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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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	6,930	7,840	6,995	6,925	7,100	5,925
Placed June deadline applicants	1,055	1,040	1,050	1,055	1,105	985
All placed applicants	1,215	1,195	1,290	1,270	1,350	1,310
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	87.8	101.8	90.4	91.0	94.2	77.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	13.3	13.5	13.6	13.8	14.6	12.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	15.4	15.5	16.7	16.7	17.9	17.1

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	7,315	8,295	7,315	7,270	7,395	6,190
Offers	5,645	6,170	5,535	5,620	5,815	4,590
Offer rate	77.2%	74.4%	75.7%	77.3%	78.7%	74.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	2,350	2,820	2,525	2,330	2,390	1,895
	Women	4,580	5,015	4,470	4,595	4,710	4,030
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	385	355	370	360	385	340
	Women	670	685	680	695	720	645
All placed applicants	Men	445	415	465	455	475	470
	Women	770	780	820	810	875	840
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	58.5	71.7	63.6	59.7	61.7	48.3
	Women	118.1	133.2	118.6	124.0	128.6	107.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	9.9	8.7
	Women	17.2	18.1	18.0	18.7	19.6	17.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	11.1	10.5	11.8	11.7	12.2	11.9
	Women	19.9	20.7	21.8	21.9	23.9	22.5

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	2,500	3,035	2,650	2,475	2,500	1,985
	Women	4,810	5,260	4,660	4,795	4,890	4,200
Offers	Men	2,180	2,505	2,240	2,200	2,250	1,690
	Women	3,465	3,665	3,295	3,420	3,565	2,905
Offer rate	Men	87.1%	82.4%	84.5%	89.0%	89.9%	85.0%
	Women	72.0%	69.7%	70.7%	71.3%	72.9%	69.1%
Average offer rate	Men	86.7%	82.7%	84.6%	88.9%	90.0%	84.6%
	Women	72.2%	69.6%	70.6%	71.4%	72.9%	69.3%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.0	0.4
	Women	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.0	0.0	-0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.566	0.578	0.589	0.573	0.574	0.573
	Women	0.774	0.756	0.766	0.779	0.782	0.798

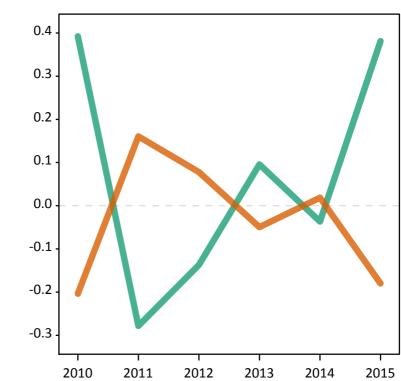**P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex**

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.

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.
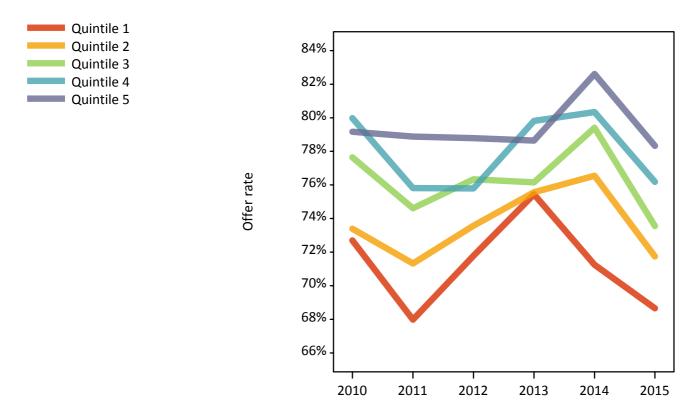
P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	855	975	845	895	965	770
	Quintile 2	1,275	1,435	1,255	1,355	1,295	1,110
	Quintile 3	1,500	1,750	1,585	1,585	1,585	1,410
	Quintile 4	1,650	1,895	1,725	1,575	1,735	1,375
	Quintile 5	1,635	1,780	1,565	1,500	1,510	1,245
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	140	125	145	160	165	135
	Quintile 2	195	190	205	200	190	190
	Quintile 3	235	240	260	240	255	245
	Quintile 4	260	265	240	250	285	245
	Quintile 5	220	220	200	195	205	175
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	155	135	175	185	190	170
	Quintile 2	225	215	255	235	235	250
	Quintile 3	270	280	305	295	315	330
	Quintile 4	305	310	295	310	350	320
	Quintile 5	255	255	260	245	250	240
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	57.9	67.7	59.5	64.4	69.2	54.8
	Quintile 2	83.0	95.4	83.8	91.9	88.4	74.7
	Quintile 3	94.3	113.7	102.8	103.9	105.5	92.0
	Quintile 4	103.5	120.9	108.8	100.8	112.6	87.9
	Quintile 5	96.5	107.7	93.2	90.7	92.6	74.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	9.5	8.6	10.1	11.5	11.9	9.6
	Quintile 2	12.6	12.7	13.7	13.7	12.9	12.7
	Quintile 3	14.7	15.7	16.8	15.8	16.9	15.8
	Quintile 4	16.5	16.9	15.0	16.1	18.6	15.6
	Quintile 5	12.9	13.2	11.9	11.9	12.5	10.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	10.6	9.5	12.1	13.1	13.8	12.1
	Quintile 2	14.5	14.4	16.9	15.8	16.1	16.8
	Quintile 3	17.0	18.2	19.9	19.2	21.0	21.5
	Quintile 4	19.3	19.7	18.5	19.9	22.6	20.3
	Quintile 5	15.0	15.3	15.5	14.9	15.5	14.2

