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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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- 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	17,300	16,815	17,430	21,350	20,595	17,845
Placed June deadline applicants	2,720	2,475	3,055	2,670	2,485	2,135
All placed applicants	2,970	2,815	3,610	2,945	2,825	2,585
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	227.3	223.2	227.5	284.8	278.0	247.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	35.7	32.8	39.9	35.6	33.5	29.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	39.0	37.3	47.1	39.3	38.1	35.8

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	17,715	17,210	17,855	21,820	21,080	18,290
Offers	13,760	13,855	15,000	17,945	16,555	14,625
Offer rate	77.7%	80.5%	84.0%	82.2%	78.5%	80.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	8,390	7,995	8,545	10,405	10,205	8,480
	Women	8,910	8,820	8,890	10,945	10,390	9,360
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,325	1,210	1,485	1,270	1,240	1,035
	Women	1,395	1,260	1,570	1,395	1,245	1,100
All placed applicants	Men	1,450	1,395	1,780	1,400	1,420	1,260
	Women	1,520	1,420	1,830	1,545	1,405	1,320
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	214.9	206.5	217.7	270.8	268.7	228.9
	Women	240.4	240.9	237.8	299.5	287.7	266.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	33.9	31.3	37.9	33.1	32.6	27.9
	Women	37.6	34.5	42.0	38.2	34.4	31.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	37.2	36.0	45.3	36.4	37.4	34.1
	Women	41.0	38.7	49.0	42.3	38.9	37.6

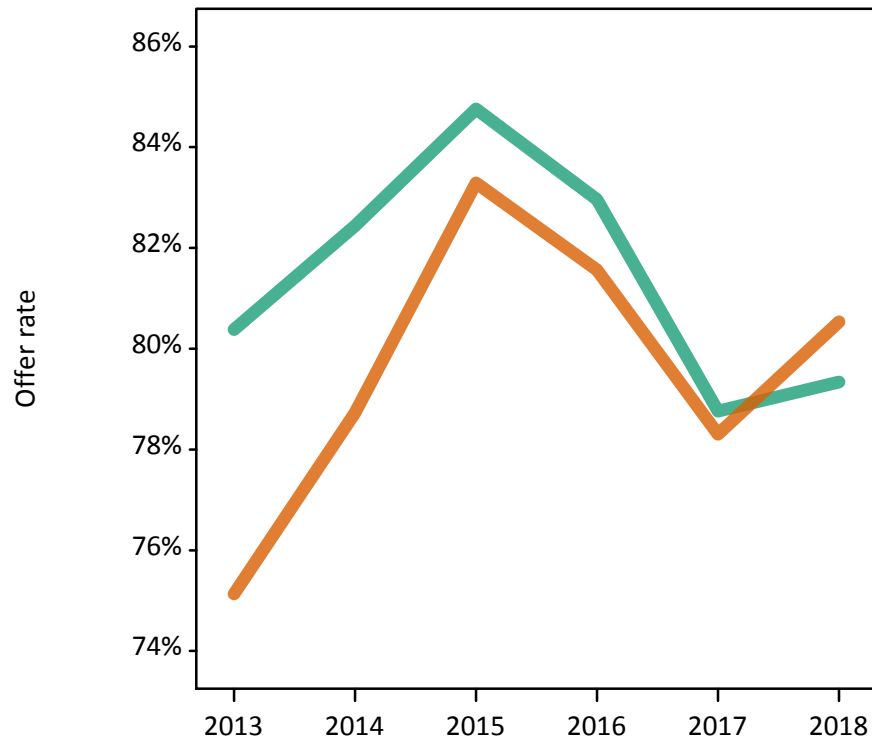
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	8,615	8,210	8,760	10,650	10,470	8,710
	Women	9,100	9,000	9,095	11,170	10,610	9,580
Offers	Men	6,925	6,770	7,425	8,835	8,245	6,910
	Women	6,835	7,085	7,575	9,110	8,310	7,715
Offer rate	Men	80.4%	82.4%	84.8%	83.0%	78.8%	79.3%
	Women	75.1%	78.7%	83.3%	81.6%	78.3%	80.5%
Average offer rate	Men	80.6%	82.3%	85.1%	83.2%	79.4%	80.0%
	Women	74.9%	78.8%	83.0%	81.3%	77.7%	79.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7
	Women	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.628	0.631	0.641	0.629	0.644	0.623
	Women	0.648	0.663	0.655	0.646	0.648	0.658

