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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	11,190	12,825	12,155	10,585	9,235	8,915
Placed June deadline applicants	1,760	2,010	1,865	1,945	1,735	1,720
All placed applicants	2,360	2,595	2,485	2,470	2,235	2,330
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	148.6	167.4	162.2	142.9	127.9	125.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	23.4	26.2	24.9	26.3	24.0	24.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	31.4	33.9	33.1	33.4	31.0	32.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	11,760	13,415	12,685	10,985	9,660	9,415
Offers	8,985	10,595	10,005	8,675	7,650	7,625
Offer rate	76.4%	79.0%	78.9%	79.0%	79.2%	81.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	5,065	5,645	5,365	4,505	4,015	3,840
	Women	6,130	7,180	6,790	6,085	5,225	5,070
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	820	915	800	820	750	760
	Women	940	1,095	1,065	1,125	990	960
All placed applicants	Men	1,085	1,185	1,075	1,030	965	1,035
	Women	1,280	1,410	1,405	1,440	1,270	1,295
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	130.8	143.9	139.7	118.6	108.3	106.1
	Women	167.4	192.1	185.8	168.5	148.4	146.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	21.2	23.3	20.9	21.6	20.2	20.9
	Women	25.7	29.3	29.2	31.2	28.1	27.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	28.0	30.2	28.0	27.2	26.0	28.5
	Women	34.9	37.7	38.5	39.9	36.1	37.5

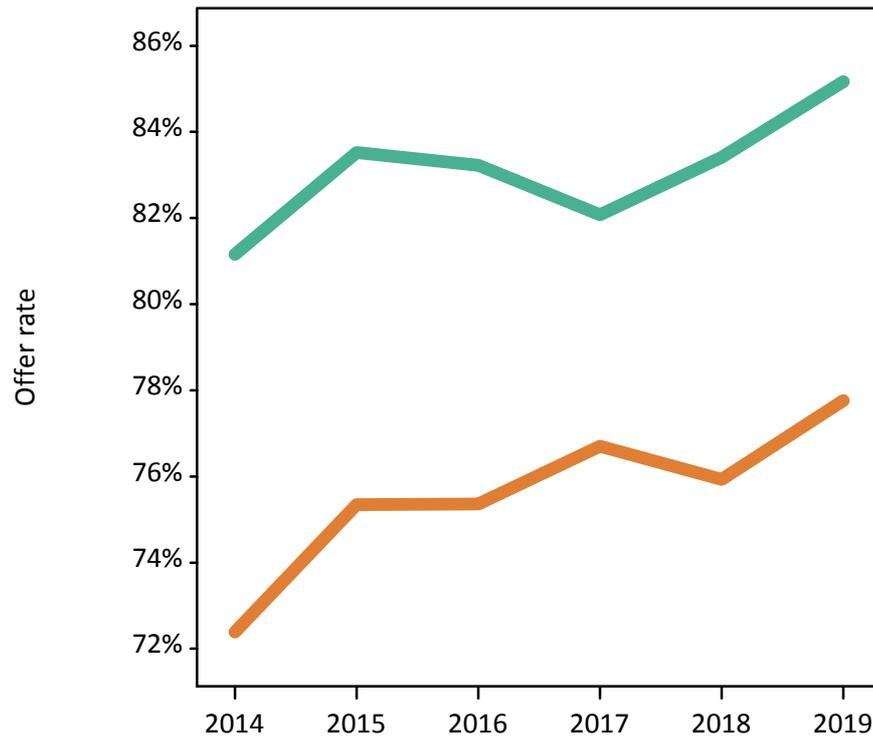
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,400	5,965	5,650	4,705	4,245	4,115
	Women	6,360	7,450	7,035	6,280	5,415	5,300
Offers	Men	4,385	4,980	4,705	3,860	3,540	3,505
	Women	4,605	5,615	5,300	4,815	4,110	4,125
Offer rate	Men	81.2%	83.5%	83.2%	82.1%	83.4%	85.2%
	Women	72.4%	75.3%	75.4%	76.7%	75.9%	77.8%
Average offer rate	Men	82.2%	84.4%	84.1%	83.5%	83.9%	85.9%
	Women	71.5%	74.6%	74.7%	75.7%	75.5%	77.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-1.4	-0.5	-0.7
	Women	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.651	0.633	0.633	0.629	0.630	0.628
	Women	0.704	0.706	0.705	0.722	0.710	0.712

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.

