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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	7,915	7,945	8,295	7,755	7,500	7,360
Placed June deadline applicants	2,720	2,630	2,315	2,395	2,165	2,295
All placed applicants	2,970	2,865	2,420	2,570	2,435	2,540
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	104.0	105.5	108.3	103.5	101.2	101.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	35.8	34.9	30.2	32.0	29.2	31.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	39.1	38.1	31.6	34.3	32.9	35.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	17,100	17,535	18,220	16,710	16,090	15,475
Offers	14,615	15,180	15,710	14,285	13,555	12,860
Offer rate	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.5%	84.2%	83.1%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	3,585	3,580	3,660	3,530	3,425	3,380
	Women	4,335	4,365	4,635	4,225	4,075	3,980
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,295	1,205	1,065	1,170	1,010	1,050
	Women	1,430	1,420	1,250	1,225	1,155	1,245
All placed applicants	Men	1,390	1,320	1,100	1,230	1,125	1,155
	Women	1,580	1,545	1,320	1,340	1,315	1,385
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	91.8	92.5	93.3	91.9	90.2	91.3
	Women	116.9	119.2	124.0	115.7	112.9	113.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	33.1	31.2	27.1	30.5	26.6	28.4
	Women	38.5	38.8	33.4	33.5	32.0	35.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	35.6	34.1	28.1	32.1	29.6	31.2
	Women	42.7	42.2	35.3	36.6	36.4	39.3

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	8,145	8,495	8,660	8,275	7,965	7,700
	Women	8,955	9,040	9,565	8,435	8,125	7,775
Offers	Men	7,410	7,730	7,865	7,410	7,020	6,620
	Women	7,205	7,445	7,850	6,870	6,535	6,235
Offer rate	Men	91.0%	91.0%	90.8%	89.6%	88.1%	86.0%
	Women	80.4%	82.4%	82.1%	81.5%	80.4%	80.2%
Average offer rate	Men	91.1%	91.2%	91.1%	89.9%	88.2%	86.4%
	Women	80.3%	82.2%	81.8%	81.1%	80.3%	79.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
	Women	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.635	0.645	0.637	0.649	0.653	0.654
	Women	0.668	0.666	0.672	0.655	0.660	0.658

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.

