

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR3_013_03 Applications by subject group and age

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Statistic: Number of Applications

Variables: Subject Group (Summary Level), Age Band, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applications through the main scheme

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.

Subject Group (Summary Level)

Classifies courses into a summary level of 26 subjects. Each course is assigned up to three valid JACS3 subject codes (e.g. G100 – Mathematics) and a course balance indicator by UCAS, which are available for review by the provider. The course is assigned a subject based on these JACS3 subject codes and balance indicator, it largely correlates to the first two characters of the subject codes. Where there are more than one JACS3 subject codes for a given course, and the balance indicator is dual or triple, the first two characters of each subject code are reported in combination to a relevant category (e.g. Course with dual balance indicator with JACS3 subject codes B940 = Counselling and C843 = Counselling psychology is assigned a subject 'Y Combined sciences'). Please note: Between 2007 and 2011 the subject codes assigned to each course were from the JACS2.0 classification, therefore JACS3 versions of the subject categories have been approximated for 2007 to 2011 to allow a consistent time series.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applications

Application is defined as a choice to a course in higher education through the UCAS main scheme. Each applicant can make up to five choices, which was reduced from six in 2008. The number of applications does not include choices made through the following acceptance routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs.

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Subject Group (Summary Level), Age Band		Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group A Medicine and Dentistry	17 and under	1,760	1,620	2,030	2,155	2,320	2,395	2,415	2,255	2,340	2,345
	18	40,275	39,815	44,545	44,965	44,385	44,675	43,705	39,335	40,265	40,910
	19	11,260	11,875	13,260	14,235	13,515	14,010	14,945	12,995	11,920	11,095
	20	3,180	3,345	3,820	3,655	3,580	3,200	3,895	3,630	3,490	2,785
	21 and over	23,335	25,140	29,580	31,445	30,145	30,760	32,600	29,315	27,535	24,940
Group B Subjects allied to Medicine	17 and under	2,340	2,465	3,020	2,870	2,510	2,645	2,920	2,755	2,875	3,050
	18	81,935	85,510	106,380	114,880	116,895	117,565	117,750	120,910	122,300	115,815
	19	33,605	37,425	47,225	57,460	55,650	62,745	62,440	62,345	63,285	55,090
	20	16,080	18,310	23,465	26,320	27,625	29,090	30,810	29,775	28,360	25,555
	21 and over	79,640	102,490	146,795	166,580	165,595	171,655	185,585	178,410	183,870	140,185
Group C Biological Sciences	17 and under	2,020	2,255	2,630	2,460	2,780	3,045	3,725	3,740	4,165	4,420
	18	108,370	119,055	134,230	135,130	134,825	140,470	151,645	163,970	171,690	171,460
	19	28,570	33,125	40,420	47,620	42,010	48,815	52,590	56,380	56,700	54,810
	20	9,475	11,020	13,535	15,310	13,790	15,380	17,680	17,885	18,255	17,840
	21 and over	18,315	20,990	25,430	27,975	24,790	27,270	29,830	31,010	29,950	29,775
Group D Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related	17 and under	290	350	385	420	390	375	370	400	510	465
	18	10,855	11,825	13,625	14,640	14,665	15,260	15,305	15,715	15,445	15,430
	19	3,080	3,705	4,710	5,650	5,395	6,015	7,070	7,175	6,300	5,930
	20	1,065	1,330	1,735	2,080	1,785	2,305	2,355	2,640	2,550	2,125
	21 and over	3,510	4,140	5,115	5,290	4,785	5,305	5,760	5,795	5,790	5,385
Group F Physical Sciences	17 and under	1,065	1,235	1,345	1,425	1,430	1,725	1,765	1,840	1,990	2,110
	18	55,790	58,860	64,960	69,055	70,355	73,845	75,650	78,185	74,240	74,805
	19	10,860	11,785	14,440	16,980	15,765	18,080	20,005	20,655	20,685	18,305
	20	2,985	3,490	4,180	4,240	4,225	4,055	4,885	4,820	4,745	4,460
	21 and over	5,280	6,235	7,265	7,740	6,730	6,965	7,035	6,950	6,580	6,320
Group G Mathematical Sciences	17 and under	810	980	875	985	1,055	1,015	1,180	1,215	1,445	1,570
	18	23,905	28,575	30,080	30,800	30,880	31,865	31,595	32,770	34,165	36,115
	19	5,225	6,715	8,075	8,610	7,780	8,295	8,045	8,745	8,835	8,555
	20	1,715	2,300	2,545	2,480	2,175	2,425	2,255	2,145	2,255	2,185
	21 and over	1,625	2,235	2,615	2,750	2,575	2,310	2,470	2,515	2,365	2,400
Group H Engineering	17 and under	3,775	4,345	4,705	4,630	5,050	5,965	6,620	7,000	6,825	7,405
	18	55,450	64,120	69,020	71,515	72,730	77,615	85,705	91,310	92,665	92,785
	19	19,300	23,160	26,560	29,285	26,520	30,215	33,245	36,700	36,555	35,315
	20	9,080	10,670	11,950	12,000	11,880	11,650	13,855	14,115	13,840	12,845
	21 and over	17,430	20,485	22,485	23,400	21,110	20,900	21,715	22,150	20,430	18,675
Group I Computer Sciences	17 and under	785	1,030	1,000	1,265	1,145	1,530	1,720	2,180	2,360	3,045
	18	34,275	37,410	40,600	42,750	41,475	47,255	54,035	60,840	62,400	65,585
	19	14,790	17,275	20,375	22,870	20,040	22,780	25,935	29,055	31,805	30,370
	20	7,530	8,410	10,035	10,785	9,980	10,405	11,670	12,050	12,320	12,360
	21 and over	13,740	15,760	18,250	19,430	17,290	17,730	18,935	20,100	20,260	19,610

