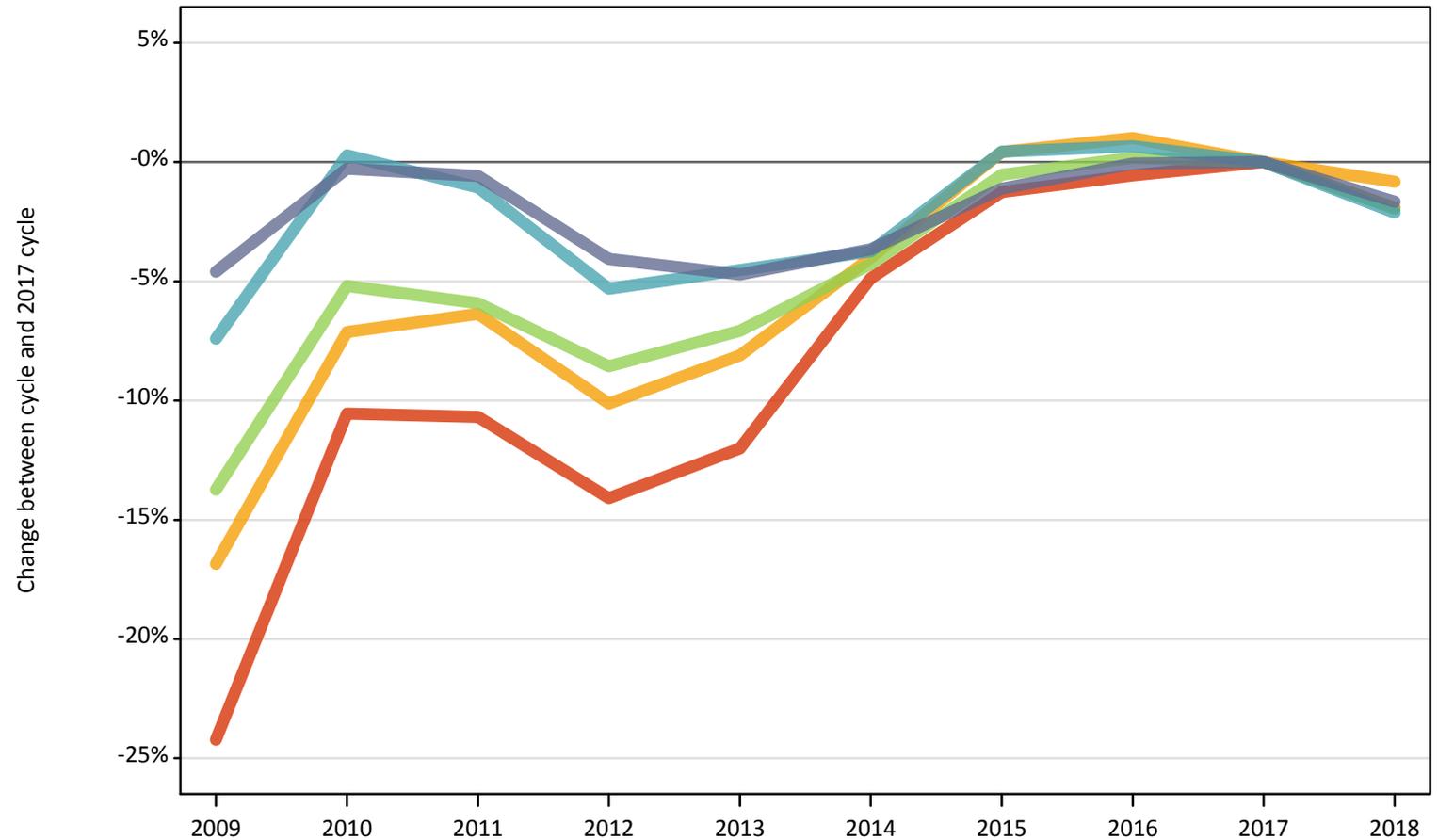# January Deadline Analysis: POLAR3 quintile

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18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile and sex at the 15 January deadline

D.11.1 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Legend:
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5

y-axis: Change between cycle and 2017 cycle (5%, -0%, -5%, -10%, -15%, -20%, -25%)
x-axis: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.2 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK

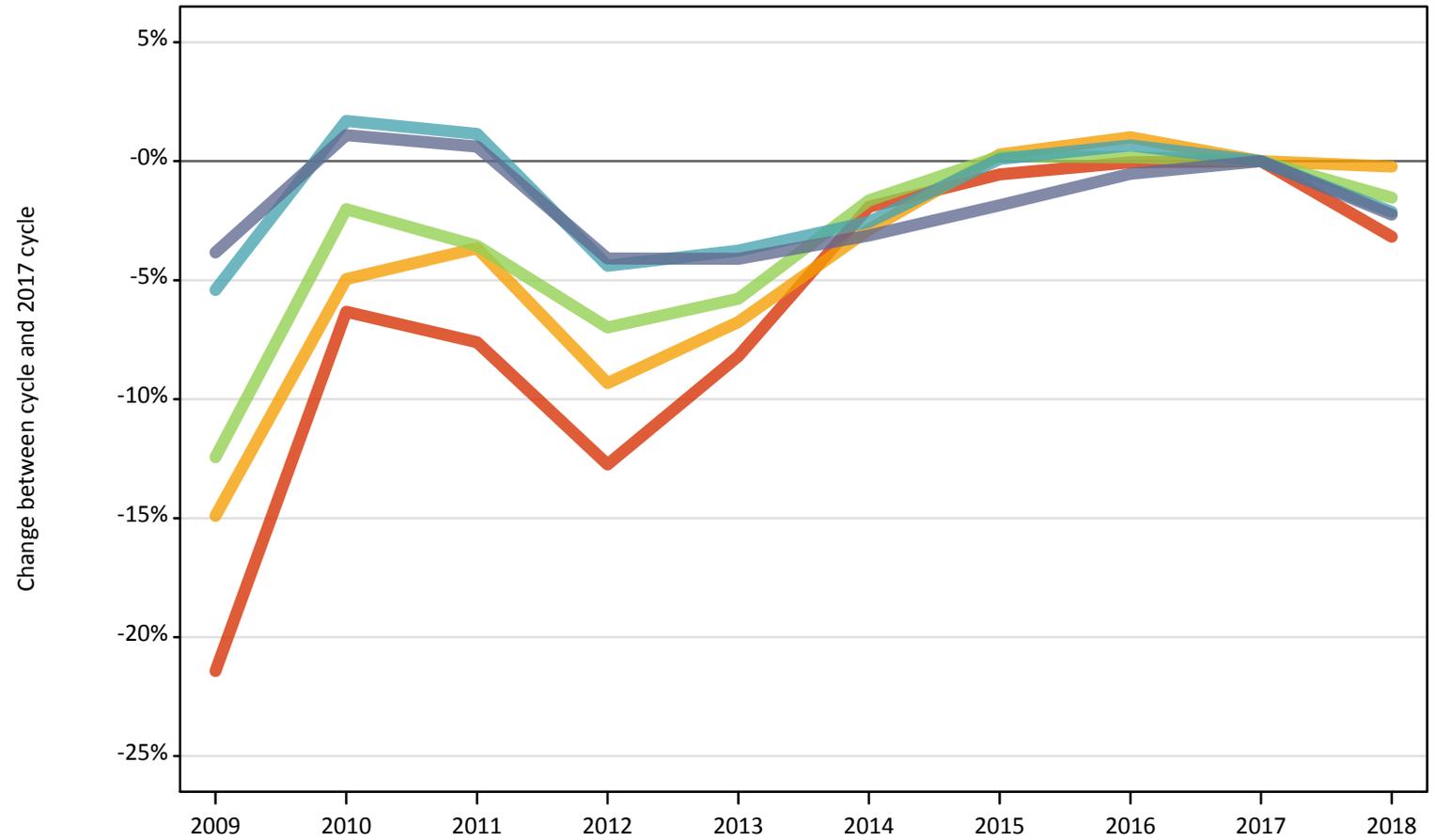| POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	22,250	26,260	26,220	25,220	25,830	27,930	28,990	29,200	29,360	28,790
Quintile 2	34,450	38,470	38,790	37,230	38,070	39,760	41,600	41,840	41,430	41,080
Quintile 3	45,280	49,770	49,380	48,000	48,780	50,240	52,210	52,590	52,490	51,460
Quintile 4	58,430	63,270	62,430	59,750	60,240	60,740	63,370	63,520	63,100	61,760
Quintile 5	81,470	85,160	84,890	81,920	81,370	82,270	84,430	85,340	85,390	83,980

D.11.3 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	-24%	-11%	-11%	-14%	-12%	-5%	-1%	-1%	0%	-2%
Quintile 2	-17%	-7%	-6%	-10%	-8%	-4%	0%	1%	0%	-1%
Quintile 3	-14%	-5%	-6%	-9%	-7%	-4%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
Quintile 4	-7%	0%	-1%	-5%	-5%	-4%	0%	1%	0%	-2%
Quintile 5	-5%	-0%	-1%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%

