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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	8,400	8,275	8,055	9,120	9,795	10,490
Placed June deadline applicants	2,270	2,255	2,200	2,195	2,135	2,155
All placed applicants	2,275	2,265	2,210	2,195	2,140	2,225
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	111.5	108.0	107.5	123.1	135.6	148.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	30.2	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.6	30.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	30.2	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	31.4

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	8,400	8,275	8,055	9,120	9,795	10,490
Offers	2,725	2,770	2,720	2,845	2,880	3,040
Offer rate	32.5%	33.5%	33.8%	31.2%	29.4%	29.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	4,750	4,605	4,455	4,960	5,235	5,460
	Women	3,650	3,670	3,600	4,160	4,555	5,030
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,200	1,155	1,115	1,140	1,060	1,065
	Women	1,070	1,100	1,090	1,055	1,075	1,090
All placed applicants	Men	1,200	1,160	1,115	1,140	1,060	1,100
	Women	1,070	1,105	1,095	1,055	1,075	1,125
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	122.7	117.3	116.0	130.6	141.4	150.7
	Women	99.7	98.2	98.5	115.2	129.5	145.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	31.0	29.5	29.0	30.0	28.6	29.4
	Women	29.3	29.4	29.8	29.2	30.6	31.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	31.1	29.6	29.0	30.0	28.6	30.4
	Women	29.3	29.5	29.9	29.3	30.6	32.5

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	4,750	4,605	4,455	4,960	5,235	5,460
	Women	3,650	3,670	3,600	4,160	4,555	5,030
Offers	Men	1,445	1,425	1,375	1,440	1,410	1,445
	Women	1,285	1,345	1,345	1,405	1,470	1,595
Offer rate	Men	30.4%	30.9%	30.9%	29.1%	26.9%	26.4%
	Women	35.2%	36.6%	37.4%	33.8%	32.3%	31.7%
Average offer rate	Men	31.8%	32.5%	32.5%	30.3%	28.0%	27.6%
	Women	33.2%	34.6%	35.4%	32.3%	31.1%	30.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.3	-1.0	-1.2
	Women	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.643	0.640	0.638	0.631	0.630	0.622
	Women	0.535	0.548	0.552	0.559	0.575	0.589

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.
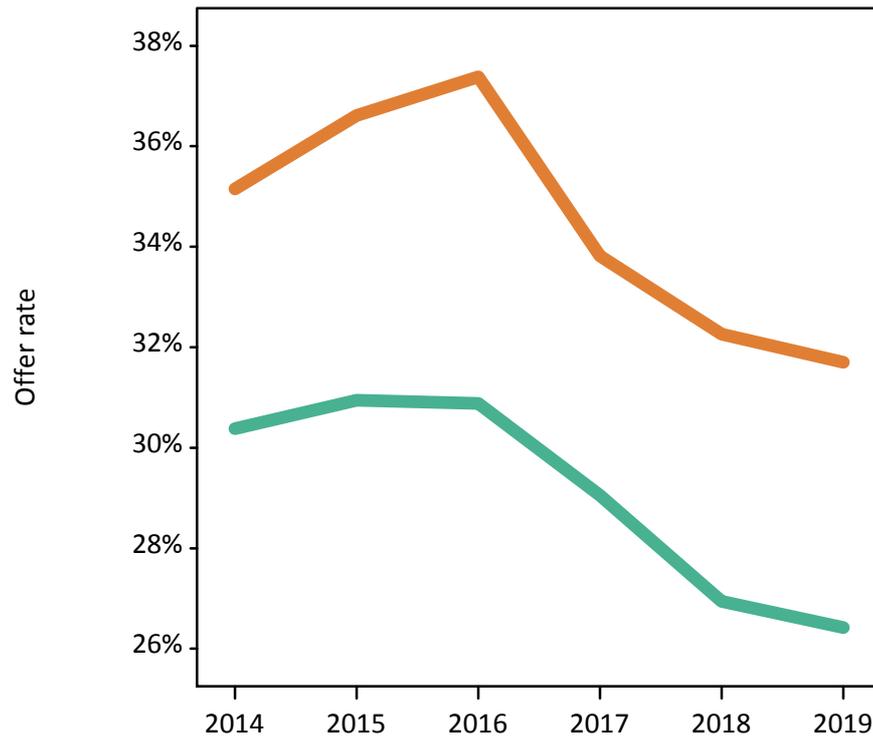

