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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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	12,080	12,540	12,205	11,970	11,670	11,210
Placed June deadline applicants	5,575	5,080	5,130	4,850	4,815	5,100
All placed applicants	5,960	5,340	5,510	5,375	5,370	5,655
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	160.4	163.7	162.8	161.6	161.5	158.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	74.0	66.3	68.5	65.5	66.6	72.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	79.1	69.7	73.5	72.5	74.3	79.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	34,645	35,895	33,765	33,140	32,230	31,355
Offers	29,375	30,105	28,035	27,375	26,445	25,790
Offer rate	84.8%	83.9%	83.0%	82.6%	82.0%	82.3%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	5,355	5,420	5,320	5,185	5,150	4,725
	Women	6,730	7,120	6,885	6,785	6,515	6,485
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,575	2,275	2,395	2,150	2,210	2,270
	Women	3,000	2,800	2,735	2,700	2,600	2,830
All placed applicants	Men	2,745	2,375	2,545	2,355	2,430	2,475
	Women	3,215	2,960	2,965	3,020	2,940	3,180
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	138.3	138.1	138.5	136.5	139.0	130.5
population	Women	183.8	190.6	188.4	188.0	185.2	187.7
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	66.5	58.0	62.4	56.6	59.7	62.7
10,000 population	Women	82.0	75.0	74.9	74.8	73.9	81.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	71.0	60.6	66.3	62.1	65.6	68.3
population	Women	87.8	79.2	81.2	83.6	83.5	92.0

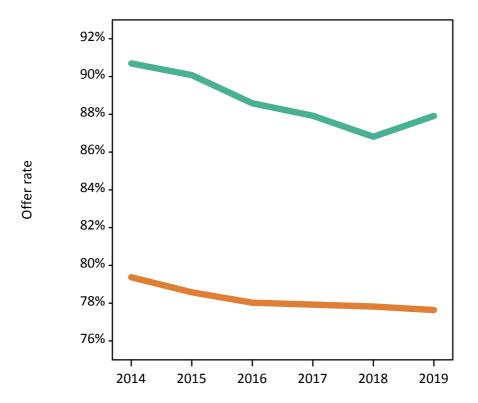
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	16,570	16,495	16,000	15,520	15,150	14,080
	Women	18,075	19,400	17,765	17,615	17,085	17,275
Offers	Men	15,030	14,860	14,170	13,645	13,150	12,380
	Women	14,345	15,245	13,865	13,725	13,295	13,410
Offer rate	Men	90.7%	90.1%	88.6%	87.9%	86.8%	87.9%
	Women	79.4%	78.6%	78.0%	77.9%	77.8%	77.6%
Average offer rate	Men	91.1%	90.4%	89.2%	88.1%	87.3%	88.7%
	Women	79.0%	78.3%	77.4%	77.7%	77.4%	77.0%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.639	0.621	0.633	0.631	0.643	0.625
offer rate	Women	0.669	0.678	0.670	0.675	0.683	0.694

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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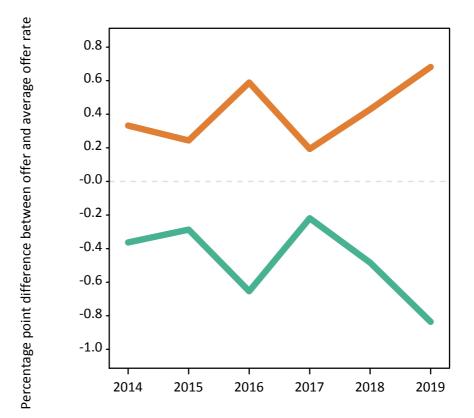




