# March Deadline Analysis: Domicile



# Applicants by domicile at the 24 March deadline

# F.1.1 Applicants by domicile group

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle



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

#### F.1.2 Applicants by domicile group

Domicile group of applicant	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
All domiciles	523,990	610,230	622,580	575,620	589,750	612,750	626,150	626,360	601,770	590,270
Not EU	37,390	42,860	45,110	50,060	53,180	58,000	60,000	59,460	60,630	65,440
EU (excluding UK)	30,870	40,650	43,800	38,540	40,030	42,090	45,270	47,870	45,140	46,040
UK	455,720	526,710	533,680	487,020	496,550	512,660	520,880	519,030	496,010	478,800

### F.1.3 Applicants by domicile group

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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

#### **F.1.4 Applicants by UK country of domicile** Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle



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

#### F.1.5 Applicants by UK country of domicile

Domicile group 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

# F.1.6 Applicants by UK country of domicile

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile group 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%

#### **F.1.7 Applicants by English region of domicile** Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle



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

#### F.1.8 Applicants by English region of domicile

English region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North East	17,030	19,720	20,240	17,910	18,520	18,650	18,730	17,880	17,220	15,820
Yorkshire and the Humber	35,400	40,570	41,290	37,730	38,150	39,370	39,530	38,570	37,060	34,730
North West	52,210	60,460	61,430	55,830	56,410	58,230	57,830	56,210	52,920	50,670
East Midlands	30,050	35,240	35,270	31,540	32,160	32,920	32,290	32,740	31,230	29,910
West Midlands	39,730	45,740	45,860	42,500	43,850	45,750	46,200	45,330	42,210	40,850
East of England	39,410	45,410	46,060	41,320	42,460	43,380	43,880	43,950	42,290	40,410
London	72,050	83,560	85,980	77,520	79,380	83,170	85,000	85,670	81,590	79,930
South East	63,210	72,440	72,000	64,560	65,550	67,910	68,900	69,540	66,810	64,880
South West	36,510	41,470	41,450	36,200	37,350	38,880	39,340	39,060	37,180	35,790

### F.1.9 Applicants by English region of domicile

Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

English region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North East	-1%	15%	18%	4%	8%	8%	9%	4%	0%	-8%
Yorkshire and the Humber	-4%	9%	11%	2%	3%	6%	7%	4%	0%	-6%
North West	-1%	14%	16%	5%	7%	10%	9%	6%	0%	-4%
East Midlands	-4%	13%	13%	1%	3%	5%	3%	5%	0%	-4%
West Midlands	-6%	8%	9%	1%	4%	8%	9%	7%	0%	-3%
East of England	-7%	7%	9%	-2%	0%	3%	4%	4%	0%	-4%
London	-12%	2%	5%	-5%	-3%	2%	4%	5%	0%	-2%
South East	-5%	8%	8%	-3%	-2%	2%	3%	4%	0%	-3%
South West	-2%	12%	11%	-3%	0%	5%	6%	5%	0%	-4%

