

Applicants by age at the 24 March deadline

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

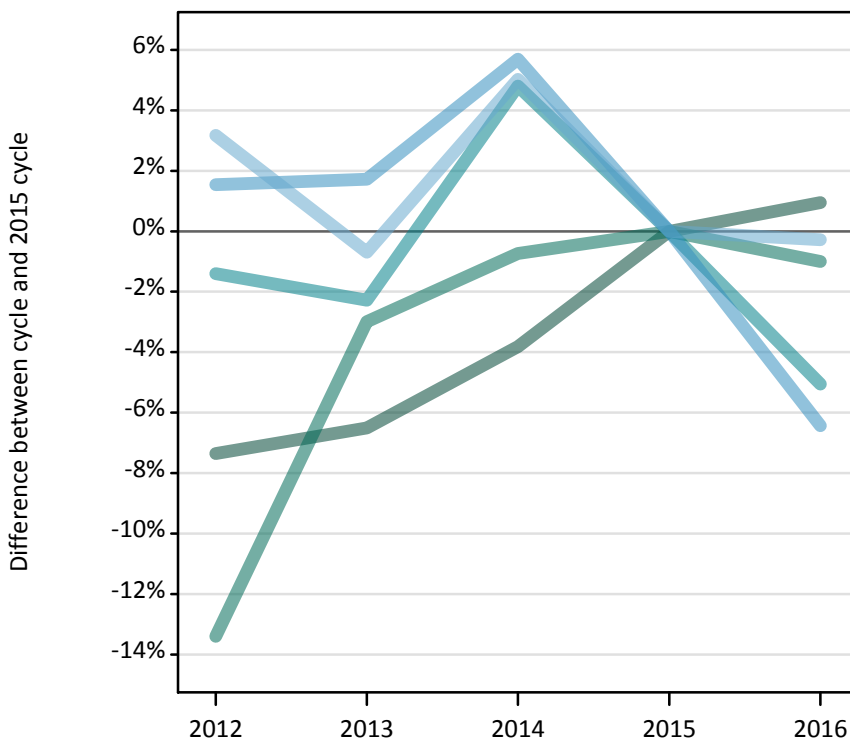
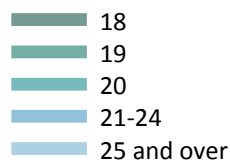
Domicile and age group		2016
England	Under 18	920
	18	232,340
	19	84,100
	20	25,820
	21-24	37,360
	25 and over	48,400
Northern Ireland	Under 18	40
	18	11,780
	19	3,520
	20	1,500
	21-24	2,220
	25 and over	1,720
Scotland	Under 18	740
	18	19,250
	19	5,850
	20	3,810
	21-24	7,970
	25 and over	9,550
Wales	Under 18	30
	18	11,830
	19	4,110
	20	1,330
	21-24	2,280
	25 and over	2,580

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

Domicile and age group		2016
England	18	36.9%
Northern Ireland	18	48.2%
Scotland	18	32.7%
Wales	18	32.6%

F.9.3 Applicants by domicile and age : England

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



F.9.4 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	Under 18	880	830	880	930	920
	18	213,220	215,180	221,370	230,160	232,340
	19	73,570	82,410	84,320	84,950	84,100
	20	26,810	26,570	28,500	27,190	25,820
	21-24	40,550	40,620	42,200	39,930	37,360
	25 and over	50,080	48,200	50,980	48,540	48,400