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.

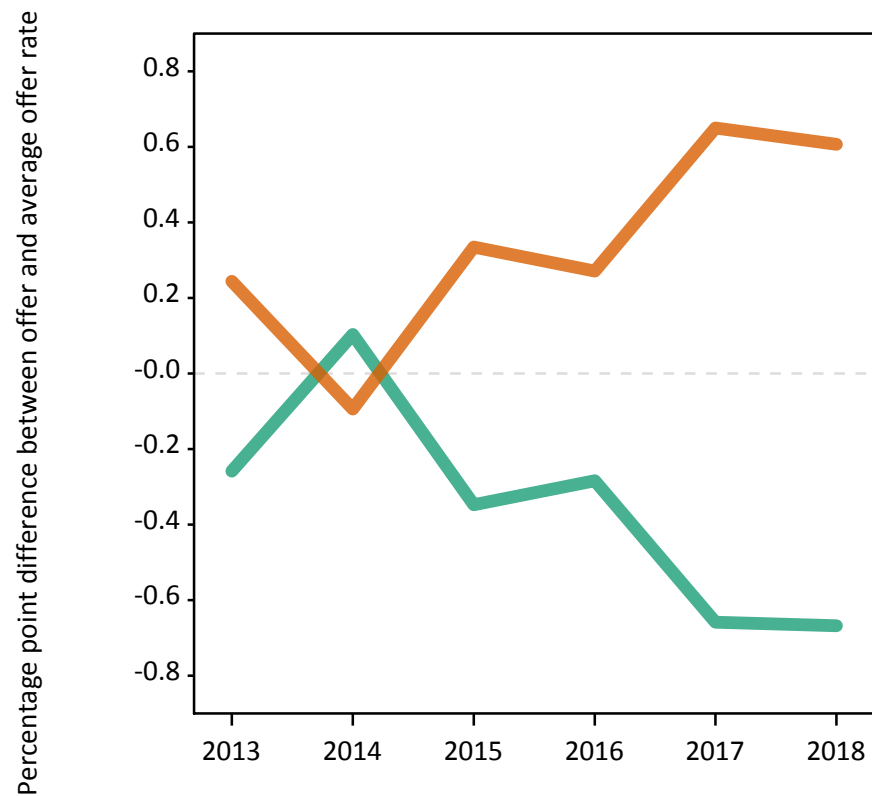
Men
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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	1,150	1,230	1,245	1,530	1,630	1,425
	Quintile 2	1,940	1,855	1,985	2,430	2,540	2,255
	Quintile 3	2,880	2,765	2,900	3,505	3,475	3,025
	Quintile 4	4,005	3,895	4,125	5,015	4,855	4,110
	Quintile 5	7,295	7,040	7,145	8,825	8,065	6,990
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	185	195	265	210	180	175
	Quintile 2	305	260	365	320	315	280
	Quintile 3	435	395	450	450	420	355
	Quintile 4	660	585	760	590	575	465
	Quintile 5	1,125	1,040	1,215	1,095	995	855
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	200	210	285	220	195	200
	Quintile 2	325	290	410	350	350	330
	Quintile 3	475	445	530	485	490	420
	Quintile 4	720	665	895	645	645	590
	Quintile 5	1,240	1,195	1,480	1,240	1,145	1,040
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	81.6	87.4	87.9	112.4	121.7	109.5
	Quintile 2	133.5	129.3	135.9	171.3	182.0	166.7
	Quintile 3	193.6	189.0	193.4	239.1	239.8	214.4
	Quintile 4	259.9	255.5	266.5	329.0	320.9	278.7
	Quintile 5	423.5	413.6	411.5	511.7	470.5	415.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	13.2	13.8	18.6	15.4	13.5	13.4
	Quintile 2	20.9	18.0	24.9	22.6	22.6	20.8
	Quintile 3	29.4	26.8	29.9	30.6	28.9	25.0
	Quintile 4	42.9	38.2	48.9	38.8	37.9	31.7
	Quintile 5	65.2	61.2	70.0	63.4	58.0	50.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	14.3	14.9	20.3	16.2	14.4	15.2
	Quintile 2	22.4	20.2	28.1	24.7	25.2	24.4
	Quintile 3	32.0	30.4	35.4	33.1	33.7	29.7
	Quintile 4	46.7	43.7	57.8	42.3	42.7	39.9
	Quintile 5	72.0	70.2	85.1	71.8	66.7	61.8