# **F.1.10 Applicants by declared country of domicile** Selected countries

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Angola	40	50	50	60	60	70	160	130	60	60
Australia	260	330	350	420	480	510	550	520	530	560
Austria	410	460	520	530	540	560	590	610	560	580
Azerbaijan	90	180	150	190	180	240	220	150	120	110
Bahrain	220	260	240	290	310	310	290	290	370	340
Bangladesh	250	320	280	300	230	250	250	200	220	220
Belgium	810	900	930	820	890	940	1,020	1,040	1,010	1,010
Bermuda	190	300	230	190	180	190	180	200	170	230
Botswana	30	40	40	140	60	100	160	140	140	120
Brazil	110	150	130	170	180	210	250	260	220	300
Brunei	610	810	680	640	620	780	450	390	330	310
Bulgaria	1,500	2,020	2,300	2,220	2,480	2,210	2,200	2,390	2,130	2,140
Canada	1,410	1,620	1,780	1,960	1,960	1,940	2,040	1,900	1,840	1,960
Cayman Islands	40	70	100	100	90	120	90	110	110	150
China	4,960	5,990	6,810	7,540	8,160	8,450	9,410	10,270	11,240	13,070
Croatia	40	30	40	40	60	130	210	310	270	340
Cyprus (European Union)	1,650	3,220	3,740	3,040	3,020	3,020	2,980	2,850	2,980	2,510
Cyprus (Not otherwise specified)	1,410	60	50	30	30	20	10	20	40	20
Czech Republic	300	390	430	420	440	540	760	1,000	980	950
Denmark	330	460	430	390	430	410	450	470	500	500
Ecuador	10	20	20	30	40	80	70	150	130	50
Egypt	140	160	210	290	420	530	610	710	710	640
Estonia	370	480	600	520	570	470	460	440	370	360
Finland	560	710	830	690	750	840	930	950	810	870
France	2,650	3,610	3,780	3,440	3,560	4,050	4,590	4,890	4,760	4,830
Germany	3,040	3,650	3,720	3,120	2,900	2,890	3,070	3,310	3,010	3,150
Ghana	200	220	180	190	190	230	210	220	270	300
Gibraltar	210	270	300	270	300	280	280	280	280	280
Greece	1,730	2,080	2,270	2,070	2,120	2,130	2,110	2,160	2,120	2,080
Guernsey	330	340	310	290	290	290	310	330	260	310
Hong Kong	2,990	3,370	3,920	5,360	5,370	5,840	5,630	5,500	5,450	5,550
Hungary	310	380	380	540	740	750	810	910	870	950

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
India	1,740	2,090	2,320	2,620	2,980	3,310	3,460	3,500	3,910	5,000
Indonesia	150	160	250	300	400	440	510	520	560	680
Iran	260	300	330	340	210	200	180	200	250	300
Ireland	5,430	7,710	7,120	5,750	5,690	5,490	5,450	4,990	4,160	3,930
Isle of Man	450	550	540	510	480	490	450	480	490	460
Israel	80	110	90	100	130	90	120	130	100	140
Italy	1,340	1,880	2,220	2,390	2,890	3,690	4,340	4,520	4,070	3,980
Japan	320	340	370	410	440	490	440	410	410	460
Jersey	530	570	590	560	520	490	510	540	550	530
Jordan	220	270	330	310	360	360	370	360	440	480
Kazakhstan	400	430	370	310	320	310	300	270	230	250
Kenya	490	540	530	560	540	560	590	550	540	570
Korea (South)	800	980	1,180	1,170	1,220	1,190	1,330	1,430	1,440	1,480
Kuwait	160	230	260	300	300	350	400	410	560	510
Latvia	510	1,050	950	680	520	490	470	530	490	490
Lebanon	80	100	120	150	180	210	230	320	290	360
Lithuania	1,180	2,390	3,120	2,270	1,960	1,770	1,640	1,670	1,800	1,850
Luxembourg	320	340	370	360	410	450	430	420	420	450
Масао	80	80	100	140	130	170	240	210	260	220
Malawi	110	90	70	70	70	50	50	50	70	80
Malaysia	2,400	2,460	2,770	3,060	3,690	5,010	5,160	4,670	3,670	3,490
Malta	100	140	130	90	100	90	100	110	100	120
Mauritius	380	450	400	420	340	450	360	370	330	330
Mexico	100	130	110	120	130	130	160	180	150	210
Morocco	100	140	170	190	230	300	320	300	320	370
Nepal	90	110	110	120	90	80	60	60	60	80
Netherlands	640	760	770	680	720	760	820	860	870	850
New Zealand	110	110	130	130	140	160	170	190	170	190
Nigeria	1,560	1,520	1,490	1,490	1,560	1,520	1,550	1,230	1,140	1,110
Norway	980	1,210	1,270	1,390	1,510	1,540	1,510	1,150	1,180	1,280
Oman	120	140	140	130	160	200	250	250	260	260
Pakistan	1,750	1,840	1,600	1,550	1,510	1,520	1,570	1,630	1,740	1,930
Philippines	80	90	90	90	110	110	140	120	130	150
Poland	1,800	1,900	1,870	1,720	1,970	2,310	2,590	3,270	3,260	3,880
Portugal	500	550	650	590	750	780	980	1,150	1,330	1,560

