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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	150,525	154,245	159,145	157,585	154,885	150,560
Placed June deadline applicants	63,600	65,235	67,655	66,080	64,200	63,450
All placed applicants	77,675	80,015	82,595	80,405	78,650	77,695
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	1,978.0	2,048.0	2,077.2	2,102.4	2,090.6	2,084.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	835.8	866.2	883.1	881.6	866.5	878.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	1,020.7	1,062.4	1,078.1	1,072.7	1,061.6	1,075.6

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	393,460	404,080	410,265	397,150	379,560	364,605
Offers	306,360	317,740	326,425	317,910	310,770	303,295
Offer rate	77.9%	78.6%	79.6%	80.0%	81.9%	83.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	62,250	64,165	65,070	64,945	63,580	61,815
	Women	88,275	90,080	94,075	92,640	91,305	88,745
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	27,000	27,830	28,560	27,950	26,610	26,165
	Women	36,605	37,410	39,100	38,130	37,585	37,285
All placed applicants	Men	32,845	34,055	34,725	33,750	32,580	32,040
	Women	44,830	45,960	47,870	46,655	46,075	45,650
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	1,594.5	1,657.5	1,658.1	1,690.6	1,673.9	1,668.6
	Women	2,382.2	2,460.9	2,517.4	2,535.3	2,528.8	2,522.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	691.5	718.9	727.7	727.5	700.6	706.3
	Women	987.8	1,021.9	1,046.2	1,043.5	1,041.0	1,059.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	841.3	879.7	884.9	878.5	857.7	864.9
	Women	1,209.8	1,255.6	1,280.9	1,276.8	1,276.0	1,297.4

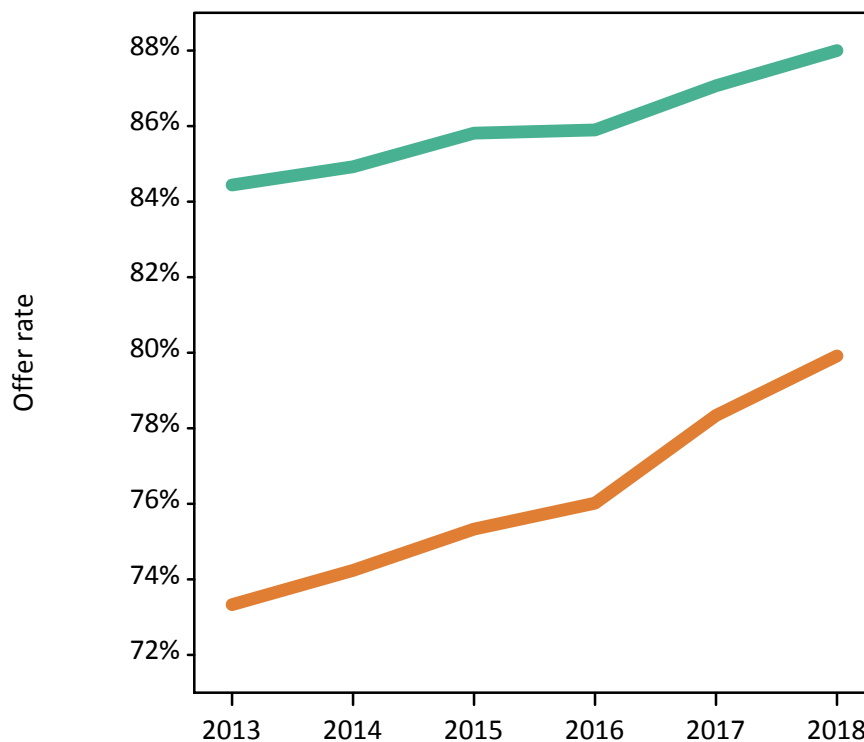
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	160,540	166,160	165,725	162,005	153,680	147,540
	Women	232,920	237,915	244,545	235,145	225,880	217,065
Offers	Men	135,555	141,110	142,215	139,155	133,810	129,835
	Women	170,810	176,630	184,210	178,750	176,960	173,465
Offer rate	Men	84.4%	84.9%	85.8%	85.9%	87.1%	88.0%
	Women	73.3%	74.2%	75.3%	76.0%	78.3%	79.9%
Average offer rate	Men	84.5%	85.1%	86.0%	86.1%	87.1%	88.0%
	Women	73.3%	74.1%	75.2%	75.9%	78.3%	79.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.0
	Women	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.622	0.628	0.623	0.623	0.624	0.614
	Women	0.739	0.740	0.744	0.740	0.744	0.737

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.