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

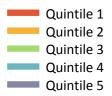
Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,135	1,220	1,180	1,185	1,165	1,125
	Quintile 2	1,140	1,200	1,245	1,195	1,165	1,145
	Quintile 3	2,045	2,110	2,065	2,095	2,005	1,985
	Quintile 4	2,990	3,170	3,140	3,015	2,930	2,810
	Quintile 5	4,745	4,820	4,555	4,455	4,365	4,115
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	480	420	450	445	450	470
	Quintile 2	500	445	500	495	435	500
	Quintile 3	940	885	840	850	850	915
	Quintile 4	1,485	1,375	1,425	1,270	1,290	1,360
	Quintile 5	2,160	1,945	1,905	1,785	1,775	1,840
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	515	445	480	495	520	540
	Quintile 2	535	470	540	535	485	550
	Quintile 3	1,000	930	920	950	945	1,035
	Quintile 4	1,590	1,465	1,530	1,415	1,455	1,480
	Quintile 5	2,310	2,030	2,035	1,975	1,955	2,035
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	80.9	86.0	86.8	88.6	89.4	88.6
population	Quintile 2	79.6	82.3	87.7	85.6	86.1	86.6
	Quintile 3	139.7	140.9	140.9	144.6	142.4	143.9
	Quintile 4	196.2	204.7	205.9	199.5	198.5	193.7
	Quintile 5	279.0	277.5	263.9	259.7	259.2	248.0
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	34.1	29.7	33.1	33.1	34.7	37.0
10,000 population	Quintile 2	34.9	30.6	35.2	35.4	32.2	37.9
	Quintile 3	64.2	59.0	57.2	58.8	60.4	66.2
	Quintile 4	97.4	88.6	93.6	83.9	87.4	93.9
	Quintile 5	126.9	112.1	110.5	104.0	105.5	110.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	36.5	31.3	35.4	36.9	39.9	42.7
population	Quintile 2	37.4	32.0	38.0	38.2	35.8	41.7
	Quintile 3	68.3	61.9	62.6	65.5	67.0	75.0
	Quintile 4	104.2	94.5	100.4	93.6	98.5	102.0
	Quintile 5	135.8	116.8	117.8	115.1	116.2	122.5

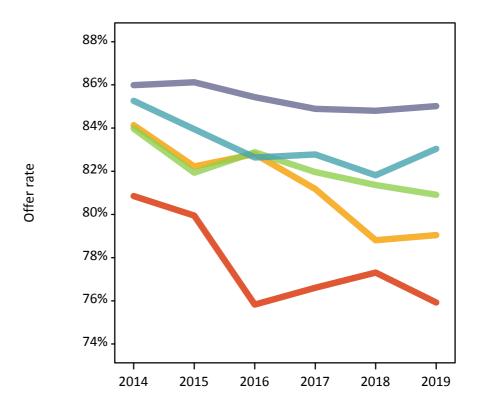
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PC	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	3,245	3,590	3,340	3,360	3,325	3,175
	Quintile 2	3,295	3,385	3,415	3,240	3,095	3,100
	Quintile 3	5,910	6,130	5,750	5,895	5,660	5,545
	Quintile 4	8,815	9,315	9,000	8,715	8,405	8,140
	Quintile 5	13,325	13,415	12,200	11,855	11,635	11,295
Offers	Quintile 1	2,620	2,870	2,530	2,575	2,570	2,410
	Quintile 2	2,775	2,785	2,825	2,630	2,440	2,450
	Quintile 3	4,960	5,025	4,765	4,830	4,605	4,485
	Quintile 4	7,515	7,820	7,440	7,215	6,875	6,760
	Quintile 5	11,460	11,555	10,425	10,065	9,865	9,600
Offer rate	Quintile 1	80.9%	79.9%	75.8%	76.6%	77.3%	75.9%
	Quintile 2	84.1%	82.2%	82.8%	81.2%	78.8%	79.0%
	Quintile 3	84.0%	81.9%	82.9%	82.0%	81.4%	80.9%
	Quintile 4	85.3%	84.0%	82.6%	82.8%	81.8%	83.0%
	Quintile 5	86.0%	86.1%	85.4%	84.9%	84.8%	85.0%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	83.2%	82.0%	78.6%	78.9%	79.7%	78.0%
	Quintile 2	84.5%	83.3%	83.5%	81.6%	80.3%	79.9%
	Quintile 3	84.3%	82.5%	83.0%	82.0%	81.6%	81.2%
	Quintile 4	85.0%	83.6%	82.0%	82.5%	81.4%	82.8%
	Quintile 5	85.4%	85.3%	84.9%	84.3%	83.9%	84.3%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-2.3	-2.1	-2.7	-2.3	-2.4	-2.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.4	-1.1	-0.7	-0.4	-1.5	-0.8
	Quintile 3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
	Quintile 4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
	Quintile 5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.181	0.191	0.182	0.181	0.188	0.195
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.168	0.159	0.165	0.160	0.167	0.165
	Quintile 3	0.228	0.227	0.227	0.237	0.231	0.238
	Quintile 4	0.310	0.312	0.319	0.317	0.312	0.313
	Quintile 5	0.439	0.428	0.416	0.411	0.416	0.417

