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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	8,650	10,160	10,030	8,325	6,755	7,415
Placed June deadline applicants	1,360	1,280	1,420	1,400	1,340	1,570
All placed applicants	1,445	1,295	1,535	1,525	1,520	1,935
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	109.6	131.9	129.7	109.4	89.7	96.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	17.2	16.6	18.4	18.4	17.8	20.5
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	18.3	16.8	19.8	20.1	20.2	25.2

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	8,870	10,400	10,250	8,495	6,880	7,615
Offers	8,060	9,230	9,230	7,835	6,150	7,080
Offer rate	90.9%	88.7%	90.0%	92.3%	89.4%	92.9%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	3,780	4,770	4,560	3,660	3,050	3,180
	Women	4,870	5,390	5,470	4,665	3,705	4,235
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	555	545	580	545	545	625
	Women	805	735	840	855	790	950
All placed applicants	Men	600	555	620	595	630	805
	Women	845	740	915	930	895	1,125
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	94.2	121.3	115.0	93.7	78.7	81.0
	Women	125.6	143.1	145.1	125.9	101.2	113.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	13.8	13.9	14.6	14.0	14.1	15.9
	Women	20.7	19.5	22.3	23.0	21.6	25.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	14.9	14.1	15.7	15.3	16.2	20.6
	Women	21.7	19.7	24.2	25.1	24.4	30.2

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	3,880	4,905	4,675	3,750	3,120	3,270
	Women	4,995	5,500	5,575	4,745	3,760	4,345
Offers	Men	3,475	4,225	4,090	3,380	2,745	3,040
	Women	4,585	5,005	5,140	4,460	3,405	4,040
Offer rate	Men	89.6%	86.1%	87.5%	90.1%	88.0%	93.0%
	Women	91.9%	91.0%	92.2%	93.9%	90.6%	92.9%
Average offer rate	Men	89.8%	87.0%	87.9%	90.4%	88.4%	92.6%
	Women	91.7%	90.3%	91.9%	93.7%	90.3%	93.2%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.4
	Women	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.576	0.595	0.597	0.598	0.629	0.611
	Women	0.670	0.639	0.663	0.682	0.692	0.708

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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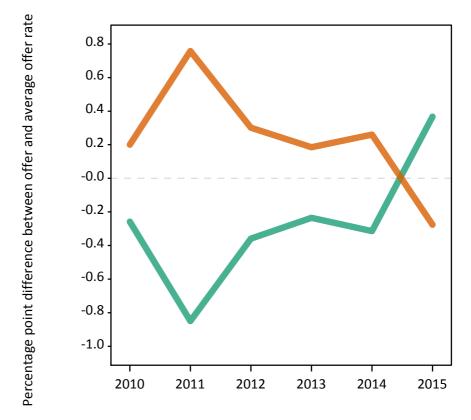

P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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.

P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	560	590	580	510	450	535
	Quintile 2	910	1,030	1,065	910	730	850
	Quintile 3	1,490	1,775	1,780	1,585	1,280	1,395
	Quintile 4	2,205	2,635	2,555	2,115	1,755	1,880
	Quintile 5	3,470	4,115	4,030	3,185	2,525	2,740
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	80	80	75	95	105	110
	Quintile 2	125	135	135	160	140	160
	Quintile 3	245	225	265	285	240	300
	Quintile 4	345	335	370	350	370	385
	Quintile 5	570	505	575	510	480	610
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	85	80	80	100	115	130
	Quintile 2	130	135	150	170	155	185
	Quintile 3	265	230	285	305	265	370
	Quintile 4	365	335	395	385	420	490
	Quintile 5	600	510	625	560	565	755
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	37.8	40.9	40.9	36.5	32.4	38.1
	Quintile 2	59.1	68.5	71.1	61.7	50.0	57.1
	Quintile 3	93.6	115.2	115.2	103.9	85.0	91.0
	Quintile 4	138.5	168.2	161.0	135.2	113.9	120.1
	Quintile 5	204.8	248.6	239.9	192.7	154.8	163.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.3	5.6	5.2	6.7	7.5	8.0
	Quintile 2	8.1	8.8	9.1	10.9	9.7	10.8
	Quintile 3	15.3	14.8	17.1	18.6	15.8	19.7
	Quintile 4	21.6	21.3	23.3	22.4	24.1	24.7
	Quintile 5	33.5	30.6	34.2	30.8	29.4	36.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	5.7	5.6	5.5	7.0	8.4	9.3
	Quintile 2	8.3	8.8	9.9	11.5	10.7	12.6
	Quintile 3	16.5	14.9	18.5	20.0	17.7	24.0
	Quintile 4	23.0	21.5	24.9	24.7	27.1	31.2
	Quintile 5	35.3	30.9	37.2	34.0	34.5	45.2

