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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 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	5,435	5,105	4,530	3,970	3,390	2,965
Placed June deadline applicants	760	625	555	425	360	335
All placed applicants	990	835	795	595	520	470
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	72.2	66.6	60.4	53.6	46.9	41.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	10.1	8.2	7.4	5.7	5.0	4.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	13.1	10.9	10.6	8.1	7.2	6.6

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	5,795	5,440	4,810	4,210	3,610	3,150
Offers	4,575	4,255	3,865	3,640	3,235	2,855
Offer rate	78.9%	78.2%	80.4%	86.5%	89.5%	90.5%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	2,100	1,850	1,660	1,440	1,280	1,130
	Women	3,335	3,255	2,870	2,530	2,115	1,835
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	325	245	220	145	130	110
	Women	435	385	335	280	225	220
All placed applicants	Men	405	310	290	210	200	165
	Women	585	525	505	385	320	305
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	54.2	47.2	43.2	37.9	34.5	31.2
	Women	91.2	87.0	78.6	70.1	60.1	53.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	8.4	6.2	5.7	3.8	3.5	3.1
	Women	11.8	10.2	9.2	7.8	6.5	6.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	10.5	7.9	7.5	5.6	5.3	4.6
	Women	15.9	14.1	13.8	10.7	9.1	8.8

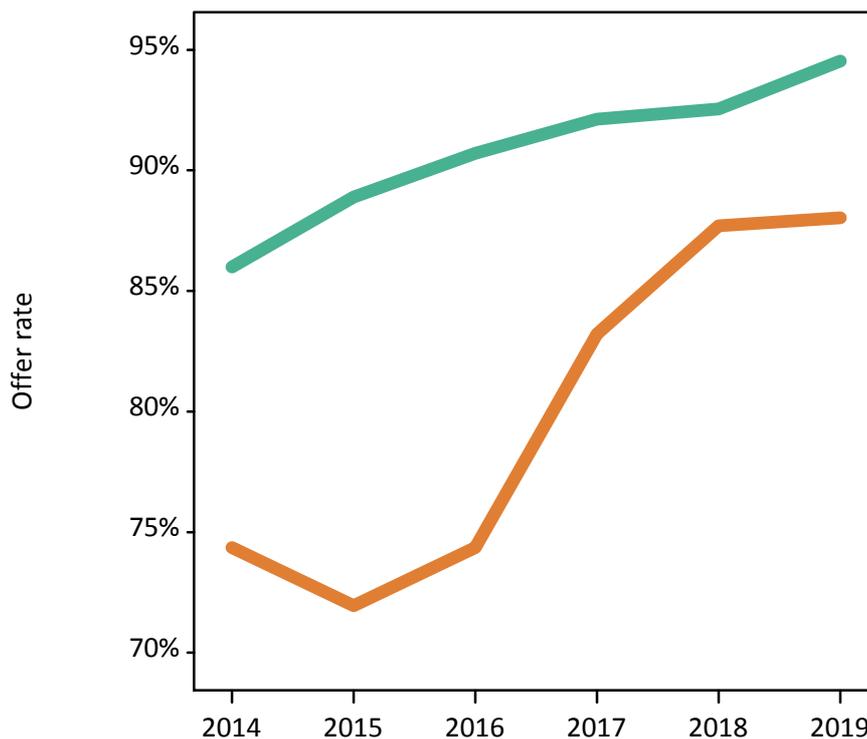
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	2,275	2,010	1,785	1,535	1,370	1,205
	Women	3,520	3,435	3,020	2,675	2,245	1,945
Offers	Men	1,960	1,785	1,620	1,415	1,265	1,140
	Women	2,615	2,470	2,245	2,225	1,970	1,715
Offer rate	Men	86.0%	88.9%	90.7%	92.1%	92.5%	94.5%
	Women	74.4%	71.9%	74.4%	83.2%	87.7%	88.0%
Average offer rate	Men	87.6%	89.2%	91.3%	92.0%	91.8%	94.5%
	Women	73.3%	71.8%	74.0%	83.3%	88.2%	88.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	0.8	0.1
	Women	1.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.0
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.614	0.607	0.628	0.607	0.605	0.648
	Women	0.750	0.770	0.780	0.774	0.759	0.782