D.11.4 18 year old male applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK
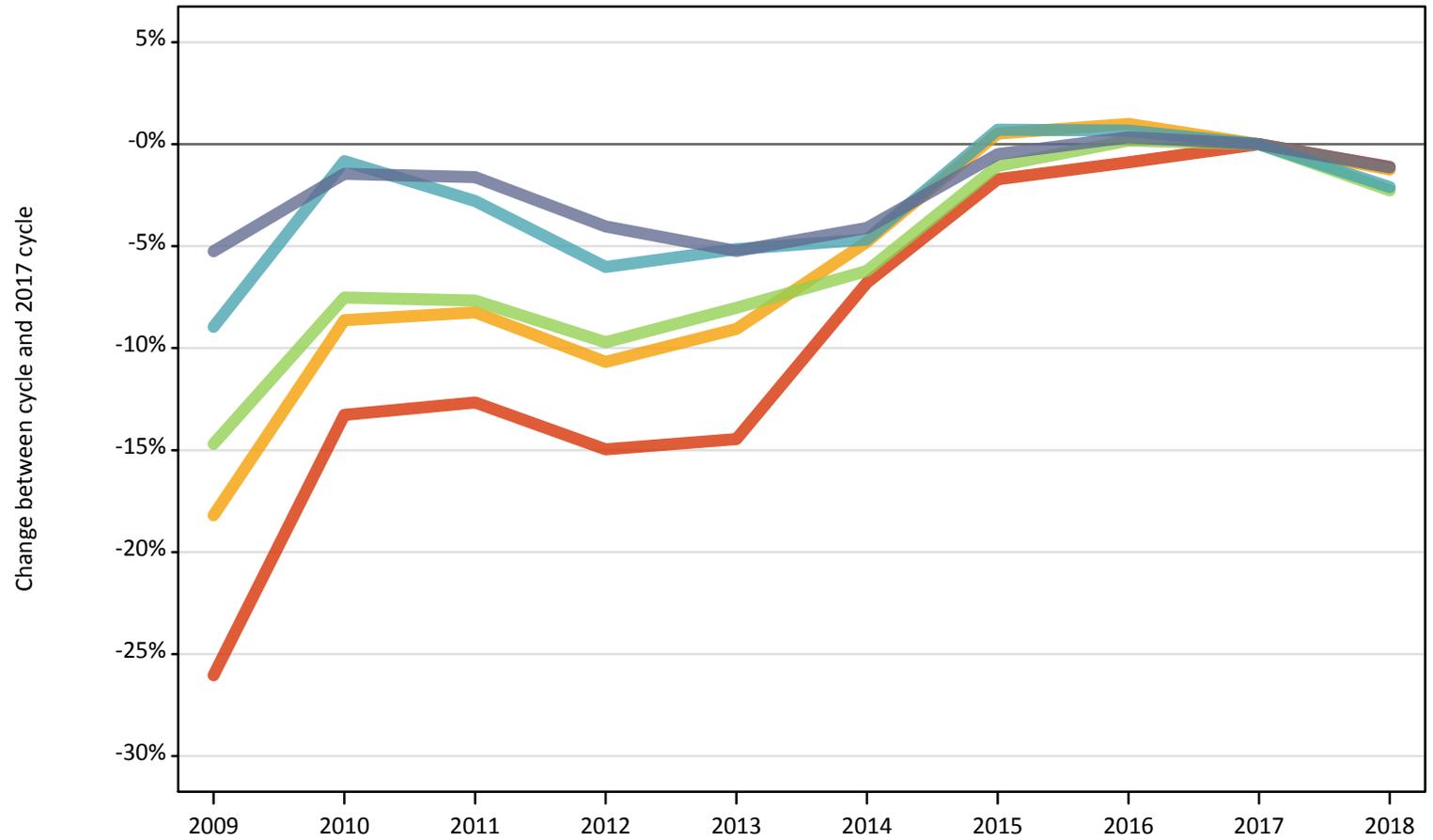Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

5%
-0%
-5%
-10%
-15%
-20%
-25%

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.5 18 year old female applicants by POLAR3 quintile: UK
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

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D.11.6 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: UK

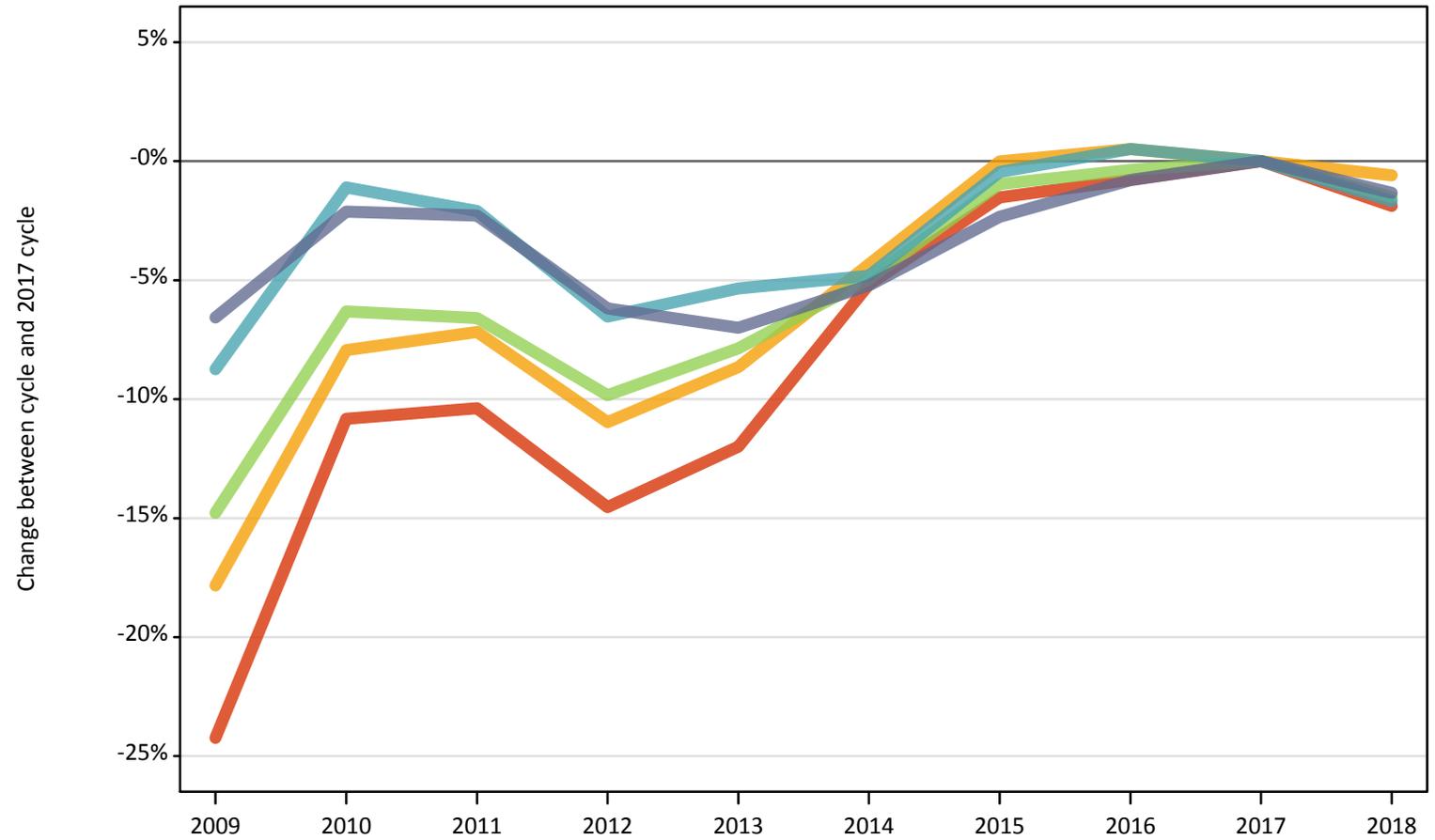| Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	13,200	15,480	15,590	15,180	15,270	16,640	17,540	17,690	17,850	17,650
	Quintile 2	19,980	22,320	22,410	21,820	22,220	23,260	24,560	24,670	24,430	24,120
	Quintile 3	25,870	28,050	28,000	27,380	27,890	28,440	30,000	30,380	30,330	29,640
	Quintile 4	32,280	35,160	34,460	33,320	33,630	33,790	35,700	35,690	35,450	34,700
	Quintile 5	43,480	45,230	45,150	44,040	43,490	44,010	45,670	46,050	45,890	45,370
Male	Quintile 1	9,040	10,780	10,630	10,040	10,570	11,290	11,450	11,500	11,510	11,140
	Quintile 2	14,460	16,150	16,380	15,410	15,850	16,510	17,040	17,170	17,000	16,960
	Quintile 3	19,410	21,720	21,380	20,620	20,880	21,800	22,210	22,200	22,160	21,820
	Quintile 4	26,150	28,120	27,970	26,430	26,610	26,940	27,670	27,830	27,650	27,060
	Quintile 5	37,980	39,930	39,740	37,880	37,880	38,270	38,770	39,290	39,500	38,610

D.11.7 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: UK
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	-26%	-13%	-13%	-15%	-14%	-7%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-18%	-9%	-8%	-11%	-9%	-5%	1%	1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-15%	-8%	-8%	-10%	-8%	-6%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-9%	-1%	-3%	-6%	-5%	-5%	1%	1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-5%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-0%	0%	0%	-1%
Male	Quintile 1	-21%	-6%	-8%	-13%	-8%	-2%	-1%	-0%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	-15%	-5%	-4%	-9%	-7%	-3%	0%	1%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 3	-12%	-2%	-4%	-7%	-6%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-5%	2%	1%	-4%	-4%	-3%	0%	1%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-4%	1%	1%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%