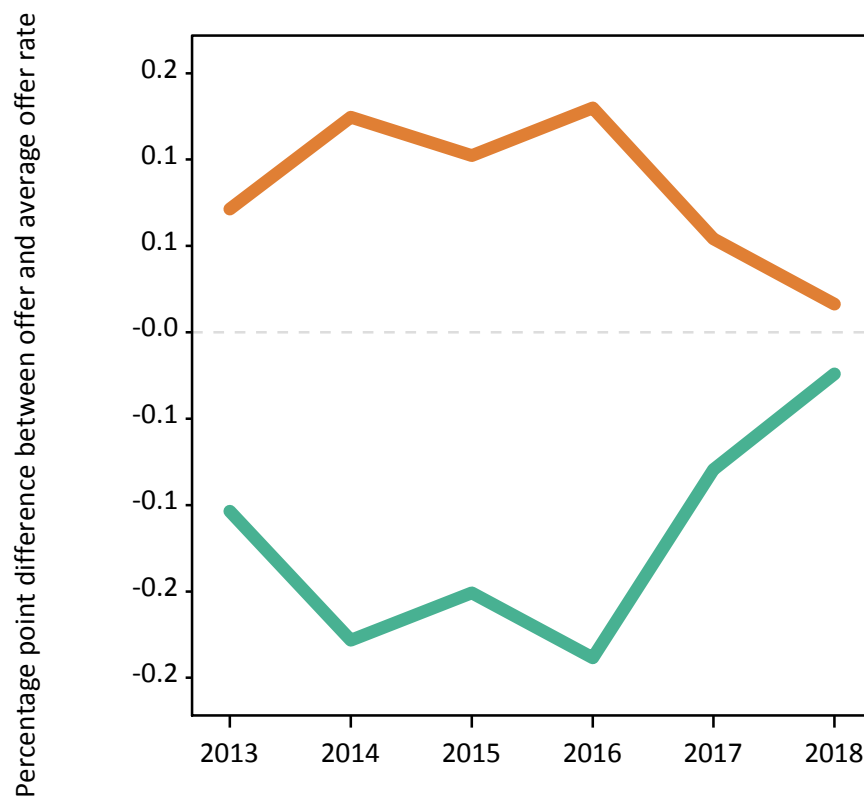
Men
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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	19,735	21,410	22,480	22,175	21,920	21,190
	Quintile 2	26,835	28,205	29,035	29,005	28,010	27,380
	Quintile 3	31,180	32,135	33,315	32,925	32,480	31,080
	Quintile 4	35,455	35,760	36,615	36,030	35,565	34,840
	Quintile 5	37,070	36,455	37,425	37,140	36,595	35,635
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	9,125	9,845	10,350	10,100	9,720	9,645
	Quintile 2	12,145	12,810	13,105	13,030	12,480	12,445
	Quintile 3	13,545	13,945	14,615	14,005	14,050	13,515
	Quintile 4	14,745	14,950	15,275	15,020	14,395	14,420
	Quintile 5	13,930	13,565	14,200	13,800	13,435	13,235
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	10,835	11,745	12,275	11,965	11,640	11,600
	Quintile 2	14,510	15,425	15,760	15,480	15,000	15,055
	Quintile 3	16,525	16,935	17,745	17,185	17,170	16,680
	Quintile 4	18,275	18,635	18,970	18,475	17,960	17,800
	Quintile 5	17,380	17,125	17,695	17,140	16,720	16,300
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	1,402.0	1,523.3	1,587.7	1,629.2	1,638.1	1,629.4
	Quintile 2	1,848.3	1,964.8	1,987.7	2,043.7	2,007.3	2,022.5
	Quintile 3	2,097.6	2,194.4	2,222.2	2,246.4	2,242.2	2,204.8
	Quintile 4	2,300.3	2,345.6	2,364.1	2,363.8	2,352.1	2,361.5
	Quintile 5	2,152.2	2,142.5	2,154.9	2,152.9	2,134.3	2,115.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	648.3	700.3	731.1	741.9	726.4	741.6
	Quintile 2	836.6	892.5	897.2	918.2	894.3	919.2
	Quintile 3	911.3	952.2	974.9	955.6	969.8	958.7
	Quintile 4	956.8	980.4	986.3	985.6	952.0	977.4
	Quintile 5	808.8	797.3	817.4	799.8	783.5	785.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	769.7	835.4	867.1	878.9	869.7	892.2
