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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

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- 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	188,080	195,430	198,660	197,560	193,470	194,355
Placed June deadline applicants	61,555	64,335	67,065	69,010	68,085	67,935
All placed applicants	70,855	74,905	79,240	82,665	81,495	82,665
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	2,497.2	2,550.9	2,650.4	2,666.5	2,678.4	2,745.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	817.3	839.7	894.7	931.4	942.6	959.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	940.8	977.7	1,057.2	1,115.8	1,128.2	1,167.8

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	398,050	413,995	421,890	414,980	404,740	404,635
Offers	309,295	320,740	331,165	334,095	333,695	335,990
Offer rate	77.7%	77.5%	78.5%	80.5%	82.4%	83.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	81,975	83,070	84,900	84,765	83,015	83,565
	Women	106,105	112,360	113,760	112,795	110,455	110,790
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	27,725	28,125	30,030	30,450	30,110	29,745
	Women	33,835	36,215	37,035	38,560	37,975	38,190
All placed applicants	Men	32,115	33,000	35,600	36,845	36,140	36,600
	Women	38,735	41,905	43,640	45,820	45,355	46,065
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	2,117.6	2,116.8	2,210.1	2,231.7	2,240.8	2,306.7
	Women	2,898.7	3,006.6	3,113.2	3,123.9	3,139.1	3,205.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	716.2	716.6	781.7	801.7	812.7	821.1
	Women	924.3	969.0	1,013.5	1,067.9	1,079.3	1,105.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	829.7	840.9	926.8	970.0	975.5	1,010.3
	Women	1,058.3	1,121.3	1,194.3	1,269.1	1,288.9	1,333.0

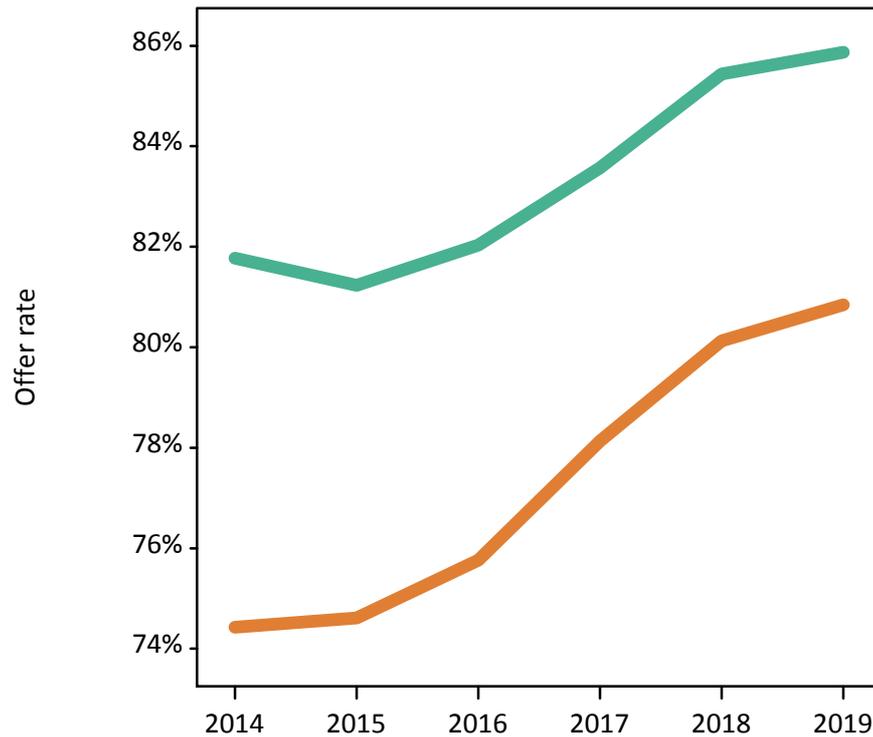
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	177,565	178,980	183,865	181,490	176,570	176,535
	Women	220,480	235,020	238,025	233,490	228,170	228,100
Offers	Men	145,200	145,390	150,835	151,670	150,860	151,585
	Women	164,095	175,350	180,330	182,425	182,835	184,400
Offer rate	Men	81.8%	81.2%	82.0%	83.6%	85.4%	85.9%
	Women	74.4%	74.6%	75.8%	78.1%	80.1%	80.8%
Average offer rate	Men	82.1%	81.5%	82.4%	83.9%	85.7%	86.2%
	Women	74.2%	74.4%	75.5%	77.8%	79.9%	80.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3
	Women	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.620	0.607	0.610	0.613	0.614	0.614
	Women	0.694	0.701	0.699	0.699	0.701	0.701