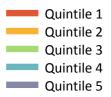
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

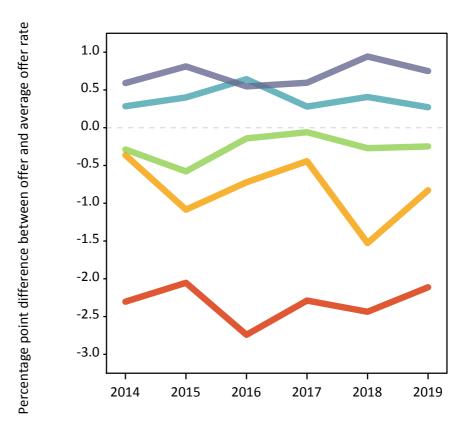
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	11,630	12,045	11,685	11,400	11,030	10,475
	Black	60	55	65	75	75	85
	Asian	205	210	250	245	295	375
	Mixed	135	160	140	165	180	185
	Other	30	30	25	35	40	45
Placed June deadline applicants	White	5,490	4,975	5,025	4,755	4,680	4,975
	Black	10	5	5	10	10	5
	Asian	45	45	55	40	60	65
	Mixed	30	40	30	30	45	30
	Other	5	5	0	5	5	5
All placed applicants	White	5,865	5,230	5,390	5,260	5,215	5,505
	Black	10	10	10	10	15	10
	Asian	45	50	70	50	70	80
	Mixed	30	40	35	35	50	35
	Other	5	5	0	5	5	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	188.5	193.4	193.2	192.1	193.0	189.5
population	Black	20.1	17.6	21.4	24.1	23.3	25.2
	Asian	30.1	30.0	35.0	33.6	39.3	48.1
	Mixed	46.6	52.5	44.2	51.1	55.2	56.5
	Other	31.2	29.0	25.1	34.0	37.3	41.0
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	89.0	79.8	83.1	80.1	81.9	90.0
10,000 population	Black	2.6	1.6	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.1
	Asian	6.3	6.5	7.6	5.4	7.7	8.2
	Mixed	9.7	12.6	10.2	9.0	14.5	9.1
	Other	5.4	4.1	0.0	2.9	5.6	4.5
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	95.0	83.9	89.1	88.7	91.2	99.6
population	Black	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.2	4.0	3.0
	Asian	6.9	6.9	9.4	6.5	9.0	10.1
	Mixed	11.1	12.6	11.4	10.3	16.0	10.3
	Other	6.4	4.1	0.0	3.9	5.6	8.0

