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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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	9,685	10,555	10,265	9,770	9,490	9,455
Placed June deadline applicants	2,245	2,610	2,160	2,040	2,125	1,920
All placed applicants	2,680	2,865	2,480	2,415	2,425	2,240
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	122.6	137.1	132.7	128.4	126.0	123.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	28.5	33.9	27.9	26.8	28.2	25.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	33.9	37.2	32.0	31.7	32.2	29.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	10,715	11,705	11,125	10,510	10,255	10,120
Offers	8,915	9,940	9,705	9,065	8,855	8,630
Offer rate	83.2%	84.9%	87.3%	86.3%	86.4%	85.3%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	4,345	4,880	4,745	4,555	4,265	4,155
	Women	5,340	5,680	5,520	5,215	5,230	5,300
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,120	1,335	1,075	1,010	1,020	915
	Women	1,130	1,275	1,080	1,030	1,105	1,005
All placed applicants	Men	1,370	1,450	1,250	1,200	1,170	1,070
	Women	1,310	1,415	1,230	1,215	1,255	1,170
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	108.2	124.0	119.7	116.7	110.1	105.9
	Women	137.6	150.8	146.4	140.8	142.8	141.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	27.9	34.0	27.2	25.8	26.3	23.3
	Women	29.1	33.9	28.7	27.8	30.2	26.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	34.2	36.9	31.5	30.8	30.3	27.3
	Women	33.7	37.6	32.7	32.7	34.3	31.4

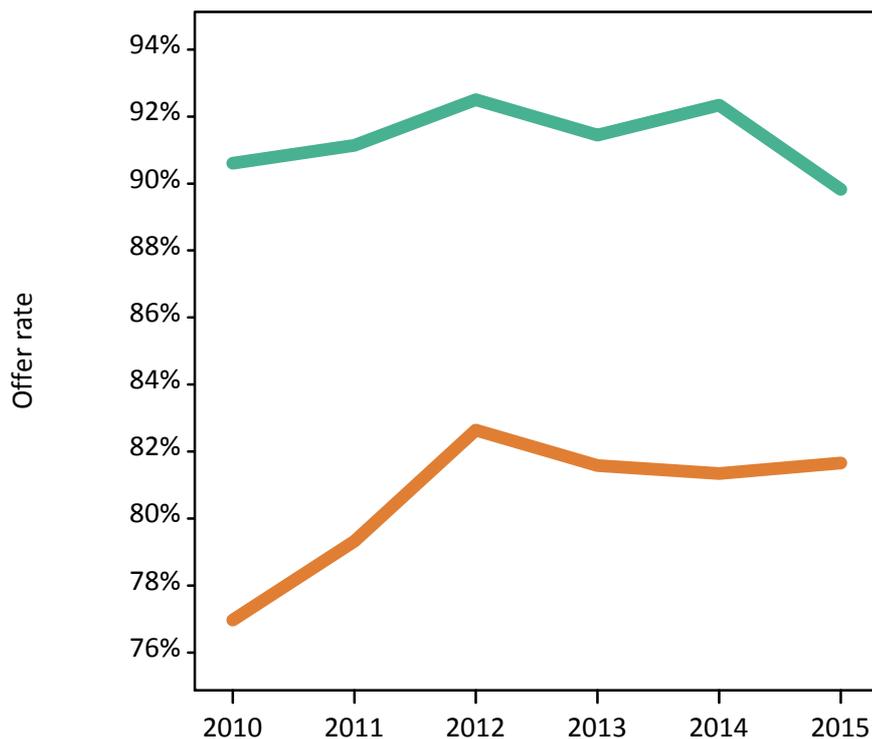
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	4,910	5,530	5,215	4,980	4,690	4,500
	Women	5,805	6,175	5,910	5,525	5,565	5,620
Offers	Men	4,450	5,040	4,825	4,555	4,330	4,040
	Women	4,470	4,900	4,885	4,510	4,525	4,590
Offer rate	Men	90.6%	91.1%	92.5%	91.4%	92.3%	89.8%
	Women	77.0%	79.3%	82.6%	81.6%	81.3%	81.7%
Average offer rate	Men	90.5%	91.3%	92.8%	91.5%	92.4%	89.7%
	Women	77.1%	79.2%	82.4%	81.6%	81.3%	81.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.0	-0.1	0.1
	Women	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.656	0.653	0.655	0.659	0.650	0.639
	Women	0.709	0.690	0.696	0.692	0.705	0.711

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.