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	745	675	660	560	455	395
	Quintile 2	1,040	980	890	765	655	575
	Quintile 3	1,185	1,145	990	910	725	670
	Quintile 4	1,465	1,370	1,135	1,040	885	830
	Quintile 5	995	925	840	685	660	485
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	75	60	75	50	30	25
	Quintile 2	160	110	120	105	75	65
	Quintile 3	145	155	110	100	80	80
	Quintile 4	255	200	160	115	105	120
	Quintile 5	120	95	90	55	65	45
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	95	75	95	65	50	45
	Quintile 2	190	140	155	135	105	85
	Quintile 3	200	205	160	140	120	105
	Quintile 4	340	285	240	175	145	175
	Quintile 5	160	135	135	85	95	60
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	52.9	47.5	48.6	41.7	35.1	31.1
	Quintile 2	72.3	67.0	62.8	54.9	48.4	43.5
	Quintile 3	81.1	76.4	67.6	62.9	51.4	48.7
	Quintile 4	96.2	88.6	74.6	68.8	59.8	57.4
	Quintile 5	58.5	53.3	48.7	39.8	39.3	29.1
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.4	4.4	5.4	3.7	2.3	2.1
	Quintile 2	11.1	7.6	8.5	7.6	5.7	4.8
	Quintile 3	10.0	10.3	7.6	6.9	5.8	5.7
	Quintile 4	16.6	13.0	10.6	7.7	7.0	8.1
	Quintile 5	7.1	5.6	5.1	3.1	3.7	2.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	6.9	5.2	7.1	4.9	3.8	3.4
	Quintile 2	13.2	9.4	11.1	9.5	7.8	6.4
	Quintile 3	13.5	13.6	11.0	9.8	8.6	7.7
	Quintile 4	22.3	18.5	15.9	11.4	9.9	12.1
	Quintile 5	9.5	7.8	7.8	4.8	5.6	3.6

