

# End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources

## DR2\_037\_05 Acceptances by POLAR3

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**Statistic:** Number of Acceptances

**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 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	16,415	17,865	19,420	20,415	20,870	20,745	21,745	23,685	24,630	24,995
POLAR3 Quintile 2	26,195	28,265	30,295	30,340	31,405	30,685	32,290	33,765	35,385	36,000
POLAR3 Quintile 3	35,475	37,205	39,585	39,850	40,590	39,650	41,375	42,590	44,785	45,255
POLAR3 Quintile 4	46,650	48,795	50,785	50,945	51,620	49,485	51,135	51,530	54,210	54,685
POLAR3 Quintile 5	65,860	68,195	70,580	69,505	71,365	68,600	69,415	70,200	72,730	73,920
Not assigned	935	3,300	620	445	415	370	345	395	545	980
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,535</b>	<b>203,630</b>	<b>211,290</b>	<b>211,495</b>	<b>216,270</b>	<b>209,540</b>	<b>216,310</b>	<b>222,160</b>	<b>232,285</b>	<b>235,835</b>