Sex, area background and ethnic group

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Applicant statistics: June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

Application statistics: June deadline applications, offers, offer rate, average offer rate, percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate, contribution of group to the average offer rate

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken
- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Applicants/placed applicants per 10,000 population figures are reported as 0 if the applicant/placed applicant figures are rounded to 0.
- All statistics related to the offer rate are not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 10. The percentage point difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate is not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 50.
- Offer rates are reported as 0% if there are fewer than 5 offers, and 100% if the number of offers is within 5 of the number of applications. When the offer rate is reported as 0% or 100%, it is reported in italics.

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P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	8,485	7,835	9,440	9,020	9,695	9,590
Placed June deadline applicants	1,545	1,255	1,510	1,670	1,845	1,830
All placed applicants	1,785	1,580	1,715	1,890	2,075	2,040
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	111.5	104.0	123.2	120.4	130.9	132.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	20.3	16.7	19.7	22.3	24.9	25.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	23.5	21.0	22.4	25.2	28.0	28.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	8,760	8,080	9,740	9,315	9,965	9,920
Offers	7,975	7,200	8,355	8,495	9,095	9,025
Offer rate	91.0%	89.1%	85.8%	91.2%	91.3%	91.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	4,255	3,850	4,675	4,535	5,060	4,965
	Women	4,230	3,985	4,770	4,485	4,635	4,625
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	750	640	730	800	910	935
	Women	795	615	780	865	935	895
All placed applicants	Men	875	815	835	935	1,025	1,065
	Women	910	765	880	955	1,050	980
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	109.0	99.5	119.1	118.1	133.2	134.0
	Women	114.1	108.8	127.6	122.7	128.4	131.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	19.2	16.5	18.7	20.9	24.0	25.3
	Women	21.5	16.8	20.8	23.7	25.9	25.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	22.4	21.1	21.3	24.3	26.9	28.7
	Women	24.6	20.8	23.6	26.2	29.1	27.8

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	4,400	3,985	4,835	4,685	5,180	5,155
	Women	4,360	4,095	4,905	4,630	4,785	4,765
Offers	Men	3,985	3,550	4,195	4,210	4,670	4,600
	Women	3,985	3,650	4,165	4,285	4,430	4,425
Offer rate	Men	90.6%	89.0%	86.7%	89.8%	90.1%	89.3%
	Women	91.5%	89.2%	84.9%	92.5%	92.5%	92.8%
Average offer rate	Men	90.9%	89.3%	87.0%	90.3%	90.4%	89.5%
	Women	91.1%	88.9%	84.6%	92.1%	92.2%	92.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3
	Women	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.651	0.649	0.651	0.653	0.667	0.658
	Women	0.647	0.658	0.656	0.649	0.640	0.631