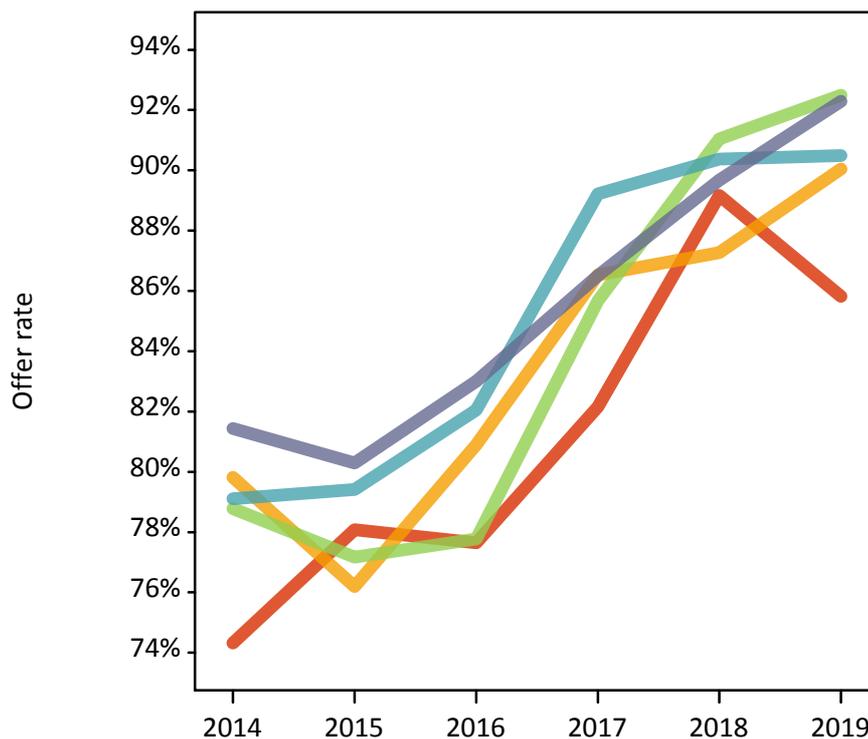
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	780	705	690	585	470	410
	Quintile 2	1,125	1,065	960	825	705	625
	Quintile 3	1,250	1,220	1,055	970	780	720
	Quintile 4	1,595	1,465	1,225	1,105	945	885
	Quintile 5	1,040	970	870	720	695	505
Offers	Quintile 1	580	550	535	480	420	350
	Quintile 2	900	815	775	715	615	560
	Quintile 3	985	945	820	830	710	665
	Quintile 4	1,260	1,165	1,005	985	855	800
	Quintile 5	845	780	725	620	625	465
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.3%	78.1%	77.6%	82.2%	89.2%	85.8%
	Quintile 2	79.8%	76.2%	80.9%	86.5%	87.3%	90.0%
	Quintile 3	78.8%	77.2%	77.8%	85.7%	91.0%	92.5%
	Quintile 4	79.1%	79.4%	82.1%	89.2%	90.4%	90.5%
	Quintile 5	81.4%	80.3%	83.0%	86.5%	89.7%	92.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	76.5%	78.2%	78.9%	85.6%	89.9%	89.8%
	Quintile 2	78.6%	76.3%	80.6%	85.1%	88.8%	90.8%
	Quintile 3	79.6%	78.5%	79.0%	85.3%	89.9%	90.4%
	Quintile 4	78.7%	79.7%	81.8%	88.4%	89.6%	90.8%
	Quintile 5	80.9%	78.0%	81.2%	87.0%	89.9%	90.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.1	-0.1	-1.3	-3.5	-0.8	-4.0
	Quintile 2	1.2	-0.1	0.3	1.4	-1.6	-0.7
	Quintile 3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.2	0.4	1.1	2.0
	Quintile 4	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.8	0.7	-0.3
	Quintile 5	0.5	2.3	1.8	-0.5	-0.2	1.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.203	0.213	0.243	0.243	0.262	0.282
	Quintile 2	0.271	0.274	0.292	0.301	0.319	0.318
	Quintile 3	0.278	0.304	0.301	0.333	0.327	0.376
	Quintile 4	0.338	0.351	0.347	0.366	0.369	0.411
	Quintile 5	0.269	0.285	0.289	0.294	0.328	0.315

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 2014-2019.

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



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.

- 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	3,620	3,355	2,985	2,515	2,070	1,770
	Black	905	865	635	585	510	470
	Asian	560	540	600	555	550	485
	Mixed	250	245	215	225	180	160
	Other	85	75	65	65	60	60
Placed June deadline applicants	White	460	360	340	235	180	170
	Black	140	105	90	80	60	50
	Asian	110	115	85	75	85	95
	Mixed	35	35	30	25	20	15
	Other	10	10	10	5	5	0
All placed applicants	White	545	440	430	300	245	205
	Black	225	165	155	125	105	90
	Asian	155	165	150	125	120	145
	Mixed	45	45	40	35	30	25
	Other	15	20	15	10	10	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	58.7	53.9	49.4	42.3	36.2	32.1
	Black	298.5	272.0	203.2	185.6	158.6	142.5
	Asian	82.7	76.6	83.5	75.6	72.8	62.1
	Mixed	86.6	79.8	69.0	69.8	55.5	49.2
	Other	89.2	77.8	66.3	61.2	54.1	52.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	7.5	5.8	5.6	3.9	3.2	3.0
	Black	46.2	32.7	28.1	25.7	19.3	15.5
	Asian	16.4	16.2	12.1	10.1	11.2	11.9
	Mixed	12.2	10.7	9.5	8.4	6.2	4.6
	Other	9.7	9.3	9.0	3.9	3.7	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	8.8	7.0	7.1	5.0	4.3	3.7
	Black	73.6	51.2	49.5	39.7	33.0	27.0
	Asian	22.9	23.6	20.8	17.0	15.9	18.3
	Mixed	15.3	14.6	12.7	10.3	9.9	7.0
	Other	18.3	20.7	15.1	8.7	10.3	4.5

