

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_037_06 Applicants by POLAR3

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile , Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and UK domiciled 18 year olds

Definitions

POLAR3 Quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 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). 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 classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applicants

Applicant is defined as a person who has made a valid application in the UCAS system.

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POLAR3 Quintile	Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
POLAR3 Quintile 1	20,235	21,745	24,070	27,180	27,210	26,160	26,785	28,855	29,935	30,015
POLAR3 Quintile 2	31,810	33,725	36,755	39,455	39,870	38,225	39,025	40,730	42,585	42,705
POLAR3 Quintile 3	42,450	44,020	47,640	50,970	50,550	49,140	49,825	51,220	53,255	53,405
POLAR3 Quintile 4	55,200	57,190	60,695	64,200	63,495	60,720	61,225	61,690	64,300	64,210
POLAR3 Quintile 5	76,880	79,325	83,595	85,975	85,745	82,680	82,105	82,985	85,130	85,990
Not assigned	1,215	4,010	785	585	535	505	450	500	665	1,165
Total	227,795	240,020	253,535	268,370	267,410	257,430	259,410	265,980	275,875	277,495