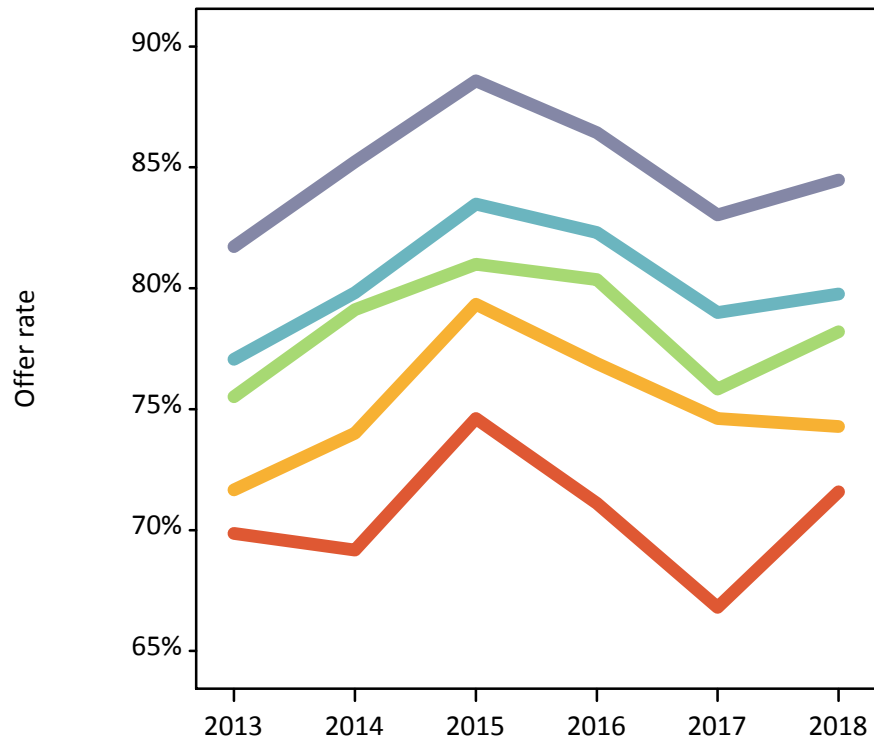
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,200	1,290	1,300	1,585	1,680	1,470
	Quintile 2	1,995	1,925	2,050	2,505	2,615	2,340
	Quintile 3	2,935	2,835	2,980	3,580	3,545	3,105
	Quintile 4	4,110	3,975	4,215	5,110	4,965	4,205
	Quintile 5	7,435	7,165	7,285	9,000	8,240	7,130
Offers	Quintile 1	840	890	970	1,125	1,125	1,055
	Quintile 2	1,430	1,425	1,625	1,925	1,950	1,740
	Quintile 3	2,215	2,240	2,415	2,875	2,690	2,430
	Quintile 4	3,165	3,170	3,515	4,205	3,925	3,355
	Quintile 5	6,075	6,105	6,450	7,780	6,840	6,025
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.9%	69.2%	74.6%	71.1%	66.8%	71.6%
	Quintile 2	71.7%	74.0%	79.3%	76.9%	74.6%	74.3%
	Quintile 3	75.5%	79.1%	81.0%	80.4%	75.8%	78.2%
	Quintile 4	77.1%	79.8%	83.5%	82.3%	79.0%	79.8%
	Quintile 5	81.7%	85.2%	88.6%	86.4%	83.0%	84.5%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	71.3%	70.5%	74.9%	72.4%	68.9%	72.9%
	Quintile 2	72.0%	74.9%	80.3%	78.0%	75.0%	75.6%
	Quintile 3	76.2%	79.3%	81.7%	80.6%	76.3%	79.0%
	Quintile 4	77.1%	80.5%	83.6%	82.2%	78.5%	79.5%
	Quintile 5	81.1%	84.3%	88.0%	85.8%	82.6%	83.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.5	-1.3	-0.2	-1.3	-2.1	-1.3
	Quintile 2	-0.3	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-0.4	-1.3
	Quintile 3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8
	Quintile 4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.147	0.157	0.154	0.151	0.160	0.131
	Quintile 2	0.177	0.180	0.174	0.167	0.176	0.177
	Quintile 3	0.217	0.219	0.221	0.211	0.214	0.209
	Quintile 4	0.272	0.272	0.283	0.275	0.277	0.263
	Quintile 5	0.470	0.467	0.464	0.459	0.443	0.432

