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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

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	6,160	7,010	6,760	5,560	5,435	5,105
Placed June deadline applicants	1,090	1,415	1,095	805	760	625
All placed applicants	1,515	1,880	1,450	1,085	990	835
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	78.0	91.0	87.4	73.0	72.2	66.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	13.8	18.3	14.2	10.6	10.1	8.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.2	24.4	18.8	14.2	13.1	10.9

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	6,675	7,605	7,240	5,970	5,795	5,440
Offers	5,280	5,805	5,460	4,665	4,575	4,255
Offer rate	79.1%	76.3%	75.4%	78.2%	78.9%	78.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	2,315	2,800	2,460	2,135	2,100	1,850
	Women	3,845	4,210	4,300	3,425	3,335	3,255
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	400	605	410	320	325	245
	Women	690	805	685	490	435	385
All placed applicants	Men	595	785	555	405	405	310
	Women	920	1,095	895	680	585	525
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	57.7	71.2	62.0	54.6	54.2	47.2
	Women	99.1	111.8	114.1	92.4	91.2	87.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	10.0	15.4	10.4	8.1	8.4	6.2
	Women	17.8	21.4	18.1	13.2	11.8	10.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.8	19.9	14.0	10.4	10.5	7.9
	Women	23.8	29.1	23.8	18.3	15.9	14.1

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	2,560	3,085	2,670	2,320	2,275	2,010
	Women	4,115	4,520	4,565	3,650	3,520	3,435
Offers	Men	2,210	2,550	2,245	1,980	1,960	1,785
	Women	3,070	3,260	3,215	2,685	2,615	2,470
Offer rate	Men	86.3%	82.6%	84.0%	85.4%	86.0%	88.9%
	Women	74.6%	72.1%	70.4%	73.5%	74.4%	71.9%
Average offer rate	Men	87.3%	83.3%	84.7%	85.9%	87.6%	89.2%
	Women	74.0%	71.6%	70.0%	73.2%	73.3%	71.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	-1.7	-0.3
	Women	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.594	0.596	0.578	0.610	0.614	0.607
	Women	0.748	0.724	0.753	0.752	0.750	0.770

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 2010-2015.

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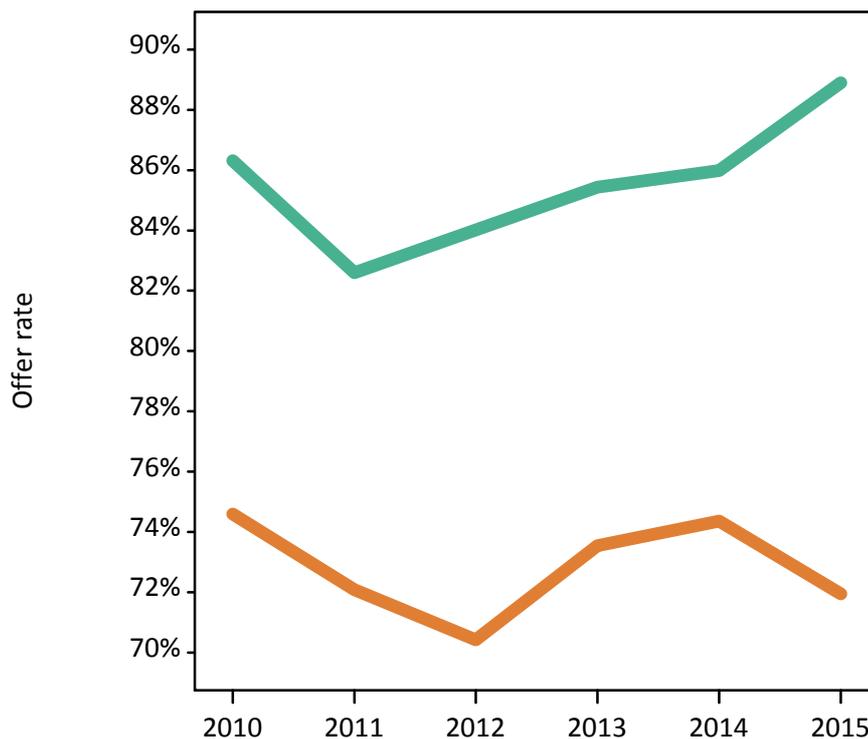
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Offer rate

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 2010-2015.