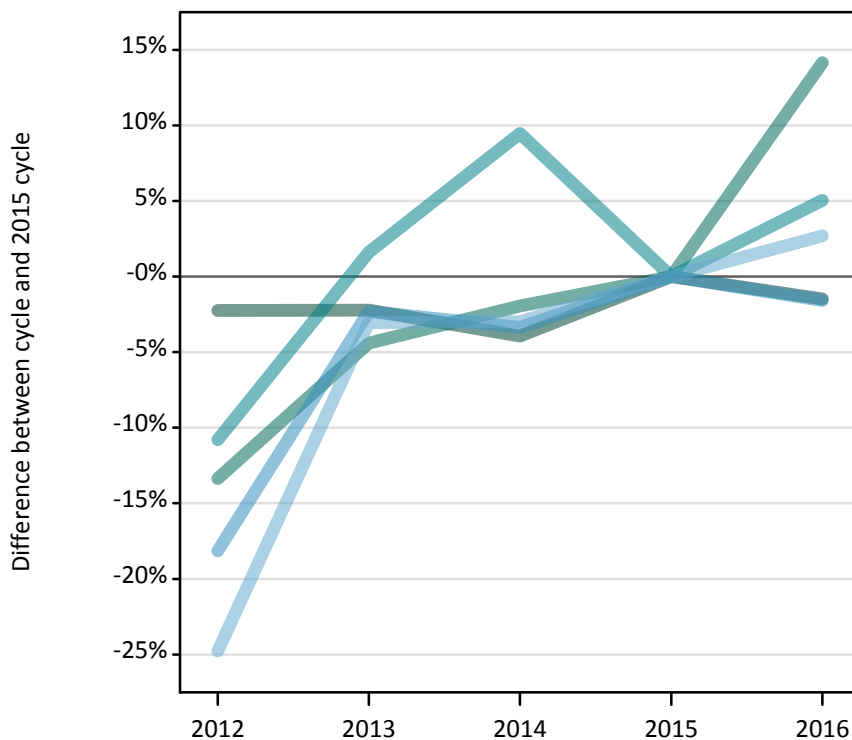
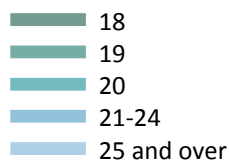
F.9.5 Applicants by domicile and age : England

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	Under 18	-6%	-11%	-6%	0%	-2%
	18	-7%	-7%	-4%	0%	1%
	19	-13%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%
	20	-1%	-2%	5%	0%	-5%
	21-24	2%	2%	6%	0%	-6%
	25 and over	3%	-1%	5%	0%	-0%

F.9.6 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



F.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	40	30	30	40
	18	11,690	11,690	11,490	11,960	11,780
	19	2,670	2,950	3,030	3,090	3,520
	20	1,270	1,450	1,560	1,430	1,500
	21-24	1,850	2,210	2,180	2,260	2,220
	25 and over	1,260	1,620	1,630	1,680	1,720

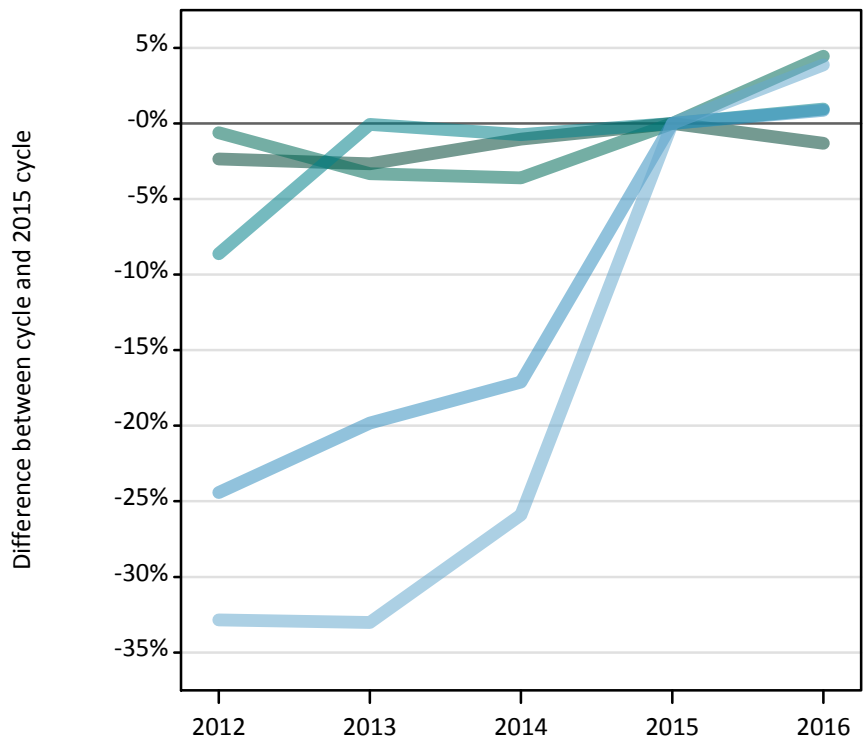
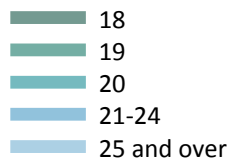
F.9.8 Applicants by domicile and age : Northern Ireland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Northern Ireland	Under 18	50%	3%	-18%	0%	18%
	18	-2%	-2%	-4%	0%	-1%
	19	-13%	-4%	-2%	0%	14%
	20	-11%	2%	9%	0%	5%
	21-24	-18%	-2%	-3%	0%	-2%
	25 and over	-25%	-3%	-3%	0%	3%