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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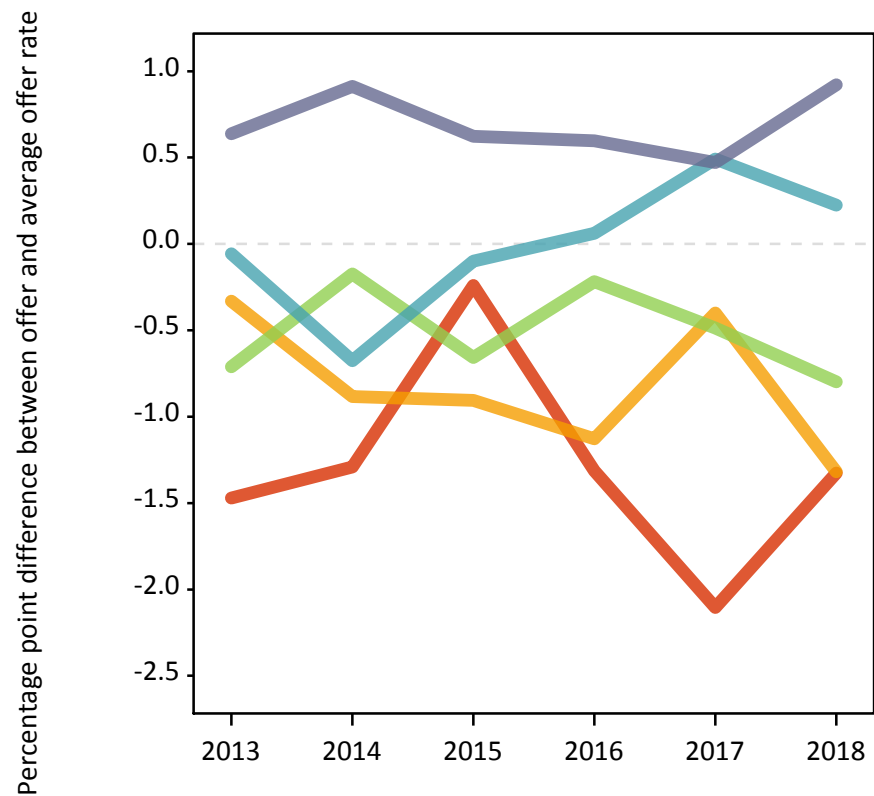
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- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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	1,685	1,570	1,700	2,145	2,280	2,065
	Black	830	850	950	1,160	1,195	1,020
	Mixed	745	730	775	1,110	1,075	965
	White	13,780	13,405	13,685	16,500	15,635	13,395
	Other	170	165	215	280	275	260
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	195	170	255	200	240	215
	Black	85	90	100	95	95	60
	Mixed	115	105	125	130	110	115
	White	2,290	2,080	2,525	2,195	2,010	1,720
	Other	15	20	35	25	20	10
All placed applicants	Asian	235	240	345	250	300	320
	Black	100	110	140	115	115	85
	Mixed	130	115	165	150	130	150
	White	2,475	2,310	2,900	2,380	2,240	1,995
	Other	20	25	45	30	25	20
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	255.2	231.4	240.1	298.2	309.9	278.3
	Black	279.2	280.7	298.1	371.2	379.4	326.4
	Mixed	275.2	254.4	251.3	352.1	335.2	299.2
	White	219.0	217.3	219.7	272.8	263.5	233.3
	Other	187.5	176.2	222.0	283.4	265.0	247.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	29.9	24.8	35.7	27.8	32.3	29.0
	Black	28.0	30.0	32.0	31.0	29.6	18.6
	Mixed	42.9	36.1	40.2	40.7	33.6	35.9
	White	36.4	33.7	40.6	36.3	33.9	30.0
	Other	18.7	19.3	37.3	26.1	18.4	11.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	35.5	35.4	48.6	34.7	40.5	43.0
	Black	34.0	35.6	43.7	36.7	36.5	27.9
	Mixed	47.3	40.0	53.2	47.4	40.2	46.1
	White	39.3	37.4	46.6	39.4	37.7	34.7
	Other	21.0	26.9	45.6	30.1	24.3	19.0