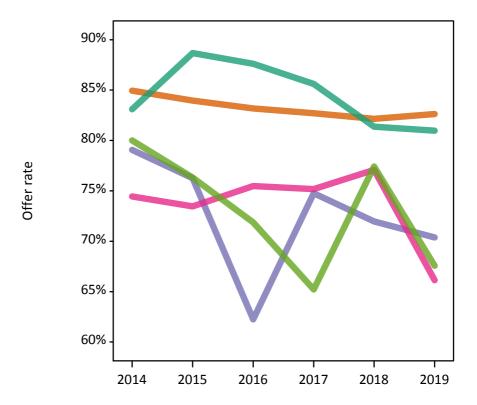
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	33,900	35,065	32,905	32,180	31,195	30,210
	Black	85	80	100	105	105	110
	Asian	355	375	415	425	465	560
	Mixed	220	255	240	280	305	290
	Other	50	40	30	45	60	75
Offers	White	28,795	29,435	27,370	26,615	25,625	24,960
	Black	70	60	60	75	75	75
	Asian	265	275	315	320	360	370
	Mixed	180	225	210	240	250	235
	Other	40	30	25	30	50	50
Offer rate	White	84.9%	83.9%	83.2%	82.7%	82.1%	82.6%
	Black	79.1%	76.3%	62.2%	74.8%	72.0%	70.4%
	Asian	74.4%	73.5%	75.5%	75.2%	77.1%	66.1%
	Mixed	83.1%	88.7%	87.6%	85.6%	81.4%	81.0%
	Other	80.0%	76.3%	71.9%	65.2%	77.4%	67.6%
Average offer rate	White	84.9%	83.9%	83.1%	82.6%	82.1%	82.5%
	Black	80.0%	75.5%	68.8%	80.2%	77.4%	71.4%
	Asian	79.1%	77.1%	80.1%	77.7%	81.1%	72.9%
	Mixed	84.8%	88.4%	86.7%	87.2%	83.2%	83.2%
	Other	81.4%	70.1%	69.6%	72.3%	78.5%	75.3%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-1.0	0.8	-6.6	-5.4	-5.4	-1.1
	Asian	-4.6	-3.7	-4.6	-2.6	-4.0	-6.7
	Mixed	-1.7	0.2	0.9	-1.6	-1.9	-2.2
	Other	-1.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.1	-7.7
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.981	0.979	0.978	0.975	0.972	0.969
offer rate	Black	0.148	0.182	0.101	0.133	0.129	0.144
	Asian	0.083	0.099	0.119	0.131	0.138	0.164
	Mixed	0.099	0.090	0.079	0.092	0.109	0.097
	Other	0.070	0.086	0.118	0.090	0.112	0.132

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

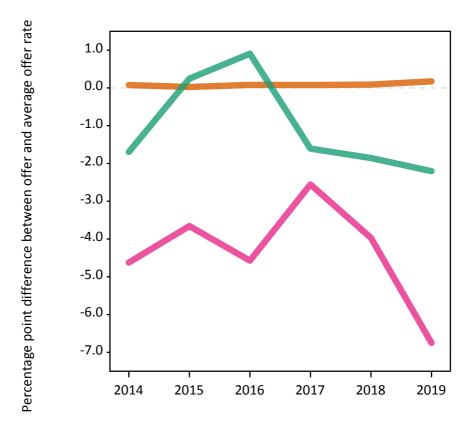
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	20,880	22,010	21,370	20,485	19,810	18,885
Placed June deadline applicants	9,290	8,940	9,080	8,555	8,515	8,905
All placed applicants	10,540	9,560	9,830	9,565	9,530	9,985

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	58,240	60,345	58,765	56,365	54,445	52,865
Offers	43,720	45,135	43,585	41,995	40,650	39,880
Offer rate	75.1%	74.8%	74.2%	74.5%	74.7%	75.4%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	9,105	9,535	9,280	8,825	8,580	7,780
	Women	11,775	12,475	12,095	11,655	11,230	11,100
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	4,355	4,075	4,245	3,785	3,850	3,865
	Women	4,935	4,865	4,830	4,770	4,665	5,040
All placed applicants	Men	4,970	4,305	4,535	4,165	4,225	4,285
	Women	5,570	5,255	5,290	5,400	5,305	5,695