F.9.9 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



F.9.10 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Scotland	Under 18	790	670	660	710	740
	18	19,040	18,980	19,300	19,500	19,250
	19	5,560	5,410	5,400	5,600	5,850
	20	3,450	3,770	3,750	3,770	3,810
	21-24	5,970	6,330	6,550	7,900	7,970
	25 and over	6,170	6,160	6,810	9,190	9,550

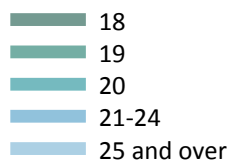
F.9.11 Applicants by domicile and age : Scotland

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle

Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Scotland	Under 18	11%	-6%	-7%	0%	5%
	18	-2%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%
	19	-1%	-3%	-4%	0%	4%
	20	-9%	-0%	-1%	0%	1%
	21-24	-24%	-20%	-17%	0%	1%
	25 and over	-33%	-33%	-26%	0%	4%

F.9.12 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2015 cycle



F.9.13 Applicants by domicile and age : Wales

All age groups

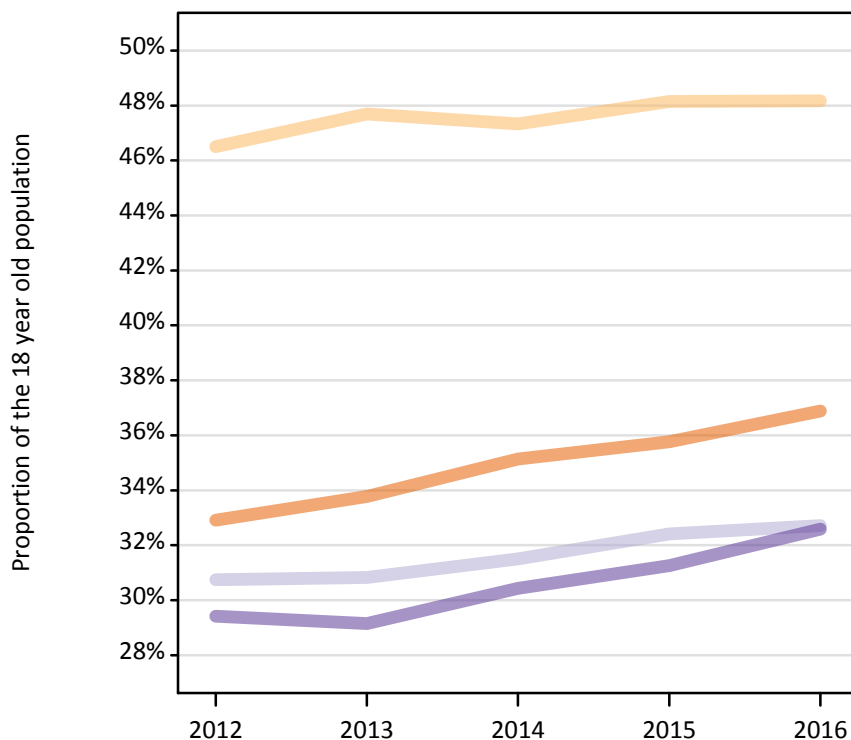
Domicile and age group		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Wales	Under 18	30	40	30	20	30
	18	11,340	11,020	11,410	11,780	11,830
	19	3,970	3,930	4,070	3,980	4,110
	20	1,520	1,400	1,390	1,440	1,330
	21-24	2,460	2,360	2,390	2,250	2,280
	25 and over	2,810	2,700	2,770	2,600	2,580

F.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%	90%	40%	0%	45%
	18	-4%	-6%	-3%	0%	0%
	19	-0%	-1%	2%	0%	3%
	20	6%	-3%	-4%	0%	-7%
	21-24	9%	5%	6%	0%	1%
	25 and over	8%	4%	6%	0%	-1%

F.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



F.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	32.9%	33.8%	35.1%	35.8%	36.9%
Northern Ireland	18	46.5%	47.7%	47.3%	48.1%	48.2%
Scotland	18	30.7%	30.8%	31.5%	32.4%	32.7%
Wales	18	29.4%	29.1%	30.4%	31.3%	32.6%

F.9.17 Technical notes and definitions

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

People who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS. Some art and design courses have a later deadline of 24 March. Almost all main scheme applications have been received by the 24 March deadline.

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.

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.

Subject group

The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups.

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

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.