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Qatar	160	200	240	260	340	280	360	370	370	390
Romania	1,010	1,750	2,590	2,430	2,290	2,520	3,150	3,310	2,810	2,670
Russia	520	610	640	740	880	1,090	1,210	980	860	810
Saudi Arabia	830	740	650	690	700	710	770	750	710	790
Serbia	50	60	70	90	130	110	90	120	110	110
Singapore	2,140	2,550	2,990	3,480	3,690	3,990	3,810	3,410	3,250	3,230
Slovakia	340	400	440	450	450	560	550	760	600	750
Slovenia	60	90	110	100	120	150	160	150	150	150
South Africa	220	230	200	230	250	290	350	400	610	470
Spain	1,030	1,290	1,550	1,470	1,890	2,270	2,660	3,120	3,180	3,530
Sri Lanka	350	410	350	300	270	270	210	210	250	260
Sweden	1,320	1,690	1,570	1,450	1,450	1,460	1,390	1,300	1,130	1,150
Switzerland	700	820	860	910	1,060	1,080	1,200	1,230	1,210	1,350
Taiwan	210	220	260	280	260	300	330	310	370	420
Tanzania	120	140	140	130	140	160	140	120	120	130
Thailand	380	480	540	610	620	750	720	720	700	780
Trinidad and Tobago	150	140	150	140	160	150	190	190	170	190
Turkey	340	350	380	430	490	540	550	700	890	1,180
Uganda	140	130	90	130	140	100	110	130	140	140
Ukraine	130	180	180	210	280	290	250	220	210	200
United Arab Emirates	530	660	720	800	930	1,130	1,270	1,340	1,720	1,960
United States of America	2,310	2,580	2,550	2,780	3,100	3,400	3,490	3,680	3,890	4,290
Vietnam	420	500	570	600	550	490	420	330	340	320
Zambia	100	110	100	120	130	110	120	120	130	110
Zimbabwe	280	320	260	310	300	340	350	380	390	410