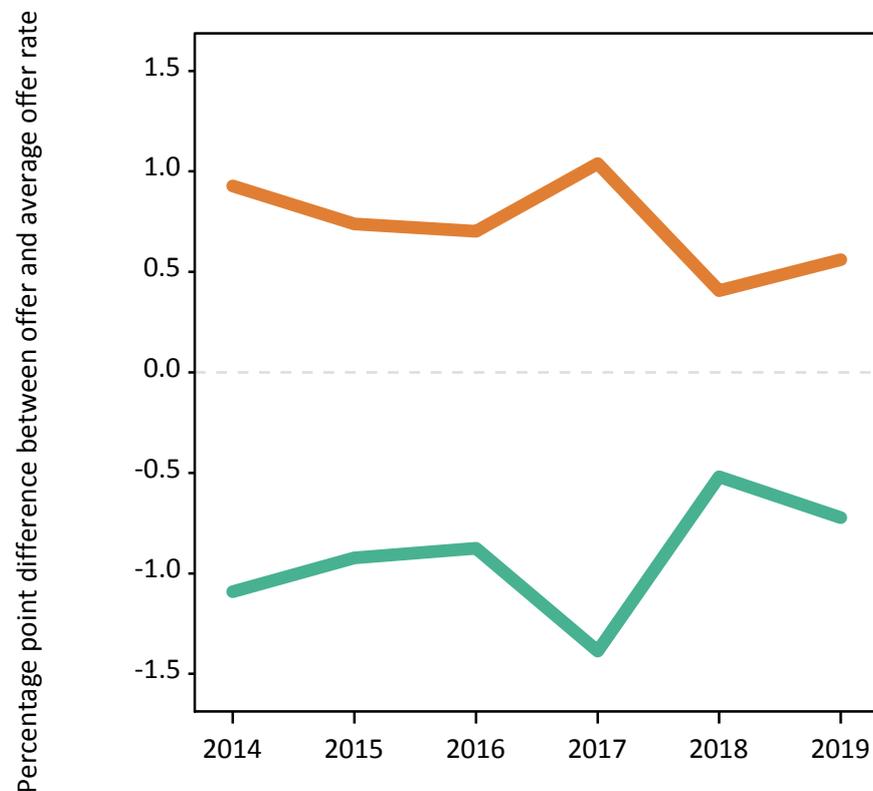
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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	880	1,005	1,030	890	795	770
	Quintile 2	1,570	1,845	1,730	1,480	1,350	1,265
	Quintile 3	2,315	2,600	2,510	2,230	1,855	1,845
	Quintile 4	3,335	3,830	3,605	3,125	2,770	2,595
	Quintile 5	3,070	3,520	3,260	2,835	2,440	2,385
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	100	160	140	140	105	130
	Quintile 2	230	285	280	310	280	245
	Quintile 3	390	425	410	410	375	350
	Quintile 4	550	615	575	585	525	530
	Quintile 5	485	520	455	490	450	455
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	130	200	180	180	125	170
	Quintile 2	290	350	360	370	335	325
	Quintile 3	490	535	540	505	475	465
	Quintile 4	735	790	765	765	705	730
	Quintile 5	710	720	640	650	585	630
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	62.7	71.0	75.5	66.6	61.0	60.7
	Quintile 2	109.5	126.2	121.9	106.0	99.8	95.9
	Quintile 3	158.2	173.6	171.2	153.9	131.4	133.7
	Quintile 4	218.7	247.2	236.4	206.6	187.9	178.9
	Quintile 5	180.4	202.6	189.1	165.4	145.0	143.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	7.2	11.4	10.4	10.5	8.0	10.3
	Quintile 2	16.2	19.4	19.6	22.2	20.8	18.6
	Quintile 3	26.6	28.5	27.9	28.4	26.5	25.4
	Quintile 4	36.1	39.6	37.8	38.8	35.5	36.7
	Quintile 5	28.5	29.8	26.5	28.7	26.7	27.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.2	14.1	13.2	13.4	9.8	13.5
	Quintile 2	20.2	24.0	25.3	26.4	24.6	24.5
	Quintile 3	33.5	35.6	36.8	34.8	33.8	33.8
	Quintile 4	48.3	51.0	50.1	50.5	47.9	50.2
	Quintile 5	41.8	41.5	37.0	37.8	34.9	37.9