P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex
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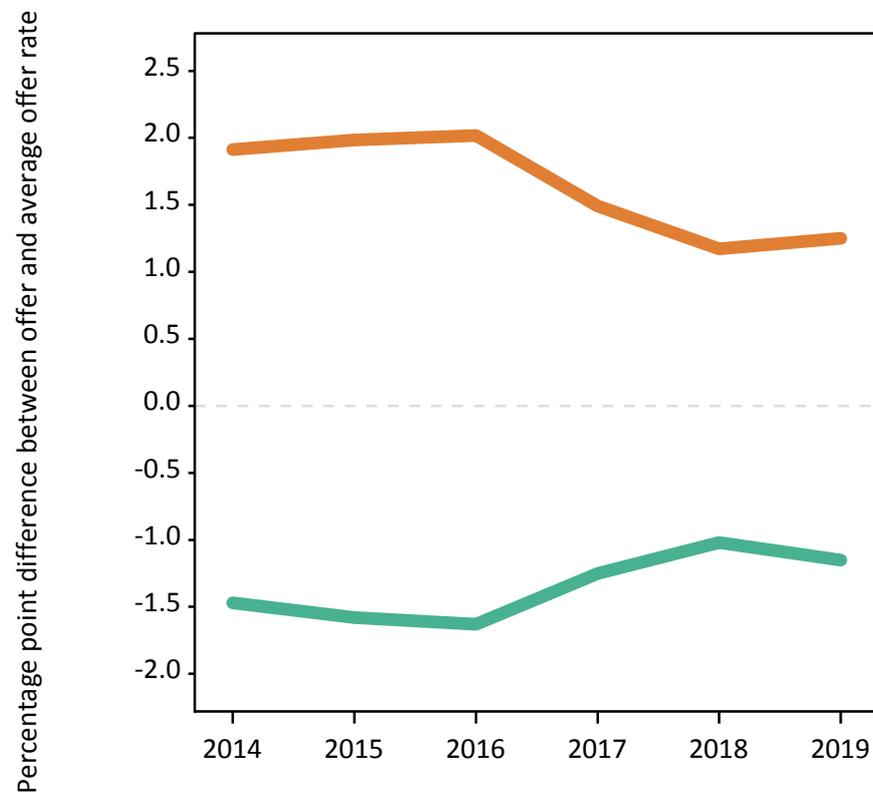
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	360	360	385	440	535	600
	Quintile 2	715	705	685	790	930	1,010
	Quintile 3	1,170	1,175	1,105	1,240	1,360	1,510
	Quintile 4	1,840	1,760	1,765	1,965	2,145	2,340
	Quintile 5	4,295	4,255	4,100	4,670	4,795	4,995
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	75	60	70	90	90	95
	Quintile 2	165	140	145	160	170	185
	Quintile 3	265	255	270	265	245	260
	Quintile 4	455	470	445	465	435	430
	Quintile 5	1,310	1,335	1,265	1,215	1,190	1,180
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	75	60	70	90	90	110
	Quintile 2	165	140	145	160	170	195
	Quintile 3	265	255	275	265	245	275
	Quintile 4	455	470	445	465	435	445
	Quintile 5	1,310	1,335	1,270	1,215	1,195	1,195
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	25.5	25.4	28.4	32.7	41.1	47.2
	Quintile 2	49.9	48.3	48.3	56.6	68.8	76.6
	Quintile 3	79.9	78.3	75.3	85.5	96.4	109.3
	Quintile 4	120.8	113.8	115.9	130.0	145.5	161.6
	Quintile 5	252.5	245.0	237.7	272.3	284.7	300.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.2	4.1	5.1	6.7	7.0	7.6
	Quintile 2	11.4	9.5	10.2	11.6	12.5	13.9
	Quintile 3	18.0	16.9	18.6	18.2	17.4	19.0
	Quintile 4	29.9	30.3	29.3	30.6	29.4	29.5
	Quintile 5	77.1	76.7	73.3	70.7	70.8	71.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.2	4.2	5.1	6.7	7.0	8.6
	Quintile 2	11.4	9.5	10.2	11.6	12.5	14.8
	Quintile 3	18.2	17.1	18.6	18.2	17.4	19.9
	Quintile 4	29.9	30.3	29.3	30.6	29.4	30.8
	Quintile 5	77.1	76.9	73.6	70.8	71.0	72.0

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

| Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	360	360	385	440	535	600
	Quintile 2	715	705	685	790	930	1,010
	Quintile 3	1,170	1,175	1,105	1,240	1,360	1,510
	Quintile 4	1,840	1,760	1,765	1,965	2,145	2,340
	Quintile 5	4,295	4,255	4,100	4,670	4,795	4,995
Offers	Quintile 1	95	80	100	130	155	155
	Quintile 2	205	195	205	225	250	280
	Quintile 3	330	330	345	370	355	400
	Quintile 4	560	585	575	600	600	620
	Quintile 5	1,530	1,570	1,490	1,525	1,515	1,575
Offer rate	Quintile 1	26.2%	22.8%	25.6%	29.2%	29.2%	25.6%
	Quintile 2	28.5%	27.7%	29.9%	28.4%	26.7%	27.8%
	Quintile 3	28.2%	28.1%	31.5%	29.7%	26.2%	26.5%
	Quintile 4	30.5%	33.3%	32.5%	30.5%	27.9%	26.6%
	Quintile 5	35.7%	36.8%	36.4%	32.6%	31.6%	31.5%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	28.8%	28.5%	27.5%	27.2%	26.2%	24.1%
	Quintile 2	29.7%	29.7%	30.0%	28.9%	26.2%	25.9%
	Quintile 3	30.3%	30.5%	33.2%	30.3%	27.3%	27.5%
	Quintile 4	30.8%	33.4%	33.0%	30.3%	28.6%	27.4%
	Quintile 5	34.5%	35.4%	35.5%	32.6%	31.4%	31.4%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-2.6	-5.6	-1.9	2.0	3.0	1.5
	Quintile 2	-1.2	-2.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.5	1.9
	Quintile 3	-2.1	-2.4	-1.7	-0.6	-1.1	-1.0
	Quintile 4	-0.4	-0.0	-0.5	0.2	-0.7	-0.8
	Quintile 5	1.2	1.5	0.9	-0.0	0.2	0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.105	0.096	0.091	0.095	0.097	0.098
	Quintile 2	0.124	0.124	0.119	0.119	0.127	0.131
	Quintile 3	0.175	0.179	0.166	0.166	0.168	0.167
	Quintile 4	0.245	0.234	0.245	0.243	0.246	0.249
	Quintile 5	0.543	0.548	0.542	0.544	0.529	0.516

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.

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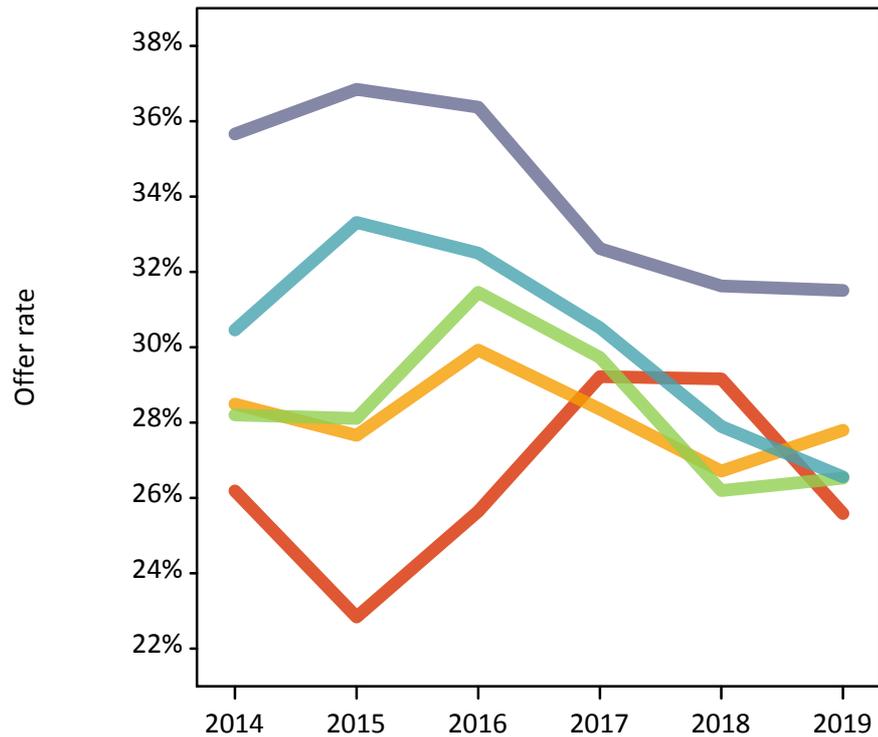
P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.

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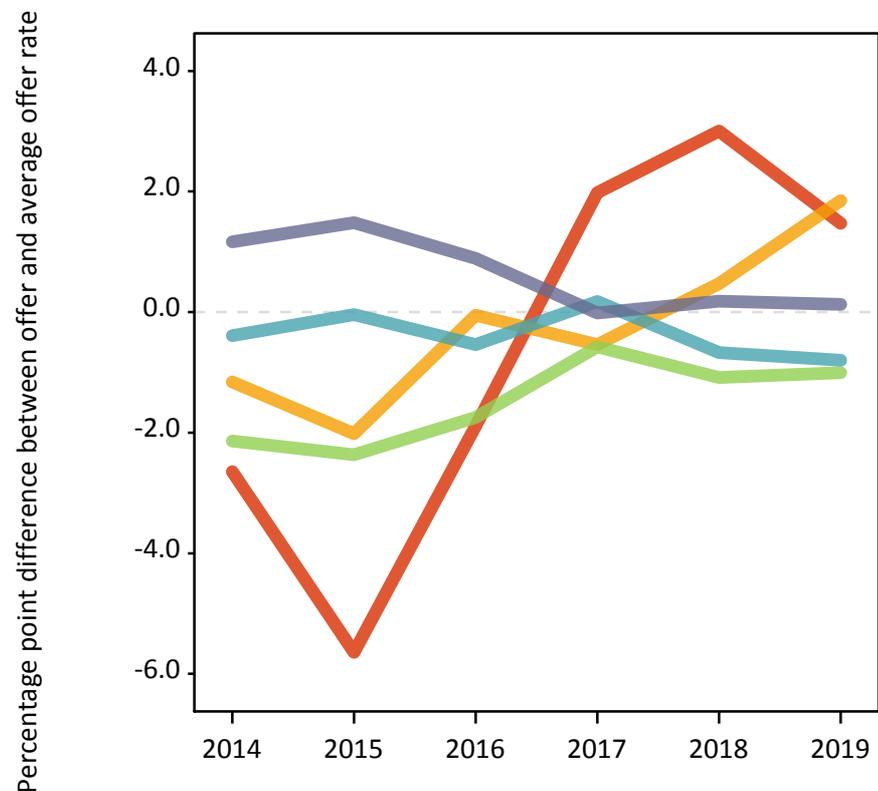
P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	6,565	6,375	6,175	6,800	7,010	7,155
	Black	190	180	220	260	360	500
	Asian	1,005	1,025	1,030	1,245	1,540	1,785
	Mixed	465	465	460	585	595	710
	Other	95	105	85	120	145	200
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,800	1,780	1,710	1,685	1,615	1,555
	Black	30	30	35	45	45	70
	Asian	270	270	290	270	305	315
	Mixed	125	105	125	145	115	155
	Other	20	25	20	15	20	25
All placed applicants	White	1,800	1,785	1,720	1,685	1,620	1,585
	Black	30	30	35	45	45	80
	Asian	270	270	290	270	305	335
	Mixed	125	105	125	145	115	165
	Other	20	25	20	15	20	30
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	106.4	102.3	102.1	114.6	122.7	129.5
	Black	63.0	56.2	70.6	83.2	111.3	151.2
	Asian	148.0	144.5	142.9	168.9	203.8	229.0
	Mixed	161.3	151.1	145.5	182.9	183.5	215.5
	Other	99.9	107.9	84.4	115.5	133.3	179.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	29.1	28.6	28.3	28.4	28.3	28.2
	Black	10.2	8.8	11.8	14.9	14.3	20.9
	Asian	39.7	38.3	40.6	36.8	40.6	40.4
	Mixed	43.8	34.4	39.1	45.5	34.9	47.7
	Other	20.4	27.0	18.1	16.5	19.6	23.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	29.2	28.6	28.4	28.4	28.3	28.7
	Black	10.6	8.8	11.8	14.9	14.3	23.6
	Asian	39.7	38.3	40.6	36.8	40.6	43.0
	Mixed	43.8	34.7	39.1	45.5	34.9	50.5
	Other	20.4	27.0	18.1	16.5	19.6	27.6

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	6,565	6,375	6,175	6,800	7,010	7,155
	Black	190	180	220	260	360	500
	Asian	1,005	1,025	1,030	1,245	1,540	1,785
	Mixed	465	465	460	585	595	710
	Other	95	105	85	120	145	200
Offers	White	2,165	2,175	2,130	2,200	2,180	2,175
	Black	45	35	50	65	75	120
	Asian	315	325	340	330	385	435
	Mixed	150	145	150	195	170	215
	Other	25	30	25	25	30	40
Offer rate	White	33.0%	34.1%	34.5%	32.3%	31.1%	30.4%
	Black	23.0%	20.1%	22.2%	24.8%	21.2%	24.4%
	Asian	31.2%	32.0%	32.9%	26.5%	25.1%	24.4%
	Mixed	32.3%	31.1%	33.0%	32.9%	28.6%	30.0%
	Other	26.9%	27.9%	32.1%	21.0%	20.3%	20.9%
Average offer rate	White	32.9%	34.1%	34.2%	32.2%	30.8%	30.7%
	Black	21.5%	22.0%	27.0%	22.6%	19.1%	19.4%
	Asian	32.0%	31.6%	33.1%	28.5%	26.4%	25.4%
	Mixed	33.0%	33.0%	32.7%	30.7%	29.2%	28.0%
	Other	27.4%	30.9%	33.3%	24.7%	22.9%	26.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.1	-0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.2
	Black	1.5	-1.9	-4.8	2.2	2.1	5.0
	Asian	-0.8	0.3	-0.2	-2.0	-1.3	-1.0
	Mixed	-0.7	-1.9	0.3	2.1	-0.6	2.0
	Other	-0.5	-3.0	-1.2	-3.7	-2.6	-5.4
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.801	0.792	0.788	0.771	0.745	0.717
	Black	0.091	0.073	0.078	0.090	0.097	0.105
	Asian	0.205	0.208	0.213	0.223	0.238	0.247
	Mixed	0.080	0.091	0.102	0.103	0.095	0.103
	Other	0.044	0.062	0.068	0.047	0.073	0.049

