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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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	7,945	8,295	7,755	7,500	7,360	7,145
Placed June deadline applicants	2,630	2,315	2,395	2,165	2,295	2,455
All placed applicants	2,865	2,420	2,570	2,435	2,540	2,750
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	105.5	108.3	103.5	101.2	101.9	100.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	34.9	30.2	32.0	29.2	31.8	34.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	38.1	31.6	34.3	32.9	35.2	38.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	17,535	18,220	16,710	16,090	15,475	15,230
Offers	15,180	15,710	14,285	13,555	12,860	12,880
Offer rate	86.6%	86.2%	85.5%	84.2%	83.1%	84.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,580	3,660	3,530	3,425	3,380	3,145
	Women	4,365	4,635	4,225	4,075	3,980	4,000
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,205	1,065	1,170	1,010	1,050	1,120
	Women	1,420	1,250	1,225	1,155	1,245	1,335
All placed applicants	Men	1,320	1,100	1,230	1,125	1,155	1,225
	Women	1,545	1,320	1,340	1,315	1,385	1,525
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	92.5	93.3	91.9	90.2	91.3	86.8
	Women	119.2	124.0	115.7	112.9	113.1	115.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	31.2	27.1	30.5	26.6	28.4	30.9
	Women	38.8	33.4	33.5	32.0	35.4	38.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	34.1	28.1	32.1	29.6	31.2	33.8
	Women	42.2	35.3	36.6	36.4	39.3	44.2

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	8,495	8,660	8,275	7,965	7,700	7,240
	Women	9,040	9,565	8,435	8,125	7,775	7,995
Offers	Men	7,730	7,865	7,410	7,020	6,620	6,415
	Women	7,445	7,850	6,870	6,535	6,235	6,465
Offer rate	Men	91.0%	90.8%	89.6%	88.1%	86.0%	88.6%
	Women	82.4%	82.1%	81.5%	80.4%	80.2%	80.9%
Average offer rate	Men	91.2%	91.1%	89.9%	88.2%	86.3%	89.3%
	Women	82.2%	81.8%	81.1%	80.3%	79.9%	80.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
	Women	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.645	0.637	0.649	0.653	0.664	0.640
	Women	0.666	0.672	0.655	0.660	0.667	0.674

