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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

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- 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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	4,020	4,345	4,355	4,065	4,290	4,120
Placed June deadline applicants	920	1,110	1,010	920	1,070	1,095
All placed applicants	1,130	1,355	1,230	1,150	1,275	1,265
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	52.8	57.7	56.9	54.3	57.9	57.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	12.1	14.7	13.2	12.2	14.5	15.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	14.8	18.0	16.0	15.3	17.2	17.5

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	4,470	4,870	4,885	4,540	4,750	4,660
Offers	3,700	4,120	4,095	3,885	4,140	4,355
Offer rate	82.8%	84.6%	83.8%	85.6%	87.2%	93.5%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	1,660	1,990	1,995	1,825	1,990	1,830
	Women	2,360	2,355	2,360	2,240	2,300	2,290
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	400	560	460	450	520	485
	Women	520	550	550	470	550	605
All placed applicants	Men	480	655	550	540	605	565
	Women	650	695	680	610	670	700
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	42.5	51.4	50.8	47.5	52.4	49.5
	Women	63.7	64.4	63.2	61.4	63.7	65.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	10.2	14.4	11.7	11.7	13.7	13.1
	Women	14.1	15.1	14.8	12.8	15.3	17.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	12.3	17.0	14.0	14.0	15.9	15.2
	Women	17.5	19.0	18.2	16.7	18.5	20.0

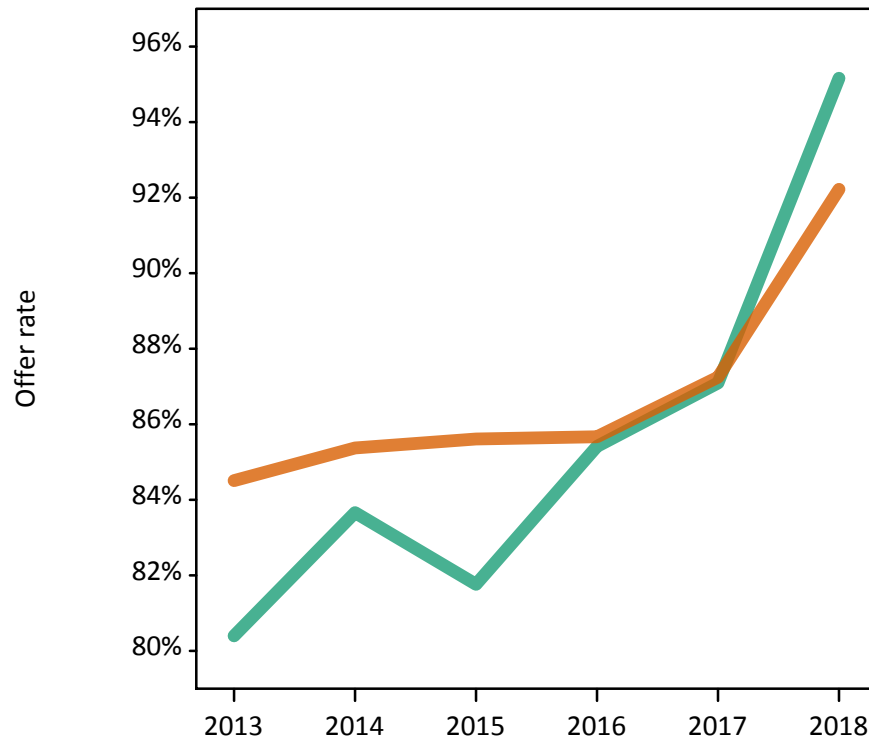
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	1,905	2,325	2,300	2,080	2,215	2,085
	Women	2,570	2,545	2,585	2,465	2,530	2,570
Offers	Men	1,530	1,945	1,880	1,775	1,930	1,985
	Women	2,170	2,170	2,215	2,110	2,210	2,370
Offer rate	Men	80.4%	83.7%	81.8%	85.4%	87.1%	95.2%
	Women	84.5%	85.4%	85.6%	85.7%	87.2%	92.2%
Average offer rate	Men	82.0%	84.5%	83.0%	86.7%	87.2%	95.5%
	Women	83.4%	84.6%	84.5%	84.6%	87.2%	91.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.6	-0.8	-1.2	-1.3	-0.1	-0.4
	Women	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.622	0.666	0.655	0.603	0.619	0.594
	Women	0.720	0.695	0.693	0.665	0.667	0.671

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 2013-2018.