Men

Women

Percentage point difference between offer and average offer rate

P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	785	845	885	665	750	680
	Quintile 2	1,160	1,370	1,310	1,070	1,085	1,005
	Quintile 3	1,500	1,755	1,675	1,485	1,345	1,300
	Quintile 4	1,530	1,740	1,680	1,330	1,335	1,250
	Quintile 5	1,170	1,285	1,205	1,005	910	865
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	145	160	125	95	85	70
	Quintile 2	225	290	225	165	150	120
	Quintile 3	275	365	285	210	205	170
	Quintile 4	270	385	290	225	210	175
	Quintile 5	180	210	170	115	105	95
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	180	205	155	120	105	80
	Quintile 2	285	355	275	210	185	155
	Quintile 3	405	505	405	300	270	235
	Quintile 4	380	500	390	300	285	230
	Quintile 5	260	310	225	155	140	135
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	53.0	58.9	62.1	47.8	53.8	48.4
	Quintile 2	75.5	91.3	87.2	72.7	74.2	67.6
	Quintile 3	94.3	114.1	108.3	97.2	89.5	84.6
	Quintile 4	95.9	111.0	105.9	85.0	86.8	79.7
	Quintile 5	69.0	77.6	71.7	60.7	55.9	51.6
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.7	11.2	8.6	7.0	6.0	5.0
	Quintile 2	14.5	19.4	15.0	11.1	10.4	7.9
	Quintile 3	17.4	23.6	18.6	13.6	13.6	11.1
	Quintile 4	16.9	24.5	18.2	14.3	13.8	11.1
	Quintile 5	10.5	12.8	10.1	7.0	6.3	5.6
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	12.3	14.4	11.0	8.7	7.5	5.9
	Quintile 2	18.7	23.7	18.5	14.1	12.6	10.4
	Quintile 3	25.6	32.8	26.2	19.6	18.1	15.2
	Quintile 4	23.8	31.9	24.5	19.1	18.4	14.7
	Quintile 5	15.3	18.7	13.3	9.5	8.6	8.1

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	850	920	930	695	790	720
	Quintile 2	1,305	1,515	1,420	1,175	1,170	1,090
	Quintile 3	1,630	1,895	1,780	1,590	1,420	1,385
	Quintile 4	1,635	1,895	1,810	1,445	1,460	1,325
	Quintile 5	1,240	1,365	1,285	1,060	950	910
Offers	Quintile 1	665	675	695	525	590	565
	Quintile 2	1,015	1,155	1,060	895	915	825
	Quintile 3	1,255	1,410	1,325	1,220	1,115	1,055
	Quintile 4	1,335	1,480	1,380	1,165	1,185	1,065
	Quintile 5	1,000	1,080	995	860	765	740
Offer rate	Quintile 1	78.1%	73.3%	74.4%	75.7%	75.0%	78.4%
	Quintile 2	77.7%	76.1%	74.7%	76.2%	78.2%	75.7%
	Quintile 3	77.2%	74.5%	74.3%	76.7%	78.5%	76.2%
	Quintile 4	81.8%	78.1%	76.3%	80.5%	81.2%	80.3%
	Quintile 5	80.4%	78.9%	77.3%	81.0%	80.4%	81.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	78.2%	73.5%	75.8%	77.3%	77.0%	78.3%
	Quintile 2	78.2%	74.3%	74.9%	76.2%	78.2%	76.9%
	Quintile 3	77.9%	77.1%	75.1%	77.4%	78.8%	78.1%
	Quintile 4	81.0%	77.3%	75.7%	79.5%	79.7%	78.6%
	Quintile 5	80.0%	78.2%	76.0%	80.3%	80.5%	79.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3	-1.6	-1.9	0.2
	Quintile 2	-0.6	1.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.2
	Quintile 3	-0.6	-2.6	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-1.8
	Quintile 4	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.5	1.7
	Quintile 5	0.5	0.7	1.4	0.7	-0.1	1.7
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.199	0.199	0.191	0.203	0.208	0.218
	Quintile 2	0.263	0.266	0.263	0.271	0.274	0.280
	Quintile 3	0.315	0.321	0.304	0.329	0.304	0.336
	Quintile 4	0.316	0.315	0.311	0.316	0.323	0.316
	Quintile 5	0.261	0.265	0.253	0.264	0.253	0.280