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 2014-2019.
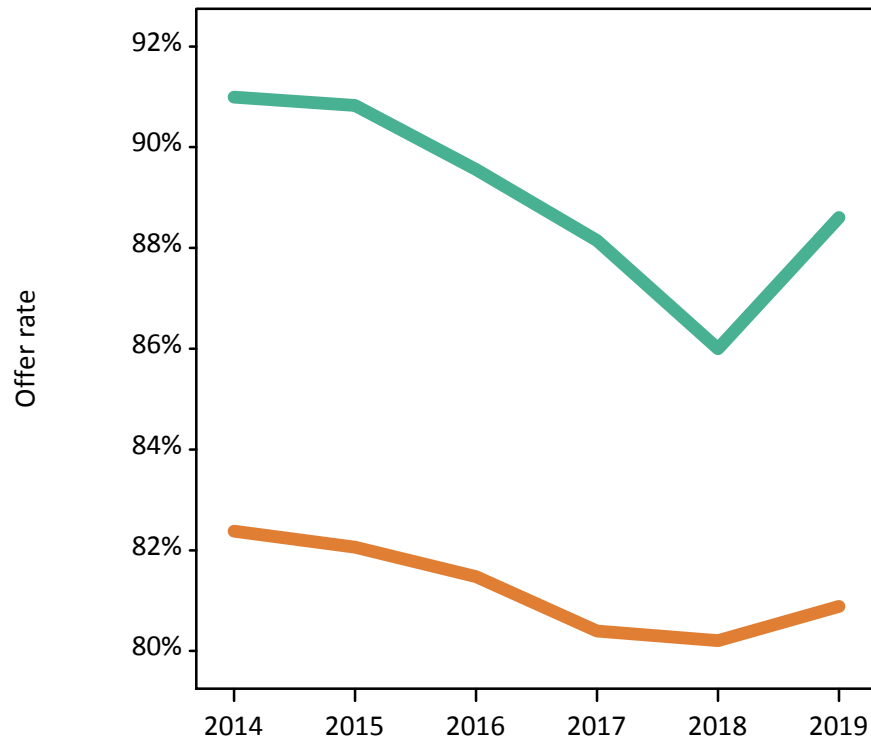
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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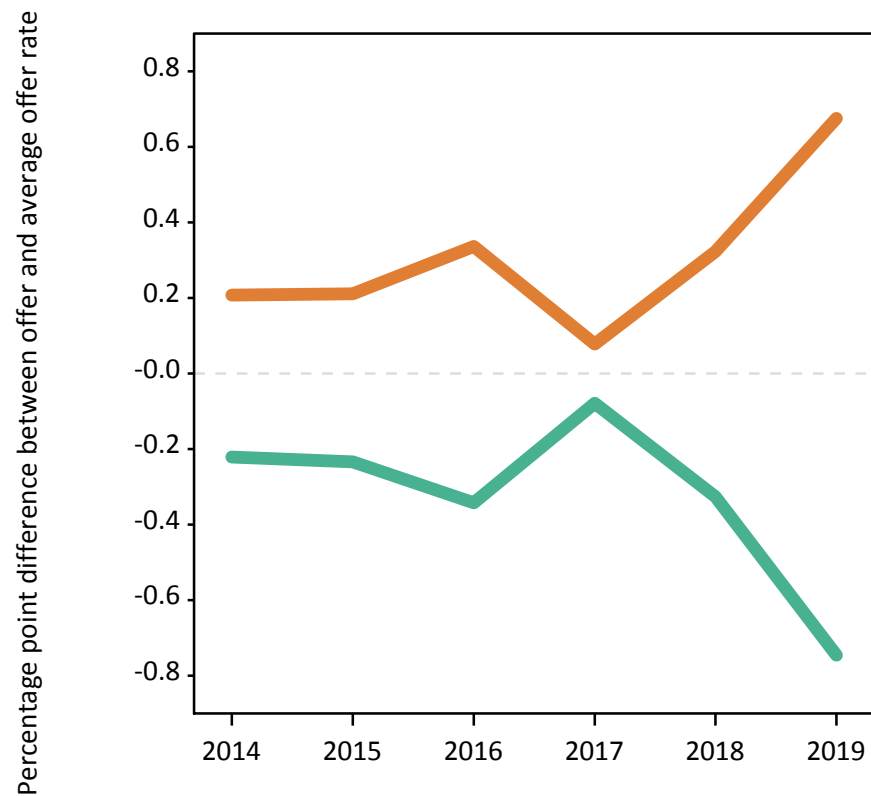
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	830	925	875	840	840	805
	Quintile 2	775	835	820	795	755	765
	Quintile 3	1,395	1,445	1,350	1,375	1,320	1,275
	Quintile 4	2,030	2,170	2,060	1,930	1,925	1,860
	Quintile 5	2,905	2,905	2,640	2,545	2,500	2,405
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	270	260	260	240	270	275
	Quintile 2	250	220	265	245	215	240
	Quintile 3	470	395	405	400	415	455
	Quintile 4	735	640	680	545	630	650
	Quintile 5	895	795	780	730	760	830
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	295	270	275	270	305	320
	Quintile 2	280	225	280	270	240	260
	Quintile 3	510	415	440	455	450	530
	Quintile 4	795	685	725	615	705	720
	Quintile 5	980	825	845	825	835	915
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	58.9	65.4	64.2	62.8	64.6	63.6
	Quintile 2	54.1	57.1	57.6	56.9	55.6	58.1
	Quintile 3	95.3	96.3	92.2	94.9	93.5	92.4
	Quintile 4	133.1	140.2	135.2	127.6	130.3	128.4
	Quintile 5	170.7	167.3	153.0	148.5	148.4	145.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	19.2	18.4	19.1	18.0	20.8	21.6
	Quintile 2	17.6	14.9	18.7	17.6	15.8	18.0
	Quintile 3	32.0	26.3	27.6	27.5	29.3	32.9
	Quintile 4	48.1	41.3	44.6	36.0	42.6	44.9
	Quintile 5	52.7	45.8	45.3	42.7	45.2	50.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	21.0	19.1	20.1	20.1	23.3	25.2
	Quintile 2	19.4	15.3	19.9	19.2	17.7	19.7
	Quintile 3	34.8	27.7	30.1	31.4	31.9	38.3
	Quintile 4	52.3	44.2	47.7	40.7	47.9	49.7
	Quintile 5	57.5	47.4	48.9	48.2	49.5	55.1