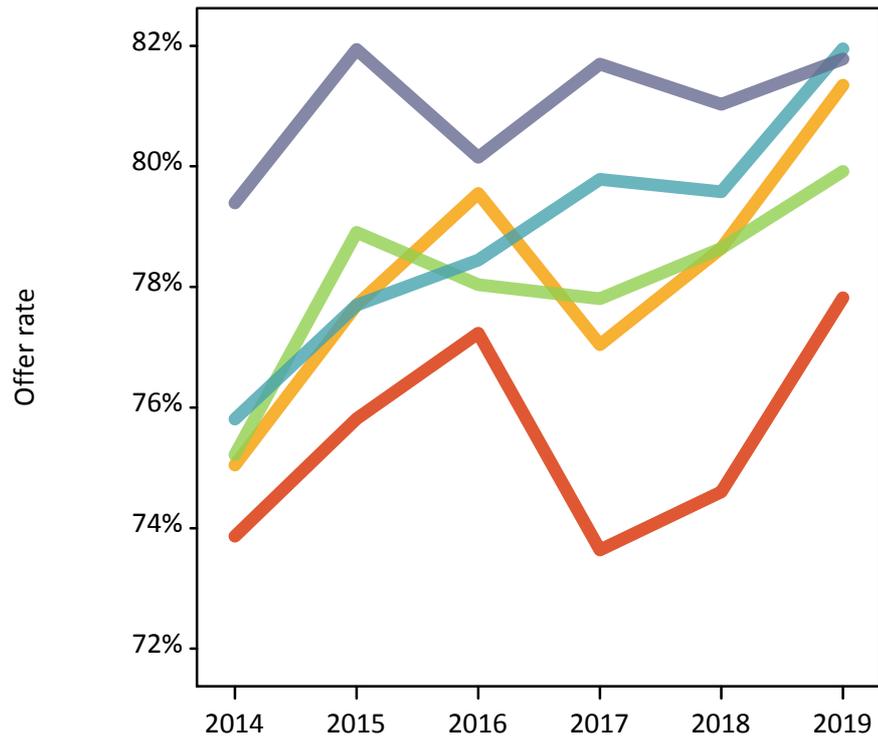
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	905	1,045	1,065	920	820	815
	Quintile 2	1,640	1,955	1,840	1,540	1,430	1,350
	Quintile 3	2,430	2,720	2,610	2,300	1,915	1,935
	Quintile 4	3,530	3,985	3,770	3,260	2,910	2,725
	Quintile 5	3,240	3,675	3,380	2,935	2,560	2,530
Offers	Quintile 1	665	795	820	675	610	635
	Quintile 2	1,230	1,520	1,465	1,190	1,125	1,100
	Quintile 3	1,825	2,145	2,035	1,790	1,505	1,550
	Quintile 4	2,675	3,095	2,960	2,600	2,315	2,235
	Quintile 5	2,575	3,015	2,710	2,395	2,075	2,070
Offer rate	Quintile 1	73.9%	75.8%	77.2%	73.6%	74.6%	77.8%
	Quintile 2	75.0%	77.7%	79.6%	77.0%	78.6%	81.3%
	Quintile 3	75.2%	78.9%	78.0%	77.8%	78.6%	79.9%
	Quintile 4	75.8%	77.7%	78.4%	79.8%	79.6%	82.0%
	Quintile 5	79.4%	81.9%	80.1%	81.7%	81.0%	81.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	72.5%	78.7%	77.4%	75.8%	77.9%	80.1%
	Quintile 2	75.5%	77.6%	77.5%	77.8%	78.9%	82.0%
	Quintile 3	75.7%	78.2%	78.5%	78.1%	78.7%	79.4%
	Quintile 4	76.3%	78.5%	79.2%	79.7%	79.7%	81.6%
	Quintile 5	78.7%	80.8%	80.0%	80.6%	79.7%	81.5%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	1.4	-2.9	-0.2	-2.2	-3.3	-2.3
	Quintile 2	-0.5	0.1	2.0	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7
	Quintile 3	-0.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.6
	Quintile 4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.4
	Quintile 5	0.7	1.1	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.154	0.147	0.157	0.170	0.173	0.175
	Quintile 2	0.205	0.208	0.213	0.210	0.238	0.218
	Quintile 3	0.264	0.255	0.265	0.278	0.275	0.275
	Quintile 4	0.355	0.342	0.351	0.357	0.366	0.357
	Quintile 5	0.337	0.336	0.328	0.339	0.335	0.340

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.