P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	580	615	605	520	475	555
	Quintile 2	935	1,060	1,100	925	740	875
	Quintile 3	1,545	1,820	1,825	1,625	1,300	1,425
	Quintile 4	2,255	2,690	2,595	2,160	1,790	1,925
	Quintile 5	3,530	4,195	4,105	3,240	2,560	2,820
Offers	Quintile 1	500	500	510	460	400	485
	Quintile 2	825	910	940	830	645	785
	Quintile 3	1,385	1,575	1,635	1,475	1,135	1,305
	Quintile 4	2,050	2,380	2,355	2,005	1,605	1,800
	Quintile 5	3,285	3,845	3,770	3,050	2,360	2,685
Offer rate	Quintile 1	85.7%	81.4%	84.1%	87.9%	83.8%	87.9%
	Quintile 2	88.0%	85.6%	85.6%	89.8%	86.8%	89.6%
	Quintile 3	89.8%	86.5%	89.7%	90.5%	87.3%	91.8%
	Quintile 4	90.8%	88.6%	90.7%	92.7%	89.7%	93.5%
	Quintile 5	93.0%	91.6%	91.9%	94.2%	92.1%	95.2%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	85.5%	82.7%	84.5%	88.4%	85.2%	89.8%
	Quintile 2	88.7%	85.7%	85.8%	89.6%	86.2%	90.8%
	Quintile 3	89.5%	86.2%	89.7%	90.5%	87.5%	90.8%
	Quintile 4	91.0%	88.5%	90.7%	93.0%	89.9%	93.6%
	Quintile 5	92.9%	91.6%	91.8%	94.0%	91.8%	94.9%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.2	-1.3	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-1.9
	Quintile 2	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.6	-1.2
	Quintile 3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	1.0
	Quintile 4	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
	Quintile 5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.164	0.142	0.135	0.147	0.185	0.174
	Quintile 2	0.191	0.179	0.173	0.182	0.201	0.211
	Quintile 3	0.245	0.238	0.232	0.264	0.274	0.271
	Quintile 4	0.316	0.308	0.301	0.314	0.331	0.331
	Quintile 5	0.461	0.456	0.449	0.441	0.444	0.440

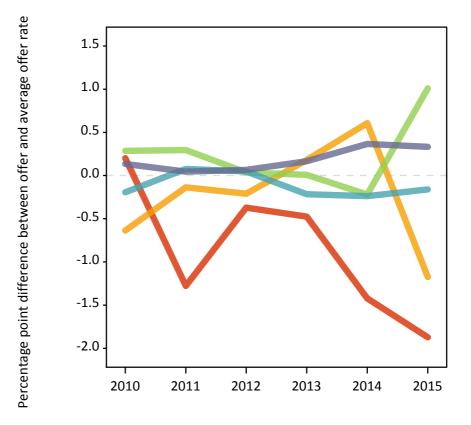**P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile**
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

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	375	680	640	500	475	455
	Black	445	570	520	505	440	430
	Mixed	380	555	565	485	430	450
	White	7,265	8,145	8,105	6,675	5,260	5,915
	Other	105	135	140	120	115	115
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	35	70	60	60	65	75
	Black	30	55	55	85	50	75
	Mixed	70	75	90	80	90	90
	White	1,205	1,055	1,185	1,150	1,100	1,300
	Other	5	15	20	20	20	25
All placed applicants	Asian	45	70	70	75	80	110
	Black	35	55	65	95	60	100
	Mixed	75	80	100	80	105	125
	White	1,265	1,065	1,270	1,240	1,240	1,555
	Other	10	15	20	25	25	30
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	60.7	107.7	99.1	75.5	70.2	64.2
	Black	169.6	208.9	184.0	169.8	145.5	134.8
	Mixed	164.9	229.6	216.9	180.1	149.5	145.3
	White	108.3	125.8	125.5	106.1	85.2	94.9
	Other	136.4	166.7	156.0	130.1	122.5	120.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	5.8	11.1	9.4	9.1	9.9	10.5
	Black	11.5	19.4	20.2	29.0	16.2	23.6
	Mixed	29.8	31.4	34.6	28.8	31.6	29.2
	White	18.0	16.3	18.3	18.3	17.8	20.9
	Other	9.1	21.0	20.3	19.9	23.6	23.9
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	7.3	11.3	11.0	11.5	11.9	15.3
	Black	13.0	19.8	23.1	32.0	20.5	32.1
	Mixed	31.5	32.2	37.6	30.0	35.8	41.2
	White	18.9	16.4	19.6	19.7	20.1	24.9
	Other	11.7	21.0	23.7	26.5	26.9	32.2

