

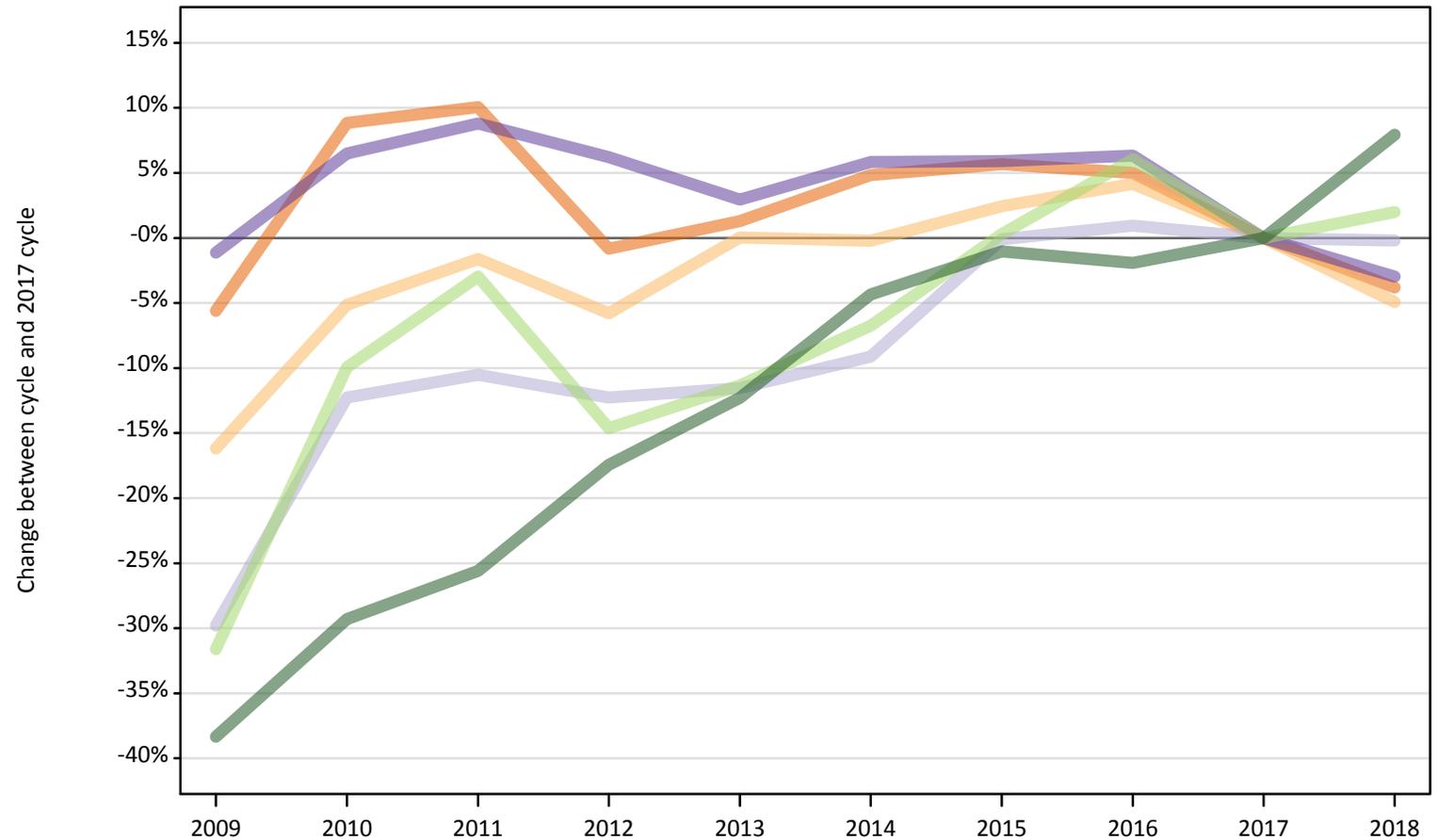
March Deadline Analysis: Overview

Applicants at the 24 March deadline

F.1 Applicants by domicile group

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- EU (excluding UK)
- Not EU