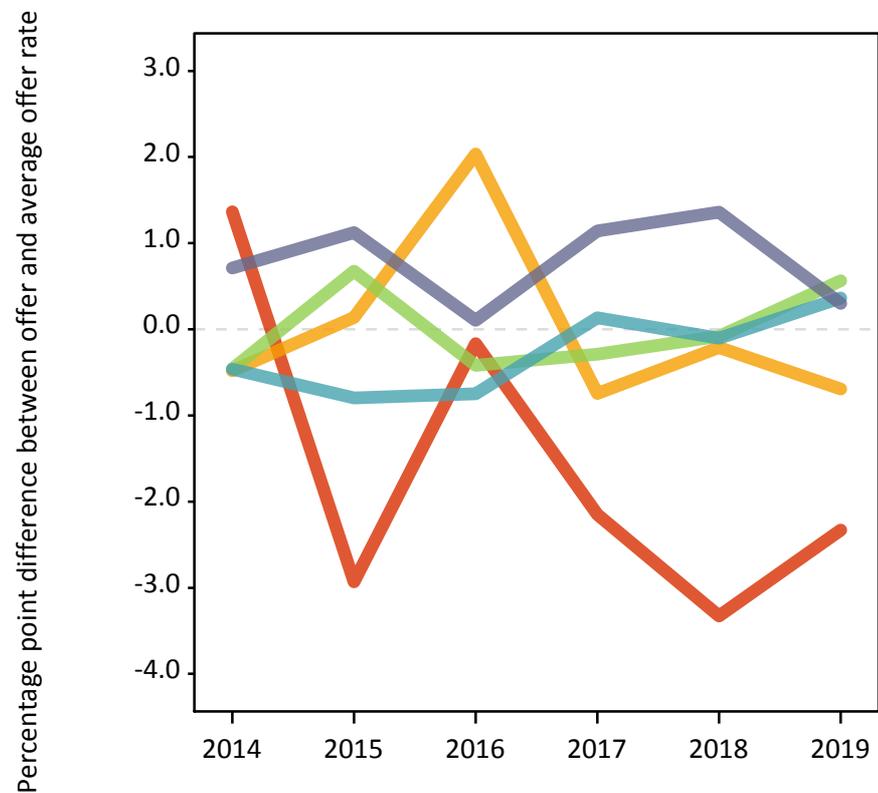
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- Quintile 5



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	6,020	6,635	6,355	5,260	4,450	4,185
	Black	1,850	2,260	1,990	1,880	1,610	1,560
	Asian	2,260	2,665	2,660	2,330	2,215	2,215
	Mixed	560	690	600	580	505	515
	Other	435	485	460	455	385	375
Placed June deadline applicants	White	950	1,030	980	995	845	805
	Black	250	330	295	295	285	270
	Asian	370	445	380	415	415	435
	Mixed	95	110	100	125	100	115
	Other	85	80	90	100	80	85
All placed applicants	White	1,145	1,240	1,215	1,155	980	1,000
	Black	360	455	425	415	395	390
	Asian	585	640	570	585	610	650
	Mixed	130	140	125	140	125	145
	Other	130	110	120	150	110	125
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	97.6	106.5	105.0	88.6	77.9	75.8
	Black	610.9	709.6	635.3	597.7	501.1	473.1
	Asian	333.5	376.3	369.6	316.4	292.9	283.9
	Mixed	194.0	223.1	190.4	180.1	156.1	156.8
	Other	467.4	502.1	462.2	439.8	359.8	334.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	White	15.4	16.5	16.2	16.8	14.8	14.6
	Black	82.1	104.3	94.5	93.7	88.0	82.1
	Asian	54.3	62.9	53.1	56.1	55.0	55.8
	Mixed	33.7	35.7	31.5	38.3	30.8	34.3
	Other	92.4	80.9	89.4	97.1	72.7	73.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	White	18.6	19.9	20.1	19.4	17.2	18.1
	Black	118.4	142.9	135.8	131.5	122.2	118.5
	Asian	86.6	90.1	79.5	79.8	80.4	83.6
	Mixed	45.2	45.4	40.4	44.2	38.6	44.4
	Other	140.7	113.1	120.6	143.7	101.6	111.3