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Subject Group (Summary Level), Age Band		Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group J Technologies	17 and under	140	130	155	170	155	160	215	215	205	285
	18	4,500	5,235	5,455	5,355	4,590	4,620	5,025	4,800	4,165	3,930
	19	2,285	2,650	2,890	2,655	2,095	2,260	2,525	2,250	2,090	1,680
	20	1,145	1,270	1,430	1,370	1,135	1,065	1,325	1,185	970	815
	21 and over	1,980	2,205	2,675	2,570	2,010	1,900	2,025	1,650	1,680	1,400
Group K Architecture, Building and Planning	17 and under	960	1,090	1,030	935	1,020	945	1,130	1,090	1,155	1,270
	18	26,610	25,555	23,355	22,630	20,370	18,670	18,805	20,660	21,690	23,645
	19	9,915	10,310	10,875	11,350	8,965	9,710	9,490	9,980	10,595	10,385
	20	3,605	4,170	4,460	4,600	3,825	3,610	3,700	4,105	3,700	3,880
	21 and over	8,140	9,365	10,355	10,045	7,270	7,275	6,940	7,085	6,640	6,650
Group L Social Studies	17 and under	2,780	3,455	3,380	3,720	3,905	4,220	4,750	4,650	4,860	5,055
	18	85,865	98,105	104,870	106,025	101,820	106,860	113,855	126,060	133,305	144,155
	19	32,295	38,010	43,920	47,260	38,980	41,900	43,970	46,245	48,935	48,600
	20	12,300	13,660	15,365	16,255	13,800	13,740	15,565	15,065	14,355	14,365
	21 and over	46,090	51,705	69,595	69,945	56,750	52,065	53,355	49,480	47,165	42,975
Group M Law	17 and under	2,205	2,495	2,370	2,620	2,975	3,285	3,390	3,420	3,755	3,775
	18	60,360	64,180	64,985	65,410	64,115	67,110	65,455	70,570	75,780	82,505
	19	17,710	19,345	21,495	24,045	21,635	23,770	23,665	24,280	25,005	25,145
	20	6,185	7,070	7,895	8,995	8,595	8,975	9,435	9,110	8,885	8,665
	21 and over	14,940	17,795	20,280	21,780	20,510	20,685	20,715	20,645	20,500	19,630
Group N Business and Admin studies	17 and under	5,680	5,710	6,025	6,510	7,150	7,825	8,445	9,125	8,970	9,480
	18	132,105	142,055	146,095	150,140	149,195	150,460	157,570	168,855	177,215	176,265
	19	59,170	65,680	75,620	83,140	73,260	78,380	81,305	84,770	85,675	81,135
	20	26,065	28,275	33,335	36,320	32,970	33,440	34,645	32,955	31,530	30,705
	21 and over	38,110	42,820	48,925	54,090	48,605	46,645	47,725	48,185	43,725	38,810
Group P Mass Communication and Documentation	17 and under	510	485	495	625	510	690	795	985	1,020	1,040
	18	26,700	30,480	32,305	34,100	29,855	31,605	34,240	36,665	37,455	37,740
	19	10,200	11,530	13,610	14,740	11,875	13,090	14,275	14,850	15,105	15,450
	20	3,865	4,385	4,960	5,715	4,735	5,490	5,740	5,595	5,770	5,520
	21 and over	5,465	6,230	7,330	7,590	6,815	7,110	7,580	7,055	6,730	6,440
Group Q Linguistics, Classics and related	17 and under	585	680	735	700	670	610	805	685	820	760
	18	43,300	48,205	50,445	47,200	46,820	45,940	45,825	46,790	45,115	43,630
	19	11,040	12,315	13,425	13,580	10,245	11,410	11,415	11,335	11,190	10,075
	20	2,750	3,120	3,370	3,765	2,625	2,475	3,150	2,835	2,815	2,725
	21 and over	4,500	5,710	6,500	6,250	5,345	5,275	5,365	4,925	4,650	4,190
Group R European Languages, Literature and related	17 and under	470	485	440	520	405	390	395	375	405	305
	18	17,255	17,800	19,210	18,285	17,105	15,500	14,640	15,070	13,820	13,015
	19	3,210	3,795	3,635	4,295	3,210	3,490	3,325	2,915	2,960	2,780
	20	665	925	850	890	705	790	690	620	650	545
	21 and over	1,280	1,415	1,575	1,495	1,080	1,090	1,105	1,030	885	860