Men
Women



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 2013-2018.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	535	645	665	625	665	605
	Quintile 2	845	935	940	915	905	870
	Quintile 3	885	970	975	900	1,000	905
	Quintile 4	870	845	850	720	835	810
	Quintile 5	880	935	925	890	870	915
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	135	155	170	160	175	160
	Quintile 2	190	255	235	200	240	245
	Quintile 3	215	280	230	210	265	255
	Quintile 4	185	205	175	160	190	220
	Quintile 5	190	210	195	185	200	205
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	170	190	205	190	215	190
	Quintile 2	230	310	275	250	280	280
	Quintile 3	260	325	280	255	310	295
	Quintile 4	230	255	215	210	225	255
	Quintile 5	235	275	250	245	240	235
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	38.0	45.7	46.9	46.0	49.8	46.5
	Quintile 2	58.1	65.2	64.4	64.6	64.9	64.1
	Quintile 3	59.5	66.3	65.0	61.5	69.1	64.1
	Quintile 4	56.5	55.6	54.7	47.3	55.4	55.0
	Quintile 5	51.0	55.1	53.2	51.6	50.8	54.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.6	10.9	11.9	11.6	13.2	12.5
	Quintile 2	13.0	17.9	16.2	14.0	17.1	18.0
	Quintile 3	14.5	19.1	15.5	14.3	18.4	18.2
	Quintile 4	12.1	13.6	11.4	10.6	12.5	15.0
	Quintile 5	11.0	12.3	11.3	10.8	11.5	12.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.0	13.4	14.6	13.9	16.1	14.7
	Quintile 2	15.9	21.5	18.8	17.5	20.1	20.7
	Quintile 3	17.6	22.1	18.5	17.5	21.4	21.1
	Quintile 4	14.8	16.6	13.9	13.8	14.7	17.2
	Quintile 5	13.6	16.2	14.5	14.1	14.1	14.1