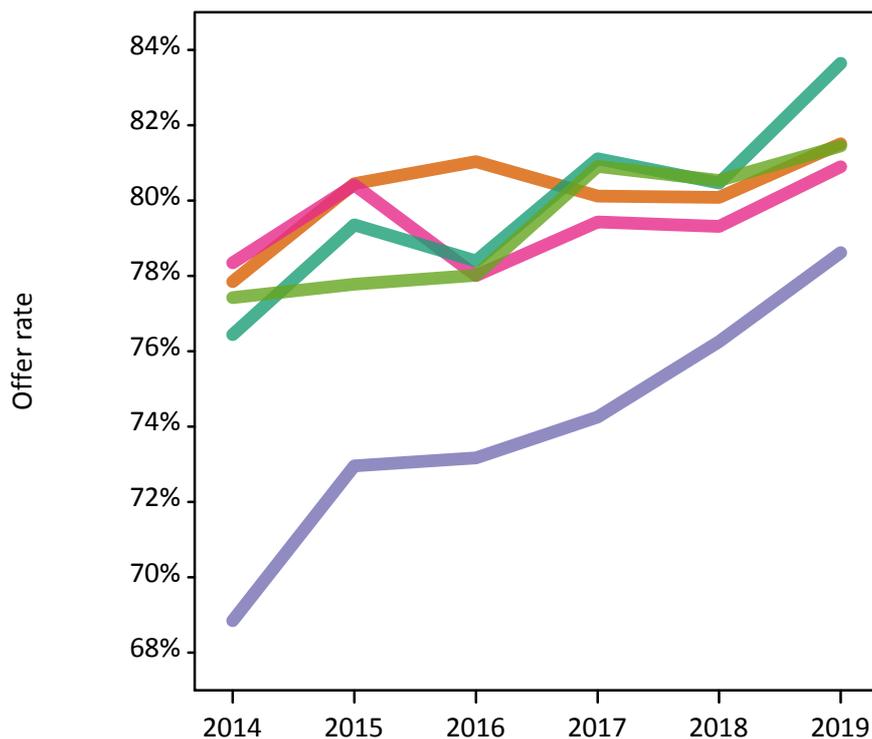
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	6,375	6,990	6,690	5,495	4,705	4,485
	Black	1,895	2,310	2,025	1,915	1,640	1,605
	Asian	2,375	2,785	2,780	2,420	2,305	2,330
	Mixed	575	715	625	600	520	545
	Other	475	505	475	465	415	390
Offers	White	4,965	5,625	5,420	4,400	3,770	3,655
	Black	1,305	1,685	1,480	1,420	1,250	1,260
	Asian	1,860	2,240	2,165	1,925	1,830	1,885
	Mixed	440	570	490	485	420	455
	Other	365	390	370	375	335	315
Offer rate	White	77.8%	80.4%	81.0%	80.1%	80.1%	81.5%
	Black	68.8%	73.0%	73.2%	74.3%	76.3%	78.6%
	Asian	78.3%	80.4%	78.0%	79.4%	79.3%	80.9%
	Mixed	76.4%	79.4%	78.4%	81.1%	80.5%	83.6%
	Other	77.4%	77.8%	78.0%	80.9%	80.5%	81.4%
Average offer rate	White	76.6%	79.3%	79.6%	78.9%	79.9%	81.2%
	Black	71.1%	76.0%	76.0%	76.5%	77.8%	80.1%
	Asian	79.5%	80.6%	78.6%	80.4%	78.7%	80.5%
	Mixed	76.4%	79.8%	80.6%	81.5%	79.5%	83.9%
	Other	79.1%	77.5%	79.8%	80.9%	80.5%	81.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	White	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.2	0.3
	Black	-2.2	-3.1	-2.8	-2.2	-1.5	-1.5
	Asian	-1.1	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	0.6	0.4
	Mixed	0.1	-0.4	-2.2	-0.4	1.0	-0.3
	Other	-1.7	0.3	-1.8	0.0	0.1	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	White	0.627	0.610	0.624	0.610	0.605	0.589
	Black	0.256	0.258	0.252	0.281	0.270	0.266
	Asian	0.308	0.324	0.341	0.358	0.383	0.385
	Mixed	0.131	0.125	0.120	0.145	0.138	0.141
	Other	0.125	0.107	0.099	0.111	0.139	0.151