Men
Women

Offer rate

92%
90%
88%
86%
84%
82%
80%

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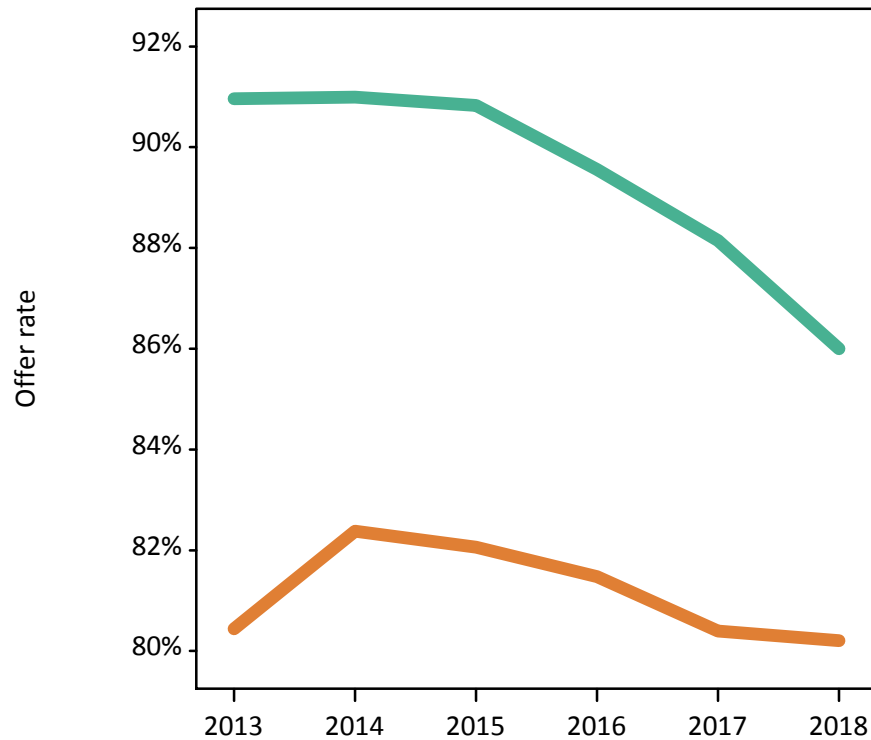
P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2013-2018.
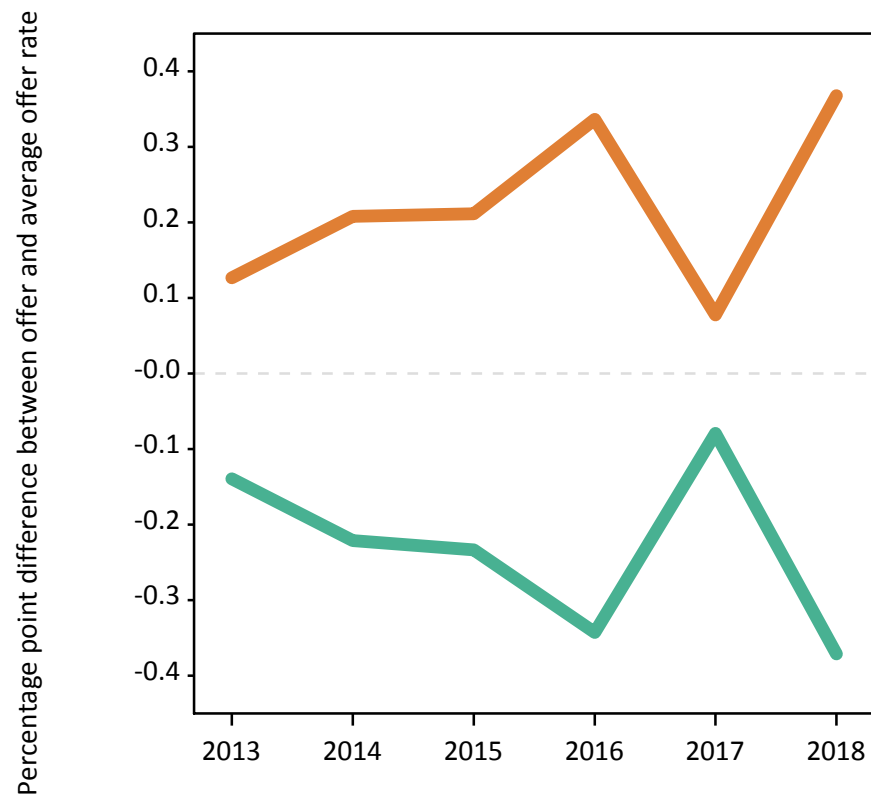
Men
Women

Percentage point difference between offer and average offer rate

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	735	830	925	875	840	840
	Quintile 2	735	775	835	820	795	755
	Quintile 3	1,335	1,395	1,445	1,350	1,375	1,320
	Quintile 4	2,070	2,030	2,170	2,060	1,930	1,925
	Quintile 5	3,025	2,905	2,905	2,640	2,545	2,500
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	255	270	260	260	240	270
	Quintile 2	240	250	220	265	245	215
	Quintile 3	455	470	395	405	400	415
	Quintile 4	740	735	640	680	545	630
	Quintile 5	1,020	895	795	780	730	760
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	280	295	270	275	270	305
	Quintile 2	260	280	225	280	270	240
	Quintile 3	495	510	415	440	455	450
	Quintile 4	805	795	685	725	615	705
	Quintile 5	1,125	980	825	845	825	835
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	52.1	58.9	65.4	64.2	62.8	64.6
	Quintile 2	50.7	54.1	57.1	57.6	56.9	55.6
	Quintile 3	89.7	95.3	96.3	92.2	94.9	93.5
	Quintile 4	134.4	133.1	140.2	135.2	127.6	130.3
	Quintile 5	175.6	170.7	167.3	153.0	148.5	148.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	18.0	19.2	18.4	19.1	18.0	20.8
	Quintile 2	16.7	17.6	14.9	18.7	17.6	15.8
	Quintile 3	30.7	32.0	26.3	27.6	27.5	29.3
	Quintile 4	48.1	48.1	41.3	44.6	36.0	42.6
	Quintile 5	59.3	52.7	45.8	45.3	42.7	45.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	19.9	21.0	19.1	20.1	20.1	23.3
	Quintile 2	17.9	19.4	15.3	19.9	19.2	17.7
	Quintile 3	33.4	34.8	27.7	30.1	31.4	31.9
	Quintile 4	52.2	52.3	44.2	47.7	40.7	47.9
	Quintile 5	65.3	57.5	47.4	48.9	48.2	49.5