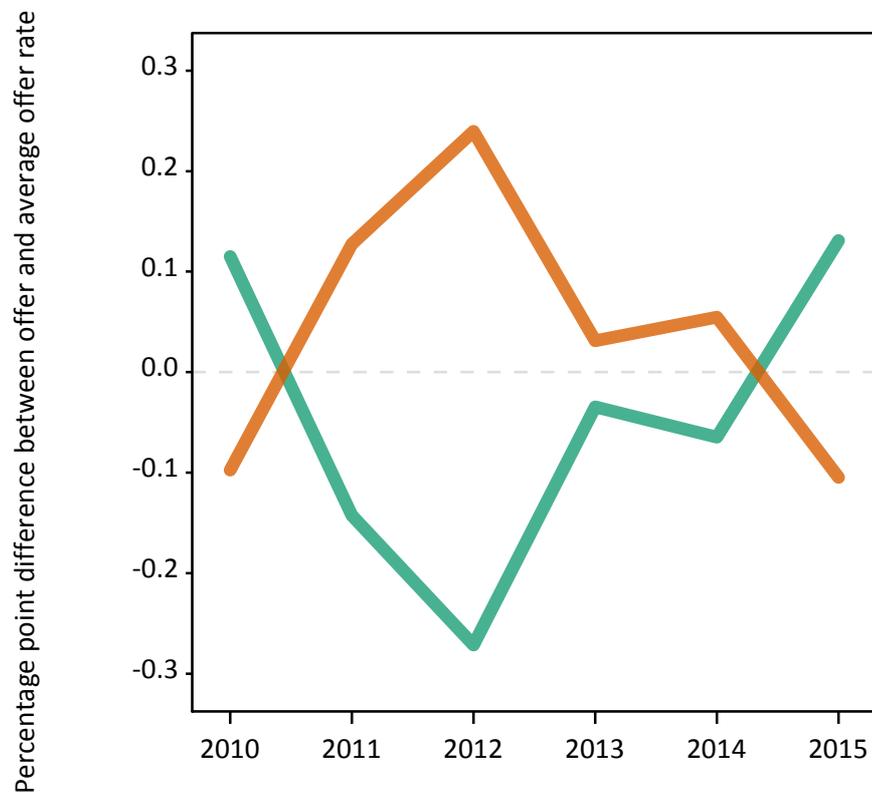
Men
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P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

Men
Women



P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,045	1,130	1,120	1,125	1,150	1,205
	Quintile 2	1,560	1,695	1,640	1,600	1,535	1,515
	Quintile 3	2,000	2,135	2,135	2,025	1,945	1,940
	Quintile 4	2,495	2,690	2,640	2,415	2,370	2,275
	Quintile 5	2,555	2,880	2,705	2,595	2,475	2,495
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	275	280	250	255	270	260
	Quintile 2	380	425	365	330	380	315
	Quintile 3	505	540	470	460	450	430
	Quintile 4	565	675	550	500	540	490
	Quintile 5	520	690	520	490	485	415
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	300	315	285	295	300	305
	Quintile 2	440	450	415	385	420	360
	Quintile 3	610	590	540	535	510	495
	Quintile 4	670	740	630	595	625	580
	Quintile 5	660	760	605	600	560	495
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	70.5	78.8	78.5	80.6	82.7	86.1
	Quintile 2	101.6	112.9	109.2	108.7	104.8	101.9
	Quintile 3	125.8	138.8	138.3	132.7	129.4	126.5
	Quintile 4	156.7	171.6	166.5	154.4	153.7	145.3
	Quintile 5	150.9	174.1	161.1	156.9	151.6	149.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	18.6	19.3	17.5	18.3	19.5	18.7
	Quintile 2	24.6	28.1	24.3	22.5	25.9	21.2
	Quintile 3	31.8	35.1	30.6	30.2	29.8	28.0
	Quintile 4	35.4	43.1	34.7	32.0	35.0	31.4
	Quintile 5	30.7	41.6	30.9	29.5	29.7	24.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	20.4	22.1	20.0	21.1	21.7	21.6
	Quintile 2	28.5	30.1	27.5	26.1	28.7	24.3
	Quintile 3	38.2	38.3	35.0	35.1	34.0	32.2
	Quintile 4	41.9	47.3	39.7	38.2	40.6	37.1
	Quintile 5	38.8	45.9	36.1	36.2	34.4	29.6