D.11.8 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

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D.11.9 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England

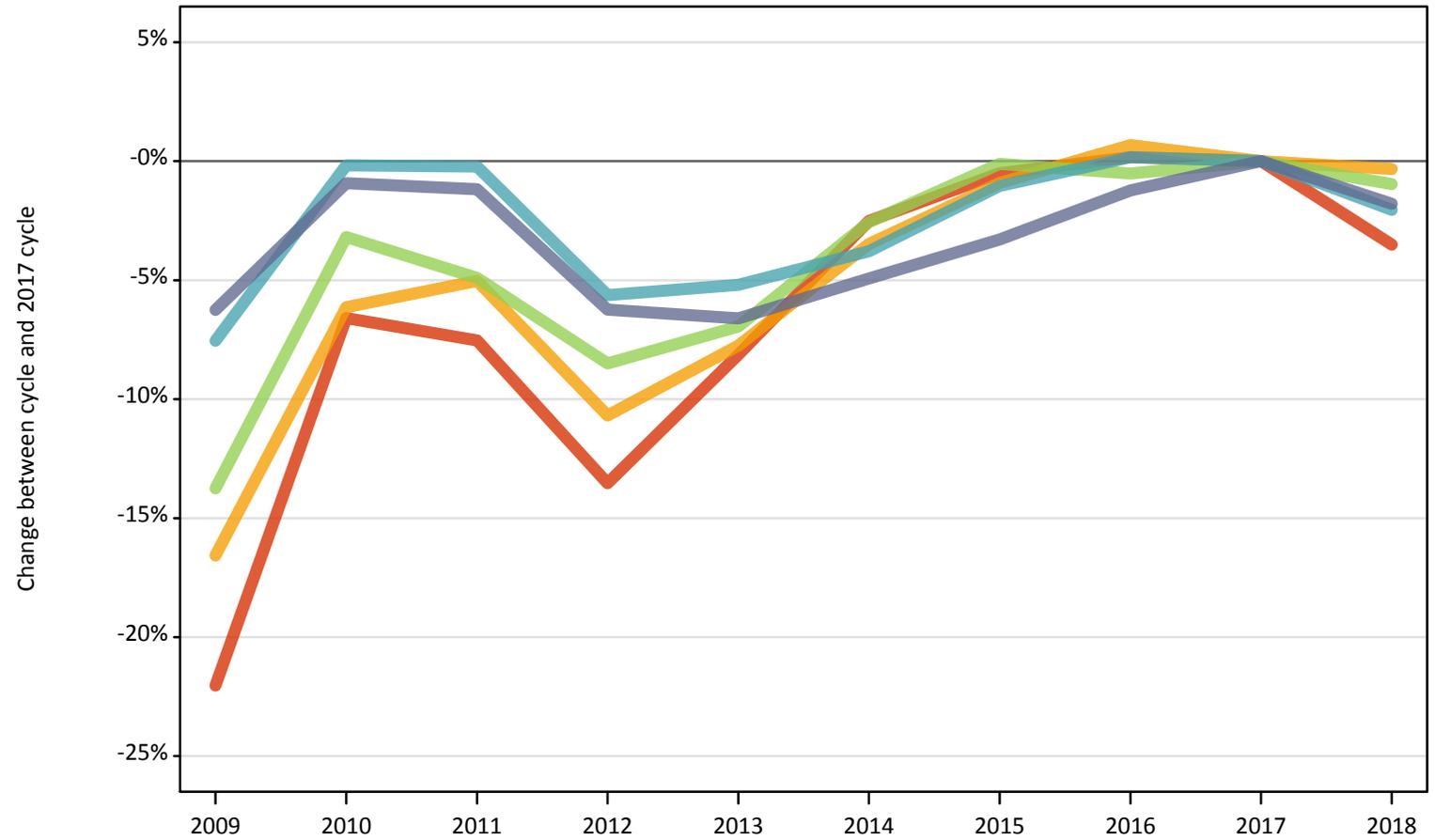| POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	19,650	23,130	23,240	22,170	22,820	24,590	25,540	25,730	25,940	25,450
Quintile 2	29,450	32,990	33,270	31,910	32,740	34,290	35,840	36,020	35,840	35,630
Quintile 3	38,970	42,840	42,710	41,230	42,130	43,460	45,290	45,560	45,730	45,040
Quintile 4	48,140	52,170	51,640	49,300	49,930	50,210	52,510	53,020	52,750	51,860
Quintile 5	65,530	68,640	68,530	65,790	65,220	66,470	68,490	69,570	70,130	69,200

D.11.10 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	-24%	-11%	-10%	-15%	-12%	-5%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
Quintile 2	-18%	-8%	-7%	-11%	-9%	-4%	-0%	1%	0%	-1%
Quintile 3	-15%	-6%	-7%	-10%	-8%	-5%	-1%	-0%	0%	-2%
Quintile 4	-9%	-1%	-2%	-7%	-5%	-5%	-0%	1%	0%	-2%
Quintile 5	-7%	-2%	-2%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%

D.11.11 18 year old male applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England
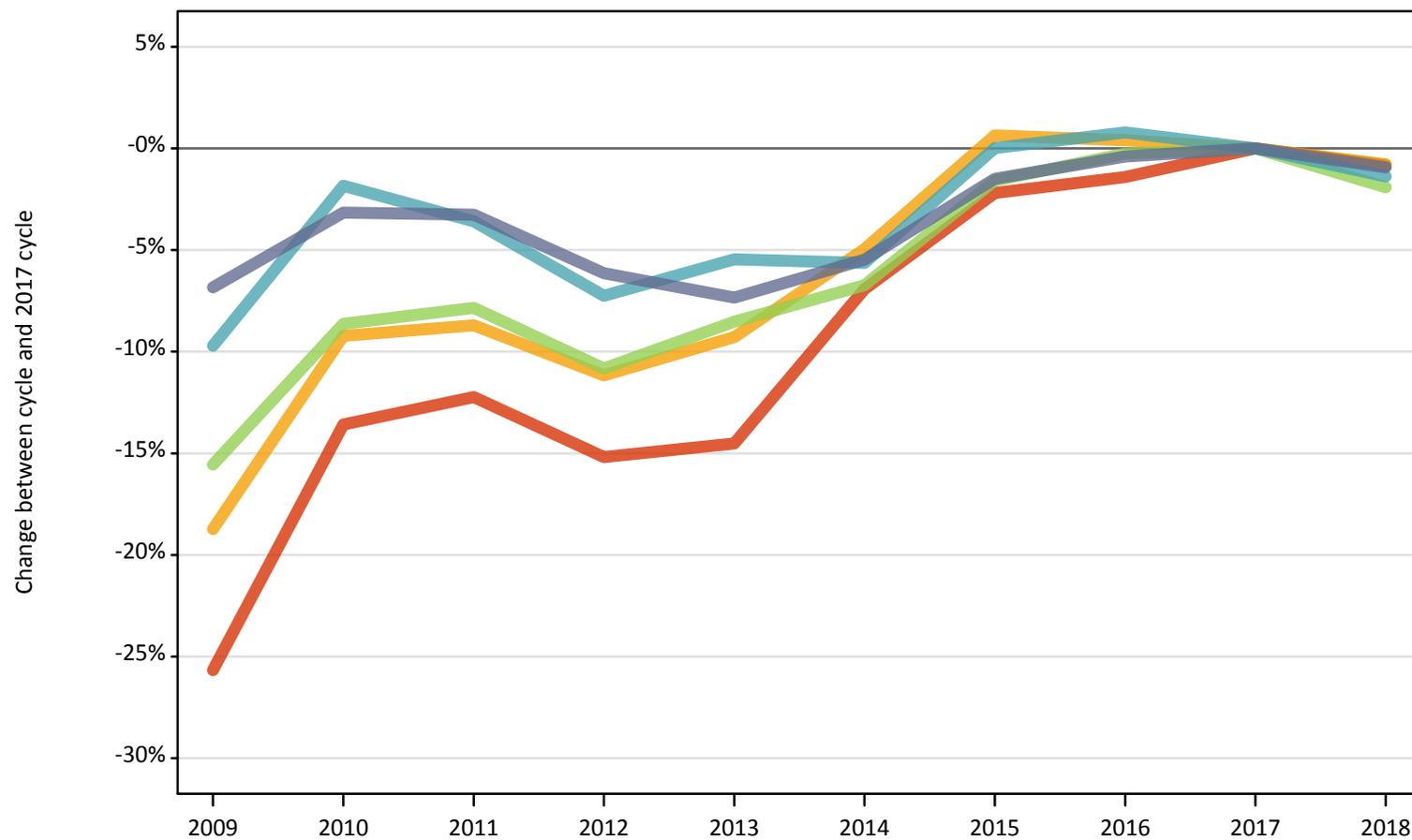Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.12 18 year old female applicants by POLAR3 quintile: England
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.13 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: England