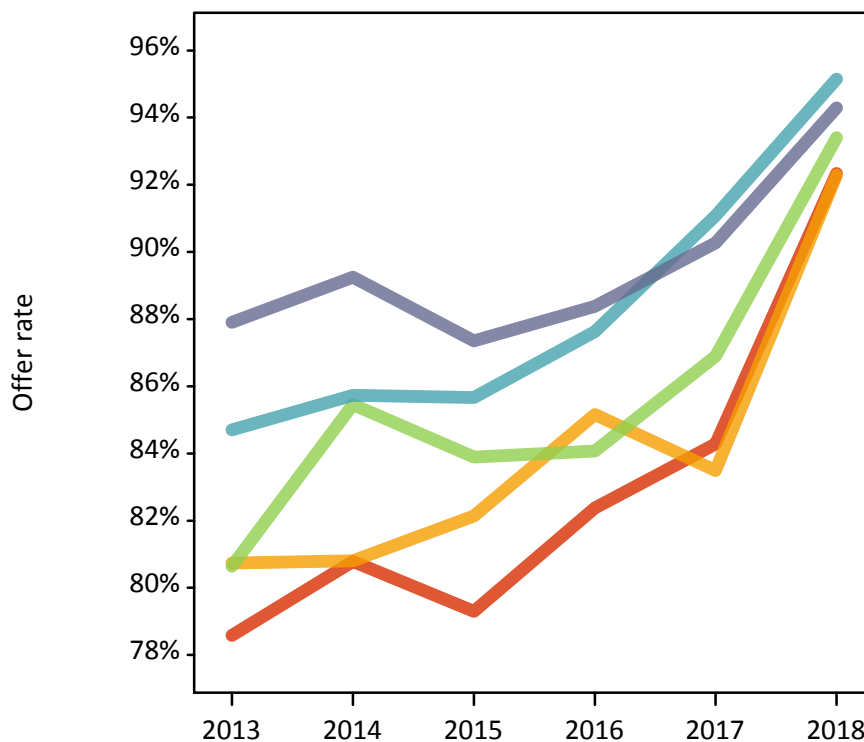
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	605	735	775	730	750	705
	Quintile 2	975	1,100	1,085	1,040	1,030	1,000
	Quintile 3	995	1,085	1,080	1,030	1,120	1,030
	Quintile 4	950	925	930	785	910	905
	Quintile 5	935	1,015	1,010	945	925	1,000
Offers	Quintile 1	475	595	615	605	635	650
	Quintile 2	790	890	890	885	860	920
	Quintile 3	805	930	905	865	975	965
	Quintile 4	805	795	795	685	825	865
	Quintile 5	820	905	885	835	835	940
Offer rate	Quintile 1	78.6%	80.8%	79.3%	82.4%	84.3%	92.3%
	Quintile 2	80.7%	80.8%	82.1%	85.2%	83.5%	92.3%
	Quintile 3	80.6%	85.5%	83.9%	84.1%	86.9%	93.4%
	Quintile 4	84.7%	85.7%	85.7%	87.6%	91.1%	95.1%
	Quintile 5	87.9%	89.3%	87.4%	88.4%	90.3%	94.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	80.0%	83.0%	82.6%	83.9%	86.4%	94.0%
	Quintile 2	81.9%	83.4%	82.5%	86.3%	86.3%	93.2%
	Quintile 3	82.2%	83.4%	83.5%	85.3%	86.6%	93.0%
	Quintile 4	83.6%	85.0%	84.8%	85.5%	88.0%	94.2%
	Quintile 5	85.2%	87.7%	85.6%	86.3%	88.8%	93.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.4	-2.2	-3.3	-1.6	-2.1	-1.7
	Quintile 2	-1.1	-2.6	-0.4	-1.1	-2.8	-0.9
	Quintile 3	-1.5	2.1	0.4	-1.3	0.3	0.4
	Quintile 4	1.1	0.7	0.9	2.1	3.1	0.9
	Quintile 5	2.7	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.236	0.234	0.237	0.239	0.240	0.214
	Quintile 2	0.302	0.304	0.293	0.292	0.287	0.259
	Quintile 3	0.299	0.295	0.286	0.294	0.301	0.277
	Quintile 4	0.292	0.260	0.259	0.244	0.252	0.250
	Quintile 5	0.297	0.314	0.297	0.296	0.293	0.293