**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 2014-2019.
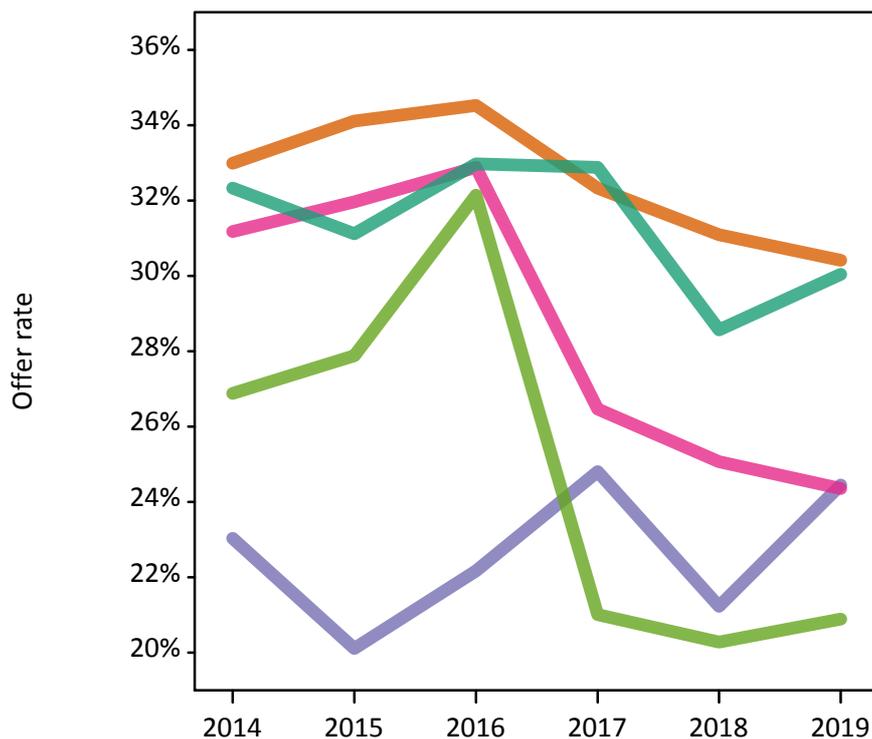
P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
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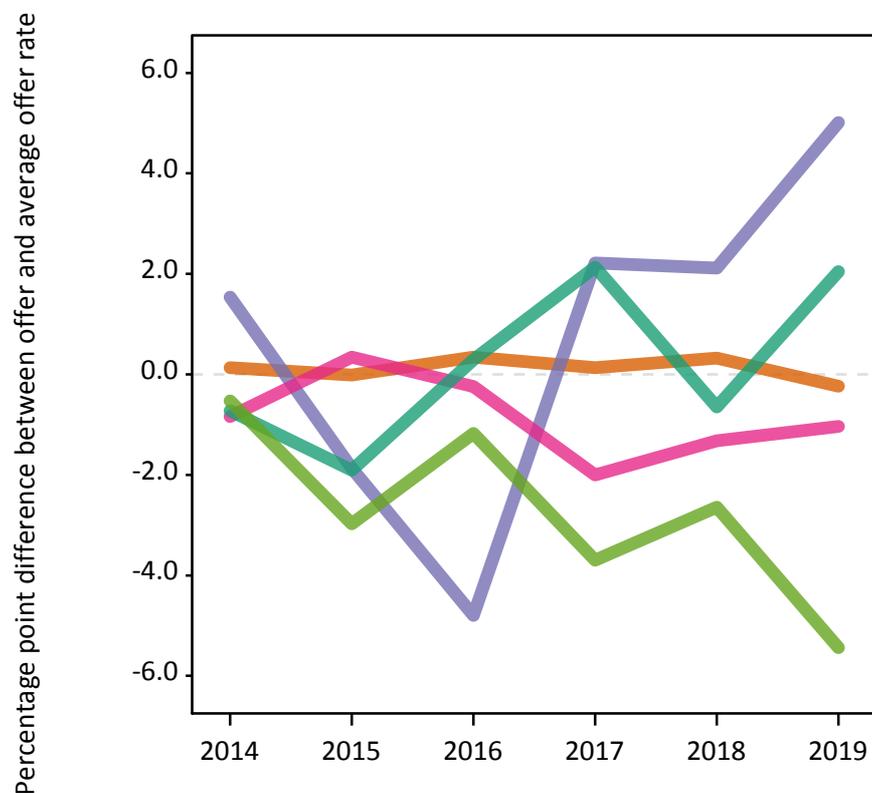
P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	10,220	10,045	9,785	10,760	11,575	12,350
Placed June deadline applicants	2,645	2,635	2,590	2,585	2,545	2,565
All placed applicants	2,645	2,640	2,600	2,585	2,545	2,645

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	10,230	10,060	9,795	10,775	11,590	12,365
Offers	3,160	3,200	3,180	3,305	3,360	3,530
Offer rate	30.9%	31.8%	32.5%	30.7%	29.0%	28.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	5,680	5,520	5,385	5,795	6,130	6,385
	Women	4,540	4,525	4,400	4,965	5,445	5,965
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,385	1,330	1,310	1,315	1,260	1,260
	Women	1,260	1,305	1,280	1,270	1,285	1,305
All placed applicants	Men	1,385	1,335	1,315	1,315	1,260	1,300
	Women	1,260	1,305	1,285	1,275	1,285	1,340