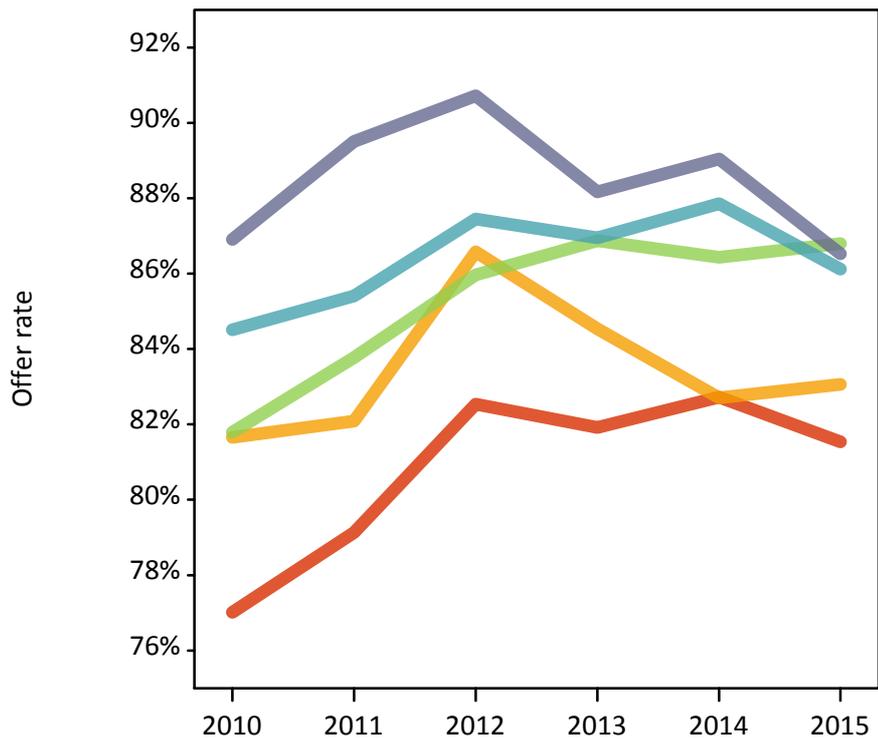
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,225	1,335	1,260	1,240	1,285	1,325
	Quintile 2	1,760	1,915	1,795	1,725	1,665	1,635
	Quintile 3	2,255	2,410	2,340	2,225	2,115	2,130
	Quintile 4	2,725	2,925	2,870	2,595	2,570	2,405
	Quintile 5	2,720	3,095	2,835	2,705	2,600	2,600
Offers	Quintile 1	945	1,060	1,040	1,015	1,065	1,080
	Quintile 2	1,440	1,570	1,555	1,460	1,375	1,360
	Quintile 3	1,845	2,020	2,010	1,930	1,830	1,845
	Quintile 4	2,300	2,500	2,510	2,260	2,255	2,070
	Quintile 5	2,365	2,770	2,570	2,385	2,315	2,250
Offer rate	Quintile 1	77.0%	79.1%	82.5%	81.9%	82.7%	81.5%
	Quintile 2	81.7%	82.1%	86.6%	84.5%	82.7%	83.1%
	Quintile 3	81.8%	83.8%	86.0%	86.9%	86.4%	86.8%
	Quintile 4	84.5%	85.4%	87.5%	86.9%	87.9%	86.1%
	Quintile 5	86.9%	89.5%	90.7%	88.2%	89.0%	86.5%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	77.6%	79.5%	83.5%	82.4%	83.7%	82.3%
	Quintile 2	81.6%	82.6%	85.4%	85.5%	83.2%	84.4%
	Quintile 3	82.6%	84.4%	86.3%	86.8%	86.5%	86.6%
	Quintile 4	84.0%	85.3%	88.0%	87.0%	87.3%	85.6%
	Quintile 5	86.5%	88.7%	90.2%	87.4%	88.7%	86.0%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5	-1.0	-0.8
	Quintile 2	0.1	-0.5	1.1	-0.9	-0.5	-1.3
	Quintile 3	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2
	Quintile 4	0.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.0	0.6	0.5
	Quintile 5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.204	0.206	0.209	0.234	0.232	0.229
	Quintile 2	0.245	0.238	0.240	0.245	0.242	0.235
	Quintile 3	0.279	0.276	0.278	0.285	0.281	0.284
	Quintile 4	0.320	0.314	0.321	0.316	0.323	0.306
	Quintile 5	0.337	0.347	0.338	0.343	0.344	0.346