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.
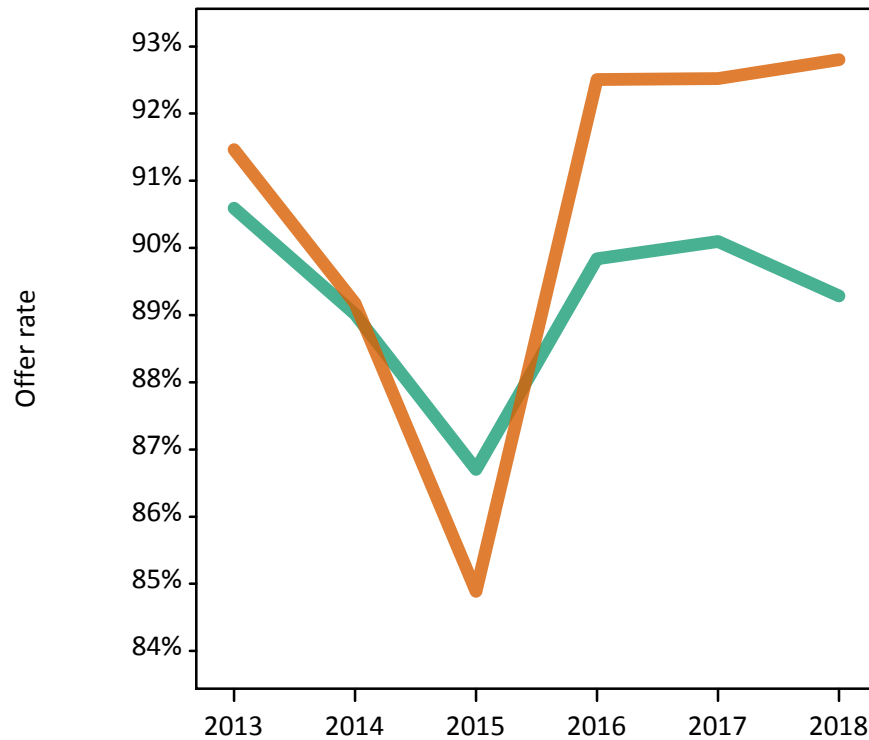
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	670	625	855	805	885	810
	Quintile 2	1,195	1,195	1,435	1,360	1,435	1,405
	Quintile 3	1,570	1,430	1,685	1,720	1,780	1,805
	Quintile 4	2,045	1,875	2,290	2,165	2,340	2,330
	Quintile 5	3,000	2,690	3,160	2,955	3,245	3,215
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	135	100	120	140	155	135
	Quintile 2	215	190	240	240	275	245
	Quintile 3	300	265	265	345	350	345
	Quintile 4	380	285	385	420	450	470
	Quintile 5	515	410	495	525	615	630
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	150	120	140	155	170	150
	Quintile 2	250	240	265	270	305	275
	Quintile 3	345	320	300	390	385	385
	Quintile 4	420	360	430	465	515	520
	Quintile 5	620	535	580	605	700	705
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	47.5	44.6	60.3	59.0	66.3	62.2
	Quintile 2	82.3	83.3	98.2	96.0	102.8	103.7
	Quintile 3	105.7	97.6	112.5	117.4	122.7	127.9
	Quintile 4	132.8	122.8	148.0	142.0	154.6	157.8
	Quintile 5	174.1	158.0	182.0	171.2	189.4	191.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.5	7.2	8.6	10.4	11.6	10.4
	Quintile 2	14.9	13.4	16.6	17.0	19.7	18.2
	Quintile 3	20.2	18.0	17.5	23.4	24.3	24.5
	Quintile 4	24.6	18.8	25.0	27.4	29.8	31.9
	Quintile 5	30.0	24.1	28.4	30.3	35.9	37.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	10.6	8.6	9.7	11.3	12.7	11.5
	Quintile 2	17.1	16.6	18.2	19.0	21.7	20.2
	Quintile 3	23.2	21.8	20.1	26.5	26.6	27.2
	Quintile 4	27.4	23.6	27.6	30.6	33.9	35.3
	Quintile 5	36.0	31.5	33.4	35.2	40.9	42.0