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,670	1,835	2,125	1,855	1,870	1,790
	Quintile 2	1,565	1,740	1,835	1,810	1,715	1,540
	Quintile 3	2,840	3,150	3,125	2,930	2,895	2,795
	Quintile 4	4,630	4,565	4,785	4,540	4,275	4,140
	Quintile 5	6,360	6,205	6,320	5,535	5,300	5,150
Offers	Quintile 1	1,355	1,545	1,785	1,455	1,505	1,435
	Quintile 2	1,310	1,480	1,565	1,585	1,430	1,220
	Quintile 3	2,395	2,710	2,630	2,510	2,450	2,310
	Quintile 4	3,975	3,980	4,130	3,865	3,555	3,455
	Quintile 5	5,540	5,435	5,570	4,845	4,580	4,395
Offer rate	Quintile 1	81.1%	84.1%	83.9%	78.4%	80.5%	80.1%
	Quintile 2	83.8%	85.0%	85.2%	87.5%	83.4%	79.1%
	Quintile 3	84.4%	85.9%	84.2%	85.6%	84.6%	82.6%
	Quintile 4	85.9%	87.2%	86.4%	85.1%	83.2%	83.4%
	Quintile 5	87.1%	87.6%	88.1%	87.5%	86.4%	85.4%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	83.0%	85.4%	85.2%	81.2%	81.6%	81.8%
	Quintile 2	85.0%	85.7%	86.7%	87.0%	83.9%	80.9%
	Quintile 3	84.6%	86.4%	84.9%	85.6%	84.4%	82.4%
	Quintile 4	85.5%	86.7%	85.9%	84.9%	83.8%	82.9%
	Quintile 5	86.5%	87.1%	87.3%	86.9%	85.4%	84.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.9	-1.3	-1.3	-2.8	-1.1	-1.7
	Quintile 2	-1.2	-0.7	-1.5	0.5	-0.6	-1.8
	Quintile 3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.2
	Quintile 4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.6
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.187	0.190	0.203	0.190	0.190	0.180
	Quintile 2	0.154	0.169	0.164	0.163	0.167	0.151
	Quintile 3	0.224	0.236	0.223	0.228	0.236	0.216
	Quintile 4	0.325	0.316	0.313	0.321	0.317	0.304
	Quintile 5	0.423	0.407	0.401	0.383	0.380	0.374