	Quintile 2	999.2	1,074.6	1,078.8	1,090.8	1,075.1	1,112.0
	Quintile 3	1,111.7	1,156.5	1,183.6	1,172.5	1,185.5	1,183.3
	Quintile 4	1,185.9	1,222.2	1,224.6	1,212.0	1,187.6	1,206.3
	Quintile 5	1,009.1	1,006.5	1,018.8	993.6	975.2	967.9

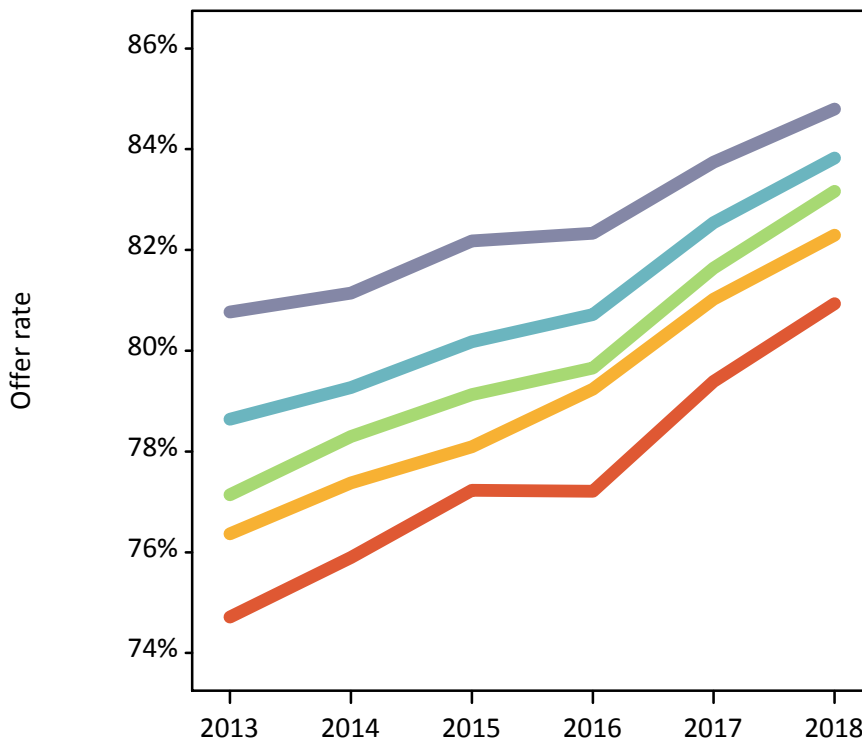
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	52,930	57,935	59,980	58,085	55,505	53,185
	Quintile 2	71,740	76,070	76,855	75,395	70,470	68,195
	Quintile 3	83,225	85,765	87,745	84,775	81,900	76,865
	Quintile 4	94,100	94,275	94,750	90,900	87,345	84,945
	Quintile 5	90,790	89,290	90,230	87,215	83,600	80,385
Offers	Quintile 1	39,545	43,970	46,325	44,845	44,065	43,045
	Quintile 2	54,785	58,860	60,020	59,740	57,095	56,115
	Quintile 3	64,200	67,155	69,435	67,530	66,860	63,920
	Quintile 4	74,000	74,730	75,965	73,375	72,090	71,205
	Quintile 5	73,330	72,455	74,150	71,805	70,010	68,165
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.7%	75.9%	77.2%	77.2%	79.4%	80.9%
	Quintile 2	76.4%	77.4%	78.1%	79.2%	81.0%	82.3%
	Quintile 3	77.1%	78.3%	79.1%	79.7%	81.6%	83.2%
	Quintile 4	78.6%	79.3%	80.2%	80.7%	82.5%	83.8%
	Quintile 5	80.8%	81.1%	82.2%	82.3%	83.7%	84.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	75.6%	76.9%	78.2%	78.4%	80.4%	81.9%
	Quintile 2	76.6%	77.6%	78.5%	79.4%	81.2%	82.7%
	Quintile 3	77.2%	78.4%	79.2%	79.9%	81.6%	83.1%
	Quintile 4	78.5%	79.0%	80.1%	80.4%	82.4%	83.7%
	Quintile 5	80.2%	80.4%	81.3%	81.6%	83.0%	83.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0
	Quintile 2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
	Quintile 3	-0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
	Quintile 4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.9
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.243	0.247	0.248	0.249	0.253	0.230
	Quintile 2	0.278	0.279	0.278	0.282	0.279	0.261