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 2014-2019.

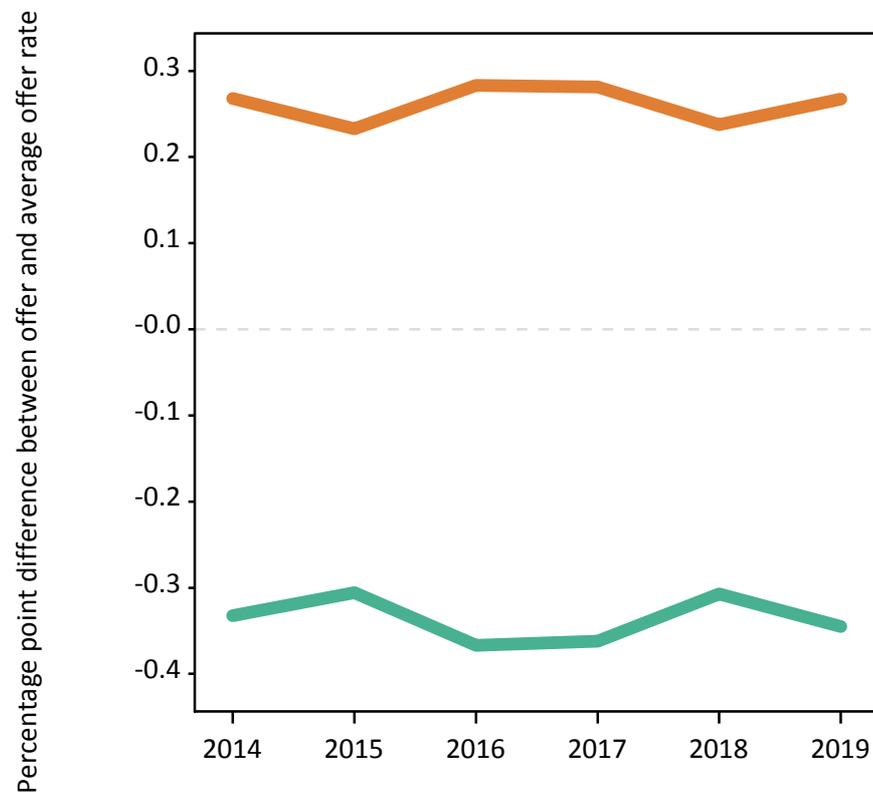
Men
Women



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 2014-2019.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	20,170	21,320	21,755	21,970	21,475	22,075
	Quintile 2	28,640	29,905	30,515	30,145	29,465	29,050
	Quintile 3	35,850	37,830	38,205	38,130	36,830	37,315
	Quintile 4	44,295	45,755	46,365	46,420	45,565	45,595
	Quintile 5	58,780	60,245	61,430	60,455	59,530	59,270
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	6,600	6,955	7,235	7,960	7,730	8,010
	Quintile 2	9,575	9,850	10,540	10,750	10,565	10,355
	Quintile 3	11,980	12,585	13,000	13,410	12,950	13,090
	Quintile 4	14,405	15,165	15,740	16,080	15,935	15,695
	Quintile 5	18,895	19,665	20,420	20,655	20,710	20,390
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	7,345	7,910	8,345	9,220	9,005	9,450
	Quintile 2	10,720	11,325	12,130	12,460	12,355	12,315
	Quintile 3	13,645	14,535	15,235	15,850	15,300	15,775
	Quintile 4	16,830	17,770	18,715	19,550	19,300	19,265
	Quintile 5	22,185	23,220	24,660	25,405	25,295	25,375
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	1,435.0	1,505.9	1,598.1	1,641.9	1,651.4	1,740.9
	Quintile 2	1,995.2	2,047.3	2,149.9	2,160.3	2,176.6	2,200.4
	Quintile 3	2,448.0	2,523.4	2,606.8	2,632.5	2,612.7	2,703.3
	Quintile 4	2,905.2	2,954.2	3,041.8	3,069.9	3,088.3	3,145.1
	Quintile 5	3,454.6	3,468.7	3,560.8	3,525.7	3,534.8	3,569.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	469.6	491.1	531.7	595.0	594.3	631.9
	Quintile 2	667.1	674.5	742.6	770.5	780.4	784.5
	Quintile 3	818.2	839.6	886.9	925.8	918.8	948.4
	Quintile 4	944.9	979.1	1,032.7	1,063.3	1,080.0	1,082.7
	Quintile 5	1,110.4	1,132.2	1,183.6	1,204.6	1,229.8	1,228.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	522.7	558.6	613.0	689.1	692.5	745.3
	Quintile 2	746.9	775.4	854.5	893.0	912.7	932.6
	Quintile 3	931.7	969.7	1,039.3	1,094.4	1,085.4	1,142.8