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.
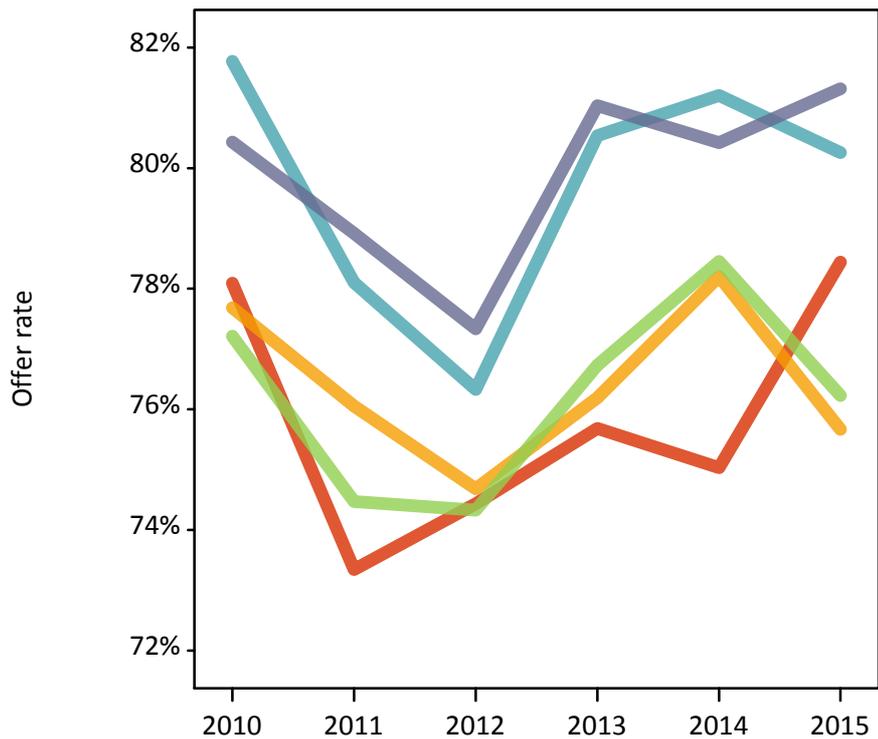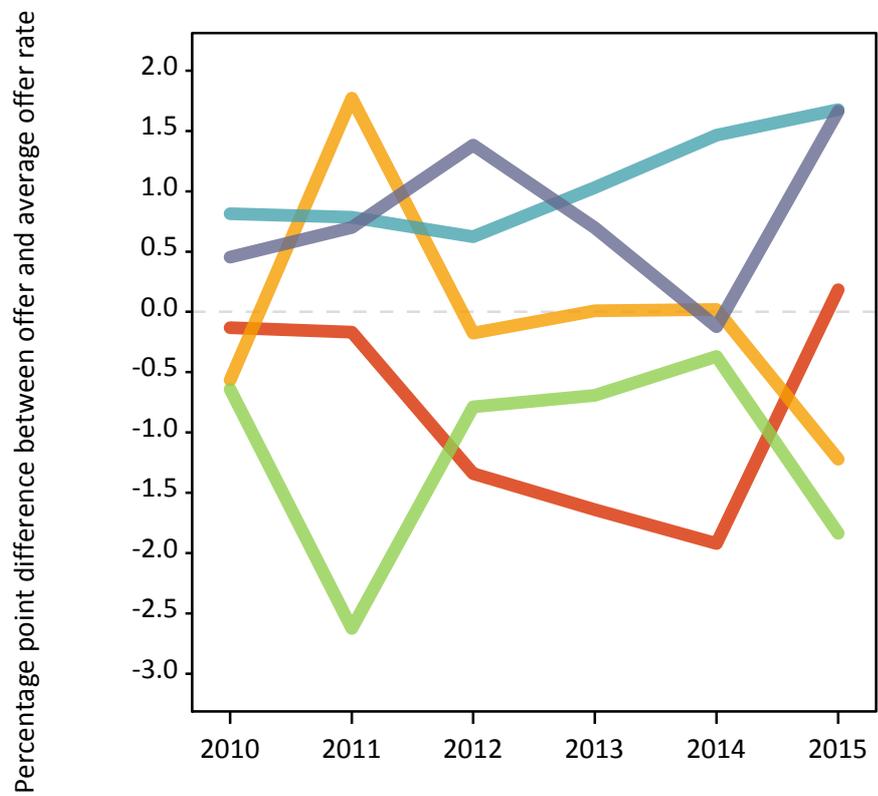

