

# March Deadline Analysis: Age

## Applicants by age at the 24 March deadline

### F.9.1 Applicants by UK country of domicile and age group, 2018

All age groups

Country of Domicile	Age group				
	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29
England	820	230,320	72,920	54,140	13,780
Northern Ireland	30	11,040	3,080	3,420	680
Scotland	760	18,130	5,850	11,760	4,370
Wales	30	11,130	3,530	3,070	1,060

### F.9.2 Proportions of 18 year olds by UK country of domicile

Domicile and age group		2018
England	18	37.8%
Northern Ireland	18	47.6%
Scotland	18	32.6%
Wales	18	32.4%

**F.9.3 Applicants by domicile and age: England**  
Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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- 19
- 20
- 21-24
- 25 and over



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#### F.9.4 Applicants by domicile and age: England

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	Under 18	1,280	1,300	1,120	880	830	880	930	920	840	820
	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
	20	25,410	30,640	31,800	26,810	26,570	28,500	27,190	25,820	24,400	23,020
	21-24	35,840	46,240	46,600	40,550	40,620	42,200	39,930	37,360	32,720	31,130
	25 and over	39,870	56,990	56,710	50,080	48,200	50,980	48,540	48,400	38,800	34,790
	All ages	385,600	444,620	449,580	405,110	413,820	428,250	431,700	428,940	408,500	392,990

#### F.9.5 Applicants by domicile and age: England

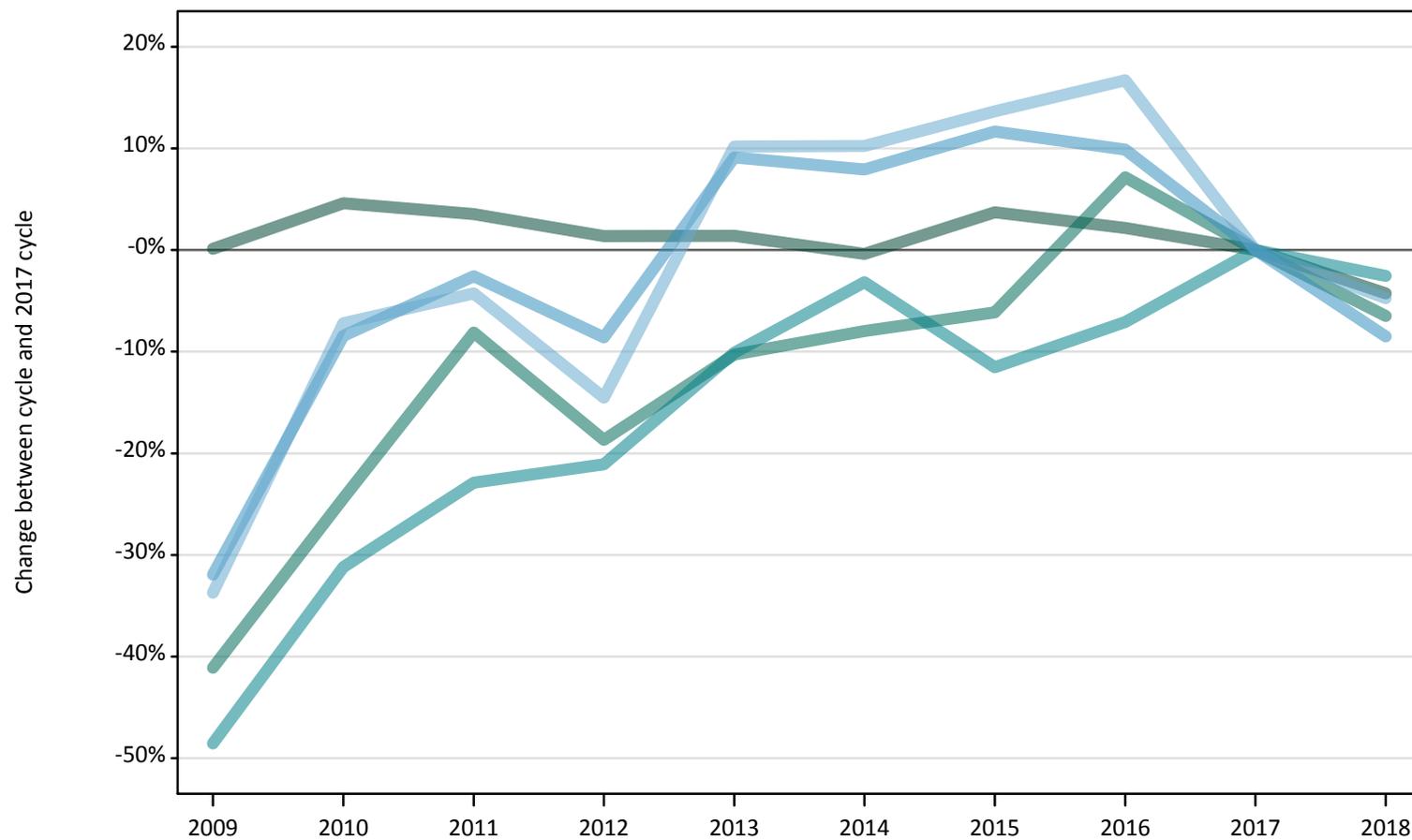
All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	Under 18	53%	55%	34%	5%	-0%	5%	11%	9%	0%	-2%
	18	-11%	-5%	-5%	-9%	-8%	-5%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%
	19	-4%	11%	17%	-6%	6%	8%	9%	8%	0%	-6%
	20	4%	26%	30%	10%	9%	17%	11%	6%	0%	-6%
	21-24	10%	41%	42%	24%	24%	29%	22%	14%	0%	-5%
	25 and over	3%	47%	46%	29%	24%	31%	25%	25%	0%	-10%
	All ages	-6%	9%	10%	-1%	1%	5%	6%	5%	0%	-4%