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

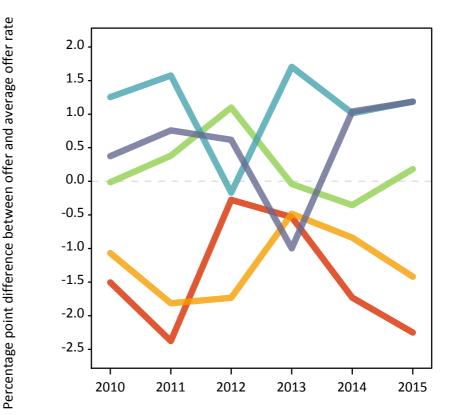| Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	925	1,040	885	965	1,005	820
	Quintile 2	1,335	1,530	1,315	1,415	1,355	1,170
	Quintile 3	1,590	1,890	1,665	1,660	1,650	1,455
	Quintile 4	1,755	1,995	1,825	1,655	1,815	1,455
	Quintile 5	1,700	1,830	1,610	1,560	1,560	1,280
Offers	Quintile 1	670	705	635	730	715	565
	Quintile 2	980	1,090	965	1,070	1,040	840
	Quintile 3	1,235	1,410	1,270	1,265	1,310	1,070
	Quintile 4	1,400	1,515	1,385	1,320	1,460	1,105
	Quintile 5	1,345	1,440	1,270	1,225	1,285	1,000
Offer rate	Quintile 1	72.7%	68.0%	71.8%	75.4%	71.2%	68.7%
	Quintile 2	73.4%	71.3%	73.6%	75.6%	76.5%	71.7%
	Quintile 3	77.6%	74.6%	76.3%	76.2%	79.4%	73.6%
	Quintile 4	80.0%	75.8%	75.8%	79.8%	80.3%	76.2%
	Quintile 5	79.2%	78.9%	78.8%	78.6%	82.6%	78.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	74.2%	70.4%	72.1%	76.0%	73.0%	70.9%
	Quintile 2	74.5%	73.1%	75.3%	76.0%	77.4%	73.2%
	Quintile 3	77.7%	74.2%	75.2%	76.2%	79.8%	73.4%
	Quintile 4	78.7%	74.2%	76.0%	78.1%	79.3%	75.0%
	Quintile 5	78.8%	78.1%	78.2%	79.6%	81.6%	77.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.5	-2.4	-0.3	-0.5	-1.7	-2.3
	Quintile 2	-1.1	-1.8	-1.7	-0.5	-0.8	-1.4
	Quintile 3	-0.0	0.4	1.1	-0.0	-0.4	0.2
	Quintile 4	1.3	1.6	-0.2	1.7	1.0	1.2
	Quintile 5	0.4	0.8	0.6	-1.0	1.0	1.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.208	0.210	0.212	0.212	0.211	0.218
	Quintile 2	0.260	0.254	0.256	0.285	0.254	0.266
	Quintile 3	0.290	0.299	0.306	0.302	0.291	0.307
	Quintile 4	0.318	0.309	0.324	0.308	0.306	0.314
	Quintile 5	0.317	0.310	0.306	0.301	0.296	0.297

