

## C55 University of Chester

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**Reporting groups:** Sex, POLAR4, ethnic group

**Applicant statistics:** June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

**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	13,820	12,565	12,000	10,865	9,415	8,375
Placed June deadline applicants	1,675	1,605	1,650	1,750	1,400	945
All placed applicants	1,835	1,820	1,940	1,980	1,570	1,130
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	183.5	164.0	160.1	146.7	130.4	118.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	22.3	21.0	22.0	23.6	19.4	13.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	24.4	23.8	25.9	26.7	21.8	15.9

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	14,430	13,140	12,595	11,450	9,980	8,895
Offers	11,335	10,955	10,580	9,600	8,400	7,400
Offer rate	78.6%	83.4%	84.0%	83.8%	84.2%	83.2%

### P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	4,860	4,290	3,965	3,495	2,950	2,615
	Women	8,960	8,270	8,035	7,370	6,465	5,760
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	575	535	555	555	445	285
	Women	1,105	1,075	1,095	1,195	960	660
All placed applicants	Men	645	600	650	645	495	345
	Women	1,195	1,220	1,290	1,335	1,080	780
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	125.5	109.3	103.3	92.1	79.7	72.2
	Women	244.8	221.3	219.9	204.1	183.8	166.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.8	13.6	14.5	14.7	12.0	7.8
	Women	30.2	28.7	30.0	33.1	27.2	19.1
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	16.6	15.3	16.9	17.0	13.3	9.6
	Women	32.6	32.7	35.3	36.9	30.6	22.6

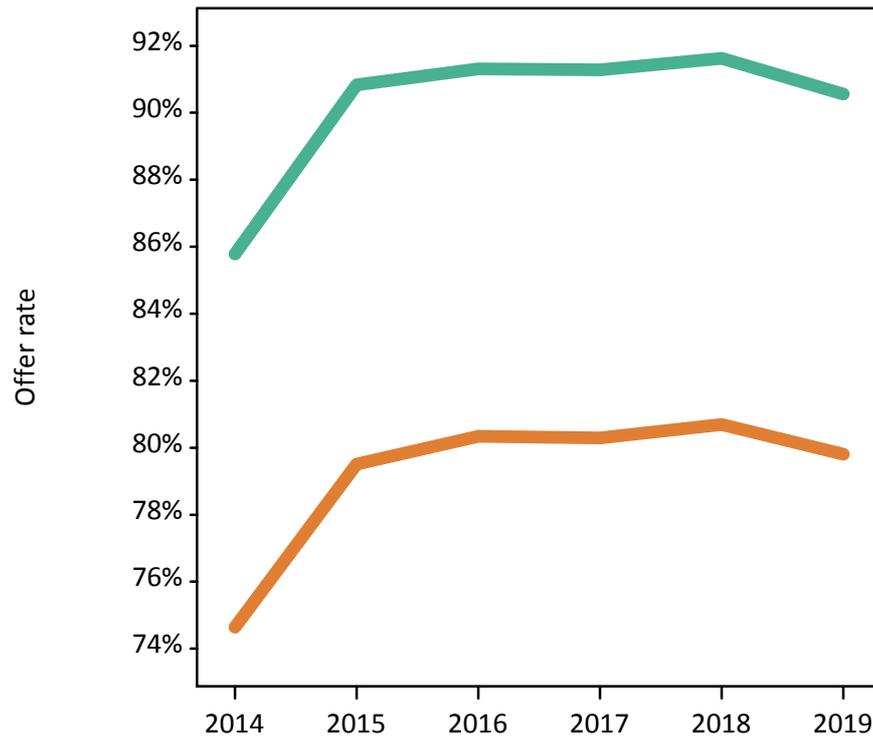
### P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,070	4,480	4,180	3,695	3,165	2,795
	Women	9,360	8,660	8,420	7,755	6,815	6,095
Offers	Men	4,350	4,070	3,815	3,375	2,900	2,535
	Women	6,990	6,885	6,765	6,230	5,500	4,865
Offer rate	Men	85.8%	90.8%	91.3%	91.3%	91.6%	90.6%
	Women	74.6%	79.5%	80.3%	80.3%	80.7%	79.8%
Average offer rate	Men	86.5%	91.3%	91.6%	91.4%	91.7%	89.9%
	Women	74.3%	79.3%	80.2%	80.3%	80.6%	80.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
	Women	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.539	0.539	0.530	0.537	0.535	0.542
	Women	0.750	0.761	0.767	0.779	0.784	0.790