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	700	635	885	830	920	830
	Quintile 2	1,235	1,225	1,480	1,395	1,485	1,450
	Quintile 3	1,625	1,480	1,750	1,780	1,815	1,880
	Quintile 4	2,100	1,945	2,375	2,255	2,400	2,415
	Quintile 5	3,090	2,765	3,235	3,040	3,335	3,315
Offers	Quintile 1	610	540	735	720	790	725
	Quintile 2	1,090	1,075	1,220	1,235	1,340	1,310
	Quintile 3	1,455	1,315	1,515	1,610	1,640	1,695
	Quintile 4	1,915	1,725	2,035	2,060	2,185	2,210
	Quintile 5	2,890	2,520	2,840	2,850	3,130	3,060
Offer rate	Quintile 1	87.7%	84.6%	83.0%	86.7%	86.3%	87.4%
	Quintile 2	88.3%	87.8%	82.4%	88.3%	90.2%	90.2%
	Quintile 3	89.6%	88.9%	86.4%	90.6%	90.4%	90.2%
	Quintile 4	91.2%	88.7%	85.7%	91.5%	91.0%	91.6%
	Quintile 5	93.5%	91.1%	87.8%	93.8%	93.8%	92.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	87.5%	86.7%	84.4%	87.8%	87.4%	88.8%
	Quintile 2	89.1%	88.2%	83.3%	89.4%	90.3%	90.3%
	Quintile 3	90.0%	89.3%	86.0%	90.5%	90.9%	90.1%
	Quintile 4	90.8%	88.6%	85.3%	91.3%	91.0%	91.3%
	Quintile 5	93.3%	90.3%	87.5%	93.3%	93.2%	92.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.2	-2.1	-1.4	-1.1	-1.1	-1.4
	Quintile 2	-0.8	-0.4	-0.9	-1.0	-0.0	-0.1
	Quintile 3	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.0
	Quintile 4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.3
	Quintile 5	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.182	0.186	0.192	0.179	0.205	0.169
	Quintile 2	0.230	0.238	0.251	0.239	0.227	0.215
	Quintile 3	0.266	0.272	0.250	0.267	0.264	0.248
	Quintile 4	0.313	0.317	0.311	0.313	0.311	0.299
	Quintile 5	0.431	0.423	0.408	0.404	0.408	0.394