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

F.2 Applicants by domicile group

Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	385,600	444,620	449,580	405,110	413,820	428,250	431,700	428,940	408,500	392,990
Northern Ireland	16,720	18,930	19,630	18,800	19,960	19,910	20,440	20,780	19,950	18,970
Scotland	32,800	40,980	41,800	40,980	41,320	42,460	46,670	47,150	46,720	46,620
Wales	20,600	22,190	22,670	22,130	21,450	22,050	22,070	22,160	20,840	20,220
UK	455,720	526,710	533,680	487,020	496,550	512,660	520,880	519,030	496,010	478,800
EU (excluding UK)	30,870	40,650	43,800	38,540	40,030	42,090	45,270	47,870	45,140	46,040
Not EU	37,390	42,860	45,110	50,060	53,180	58,000	60,000	59,460	60,630	65,440
All domiciles	523,990	610,230	622,580	575,620	589,750	612,750	626,150	626,360	601,770	590,270

F.3 Applicants by domicile group

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

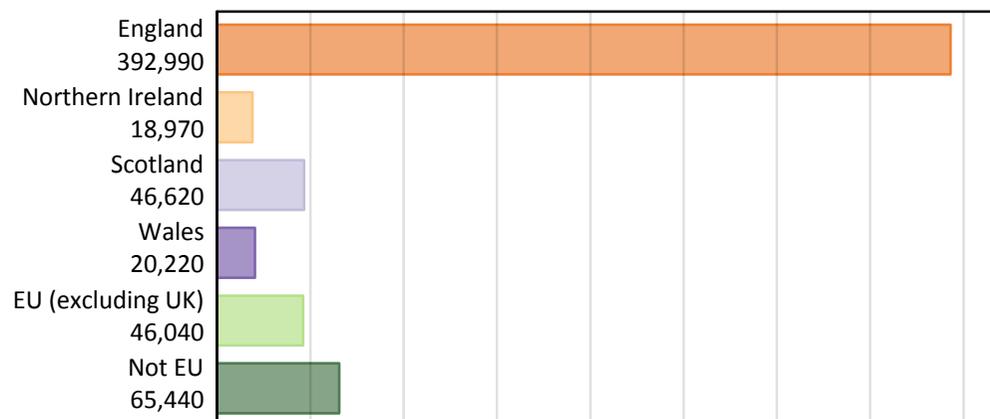
Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	-6%	9%	10%	-1%	1%	5%	6%	5%	0%	-4%
Northern Ireland	-16%	-5%	-2%	-6%	0%	-0%	2%	4%	0%	-5%
Scotland	-30%	-12%	-11%	-12%	-12%	-9%	-0%	1%	0%	-0%
Wales	-1%	6%	9%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	0%	-3%
UK	-8%	6%	8%	-2%	0%	3%	5%	5%	0%	-3%
EU (excluding UK)	-32%	-10%	-3%	-15%	-11%	-7%	0%	6%	0%	2%
Not EU	-38%	-29%	-26%	-17%	-12%	-4%	-1%	-2%	0%	8%
All domiciles	-13%	1%	3%	-4%	-2%	2%	4%	4%	0%	-2%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

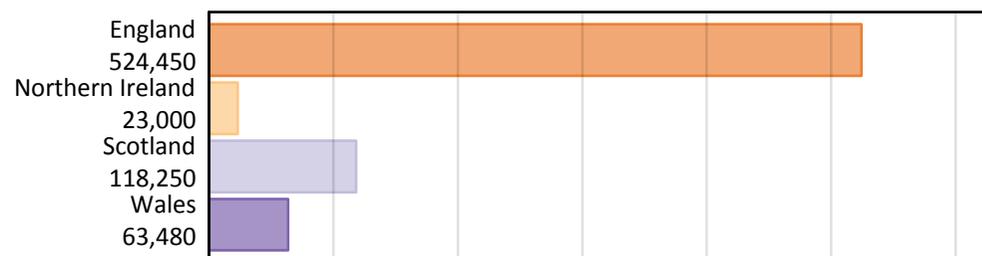
F.4 Applicants by country of domicile and provider, 2018 cycle

