

End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

DR2_039_06 Applicants by POLAR3 and sex

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile , Sex , 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.

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	8,385	8,640	9,850	11,245	11,115	10,550	11,040	11,785	11,935	11,955
	Women	11,850	13,100	14,220	15,940	16,095	15,610	15,745	17,065	18,005	18,060
POLAR3 Quintile 2	Men	13,310	13,970	15,440	16,635	16,920	15,880	16,345	17,005	17,575	17,645
	Women	18,500	19,755	21,315	22,820	22,955	22,345	22,675	23,725	25,010	25,065
POLAR3 Quintile 3	Men	18,030	18,525	20,445	22,280	22,015	21,185	21,475	22,305	22,740	22,645
	Women	24,420	25,495	27,195	28,690	28,535	27,950	28,350	28,915	30,520	30,760
POLAR3 Quintile 4	Men	24,630	25,270	27,205	28,580	28,545	27,005	27,145	27,485	28,190	28,220
	Women	30,570	31,920	33,490	35,620	34,945	33,715	34,080	34,205	36,110	35,990
POLAR3 Quintile 5	Men	35,795	36,795	38,915	40,365	40,200	38,285	38,285	38,685	39,175	39,650
	Women	41,085	42,530	44,680	45,610	45,545	44,395	43,820	44,300	45,955	46,340
Not assigned	Men	540	1,745	345	270	240	240	215	240	290	505
	Women	675	2,265	440	315	300	265	235	260	375	660
Total		227,795	240,020	253,535	268,370	267,410	257,430	259,410	265,980	275,875	277,495