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	11,700	13,600	13,810	13,340	13,450	14,640	15,390	15,510	15,730	15,600
	Quintile 2	17,030	19,020	19,120	18,610	19,000	19,910	21,080	21,030	20,950	20,780
	Quintile 3	22,160	23,980	24,190	23,400	24,010	24,480	25,830	26,180	26,250	25,740
	Quintile 4	26,490	28,790	28,280	27,210	27,730	27,680	29,340	29,560	29,330	28,930
	Quintile 5	34,820	36,190	36,160	35,080	34,630	35,330	36,810	37,220	37,380	37,030
Male	Quintile 1	7,950	9,530	9,430	8,820	9,370	9,950	10,150	10,220	10,200	9,850
	Quintile 2	12,430	13,980	14,140	13,300	13,740	14,370	14,760	14,990	14,890	14,850
	Quintile 3	16,800	18,860	18,530	17,830	18,130	18,980	19,460	19,380	19,480	19,290
	Quintile 4	21,650	23,370	23,360	22,100	22,200	22,530	23,170	23,460	23,420	22,940
	Quintile 5	30,710	32,450	32,370	30,710	30,590	31,140	31,680	32,350	32,760	32,170

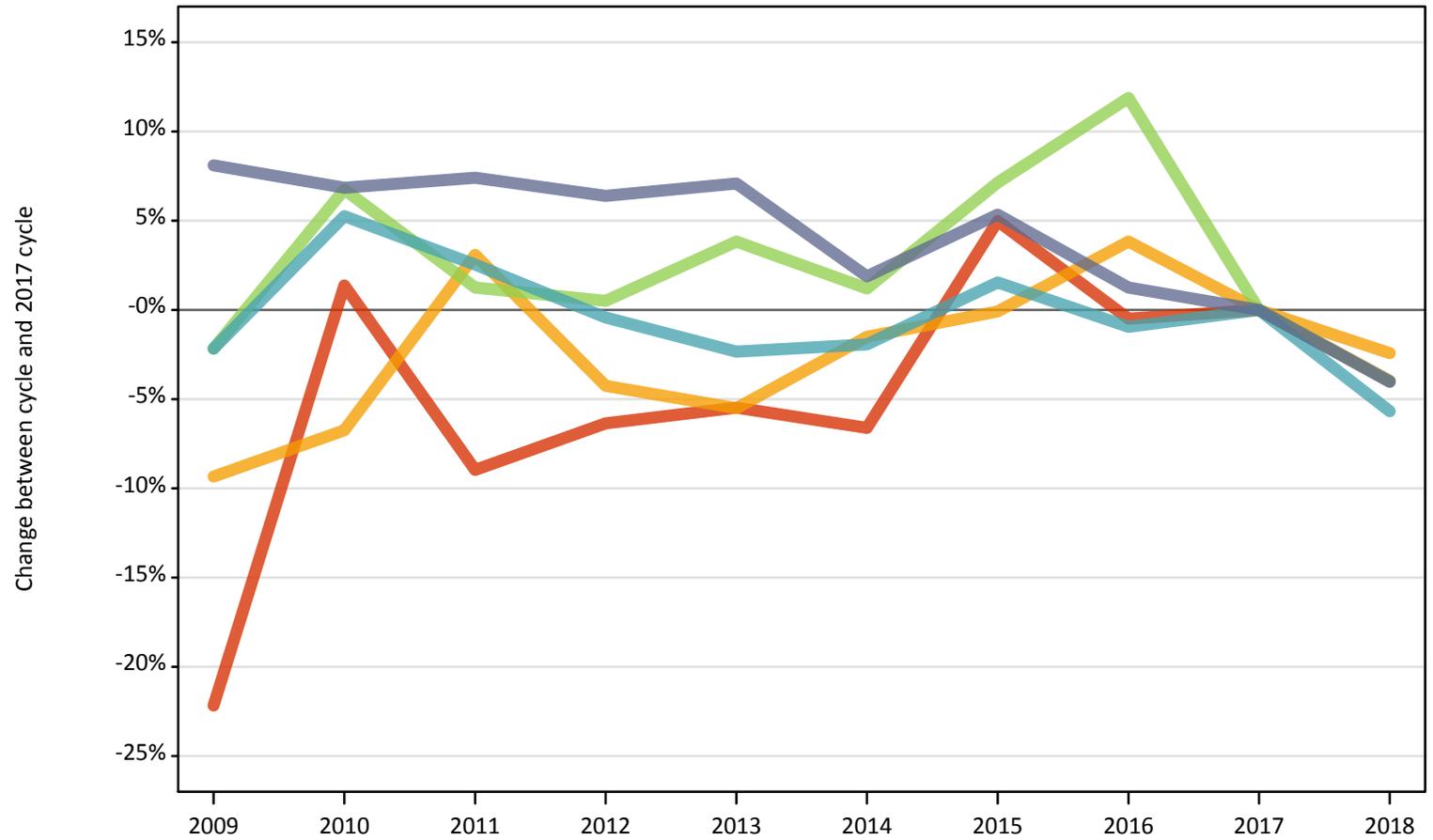## D.11.14 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: England
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	-26%	-14%	-12%	-15%	-15%	-7%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-19%	-9%	-9%	-11%	-9%	-5%	1%	0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	-16%	-9%	-8%	-11%	-9%	-7%	-2%	-0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	-10%	-2%	-4%	-7%	-5%	-6%	0%	1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 5	-7%	-3%	-3%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-2%	-0%	0%	-1%
Male	Quintile 1	-22%	-7%	-8%	-14%	-8%	-3%	-0%	0%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	-17%	-6%	-5%	-11%	-8%	-3%	-1%	1%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 3	-14%	-3%	-5%	-9%	-7%	-3%	-0%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 4	-8%	-0%	-0%	-6%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 5	-6%	-1%	-1%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	-2%

D.11.15 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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D.11.16 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

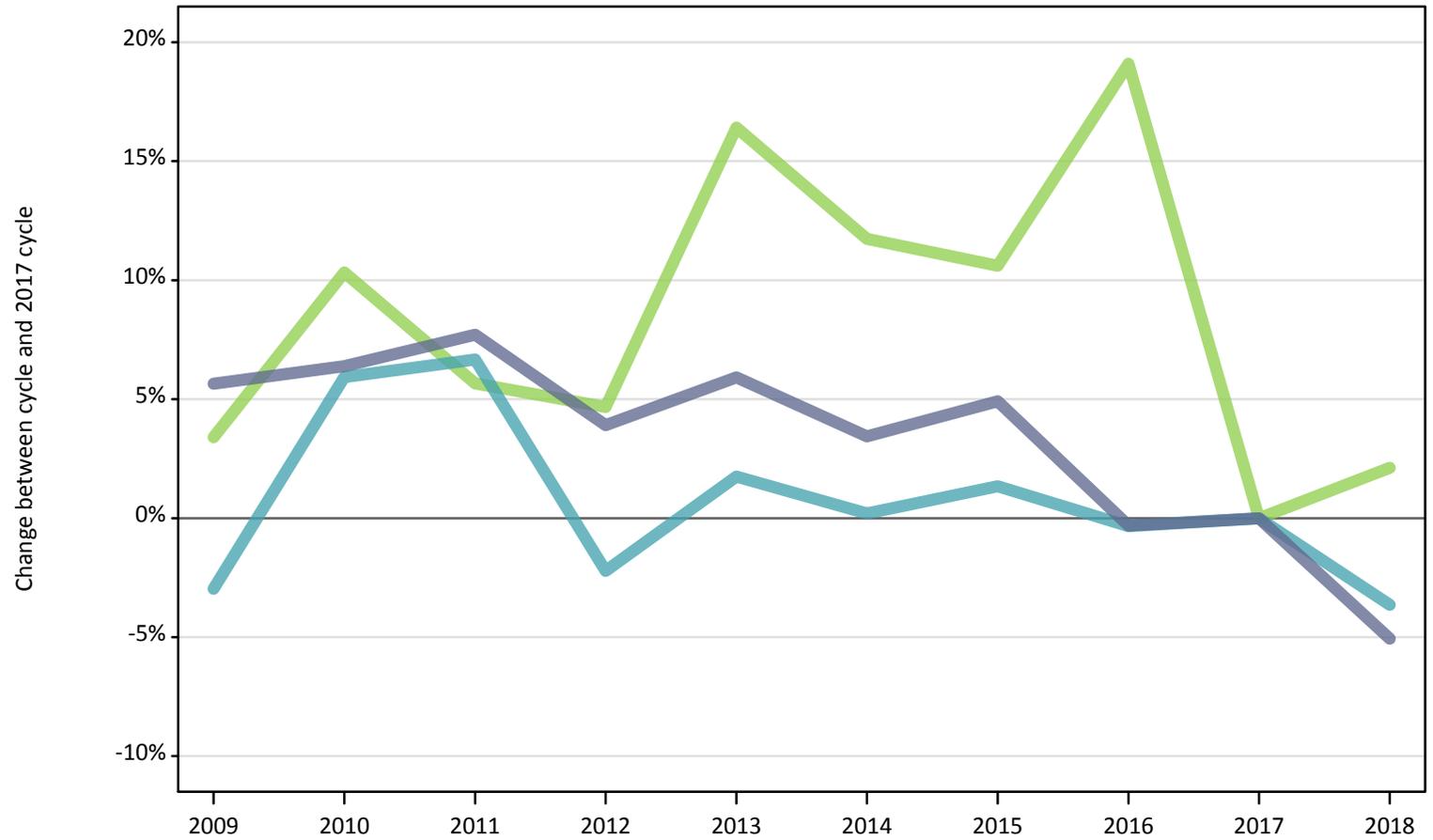| POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	630	810	730	750	760	750	840	800	800	770
Quintile 2	1,090	1,120	1,240	1,150	1,130	1,180	1,200	1,250	1,200	1,170
Quintile 3	1,710	1,870	1,770	1,760	1,820	1,770	1,880	1,960	1,750	1,680
Quintile 4	3,430	3,690	3,600	3,490	3,430	3,440	3,560	3,480	3,510	3,310
Quintile 5	4,550	4,500	4,520	4,480	4,510	4,290	4,440	4,260	4,210	4,040