	Quintile 3	0.293	0.291	0.293	0.293	0.298	0.276
	Quintile 4	0.327	0.320	0.317	0.319	0.321	0.306
	Quintile 5	0.336	0.328	0.325	0.325	0.327	0.309

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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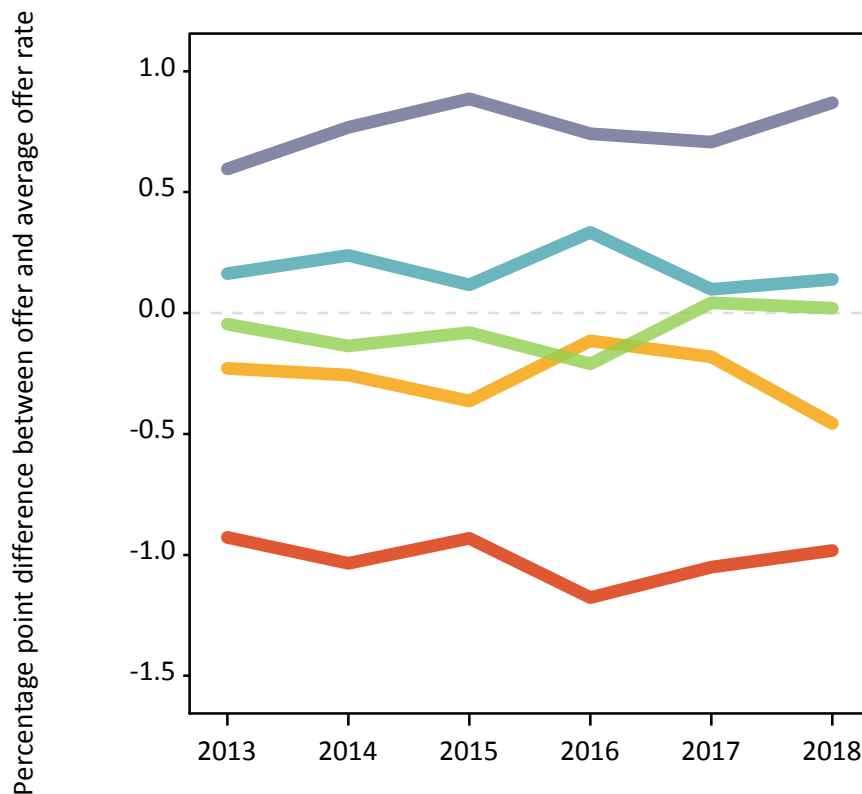
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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- 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	16,520	17,485	18,615	19,435	19,845	20,410
	Black	8,765	9,005	9,785	9,640	9,585	9,895
	Mixed	5,085	5,515	6,095	6,155	6,295	6,330
	White	117,850	119,685	121,710	119,225	115,920	110,575
	Other	1,820	2,060	2,255	2,345	2,490	2,565
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	7,080	7,375	7,860	8,015	7,985	8,460
	Black	3,685	3,645	4,035	3,995	4,005	4,250
	Mixed	2,070	2,290	2,570	2,585	2,575	2,645
	White	49,840	50,890	51,950	50,235	48,345	46,730
	Other	745	865	960	930	1,000	1,065
All placed applicants	Asian	9,985	10,580	11,125	11,280	11,470	11,970
	Black	5,440	5,390	5,995	5,760	5,720	5,910
	Mixed	2,620	2,900	3,245	3,205	3,245	3,325
	White	58,150	59,500	60,375	58,290	56,300	54,380
	Other	1,080	1,240	1,380	1,325	1,440	1,520
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2,504.8	2,578.6	2,630.4	2,700.8	2,697.1	2,751.6
	Black	2,952.5	2,970.9	3,074.2	3,079.8	3,046.3	3,172.4
	Mixed	1,881.4	1,917.0	1,975.9	1,956.7	1,960.7	1,961.1
	White	1,872.9	1,940.0	1,953.4	1,971.1	1,953.3	1,925.8
	Other	2,008.2	2,213.2	2,339.5	2,354.4	2,417.4	2,441.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	1,073.2	1,087.2	1,110.7	1,113.9	1,085.3	1,140.3
	Black	1,240.5	1,202.8	1,267.6	1,276.4	1,272.1	1,362.9
	Mixed	764.9	795.6	833.1	821.5	802.2	819.8
	White	792.1	824.8	833.8	830.5	814.7	813.8