	Quintile 4	1,103.9	1,147.3	1,227.8	1,292.9	1,308.2	1,328.9
	Quintile 5	1,303.9	1,336.8	1,429.3	1,481.5	1,501.9	1,528.5

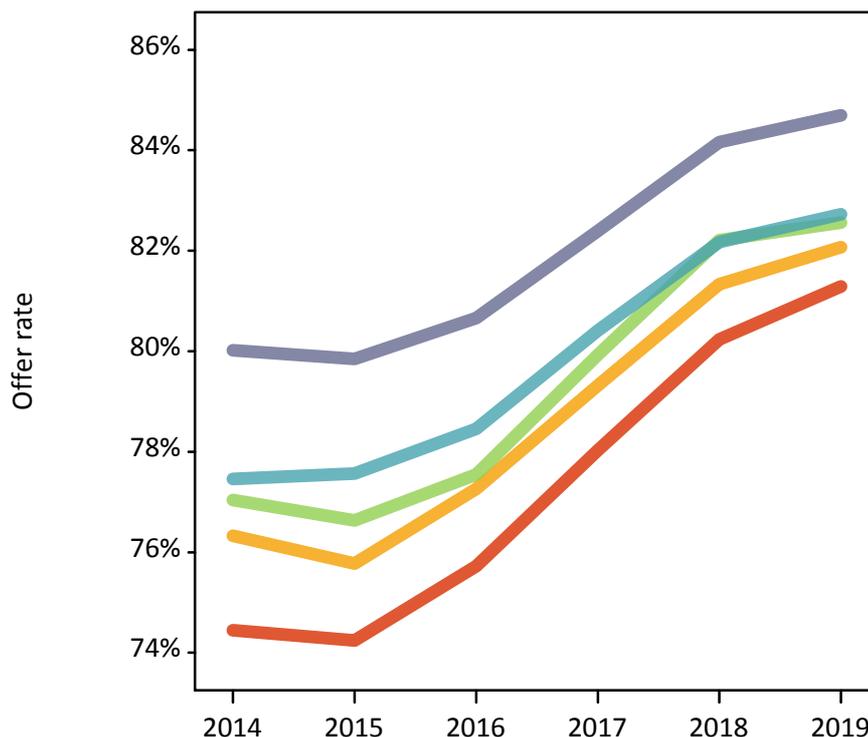
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	41,140	43,300	44,590	45,120	43,960	45,110
	Quintile 2	59,540	62,295	63,895	62,405	60,895	59,870
	Quintile 3	76,125	80,205	80,990	80,000	77,185	77,710
	Quintile 4	94,570	97,945	99,265	98,585	96,075	95,485
	Quintile 5	125,955	129,470	132,300	127,940	125,320	124,215
Offers	Quintile 1	30,625	32,150	33,765	35,205	35,270	36,670
	Quintile 2	45,445	47,200	49,365	49,500	49,530	49,135
	Quintile 3	58,645	61,465	62,805	63,940	63,455	64,155
	Quintile 4	73,250	75,970	77,875	79,275	78,950	78,990
	Quintile 5	100,790	103,380	106,710	105,415	105,475	105,205
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.4%	74.2%	75.7%	78.0%	80.2%	81.3%
	Quintile 2	76.3%	75.8%	77.3%	79.3%	81.3%	82.1%
	Quintile 3	77.0%	76.6%	77.5%	79.9%	82.2%	82.6%
	Quintile 4	77.5%	77.6%	78.5%	80.4%	82.2%	82.7%
	Quintile 5	80.0%	79.8%	80.7%	82.4%	84.2%	84.7%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	75.4%	75.5%	76.8%	79.0%	81.3%	82.2%
	Quintile 2	76.5%	76.2%	77.6%	79.7%	81.8%	82.6%
	Quintile 3	77.1%	77.0%	77.9%	79.9%	82.3%	82.7%
	Quintile 4	77.5%	77.4%	78.3%	80.5%	82.2%	82.8%
	Quintile 5	79.5%	79.2%	80.0%	81.8%	83.5%	84.0%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-0.9	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-1.1	-0.9
	Quintile 2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5
	Quintile 3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
	Quintile 4	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
	Quintile 5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.199	0.198	0.198	0.202	0.205	0.211
	Quintile 2	0.226	0.226	0.224	0.227	0.228	0.230
	Quintile 3	0.253	0.254	0.252	0.254	0.256	0.257
	Quintile 4	0.298	0.296	0.294	0.299	0.302	0.303
	Quintile 5	0.395	0.389	0.391	0.386	0.390	0.390