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,835	2,125	1,855	1,870	1,790	1,710
	Quintile 2	1,740	1,835	1,810	1,715	1,540	1,575
	Quintile 3	3,150	3,125	2,930	2,895	2,795	2,695
	Quintile 4	4,565	4,785	4,540	4,275	4,140	4,060
	Quintile 5	6,205	6,320	5,535	5,300	5,150	5,145
Offers	Quintile 1	1,545	1,785	1,455	1,505	1,435	1,375
	Quintile 2	1,480	1,565	1,585	1,430	1,220	1,285
	Quintile 3	2,710	2,630	2,510	2,450	2,310	2,260
	Quintile 4	3,980	4,130	3,865	3,555	3,455	3,475
	Quintile 5	5,435	5,570	4,845	4,580	4,395	4,440
Offer rate	Quintile 1	84.1%	83.9%	78.4%	80.5%	80.1%	80.3%
	Quintile 2	85.0%	85.2%	87.5%	83.4%	79.1%	81.6%
	Quintile 3	85.9%	84.2%	85.6%	84.6%	82.6%	84.0%
	Quintile 4	87.2%	86.4%	85.1%	83.2%	83.4%	85.6%
	Quintile 5	87.6%	88.1%	87.5%	86.4%	85.4%	86.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	85.4%	85.2%	81.2%	81.6%	81.8%	81.8%
	Quintile 2	85.7%	86.7%	87.0%	83.9%	80.9%	83.0%
	Quintile 3	86.4%	84.9%	85.6%	84.4%	82.4%	83.7%
	Quintile 4	86.7%	85.9%	84.9%	83.8%	82.8%	85.3%
	Quintile 5	87.1%	87.3%	86.9%	85.4%	84.8%	85.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.3	-1.3	-2.8	-1.1	-1.7	-1.5
	Quintile 2	-0.7	-1.5	0.5	-0.6	-1.8	-1.3
	Quintile 3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
	Quintile 4	0.5	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.6	0.3
	Quintile 5	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.190	0.203	0.190	0.190	0.198	0.201
	Quintile 2	0.169	0.164	0.163	0.167	0.167	0.168
	Quintile 3	0.236	0.223	0.228	0.236	0.228	0.235
	Quintile 4	0.316	0.313	0.321	0.317	0.317	0.316
	Quintile 5	0.407	0.401	0.383	0.380	0.384	0.390