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group T Non-European Languages, Literature and related	17 and under	85	80	95	80	75	65	65	60	70	75
	18	4,870	5,005	4,940	5,215	4,270	3,915	3,335	3,735	3,495	3,400
	19	1,180	1,400	1,730	1,655	1,240	1,195	1,085	1,205	1,120	985
	20	370	430	485	505	370	325	310	385	355	340
	21 and over	755	910	1,165	985	745	765	790	780	795	720
Group V History and Philosophical studies	17 and under	605	605	630	705	620	550	610	630	630	735
	18	51,435	55,680	57,805	57,095	56,015	56,070	57,945	60,170	59,380	54,785
	19	12,020	13,530	15,420	15,255	12,300	13,885	14,090	13,715	14,395	12,955
	20	2,920	3,200	3,495	3,570	2,850	2,765	3,030	3,165	3,120	3,170
	21 and over	5,335	6,225	7,300	6,560	5,445	5,615	5,885	5,250	5,095	4,845
Group W Creative Arts and Design	17 and under	1,220	1,345	1,590	1,735	1,585	1,685	2,120	2,315	2,430	2,475
	18	92,955	103,240	118,215	125,220	110,605	111,525	118,760	125,215	124,445	120,180
	19	61,140	67,035	86,615	91,145	73,305	77,435	80,255	79,965	77,840	72,865
	20	22,980	24,720	31,495	34,145	27,325	27,865	29,220	28,760	28,115	26,990
	21 and over	34,435	39,165	48,895	49,710	40,005	40,015	41,990	41,895	41,050	37,025
Group X Education	17 and under	385	465	395	360	270	245	260	240	225	285
	18	37,780	41,540	47,460	50,445	48,880	45,995	45,205	43,460	40,560	40,740
	19	10,945	12,970	15,325	17,840	15,300	15,885	15,820	14,760	14,480	13,805
	20	4,965	5,275	6,430	6,910	6,130	6,115	6,515	5,820	5,595	5,575
	21 and over	12,080	14,700	18,105	18,715	15,415	15,355	15,670	29,565	31,805	31,180
Y Combined arts	17 and under	690	580	640	605	630	555	640	540	655	645
	18	44,315	41,030	43,140	41,800	37,455	35,280	34,315	33,250	31,610	29,180
	19	12,945	12,485	14,630	14,705	10,705	10,890	10,780	9,785	9,655	8,160
	20	4,370	4,325	4,590	4,750	3,525	3,295	3,555	3,045	2,870	2,720
	21 and over	8,030	8,430	9,105	8,550	6,575	6,255	6,135	5,215	4,850	4,255
Y Combined sciences	17 and under	670	545	685	685	720	770	915	955	930	825
	18	22,325	20,955	22,310	22,700	21,525	21,665	21,835	20,490	18,370	17,670
	19	6,830	6,845	7,990	9,255	7,745	8,495	8,570	7,680	6,920	6,275
	20	2,555	2,760	3,130	3,380	3,080	2,900	3,075	2,465	2,385	2,040
	21 and over	5,315	5,700	6,620	6,765	5,820	5,570	5,560	4,710	4,090	3,645
Y Combined social sciences	17 and under	790	760	725	740	815	845	975	1,045	1,180	1,205
	18	20,030	18,550	18,450	17,255	16,095	15,875	16,870	17,490	18,545	19,135
	19	8,445	7,710	8,820	8,810	7,095	7,135	7,135	7,205	7,445	7,145
	20	2,940	2,650	2,965	2,890	2,515	2,300	2,400	2,390	2,190	2,060
	21 and over	4,225	4,045	4,350	4,440	3,575	3,225	3,270	3,310	3,165	2,610
Y Sciences combined with Social Sciences or Arts	17 and under	1,295	1,015	990	1,070	970	935	1,020	945	1,035	990
	18	62,685	56,355	57,680	54,715	47,080	43,180	41,035	35,875	32,015	30,905
	19	22,060	20,535	24,510	24,005	18,455	17,940	16,150	13,705	12,830	11,075
	20	8,695	7,925	9,385	9,345	7,445	7,075	6,425	5,075	4,600	4,220
	21 and over	15,125	14,850	17,485	16,775	13,520	12,080	10,875	9,445	8,360	7,035