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

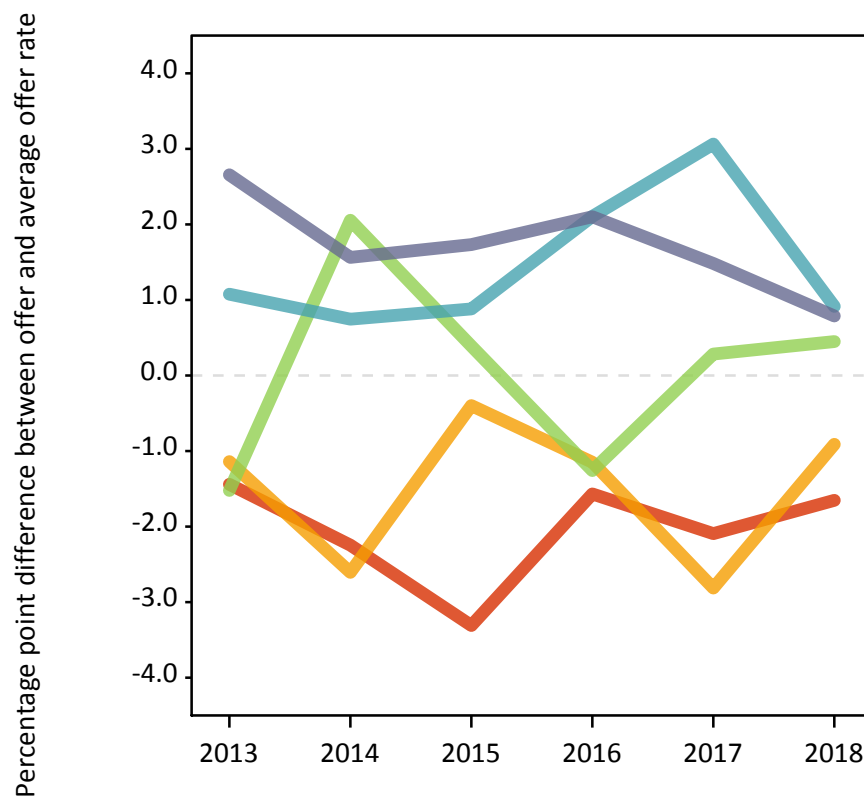
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	105	175	170	170	170	160
	Black	45	65	90	85	80	80
	Mixed	90	115	110	105	110	125
	White	3,765	3,960	3,950	3,665	3,880	3,720
	Other	10	25	25	30	35	25
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	30	35	40	20	30	40
	Black	10	10	10	15	15	20
	Mixed	15	30	30	20	20	40
	White	860	1,025	920	845	990	980
	Other	0	5	5	5	10	10
All placed applicants	Asian	40	50	65	40	45	55
	Black	20	20	20	25	25	25
	Mixed	25	35	40	30	30	50
	White	1,030	1,240	1,095	1,035	1,155	1,115
	Other	0	10	10	15	15	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	15.8	25.7	24.0	23.3	23.0	21.8
	Black	14.8	22.1	28.0	27.1	24.8	26.0
	Mixed	34.0	40.7	36.3	33.7	34.9	39.3
	White	59.9	64.2	63.4	60.6	65.4	64.8
	Other	9.9	26.9	25.9	28.1	34.0	25.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.5	5.3	5.9	3.1	4.1	5.1
	Black	3.4	4.0	3.8	5.1	4.1	6.4
	Mixed	6.3	10.4	9.1	7.0	6.2	12.7
	White	13.7	16.6	14.8	14.0	16.7	17.1
	Other	0.0	5.4	7.3	7.0	10.7	10.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	6.1	7.1	8.9	5.4	6.3	7.4
	Black	6.1	5.9	6.9	8.6	7.6	8.7
	Mixed	8.9	12.9	12.3	8.9	9.0	15.2
	White	16.4	20.1	17.6	17.1	19.4	19.5
	Other	0.0	9.7	8.3	13.1	13.6	14.3

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	115	190	190	175	180	175
	Black	50	75	95	90	85	95
	Mixed	100	130	120	115	120	135
	White	4,200	4,440	4,430	4,110	4,300	4,215
	Other	10	30	30	35	40	30
Offers	Asian	95	165	155	150	160	170
	Black	35	55	75	75	65	85
	Mixed	80	105	105	95	100	125
	White	3,480	3,765	3,730	3,520	3,760	3,950
	Other	10	20	20	30	35	25
Offer rate	Asian	81.7%	85.4%	81.8%	85.2%	87.4%	94.9%
	Black	70.8%	77.0%	78.4%	81.3%	75.6%	89.5%
	Mixed	80.8%	81.1%	84.4%	82.9%	84.7%	90.5%
	White	82.9%	84.8%	84.2%	85.7%	87.5%	93.8%
	Other	N/A	75.0%	68.8%	100.0%	88.1%	82.8%
Average offer rate	Asian	88.3%	87.9%	84.4%	87.2%	89.6%	93.5%
	Black	79.1%	86.4%	83.3%	85.4%	82.6%	93.9%
	Mixed	82.6%	84.5%	84.9%	86.2%	88.0%	92.7%
	White	82.6%	84.4%	83.8%	85.4%	87.1%	93.6%
	Other	N/A	85.0%	87.8%	93.2%	89.2%	90.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-6.5	-2.5	-2.6	-1.9	-2.2	1.4
	Black	N/A	-9.3	-5.0	-4.1	-7.0	-4.4
	Mixed	-1.8	-3.5	-0.5	-3.3	-3.2	-2.2
	White	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.233	0.235	0.230	0.188	0.179	0.133
	Black	0.137	0.151	0.151	0.107	0.165	0.104
	Mixed	0.134	0.120	0.096	0.091	0.110	0.081
	White	0.949	0.928	0.924	0.919	0.921	0.915
	Other	N/A	0.116	0.149	0.111	0.113	0.139

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 2013-2018.