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 2014-2019.
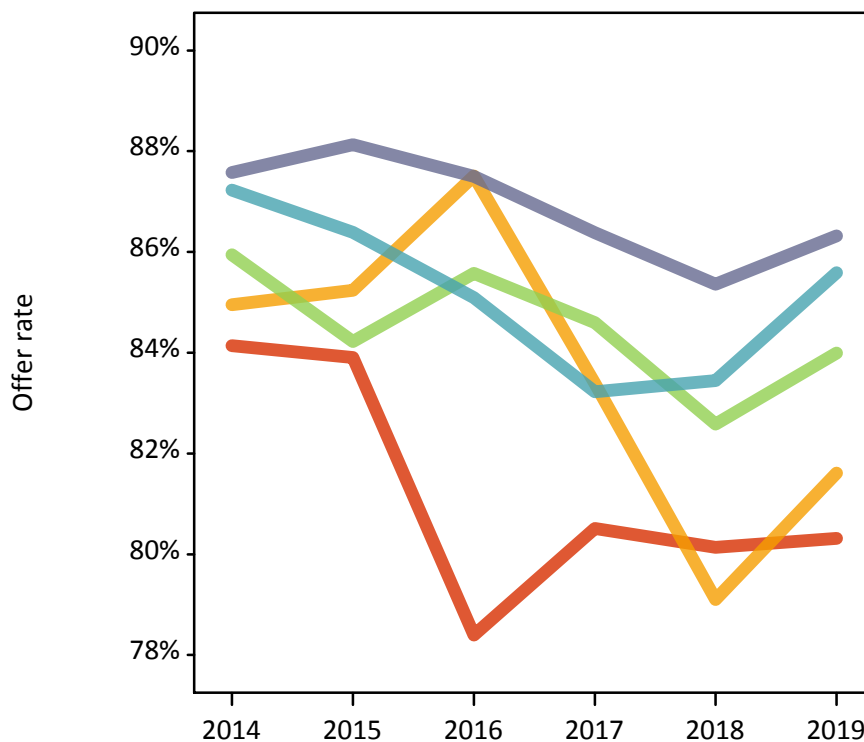
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.
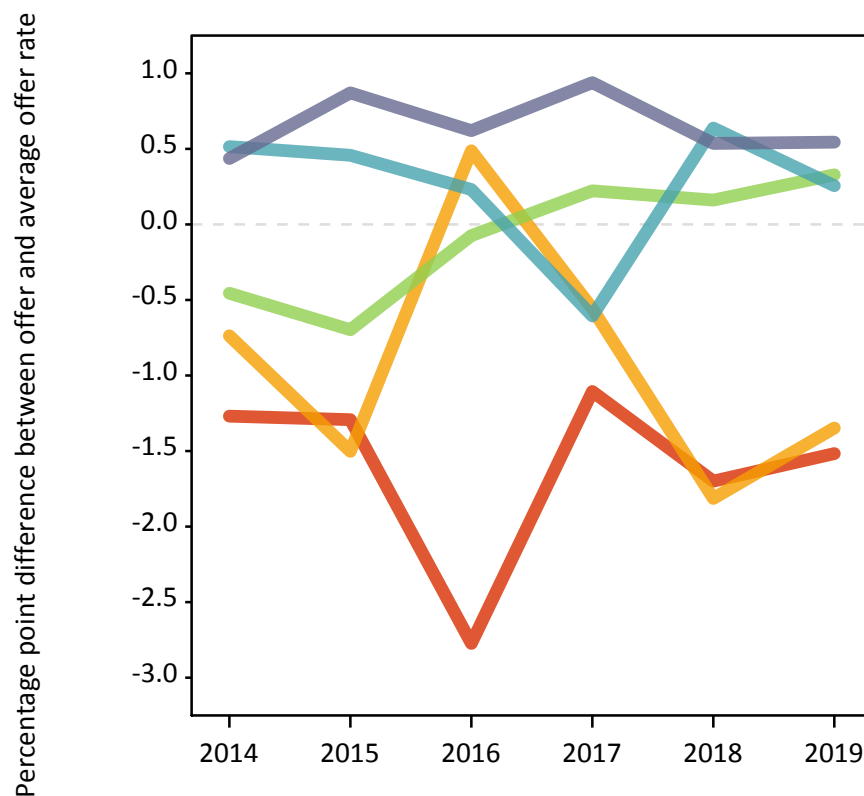
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	7,745	8,120	7,565	7,295	7,120	6,910
	Black	30	25	20	20	25	30
	Asian	100	85	100	100	110	115
	Mixed	55	45	50	50	80	55
	Other	10	5	5	5	15	15
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,595	2,275	2,360	2,125	2,240	2,405
	Black	5	0	5	5	5	5
	Asian	15	20	15	15	20	20
	Mixed	10	15	10	10	20	15
	Other	0	0	0	0	5	5
All placed applicants	White	2,825	2,380	2,530	2,390	2,480	2,690
	Black	5	0	5	5	10	5
	Asian	15	20	20	20	25	30
	Mixed	15	15	15	10	20	15
	Other	5	0	0	0	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	125.6	130.3	125.1	123.0	124.6	125.0
	Black	10.2	7.2	6.1	6.7	8.1	8.5
	Asian	14.9	11.9	13.6	13.9	14.7	14.6
	Mixed	19.5	15.2	16.5	16.2	24.1	16.7
	Other	9.7	5.2	7.0	5.8	12.1	12.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	42.0	36.5	39.0	35.8	39.2	43.5
	Black	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3	2.2	1.2
	Asian	2.2	3.0	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.7
	Mixed	3.8	4.5	3.2	2.5	6.2	4.3
	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	45.8	38.2	41.8	40.3	43.4	48.7
	Black	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3	2.5	1.2
	Asian	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.8
	Mixed	4.9	4.5	4.1	2.8	6.2	4.3
	Other	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.6

