End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources
DR2_017_04 Applicants by sex and age

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applicants

Variables: Sex, Age Band, Cycle Year

Coverage: All

Definitions

Age Band
Derived from date of birth declared by the applicant, age is aligned 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. Age then is grouped in the following bands: '17 and under', '18', '19', '20', '21 and Over'. Please note: if the derived age is outside of the range 11-100 then it is set to 18 by default.

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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Sex, Age Band		Number of Applicants by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Men	17 and under	3,770	4,025	4,000	4,065	4,400	4,820	5,065	5,375	5,445	5,745
	18	117,310	125,470	133,475	133,545	129,405	132,050	135,845	140,135	141,435	142,975
	19	50,620	55,975	61,745	64,575	56,330	62,125	62,930	64,415	64,735	62,170
	20	24,390	26,545	28,640	28,855	26,450	27,250	28,205	27,565	27,000	26,540
	21 and over	63,785	72,745	79,045	76,020	68,480	69,210	70,555	70,490	67,990	62,760
Women	17 and under	5,055	5,265	5,500	5,425	5,520	5,890	6,545	6,725	7,090	7,370
	18	149,240	156,565	165,840	166,660	163,830	166,785	171,485	181,360	183,445	184,160
	19	59,325	63,870	71,540	75,395	66,225	72,550	75,320	76,865	77,945	74,335
	20	25,795	27,855	31,030	31,310	28,670	29,955	32,120	31,465	30,705	30,295
	21 and over	89,400	101,545	116,535	114,305	104,325	106,745	111,615	114,085	112,565	103,500
Total		588,690	639,860	697,350	700,160	653,635	677,375	699,685	718,480	718,350	699,850