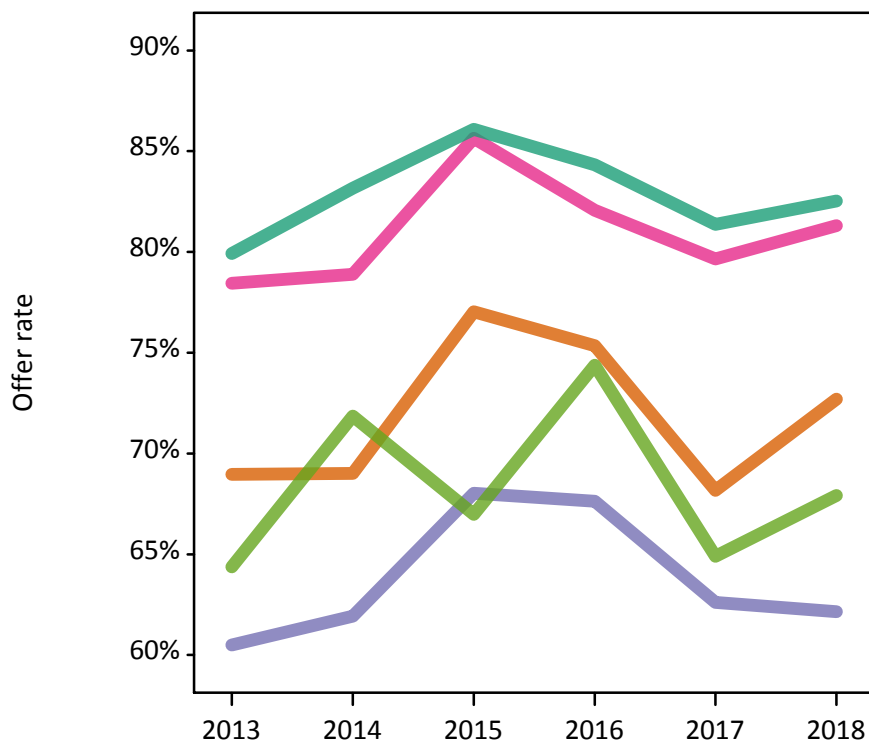
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,715	1,595	1,720	2,185	2,315	2,100
	Black	840	860	955	1,170	1,205	1,025
	Mixed	760	745	795	1,120	1,105	985
	White	14,135	13,750	14,055	16,900	16,030	13,770
	Other	175	165	220	285	280	270
Offers	Asian	1,180	1,100	1,325	1,650	1,580	1,525
	Black	505	530	650	790	755	635
	Mixed	595	585	680	920	880	800
	White	11,300	11,435	12,100	14,250	13,040	11,365
	Other	110	120	145	210	185	180
Offer rate	Asian	69.0%	69.0%	77.0%	75.4%	68.2%	72.7%
	Black	60.5%	61.9%	68.0%	67.6%	62.6%	62.1%
	Mixed	78.4%	78.9%	85.6%	82.1%	79.7%	81.3%
	White	79.9%	83.2%	86.1%	84.3%	81.4%	82.5%
	Other	64.4%	71.9%	67.0%	74.4%	64.9%	67.9%
Average offer rate	Asian	70.1%	71.5%	77.8%	75.4%	69.1%	72.9%
	Black	62.5%	64.4%	70.6%	70.6%	65.3%	67.3%
	Mixed	78.4%	81.4%	85.2%	82.1%	79.6%	80.9%
	White	79.7%	82.6%	85.8%	84.1%	81.0%	82.1%
	Other	67.3%	71.7%	72.9%	76.3%	67.0%	69.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.2	-2.5	-0.8	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2
	Black	-2.0	-2.5	-2.5	-2.9	-2.7	-5.1
	Mixed	0.0	-2.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
	White	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
	Other	-2.9	0.1	-5.9	-1.9	-2.1	-1.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.196	0.202	0.205	0.203	0.216	0.200
	Black	0.165	0.173	0.156	0.143	0.147	0.135
	Mixed	0.107	0.104	0.113	0.106	0.104	0.098
	White	0.829	0.829	0.817	0.804	0.793	0.782
	Other	0.073	0.107	0.083	0.081	0.082	0.068