Domicile of applicant	Country of provider				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
England	392,040	2,490	30,310	36,820	392,990
Northern Ireland	10,060	16,780	5,060	890	18,970
Scotland	4,030	170	45,970	200	46,620
Wales	15,160	110	940	15,450	20,220
UK	421,290	19,550	82,270	53,360	478,800
EU (excluding UK)	39,060	1,710	18,360	4,370	46,040
Not EU	64,100	1,740	17,620	5,750	65,440
All	524,450	23,000	118,250	63,480	590,270

F.5 Applicants by domicile group, 2018 cycle



F.6 Applicants for all courses by country of provider, 2018 cycle



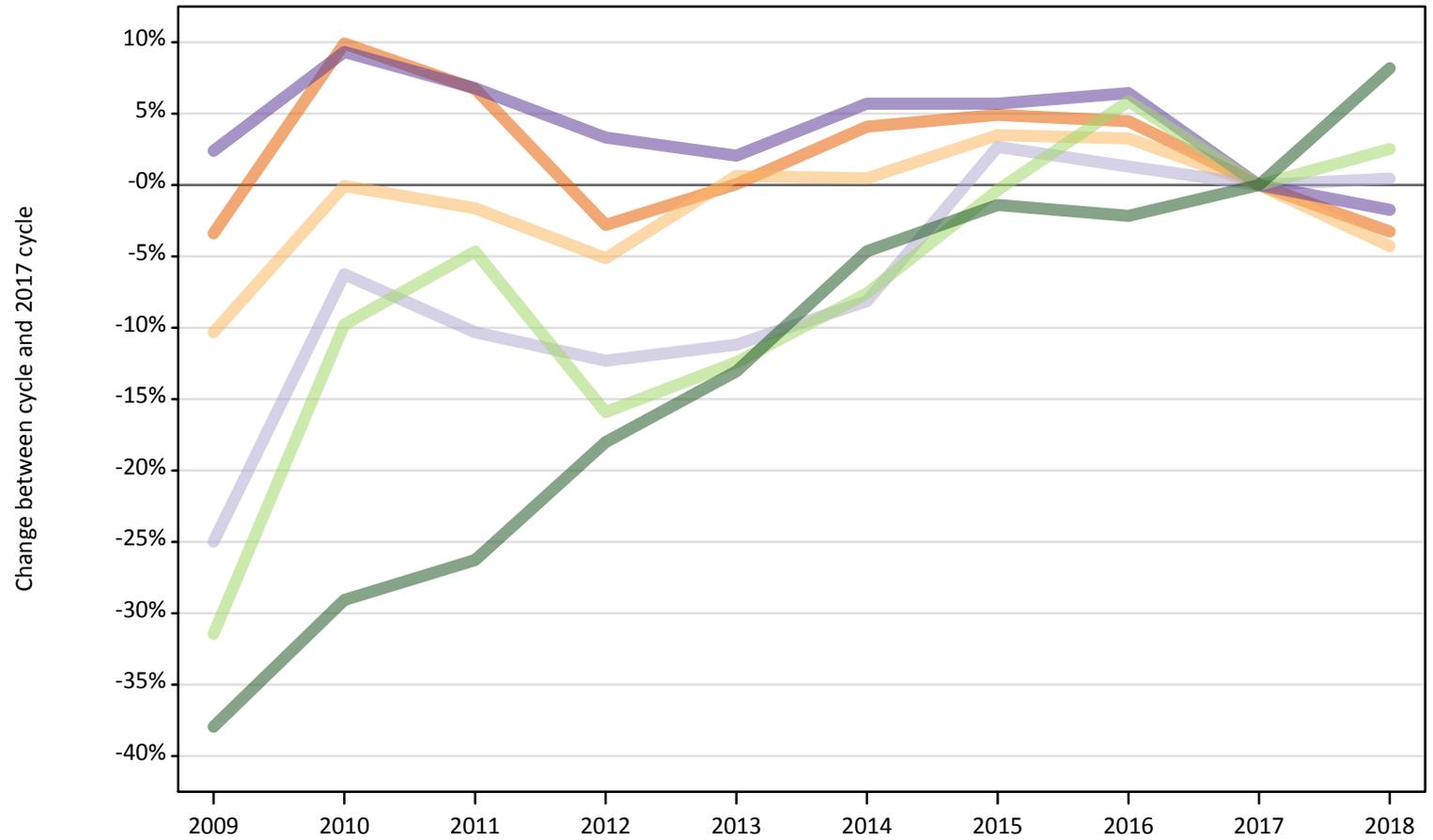
F.7 Applicants by country of domicile and provider