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**F.9.6 Applicants by domicile and age: Northern Ireland**  
Selected age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

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- 21-24
- 25 and over



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### F.9.7 Applicants by domicile and age: Northern Ireland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Northern Ireland	Under 18	60	60	50	50	40	30	30	40	30	30
	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
	20	830	1,110	1,240	1,270	1,450	1,560	1,430	1,500	1,610	1,570
	21-24	1,380	1,850	1,970	1,850	2,210	2,180	2,260	2,220	2,020	1,850
	25 and over	980	1,370	1,410	1,260	1,620	1,630	1,680	1,720	1,470	1,400
	All ages	16,720	18,930	19,630	18,800	19,960	19,910	20,440	20,780	19,950	18,970

### F.9.8 Applicants by domicile and age: Northern Ireland

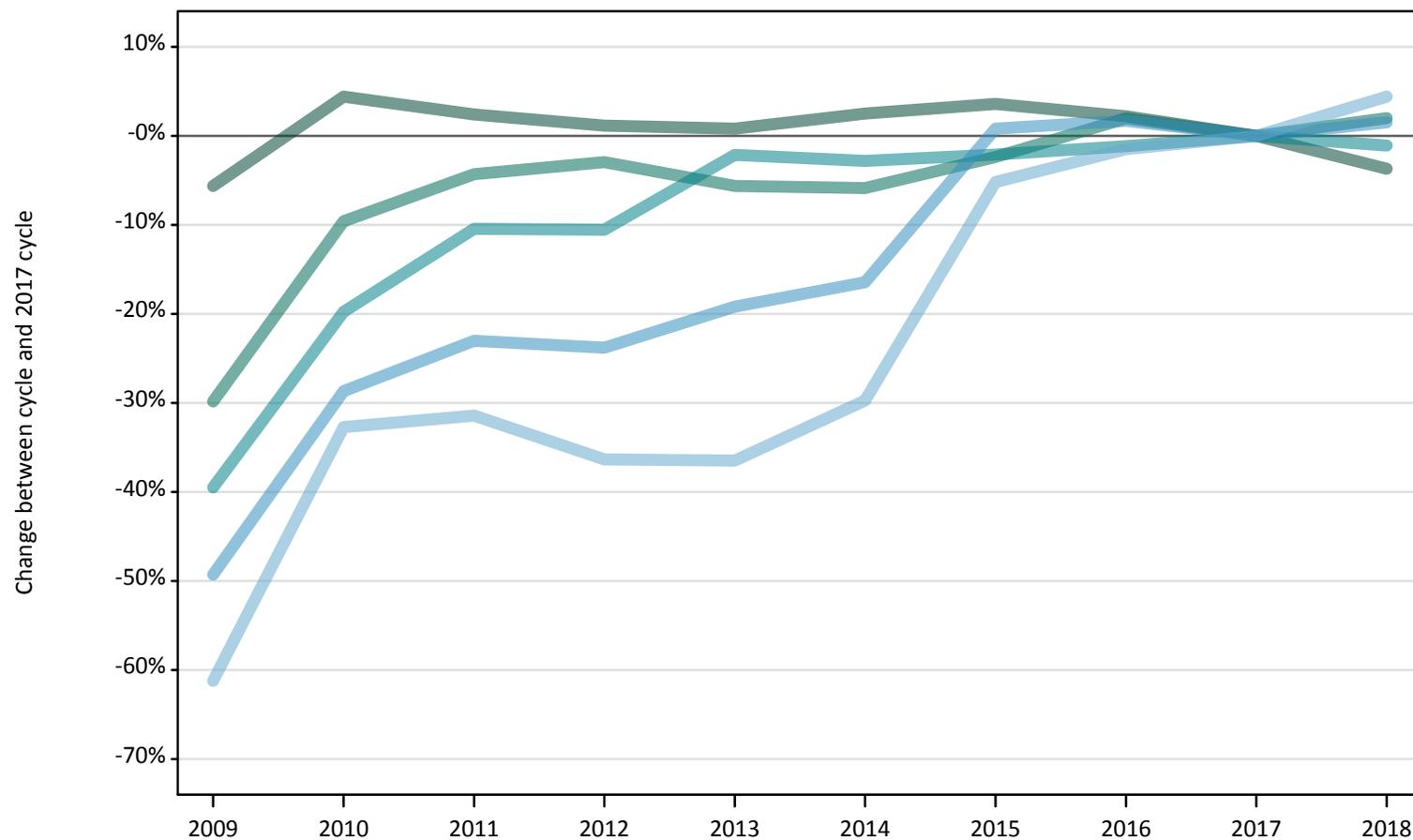
All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Northern Ireland	Under 18	132%	120%	88%	104%	40%	12%	36%	60%	0%	16%
	18	0%	5%	4%	1%	1%	-0%	4%	2%	0%	-4%
	19	-41%	-24%	-8%	-19%	-10%	-8%	-6%	7%	0%	-6%
	20	-49%	-31%	-23%	-21%	-10%	-3%	-12%	-7%	0%	-3%
	21-24	-32%	-8%	-3%	-9%	9%	8%	12%	10%	0%	-9%
	25 and over	-34%	-7%	-4%	-15%	10%	10%	14%	17%	0%	-5%
	All ages	-16%	-5%	-2%	-6%	0%	-0%	2%	4%	0%	-5%