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	380	690	655	505	480	460
	Black	445	575	525	515	440	430
	Mixed	395	570	575	495	440	460
	White	7,465	8,355	8,295	6,815	5,360	6,095
	Other	105	140	140	120	115	115
Offers	Asian	345	595	575	445	415	420
	Black	365	440	430	425	345	375
	Mixed	360	500	515	455	395	425
	White	6,830	7,510	7,540	6,360	4,855	5,695
	Other	90	120	115	105	105	110
Offer rate	Asian	91.1%	86.2%	87.8%	88.1%	86.3%	92.1%
	Black	81.6%	76.8%	82.2%	83.1%	78.5%	87.3%
	Mixed	90.9%	87.4%	89.4%	91.9%	89.3%	92.4%
	White	91.5%	89.9%	90.9%	93.3%	90.5%	93.5%
	Other	86.8%	85.5%	80.9%	89.1%	91.5%	93.1%
Average offer rate	Asian	90.5%	85.3%	87.8%	87.7%	86.6%	92.2%
	Black	84.7%	78.3%	85.7%	85.3%	81.2%	88.5%
	Mixed	90.9%	88.2%	89.2%	91.3%	87.7%	92.8%
	White	91.4%	89.8%	90.7%	93.2%	90.5%	93.3%
	Other	83.3%	87.1%	83.3%	91.6%	89.7%	90.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.1
	Black	-3.1	-1.5	-3.5	-2.2	-2.7	-1.3
	Mixed	-0.1	-0.8	0.2	0.7	1.7	-0.4
	White	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Other	3.5	-1.6	-2.5	-2.5	1.8	2.3
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.156	0.168	0.156	0.167	0.201	0.167
	Black	0.174	0.164	0.162	0.198	0.207	0.172
	Mixed	0.124	0.126	0.122	0.137	0.174	0.152
	White	0.863	0.829	0.831	0.831	0.814	0.828
	Other	0.091	0.101	0.113	0.086	0.129	0.117

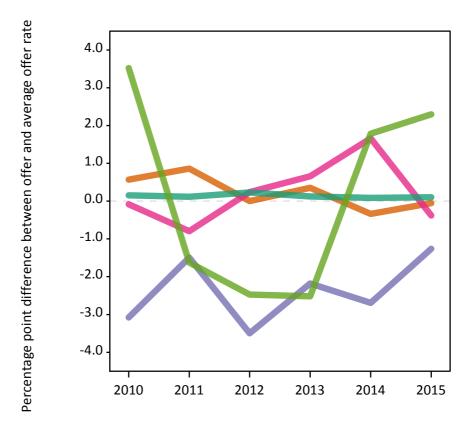**P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group**
Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.

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.

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P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	13,450	15,690	14,185	12,505	10,890	11,605
Placed June deadline applicants	2,380	2,275	2,120	2,220	2,220	2,510
All placed applicants	2,525	2,315	2,305	2,435	2,525	3,080

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	14,170	16,370	14,780	12,965	11,295	12,105
Offers	11,375	12,835	11,940	10,965	9,190	10,410
Offer rate	80.2%	78.4%	80.8%	84.6%	81.4%	86.0%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	6,130	7,665	6,790	5,860	5,180	5,465
	Women	7,320	8,025	7,395	6,645	5,710	6,140
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,055	1,025	935	965	990	1,115
	Women	1,330	1,250	1,185	1,255	1,235	1,395
All placed applicants	Men	1,130	1,045	1,015	1,065	1,135	1,410
	Women	1,395	1,275	1,290	1,370	1,395	1,670

