

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_037_01 Acceptances by POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Acceptances

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile , Cycle Year

Coverage: 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 Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education.

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POLAR3 Quintile	Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
POLAR3 Quintile 1	16,830	18,340	19,805	20,585	21,040	21,070	22,145	24,060	25,100	25,435
POLAR3 Quintile 2	26,785	28,885	30,810	30,600	31,645	31,115	32,775	34,235	35,930	36,550
POLAR3 Quintile 3	36,065	37,900	40,130	40,180	40,900	40,165	42,000	43,100	45,420	45,915
POLAR3 Quintile 4	47,315	49,620	51,340	51,350	51,945	50,110	51,850	52,045	54,880	55,395
POLAR3 Quintile 5	66,565	69,035	71,140	69,945	71,695	69,260	70,170	70,710	73,450	74,635
Not assigned	1,075	3,440	1,035	455	425	390	375	400	580	1,010
Total	194,635	207,215	214,260	213,120	217,655	212,105	219,320	224,555	235,360	238,940