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

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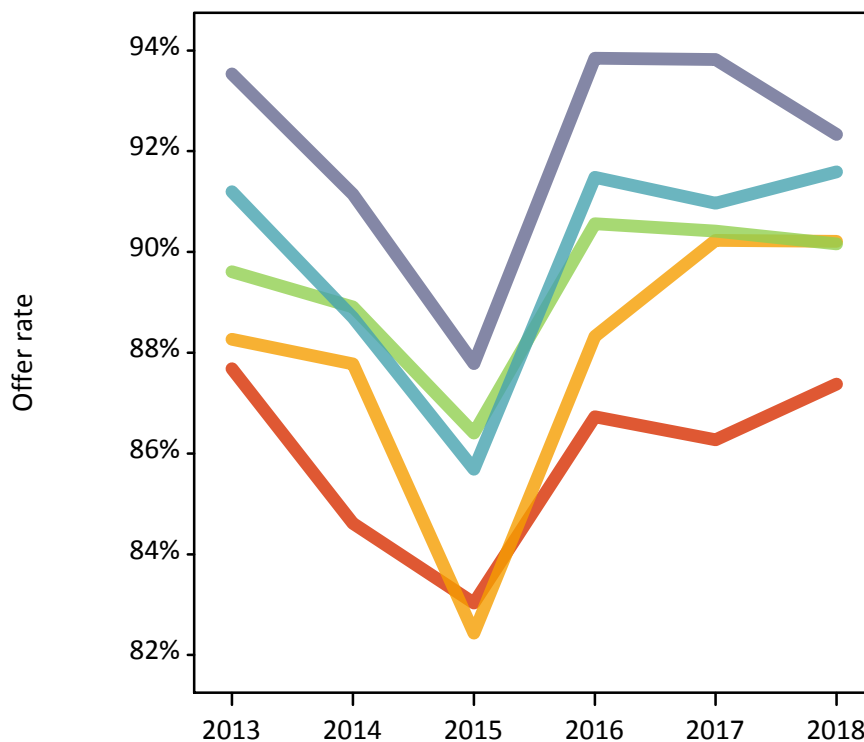
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.
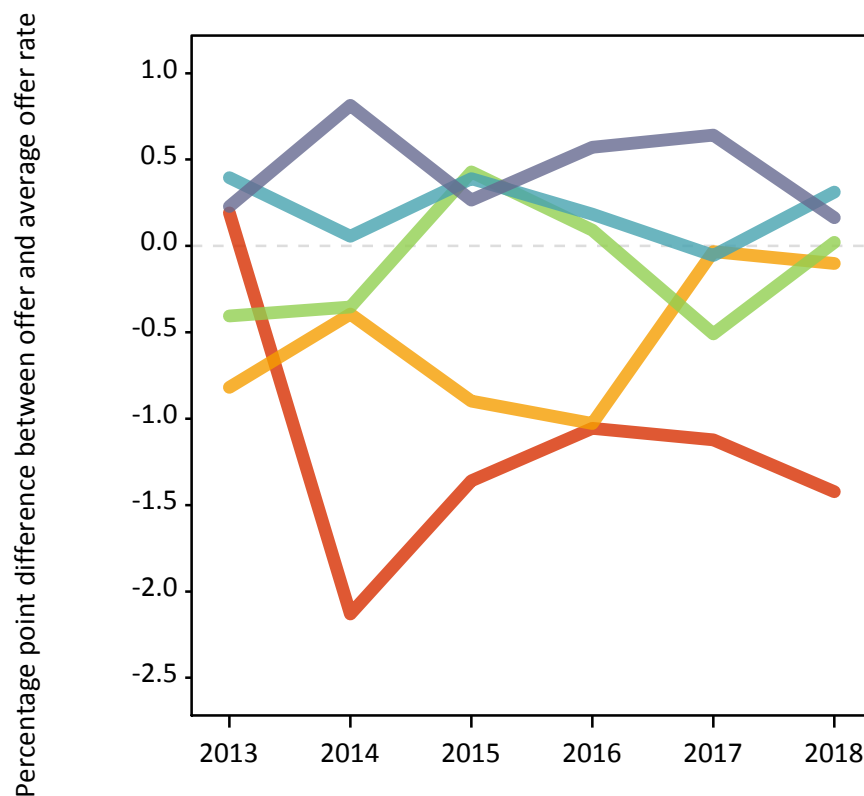
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P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	625	650	945	790	995	950
	Black	235	260	295	265	320	330
	Mixed	260	235	320	300	385	350
	White	7,280	6,610	7,740	7,535	7,845	7,800
	Other	35	50	80	75	85	85
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	60	70	90	90	110	120
	Black	35	25	25	25	30	30
	Mixed	35	45	50	35	60	50
	White	1,410	1,110	1,335	1,505	1,615	1,605
	Other	5	5	5	5	10	15
All placed applicants	Asian	85	110	115	120	150	175
	Black	45	45	40	40	50	45
	Mixed	40	60	65	45	70	60
	White	1,605	1,350	1,480	1,665	1,770	1,735
	Other	5	5	10	10	10	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	94.5	95.6	133.5	110.1	135.1	128.1
	Black	79.8	85.8	93.0	85.3	101.4	105.5
	Mixed	95.4	81.3	103.5	96.0	119.9	108.1
	White	115.7	107.2	124.2	124.6	132.2	135.9
	Other	39.7	53.7	82.0	75.4	84.5	82.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	8.8	10.0	12.6	12.2	15.1	16.2
	Black	11.5	8.9	8.2	8.0	9.2	10.3
	Mixed	12.2	15.3	15.6	11.1	18.7	15.2
	White	22.4	18.0	21.4	24.9	27.2	28.0
	Other	4.4	5.4	7.3	7.0	7.8	13.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	12.7	16.5	16.0	16.4	20.3	23.5
	Black	14.8	14.8	12.3	13.1	16.2	14.4
	Mixed	15.2	20.9	20.4	14.0	22.1	19.2
	White	25.5	21.9	23.8	27.5	29.8	30.2
	Other	4.4	6.4	11.4	11.1	10.7	15.2