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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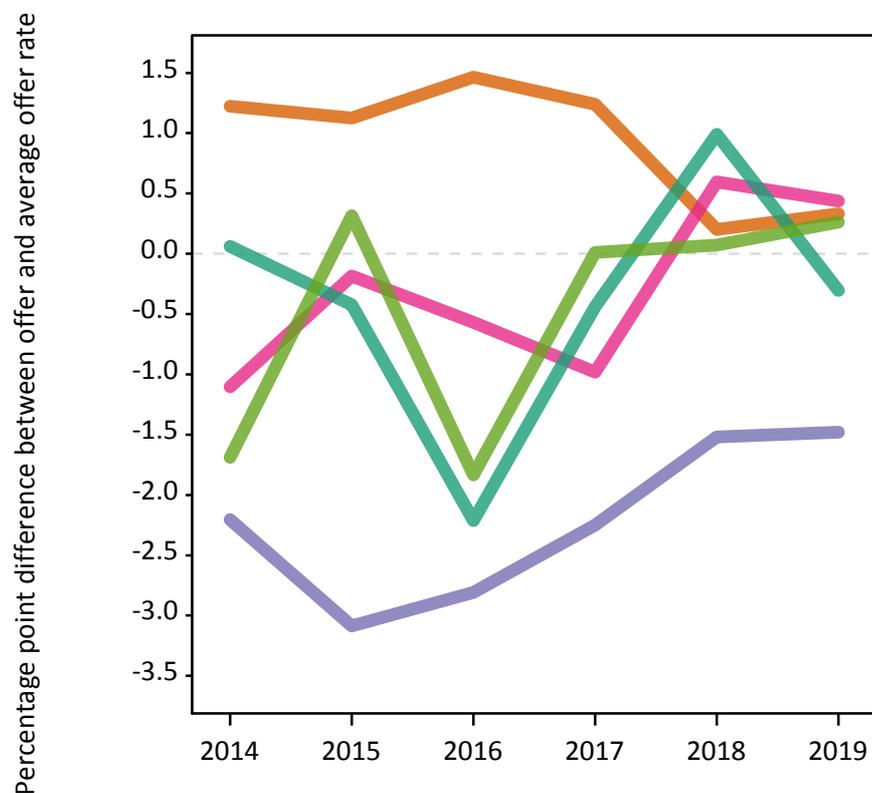
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- Black
- Asian
- Mixed
- Other



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	25,355	27,340	25,960	22,200	18,385	16,850
Placed June deadline applicants	3,715	4,010	3,780	3,900	3,435	3,385
All placed applicants	5,120	5,410	5,275	5,170	4,680	4,815

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	27,090	28,990	27,370	23,365	19,475	18,000
Offers	16,100	18,530	17,200	15,345	13,105	12,810
Offer rate	59.4%	63.9%	62.9%	65.7%	67.3%	71.2%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	11,210	12,035	11,085	9,390	7,910	7,155
	Women	14,145	15,305	14,875	12,805	10,475	9,700
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,765	1,845	1,570	1,690	1,490	1,500
	Women	1,950	2,165	2,210	2,210	1,945	1,890
All placed applicants	Men	2,415	2,495	2,300	2,295	2,075	2,170
	Women	2,710	2,915	2,980	2,875	2,605	2,645