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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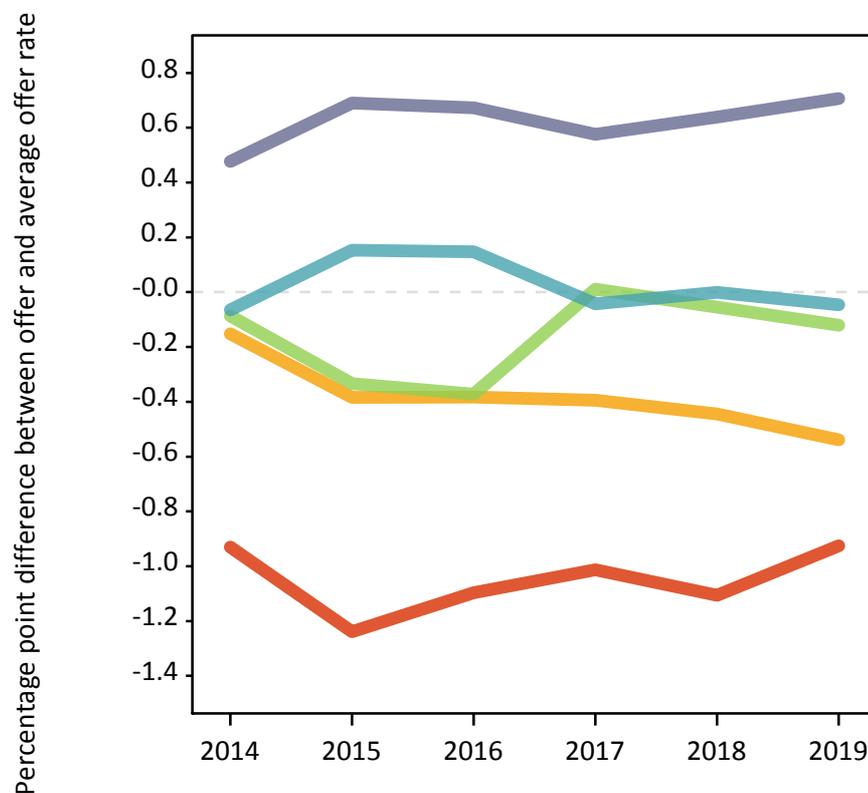
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	149,955	153,400	154,075	150,710	144,150	140,040
	Black	9,510	10,450	10,810	11,055	11,775	12,930
	Asian	18,820	20,335	21,810	23,195	24,605	27,195
	Mixed	6,770	7,725	8,010	8,410	8,490	9,125
	Other	2,320	2,580	2,820	3,115	3,320	3,860
Placed June deadline applicants	White	51,235	52,670	54,150	54,905	53,135	51,925
	Black	2,595	2,905	3,105	3,315	3,515	3,785
	Asian	4,890	5,435	6,180	6,755	7,290	7,670
	Mixed	2,055	2,375	2,470	2,780	2,770	2,990
	Other	575	685	815	915	995	1,170
All placed applicants	White	57,230	59,555	61,730	63,285	60,890	60,195
	Black	3,545	3,865	4,305	4,590	4,935	5,365
	Asian	6,555	7,380	8,565	9,485	10,255	11,080
	Mixed	2,440	2,825	3,020	3,475	3,465	3,815
	Other	785	910	1,125	1,325	1,390	1,635
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	2,430.6	2,462.0	2,547.2	2,539.6	2,522.5	2,533.6
	Black	3,136.5	3,282.1	3,453.3	3,512.8	3,662.1	3,919.3
	Asian	2,775.3	2,873.5	3,031.1	3,152.1	3,255.6	3,487.1
	Mixed	2,353.6	2,504.5	2,544.9	2,620.6	2,618.3	2,774.3
	Other	2,490.4	2,675.6	2,832.8	3,025.9	3,093.7	3,439.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	830.5	845.3	895.3	925.2	929.8	939.4
	Black	855.7	912.6	991.8	1,053.6	1,093.9	1,147.5
	Asian	720.9	767.8	859.1	917.9	964.3	983.4
	Mixed	714.0	770.2	784.9	866.1	854.1	908.2
	Other	619.9	710.7	819.0	887.3	926.5	1,044.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	927.6	955.9	1,020.5	1,066.5	1,065.6	1,089.1
	Black	1,169.8	1,213.8	1,374.5	1,457.8	1,535.6	1,626.4
	Asian	966.6	1,042.5	1,190.5	1,288.8	1,356.7	1,420.9
	Mixed	847.8	916.8	959.1	1,082.0	1,069.3	1,159.6
	Other	842.3	944.1	1,132.5	1,285.3	1,297.5	1,454.6

