

S21: unconditional offers

Sheffield Hallam University's perspective on unconditional offers:

Sheffield Hallam University makes unconditional offers to selected applicants with strong academic profiles, who are predicted to do well in their current study, or perform particularly strongly at interview, with the aim of attracting these students to study at the university. Unconditional offers are only made to applicants for appropriate courses who meet specific criteria, which are reviewed on an annual basis. We review the criteria on which we make these offers and the courses on which they are used on an annual basis, alongside a review of the success of students who have entered having received one of these offers. This review has shown that these students perform on average as well as students who enter with a conditional offer. The volume of unconditional offers that we make has remained constant for the last 3 years, and the university is not planning to change this proportionality.

Definitions of offer types:

Unconditional offer

This is an offer made by a provider where they are satisfied that an individual has demonstrated sufficient attainment and potential to succeed on their chosen programme. Based on the offer status at the 30 June application deadline.

Conditional unconditional offer

An offer made by a provider which was originally conditional, but becomes unconditional if the applicant selects that offer as their firm (first) choice. By definition, conditional unconditional offers that are selected as a firm choice by the applicant become unconditional and are also included in the unconditional offers group (see above).

Offer with an unconditional component

All offers showing as having an element of unconditional offer-making, that is, unconditional offers plus conditional unconditional offers that have not been selected as firm (and hence remain conditional unconditional).

All offers

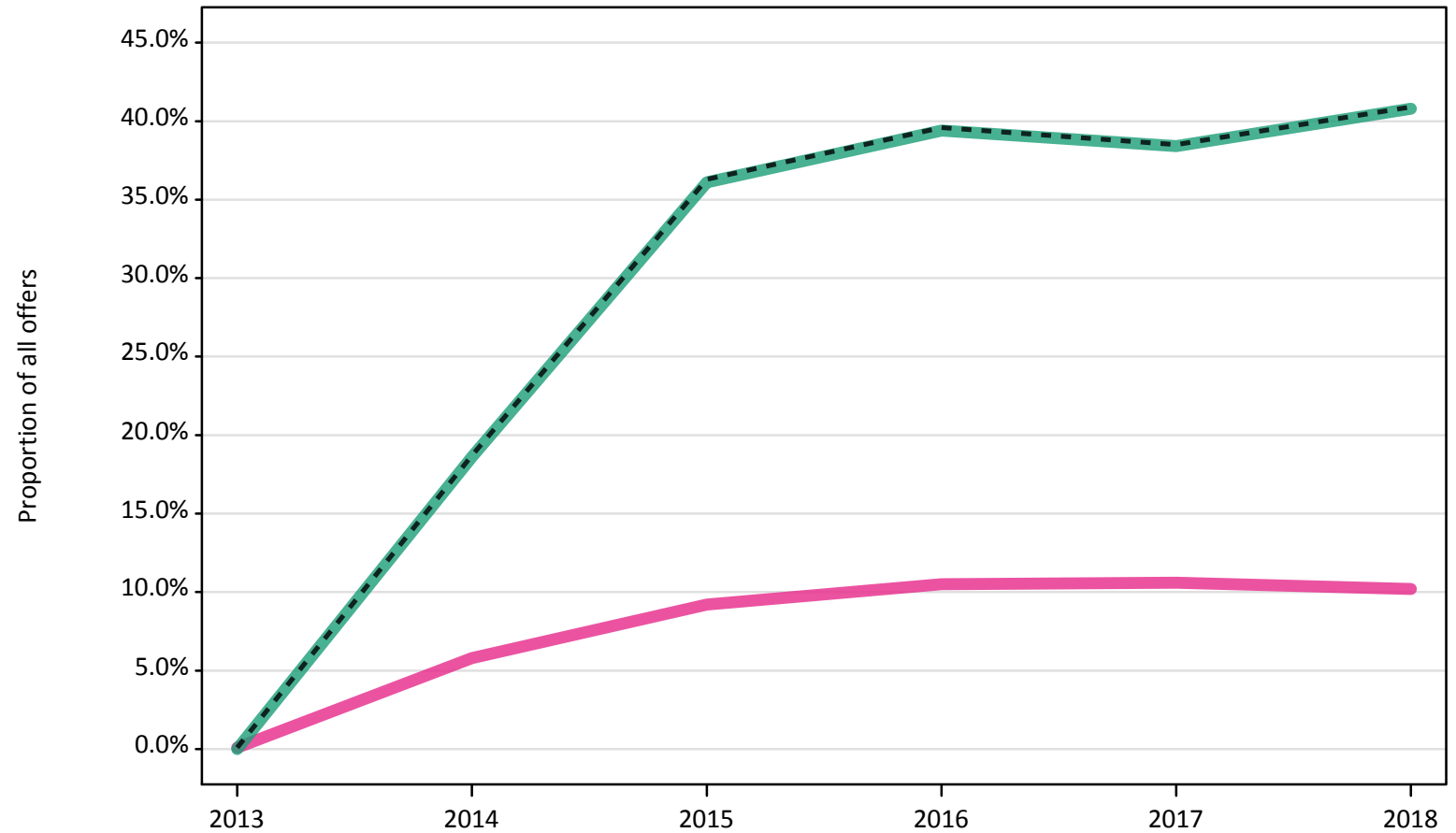
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

Technical note:

The coverage of this report is limited to offers made by 30 June, to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales. This is because these applicants are least likely to apply already having achieved a full set of qualifications typically required for undergraduate higher education.

A.1 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

- Unconditional offers
- Conditional unconditional offers
- Offers with unconditional component



A.2 Unconditional offers by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	15	870	1,365	1,530	1,610	1,445
Conditional unconditional offers	0	2,780	5,325	5,725	5,820	5,815
Offers with unconditional component	15	2,800	5,350	5,750	5,840	5,835
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	14,645	14,990	14,760	14,520	15,150	14,250

A.3 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.1%	5.8%	9.2%	10.5%	10.6%	10.2%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	18.6%	36.1%	39.4%	38.4%	40.8%
Offers with unconditional component	0.1%	18.7%	36.3%	39.6%	38.5%	40.9%

Note: Percentage values are not printed in the above table if the total rounded number of offers for that year is below 100.