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	12,175	12,925	11,780	9,980	8,470	7,725
	Women	14,915	16,065	15,585	13,385	11,000	10,275
Offers	Men	8,110	9,115	8,135	7,080	6,135	5,940
	Women	7,990	9,415	9,070	8,270	6,970	6,870
Offer rate	Men	66.6%	70.5%	69.0%	70.9%	72.4%	76.9%
	Women	53.6%	58.6%	58.2%	61.8%	63.4%	66.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,155	2,245	2,195	1,915	1,595	1,495
	Quintile 2	3,415	3,830	3,560	3,055	2,590	2,365
	Quintile 3	5,110	5,500	5,345	4,650	3,730	3,425
	Quintile 4	7,540	8,230	7,805	6,645	5,495	4,935
	Quintile 5	7,075	7,480	6,995	5,880	4,910	4,520
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	255	320	290	325	245	270
	Quintile 2	510	585	530	570	510	490
	Quintile 3	780	815	805	815	700	670
	Quintile 4	1,090	1,205	1,110	1,160	1,035	1,025
	Quintile 5	1,075	1,080	1,030	1,015	935	910
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	325	415	385	400	300	360
	Quintile 2	645	755	695	710	660	650
	Quintile 3	1,055	1,055	1,125	1,055	935	940
	Quintile 4	1,525	1,635	1,570	1,575	1,460	1,490
	Quintile 5	1,565	1,545	1,485	1,415	1,310	1,345

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,260	2,380	2,305	2,010	1,665	1,590
	Quintile 2	3,690	4,120	3,805	3,235	2,775	2,565
	Quintile 3	5,460	5,825	5,660	4,890	3,945	3,640
	Quintile 4	8,050	8,655	8,215	7,000	5,840	5,250
	Quintile 5	7,565	7,945	7,325	6,175	5,190	4,840
Offers	Quintile 1	1,225	1,410	1,415	1,230	1,045	1,075
	Quintile 2	2,130	2,595	2,380	2,060	1,835	1,790
	Quintile 3	3,210	3,655	3,465	3,160	2,580	2,565
	Quintile 4	4,765	5,490	5,120	4,595	3,965	3,765
	Quintile 5	4,725	5,340	4,790	4,270	3,650	3,540
Offer rate	Quintile 1	54.3%	59.3%	61.4%	61.3%	62.8%	67.6%
	Quintile 2	57.7%	63.0%	62.6%	63.7%	66.1%	69.8%
	Quintile 3	58.8%	62.7%	61.2%	64.6%	65.4%	70.5%
	Quintile 4	59.2%	63.4%	62.3%	65.6%	67.9%	71.8%
	Quintile 5	62.5%	67.2%	65.4%	69.1%	70.4%	73.2%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	11,970	12,385	11,475	9,545	7,895	7,170
	Black	5,930	6,420	6,245	5,550	4,345	3,955
	Asian	4,970	5,695	5,530	4,705	4,085	3,800
	Mixed	1,270	1,455	1,340	1,205	1,035	985
	Other	1,020	1,100	1,075	955	840	765
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,995	2,010	1,865	1,820	1,545	1,550
	Black	640	745	755	810	695	675
	Asian	710	845	735	810	780	760
	Mixed	195	220	205	230	210	210
	Other	145	150	170	180	160	160
All placed applicants	White	2,410	2,425	2,335	2,185	1,885	1,960
	Black	965	1,105	1,125	1,140	1,025	1,030
	Asian	1,175	1,300	1,180	1,190	1,195	1,195
	Mixed	285	300	285	305	280	295
	Other	235	230	275	280	240	270

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	12,985	13,280	12,300	10,180	8,485	7,815
	Black	6,170	6,675	6,450	5,740	4,505	4,115
	Asian	5,280	6,020	5,770	4,925	4,305	4,030
	Mixed	1,355	1,535	1,420	1,275	1,080	1,035
	Other	1,085	1,160	1,125	990	900	815
Offers	White	8,285	9,110	8,505	7,105	5,900	5,800
	Black	2,725	3,345	3,100	3,100	2,635	2,555
	Asian	3,480	4,145	3,835	3,445	3,055	3,005
	Mixed	815	1,010	900	860	755	755
	Other	685	740	695	690	635	570
Offer rate	White	63.8%	68.6%	69.1%	69.8%	69.6%	74.2%
	Black	44.2%	50.1%	48.1%	54.0%	58.5%	62.1%
	Asian	65.9%	68.8%	66.5%	69.9%	71.0%	74.5%
	Mixed	60.0%	65.8%	63.3%	67.5%	70.2%	73.1%
	Other	63.3%	63.6%	62.0%	69.7%	70.8%	70.2%

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 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.