D.11.17 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	-22%	1%	-9%	-6%	-5%	-7%	5%	-0%	0%	-4%
Quintile 2	-9%	-7%	3%	-4%	-6%	-2%	-0%	4%	0%	-2%
Quintile 3	-2%	7%	1%	1%	4%	1%	7%	12%	0%	-4%
Quintile 4	-2%	5%	3%	-0%	-2%	-2%	2%	-1%	0%	-6%
Quintile 5	8%	7%	7%	6%	7%	2%	5%	1%	0%	-4%

D.11.18 18 year old male applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
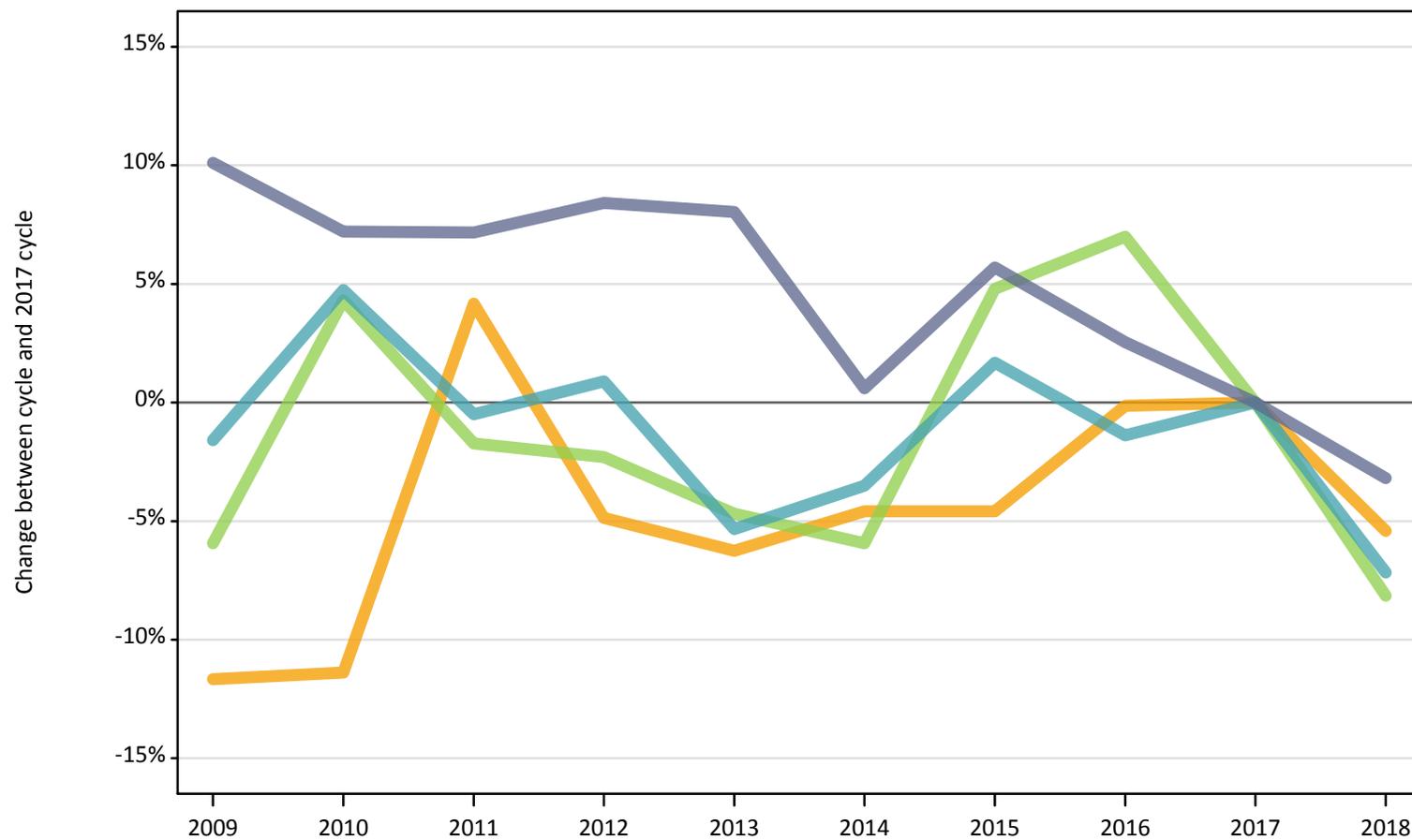Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.19 18 year old female applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.20 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland

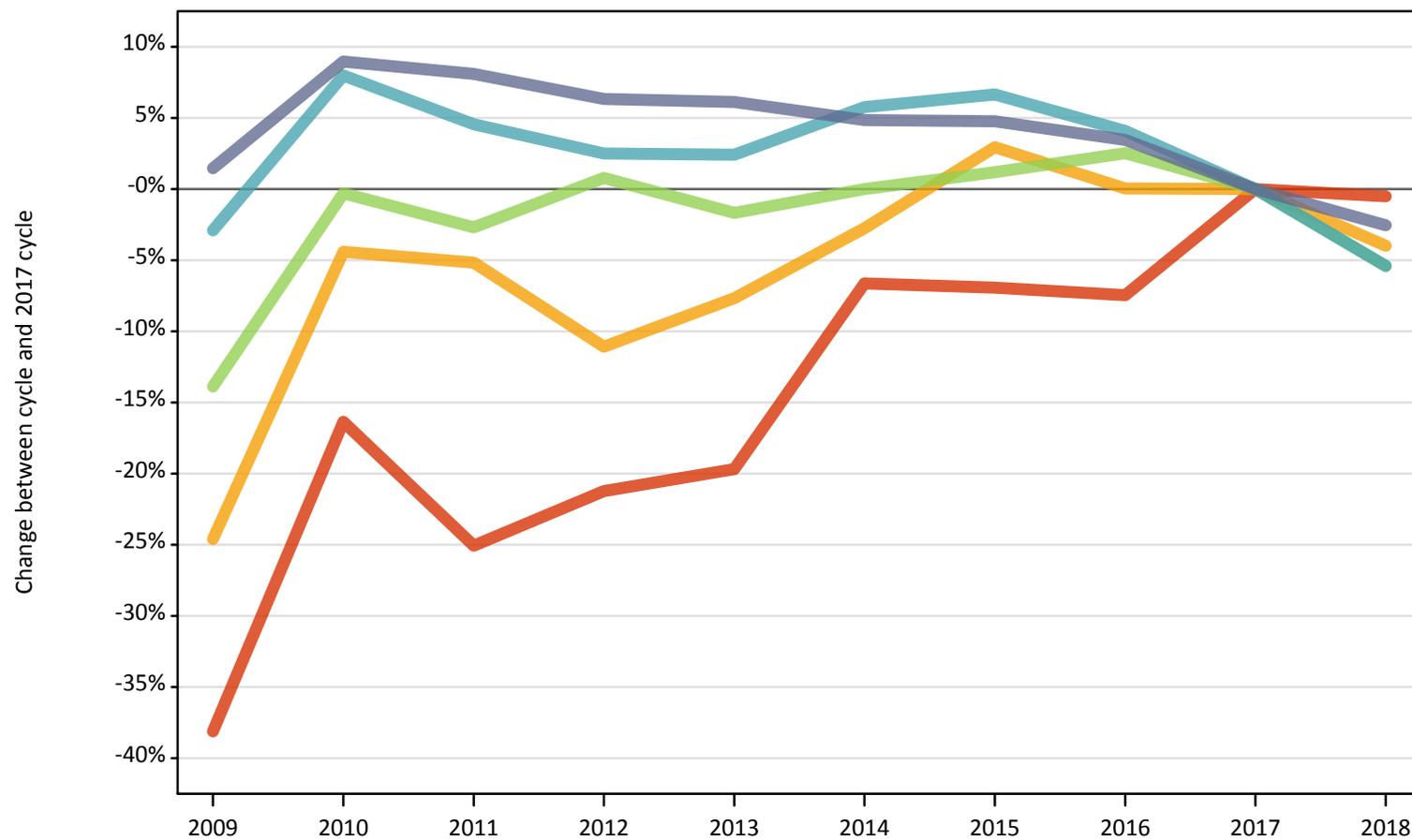| Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	360	480	420	420	420	420	530	480	460	440
	Quintile 2	640	640	750	690	680	690	690	720	720	680
	Quintile 3	980	1,090	1,030	1,020	1,000	980	1,090	1,120	1,040	960
	Quintile 4	1,990	2,120	2,010	2,040	1,920	1,950	2,060	2,000	2,020	1,880
	Quintile 5	2,550	2,480	2,480	2,510	2,500	2,330	2,450	2,380	2,320	2,240
Male	Quintile 1	260	330	310	340	340	330	320	320	340	340
	Quintile 2	450	480	490	460	460	500	510	530	480	490
	Quintile 3	730	780	750	740	820	790	780	840	710	720
	Quintile 4	1,440	1,570	1,580	1,450	1,510	1,490	1,510	1,480	1,490	1,430
	Quintile 5	2,000	2,020	2,040	1,970	2,010	1,960	1,990	1,890	1,890	1,800