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	17,205	17,920	16,400	15,755	15,105	14,875
	Black	45	35	35	25	45	35
	Asian	170	140	150	170	165	160
	Mixed	85	80	85	85	120	95
	Other	20	10	10	10	20	25
Offers	White	14,910	15,450	14,035	13,290	12,565	12,600
	Black	40	30	20	20	30	25
	Asian	135	120	120	135	135	130
	Mixed	80	70	75	65	90	75
	Other	15	10	5	5	15	20
Offer rate	White	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%	83.2%	84.7%
	Black	80.9%	86.1%	63.6%	76.0%	65.9%	76.5%
	Asian	77.8%	84.4%	79.5%	78.8%	81.1%	80.1%
	Mixed	*100.0%*	92.3%	87.1%	78.6%	76.3%	77.9%
	Other	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	73.1%
Average offer rate	White	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%	83.2%	84.6%
	Black	80.0%	87.4%	71.2%	78.0%	74.9%	78.2%
	Asian	81.3%	83.5%	80.9%	76.7%	78.8%	80.4%
	Mixed	90.7%	89.3%	84.5%	82.2%	78.1%	84.4%
	Other	72.0%	72.7%	52.0%	85.1%	76.1%	80.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Asian	-3.5	0.9	-1.4	2.1	2.3	-0.2
	Mixed	9.3	3.1	2.6	-3.7	-1.9	-6.5
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.983	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.979	0.980
	Black	0.172	0.141	0.100	0.103	0.124	0.178
	Asian	0.081	0.095	0.126	0.127	0.161	0.135
	Mixed	0.109	0.074	0.068	0.084	0.107	0.090
	Other	0.104	0.043	0.200	0.025	0.132	0.148

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 2014-2019.
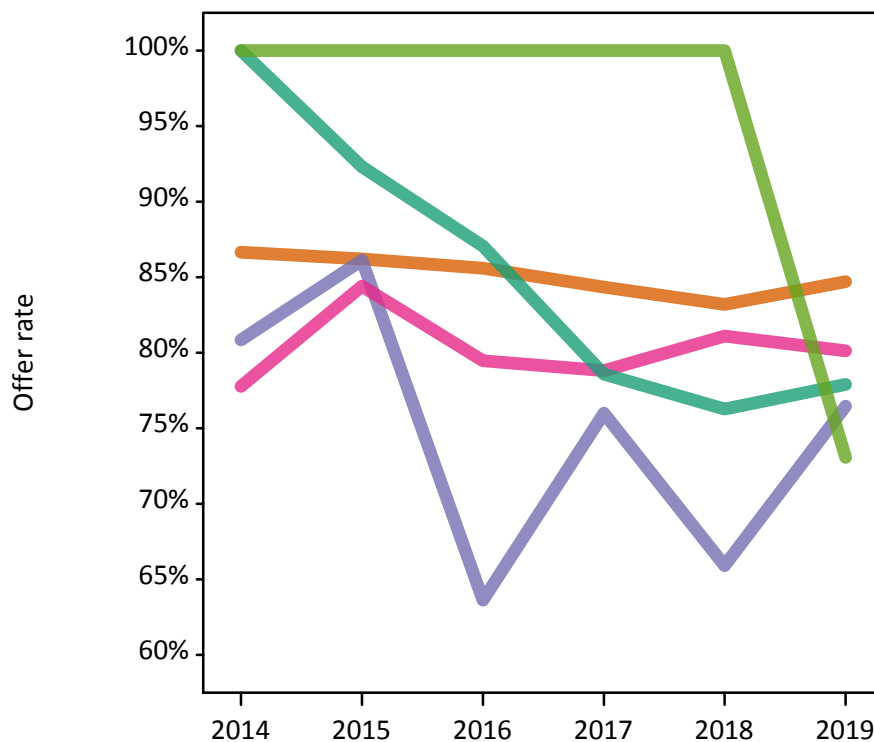
P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	14,265	15,035	14,335	13,525	13,140	12,670
Placed June deadline applicants	4,915	4,760	4,855	4,360	4,535	4,740
All placed applicants	5,840	5,100	5,245	4,940	5,045	5,400

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	30,850	32,005	30,460	28,700	27,325	26,645
Offers	24,525	25,440	24,085	22,525	21,350	21,440
Offer rate	79.5%	79.5%	79.1%	78.5%	78.1%	80.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	6,405	6,690	6,535	6,120	5,915	5,495
	Women	7,860	8,340	7,795	7,405	7,225	7,175
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,395	2,270	2,415	2,045	2,140	2,185
	Women	2,520	2,490	2,440	2,315	2,395	2,560
All placed applicants	Men	2,885	2,395	2,560	2,285	2,355	2,450
	Women	2,955	2,705	2,680	2,660	2,690	2,950