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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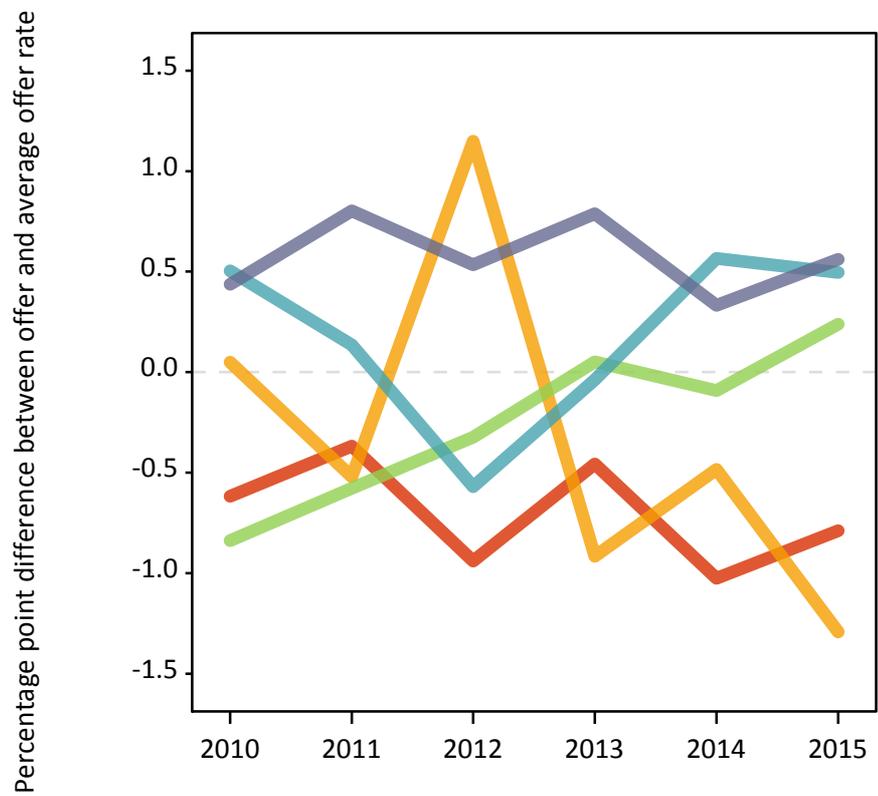
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- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	125	270	380	535	510	605
	Black	100	205	325	305	285	270
	Mixed	205	255	260	280	295	290
	White	9,205	9,740	9,225	8,545	8,310	8,195
	Other	20	45	45	80	60	65
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	30	50	60	50	65	60
	Black	10	40	35	45	30	25
	Mixed	45	55	45	40	50	45
	White	2,155	2,450	2,005	1,885	1,975	1,775
	Other	5	10	5	10	5	10
All placed applicants	Asian	50	70	95	85	90	80
	Black	35	50	55	70	40	40
	Mixed	60	65	60	50	60	55
	White	2,520	2,660	2,255	2,185	2,225	2,045
	Other	10	15	5	15	5	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	20.5	43.0	58.5	81.3	75.5	85.4
	Black	39.0	75.0	115.8	102.4	93.7	85.2
	Mixed	88.1	104.5	99.1	103.2	102.9	94.1
	White	137.2	150.5	142.9	135.8	134.7	131.5
	Other	24.7	56.8	48.6	86.0	65.5	68.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	4.5	8.1	9.4	7.3	9.4	8.2
	Black	3.4	14.6	12.8	15.2	9.2	8.5
	Mixed	19.4	22.3	17.7	15.2	17.4	14.6
	White	32.1	37.8	31.1	30.0	32.0	28.5
	Other	5.2	11.1	4.5	13.2	5.4	10.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	7.9	10.9	14.5	13.2	13.1	11.2
	Black	13.0	17.6	19.5	23.2	12.9	12.6
	Mixed	25.9	27.2	23.4	19.2	21.5	18.2
	White	37.6	41.1	34.9	34.7	36.1	32.9
	Other	10.4	16.0	5.7	16.5	7.5	13.5