D.11.21 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Northern Ireland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	-22%	5%	-9%	-10%	-9%	-9%	14%	3%	0%	-6%
	Quintile 2	-12%	-11%	4%	-5%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-0%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 3	-6%	4%	-2%	-2%	-5%	-6%	5%	7%	0%	-8%
	Quintile 4	-2%	5%	-0%	1%	-5%	-4%	2%	-1%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 5	10%	7%	7%	8%	8%	1%	6%	3%	0%	-3%
Male	Quintile 1	-23%	-3%	-9%	-2%	-1%	-4%	-7%	-5%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 2	-6%	0%	1%	-3%	-4%	3%	7%	10%	0%	2%
	Quintile 3	3%	10%	6%	5%	16%	12%	11%	19%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-3%	6%	7%	-2%	2%	0%	1%	-0%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 5	6%	6%	8%	4%	6%	3%	5%	-0%	0%	-5%

D.11.22 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Legend:
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5

Y-axis: Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.23 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

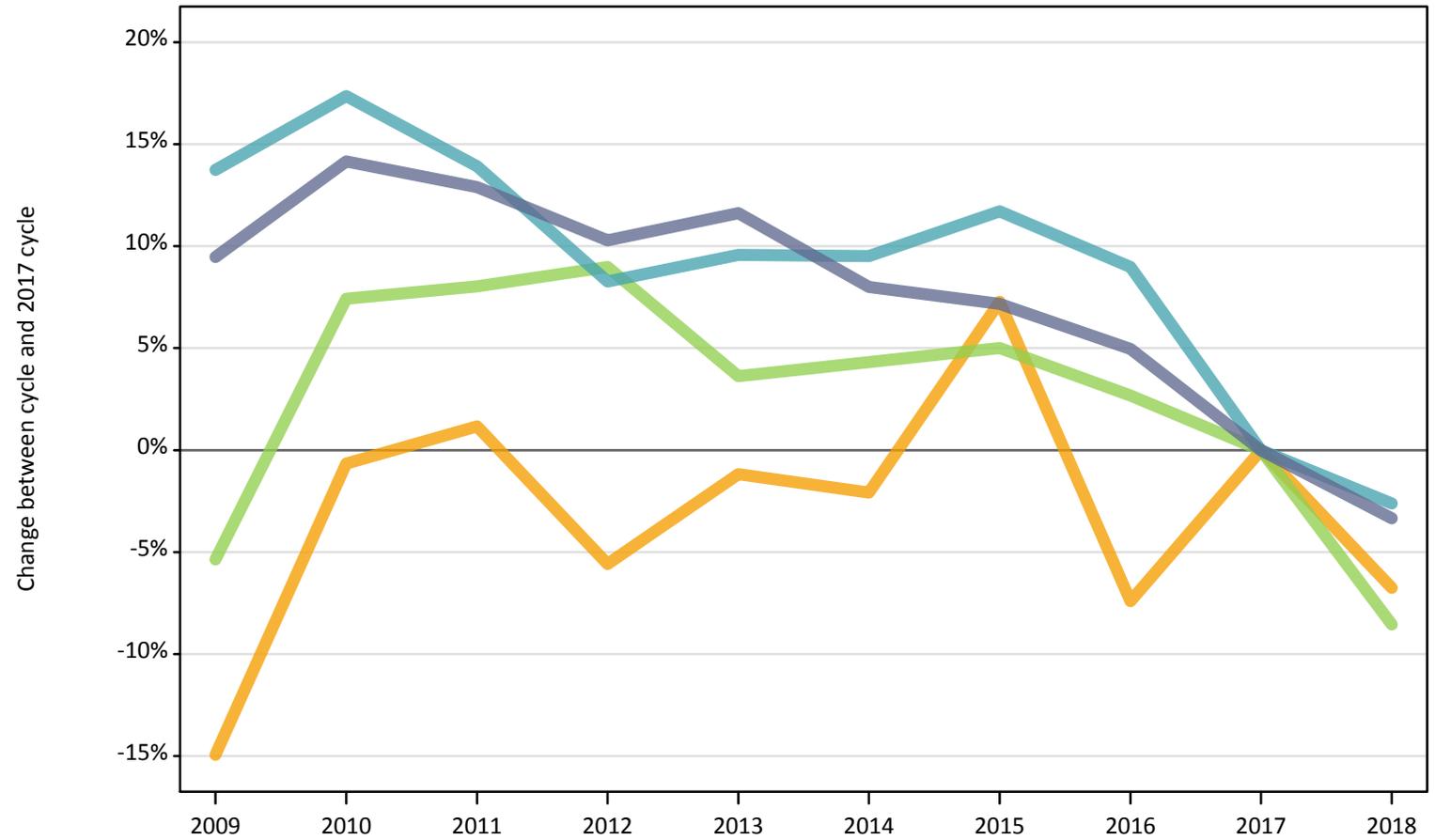| POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	600	810	720	760	780	900	900	890	970	960
Quintile 2	1,590	2,020	2,000	1,880	1,950	2,050	2,170	2,110	2,110	2,030
Quintile 3	2,630	3,040	2,970	3,070	3,000	3,050	3,080	3,130	3,050	2,880
Quintile 4	4,250	4,730	4,580	4,490	4,490	4,630	4,670	4,560	4,380	4,140
Quintile 5	8,300	8,910	8,840	8,700	8,680	8,580	8,570	8,460	8,180	7,970

D.11.24 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	-38%	-16%	-25%	-21%	-20%	-7%	-7%	-7%	0%	-1%
Quintile 2	-25%	-4%	-5%	-11%	-8%	-3%	3%	0%	0%	-4%
Quintile 3	-14%	-0%	-3%	1%	-2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	-5%
Quintile 4	-3%	8%	5%	2%	2%	6%	7%	4%	0%	-5%
Quintile 5	1%	9%	8%	6%	6%	5%	5%	3%	0%	-3%

D.11.25 18 year old male applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
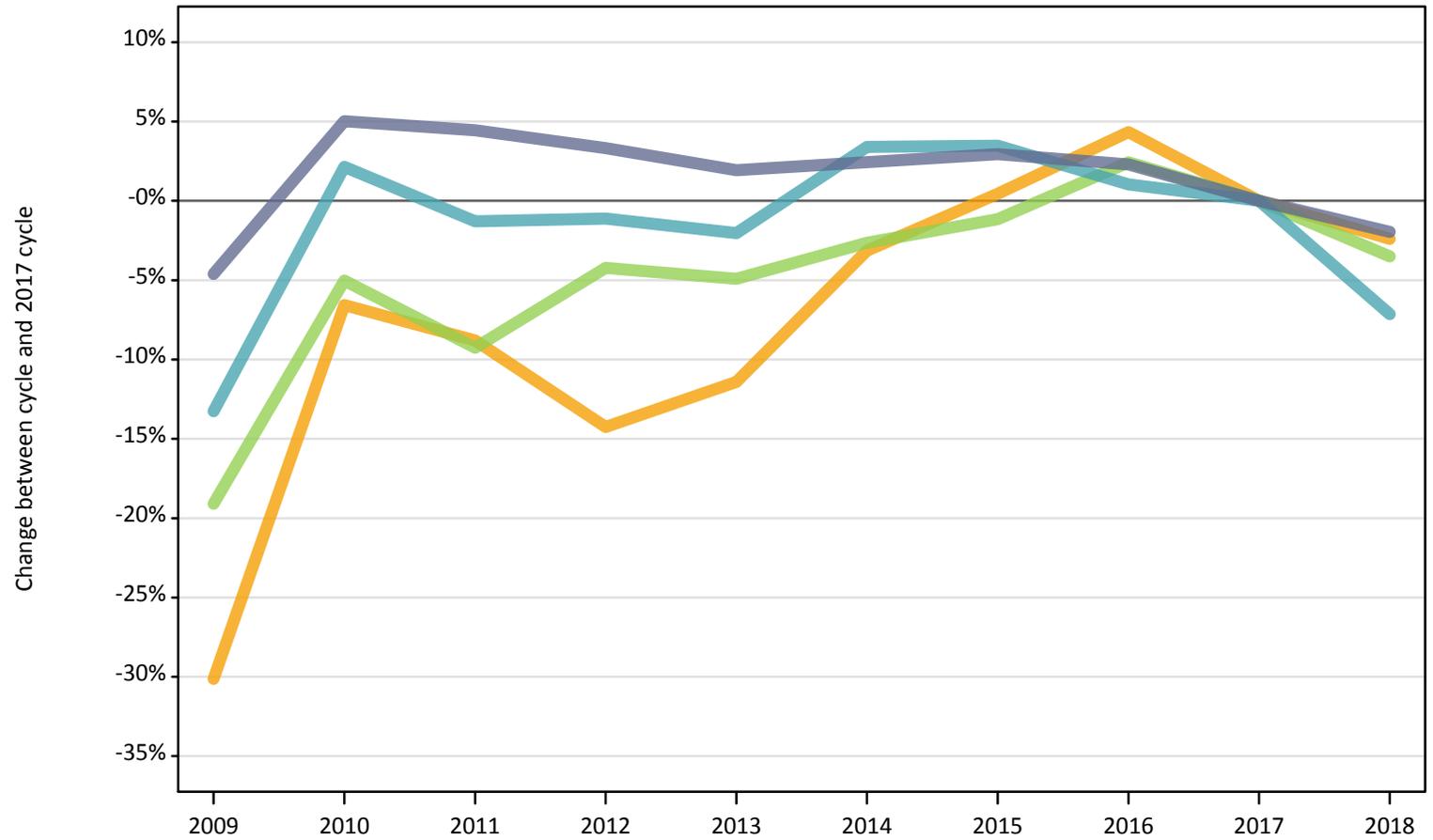Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.26 18 year old female applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Quintile 1
Quintile 2
Quintile 3
Quintile 4
Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