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
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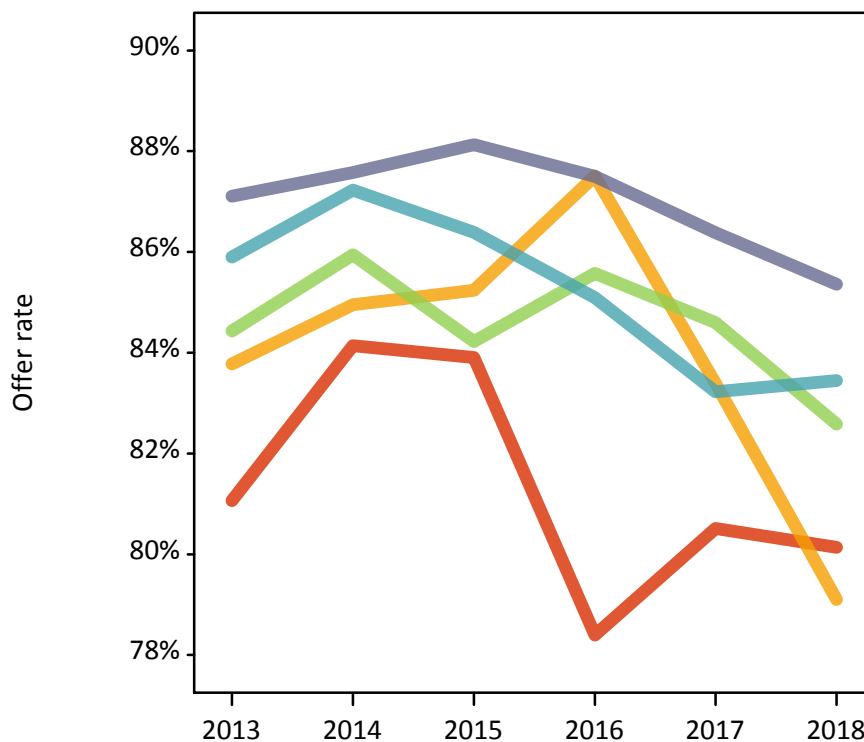
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
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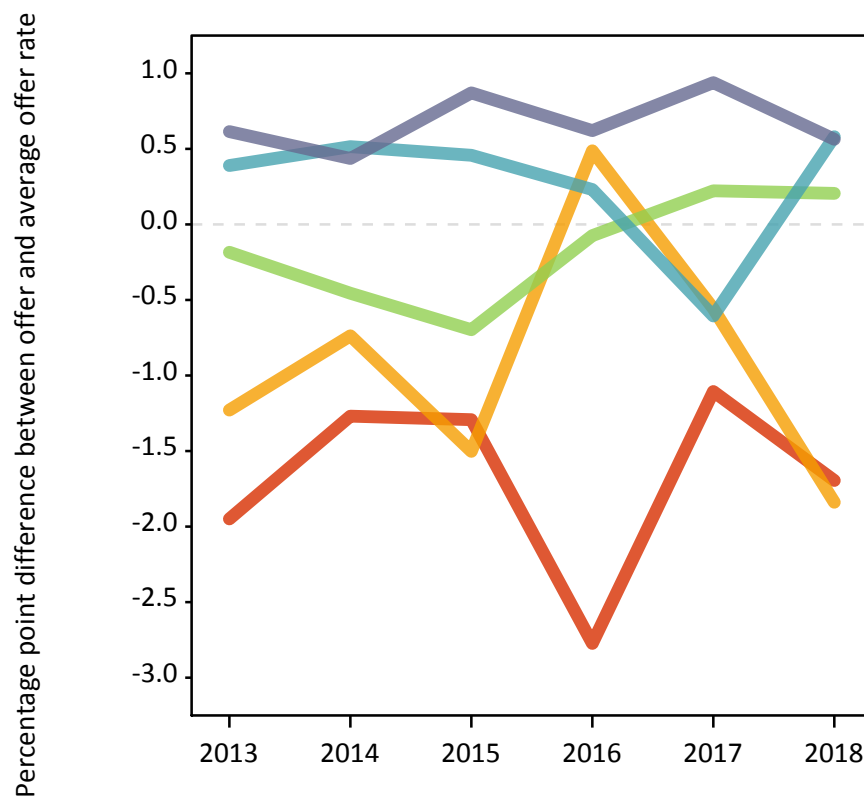
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	65	100	85	100	100	110
	Black	20	30	25	20	20	25
	Mixed	45	55	45	50	50	80
	White	7,775	7,745	8,120	7,565	7,295	7,120
	Other	5	10	5	5	5	15
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	15	15	20	15	15	20
	Black	0	5	0	5	5	5
	Mixed	10	10	15	10	10	20
	White	2,695	2,595	2,275	2,360	2,125	2,240
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	5
All placed applicants	Asian	15	15	20	20	20	25
	Black	0	5	0	5	5	10
	Mixed	10	15	15	15	10	20
	White	2,940	2,825	2,380	2,530	2,390	2,480
	Other	0	5	0	0	0	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	9.6	14.9	11.9	13.6	13.9	15.0
	Black	6.4	10.2	7.2	6.1	6.7	8.3
	Mixed	15.9	19.5	15.2	16.5	16.2	24.2
	White	123.6	125.6	130.3	125.1	123.0	124.0
	Other	6.6	9.7	5.2	7.0	5.8	12.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2.1	2.2	3.0	2.2	2.3	2.8
	Black	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3	2.2
	Mixed	3.0	3.8	4.5	3.2	2.5	6.2
	White	42.8	42.0	36.5	39.1	35.8	39.0
	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.6
	Black	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.0	1.3	2.6