P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	455	605	655	650	560	540
	Black	860	1,125	1,200	1,110	905	865
	Mixed	265	335	285	240	250	245
	White	4,495	4,845	4,530	3,460	3,620	3,355
	Other	60	80	70	80	85	75
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	115	135	125	135	110	115
	Black	180	260	260	185	140	105
	Mixed	50	70	65	25	35	35
	White	730	920	635	440	460	360
	Other	10	20	10	15	10	10
All placed applicants	Asian	200	215	190	190	155	165
	Black	315	430	405	300	225	165
	Mixed	70	100	80	45	45	45
	White	900	1,095	755	530	545	440
	Other	20	30	15	15	15	20
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	73.6	96.0	101.3	98.9	82.7	76.6
	Black	328.5	411.9	425.4	373.2	298.6	272.2
	Mixed	115.2	138.3	108.7	89.1	86.5	79.8
	White	67.0	74.9	70.1	55.0	58.7	53.9
	Other	80.5	96.3	81.4	86.0	89.2	77.9
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	18.4	21.7	19.3	20.8	16.4	16.3
	Black	68.0	95.1	91.6	62.3	46.2	32.7
	Mixed	20.7	29.3	25.0	8.9	12.2	10.7
	White	10.9	14.2	9.8	7.0	7.5	5.8
	Other	14.3	22.2	12.4	15.4	9.7	9.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	32.5	34.0	29.5	28.5	22.9	23.6
	Black	121.1	158.0	143.8	100.7	73.6	51.2
	Mixed	29.4	40.9	30.7	15.9	15.3	14.6
	White	13.4	16.9	11.7	8.4	8.8	7.0
	Other	27.3	34.6	17.0	18.7	18.3	20.8

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	510	700	725	760	640	620
	Black	895	1,175	1,235	1,150	935	890
	Mixed	300	370	310	260	270	265
	White	4,885	5,255	4,870	3,700	3,845	3,575
	Other	65	80	75	80	85	75
Offers	Asian	410	550	555	615	515	500
	Black	680	785	865	800	660	620
	Mixed	240	290	250	190	210	220
	White	3,870	4,105	3,720	2,985	3,115	2,840
	Other	60	55	55	60	60	55
Offer rate	Asian	80.2%	78.4%	76.5%	80.4%	80.6%	80.8%
	Black	76.1%	66.9%	70.0%	69.5%	70.6%	70.0%
	Mixed	80.9%	78.6%	79.7%	74.4%	78.5%	83.7%
	White	79.3%	78.1%	76.4%	80.8%	80.9%	79.5%
	Other	86.6%	67.9%	73.3%	70.7%	70.2%	72.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	82.0%	80.4%	78.4%	79.1%	80.6%	79.5%
	Black	81.7%	76.2%	76.2%	75.3%	77.6%	75.0%
	Mixed	80.6%	76.8%	79.7%	78.3%	76.6%	82.4%
	White	78.1%	75.8%	74.4%	78.7%	79.1%	78.4%
	Other	87.2%	78.1%	85.2%	81.7%	78.0%	80.6%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.8	-2.0	-1.9	1.4	0.0	1.3
	Black	-5.5	-9.3	-6.2	-5.8	-7.0	-4.9
	Mixed	0.3	1.9	0.1	-3.8	1.9	1.3
	White	1.2	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.1
	Other	-0.6	-10.2	-11.8	-11.0	-7.8	-7.9
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.244	0.240	0.241	0.285	0.264	0.275
	Black	0.272	0.291	0.295	0.309	0.271	0.279
	Mixed	0.125	0.130	0.118	0.125	0.122	0.126
	White	0.784	0.756	0.746	0.703	0.731	0.731
	Other	0.101	0.108	0.082	0.123	0.092	0.115