**F.1.11 Applicants by declared country of domicile** Selected countries, difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Angola	-39%	-5%	-9%	2%	11%	26%	186%	128%	0%	5%
Australia	-52%	-38%	-34%	-21%	-10%	-4%	2%	-2%	0%	6%
Austria	-26%	-18%	-6%	-5%	-3%	1%	6%	10%	0%	4%
Azerbaijan	-27%	53%	24%	54%	53%	97%	87%	23%	0%	-8%
Bahrain	-41%	-30%	-34%	-21%	-15%	-16%	-22%	-22%	0%	-7%
Bangladesh	12%	45%	24%	35%	3%	11%	13%	-13%	0%	-3%
Belgium	-19%	-11%	-8%	-19%	-12%	-7%	1%	3%	0%	0%
Bermuda	13%	75%	32%	9%	4%	10%	5%	14%	0%	34%
Botswana	-78%	-73%	-72%	4%	-53%	-26%	15%	1%	0%	-13%
Brazil	-49%	-33%	-43%	-26%	-19%	-4%	11%	15%	0%	33%
Brunei	82%	143%	104%	92%	87%	133%	36%	17%	0%	-7%
Bulgaria	-30%	-5%	8%	4%	16%	4%	3%	12%	0%	0%
Canada	-23%	-12%	-3%	7%	7%	6%	11%	4%	0%	7%
Cayman Islands	-69%	-38%	-14%	-13%	-19%	3%	-20%	-4%	0%	36%
China	-56%	-47%	-39%	-33%	-27%	-25%	-16%	-9%	0%	16%
Croatia	-86%	-88%	-87%	-87%	-77%	-54%	-22%	13%	0%	24%
Cyprus (European Union)	-45%	8%	25%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-4%	0%	-16%
Cyprus (Not otherwise specified)	3828%	75%	33%	-6%	-8%	-44%	-72%	-44%	0%	-36%
Czech Republic	-70%	-60%	-56%	-57%	-55%	-44%	-22%	2%	0%	-2%
Denmark	-35%	-9%	-15%	-23%	-15%	-18%	-10%	-6%	0%	0%
Ecuador	-90%	-85%	-87%	-80%	-71%	-37%	-44%	22%	0%	-60%
Egypt	-80%	-77%	-70%	-59%	-41%	-26%	-14%	-1%	0%	-10%
Estonia	1%	28%	61%	39%	54%	26%	25%	18%	0%	-3%
Finland	-30%	-12%	3%	-15%	-7%	4%	16%	17%	0%	8%
France	-44%	-24%	-21%	-28%	-25%	-15%	-4%	3%	0%	1%
Germany	1%	22%	24%	4%	-3%	-4%	2%	10%	0%	5%
Ghana	-24%	-17%	-32%	-27%	-30%	-15%	-20%	-18%	0%	13%
Gibraltar	-25%	-1%	8%	-1%	8%	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%
Greece	-18%	-2%	7%	-3%	0%	0%	-1%	2%	0%	-2%
Guernsey	26%	31%	19%	14%	12%	14%	20%	27%	0%	20%
Hong Kong	-45%	-38%	-28%	-2%	-1%	7%	3%	1%	0%	2%
Hungary	-65%	-56%	-56%	-38%	-14%	-13%	-7%	4%	0%	9%

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
India	-56%	-47%	-41%	-33%	-24%	-15%	-11%	-10%	0%	28%
Indonesia	-74%	-71%	-57%	-47%	-30%	-22%	-9%	-9%	0%	20%
Iran	1%	18%	31%	32%	-17%	-21%	-29%	-22%	0%	17%
Ireland	30%	85%	71%	38%	37%	32%	31%	20%	0%	-6%
Isle of Man	-8%	12%	11%	3%	-2%	-0%	-8%	-2%	0%	-7%
Israel	-13%	13%	-7%	1%	31%	-3%	20%	29%	0%	44%
Italy	-67%	-54%	-45%	-41%	-29%	-9%	7%	11%	0%	-2%
Japan	-21%	-16%	-9%	1%	9%	19%	8%	2%	0%	13%
Jersey	-5%	4%	7%	0%	-6%	-12%	-8%	-2%	0%	-4%
Jordan	-49%	-38%	-25%	-28%	-16%	-17%	-15%	-18%	0%	11%
Kazakhstan	69%	84%	59%	31%	35%	32%	30%	17%	0%	6%
Kenya	-9%	-0%	-1%	5%	1%	5%	9%	2%	0%	5%
Korea (South)	-44%	-32%	-18%	-19%	-15%	-17%	-8%	-1%	0%	3%
Kuwait	-71%	-58%	-54%	-46%	-47%	-38%	-29%	-26%	0%	-9%
Latvia	3%	116%	94%	40%	6%	1%	-4%	8%	0%	1%
Lebanon	-73%	-67%	-58%	-48%	-39%	-27%	-22%	9%	0%	22%
Lithuania	-35%	32%	73%	26%	9%	-2%	-9%	-7%	0%	2%
Luxembourg	-25%	-19%	-13%	-15%	-3%	6%	1%	-0%	0%	5%
Масао	-71%	-70%	-63%	-47%	-50%	-37%	-8%	-21%	0%	-15%
Malawi	47%	21%	-7%	-7%	-7%	-29%	-36%	-25%	0%	6%
Malaysia	-35%	-33%	-25%	-17%	0%	36%	40%	27%	0%	-5%
Malta	2%	39%	33%	-10%	6%	-9%	-3%	15%	0%	22%
Mauritius	16%	38%	21%	27%	5%	38%	10%	13%	0%	-1%
Mexico	-38%	-18%	-27%	-24%	-12%	-13%	2%	18%	0%	39%
Morocco	-69%	-57%	-47%	-40%	-28%	-7%	1%	-7%	0%	17%
Nepal	43%	87%	84%	95%	48%	36%	-3%	5%	0%	26%
Netherlands	-27%	-13%	-12%	-21%	-17%	-13%	-6%	-1%	0%	-2%
New Zealand	-38%	-38%	-23%	-24%	-18%	-5%	-1%	12%	0%	13%
Nigeria	37%	33%	31%	30%	36%	32%	35%	8%	0%	-3%
Norway	-18%	2%	7%	17%	27%	30%	28%	-3%	0%	8%
Oman	-53%	-46%	-45%	-47%	-36%	-20%	-2%	-3%	0%	2%
Pakistan	0%	6%	-8%	-11%	-14%	-13%	-10%	-6%	0%	11%
Philippines	-41%	-32%	-29%	-28%	-16%	-12%	12%	-2%	0%	21%
Poland	-45%	-42%	-42%	-47%	-40%	-29%	-21%	0%	0%	19%
Portugal	-62%	-59%	-51%	-55%	-44%	-42%	-27%	-14%	0%	17%