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,685	5,530	5,390	5,805	6,135	6,390
	Women	4,545	4,530	4,405	4,970	5,455	5,975
Offers	Men	1,660	1,625	1,615	1,645	1,640	1,675
	Women	1,500	1,575	1,565	1,660	1,720	1,855
Offer rate	Men	29.2%	29.4%	30.0%	28.4%	26.7%	26.2%
	Women	33.1%	34.7%	35.6%	33.4%	31.6%	31.1%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	465	460	485	525	645	705
	Quintile 2	905	855	815	935	1,085	1,170
	Quintile 3	1,415	1,420	1,320	1,455	1,605	1,755
	Quintile 4	2,215	2,155	2,140	2,320	2,540	2,765
	Quintile 5	5,190	5,125	4,995	5,485	5,660	5,890
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	85	65	85	100	105	110
	Quintile 2	190	160	165	185	195	210
	Quintile 3	305	300	310	300	295	315
	Quintile 4	520	540	515	535	515	510
	Quintile 5	1,540	1,560	1,510	1,455	1,425	1,415
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	85	70	85	100	105	120
	Quintile 2	190	160	165	185	195	220
	Quintile 3	305	305	310	300	295	330
	Quintile 4	520	540	515	535	515	530
	Quintile 5	1,540	1,565	1,515	1,460	1,425	1,435

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	470	460	485	525	645	705
	Quintile 2	905	855	815	935	1,085	1,175
	Quintile 3	1,415	1,420	1,320	1,455	1,610	1,755
	Quintile 4	2,215	2,160	2,140	2,325	2,545	2,770
	Quintile 5	5,195	5,130	5,005	5,495	5,665	5,895
Offers	Quintile 1	110	95	120	140	175	170
	Quintile 2	240	220	235	255	280	315
	Quintile 3	380	385	390	420	420	460
	Quintile 4	635	675	655	685	695	725
	Quintile 5	1,790	1,820	1,775	1,795	1,780	1,850
Offer rate	Quintile 1	23.5%	20.3%	24.9%	26.5%	27.4%	24.0%
	Quintile 2	26.6%	25.6%	28.6%	27.4%	26.0%	26.7%
	Quintile 3	26.7%	27.3%	29.7%	28.7%	26.1%	26.3%
	Quintile 4	28.6%	31.3%	30.5%	29.6%	27.4%	26.2%
	Quintile 5	34.5%	35.4%	35.4%	32.7%	31.4%	31.3%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	7,840	7,605	7,385	7,905	8,140	8,310
	Black	295	275	300	355	470	630
	Asian	1,245	1,280	1,255	1,470	1,820	2,105
	Mixed	575	560	560	695	750	855
	Other	130	145	130	165	195	260
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,095	2,070	2,015	1,990	1,925	1,865
	Black	35	35	40	55	60	80
	Asian	300	310	320	295	345	360
	Mixed	150	130	150	175	150	185
	Other	20	30	30	25	25	35
All placed applicants	White	2,100	2,075	2,025	1,990	1,930	1,900
	Black	40	35	40	55	60	90
	Asian	300	310	320	295	345	380
	Mixed	150	130	150	175	150	195
	Other	20	30	30	25	25	40

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	7,845	7,620	7,390	7,915	8,145	8,320
	Black	295	275	300	355	470	630
	Asian	1,250	1,285	1,260	1,470	1,825	2,110
	Mixed	575	560	560	695	755	855
	Other	130	145	130	165	195	260
Offers	White	2,505	2,510	2,495	2,555	2,530	2,540
	Black	50	45	55	75	90	140
	Asian	350	375	375	360	430	490
	Mixed	180	170	180	225	215	250
	Other	30	35	40	35	40	55
Offer rate	White	32.0%	32.9%	33.7%	32.3%	31.1%	30.6%
	Black	17.6%	16.4%	18.5%	21.6%	19.5%	22.0%
	Asian	27.8%	29.1%	29.6%	24.5%	23.6%	23.2%
	Mixed	30.8%	30.5%	31.8%	32.3%	28.5%	29.2%
	Other	23.8%	24.5%	29.0%	19.9%	20.1%	20.7%

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 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.

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.