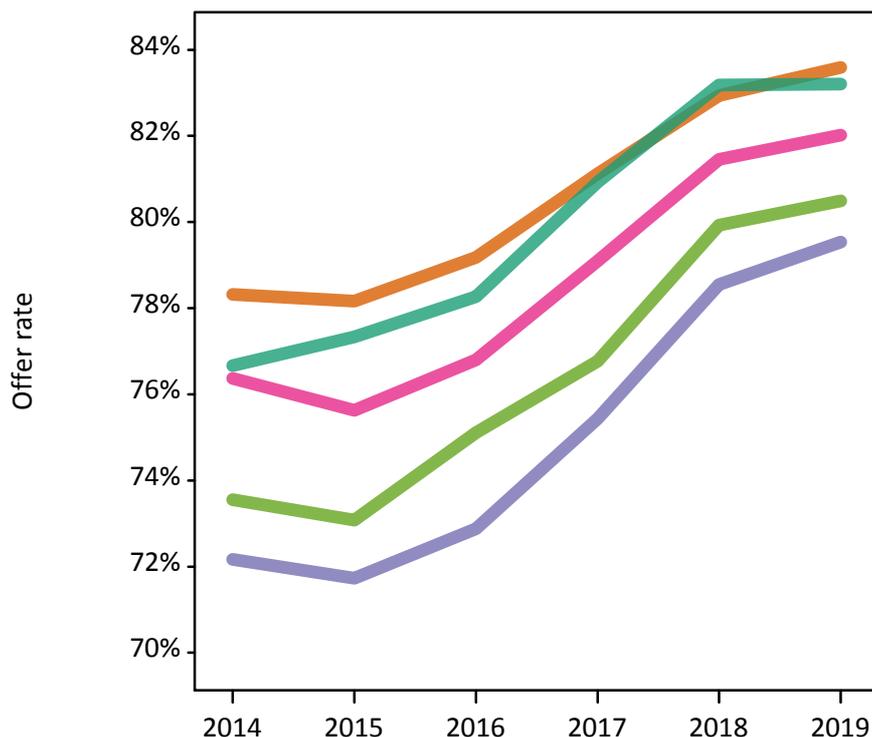
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	320,330	327,935	330,295	319,485	303,880	293,960
	Black	19,920	22,160	22,870	23,085	24,575	26,920
	Asian	37,505	40,600	43,790	46,320	49,495	54,650
	Mixed	14,140	16,075	16,755	17,465	17,615	18,680
	Other	4,690	5,305	5,900	6,465	6,880	7,955
Offers	White	250,875	256,335	261,525	259,170	252,025	245,730
	Black	14,375	15,895	16,665	17,415	19,305	21,410
	Asian	28,640	30,705	33,630	36,640	40,315	44,820
	Mixed	10,840	12,430	13,115	14,135	14,650	15,540
	Other	3,450	3,875	4,430	4,965	5,500	6,405
Offer rate	White	78.3%	78.2%	79.2%	81.1%	82.9%	83.6%
	Black	72.2%	71.7%	72.9%	75.4%	78.6%	79.5%
	Asian	76.4%	75.6%	76.8%	79.1%	81.5%	82.0%
	Mixed	76.7%	77.3%	78.3%	80.9%	83.2%	83.2%
	Other	73.6%	73.1%	75.1%	76.8%	79.9%	80.5%
Average offer rate	White	78.0%	77.8%	78.8%	80.8%	82.6%	83.3%
	Black	74.5%	73.9%	75.5%	77.8%	80.5%	81.5%
	Asian	77.3%	76.8%	77.9%	80.0%	82.2%	82.6%
	Mixed	77.2%	77.7%	78.6%	81.1%	83.1%	83.3%
	Other	75.2%	74.9%	76.5%	78.9%	81.4%	81.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Black	-2.3	-2.2	-2.7	-2.4	-1.9	-2.0
	Asian	-0.9	-1.2	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6
	Mixed	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
	Other	-1.7	-1.8	-1.4	-2.1	-1.5	-1.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.857	0.848	0.843	0.836	0.825	0.812
	Black	0.187	0.184	0.179	0.185	0.190	0.194
	Asian	0.296	0.301	0.308	0.319	0.331	0.347
	Mixed	0.117	0.121	0.118	0.122	0.127	0.128
	Other	0.117	0.111	0.108	0.111	0.117	0.117