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	26,820	27,285	27,220	25,620	24,835	22,770
	Women	31,420	33,060	31,545	30,745	29,610	30,095
Offers	Men	22,560	22,725	22,305	21,000	20,260	18,945
	Women	21,160	22,410	21,275	20,990	20,390	20,935
Offer rate	Men	84.1%	83.3%	81.9%	82.0%	81.6%	83.2%
	Women	67.3%	67.8%	67.4%	68.3%	68.9%	69.6%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,415	2,485	2,505	2,445	2,305	2,260
	Quintile 2	2,215	2,280	2,330	2,195	2,125	2,020
	Quintile 3	3,540	3,800	3,690	3,590	3,415	3,370
	Quintile 4	5,060	5,480	5,245	5,070	5,000	4,630
	Quintile 5	7,610	7,905	7,555	7,140	6,900	6,515
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	990	915	965	975	950	1,010
	Quintile 2	915	850	950	900	860	900
	Quintile 3	1,585	1,575	1,545	1,495	1,495	1,595
	Quintile 4	2,365	2,355	2,355	2,190	2,260	2,275
	Quintile 5	3,415	3,225	3,245	2,980	2,930	3,080
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	1,090	970	1,050	1,085	1,075	1,150
	Quintile 2	1,060	915	1,020	975	945	1,020
	Quintile 3	1,785	1,690	1,690	1,700	1,670	1,795
	Quintile 4	2,695	2,540	2,555	2,460	2,565	2,545
	Quintile 5	3,885	3,425	3,495	3,330	3,260	3,425

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	6,920	7,020	7,025	6,850	6,520	6,395
	Quintile 2	6,165	6,200	6,245	5,940	5,660	5,475
	Quintile 3	9,945	10,535	10,290	10,010	9,520	9,440
	Quintile 4	14,360	15,280	14,830	14,345	14,055	13,285
	Quintile 5	20,740	21,180	20,250	19,095	18,510	18,020
Offers	Quintile 1	4,745	4,860	4,705	4,690	4,495	4,430
	Quintile 2	4,495	4,475	4,540	4,280	4,020	3,925
	Quintile 3	7,435	7,700	7,475	7,345	7,080	7,015
	Quintile 4	10,850	11,535	11,095	10,720	10,490	10,105
	Quintile 5	16,115	16,475	15,685	14,865	14,445	14,240
Offer rate	Quintile 1	68.6%	69.2%	67.0%	68.5%	69.0%	69.3%
	Quintile 2	72.9%	72.1%	72.7%	72.1%	71.0%	71.8%
	Quintile 3	74.8%	73.1%	72.7%	73.4%	74.3%	74.3%
	Quintile 4	75.6%	75.5%	74.8%	74.7%	74.6%	76.1%
	Quintile 5	77.7%	77.8%	77.4%	77.8%	78.0%	79.0%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	19,810	20,510	20,225	19,350	18,585	17,575
	Black	230	235	215	195	195	210
	Asian	475	760	545	500	545	595
	Mixed	235	285	240	270	310	310
	Other	65	95	65	85	70	95
Placed June deadline applicants	White	9,045	8,530	8,830	8,330	8,235	8,625
	Black	50	45	30	30	35	30
	Asian	110	240	125	90	120	125
	Mixed	55	70	55	60	85	75
	Other	15	20	10	15	10	15
All placed applicants	White	9,965	9,090	9,520	9,290	9,205	9,650
	Black	165	50	40	35	40	40
	Asian	265	255	150	115	140	150
	Mixed	75	70	65	75	95	85
	Other	50	20	15	15	10	20

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	56,535	58,090	56,830	54,400	52,360	50,630
	Black	360	320	330	305	320	345
	Asian	725	1,110	880	860	895	970
	Mixed	395	465	445	485	565	550
	Other	110	130	105	120	100	155
Offers	White	42,590	43,700	42,290	40,695	39,175	38,405
	Black	200	150	170	150	185	170
	Asian	490	695	585	555	640	615
	Mixed	300	360	345	360	425	420
	Other	75	70	65	75	70	100
Offer rate	White	75.3%	75.2%	74.4%	74.8%	74.8%	75.9%
	Black	56.3%	46.7%	51.5%	48.9%	58.6%	48.7%
	Asian	67.3%	62.5%	66.3%	64.8%	71.3%	63.3%
	Mixed	75.6%	77.8%	77.2%	74.8%	75.2%	76.4%
	Other	67.6%	55.0%	62.5%	64.7%	68.6%	63.6%

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 2019 cycle runs from September 2018 through to October 2019.

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.

Evtra

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.

SIMD 2016 quintile

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 2019 End of Cycle Report and the 2019 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.