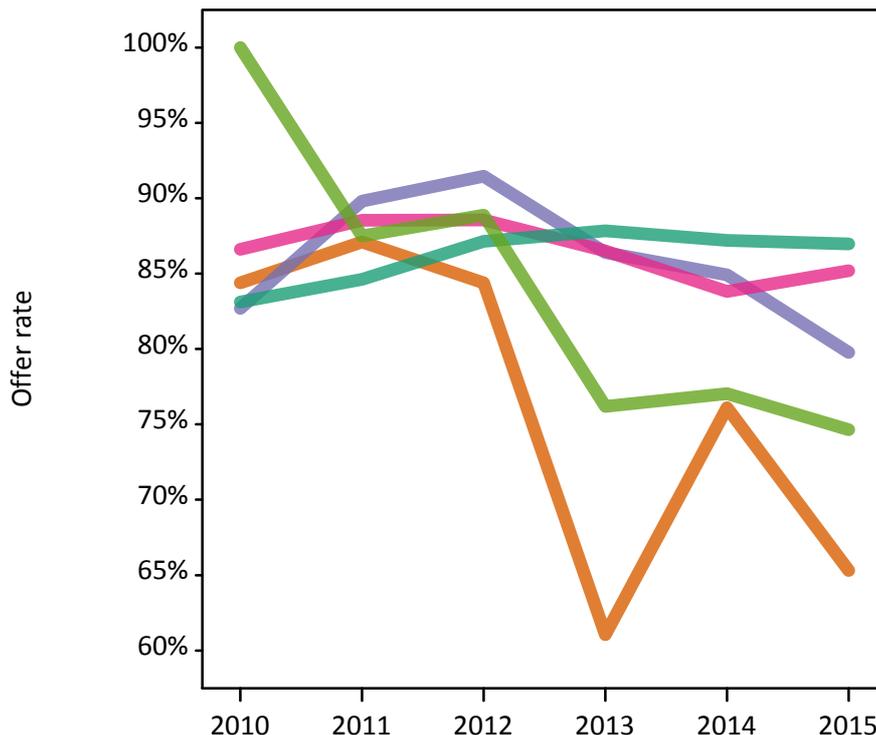
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	140	280	390	550	525	615
	Black	105	205	330	310	285	270
	Mixed	225	260	270	290	310	295
	White	10,195	10,870	10,055	9,245	9,050	8,830
	Other	20	50	45	85	60	70
Offers	Asian	120	245	330	335	400	405
	Black	85	185	300	265	240	215
	Mixed	195	230	240	250	260	255
	White	8,475	9,200	8,760	8,120	7,890	7,680
	Other	20	40	40	65	45	55
Offer rate	Asian	84.4%	87.1%	84.4%	61.1%	76.1%	65.3%
	Black	82.7%	89.8%	91.5%	86.4%	84.9%	79.8%
	Mixed	86.6%	88.5%	88.6%	86.5%	83.8%	85.2%
	White	83.1%	84.6%	87.1%	87.8%	87.2%	87.0%
	Other	100.0%	87.5%	88.9%	76.2%	77.0%	74.6%
Average offer rate	Asian	84.1%	87.0%	84.2%	64.3%	76.3%	67.3%
	Black	85.9%	87.6%	92.2%	87.6%	85.9%	81.6%
	Mixed	87.3%	88.0%	89.0%	88.0%	88.5%	87.4%
	White	83.1%	84.7%	87.1%	87.6%	87.0%	86.7%
	Other	90.0%	83.5%	91.1%	74.4%	77.3%	78.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	0.3	0.1	0.2	-3.2	-0.2	-2.0
	Black	-3.2	2.3	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	-1.8
	Mixed	-0.7	0.6	-0.5	-1.5	-4.6	-2.2
	White	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7	-0.2	-4.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.107	0.116	0.203	0.308	0.255	0.315
	Black	0.104	0.114	0.142	0.145	0.144	0.130
	Mixed	0.126	0.097	0.097	0.106	0.141	0.123
	White	0.956	0.937	0.919	0.907	0.906	0.901
	Other	0.063	0.083	0.092	0.086	0.127	0.139