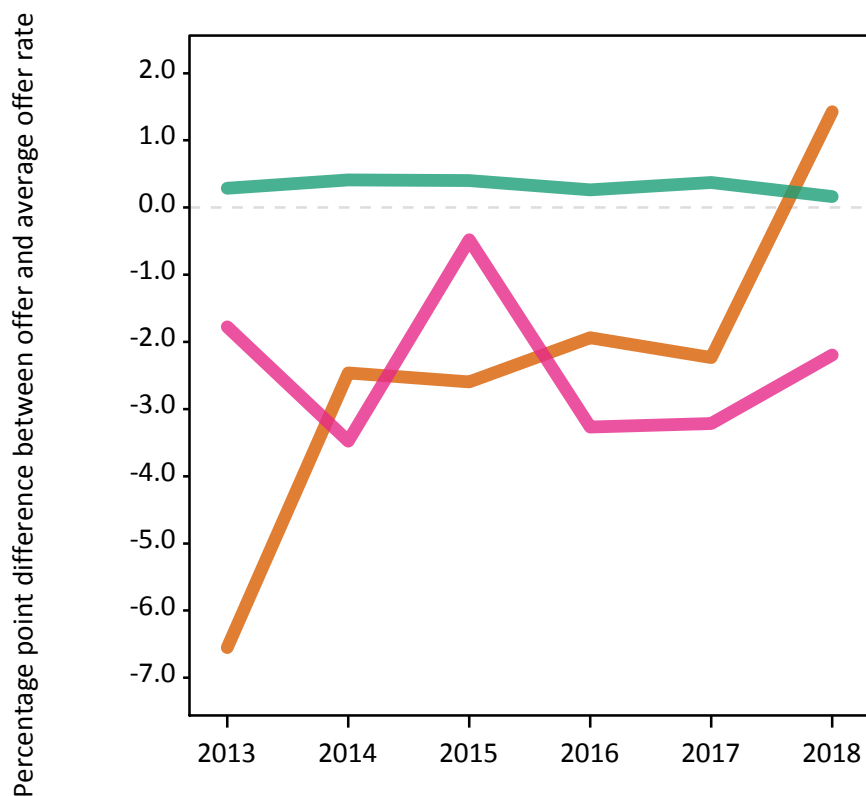
- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



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 2013-2018.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	7,710	8,420	8,225	7,750	7,765	7,315
Placed June deadline applicants	1,910	2,280	2,045	1,945	2,075	2,115
All placed applicants	2,740	2,920	2,635	2,530	2,665	2,600

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	8,705	9,625	9,335	8,805	8,685	8,295
Offers	6,635	7,535	7,235	6,905	7,195	7,290
Offer rate	76.2%	78.3%	77.5%	78.4%	82.8%	87.9%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	3,280	3,840	3,790	3,480	3,525	3,275
	Women	4,430	4,575	4,440	4,265	4,240	4,040
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	835	1,085	895	890	940	915
	Women	1,075	1,195	1,150	1,055	1,135	1,200
All placed applicants	Men	1,220	1,365	1,175	1,150	1,205	1,140
	Women	1,520	1,555	1,460	1,380	1,460	1,460