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Y Social Sciences combined with Arts	17 and under	1,285	1,020	1,100	1,025	1,145	1,205	1,235	1,030	1,195	1,220
	18	40,640	35,810	36,675	35,800	32,670	31,130	29,765	30,115	29,700	30,110
	19	13,845	13,340	14,995	15,060	11,770	12,530	11,645	10,955	10,885	10,455
	20	4,865	4,570	5,225	4,965	4,085	4,005	3,815	3,320	3,045	2,915
	21 and over	7,475	7,715	8,695	8,015	6,235	6,320	5,530	5,355	4,595	4,220
Z General, other combined and unknown	17 and under	420	570	520	470	880	945	1,150	1,525	1,635	1,640
	18	10,065	10,370	10,615	10,990	15,775	17,005	19,205	21,480	21,385	21,750
	19	3,340	3,650	3,680	4,080	5,390	6,205	6,795	6,900	7,380	7,200
	20	1,185	1,330	1,295	1,280	1,920	1,860	1,935	2,060	2,085	2,050
	21 and over	2,405	2,715	2,880	2,385	2,985	2,990	2,895	2,650	2,670	2,340
Total		2,195,635	2,387,415	2,720,500	2,847,010	2,636,250	2,711,870	2,824,540	2,891,075	2,899,585	2,793,335