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 2010-2015.
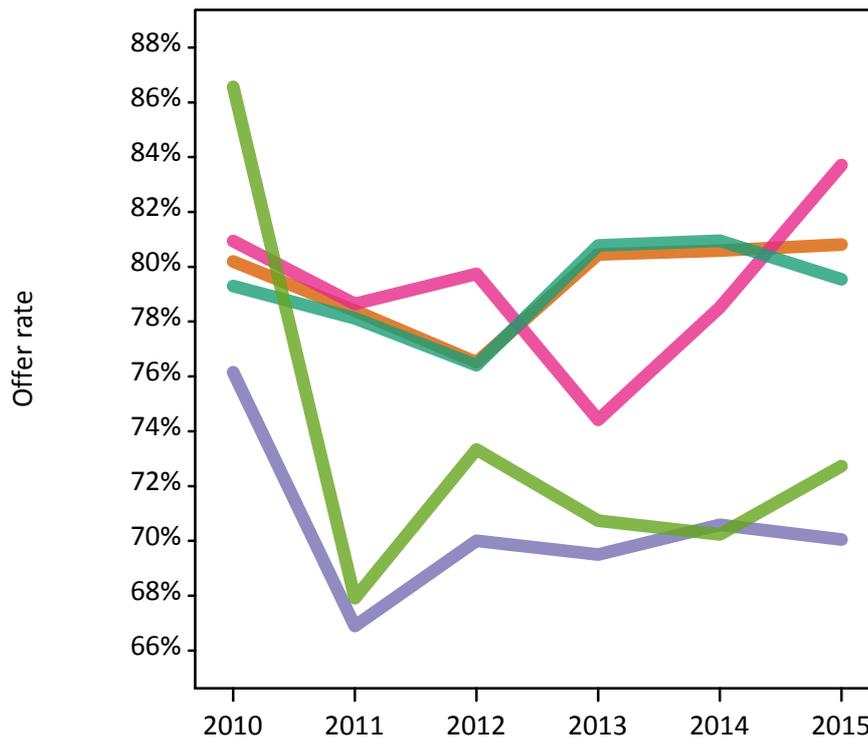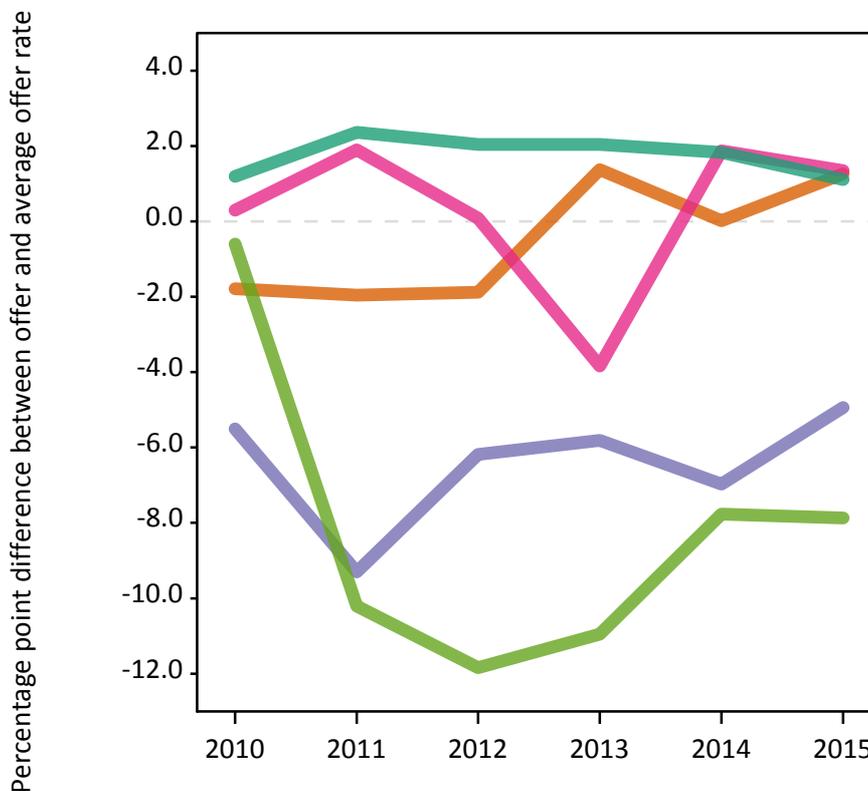

P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	14,110	16,510	15,150	12,910	12,990	12,020
Placed June deadline applicants	2,645	3,270	2,575	2,015	1,985	1,795
All placed applicants	3,705	4,205	3,625	3,065	3,005	2,770

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	16,040	18,765	16,780	14,090	14,260	13,125
Offers	10,075	11,045	10,010	8,460	8,565	8,005
Offer rate	62.8%	58.9%	59.7%	60.0%	60.1%	61.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	5,365	6,445	5,495	4,755	4,730	4,165
	Women	8,745	10,060	9,655	8,155	8,260	7,855
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,020	1,335	965	750	760	630
	Women	1,625	1,940	1,610	1,265	1,225	1,160
All placed applicants	Men	1,545	1,710	1,415	1,170	1,185	1,025
	Women	2,160	2,495	2,210	1,895	1,820	1,745