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	14,990	15,400	15,105	14,050	13,385	12,470
	Women	15,855	16,605	15,355	14,650	13,940	14,175
Offers	Men	12,895	13,185	12,760	11,765	11,120	10,695
	Women	11,630	12,255	11,325	10,755	10,230	10,745
Offer rate	Men	86.0%	85.6%	84.5%	83.8%	83.1%	85.8%
	Women	73.4%	73.8%	73.7%	73.4%	73.4%	75.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,780	1,865	1,845	1,770	1,690	1,635
	Quintile 2	1,535	1,625	1,610	1,505	1,445	1,390
	Quintile 3	2,535	2,660	2,560	2,470	2,330	2,275
	Quintile 4	3,545	3,840	3,610	3,445	3,430	3,215
	Quintile 5	4,840	5,000	4,685	4,305	4,195	4,090
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	590	570	565	545	560	580
	Quintile 2	505	470	570	500	480	480
	Quintile 3	900	830	865	805	815	865
	Quintile 4	1,310	1,310	1,300	1,125	1,235	1,250
	Quintile 5	1,605	1,560	1,545	1,380	1,435	1,535
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	660	595	605	615	615	665
	Quintile 2	620	505	600	540	530	550
	Quintile 3	1,050	895	950	930	905	995
	Quintile 4	1,555	1,425	1,400	1,280	1,400	1,435
	Quintile 5	1,940	1,660	1,675	1,565	1,585	1,725

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	3,835	4,065	3,780	3,735	3,465	3,355
	Quintile 2	3,315	3,465	3,425	3,215	2,935	2,855
	Quintile 3	5,530	5,575	5,475	5,190	4,915	4,795
	Quintile 4	7,850	8,300	7,855	7,445	7,250	6,895
	Quintile 5	10,255	10,515	9,855	9,055	8,670	8,625
Offers	Quintile 1	2,955	3,100	2,780	2,785	2,580	2,590
	Quintile 2	2,575	2,695	2,725	2,465	2,210	2,220
	Quintile 3	4,420	4,370	4,295	4,070	3,825	3,825
	Quintile 4	6,225	6,635	6,235	5,805	5,670	5,565
	Quintile 5	8,310	8,580	8,000	7,355	7,000	7,150
Offer rate	Quintile 1	77.0%	76.3%	73.6%	74.6%	74.4%	77.2%
	Quintile 2	77.7%	77.8%	79.6%	76.7%	75.3%	77.7%
	Quintile 3	79.9%	78.4%	78.4%	78.4%	77.8%	79.8%
	Quintile 4	79.3%	79.9%	79.4%	77.9%	78.2%	80.7%
	Quintile 5	81.1%	81.6%	81.2%	81.2%	80.8%	82.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	13,720	14,210	13,835	13,045	12,620	12,150
	Black	145	135	95	80	90	100
	Asian	245	455	235	215	230	220
	Mixed	105	110	100	115	135	115
	Other	25	50	30	25	20	40
Placed June deadline applicants	White	4,765	4,475	4,735	4,260	4,405	4,610
	Black	45	30	20	15	20	15
	Asian	60	190	50	40	50	55
	Mixed	30	35	25	30	35	35
	Other	5	10	10	5	5	10
All placed applicants	White	5,385	4,770	5,095	4,815	4,895	5,240
	Black	155	35	20	15	25	20
	Asian	205	195	65	55	65	70
	Mixed	45	35	30	30	40	40
	Other	40	15	10	10	5	10

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	30,055	30,865	29,635	27,890	26,510	25,815
	Black	205	175	140	125	150	140
	Asian	350	595	370	360	345	340
	Mixed	160	185	180	200	210	210
	Other	45	75	45	40	30	60
Offers	White	23,915	24,670	23,475	21,960	20,735	20,820
	Black	135	95	90	65	95	75
	Asian	270	410	270	255	275	260
	Mixed	145	150	145	140	165	170
	Other	30	40	30	35	25	45
Offer rate	White	79.6%	79.9%	79.2%	78.7%	78.2%	80.7%
	Black	67.2%	55.4%	62.4%	50.0%	62.8%	53.9%
	Asian	77.3%	68.7%	73.7%	70.7%	79.6%	76.8%
	Mixed	89.9%	81.5%	81.1%	70.4%	78.8%	80.2%
	Other	74.4%	52.0%	69.8%	85.4%	71.9%	74.1%

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 2019 cycle runs from September 2018 through to October 2019.

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.

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 2019 End of Cycle Report and the 2019 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.

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.