Domicile of applicant	Country of Provider	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	England	384,500	443,560	448,710	404,420	413,030	427,450	430,460	428,100	407,640	392,040
	Northern Ireland	1,380	1,450	1,790	2,100	2,270	2,550	3,090	2,470	2,410	2,490
	Scotland	30,050	30,960	26,230	24,730	28,340	28,740	29,320	29,580	30,730	30,310
	Wales	36,680	40,990	42,100	36,790	40,410	42,830	43,450	43,010	39,820	36,820
	UK	385,600	444,620	449,580	405,110	413,820	428,250	431,700	428,940	408,500	392,990
Northern Ireland	England	8,950	9,950	11,300	9,770	10,230	10,320	10,550	11,220	10,590	10,060
	Northern Ireland	14,460	16,410	16,810	16,570	17,660	17,710	18,150	18,300	17,510	16,780
	Scotland	5,060	5,720	6,120	5,200	6,070	5,360	5,390	5,610	5,490	5,060
	Wales	860	1,010	1,130	960	1,140	1,040	1,030	1,250	1,080	890
	UK	16,720	18,930	19,630	18,800	19,960	19,910	20,440	20,780	19,950	18,970
Scotland	England	4,620	5,060	4,950	4,170	4,230	4,270	4,340	4,530	4,230	4,030
	Northern Ireland	150	180	180	180	170	130	200	200	180	170
	Scotland	31,900	40,090	40,960	40,300	40,680	41,800	45,970	46,420	45,990	45,970
	Wales	300	340	330	210	200	210	200	200	200	200
	UK	32,800	40,980	41,800	40,980	41,320	42,460	46,670	47,150	46,720	46,620
Wales	England	12,550	14,470	15,150	15,490	15,350	16,180	16,620	16,630	15,790	15,160
	Northern Ireland	80	70	70	90	80	90	110	100	100	110
	Scotland	910	930	840	860	840	880	860	900	970	940
	Wales	17,370	18,240	18,630	17,720	17,030	17,230	17,030	17,160	15,910	15,450
	UK	20,600	22,190	22,670	22,130	21,450	22,050	22,070	22,160	20,840	20,220

Domicile of applicant	Country of Provider	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
UK	England	410,600	473,040	480,120	433,840	442,840	458,230	461,970	460,480	438,250	421,290
	Northern Ireland	16,080	18,100	18,850	18,940	20,180	20,480	21,540	21,070	20,200	19,550
	Scotland	67,910	77,710	74,150	71,090	75,920	76,770	81,540	82,500	83,180	82,270
	Wales	55,220	60,580	62,180	55,680	58,770	61,300	61,710	61,620	57,000	53,360
	UK	455,720	526,710	533,680	487,020	496,550	512,660	520,880	519,030	496,010	478,800
EU (excluding UK)	England	27,330	35,130	38,120	31,710	32,900	35,140	38,120	40,800	38,370	39,060
	Northern Ireland	1,830	2,450	2,150	1,970	1,930	1,940	1,850	1,810	1,650	1,710
	Scotland	10,390	15,040	16,580	17,580	18,310	18,190	18,720	19,260	18,600	18,360
	Wales	3,240	4,020	3,980	3,330	3,660	3,990	4,350	5,240	4,770	4,370
	UK	30,870	40,650	43,800	38,540	40,030	42,090	45,270	47,870	45,140	46,040
Not EU	England	36,370	41,800	43,860	48,990	51,940	56,830	58,800	58,300	59,310	64,100
	Northern Ireland	470	500	540	700	790	1,160	1,400	1,450	1,590	1,740
	Scotland	7,860	9,320	9,890	12,050	12,670	13,920	14,650	15,060	16,070	17,620
	Wales	3,950	4,550	4,610	4,810	5,390	6,870	6,840	6,550	6,020	5,750
	UK	37,390	42,860	45,110	50,060	53,180	58,000	60,000	59,460	60,630	65,440
All domiciles	England	474,310	549,960	562,100	514,540	527,670	550,190	558,890	559,580	535,930	524,450
	Northern Ireland	18,370	21,050	21,550	21,610	22,900	23,580	24,800	24,320	23,440	23,000
	Scotland	86,170	102,070	100,620	100,710	106,890	108,890	114,920	116,820	117,850	118,250
	Wales	62,400	69,150	70,770	63,820	67,820	72,170	72,890	73,410	67,790	63,480
	UK	523,990	610,230	622,580	575,620	589,750	612,750	626,150	626,360	601,770	590,270