	Other	823.8	927.2	993.9	933.5	968.9	1,014.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	1,514.2	1,560.1	1,571.9	1,567.8	1,559.0	1,613.9
	Black	1,831.6	1,778.1	1,883.9	1,840.1	1,817.4	1,895.8
	Mixed	968.6	1,007.3	1,051.7	1,017.9	1,010.3	1,029.2
	White	924.2	964.4	969.0	963.7	948.7	947.1
	Other	1,188.8	1,332.2	1,430.7	1,332.5	1,399.9	1,444.7

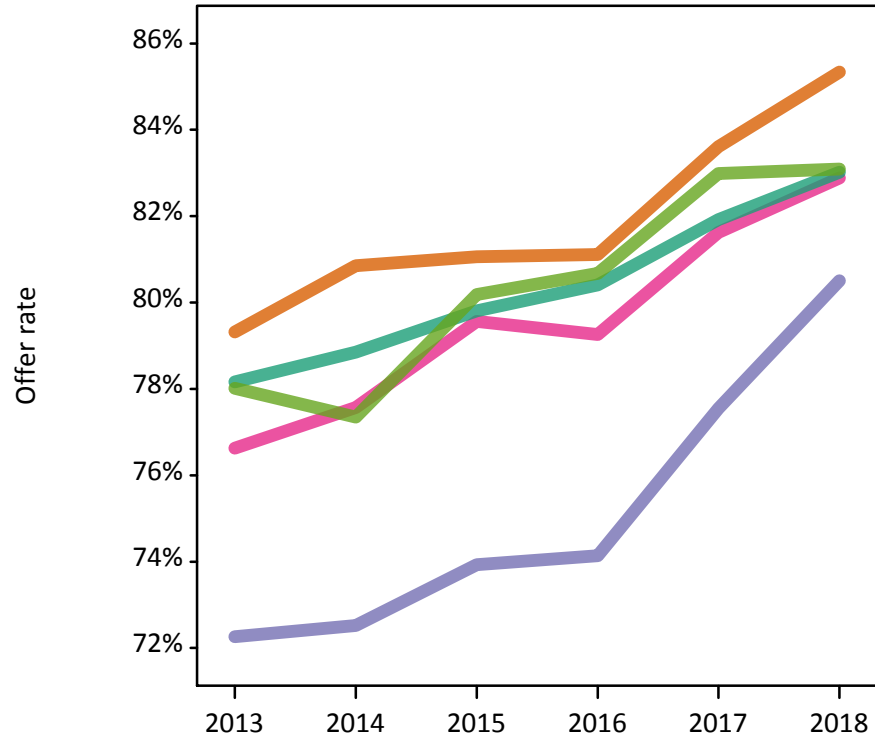
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	48,975	50,620	52,850	53,885	53,275	53,415
	Black	25,920	26,050	27,710	26,690	25,835	25,940
	Mixed	13,475	14,525	15,750	15,890	15,295	15,360
	White	298,445	305,670	305,955	292,435	276,910	261,440
	Other	5,340	5,960	6,240	6,290	6,430	6,605
Offers	Asian	38,845	40,925	42,845	43,710	44,545	45,585
	Black	18,730	18,895	20,485	19,785	20,035	20,885
	Mixed	10,325	11,270	12,530	12,595	12,485	12,730
	White	233,270	241,030	244,170	235,140	226,850	217,040
	Other	4,165	4,610	5,005	5,075	5,335	5,490
Offer rate	Asian	79.3%	80.9%	81.1%	81.1%	83.6%	85.3%
	Black	72.3%	72.5%	73.9%	74.1%	77.5%	80.5%
	Mixed	76.6%	77.6%	79.6%	79.3%	81.6%	82.9%
	White	78.2%	78.9%	79.8%	80.4%	81.9%	83.0%
	Other	78.0%	77.3%	80.2%	80.7%	83.0%	83.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	80.4%	81.6%	81.8%	81.9%	84.2%	85.7%
	Black	75.2%	75.7%	76.6%	77.0%	79.6%	82.5%
	Mixed	77.5%	78.1%	80.0%	80.2%	81.8%	83.2%
	White	77.7%	78.4%	79.4%	79.9%	81.6%	82.7%
	Other	79.5%	80.1%	81.5%	81.9%	84.2%	84.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3
	Black	-3.0	-3.2	-2.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.0
	Mixed	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4	-0.9	-0.2	-0.3
	White	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3