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P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	630	665	960	810	1,010	965
	Black	235	260	300	270	320	330
	Mixed	260	240	320	310	390	355
	White	7,545	6,830	8,015	7,800	8,090	8,105
	Other	35	50	80	75	85	90
Offers	Asian	485	500	655	660	835	810
	Black	195	195	205	215	250	270
	Mixed	235	210	270	280	345	310
	White	6,985	6,225	7,130	7,225	7,540	7,500
	Other	30	35	45	65	65	70
Offer rate	Asian	76.9%	75.3%	68.2%	81.9%	82.4%	83.6%
	Black	82.7%	75.5%	69.0%	79.6%	78.5%	82.4%
	Mixed	89.3%	88.2%	83.8%	90.9%	88.4%	86.5%
	White	92.6%	91.1%	88.9%	92.7%	93.2%	92.5%
	Other	83.3%	70.6%	58.8%	85.7%	73.6%	78.4%
Average offer rate	Asian	79.7%	77.2%	70.6%	84.6%	84.2%	84.7%
	Black	84.2%	77.7%	71.5%	83.5%	81.0%	83.6%
	Mixed	89.9%	88.5%	83.8%	91.3%	90.5%	87.6%
	White	92.3%	90.8%	88.5%	92.2%	92.7%	92.3%
	Other	86.2%	73.1%	64.7%	83.5%	81.4%	84.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-2.7	-1.8	-2.4	-2.6	-1.8	-1.1
	Black	-1.5	-2.2	-2.5	-4.0	-2.5	-1.2
	Mixed	-0.6	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	-2.0	-1.1
	White	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
	Other	N/A	-2.5	-6.0	2.2	-7.8	-5.8
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.231	0.242	0.241	0.222	0.247	0.219
	Black	0.156	0.215	0.159	0.173	0.160	0.128
	Mixed	0.144	0.137	0.135	0.132	0.139	0.117
	White	0.886	0.877	0.857	0.866	0.845	0.845
	Other	0.102	0.197	0.114	0.174	0.102	0.079

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	11,160	10,870	13,085	12,100	12,655	12,545
Placed June deadline applicants	2,020	1,710	2,020	2,195	2,375	2,345
All placed applicants	2,340	2,120	2,305	2,485	2,675	2,635

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	11,605	11,275	13,545	12,560	13,090	13,050
Offers	9,760	9,190	10,630	10,715	11,280	11,190
Offer rate	84.1%	81.5%	78.5%	85.3%	86.2%	85.7%

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P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	5,635	5,450	6,665	6,215	6,765	6,655
	Women	5,525	5,425	6,420	5,885	5,890	5,890
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	995	875	1,030	1,095	1,205	1,240
	Women	1,025	830	990	1,105	1,175	1,105
All placed applicants	Men	1,170	1,105	1,175	1,270	1,355	1,405
	Women	1,170	1,015	1,130	1,215	1,320	1,230

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	5,875	5,665	6,920	6,435	6,985	6,935
	Women	5,730	5,605	6,620	6,120	6,105	6,115
Offers	Men	4,910	4,595	5,540	5,420	5,935	5,830
	Women	4,850	4,590	5,090	5,290	5,350	5,355
Offer rate	Men	83.6%	81.1%	80.0%	84.2%	85.0%	84.1%
	Women	84.7%	81.9%	76.9%	86.5%	87.6%	87.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	935	975	1,255	1,165	1,220	1,130
	Quintile 2	1,630	1,690	2,025	1,840	1,900	1,890
	Quintile 3	2,080	2,035	2,400	2,330	2,375	2,360
	Quintile 4	2,705	2,600	3,150	2,890	3,040	3,080
	Quintile 5	3,790	3,540	4,225	3,845	4,095	4,040
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	175	155	175	200	205	180
	Quintile 2	295	270	325	320	360	330
	Quintile 3	395	350	375	445	455	440
	Quintile 4	475	395	495	540	585	605
	Quintile 5	685	530	640	685	770	785
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	190	185	205	225	225	200
	Quintile 2	340	330	360	355	400	370
	Quintile 3	460	415	425	505	500	490
	Quintile 4	535	495	560	610	665	675
	Quintile 5	815	690	750	790	880	895