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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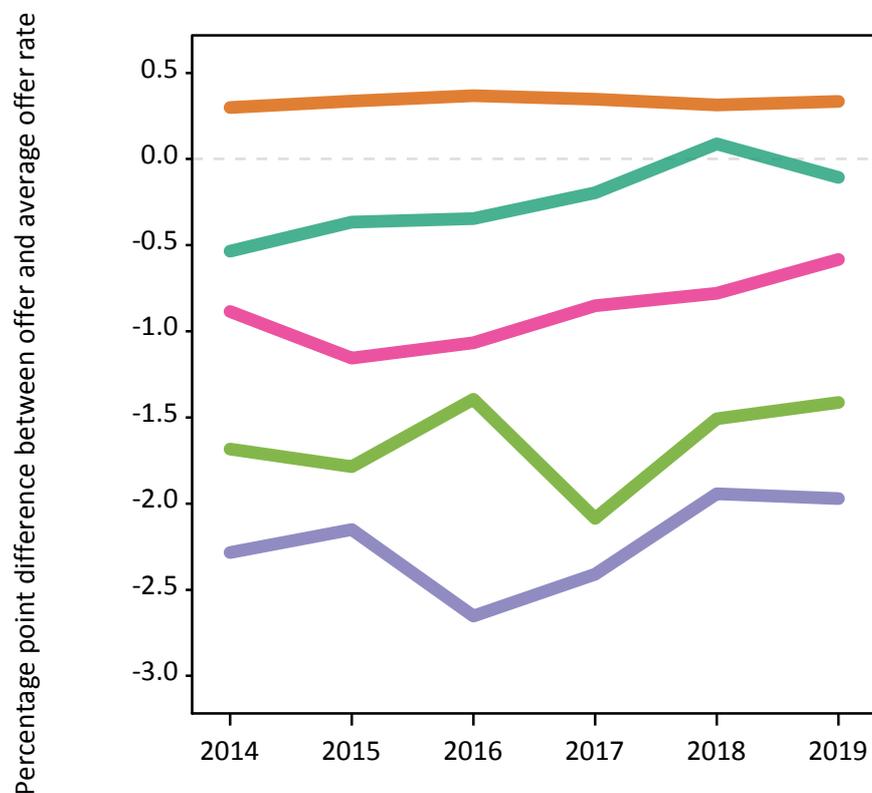
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group