	Other	-1.5	-2.7	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-1.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.353	0.346	0.344	0.350	0.361	0.349
	Black	0.223	0.212	0.212	0.215	0.225	0.206
	Mixed	0.136	0.137	0.139	0.138	0.146	0.123
	White	0.837	0.832	0.824	0.818	0.817	0.805
	Other	0.132	0.139	0.136	0.132	0.140	0.117

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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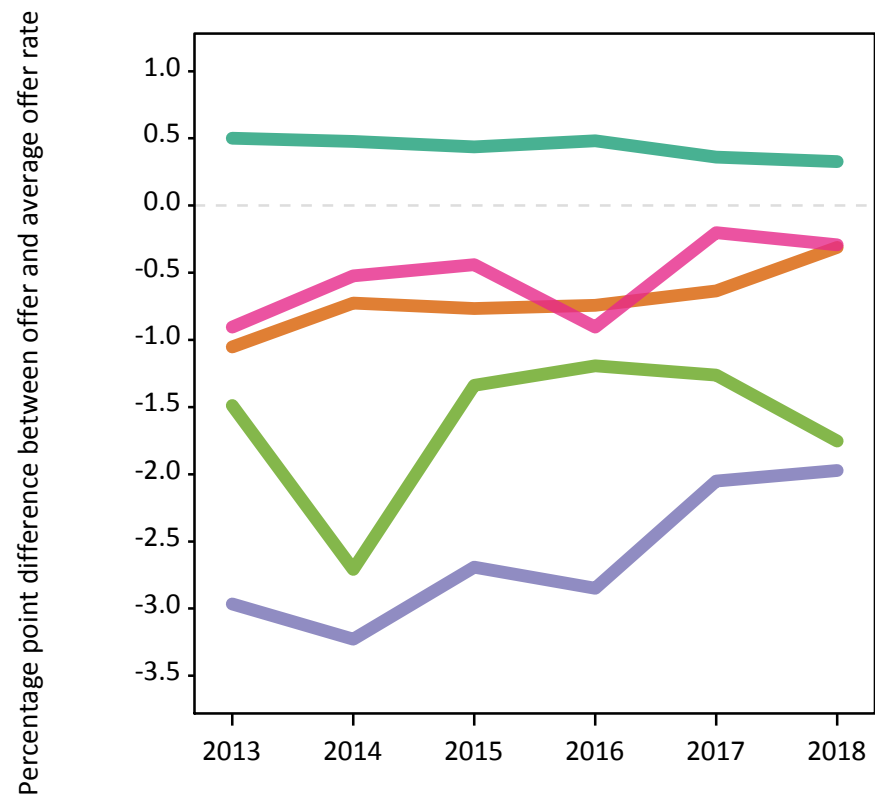
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- Mixed
- White
- Other



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	338,475	349,130	348,180	343,195	319,445	302,695
Placed June deadline applicants	149,470	153,730	154,530	151,265	143,270	138,760
All placed applicants	196,535	204,645	205,805	199,415	193,755	194,420

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	875,255	903,385	888,485	863,005	785,185	730,485
Offers	569,705	593,835	600,635	582,315	558,445	538,605
Offer rate	65.1%	65.7%	67.6%	67.5%	71.1%	73.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	137,185	141,070	139,970	137,300	128,255	121,030
	Women	201,290	208,060	208,210	205,895	191,190	181,670
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	63,745	64,985	64,665	62,700	58,410	55,600
	Women	85,730	88,740	89,865	88,565	84,860	83,160
All placed applicants	Men	85,085	87,805	87,125	83,490	79,880	79,450
	Women	111,450	116,845	118,680	115,930	113,870	114,970

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	354,320	364,220	355,880	343,630	313,625	291,310
	Women	520,935	539,165	532,605	519,375	471,565	439,170
Offers	Men	259,165	268,935	267,995	257,635	243,200	230,775
	Women	310,540	324,895	332,640	324,675	315,245	307,830
Offer rate	Men	73.1%	73.8%	75.3%	75.0%	77.5%	79.2%
	Women	59.6%	60.3%	62.5%	62.5%	66.9%	70.1%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	50,230	53,790	53,890	53,045	49,800	47,275