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**F.9.9 Applicants by domicile and age: Scotland**  
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### F.9.10 Applicants by domicile and age: Scotland

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Scotland	Under 18	940	940	900	790	670	660	710	740	770	760
	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
	20	2,330	3,090	3,450	3,450	3,770	3,750	3,770	3,810	3,860	3,810
	21-24	3,970	5,590	6,030	5,970	6,330	6,550	7,900	7,970	7,830	7,950
	25 and over	3,760	6,520	6,650	6,170	6,160	6,810	9,190	9,550	9,690	10,120
	All ages	32,800	40,980	41,800	40,980	41,320	42,460	46,670	47,150	46,720	46,620

### F.9.11 Applicants by domicile and age: Scotland

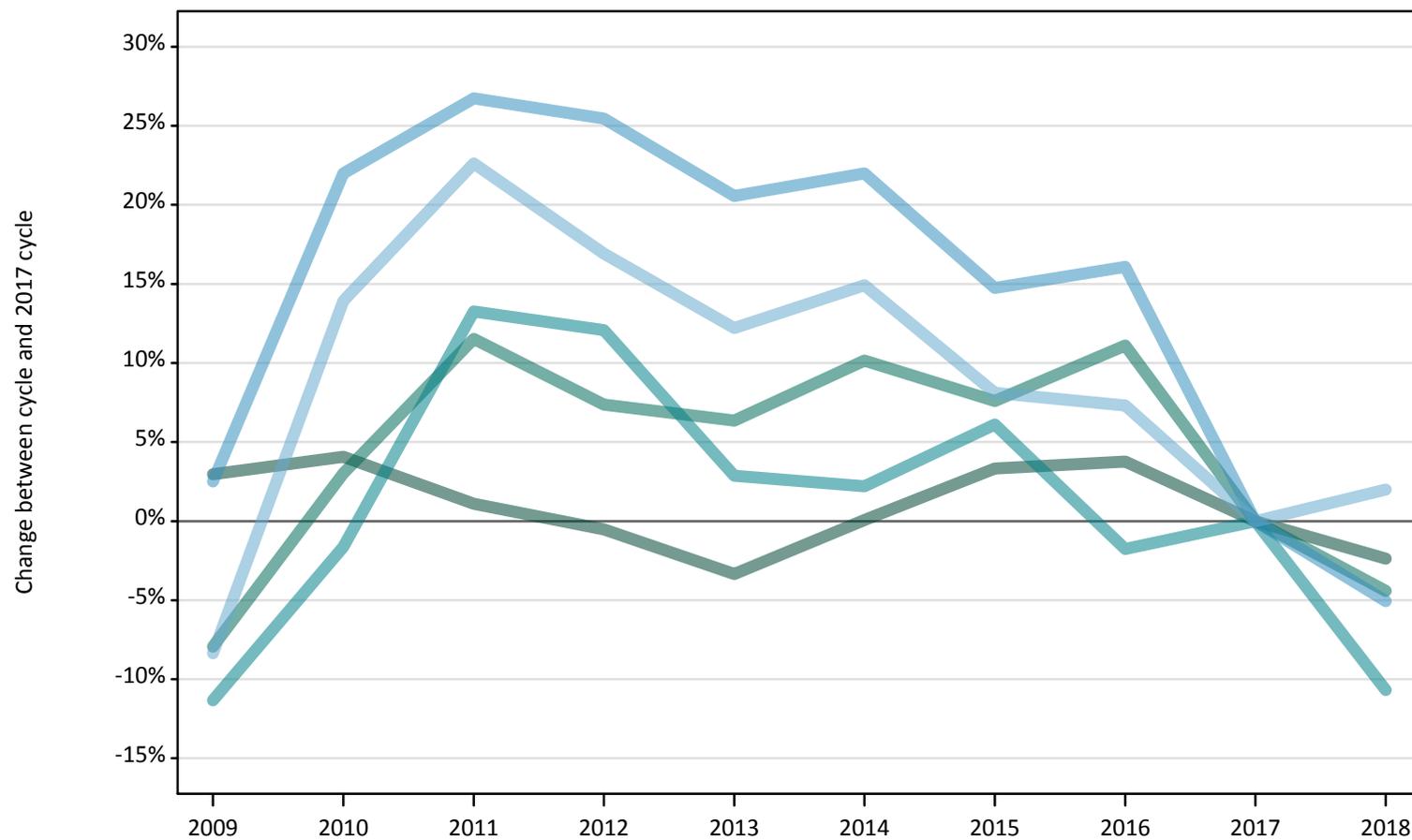
All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Scotland	Under 18	21%	22%	17%	2%	-13%	-15%	-8%	-4%	0%	-2%
	18	-6%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%	-4%
	19	-30%	-10%	-4%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-2%	2%	0%	2%
	20	-39%	-20%	-10%	-11%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%
	21-24	-49%	-29%	-23%	-24%	-19%	-16%	1%	2%	0%	2%
	25 and over	-61%	-33%	-31%	-36%	-36%	-30%	-5%	-1%	0%	4%
	All ages	-30%	-12%	-11%	-12%	-12%	-9%	-0%	1%	0%	-0%

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**F.9.12 Applicants by domicile and age: Wales**  
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### F.9.13 Applicants by domicile and age: Wales

All age groups

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wales	Under 18	40	50	50	30	40	30	20	30	20	30
	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
	20	1,200	1,340	1,540	1,520	1,400	1,390	1,440	1,330	1,360	1,210
	21-24	2,010	2,390	2,480	2,460	2,360	2,390	2,250	2,280	1,960	1,860
	25 and over	2,210	2,740	2,950	2,810	2,700	2,770	2,600	2,580	2,410	2,450
	All ages	20,600	22,190	22,670	22,130	21,450	22,050	22,070	22,160	20,840	20,220