	Mixed	3.3	4.9	4.5	4.1	2.8	6.2
	White	46.7	45.8	38.2	41.8	40.3	43.2
	Other	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	105	170	140	150	170	165
	Black	25	45	35	35	25	45
	Mixed	75	85	80	85	85	120
	White	16,865	17,205	17,920	16,400	15,755	15,105
	Other	5	20	10	10	10	20
Offers	Asian	90	135	120	120	135	135
	Black	20	40	30	20	20	30
	Mixed	70	80	70	75	65	90
	White	14,410	14,910	15,450	14,035	13,290	12,565
	Other	5	15	10	5	5	15
Offer rate	Asian	84.0%	77.8%	84.4%	79.5%	78.8%	81.1%
	Black	100.0%	80.9%	86.1%	63.6%	76.0%	65.9%
	Mixed	93.3%	100.0%	92.3%	87.1%	78.6%	76.3%
	White	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%	83.2%
	Other	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	81.3%	81.3%	83.5%	80.9%	76.7%	79.0%
	Black	90.0%	80.0%	87.4%	71.2%	78.0%	76.3%
	Mixed	92.5%	90.7%	89.3%	84.5%	82.2%	79.6%
	White	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%	85.6%	84.3%	83.2%
	Other	N/A	72.0%	72.7%	52.0%	85.1%	77.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	2.6	-3.5	0.9	-1.4	2.1	2.1
	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mixed	0.8	9.3	3.1	2.6	-3.7	-3.3
	White	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.103	0.081	0.095	0.126	0.127	0.125
	Black	0.086	0.172	0.141	0.100	0.103	0.060
	Mixed	0.079	0.109	0.074	0.068	0.084	0.063
	White	0.988	0.983	0.985	0.983	0.982	0.978
	Other	N/A	0.104	0.043	0.200	0.025	0.123