10%
5%
-0%
-5%
-10%
-15%
-20%
-25%
-30%
-35%

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.27 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Scotland

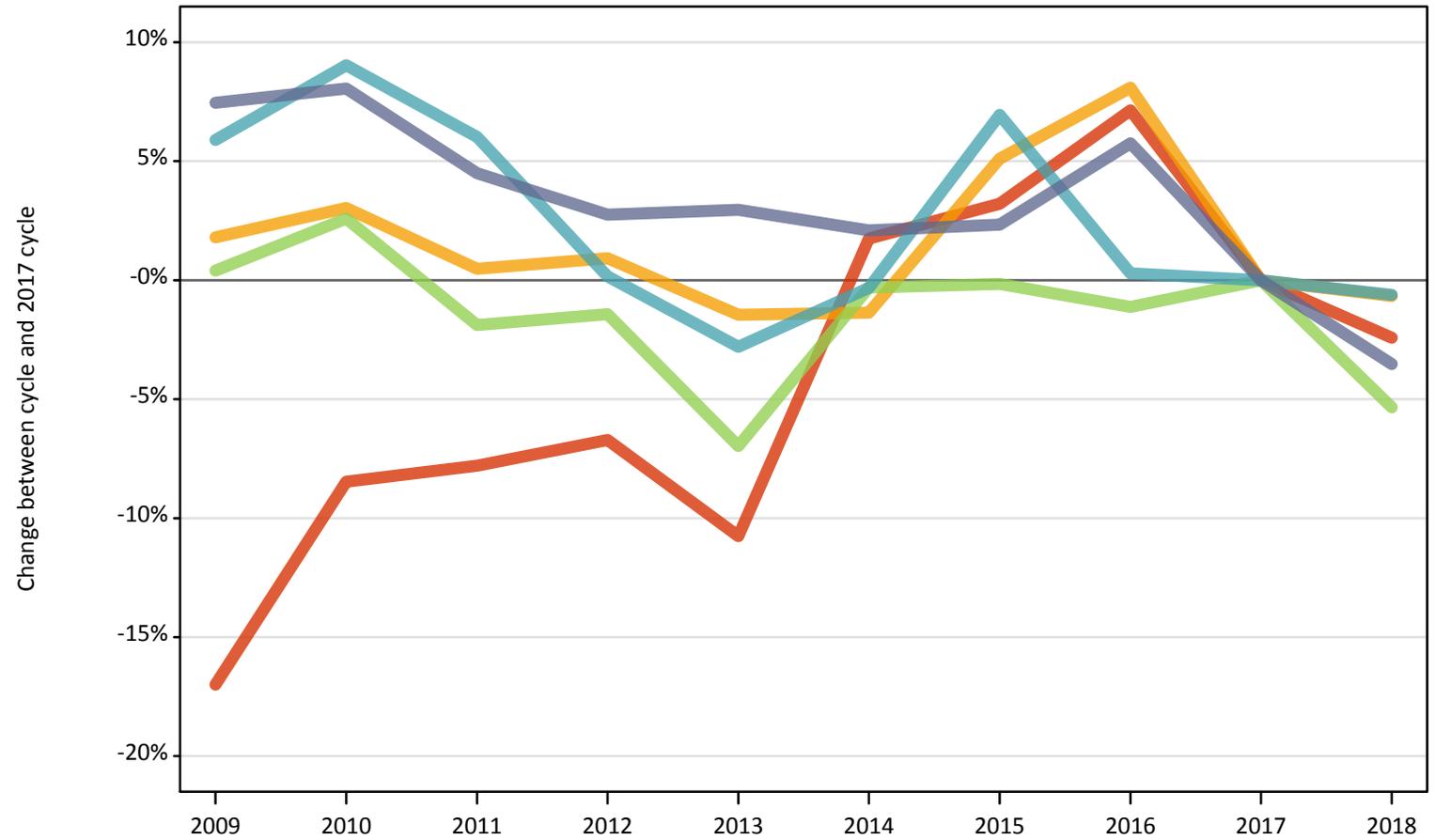| Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	360	490	440	480	480	560	570	580	640	610
	Quintile 2	940	1,250	1,220	1,150	1,190	1,300	1,350	1,400	1,340	1,310
	Quintile 3	1,530	1,800	1,720	1,810	1,800	1,840	1,870	1,940	1,890	1,820
	Quintile 4	2,340	2,760	2,660	2,670	2,640	2,790	2,790	2,730	2,700	2,510
	Quintile 5	4,440	4,890	4,860	4,810	4,740	4,770	4,790	4,760	4,650	4,560
Male	Quintile 1	240	320	290	280	290	350	330	320	330	350
	Quintile 2	660	770	780	730	760	750	830	710	770	720
	Quintile 3	1,100	1,240	1,250	1,260	1,200	1,210	1,220	1,190	1,160	1,060
	Quintile 4	1,910	1,970	1,920	1,820	1,840	1,840	1,880	1,830	1,680	1,640
	Quintile 5	3,860	4,030	3,980	3,890	3,940	3,810	3,780	3,700	3,530	3,410

D.11.28 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Scotland
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	-44%	-23%	-32%	-25%	-25%	-13%	-10%	-10%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	-30%	-7%	-9%	-14%	-11%	-3%	0%	4%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 3	-19%	-5%	-9%	-4%	-5%	-3%	-1%	2%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 4	-13%	2%	-1%	-1%	-2%	3%	3%	1%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 5	-5%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	-2%
Male	Quintile 1	-26%	-3%	-11%	-13%	-10%	6%	-0%	-3%	0%	7%
	Quintile 2	-15%	-1%	1%	-6%	-1%	-2%	7%	-7%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 3	-5%	7%	8%	9%	4%	4%	5%	3%	0%	-9%
	Quintile 4	14%	17%	14%	8%	10%	10%	12%	9%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 5	9%	14%	13%	10%	12%	8%	7%	5%	0%	-3%

D.11.29 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.30 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales

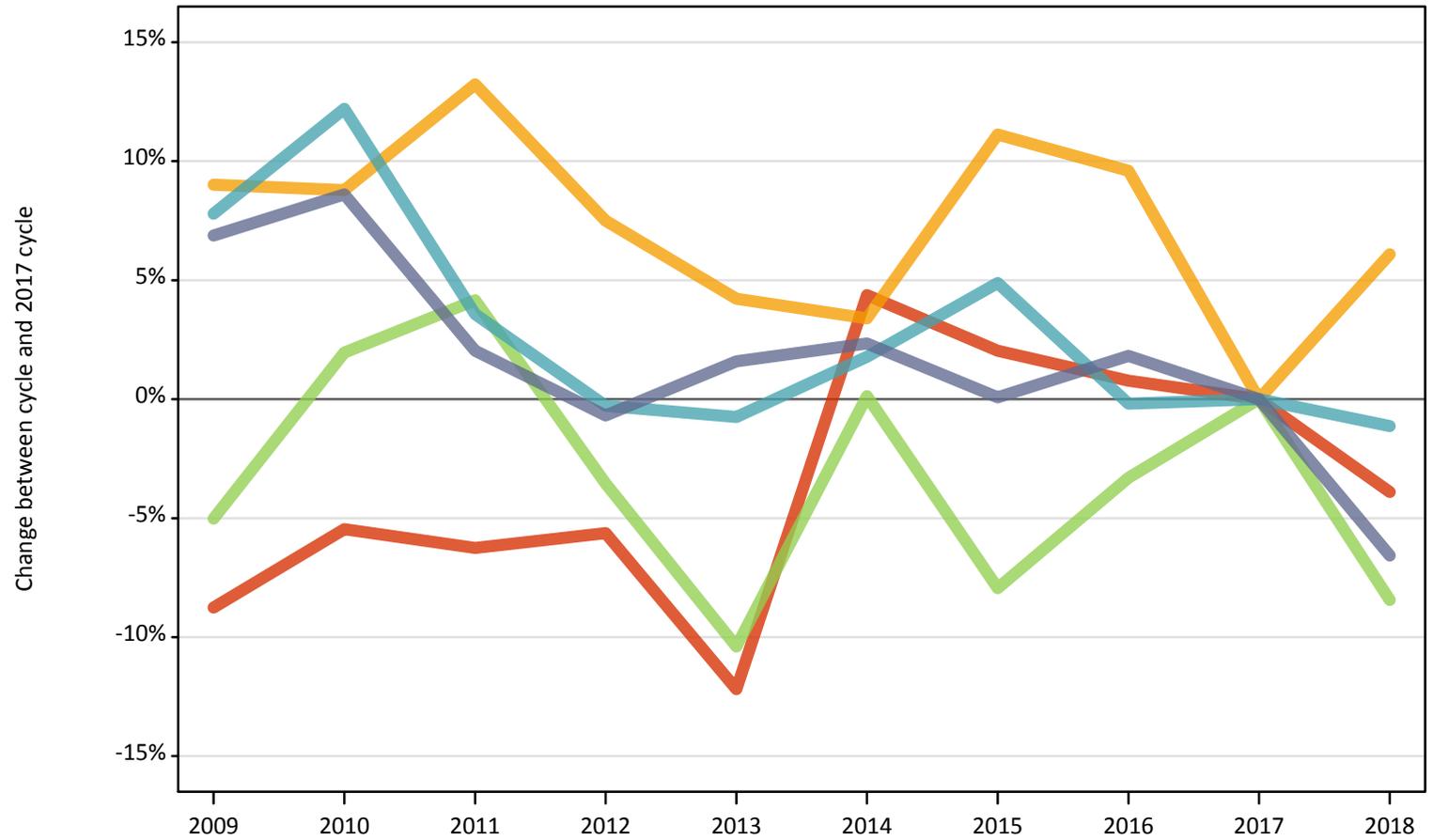| POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	1,370	1,510	1,530	1,540	1,480	1,680	1,710	1,770	1,650	1,610
Quintile 2	2,320	2,340	2,290	2,300	2,240	2,240	2,390	2,460	2,270	2,260
Quintile 3	1,970	2,020	1,930	1,940	1,830	1,960	1,960	1,940	1,970	1,860
Quintile 4	2,610	2,680	2,610	2,460	2,390	2,450	2,630	2,470	2,460	2,450
Quintile 5	3,080	3,100	3,000	2,950	2,960	2,930	2,940	3,040	2,870	2,770