	Quintile 2	61,370	64,485	64,435	63,735	58,740	55,715
	Quintile 3	70,245	72,400	71,880	71,025	66,170	61,845
	Quintile 4	77,915	79,380	79,440	77,820	72,495	68,860
	Quintile 5	77,985	78,320	77,770	76,705	71,430	67,940
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	23,545	25,115	25,355	24,855	23,740	23,170
	Quintile 2	28,600	29,990	30,160	29,600	27,845	27,030
	Quintile 3	31,665	32,675	32,545	31,635	30,550	29,005
	Quintile 4	33,730	34,160	34,500	33,875	31,920	31,045
	Quintile 5	31,650	31,490	31,660	30,945	28,850	28,035
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	29,785	31,930	32,250	31,540	30,795	31,210
	Quintile 2	36,525	38,610	38,970	37,845	36,660	36,830
	Quintile 3	41,510	43,340	43,240	42,035	41,330	40,805
	Quintile 4	45,625	47,280	47,715	45,965	44,785	45,205
	Quintile 5	42,500	42,990	43,025	41,435	39,560	39,460

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	128,955	138,810	138,200	134,210	122,700	114,690
	Quintile 2	159,010	168,045	165,795	161,390	145,620	136,035
	Quintile 3	185,655	190,550	187,120	182,695	167,180	152,035
	Quintile 4	207,095	210,395	206,485	199,210	181,275	169,475
	Quintile 5	192,690	193,635	189,000	183,375	166,450	155,765
Offers	Quintile 1	79,545	87,940	89,905	87,095	84,030	81,565
	Quintile 2	101,850	109,235	110,940	108,035	102,750	99,250
	Quintile 3	119,750	124,845	126,065	122,275	118,445	112,020
	Quintile 4	135,375	137,875	139,065	134,095	129,130	125,625
	Quintile 5	132,095	132,725	133,510	129,490	122,735	118,470
Offer rate	Quintile 1	61.7%	63.4%	65.1%	64.9%	68.5%	71.1%
	Quintile 2	64.1%	65.0%	66.9%	66.9%	70.6%	73.0%
	Quintile 3	64.5%	65.5%	67.4%	66.9%	70.8%	73.7%
	Quintile 4	65.4%	65.5%	67.3%	67.3%	71.2%	74.1%