F.8 First-time applicants by domicile group
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- EU (excluding UK)
- Not EU



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

F.9 First-time applicants by country of domicile

Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	356,070	405,120	393,360	358,240	368,810	383,630	386,660	385,010	368,590	356,580
Northern Ireland	15,650	17,440	17,170	16,560	17,560	17,530	18,060	18,020	17,450	16,700
Scotland	30,200	37,740	36,100	35,300	35,750	36,980	41,330	40,780	40,250	40,440
Wales	19,340	20,650	20,170	19,520	19,280	19,960	19,960	20,100	18,890	18,560
UK	421,250	480,950	466,800	429,610	441,400	458,100	466,000	463,910	445,180	432,270
EU (excluding UK)	28,960	38,110	40,270	35,520	37,000	39,030	42,090	44,720	42,240	43,310
Not EU	35,190	40,220	41,810	46,480	49,300	54,060	55,890	55,460	56,690	61,330
All domiciles	485,400	559,280	548,870	511,620	527,700	551,190	563,990	564,090	544,110	536,910

F.10 First-time applicants by country of domicile

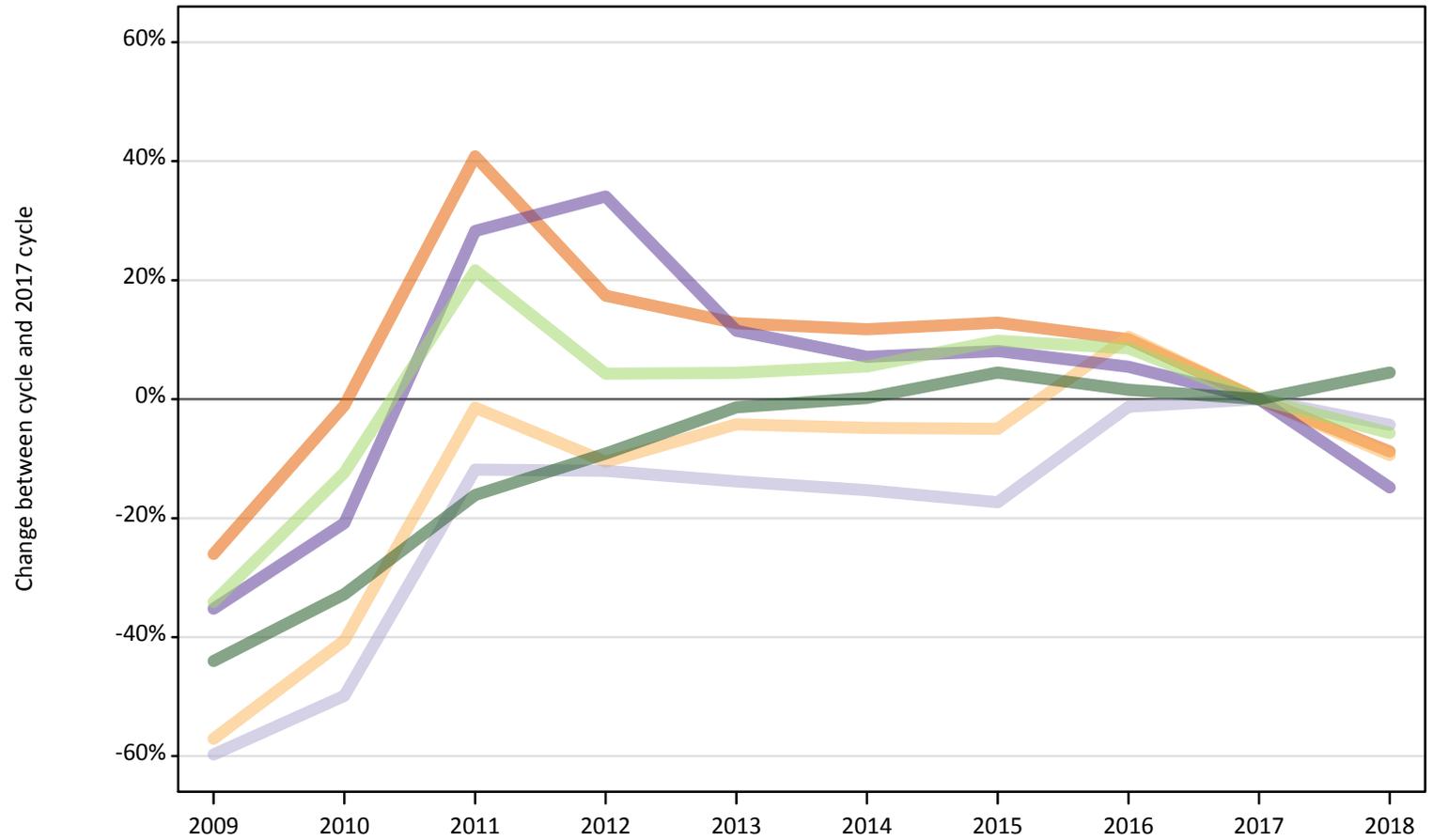
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	-3%	10%	7%	-3%	0%	4%	5%	4%	0%	-3%
Northern Ireland	-10%	-0%	-2%	-5%	1%	0%	4%	3%	0%	-4%
Scotland	-25%	-6%	-10%	-12%	-11%	-8%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Wales	2%	9%	7%	3%	2%	6%	6%	6%	0%	-2%
UK	-5%	8%	5%	-3%	-1%	3%	5%	4%	0%	-3%
EU (excluding UK)	-31%	-10%	-5%	-16%	-12%	-8%	-0%	6%	0%	3%
Not EU	-38%	-29%	-26%	-18%	-13%	-5%	-1%	-2%	0%	8%
All domiciles	-11%	3%	1%	-6%	-3%	1%	4%	4%	0%	-1%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.11 Reapplicants applicants by domicile group
Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- EU (excluding UK)
- Not EU



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

F.12 Reapplicants by country of domicile

Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	29,540	39,500	56,220	46,870	45,010	44,620	45,050	43,930	39,920	36,410
Northern Ireland	1,070	1,490	2,470	2,240	2,400	2,380	2,380	2,760	2,500	2,270
Scotland	2,600	3,240	5,700	5,680	5,570	5,470	5,340	6,380	6,460	6,180
Wales	1,260	1,540	2,500	2,610	2,170	2,090	2,110	2,060	1,950	1,660
UK	34,470	45,770	66,880	57,400	55,140	54,560	54,870	55,130	50,830	46,520
EU (excluding UK)	1,910	2,540	3,520	3,020	3,030	3,060	3,180	3,140	2,900	2,730
Not EU	2,200	2,640	3,300	3,570	3,880	3,940	4,110	4,000	3,930	4,110
All domiciles	38,580	50,950	73,710	64,000	62,050	61,560	62,170	62,270	57,660	53,360

F.13 Reapplicants by country of domicile

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	-26%	-1%	41%	17%	13%	12%	13%	10%	0%	-9%
Northern Ireland	-57%	-41%	-1%	-11%	-4%	-5%	-5%	10%	0%	-9%
Scotland	-60%	-50%	-12%	-12%	-14%	-15%	-17%	-1%	0%	-4%
Wales	-35%	-21%	28%	34%	11%	7%	8%	5%	0%	-15%
UK	-32%	-10%	32%	13%	8%	7%	8%	8%	0%	-8%
EU (excluding UK)	-34%	-12%	22%	4%	4%	5%	10%	9%	0%	-6%
Not EU	-44%	-33%	-16%	-9%	-1%	0%	4%	2%	0%	4%
All domiciles	-33%	-12%	28%	11%	8%	7%	8%	8%	0%	-7%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.14 Applicants by country of domicile and age group
 Selected age groups split by first-time applicants and reapplicants