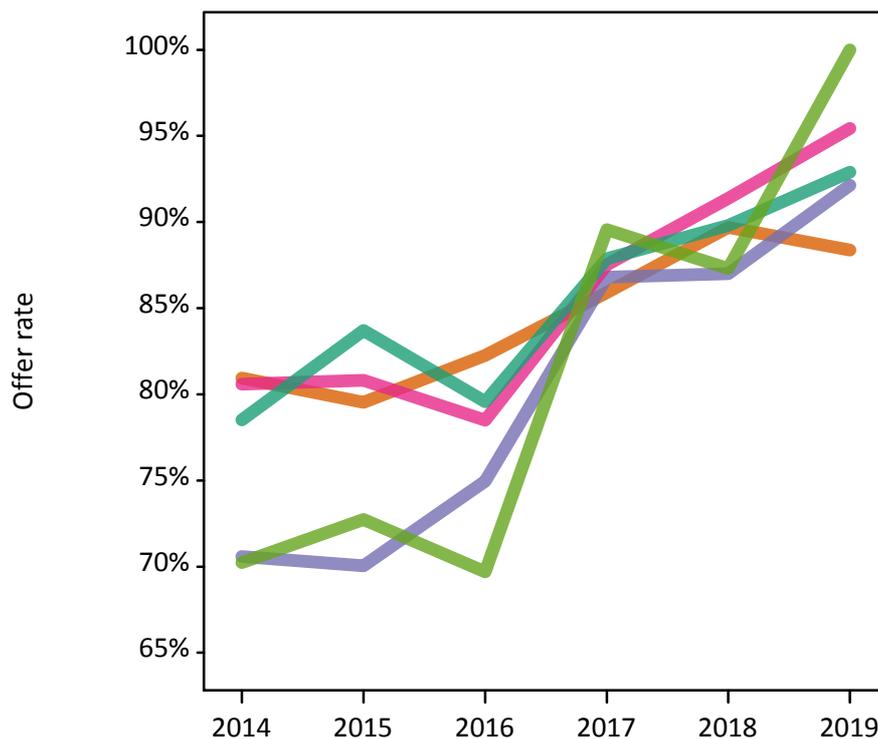
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	3,845	3,575	3,195	2,670	2,210	1,890
	Black	935	890	650	600	525	485
	Asian	640	620	635	610	590	525
	Mixed	270	265	235	240	195	170
	Other	85	75	65	65	65	60
Offers	White	3,115	2,840	2,630	2,290	1,985	1,670
	Black	660	620	490	520	455	445
	Asian	515	500	500	535	540	500
	Mixed	210	220	185	210	175	155
	Other	60	55	45	60	55	55
Offer rate	White	80.9%	79.5%	82.3%	85.9%	89.7%	88.4%
	Black	70.6%	70.0%	75.0%	86.8%	87.0%	92.1%
	Asian	80.6%	80.8%	78.5%	87.5%	91.4%	95.4%
	Mixed	78.5%	83.7%	79.6%	87.9%	89.8%	92.9%
	Other	70.2%	72.7%	69.7%	89.6%	87.3%	100.0%
Average offer rate	White	79.1%	78.4%	80.8%	85.4%	89.4%	89.0%
	Black	77.6%	75.0%	79.3%	87.3%	88.6%	92.1%
	Asian	80.6%	79.5%	79.7%	88.8%	90.9%	93.8%
	Mixed	76.6%	82.4%	82.3%	90.0%	89.4%	92.3%
	Other	78.0%	80.6%	73.7%	88.5%	86.7%	93.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	1.8	1.1	1.4	0.5	0.3	-0.6
	Black	-7.0	-4.9	-4.3	-0.5	-1.6	0.0
	Asian	0.0	1.3	-1.2	-1.2	0.5	1.6
	Mixed	1.9	1.3	-2.7	-2.1	0.4	0.6
	Other	-7.8	-7.9	-4.0	1.0	0.6	6.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.731	0.731	0.739	0.726	0.711	0.708
	Black	0.271	0.279	0.260	0.262	0.279	0.305
	Asian	0.264	0.275	0.295	0.342	0.395	0.364
	Mixed	0.122	0.126	0.170	0.190	0.166	0.237
	Other	0.092	0.115	0.112	0.142	0.211	0.218