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	3,775	4,545	4,395	4,005	3,965	3,710
	Women	4,930	5,080	4,940	4,795	4,725	4,585
Offers	Men	2,850	3,565	3,360	3,190	3,335	3,355
	Women	3,785	3,970	3,875	3,720	3,865	3,935
Offer rate	Men	75.5%	78.5%	76.5%	79.6%	84.1%	90.4%
	Women	76.7%	78.2%	78.4%	77.5%	81.8%	85.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,200	1,330	1,380	1,305	1,285	1,240
	Quintile 2	1,635	1,885	1,785	1,770	1,725	1,590
	Quintile 3	1,685	1,760	1,750	1,650	1,680	1,545
	Quintile 4	1,520	1,565	1,545	1,355	1,465	1,305
	Quintile 5	1,655	1,860	1,760	1,645	1,580	1,610
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	295	330	365	385	370	380
	Quintile 2	410	535	460	445	480	480
	Quintile 3	430	525	440	385	450	470
	Quintile 4	355	405	360	330	350	365
	Quintile 5	415	480	420	395	420	415
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	455	440	485	485	495	475
	Quintile 2	560	675	585	570	620	600
	Quintile 3	575	635	535	505	570	565
	Quintile 4	465	515	455	425	435	440
	Quintile 5	600	640	565	535	540	510

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,380	1,560	1,630	1,545	1,465	1,425
	Quintile 2	1,915	2,200	2,080	2,060	1,990	1,850
	Quintile 3	1,915	2,005	1,955	1,885	1,885	1,760
	Quintile 4	1,680	1,765	1,725	1,500	1,610	1,465
	Quintile 5	1,800	2,080	1,930	1,795	1,715	1,760
Offers	Quintile 1	975	1,160	1,155	1,165	1,175	1,225
	Quintile 2	1,415	1,640	1,585	1,590	1,570	1,590
	Quintile 3	1,435	1,595	1,545	1,485	1,555	1,545
	Quintile 4	1,335	1,435	1,370	1,190	1,390	1,320
	Quintile 5	1,460	1,695	1,575	1,460	1,485	1,585
Offer rate	Quintile 1	70.7%	74.3%	71.0%	75.6%	80.3%	86.0%
	Quintile 2	73.8%	74.6%	76.2%	77.1%	79.1%	85.9%
	Quintile 3	75.0%	79.5%	78.8%	78.8%	82.6%	87.8%
	Quintile 4	79.7%	81.3%	79.4%	79.4%	86.4%	90.2%
	Quintile 5	81.0%	81.5%	81.5%	81.4%	86.6%	89.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	275	380	400	370	335	340
	Black	215	245	265	285	260	235
	Mixed	205	240	255	230	230	250
	White	6,950	7,450	7,200	6,745	6,810	6,395
	Other	45	75	75	80	85	65
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	70	85	85	75	80	95
	Black	35	45	45	60	55	60
	Mixed	45	65	65	70	55	85
	White	1,745	2,055	1,830	1,700	1,850	1,840
	Other	10	20	15	25	20	25
All placed applicants	Asian	110	140	140	130	125	130
	Black	90	90	90	110	115	105
	Mixed	65	90	90	85	85	105
	White	2,245	2,535	2,275	2,120	2,280	2,195
	Other	15	40	20	45	45	35

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	315	440	455	410	375	375
	Black	250	275	295	335	290	260
	Mixed	225	285	290	255	250	270
	White	7,830	8,500	8,170	7,655	7,615	7,280
	Other	55	95	90	105	100	80
Offers	Asian	245	335	355	320	315	320
	Black	120	175	175	205	185	200
	Mixed	160	210	220	200	195	225
	White	6,055	6,720	6,405	6,075	6,385	6,460
	Other	40	70	55	75	80	55
Offer rate	Asian	77.0%	76.0%	77.7%	77.9%	83.3%	84.8%
	Black	47.4%	64.1%	59.6%	62.2%	63.7%	77.4%
	Mixed	71.6%	74.6%	75.7%	77.4%	77.9%	83.2%
	White	77.3%	79.1%	78.4%	79.4%	83.8%	88.7%
	Other	74.1%	70.8%	64.8%	73.1%	78.0%	73.1%

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 2018 cycle runs from September 2017 through to October 2018.

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.

POLAR4 quintile

Developed by OfS, POLAR4 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). POLAR4 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, 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 POLAR4 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016 quintile

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 2018 End of Cycle Report and the 2018 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 POLAR4 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 POLAR4 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.