Domicile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	18	208,720	222,790	222,390	213,220	215,180	221,370	230,160	232,340	233,830	230,320
	19	74,470	86,650	90,970	73,570	82,410	84,320	84,950	84,100	77,910	72,920
	19 First-time applicant	57,070	64,810	60,050	50,410	57,990	61,430	61,840	61,060	56,380	51,670
	19 Reapplicant	17,400	21,850	30,930	23,160	24,420	22,900	23,110	23,040	21,530	21,250
Northern Ireland	18	11,540	12,060	11,940	11,690	11,690	11,490	11,960	11,780	11,530	11,040
	19	1,940	2,490	3,020	2,670	2,950	3,030	3,090	3,520	3,290	3,080
	19 First-time applicant	1,190	1,430	1,310	1,170	1,280	1,540	1,530	1,690	1,630	1,580
	19 Reapplicant	750	1,050	1,710	1,500	1,670	1,480	1,550	1,840	1,660	1,490
Scotland	18	17,770	19,660	19,280	19,040	18,980	19,300	19,500	19,250	18,830	18,130
	19	4,020	5,180	5,490	5,560	5,410	5,400	5,600	5,850	5,730	5,850
	19 First-time applicant	2,760	3,680	2,930	3,010	2,950	3,050	3,210	3,330	3,350	3,530
	19 Reapplicant	1,260	1,500	2,560	2,560	2,460	2,350	2,390	2,520	2,380	2,320
Wales	18	11,740	11,870	11,530	11,340	11,020	11,410	11,780	11,830	11,400	11,130
	19	3,400	3,810	4,120	3,970	3,930	4,070	3,980	4,110	3,700	3,530
	19 First-time applicant	2,670	2,930	2,750	2,610	2,860	3,000	2,890	3,060	2,720	2,690
	19 Reapplicant	730	880	1,370	1,360	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,040	980	850

F.15 Applicants by country of domicile and age group

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle for selected age groups split by first-time applicants and reapplicants

Domicile of applicant		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	18	-11%	-5%	-5%	-9%	-8%	-5%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
	19	-4%	11%	17%	-6%	6%	8%	9%	8%	0%	-6%
	19 First-time applicant	1%	15%	6%	-11%	3%	9%	10%	8%	0%	-8%
	19 Reapplicant	-19%	1%	44%	8%	13%	6%	7%	7%	0%	-1%
Northern Ireland	18	0%	5%	4%	1%	1%	-0%	4%	2%	0%	-4%
	19	-41%	-24%	-8%	-19%	-10%	-8%	-6%	7%	0%	-6%
	19 First-time applicant	-27%	-12%	-20%	-28%	-21%	-5%	-6%	4%	0%	-3%
	19 Reapplicant	-55%	-37%	3%	-10%	0%	-11%	-6%	11%	0%	-10%
Scotland	18	-6%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%	-4%
	19	-30%	-10%	-4%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-2%	2%	0%	2%
	19 First-time applicant	-18%	10%	-13%	-10%	-12%	-9%	-4%	-1%	0%	5%
	19 Reapplicant	-47%	-37%	8%	7%	3%	-1%	0%	6%	0%	-3%
Wales	18	3%	4%	1%	-1%	-3%	0%	3%	4%	0%	-2%
	19	-8%	3%	12%	7%	6%	10%	8%	11%	0%	-4%
	19 First-time applicant	-2%	8%	1%	-4%	5%	10%	7%	13%	0%	-1%
	19 Reapplicant	-26%	-11%	39%	39%	10%	10%	10%	6%	0%	-14%

Note: The percentage change is not recorded in the above table for groups with fewer than 10 applicants in that cycle or in the 2017 cycle.

F.16 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 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS. Some art and design courses have a later deadline of 24 March. Almost all main scheme applications have been received by the 24 March deadline.

This statistical release covers all Main Scheme applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the March deadline, including those who have applied for courses with a 15 October or January 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.

In 2009, the Canary Islands classification changed from Not EU to EU (excluding UK). In order to present an accurate time series, the Canary Islands have been consistently classified as EU (excluding UK). This will result in differences with data published prior to 2010.

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.

Reapplicant

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.