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	6,455	8,015	7,095	6,090	5,405	5,715
	Women	7,720	8,355	7,685	6,875	5,890	6,390
Offers	Men	5,070	6,075	5,545	5,010	4,290	4,870
	Women	6,305	6,760	6,395	5,955	4,900	5,545
Offer rate	Men	78.6%	75.8%	78.2%	82.2%	79.3%	85.2%
	Women	81.7%	80.9%	83.2%	86.7%	83.2%	86.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,050	1,135	975	910	825	920
	Quintile 2	1,515	1,715	1,570	1,480	1,235	1,380
	Quintile 3	2,390	2,800	2,605	2,400	2,115	2,265
	Quintile 4	3,420	3,950	3,565	3,120	2,820	2,955
	Quintile 5	5,035	6,035	5,430	4,550	3,875	4,050
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	165	180	120	160	190	195
	Quintile 2	245	235	220	260	245	285
	Quintile 3	440	400	395	455	410	470
	Quintile 4	645	590	555	565	620	625
	Quintile 5	890	855	820	775	760	930
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	180	185	130	175	215	225
	Quintile 2	255	240	245	275	265	330
	Quintile 3	470	405	430	495	470	575
	Quintile 4	675	605	590	620	690	780
	Quintile 5	940	865	900	865	880	1,165

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,145	1,230	1,045	960	885	1,000
	Quintile 2	1,625	1,815	1,665	1,535	1,280	1,450
	Quintile 3	2,545	2,915	2,705	2,510	2,210	2,350
	Quintile 4	3,595	4,100	3,715	3,235	2,925	3,070
	Quintile 5	5,225	6,260	5,600	4,685	3,970	4,205
Offers	Quintile 1	765	800	710	715	640	760
	Quintile 2	1,180	1,285	1,220	1,215	980	1,185
	Quintile 3	1,975	2,195	2,140	2,080	1,720	1,955
	Quintile 4	2,940	3,255	3,035	2,775	2,400	2,665
	Quintile 5	4,480	5,260	4,810	4,150	3,435	3,825
Offer rate	Quintile 1	67.1%	65.0%	67.7%	74.5%	72.2%	76.4%
	Quintile 2	72.7%	70.9%	73.3%	79.2%	76.4%	81.5%
	Quintile 3	77.6%	75.3%	79.1%	82.9%	77.7%	83.1%
	Quintile 4	81.8%	79.3%	81.6%	85.7%	82.1%	86.8%
	Quintile 5	85.8%	84.1%	85.8%	88.6%	86.5%	91.0%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	615	1,080	985	835	800	840
	Black	795	1,020	900	890	850	810
	Mixed	670	845	790	770	690	745
	White	11,055	12,365	11,155	9,695	8,275	8,855
	Other	175	230	230	215	200	230
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	70	115	90	100	105	125
	Black	70	85	80	125	95	125
	Mixed	120	130	130	140	145	165
	White	2,080	1,890	1,765	1,795	1,815	2,035
	Other	15	30	30	35	40	40
All placed applicants	Asian	85	120	105	125	130	185
	Black	85	85	90	145	120	170
	Mixed	125	130	145	150	165	220
	White	2,170	1,910	1,900	1,940	2,035	2,410
	Other	20	30	35	50	50	55

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	640	1,105	1,010	850	815	855
	Black	815	1,045	915	915	870	820
	Mixed	710	880	815	790	720	765
	White	11,675	12,935	11,675	10,085	8,595	9,295
	Other	185	245	240	215	215	240
Offers	Asian	520	875	800	700	660	720
	Black	515	625	580	645	575	625
	Mixed	560	680	670	665	595	655
	White	9,530	10,360	9,630	8,685	7,120	8,100
	Other	130	175	175	170	170	205
Offer rate	Asian	81.7%	79.0%	79.3%	82.7%	81.1%	84.2%
	Black	63.2%	60.0%	63.7%	70.6%	66.4%	76.3%
	Mixed	78.6%	77.3%	82.3%	84.5%	82.4%	85.3%
	White	81.6%	80.1%	82.5%	86.1%	82.9%	87.1%
	Other	72.1%	71.2%	72.7%	78.7%	79.2%	85.7%

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.