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	490	600	625	610	650	515
	Black	475	670	675	640	825	870
	Mixed	235	265	250	240	290	240
	White	5,655	6,205	5,355	5,360	5,245	4,230
	Other	50	70	65	60	70	45
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	65	60	85	80	90	90
	Black	80	90	110	115	135	170
	Mixed	30	30	45	35	45	35
	White	870	845	805	815	815	680
	Other	5	10	5	10	10	5
All placed applicants	Asian	90	80	120	115	130	125
	Black	105	115	150	175	220	290
	Mixed	35	35	50	45	55	50
	White	975	950	955	925	930	825
	Other	10	10	5	10	15	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	79.4	95.4	96.7	92.8	95.7	72.6
	Black	180.7	245.8	240.4	215.6	271.5	272.8
	Mixed	101.9	108.6	96.0	88.8	101.5	78.2
	White	84.3	95.8	83.0	85.2	85.0	67.9
	Other	67.5	86.4	71.2	65.1	76.3	47.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	10.7	9.5	13.3	12.0	13.3	13.0
	Black	30.2	32.9	39.1	38.1	45.2	53.4
	Mixed	12.5	12.4	16.5	12.6	16.0	11.7
	White	13.0	13.1	12.4	13.0	13.2	10.9
	Other	7.8	9.9	3.4	12.1	11.8	5.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	14.2	12.7	18.7	17.3	18.9	17.8
	Black	40.9	41.3	53.3	58.3	72.9	91.1
	Mixed	14.7	14.9	19.6	15.9	18.8	15.9
	White	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.7	15.0	13.2
	Other	11.7	11.1	6.8	13.2	14.0	13.5

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

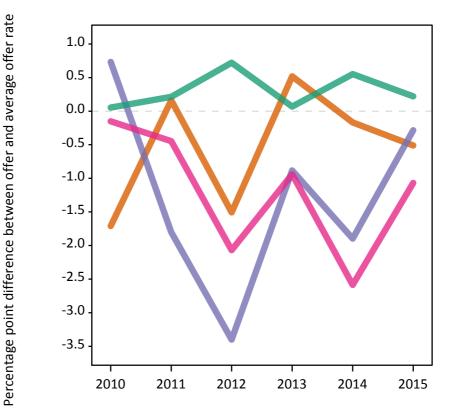| Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	520	635	650	645	665	565
	Black	480	685	690	650	840	875
	Mixed	250	270	255	245	300	245
	White	5,985	6,605	5,635	5,655	5,500	4,425
	Other	55	70	65	60	70	45
Offers	Asian	430	510	525	525	555	435
	Black	390	515	520	495	645	640
	Mixed	195	210	195	185	245	180
	White	4,560	4,850	4,220	4,350	4,300	3,275
	Other	50	55	50	50	60	35
Offer rate	Asian	82.3%	80.9%	81.2%	81.8%	83.7%	77.5%
	Black	80.9%	75.4%	75.8%	76.6%	76.8%	73.1%
	Mixed	78.2%	77.4%	77.2%	75.9%	80.8%	74.2%
	White	76.2%	73.5%	74.9%	76.9%	78.2%	74.0%
	Other	89.5%	78.9%	76.9%	85.2%	83.1%	78.7%
Average offer rate	Asian	84.1%	80.7%	82.7%	81.3%	83.9%	78.0%
	Black	80.2%	77.2%	79.2%	77.5%	78.7%	73.4%
	Mixed	78.4%	77.9%	79.2%	76.9%	83.4%	75.2%
	White	76.2%	73.2%	74.2%	76.8%	77.6%	73.7%
	Other	85.2%	81.1%	81.4%	83.5%	86.6%	80.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	-1.7	0.2	-1.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.5
	Black	0.7	-1.8	-3.4	-0.9	-1.9	-0.3
	Mixed	-0.2	-0.4	-2.1	-0.9	-2.6	-1.1
	White	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.2
	Other	4.2	-2.2	-4.5	1.8	-3.5	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.206	0.208	0.251	0.210	0.194	0.225
	Black	0.183	0.201	0.213	0.212	0.228	0.276
	Mixed	0.134	0.123	0.133	0.111	0.123	0.128
	White	0.849	0.833	0.816	0.815	0.783	0.767
	Other	0.136	0.140	0.128	0.106	0.108	0.110

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	14,575	16,735	14,720	15,115	14,900	13,015
Placed June deadline applicants	2,665	2,615	2,370	2,545	2,585	2,385
All placed applicants	3,095	2,990	2,945	3,080	3,230	3,175

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	16,120	18,310	15,905	16,255	16,100	13,920
Offers	10,470	11,190	9,845	10,425	10,560	8,635
Offer rate	64.9%	61.1%	61.9%	64.1%	65.6%	62.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	5,280	6,155	5,405	5,195	5,015	4,280
	Women	9,290	10,580	9,315	9,920	9,880	8,740
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,035	970	905	975	925	840
	Women	1,630	1,645	1,465	1,570	1,660	1,545
All placed applicants	Men	1,230	1,120	1,145	1,205	1,185	1,180
	Women	1,865	1,870	1,800	1,875	2,045	1,995