### 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.

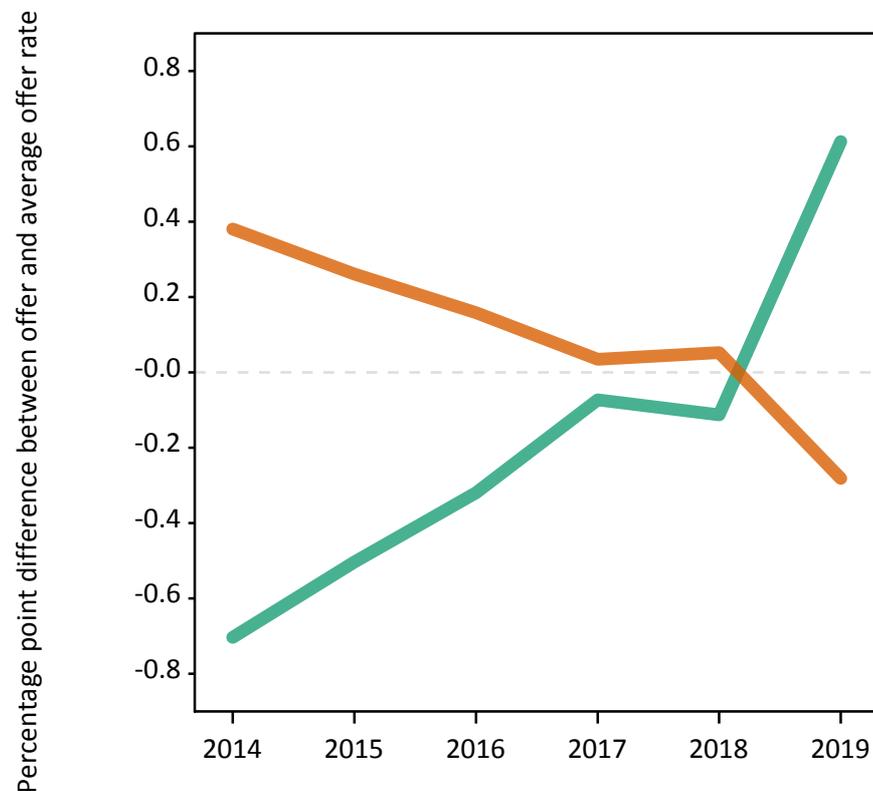
Men  
Women



### 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	2,150	2,110	2,000	1,835	1,580	1,455
	Quintile 2	2,760	2,440	2,405	2,065	1,885	1,630
	Quintile 3	2,905	2,650	2,520	2,285	1,890	1,735
	Quintile 4	2,990	2,755	2,540	2,300	1,990	1,760
	Quintile 5	2,990	2,595	2,515	2,365	2,050	1,755
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	255	285	305	295	235	185
	Quintile 2	360	325	335	350	275	180
	Quintile 3	335	345	325	340	295	200
	Quintile 4	380	330	360	390	320	195
	Quintile 5	340	315	330	370	275	180
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	270	315	350	330	270	230
	Quintile 2	390	370	375	405	305	205
	Quintile 3	370	395	385	380	330	240
	Quintile 4	415	370	420	445	350	225
	Quintile 5	385	370	400	415	315	215
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	152.8	148.9	147.0	137.2	121.4	114.6
	Quintile 2	192.3	167.1	169.5	148.1	139.4	123.5
	Quintile 3	198.5	176.7	172.1	157.6	134.0	125.7
	Quintile 4	196.1	177.9	166.6	152.1	134.8	121.3
	Quintile 5	175.6	149.3	145.8	137.9	121.8	105.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	18.1	20.2	22.3	22.0	18.0	14.6
	Quintile 2	25.2	22.4	23.5	25.1	20.2	13.6
	Quintile 3	22.9	23.0	22.2	23.5	21.1	14.6
	Quintile 4	24.9	21.4	23.6	25.7	21.7	13.5
	Quintile 5	19.9	18.1	19.0	21.7	16.4	10.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	19.3	22.2	25.6	24.6	20.6	18.1
	Quintile 2	27.2	25.3	26.6	29.0	22.5	15.7
	Quintile 3	25.2	26.3	26.3	26.2	23.3	17.4
	Quintile 4	27.2	23.9	27.6	29.4	23.7	15.7
	Quintile 5	22.5	21.3	23.3	24.3	18.8	13.1