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	27,275	27,260	27,445	32,600	30,320	25,740
Placed June deadline applicants	4,005	3,665	4,445	4,020	3,560	3,000
All placed applicants	4,430	4,160	5,195	4,435	4,045	3,620

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	28,290	28,260	28,360	33,595	31,290	26,635
Offers	17,705	17,970	19,700	23,210	21,085	18,085
Offer rate	62.6%	63.6%	69.5%	69.1%	67.4%	67.9%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	12,550	12,350	12,990	15,350	14,720	11,950
	Women	14,725	14,915	14,455	17,250	15,600	13,790
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,800	1,645	2,065	1,765	1,705	1,400
	Women	2,205	2,020	2,385	2,255	1,855	1,600
All placed applicants	Men	1,995	1,910	2,455	1,965	1,955	1,725
	Women	2,440	2,250	2,745	2,470	2,095	1,895

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	12,995	12,790	13,400	15,795	15,180	12,350
	Women	15,295	15,470	14,960	17,805	16,110	14,285
Offers	Men	8,750	8,545	9,685	11,320	10,435	8,480
	Women	8,955	9,425	10,015	11,890	10,645	9,605
Offer rate	Men	67.3%	66.8%	72.3%	71.7%	68.7%	68.7%
	Women	58.6%	60.9%	67.0%	66.8%	66.1%	67.2%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,435	2,600	2,545	2,960	2,930	2,505
	Quintile 2	3,405	3,395	3,585	4,075	3,920	3,420
	Quintile 3	4,550	4,595	4,620	5,440	5,140	4,335
	Quintile 4	6,270	6,290	6,405	7,580	7,010	5,885
	Quintile 5	10,540	10,330	10,230	12,475	11,255	9,525
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	350	365	440	395	335	295
	Quintile 2	510	430	585	515	460	410
	Quintile 3	650	590	695	695	585	490
	Quintile 4	940	845	1,040	900	800	655
	Quintile 5	1,545	1,425	1,675	1,505	1,380	1,140
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	390	395	490	420	360	335
	Quintile 2	550	490	655	555	515	475
	Quintile 3	715	665	815	750	675	575
	Quintile 4	1,045	965	1,220	990	905	830
	Quintile 5	1,715	1,640	2,005	1,705	1,590	1,395

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,615	2,775	2,695	3,125	3,070	2,645
	Quintile 2	3,590	3,580	3,750	4,265	4,090	3,595
	Quintile 3	4,705	4,770	4,780	5,600	5,295	4,490