D.11.31 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

POLAR3 quintile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quintile 1	-17%	-8%	-8%	-7%	-11%	2%	3%	7%	0%	-2%
Quintile 2	2%	3%	0%	1%	-1%	-1%	5%	8%	0%	-1%
Quintile 3	0%	3%	-2%	-1%	-7%	-0%	-0%	-1%	0%	-5%
Quintile 4	6%	9%	6%	0%	-3%	-0%	7%	0%	0%	-1%
Quintile 5	7%	8%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	6%	0%	-4%

D.11.32 18 year old male applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales
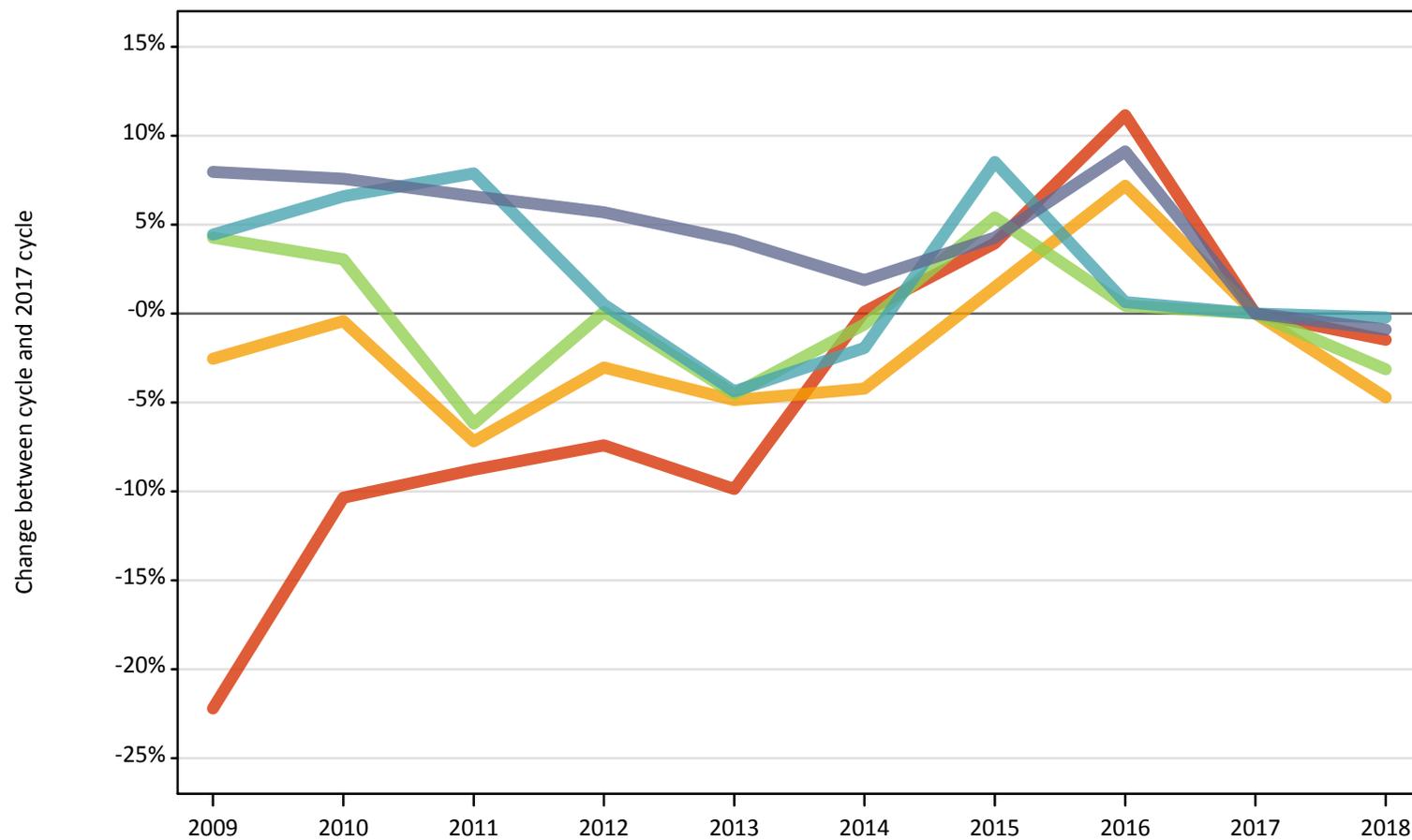Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5

Change between cycle and 2017 cycle

15%
10%
5%
0%
-5%
-10%
-15%

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

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D.11.33 18 year old female applicants by POLAR3 quintile: Wales
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Note: The percentage change is not plotted in the above charts for groups with fewer than 500 applicants in any one cycle.

D.11.34 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Wales

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	790	910	930	940	910	1,020	1,050	1,130	1,010	1,000
	Quintile 2	1,380	1,410	1,320	1,380	1,350	1,360	1,440	1,520	1,420	1,350
	Quintile 3	1,200	1,180	1,080	1,150	1,100	1,140	1,210	1,150	1,150	1,110
	Quintile 4	1,460	1,490	1,510	1,400	1,330	1,370	1,510	1,400	1,400	1,390
	Quintile 5	1,670	1,660	1,650	1,630	1,610	1,580	1,610	1,690	1,550	1,530
Male	Quintile 1	580	610	600	600	560	670	650	650	640	620
	Quintile 2	930	930	970	920	890	880	950	940	850	910
	Quintile 3	780	830	850	790	730	820	750	790	820	750
	Quintile 4	1,150	1,200	1,100	1,060	1,060	1,080	1,120	1,060	1,070	1,050
	Quintile 5	1,420	1,440	1,350	1,320	1,350	1,360	1,330	1,350	1,320	1,240

D.11.35 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR3 quintile: Wales
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Sex and POLAR3 quintile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	Quintile 1	-22%	-10%	-9%	-7%	-10%	0%	4%	11%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-3%	-0%	-7%	-3%	-5%	-4%	1%	7%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 3	4%	3%	-6%	0%	-5%	-1%	5%	0%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 4	4%	7%	8%	1%	-4%	-2%	9%	1%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 5	8%	8%	7%	6%	4%	2%	4%	9%	0%	-1%
Male	Quintile 1	-9%	-5%	-6%	-6%	-12%	4%	2%	1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	9%	9%	13%	7%	4%	3%	11%	10%	0%	6%
	Quintile 3	-5%	2%	4%	-4%	-10%	0%	-8%	-3%	0%	-8%
	Quintile 4	8%	12%	4%	-0%	-1%	2%	5%	-0%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 5	7%	9%	2%	-1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	-7%

D.11.36 Technical notes and definitions

Applicants have been able to submit applications for all 2018 courses since early September.

Applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered as 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS.

This statistical release covers all Main Scheme applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline, including those who have applied for courses with a 15 October deadline. Counts of RPAs (records of prior acceptance) are not included.

Counts of the number of applicants reported have been rounded to the nearest 10 applicants, this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components. Proportional changes have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

Age
This statistical release uses country-specific age definitions which align 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.

Applicant
A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application
An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider
An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

Domicile
Declared area of permanent residence. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

Ethnic group
High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'Asian', 'Black', 'Mixed', 'White', 'Other', 'Unknown'.

First time applicant
An applicant that did not apply to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Main scheme
The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Reapplier
An applicant that applied to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Sex
As declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation among small areas (data zones). In this report, the SIMD 2016 has been used to group areas in each year in the times series.

POLAR3
Developed by HEFCE and classifies small areas across the UK into five groups, according to their level of young participation in HE. 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).

POLAR4
Developed by HEFCE and classifies small areas across the UK into five groups, according to their level of young participation in HE. 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). POLAR4 is the most recent version of the POLAR classification, and is available for the first time in UCAS' reporting since its launch in 2017.

Tariff Group of provider
Providers are grouped as higher, medium or lower tariff based on their average levels of attainment of their accepted applicants (summarised through UCAS Tariff points) in recent cycles. Each group of providers accounted for around a third of all UK 18 year old acceptances in recent cycles.

Subject group
The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups.