

January Deadline Analysis: Age

Applicants by age at the 15 January deadline

D.9.1 Applicants by UK country of domicile and age group

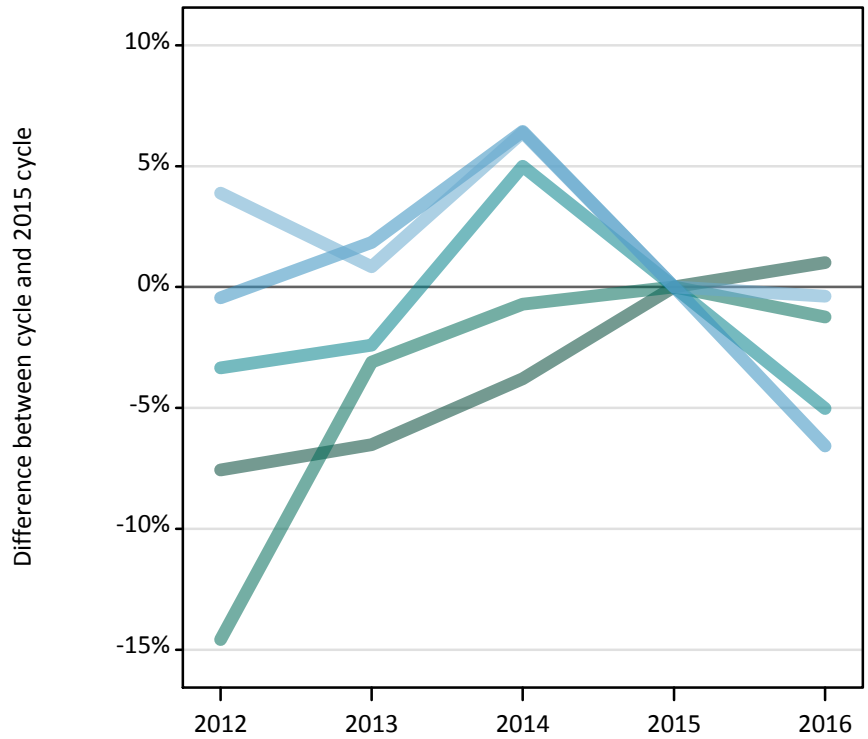
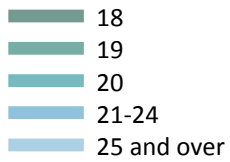
Domicile and age group		2016
England	Under 18	890
	18	230,360
	19	80,470
	20	23,370
	21-24	32,930
	25 and over	40,970
Northern Ireland	Under 18	40
	18	11,760
	19	3,440
	20	1,430
	21-24	2,090
	25 and over	1,640
Scotland	Under 18	720
	18	19,190
	19	5,700
	20	3,680
	21-24	7,500
	25 and over	8,630
Wales	Under 18	30
	18	11,690
	19	3,930
	20	1,200
	21-24	2,010
	25 and over	2,270

D.9.2 Proportions of 18 year olds by UK country of domicile

Domicile and age group		2016
England	18	36.6%
Northern Ireland	18	48.1%
Scotland	18	32.6%
Wales	18	32.2%

D.9.3 Applicants by domicile and age : England

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



D.9.4 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	Under 18	850	800	860	900	890
	18	210,790	213,190	219,420	228,060	230,360
	19	69,600	78,950	80,900	81,480	80,470
	20	23,780	24,010	25,830	24,600	23,370
	21-24	35,100	35,900	37,520	35,250	32,930
	25 and over	42,730	41,480	43,760	41,130	40,970

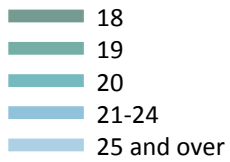
D.9.5 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	Under 18	-6%	-11%	-4%	0%	-1%
	18	-8%	-7%	-4%	0%	1%
	19	-15%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%
	20	-3%	-2%	5%	0%	-5%
	21-24	-0%	2%	6%	0%	-7%
	25 and over	4%	1%	6%	0%	-0%

D.9.6 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



D.9.7 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Northern Ireland	Under 18	50	30	30	40	40
	18	11,650	11,670	11,450	11,940	11,760
	19	2,550	2,870	2,950	3,000	3,440
	20	1,190	1,380	1,510	1,360	1,430
	21-24	1,690	2,090	2,060	2,120	2,090
	25 and over	1,160	1,540	1,540	1,590	1,640

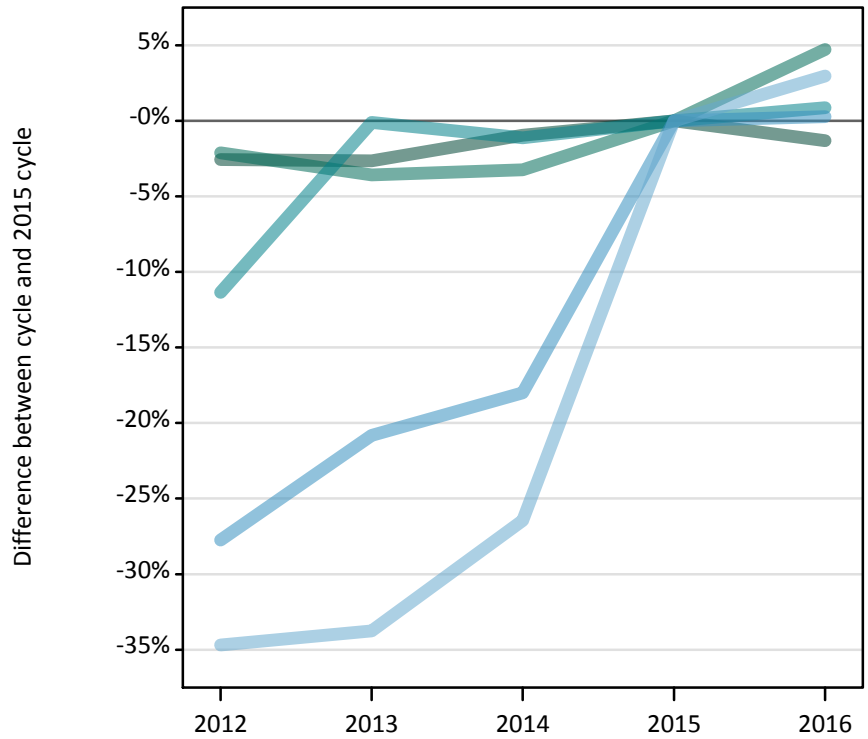
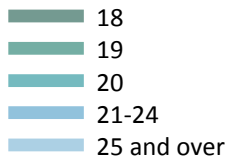
D.9.8 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Northern Ireland	Under 18	43%	-3%	-23%	0%	14%
	18	-2%	-2%	-4%	0%	-1%
	19	-15%	-5%	-2%	0%	15%
	20	-12%	2%	11%	0%	6%
	21-24	-20%	-1%	-3%	0%	-1%
	25 and over	-27%	-3%	-3%	0%	3%

D.9.9 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



D.9.10 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Scotland	Under 18	780	660	650	700	720
	18	18,950	18,930	19,260	19,440	19,190
	19	5,330	5,250	5,270	5,450	5,700
	20	3,240	3,650	3,610	3,650	3,680
	21-24	5,400	5,920	6,130	7,480	7,500
	25 and over	5,470	5,550	6,160	8,380	8,630

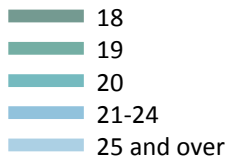
D.9.11 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Scotland	Under 18	12%	-6%	-7%	0%	3%
	18	-3%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%
	19	-2%	-4%	-3%	0%	5%
	20	-11%	-0%	-1%	0%	1%
	21-24	-28%	-21%	-18%	0%	0%
	25 and over	-35%	-34%	-26%	0%	3%

D.9.12 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



D.9.13 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

All age groups

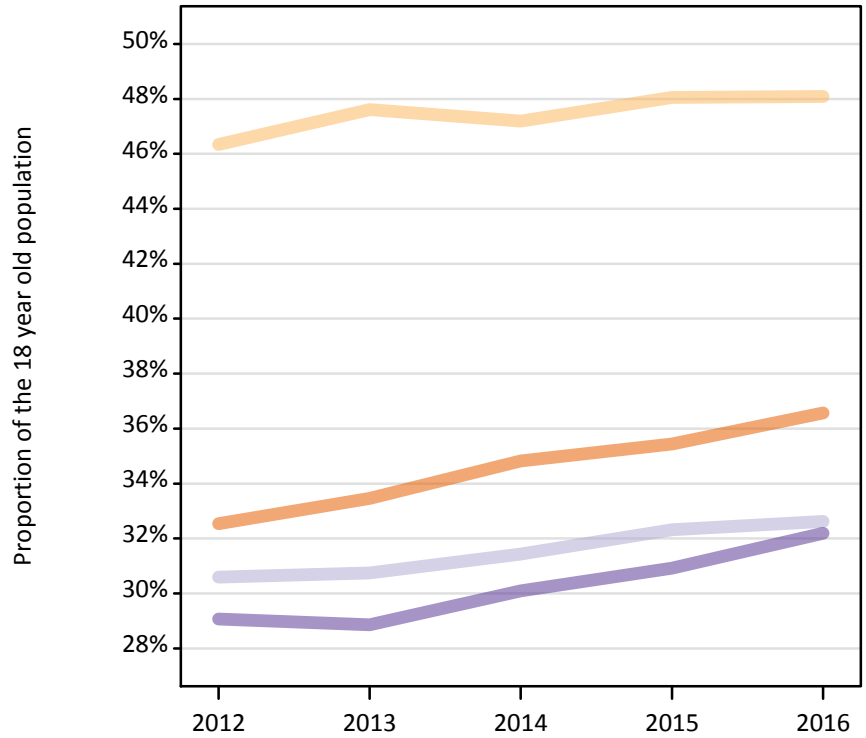
Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Wales	Under 18	30	40	30	20	30
	18	11,210	10,910	11,280	11,650	11,690
	19	3,740	3,740	3,850	3,780	3,930
	20	1,350	1,250	1,250	1,310	1,200
	21-24	2,140	2,130	2,160	1,980	2,010
	25 and over	2,410	2,380	2,440	2,260	2,270

D.9.14 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Wales	Under 18	30%	80%	35%	0%	50%
	18	-4%	-6%	-3%	0%	0%
	19	-1%	-1%	2%	0%	4%
	20	3%	-5%	-4%	0%	-8%
	21-24	8%	8%	9%	0%	2%
	25 and over	6%	5%	8%	0%	0%

D.9.15 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile
 18 year old applicants as a proportion of the 18 year old population



D.9.16 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile
 18 year old applicants as a proportion of the 18 year old population

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	18	32.5%	33.5%	34.8%	35.4%	36.6%
Northern Ireland	18	46.3%	47.6%	47.2%	48.1%	48.1%
Scotland	18	30.6%	30.7%	31.4%	32.3%	32.6%
Wales	18	29.1%	28.9%	30.1%	30.9%	32.2%

D.9.17 Technical notes and definitions

Applicants have been able to submit applications for all 2016 courses since early September.

Applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered as 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS.

This statistical release covers all Main Scheme applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline, including those who have applied for courses with a 15 October deadline. Counts of RPAs (records of prior acceptance) are not included.

Counts of the number of applicants reported have been rounded to the nearest 10 applicants, this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components. Proportional changes have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

In Scotland there is a substantial component (around one third of young full-time higher education) where admissions are not processed through UCAS. Consequently, for Scotland, this report reflects the trends in applications that are recruited through UCAS and not, as elsewhere in the UK, full-time undergraduate study in general.

The values reported against subject groups in the 2015 cycle have been restated from those which appeared in the equivalent report in 2015.

Age

This statistical release uses country-specific age definitions which align with the cut off points for school/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 the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used.

Applicant

A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application

An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider

An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

This statistical release excludes a small number of applications to a provider based in the EU.

Domicile

Declared area of permanent residence. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

First time applicant

An applicant that did not apply to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Main scheme

The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Reapplicant

An applicant that applied to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

D.9.18 Technical notes and definitions: continued

Subject group

The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups.

Tariff group of provider

Providers are grouped as higher, medium or lower tariff based on their average levels of attainment of their accepted applicants (summarised through UCAS Tariff points) in recent cycles. Each group of providers accounted for around a third of all UK 18 year old acceptances in recent cycles.