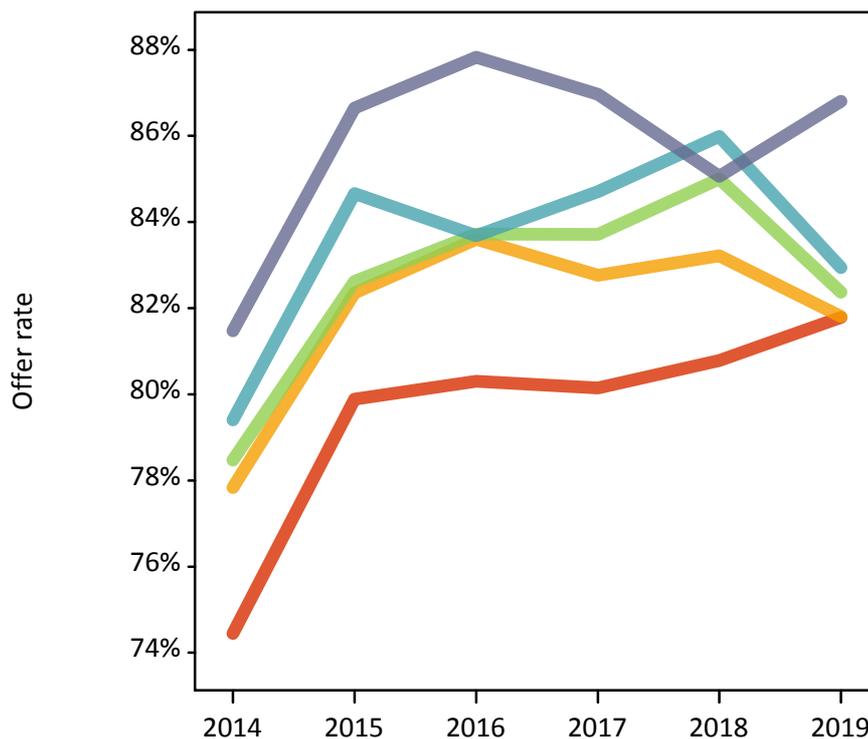
## P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,260	2,215	2,115	1,950	1,675	1,550
	Quintile 2	2,890	2,560	2,535	2,200	1,995	1,750
	Quintile 3	3,030	2,780	2,630	2,395	1,995	1,840
	Quintile 4	3,125	2,880	2,665	2,420	2,120	1,870
	Quintile 5	3,100	2,690	2,630	2,470	2,170	1,840
Offers	Quintile 1	1,680	1,770	1,700	1,560	1,355	1,265
	Quintile 2	2,250	2,110	2,120	1,820	1,660	1,430
	Quintile 3	2,375	2,295	2,200	2,005	1,695	1,515
	Quintile 4	2,485	2,440	2,230	2,050	1,825	1,550
	Quintile 5	2,525	2,330	2,310	2,150	1,845	1,600
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.4%	79.9%	80.3%	80.1%	80.8%	81.8%
	Quintile 2	77.8%	82.4%	83.6%	82.8%	83.2%	81.8%
	Quintile 3	78.5%	82.6%	83.7%	83.7%	85.0%	82.4%
	Quintile 4	79.4%	84.7%	83.7%	84.7%	86.0%	82.9%
	Quintile 5	81.5%	86.6%	87.8%	87.0%	85.1%	86.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	75.8%	80.3%	81.3%	81.4%	81.8%	81.8%
	Quintile 2	78.2%	82.9%	83.7%	82.8%	83.6%	83.5%
	Quintile 3	78.3%	82.4%	84.1%	83.6%	84.8%	83.1%
	Quintile 4	78.5%	84.2%	83.8%	84.2%	85.1%	82.8%
	Quintile 5	81.2%	86.6%	86.5%	86.5%	85.0%	84.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.3	-0.4	-1.0	-1.3	-1.0	-0.0
	Quintile 2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.0	-0.4	-1.6
	Quintile 3	0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.7
	Quintile 4	0.9	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.9	0.2
	Quintile 5	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.1	2.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.224	0.237	0.247	0.251	0.261	0.272
	Quintile 2	0.252	0.258	0.265	0.261	0.282	0.298
	Quintile 3	0.262	0.271	0.267	0.276	0.282	0.298
	Quintile 4	0.276	0.281	0.281	0.285	0.295	0.306
	Quintile 5	0.278	0.277	0.292	0.300	0.302	0.304

### P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

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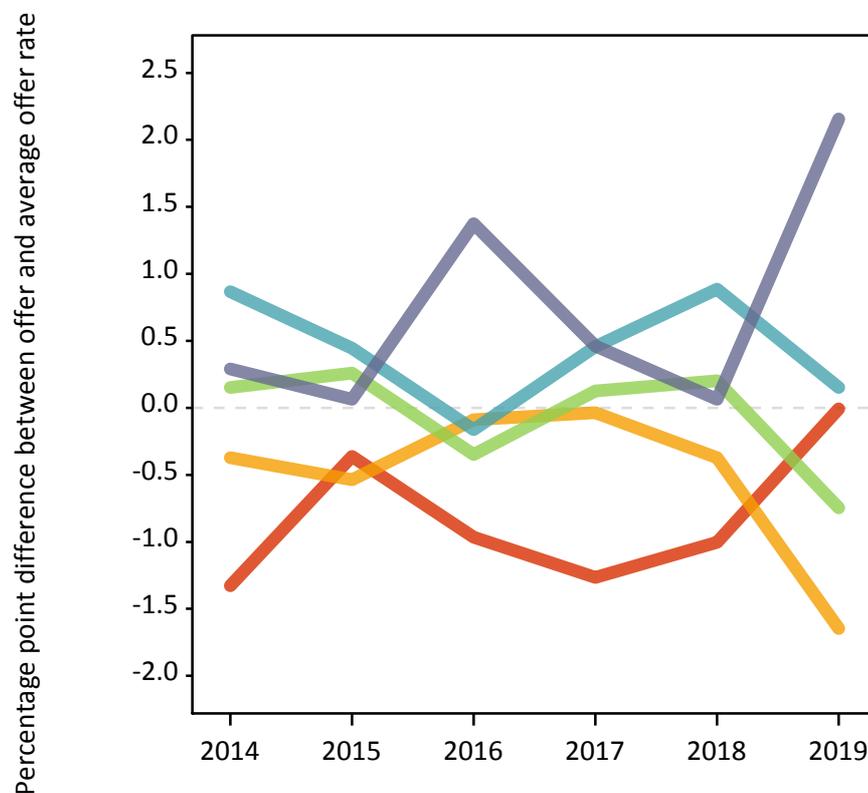
- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



### 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	12,500	11,440	10,845	9,745	8,480	7,475
	Black	380	275	260	265	180	185
	Asian	500	420	480	465	370	375
	Mixed	350	350	330	305	295	255
	Other	55	45	60	70	70	65
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,575	1,520	1,505	1,620	1,315	875
	Black	20	20	30	20	15	15
	Asian	45	25	60	60	30	25
	Mixed	30	35	45	40	40	30
	Other	5	5	10	5	5	0
All placed applicants	White	1,715	1,715	1,750	1,825	1,460	1,030
	Black	25	20	45	25	15	20
	Asian	55	30	70	65	35	40
	Mixed	30	40	50	50	40	30
	Other	5	10	15	5	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	202.6	183.6	179.3	164.2	148.4	135.2
	Black	125.7	86.7	83.4	83.9	56.3	56.4
	Asian	74.0	59.6	67.0	63.1	49.1	48.0
	Mixed	121.3	113.2	104.2	94.4	91.3	77.5
	Other	61.2	47.7	62.3	66.0	64.3	57.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	25.6	24.4	24.9	27.3	23.0	15.8
	Black	6.9	5.7	10.2	6.7	4.0	4.2
	Asian	6.5	3.7	8.1	7.9	3.8	3.2
	Mixed	9.7	11.0	14.0	12.8	11.7	8.5
	Other	5.4	6.2	11.1	6.8	4.7	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	27.8	27.5	29.0	30.8	25.5	18.6
	Black	8.6	6.9	15.0	8.3	5.3	6.1
	Asian	7.8	4.2	9.7	8.6	4.8	4.9
	Mixed	10.4	13.3	16.2	16.2	13.0	9.7
	Other	7.5	9.3	13.1	6.8	5.6	3.6

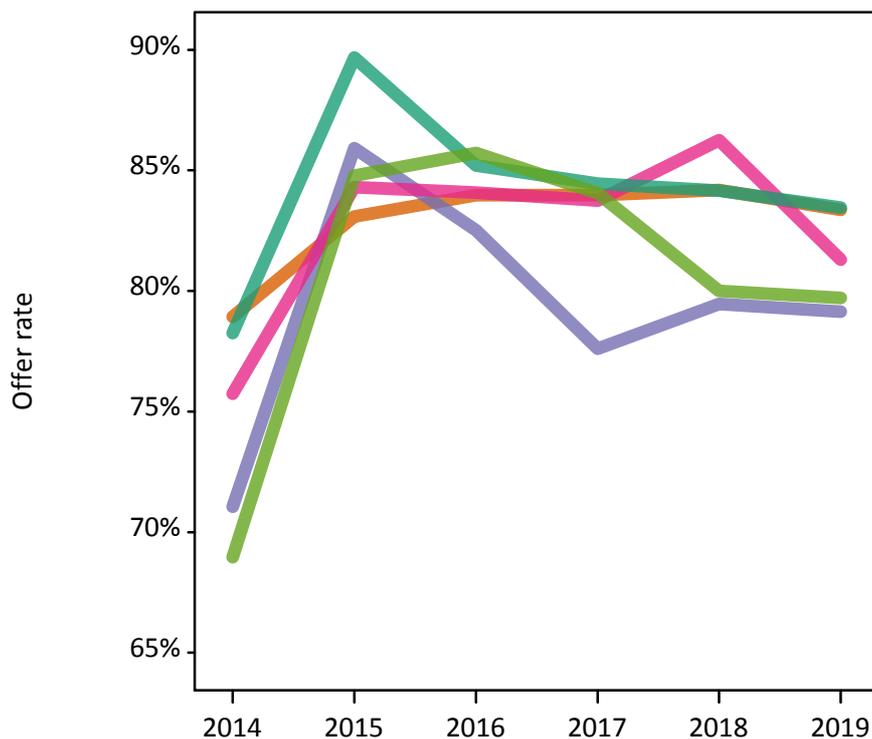
## P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	13,090	11,990	11,410	10,295	9,020	7,965
	Black	385	275	265	270	185	185
	Asian	510	425	495	480	380	385
	Mixed	355	370	340	315	305	265
	Other	60	45	65	70	70	70
Offers	White	10,330	9,965	9,580	8,645	7,595	6,640
	Black	275	240	215	210	145	150
	Asian	385	360	415	400	325	315
	Mixed	275	330	290	265	255	220
	Other	40	40	55	60	55	55
Offer rate	White	78.9%	83.1%	84.0%	84.0%	84.2%	83.4%
	Black	71.1%	85.9%	82.5%	77.6%	79.5%	79.1%
	Asian	75.7%	84.3%	84.1%	83.8%	86.2%	81.3%
	Mixed	78.2%	89.7%	85.2%	84.4%	84.2%	83.5%
	Other	69.0%	84.8%	85.7%	84.1%	80.0%	79.7%
Average offer rate	White	78.3%	83.1%	83.8%	83.6%	84.0%	83.0%
	Black	80.3%	87.4%	85.6%	84.8%	83.9%	81.9%
	Asian	79.6%	84.0%	85.0%	86.6%	87.2%	85.8%
	Mixed	82.9%	87.1%	86.0%	84.6%	84.9%	85.0%
	Other	77.6%	90.2%	89.4%	87.2%	88.2%	85.0%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	0.6	-0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
	Black	-9.3	-1.4	-3.1	-7.2	-4.4	-2.8
	Asian	-3.9	0.4	-1.0	-2.9	-1.0	-4.5
	Mixed	-4.6	2.6	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7	-1.5
	Other	-8.6	N/A	-3.6	-3.1	-8.2	-5.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.917	0.923	0.919	0.913	0.919	0.914
	Black	0.127	0.122	0.131	0.136	0.176	0.189
	Asian	0.115	0.137	0.176	0.176	0.190	0.212
	Mixed	0.092	0.114	0.110	0.119	0.130	0.151
	Other	0.072	0.069	0.119	0.093	0.107	0.145

### 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.

- White
- 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	23,150	20,535	19,500	17,730	15,375	13,790
Placed June deadline applicants	3,075	2,850	3,025	3,080	2,585	2,000
All placed applicants	3,425	3,305	3,600	3,575	3,060	2,475

### P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	24,630	21,720	20,810	18,940	16,550	14,845
Offers	16,905	16,120	15,750	14,330	12,715	11,255
Offer rate	68.6%	74.2%	75.7%	75.7%	76.8%	75.8%

### P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	7,900	6,805	6,210	5,640	4,710	4,130
	Women	15,250	13,730	13,290	12,090	10,660	9,660
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,040	905	980	960	795	560
	Women	2,040	1,945	2,045	2,120	1,785	1,440
All placed applicants	Men	1,190	1,065	1,190	1,145	955	735
	Women	2,235	2,235	2,410	2,425	2,105	1,735