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	990	1,005	1,310	1,220	1,270	1,170
	Quintile 2	1,690	1,745	2,100	1,890	1,975	1,960
	Quintile 3	2,180	2,110	2,495	2,425	2,445	2,475
	Quintile 4	2,790	2,725	3,280	3,015	3,150	3,215
	Quintile 5	3,940	3,660	4,330	3,975	4,225	4,185
Offers	Quintile 1	770	755	975	950	1,035	920
	Quintile 2	1,365	1,385	1,580	1,565	1,665	1,645
	Quintile 3	1,795	1,690	1,950	2,060	2,050	2,100
	Quintile 4	2,340	2,215	2,550	2,585	2,700	2,780
	Quintile 5	3,475	3,125	3,550	3,535	3,815	3,715
Offer rate	Quintile 1	77.9%	75.1%	74.5%	77.9%	81.5%	78.7%
	Quintile 2	80.7%	79.3%	75.2%	82.7%	84.4%	83.9%
	Quintile 3	82.5%	80.2%	78.1%	84.9%	83.8%	84.7%
	Quintile 4	83.8%	81.2%	77.7%	85.7%	85.7%	86.4%
	Quintile 5	88.2%	85.4%	82.0%	88.9%	90.3%	88.8%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,020	1,120	1,605	1,315	1,450	1,490
	Black	425	470	575	495	550	550
	Mixed	365	365	475	435	505	485
	White	9,175	8,760	10,175	9,630	9,875	9,755
	Other	90	95	145	130	170	150
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	85	100	125	150	165	185
	Black	55	45	40	45	55	50
	Mixed	50	65	65	60	80	75
	White	1,815	1,490	1,765	1,915	2,035	1,990
	Other	10	10	10	10	15	25
All placed applicants	Asian	130	165	160	200	220	265
	Black	70	70	60	65	80	70
	Mixed	60	85	85	75	95	90
	White	2,055	1,790	1,965	2,110	2,225	2,160
	Other	10	10	15	20	20	30

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	1,040	1,145	1,635	1,345	1,480	1,525
	Black	430	475	585	505	550	555
	Mixed	370	380	480	445	510	500
	White	9,590	9,115	10,585	10,030	10,260	10,200
	Other	90	95	145	135	175	155
Offers	Asian	685	735	955	1,005	1,130	1,155
	Black	295	290	335	325	390	390
	Mixed	300	300	350	375	425	410
	White	8,355	7,765	8,825	8,835	9,140	9,030
	Other	60	60	85	105	115	105
Offer rate	Asian	66.1%	63.9%	58.5%	74.8%	76.3%	75.7%
	Black	69.4%	61.4%	57.6%	64.5%	70.7%	70.3%
	Mixed	80.9%	78.9%	72.7%	84.7%	82.8%	82.2%
	White	87.1%	85.2%	83.3%	88.1%	89.1%	88.5%
	Other	65.2%	63.5%	59.7%	76.3%	65.5%	69.5%

Technical Notes and Definitions

UCAS undergraduate scheme

Adjustment
Adjustment allows applicants who have met and exceeded the terms of their conditional firm offer to seek and find a place at another provider whilst keeping their place at their original firm choice provider.

Clearing
Clearing is a route for applicants that are not placed and holding no offers to find a place on courses with vacancies.

Cycle year
The UCAS application cycle which runs from September to October the following year. For example the 2018 cycle runs from September 2017 through to October 2018.

End of cycle
The point in the cycle to which the numbers in this report refer, and the point at which the cycle is closed such that no more applications or offers can be made, and no more applicants can be placed. Numbers reported at the end of cycle exclude information on a small number of applicants who cancelled during the cycle.

Extra
Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining an offer or decline all offers may be eligible to apply through Extra, where they can apply to one further course at a time. Extra operates from 25 February until early July. It provides applicants who are eligible the possibility of obtaining an offer before exam results are published and Clearing starts.

June 30 deadline
The deadline for main scheme applications. Applicants who apply after this date will go directly into Clearing.

Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA)
RPA is an acceptance route used when a provider informs UCAS of applicants it has accepted outside of the normal application process (e.g. individuals who have applied directly to the provider).

Reporting groups

Ethnic group
High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', 'Other', 'Unknown'. Applicants who declare themselves as 'Unknown' ethnic origin are not reported in these tables, but are included in the associated csv data file.

POLAR4 quintile
Developed by OfS, POLAR4 classifies small areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in Higher Education. 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 based on the participation rates of young people between between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, therefore is most suitable for applicants aged 19 and under. These groups are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant at the time of their application. If a UK postcode is invalid, considered unsafe for measurement or there is no link to Census geography possible then the applicant is not assigned to a quintile. Applicants with no POLAR4 quintile are not reported.

Sex
Sex as declared by the applicant.