	Quintile 4	6,485	6,490	6,585	7,780	7,225	6,065
	Quintile 5	10,820	10,585	10,490	12,760	11,550	9,770
Offers	Quintile 1	1,255	1,320	1,455	1,675	1,650	1,455
	Quintile 2	1,980	2,000	2,305	2,595	2,545	2,195
	Quintile 3	2,835	2,945	3,210	3,760	3,370	2,975
	Quintile 4	4,065	4,100	4,575	5,415	4,930	4,125
	Quintile 5	7,520	7,575	8,125	9,720	8,555	7,300
Offer rate	Quintile 1	48.0%	47.6%	53.9%	53.6%	53.7%	55.1%
	Quintile 2	55.1%	55.8%	61.5%	60.9%	62.2%	61.0%
	Quintile 3	60.3%	61.7%	67.2%	67.2%	63.6%	66.2%
	Quintile 4	62.7%	63.2%	69.5%	69.6%	68.2%	68.0%
	Quintile 5	69.5%	71.6%	77.5%	76.2%	74.1%	74.7%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	2,970	2,895	2,945	3,640	3,640	3,155
	Black	1,795	1,900	2,110	2,445	2,270	1,915
	Mixed	1,155	1,195	1,220	1,670	1,590	1,355
	White	20,770	20,715	20,535	24,020	22,055	18,595
	Other	365	330	420	505	500	475
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	285	280	380	305	350	295
	Black	135	160	185	165	150	105
	Mixed	170	140	185	200	165	155
	White	3,360	3,030	3,610	3,260	2,830	2,390
	Other	30	30	60	50	40	30
All placed applicants	Asian	345	380	500	385	445	435
	Black	170	190	245	190	185	150
	Mixed	185	160	240	230	195	200
	White	3,660	3,365	4,110	3,530	3,145	2,760
	Other	40	40	70	55	50	45

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	3,035	2,970	2,990	3,730	3,730	3,215
	Black	1,870	1,965	2,175	2,500	2,315	1,950
	Mixed	1,200	1,225	1,265	1,695	1,630	1,390
	White	21,580	21,525	21,285	24,805	22,830	19,335
	Other	375	335	430	520	515	490
Offers	Asian	1,590	1,555	1,880	2,300	2,140	1,920
	Black	710	790	955	1,160	1,050	885
	Mixed	795	760	920	1,210	1,135	965
	White	14,335	14,575	15,580	18,025	16,300	13,910
	Other	175	170	225	320	285	260
Offer rate	Asian	52.3%	52.3%	62.9%	61.7%	57.4%	59.7%
	Black	37.9%	40.3%	43.9%	46.4%	45.4%	45.2%
	Mixed	66.5%	62.1%	72.8%	71.5%	69.7%	69.4%
	White	66.4%	67.7%	73.2%	72.7%	71.4%	71.9%
	Other	46.4%	50.1%	52.3%	61.8%	55.9%	53.0%

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 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.