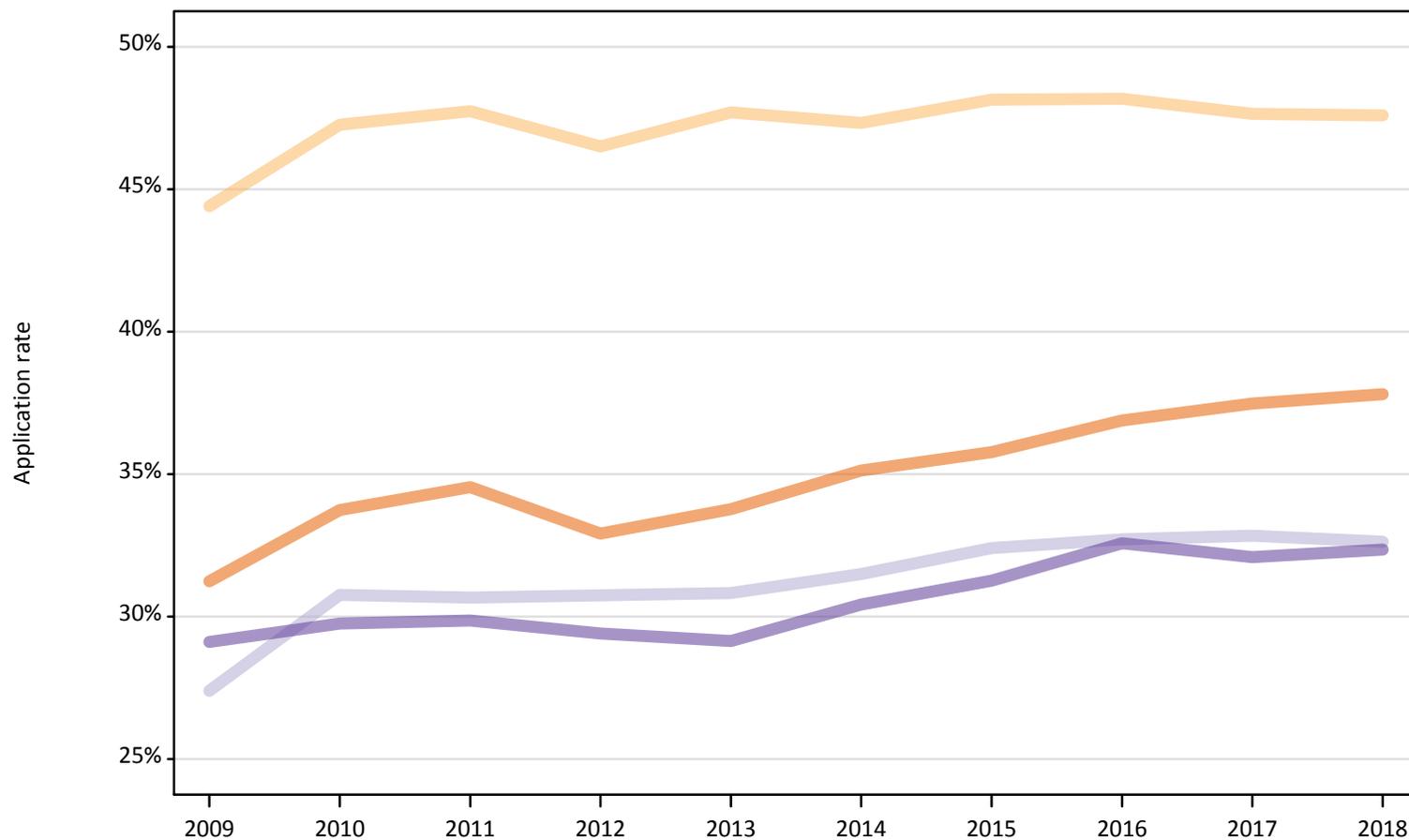
### F.9.14 Applicants by domicile and age: Wales

All age groups: Difference between cycle and 2017 cycle

Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wales	Under 18	180%	220%	207%	73%	153%	87%	33%	93%	0%	87%
	18	3%	4%	1%	-1%	-3%	0%	3%	4%	0%	-2%
	19	-8%	3%	12%	7%	6%	10%	8%	11%	0%	-4%
	20	-11%	-2%	13%	12%	3%	2%	6%	-2%	0%	-11%
	21-24	3%	22%	27%	25%	21%	22%	15%	16%	0%	-5%
	25 and over	-8%	14%	23%	17%	12%	15%	8%	7%	0%	2%
	All ages	-1%	6%	9%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	0%	-3%

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**F.9.15 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile**  
18 year old applicants as a proportion of the 18 year old population



**F.9.16 Application rates for 18 year olds by UK country of domicile**  
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Domicile and age group		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
England	18	31.2%	33.7%	34.6%	32.9%	33.8%	35.1%	35.8%	36.9%	37.5%	37.8%
Northern Ireland	18	44.4%	47.3%	47.7%	46.5%	47.7%	47.3%	48.1%	48.2%	47.6%	47.6%
Scotland	18	27.4%	30.8%	30.7%	30.7%	30.8%	31.5%	32.4%	32.7%	32.8%	32.6%
Wales	18	29.1%	29.8%	29.9%	29.4%	29.1%	30.4%	31.3%	32.6%	32.1%	32.4%

### F.9.17 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 Scotland there is a substantial component (around one third of young full-time higher education) where admissions are not processed through UCAS. Consequently, for Scotland, this report reflects the trends in applications that are recruited through UCAS and not, as elsewhere in the UK, full-time undergraduate study in general.

#### 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.