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.

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	362,395	370,940	372,355	356,410	344,030	339,675
Placed June deadline applicants	117,800	121,570	125,065	126,165	123,305	121,390
All placed applicants	137,005	144,915	150,560	153,445	150,535	150,155

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	742,460	761,935	766,210	732,110	704,125	692,930
Offers	490,170	506,525	517,765	515,675	512,420	509,560
Offer rate	66.0%	66.5%	67.6%	70.4%	72.8%	73.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	154,525	156,265	156,575	150,610	144,645	142,110
	Women	207,870	214,670	215,780	205,800	199,385	197,565
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	52,165	53,150	55,175	54,885	53,160	51,965
	Women	65,640	68,420	69,895	71,285	70,150	69,425
All placed applicants	Men	61,300	64,025	67,160	67,700	65,715	65,480
	Women	75,705	80,890	83,400	85,745	84,820	84,670

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	326,905	329,835	331,885	317,945	303,110	296,770
	Women	415,555	432,105	434,325	414,165	401,015	396,160
Offers	Men	233,095	235,385	240,110	236,630	232,085	229,630
	Women	257,075	271,140	277,655	279,045	280,340	279,930
Offer rate	Men	71.3%	71.4%	72.3%	74.4%	76.6%	77.4%
	Women	61.9%	62.7%	63.9%	67.4%	69.9%	70.7%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	44,615	45,505	46,200	44,235	42,550	42,725
	Quintile 2	57,565	59,020	59,275	56,430	54,335	52,820
	Quintile 3	69,875	71,755	71,795	68,585	65,295	65,255
	Quintile 4	84,005	86,170	85,895	82,445	80,180	78,510
	Quintile 5	105,510	107,635	108,270	103,805	100,485	98,205
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	14,410	14,845	15,415	15,915	15,585	15,810
	Quintile 2	18,950	19,550	20,335	20,390	20,075	19,515
	Quintile 3	22,815	23,565	24,055	24,240	23,505	23,330
	Quintile 4	26,855	27,825	28,480	28,665	28,070	27,275
	Quintile 5	34,530	35,535	36,500	36,645	35,670	34,685
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	16,370	17,390	18,085	18,850	18,670	19,030
	Quintile 2	21,600	22,950	24,015	24,225	24,020	23,815
	Quintile 3	26,255	27,935	28,825	29,265	28,455	28,670
	Quintile 4	31,640	33,535	34,730	35,370	34,840	34,140
	Quintile 5	40,825	42,760	44,550	45,320	44,015	43,470