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	13,915	14,265	15,035	14,335	13,525	13,140
Placed June deadline applicants	5,035	4,915	4,760	4,855	4,360	4,535
All placed applicants	5,595	5,840	5,100	5,245	4,940	5,045

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	29,285	30,850	32,005	30,460	28,700	27,325
Offers	23,125	24,525	25,440	24,085	22,525	21,350
Offer rate	79.0%	79.5%	79.5%	79.1%	78.5%	78.1%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Men	6,215	6,405	6,690	6,535	6,120	5,915
	Women	7,700	7,860	8,340	7,795	7,405	7,225
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,425	2,395	2,270	2,415	2,045	2,140
	Women	2,610	2,520	2,490	2,440	2,315	2,395
All placed applicants	Men	2,645	2,885	2,395	2,560	2,285	2,355
	Women	2,950	2,955	2,705	2,680	2,660	2,690

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Men	13,910	14,990	15,400	15,105	14,050	13,385
	Women	15,375	15,855	16,605	15,355	14,650	13,940
Offers	Men	11,980	12,895	13,185	12,760	11,765	11,120
	Women	11,145	11,630	12,255	11,325	10,755	10,230
Offer rate	Men	86.1%	86.0%	85.6%	84.5%	83.8%	83.1%
	Women	72.5%	73.4%	73.8%	73.7%	73.4%	73.4%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,645	1,780	1,865	1,845	1,770	1,690
	Quintile 2	1,400	1,535	1,625	1,610	1,505	1,445
	Quintile 3	2,380	2,535	2,660	2,560	2,470	2,330
	Quintile 4	3,550	3,545	3,840	3,610	3,445	3,430
	Quintile 5	4,920	4,840	5,000	4,685	4,305	4,195
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	600	590	570	565	545	560
	Quintile 2	470	505	470	570	500	480
	Quintile 3	850	900	830	865	805	815
	Quintile 4	1,320	1,310	1,310	1,300	1,125	1,235
	Quintile 5	1,785	1,605	1,560	1,545	1,380	1,435
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	655	660	595	605	615	615
	Quintile 2	525	620	505	600	540	530
	Quintile 3	960	1,050	895	950	930	905
	Quintile 4	1,455	1,555	1,425	1,400	1,280	1,400
	Quintile 5	1,985	1,940	1,660	1,675	1,565	1,585

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	3,575	3,835	4,065	3,780	3,735	3,465
	Quintile 2	2,875	3,315	3,465	3,425	3,215	2,935
	Quintile 3	4,900	5,530	5,575	5,475	5,190	4,915
	Quintile 4	7,700	7,850	8,300	7,855	7,445	7,250
	Quintile 5	10,185	10,255	10,515	9,855	9,055	8,670
Offers	Quintile 1	2,685	2,955	3,100	2,780	2,785	2,580
	Quintile 2	2,190	2,575	2,695	2,725	2,465	2,210
	Quintile 3	3,795	4,420	4,370	4,295	4,070	3,825
	Quintile 4	6,110	6,225	6,635	6,235	5,805	5,670
	Quintile 5	8,305	8,310	8,580	8,000	7,355	7,000
Offer rate	Quintile 1	75.1%	77.0%	76.3%	73.6%	74.6%	74.4%
	Quintile 2	76.2%	77.7%	77.8%	79.6%	76.7%	75.3%
	Quintile 3	77.4%	79.9%	78.4%	78.4%	78.4%	77.8%
	Quintile 4	79.3%	79.3%	79.9%	79.4%	77.9%	78.2%
	Quintile 5	81.5%	81.1%	81.6%	81.2%	81.2%	80.8%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applicants	Asian	165	245	455	235	215	230
	Black	110	145	135	95	80	90
	Mixed	90	105	110	100	115	135
	White	13,495	13,720	14,210	13,835	13,045	12,620
	Other	30	25	50	30	25	20
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	40	60	190	50	40	50
	Black	20	45	30	20	15	20
	Mixed	20	30	35	25	30	35
	White	4,945	4,765	4,475	4,735	4,260	4,405
	Other	5	5	10	10	5	5
All placed applicants	Asian	50	205	195	65	55	65
	Black	20	155	35	20	15	25
	Mixed	20	45	35	30	30	40
	White	5,485	5,385	4,770	5,095	4,815	4,895
	Other	5	40	15	10	10	5

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June deadline applications	Asian	270	350	595	370	360	345
	Black	145	205	175	140	125	150
	Mixed	150	160	185	180	200	210
	White	28,635	30,055	30,865	29,635	27,890	26,510
	Other	40	45	75	45	40	30
Offers	Asian	210	270	410	270	255	275
	Black	95	135	95	90	65	95
	Mixed	130	145	150	145	140	165
	White	22,630	23,915	24,670	23,475	21,960	20,735
	Other	30	30	40	30	35	25
Offer rate	Asian	77.9%	77.3%	68.7%	73.7%	70.7%	79.6%
	Black	64.4%	67.2%	55.4%	62.4%	50.0%	62.8%
	Mixed	87.9%	89.9%	81.5%	81.1%	70.4%	78.8%
	White	79.0%	79.6%	79.9%	79.2%	78.7%	78.2%
	Other	70.7%	74.4%	52.0%	69.8%	85.4%	71.9%

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.

Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate
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.