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

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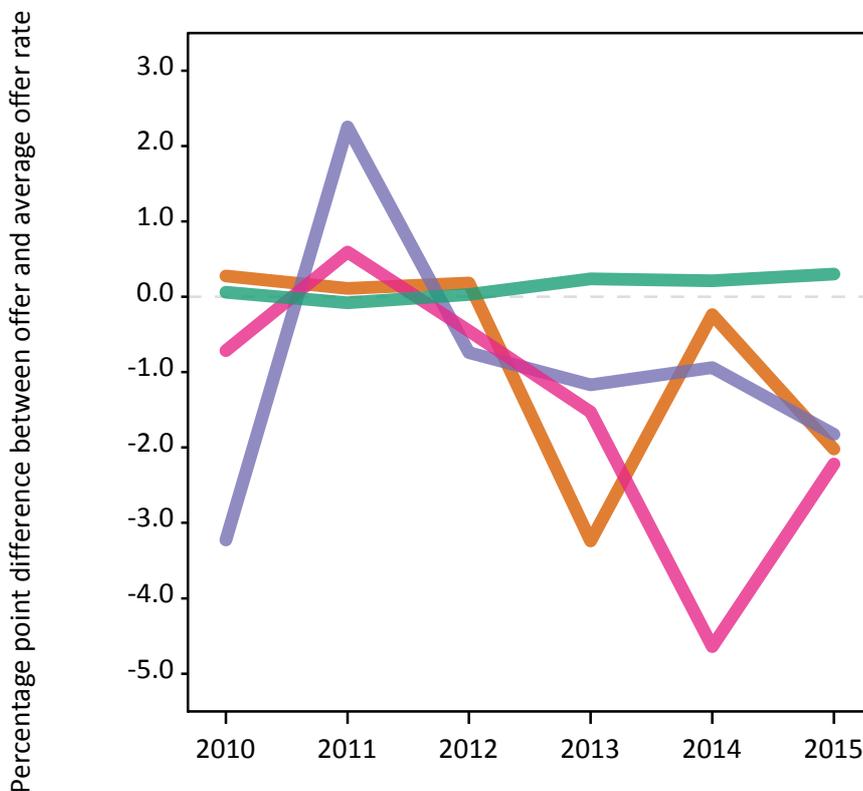
- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



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 2010-2015.

- Asian
- Black
- Mixed
- White
- Other



P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	18,310	20,060	18,810	19,490	19,315	18,505
Placed June deadline applicants	4,520	5,060	4,250	4,375	4,615	4,140
All placed applicants	5,225	5,585	4,900	5,115	5,310	4,815

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	20,980	22,920	20,905	21,445	21,445	20,330
Offers	15,030	16,845	15,815	15,905	15,910	15,015
Offer rate	71.6%	73.5%	75.7%	74.2%	74.2%	73.8%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	8,115	9,085	8,545	8,905	8,495	8,060
	Women	10,190	10,975	10,270	10,585	10,820	10,445
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,130	2,500	2,070	2,040	2,110	1,850
	Women	2,395	2,560	2,180	2,335	2,505	2,290
All placed applicants	Men	2,530	2,735	2,420	2,435	2,480	2,165
	Women	2,700	2,850	2,485	2,680	2,830	2,650