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	86,970	88,700	91,040	87,735	84,295	84,450
	Quintile 2	115,345	118,750	119,760	113,765	109,685	106,330
	Quintile 3	142,685	147,125	146,915	140,225	133,660	133,100
	Quintile 4	173,155	178,025	177,625	170,415	164,910	160,775
	Quintile 5	222,615	227,565	229,010	218,025	209,065	203,905
Offers	Quintile 1	53,570	55,590	57,970	58,910	59,030	60,410
	Quintile 2	73,985	76,785	78,820	78,475	78,480	77,010
	Quintile 3	92,835	96,435	98,065	97,835	97,010	97,020
	Quintile 4	114,335	118,355	120,025	120,045	119,435	117,835
	Quintile 5	154,450	158,320	161,810	159,135	156,825	154,305
Offer rate	Quintile 1	61.6%	62.7%	63.7%	67.1%	70.0%	71.5%
	Quintile 2	64.1%	64.7%	65.8%	69.0%	71.6%	72.4%
	Quintile 3	65.1%	65.5%	66.7%	69.8%	72.6%	72.9%
	Quintile 4	66.0%	66.5%	67.6%	70.4%	72.4%	73.3%
	Quintile 5	69.4%	69.6%	70.7%	73.0%	75.0%	75.7%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	274,760	277,700	276,195	262,545	250,295	240,835
	Black	28,520	29,670	29,870	27,715	26,945	28,100
	Asian	37,670	39,895	41,470	41,340	41,770	44,480
	Mixed	13,810	14,990	15,495	15,395	15,445	16,010
	Other	5,485	5,920	6,305	6,560	6,685	7,390
Placed June deadline applicants	White	96,865	98,355	100,080	99,845	96,335	93,425
	Black	5,760	6,265	6,575	6,805	6,980	7,160
	Asian	9,280	10,130	11,115	11,665	12,030	12,310
	Mixed	4,030	4,585	4,745	5,105	5,100	5,370
	Other	1,290	1,480	1,660	1,865	1,940	2,160
All placed applicants	White	108,560	113,135	115,520	116,275	112,425	109,905
	Black	7,950	8,700	9,410	9,680	9,930	10,430
	Asian	12,600	13,950	15,640	16,520	17,080	17,950
	Mixed	4,895	5,575	5,935	6,430	6,465	6,875
	Other	1,765	2,080	2,355	2,780	2,845	3,105

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	574,730	581,065	579,290	548,480	519,575	498,740
	Black	51,790	55,115	55,550	52,160	51,130	53,395
	Asian	73,405	78,215	81,540	81,470	83,090	88,080
	Mixed	27,885	30,490	31,540	31,380	31,325	32,315
	Other	10,515	11,725	12,505	13,075	13,355	14,740
Offers	White	388,970	395,770	400,405	394,120	383,565	371,455
	Black	26,175	28,725	29,765	30,125	32,075	34,630
	Asian	48,365	51,450	54,890	57,165	60,985	65,300
	Mixed	17,980	20,210	21,230	22,015	22,890	23,925
	Other	6,330	7,130	7,875	8,670	9,145	10,355
Offer rate	White	67.7%	68.1%	69.1%	71.9%	73.8%	74.5%
	Black	50.5%	52.1%	53.6%	57.8%	62.7%	64.9%
	Asian	65.9%	65.8%	67.3%	70.2%	73.4%	74.1%
	Mixed	64.5%	66.3%	67.3%	70.2%	73.1%	74.0%
	Other	60.2%	60.8%	63.0%	66.3%	68.5%	70.3%

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.

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 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.