

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_039_04 Applicants by POLAR3 and sex

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile , Sex , 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.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

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 , Sex		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
POLAR3 Quintile 1	Men	8,615	8,905	10,090	11,370	11,225	10,745	11,265	12,020	12,220	12,240
	Women	12,095	13,375	14,440	16,035	16,215	15,785	15,965	17,270	18,260	18,290
POLAR3 Quintile 2	Men	13,645	14,345	15,755	16,815	17,075	16,140	16,640	17,245	17,870	17,960
	Women	18,815	20,090	21,625	22,970	23,115	22,585	22,950	24,015	25,335	25,385
POLAR3 Quintile 3	Men	18,375	18,970	20,815	22,500	22,215	21,530	21,830	22,610	23,095	23,040
	Women	24,750	25,835	27,510	28,875	28,740	28,205	28,725	29,225	30,870	31,120
POLAR3 Quintile 4	Men	25,040	25,785	27,580	28,845	28,750	27,395	27,550	27,775	28,620	28,645
	Women	30,905	32,355	33,790	35,845	35,150	34,030	34,480	34,510	36,445	36,360
POLAR3 Quintile 5	Men	36,245	37,295	39,310	40,670	40,440	38,695	38,765	39,030	39,615	40,070
	Women	41,425	42,965	44,970	45,825	45,725	44,725	44,195	44,560	46,335	46,730
Not assigned	Men	615	1,830	590	280	245	250	230	250	305	525
	Women	745	2,330	615	320	305	275	250	260	395	670
Total		231,270	244,070	257,090	270,350	269,195	260,360	262,850	268,760	279,365	281,040