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	9,430	10,500	9,590	9,860	9,495	8,850
	Women	11,550	12,420	11,315	11,580	11,945	11,485
Offers	Men	7,555	8,630	8,035	7,965	7,830	7,100
	Women	7,475	8,220	7,780	7,940	8,080	7,915
Offer rate	Men	80.1%	82.2%	83.8%	80.8%	82.5%	80.2%
	Women	64.7%	66.2%	68.8%	68.6%	67.6%	68.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,340	2,605	2,480	2,630	2,670	2,615
	Quintile 2	3,280	3,545	3,295	3,460	3,455	3,310
	Quintile 3	3,835	4,190	4,035	3,985	4,115	3,860
	Quintile 4	4,560	4,905	4,610	4,655	4,565	4,330
	Quintile 5	4,235	4,755	4,345	4,720	4,470	4,345
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	650	695	615	645	730	665
	Quintile 2	845	900	780	810	890	790
	Quintile 3	1,000	1,065	950	970	1,045	890
	Quintile 4	1,110	1,245	1,055	1,065	1,035	1,015
	Quintile 5	905	1,140	845	880	905	765
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	715	785	700	735	820	765
	Quintile 2	950	985	885	935	1,005	910
	Quintile 3	1,160	1,175	1,095	1,115	1,185	1,030
	Quintile 4	1,285	1,360	1,220	1,255	1,215	1,180
	Quintile 5	1,105	1,260	990	1,065	1,070	910

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,865	3,205	2,875	2,965	3,110	3,000
	Quintile 2	3,850	4,140	3,760	3,860	3,915	3,690
	Quintile 3	4,455	4,835	4,490	4,480	4,575	4,310
	Quintile 4	5,160	5,520	5,125	5,115	5,040	4,715
	Quintile 5	4,585	5,155	4,600	4,965	4,750	4,560
Offers	Quintile 1	1,840	2,095	1,965	2,065	2,190	2,105
	Quintile 2	2,595	2,890	2,700	2,770	2,735	2,615
	Quintile 3	3,150	3,480	3,375	3,335	3,395	3,190
	Quintile 4	3,790	4,140	3,960	3,860	3,790	3,545
	Quintile 5	3,610	4,195	3,780	3,850	3,765	3,530
Offer rate	Quintile 1	64.2%	65.4%	68.3%	69.6%	70.5%	70.2%
	Quintile 2	67.4%	69.8%	71.8%	71.7%	69.8%	70.9%
	Quintile 3	70.8%	72.0%	75.2%	74.4%	74.2%	74.0%
	Quintile 4	73.5%	75.0%	77.3%	75.4%	75.2%	75.1%
	Quintile 5	78.7%	81.4%	82.1%	77.5%	79.2%	77.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	320	575	825	1,370	1,345	1,380
	Black	355	585	775	790	780	725
	Mixed	410	490	470	570	605	550
	White	17,065	18,230	16,525	16,465	16,315	15,520
	Other	65	95	125	195	180	205
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	55	105	130	115	150	155
	Black	35	85	95	90	75	85
	Mixed	95	105	90	95	120	95
	White	4,305	4,725	3,890	4,025	4,235	3,760
	Other	10	20	20	30	20	20
All placed applicants	Asian	90	140	190	185	210	205
	Black	80	110	135	145	115	135
	Mixed	120	120	115	115	145	125
	White	4,875	5,160	4,405	4,610	4,800	4,300
	Other	20	30	25	35	25	30

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	350	610	860	1,410	1,375	1,420
	Black	395	610	815	815	815	755
	Mixed	450	535	515	600	645	575
	White	19,605	20,960	18,465	18,310	18,325	17,240
	Other	70	105	145	205	185	210
Offers	Asian	245	460	655	675	775	805
	Black	225	390	570	510	525	435
	Mixed	335	395	410	455	485	430
	White	14,100	15,445	14,005	14,090	13,960	13,165
	Other	45	75	100	120	110	115
Offer rate	Asian	69.8%	75.6%	76.2%	47.8%	56.4%	56.6%
	Black	57.3%	64.3%	69.7%	62.3%	64.7%	57.9%
	Mixed	74.7%	73.8%	79.4%	75.4%	75.7%	74.9%
	White	71.9%	73.7%	75.8%	76.9%	76.2%	76.4%
	Other	67.1%	72.4%	69.4%	58.3%	60.0%	53.3%

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.