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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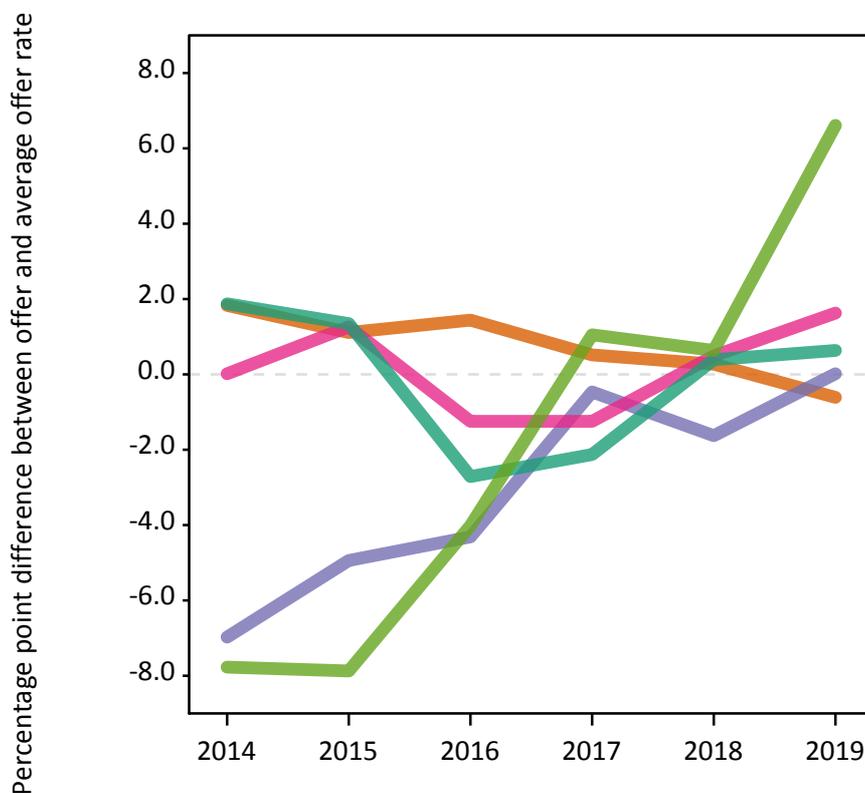
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- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



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	12,990	12,020	11,025	9,465	7,715	7,050
Placed June deadline applicants	1,985	1,795	1,600	1,495	1,210	1,180
All placed applicants	3,005	2,770	2,985	2,660	1,950	4,685

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	14,260	13,125	12,040	10,365	8,490	7,750
Offers	8,565	8,005	7,335	7,515	6,650	6,175
Offer rate	60.1%	61.0%	60.9%	72.5%	78.3%	79.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	4,730	4,165	3,770	3,330	2,785	2,505
	Women	8,260	7,855	7,255	6,135	4,930	4,545
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	760	630	600	485	390	360
	Women	1,225	1,160	1,000	1,010	820	815
All placed applicants	Men	1,185	1,025	1,190	970	710	1,800
	Women	1,820	1,745	1,800	1,685	1,240	2,890