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation amongst 6505 small areas (data zones) based on 7 socio-economic domains. These small areas are classified into five groups ranked from Quintile 1 (considered the most deprived) to Quintile 5 (considered least deprived), with equal populations in each quintile. Quintiles are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant, applicants declaring invalid postcodes are classified as 'Not assigned' and are not reported.

SIMD is only defined for applicants domiciled in Scotland, therefore any applicants domiciled outside of Scotland cannot be assigned to an SIMD quintile and so are not reported for this measure.

SIMD is only reported for providers in Scotland. Application and entry rates by SIMD are reported in the 2018 End of Cycle Report and the 2018 cycle January deadline application rate report.

Statistics reported in the tables

All placed applicants
The number of applicants placed for entry into higher education at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA.

All placed applicants per 10,000 population
The number of total UK domiciled 18 year old placed applicants for entry into higher education at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Average offer rate
The offer rate that you might expect if the predicted grades and subject choice of applicants were the only factors that influenced whether an applicant was made an offer by the provider. The average offer rate is calculated by dividing applicants according to their specific combination of grades (for A levels the best three predicted grades are used, for BTECs, International Baccalaureate and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, predicted grades along with any grades already achieved upon applying are used) and subject choice. For each combination the number of main scheme offers is divided by the number of main scheme applications, to give an overall offer rate. This is then multiplied by the number of applications made by the group for which the average offer rate is being calculated (for example POLAR4 quintile 1), to give an average number of offers for that group. These average number of offers are then added together across all combinations of predicted grade and subject and divided by the number of main scheme applications from the group to give the average offer rate.

The average offer rate does not attempt to control for any other factors that may play a part in the decision to make an offer, such as the subject of the qualifications studied, their relevance to a course, or the grade in each subject; higher numbers of A levels being studied; the exact profile of grades predicted; personal statements; teacher references; interviews; or any other criteria (such as work experience or portfolios) that may be part of the admissions decision.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Contribution of group to the average offer rate

The way in which the average offer rate is defined means that the pattern of application and offers of a group (for example POLAR4 quintile 1) will always contribute, in part, to the average offer rate for that group. When this contribution is large, the average offer rate will mainly reflect the patterns for the group, meaning that the value of the average offer rate will be similar to the offer rate, the percentage point difference statistic will be small, and any real difference between the offer rate and what might be expected given the predicted grades and subject choices of the applicants will be difficult to detect.

Values of the contribution of group to the average offer rate range between 0 and 1. The closer the value is to 1 the greater the contribution a group makes to its own average offer rate.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Placed June deadline applicants

An applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education at the provider through a June deadline application.

Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old placed June deadline applicants at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their June deadline applications. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider, but for placed June deadline applicants only. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider through a June deadline application.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

June deadline applications

An application (or choice) to a course in higher education to the provider that is made by the June 30 deadline. Each applicant can make up to five choices this way. The number of June deadline applications does not include choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs. Applications made to October deadline courses received after the October deadline are not included in these statistics.

June deadline applicants

The number of applicants that made at least one application to the provider by the June 30 deadline.

June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old June deadline applicants to the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, who applied by the June 30 deadline. It is equivalent to the application rate. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will apply to a provider by the June 30 deadline.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Offers

An offer is defined as a provider's decision in response to an application to offer a place to an applicant, often subject to the applicant satisfying academic and/or other criteria, via a June deadline application (i.e. does not cover choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs).

Offer rate

The number of offers made divided by the number of June deadline applications. This gives the proportion of all June deadline applications to the provider that received an offer.

The offer rate minus the average offer rate.

The percentage point difference can be compared to the expected range of statistical variation resulting from the calculation of the average offer rate using the Average Offer Rate Lookup Table. Where the value of the percentage point difference lies outside of this range, the percentage point difference may be considered to represent a real difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate.

Other definitions

Age
This analysis uses country-specific age definitions that align with the cut off points for school and 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 a cohort cut off of 31 August has been used. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

Provider
A higher education provider - a university or college.

UK domiciled
Declared area of permanent residence within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Applicants from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not included.