Declared country of domicile	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Qatar	-57%	-47%	-36%	-30%	-8%	-25%	-4%	0%	0%	5%
Romania	-64%	-38%	-8%	-14%	-18%	-10%	12%	18%	0%	-5%
Russia	-39%	-29%	-25%	-14%	3%	27%	42%	14%	0%	-5%
Saudi Arabia	17%	4%	-8%	-3%	-1%	0%	8%	6%	0%	12%
Serbia	-54%	-44%	-41%	-23%	10%	-8%	-19%	8%	0%	-5%
Singapore	-34%	-22%	-8%	7%	14%	23%	17%	5%	0%	-0%
Slovakia	-43%	-33%	-27%	-26%	-26%	-7%	-8%	26%	0%	25%
Slovenia	-57%	-37%	-29%	-32%	-18%	1%	5%	3%	0%	1%
South Africa	-64%	-62%	-67%	-62%	-59%	-53%	-42%	-35%	0%	-23%
Spain	-68%	-59%	-51%	-54%	-41%	-29%	-16%	-2%	0%	11%
Sri Lanka	39%	63%	39%	17%	8%	6%	-18%	-18%	0%	4%
Sweden	17%	49%	39%	28%	29%	30%	23%	16%	0%	2%
Switzerland	-42%	-32%	-29%	-24%	-13%	-11%	-1%	2%	0%	12%
Taiwan	-43%	-42%	-30%	-26%	-31%	-20%	-10%	-17%	0%	12%
Tanzania	-3%	15%	13%	5%	18%	35%	21%	2%	0%	11%
Thailand	-46%	-32%	-23%	-13%	-12%	8%	3%	3%	0%	12%
Trinidad and Tobago	-13%	-18%	-10%	-17%	-6%	-10%	13%	12%	0%	11%
Turkey	-62%	-61%	-58%	-52%	-46%	-40%	-38%	-22%	0%	32%
Uganda	-3%	-7%	-33%	-10%	-2%	-26%	-22%	-4%	0%	4%
Ukraine	-38%	-16%	-15%	-1%	30%	35%	19%	2%	0%	-5%
United Arab Emirates	-69%	-62%	-58%	-54%	-46%	-34%	-26%	-22%	0%	14%
United States of America	-41%	-34%	-35%	-29%	-20%	-13%	-10%	-5%	0%	10%
Vietnam	21%	46%	65%	74%	62%	43%	22%	-3%	0%	-7%
Zambia	-22%	-14%	-23%	-8%	1%	-15%	-8%	-10%	0%	-14%
Zimbabwe	-28%	-16%	-33%	-21%	-24%	-14%	-9%	-3%	0%	6%

#### F.1.12 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.

#### 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.