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,205	4,580	4,175	3,670	3,065	2,745
	Women	9,055	8,545	7,870	6,695	5,425	5,005
Offers	Men	3,665	3,315	2,995	2,900	2,475	2,350
	Women	4,900	4,690	4,335	4,615	4,175	3,825
Offer rate	Men	70.5%	72.3%	71.8%	79.1%	80.8%	85.6%
	Women	54.1%	54.9%	55.1%	68.9%	76.9%	76.4%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,745	1,620	1,530	1,300	1,070	970
	Quintile 2	2,460	2,375	2,150	1,880	1,495	1,370
	Quintile 3	2,855	2,645	2,505	2,235	1,665	1,590
	Quintile 4	3,490	3,225	2,810	2,415	2,045	1,870
	Quintile 5	2,405	2,125	2,000	1,620	1,405	1,195
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	200	190	190	160	120	125
	Quintile 2	410	385	335	345	265	265
	Quintile 3	420	410	375	365	290	275
	Quintile 4	610	500	435	395	340	335
	Quintile 5	345	300	265	230	190	165
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	275	260	285	240	200	600
	Quintile 2	590	565	555	545	405	975
	Quintile 3	665	640	695	675	465	1,210
	Quintile 4	955	825	915	775	550	1,215
	Quintile 5	510	470	520	410	315	640

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,875	1,735	1,625	1,390	1,145	1,035
	Quintile 2	2,760	2,680	2,395	2,115	1,695	1,550
	Quintile 3	3,130	2,890	2,775	2,450	1,840	1,770
	Quintile 4	3,870	3,530	3,075	2,655	2,250	2,035
	Quintile 5	2,585	2,265	2,135	1,740	1,520	1,295
Offers	Quintile 1	1,045	1,025	940	980	880	785
	Quintile 2	1,645	1,585	1,430	1,485	1,320	1,230
	Quintile 3	1,835	1,740	1,640	1,760	1,415	1,425
	Quintile 4	2,410	2,170	1,940	1,985	1,810	1,645
	Quintile 5	1,615	1,470	1,370	1,285	1,200	1,040
Offer rate	Quintile 1	55.7%	59.1%	57.8%	70.5%	76.9%	76.1%
	Quintile 2	59.5%	59.2%	59.8%	70.4%	77.8%	79.4%
	Quintile 3	58.6%	60.2%	59.0%	72.0%	76.9%	80.5%
	Quintile 4	62.3%	61.5%	63.0%	74.7%	80.5%	80.8%
	Quintile 5	62.5%	64.8%	64.1%	73.8%	78.9%	80.5%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	7,040	6,460	5,845	4,855	3,820	3,455
	Black	3,605	3,365	2,940	2,635	2,150	1,960
	Asian	1,425	1,350	1,395	1,225	1,125	1,015
	Mixed	645	575	525	505	405	400
	Other	215	190	230	155	140	140
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,060	920	835	710	525	515
	Black	515	475	400	455	385	360
	Asian	260	265	215	220	210	205
	Mixed	115	90	95	80	55	65
	Other	25	30	35	20	15	20
All placed applicants	White	1,355	1,210	1,210	990	735	1,665
	Black	970	865	895	905	690	1,645
	Asian	420	470	610	475	355	935
	Mixed	180	135	155	125	90	190
	Other	60	60	75	115	45	175

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	7,680	7,035	6,420	5,360	4,205	3,815
	Black	3,940	3,600	3,150	2,810	2,320	2,155
	Asian	1,610	1,560	1,545	1,370	1,270	1,110
	Mixed	720	630	585	560	445	430
	Other	235	205	240	165	150	150
Offers	White	5,215	4,810	4,430	4,140	3,455	3,120
	Black	1,700	1,590	1,355	1,670	1,625	1,530
	Asian	1,030	1,015	985	1,065	1,040	975
	Mixed	445	415	365	445	350	355
	Other	140	130	140	130	115	130
Offer rate	White	67.9%	68.4%	69.0%	77.3%	82.1%	81.9%
	Black	43.1%	44.2%	43.0%	59.4%	70.1%	71.0%
	Asian	63.8%	65.1%	64.0%	77.7%	82.0%	87.5%
	Mixed	61.9%	65.7%	62.6%	79.3%	78.9%	82.1%
	Other	60.0%	62.9%	58.2%	80.0%	76.3%	86.8%

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.