### P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	8,365	7,165	6,610	6,070	5,120	4,490
	Women	16,260	14,560	14,200	12,875	11,430	10,355
Offers	Men	6,630	6,075	5,680	5,090	4,310	3,760
	Women	10,275	10,040	10,070	9,240	8,405	7,495
Offer rate	Men	79.2%	84.8%	85.9%	83.9%	84.2%	83.7%
	Women	63.2%	69.0%	70.9%	71.8%	73.5%	72.4%

### P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	4,225	3,885	3,715	3,390	3,000	2,790
	Quintile 2	4,625	4,080	4,000	3,480	3,140	2,770
	Quintile 3	4,765	4,245	4,000	3,670	3,065	2,715
	Quintile 4	4,775	4,280	3,980	3,590	3,055	2,780
	Quintile 5	4,715	4,020	3,775	3,565	3,065	2,655
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	565	560	625	630	555	470
	Quintile 2	645	580	625	625	500	390
	Quintile 3	615	595	605	585	510	380
	Quintile 4	650	550	600	625	525	400
	Quintile 5	600	560	560	605	490	350
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	615	650	735	720	655	585
	Quintile 2	705	675	725	730	575	460
	Quintile 3	685	685	715	660	600	475
	Quintile 4	720	630	720	730	620	495
	Quintile 5	685	660	695	720	600	440

### P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	4,565	4,140	4,035	3,665	3,245	3,005
	Quintile 2	4,930	4,315	4,275	3,755	3,375	3,005
	Quintile 3	5,035	4,485	4,235	3,905	3,270	2,915
	Quintile 4	5,070	4,510	4,235	3,805	3,330	2,995
	Quintile 5	4,975	4,240	4,000	3,770	3,280	2,835
Offers	Quintile 1	2,840	2,845	2,805	2,595	2,345	2,165
	Quintile 2	3,360	3,145	3,210	2,775	2,545	2,230
	Quintile 3	3,470	3,315	3,200	2,970	2,555	2,230
	Quintile 4	3,560	3,455	3,270	2,955	2,635	2,275
	Quintile 5	3,645	3,335	3,235	3,010	2,605	2,280
Offer rate	Quintile 1	62.2%	68.7%	69.5%	70.9%	72.3%	72.1%
	Quintile 2	68.1%	72.9%	75.1%	73.8%	75.3%	74.3%
	Quintile 3	68.9%	73.9%	75.6%	76.0%	78.1%	76.4%
	Quintile 4	70.2%	76.6%	77.1%	77.7%	79.1%	75.9%
	Quintile 5	73.2%	78.7%	80.9%	79.8%	79.4%	80.5%

## P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	20,590	18,255	17,180	15,520	13,495	12,015
	Black	925	750	760	730	600	560
	Asian	880	770	810	765	620	605
	Mixed	575	565	550	530	485	435
	Other	115	120	135	135	120	125
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,860	2,650	2,750	2,790	2,380	1,805
	Black	60	50	85	85	60	60
	Asian	80	65	85	95	55	55
	Mixed	60	60	80	85	65	60
	Other	10	15	15	15	10	10
All placed applicants	White	3,165	3,045	3,235	3,205	2,780	2,205
	Black	70	75	115	110	80	85
	Asian	95	70	115	115	70	75
	Mixed	65	70	95	105	75	70
	Other	15	20	20	20	20	15

## P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	22,005	19,375	18,410	16,650	14,595	12,995
	Black	945	770	785	740	625	570
	Asian	905	780	835	790	630	630
	Mixed	595	590	575	565	510	460
	Other	120	125	135	135	125	135
Offers	White	15,285	14,470	14,080	12,720	11,340	9,955
	Black	475	435	435	430	345	355
	Asian	605	585	635	605	500	470
	Mixed	425	480	445	435	400	345
	Other	75	85	100	100	85	90
Offer rate	White	69.5%	74.7%	76.5%	76.4%	77.7%	76.6%
	Black	50.1%	56.6%	55.5%	57.8%	55.6%	61.9%
	Asian	66.7%	75.2%	76.1%	76.4%	79.1%	74.7%
	Mixed	72.0%	81.8%	77.3%	77.2%	78.1%	74.8%
	Other	61.7%	70.7%	73.7%	71.5%	66.1%	69.2%

## 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.

### 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.