	Quintile 5	68.6%	68.5%	70.6%	70.6%	73.7%	76.1%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	38,025	39,705	41,230	41,905	39,800	39,260
	Black	35,775	36,955	37,380	37,910	33,830	31,695
	Mixed	12,610	13,780	14,345	14,520	13,870	13,535
	White	244,690	250,830	246,560	239,805	223,130	209,495
	Other	5,305	5,860	6,100	6,310	6,270	6,180
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	16,545	16,925	17,505	17,535	16,815	17,115
	Black	13,735	14,070	14,395	15,095	14,470	14,540
	Mixed	5,495	6,040	6,365	6,430	6,155	6,155
	White	110,715	113,515	112,645	108,450	102,095	97,150
	Other	2,135	2,395	2,560	2,605	2,635	2,685
All placed applicants	Asian	24,760	25,920	26,760	26,525	25,805	26,425
	Black	22,535	24,985	25,180	24,530	24,480	24,855
	Mixed	7,530	8,395	8,755	8,630	8,475	8,725
	White	134,925	138,210	137,300	132,050	127,055	124,205
	Other	3,555	4,025	4,300	4,270	4,465	4,515

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	112,650	115,000	116,480	116,175	108,185	103,580
	Black	109,825	112,450	111,825	112,395	98,350	89,900
	Mixed	33,800	36,385	37,315	37,500	34,545	33,355
	White	598,255	617,765	599,570	572,730	521,185	481,530
	Other	15,380	16,740	16,855	17,320	16,670	16,270
Offers	Asian	77,705	80,275	82,480	82,165	80,930	80,575
	Black	49,450	51,150	52,985	52,690	51,585	53,065
	Mixed	21,345	23,470	25,005	25,090	24,340	24,350
	White	408,175	425,175	425,120	406,835	385,890	364,780
	Other	9,905	10,890	11,215	11,340	11,625	11,820
Offer rate	Asian	69.0%	69.8%	70.8%	70.7%	74.8%	77.8%
	Black	45.0%	45.5%	47.4%	46.9%	52.4%	59.0%
	Mixed	63.2%	64.5%	67.0%	66.9%	70.5%	73.0%
	White	68.2%	68.8%	70.9%	71.0%	74.0%	75.8%
	Other	64.4%	65.1%	66.5%	65.5%	69.7%	72.7%

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 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.