1,410	1,245	1,340	1,210	1,045	1,100

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	6,675	6,455	7,210	7,285	6,425	5,370
	Women	5,800	5,695	5,770	6,195	5,355	4,740
Offers	Men	5,335	5,410	6,055	6,010	5,540	4,810
	Women	4,205	4,160	4,335	4,610	4,295	3,970
Offer rate	Men	79.9%	83.9%	84.0%	82.5%	86.2%	89.5%
	Women	72.5%	73.0%	75.2%	74.5%	80.2%	83.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,625	1,595	1,685	1,770	1,585	1,365
	Quintile 2	1,910	1,910	2,030	2,025	1,765	1,615
	Quintile 3	2,295	2,285	2,490	2,510	2,235	1,930
	Quintile 4	2,620	2,550	2,730	2,885	2,515	2,165
	Quintile 5	2,610	2,575	2,625	2,770	2,455	2,000
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	425	380	435	395	360	355
	Quintile 2	500	460	495	435	340	410
	Quintile 3	595	535	560	535	435	475
	Quintile 4	665	605	635	600	480	490
	Quintile 5	635	555	575	535	450	430
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	500	460	505	455	415	405
	Quintile 2	585	540	565	490	390	450
	Quintile 3	705	635	660	610	495	540
	Quintile 4	780	725	755	680	555	545
	Quintile 5	750	670	670	620	545	480

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,880	1,805	1,925	2,080	1,815	1,545
	Quintile 2	2,160	2,140	2,280	2,275	1,935	1,785
	Quintile 3	2,585	2,560	2,810	2,815	2,480	2,145
	Quintile 4	2,930	2,815	3,070	3,230	2,800	2,430
	Quintile 5	2,875	2,800	2,870	3,050	2,715	2,180
Offers	Quintile 1	1,400	1,370	1,535	1,585	1,490	1,330
	Quintile 2	1,660	1,670	1,815	1,790	1,580	1,530
	Quintile 3	1,975	1,985	2,225	2,205	2,055	1,850
	Quintile 4	2,240	2,275	2,445	2,555	2,350	2,105
	Quintile 5	2,235	2,245	2,345	2,470	2,335	1,935
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.6%	76.0%	79.6%	76.1%	81.9%	86.1%
	Quintile 2	77.0%	78.0%	79.7%	78.7%	81.7%	85.9%
	Quintile 3	76.4%	77.6%	79.2%	78.4%	82.8%	86.3%
	Quintile 4	76.3%	80.9%	79.7%	79.1%	83.9%	86.7%
	Quintile 5	77.6%	80.2%	81.8%	80.9%	86.0%	88.8%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	545	505	585	625	495	420
	Black	895	895	985	1,065	855	655
	Mixed	505	480	545	565	530	455
	White	8,990	8,900	9,315	9,575	8,525	7,435
	Other	100	110	120	100	120	95
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	110	90	115	100	80	75
	Black	235	230	175	185	145	130
	Mixed	140	110	120	115	110	115
	White	2,310	2,070	2,260	2,075	1,710	1,825
	Other	20	25	25	15	20	20
All placed applicants	Asian	175	135	160	135	105	100
	Black	305	300	250	240	190	160
	Mixed	165	130	150	135	130	130
	White	2,640	2,420	2,550	2,310	1,950	2,000
	Other	30	35	35	25	25	30

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	600	545	650	675	560	450
	Black	965	960	1,065	1,150	915	710
	Mixed	570	530	605	625	570	500
	White	10,160	9,925	10,485	10,855	9,555	8,310
	Other	110	125	140	115	125	105
Offers	Asian	490	445	550	560	475	385
	Black	695	740	790	860	695	585
	Mixed	435	385	475	495	455	430
	White	7,805	7,855	8,440	8,580	8,065	7,260
	Other	80	95	105	90	95	85
Offer rate	Asian	81.4%	82.0%	84.9%	83.0%	84.7%	84.9%
	Black	71.9%	77.0%	74.4%	75.0%	76.2%	82.9%
	Mixed	75.9%	73.0%	78.8%	78.9%	80.2%	86.6%
	White	76.8%	79.2%	80.5%	79.1%	84.4%	87.4%
	Other	73.2%	74.0%	75.2%	78.1%	75.4%	81.6%

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.