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	6,095	7,310	6,120	5,225	5,205	4,580
	Women	9,945	11,455	10,660	8,865	9,055	8,545
Offers	Men	4,405	4,880	4,180	3,645	3,665	3,315
	Women	5,670	6,165	5,830	4,815	4,900	4,690
Offer rate	Men	72.3%	66.7%	68.3%	69.8%	70.5%	72.3%
	Women	57.0%	53.8%	54.7%	54.3%	54.1%	54.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,750	2,065	2,040	1,700	1,810	1,660
	Quintile 2	2,790	3,265	2,990	2,575	2,650	2,540
	Quintile 3	3,490	4,160	3,845	3,350	3,270	3,015
	Quintile 4	3,425	3,955	3,615	3,045	3,055	2,785
	Quintile 5	2,615	3,015	2,630	2,215	2,180	1,980
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	295	365	300	250	220	205
	Quintile 2	545	665	525	405	425	410
	Quintile 3	675	855	680	525	530	465
	Quintile 4	685	830	640	540	515	430
	Quintile 5	440	550	425	295	295	275
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	395	455	395	355	305	290
	Quintile 2	720	805	715	590	635	610
	Quintile 3	1,000	1,145	1,010	855	840	765
	Quintile 4	955	1,065	905	800	765	665
	Quintile 5	625	730	595	465	450	430

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,970	2,310	2,235	1,820	1,970	1,775
	Quintile 2	3,315	3,860	3,380	2,880	2,970	2,865
	Quintile 3	3,975	4,710	4,245	3,645	3,555	3,295
	Quintile 4	3,865	4,530	4,025	3,345	3,375	3,025
	Quintile 5	2,875	3,300	2,860	2,380	2,345	2,125
Offers	Quintile 1	1,180	1,265	1,280	1,055	1,120	1,035
	Quintile 2	1,985	2,205	1,915	1,650	1,730	1,655
	Quintile 3	2,480	2,750	2,550	2,175	2,100	2,030
	Quintile 4	2,530	2,760	2,445	2,095	2,120	1,900
	Quintile 5	1,875	2,040	1,805	1,470	1,470	1,365
Offer rate	Quintile 1	60.0%	54.6%	57.3%	57.9%	57.0%	58.3%
	Quintile 2	59.8%	57.0%	56.6%	57.4%	58.2%	57.8%
	Quintile 3	62.4%	58.4%	60.0%	59.7%	59.1%	61.6%
	Quintile 4	65.5%	61.0%	60.8%	62.7%	62.8%	62.8%
	Quintile 5	65.3%	61.8%	63.1%	61.9%	62.7%	64.2%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,150	1,505	1,530	1,500	1,425	1,350
	Black	3,530	4,495	4,325	3,760	3,605	3,365
	Mixed	625	765	690	610	645	575
	White	8,525	9,445	8,310	6,740	7,040	6,460
	Other	190	205	210	220	215	190
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	245	300	300	300	260	265
	Black	625	815	780	595	515	475
	Mixed	120	170	145	95	115	90
	White	1,600	1,915	1,320	985	1,060	920
	Other	35	45	20	25	25	30
All placed applicants	Asian	455	460	480	495	420	470
	Black	1,040	1,185	1,275	1,070	970	865
	Mixed	175	230	190	160	180	135
	White	1,940	2,230	1,610	1,270	1,355	1,210
	Other	60	65	45	45	60	60

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	1,380	1,800	1,770	1,740	1,610	1,560
	Black	4,065	5,115	4,730	4,050	3,940	3,600
	Mixed	700	885	780	665	720	630
	White	9,570	10,625	9,185	7,325	7,680	7,035
	Other	215	225	225	225	235	205
Offers	Asian	900	1,125	1,135	1,150	1,030	1,015
	Black	1,925	2,055	2,180	1,810	1,700	1,590
	Mixed	465	555	485	410	445	415
	White	6,590	7,115	6,050	4,925	5,215	4,810
	Other	140	125	120	120	140	130
Offer rate	Asian	65.3%	62.4%	64.2%	66.2%	63.8%	65.1%
	Black	47.3%	40.2%	46.0%	44.7%	43.1%	44.2%
	Mixed	66.6%	62.7%	61.9%	61.8%	61.9%	65.7%
	White	68.9%	67.0%	65.9%	67.2%	67.9%	68.4%
	Other	64.4%	56.3%	54.0%	53.3%	60.0%	62.9%

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 2015 cycle runs from September 2014 through to October 2015.

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.

POLAR3 quintile
Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, 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 POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

Sex
Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) for 2012 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 2015 End of Cycle Report and the 2016 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 POLAR3 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 POLAR3 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.

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.