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	5,860	6,720	5,855	5,610	5,445	4,600
	Women	10,260	11,585	10,050	10,645	10,655	9,320
Offers	Men	4,295	4,665	4,180	4,320	4,235	3,340
	Women	6,175	6,530	5,670	6,110	6,330	5,300
Offer rate	Men	73.3%	69.4%	71.4%	77.0%	77.8%	72.6%
	Women	60.2%	56.3%	56.4%	57.4%	59.4%	56.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,120	2,410	2,150	2,295	2,275	1,995
	Quintile 2	2,965	3,385	2,965	3,230	3,020	2,700
	Quintile 3	3,105	3,575	3,290	3,370	3,350	3,005
	Quintile 4	3,305	3,805	3,330	3,240	3,415	2,850
	Quintile 5	3,050	3,520	2,955	2,950	2,805	2,430
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	410	405	385	415	435	395
	Quintile 2	575	530	495	560	500	480
	Quintile 3	580	560	570	570	605	580
	Quintile 4	605	600	495	560	615	530
	Quintile 5	485	515	425	435	430	395
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	470	445	475	505	515	495
	Quintile 2	670	605	605	650	635	655
	Quintile 3	675	645	695	695	755	785
	Quintile 4	695	690	615	675	750	695
	Quintile 5	570	600	545	545	555	530

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,445	2,750	2,385	2,580	2,525	2,210
	Quintile 2	3,370	3,770	3,205	3,480	3,295	2,910
	Quintile 3	3,425	3,930	3,560	3,615	3,625	3,195
	Quintile 4	3,615	4,125	3,610	3,445	3,680	3,040
	Quintile 5	3,230	3,695	3,110	3,100	2,945	2,535
Offers	Quintile 1	1,415	1,485	1,345	1,525	1,460	1,195
	Quintile 2	2,035	2,155	1,820	2,130	2,000	1,655
	Quintile 3	2,260	2,415	2,265	2,340	2,415	2,025
	Quintile 4	2,455	2,630	2,275	2,290	2,540	1,985
	Quintile 5	2,275	2,485	2,120	2,120	2,125	1,755
Offer rate	Quintile 1	57.9%	54.0%	56.4%	59.1%	57.9%	54.1%
	Quintile 2	60.3%	57.2%	56.8%	61.2%	60.7%	56.9%
	Quintile 3	66.0%	61.4%	63.6%	64.7%	66.7%	63.4%
	Quintile 4	67.9%	63.8%	63.0%	66.6%	69.0%	65.4%
	Quintile 5	70.5%	67.2%	68.2%	68.4%	72.2%	69.3%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	1,130	1,425	1,400	1,415	1,345	1,155
	Black	2,125	2,635	2,505	2,540	2,750	2,855
	Mixed	520	635	595	570	625	510
	White	10,610	11,800	10,000	10,365	9,955	8,285
	Other	110	150	160	155	160	125
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	175	175	195	200	200	205
	Black	370	400	405	435	470	520
	Mixed	85	100	95	95	105	95
	White	2,005	1,900	1,655	1,775	1,780	1,535
	Other	15	25	15	25	20	20
All placed applicants	Asian	230	220	270	270	295	295
	Black	475	480	550	615	685	825
	Mixed	105	120	115	120	125	130
	White	2,245	2,130	1,980	2,025	2,080	1,865
	Other	20	25	20	35	25	35

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	1,250	1,540	1,500	1,500	1,395	1,250
	Black	2,470	2,950	2,740	2,745	2,980	3,020
	Mixed	570	700	630	615	685	530
	White	11,620	12,865	10,790	11,160	10,795	8,880
	Other	115	155	170	160	175	135
Offers	Asian	890	1,050	1,055	1,045	1,030	810
	Black	1,210	1,425	1,385	1,410	1,580	1,510
	Mixed	395	430	400	395	460	345
	White	7,830	8,125	6,860	7,420	7,345	5,825
	Other	80	100	105	110	110	85
Offer rate	Asian	71.1%	68.1%	70.2%	69.8%	73.9%	65.0%
	Black	49.0%	48.3%	50.5%	51.4%	53.0%	50.1%
	Mixed	69.6%	61.6%	63.6%	64.8%	66.7%	65.4%
	White	67.4%	63.2%	63.6%	66.5%	68.0%	65.6%
	Other	69.0%	65.4%	61.4%	67.3%	64.2%	61.3%

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.

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.

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.