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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	8,135	8,045	8,300	7,915	7,945	8,295
Placed June deadline applicants	2,840	2,655	2,765	2,720	2,630	2,315
All placed applicants	3,000	2,795	2,960	2,970	2,865	2,420
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	103.1	104.5	107.3	104.0	105.5	108.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	36.0	34.4	35.7	35.8	34.9	30.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	38.0	36.3	38.2	39.1	38.1	31.6

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	18,510	18,140	19,180	17,100	17,535	18,220
Offers	15,480	13,385	14,580	14,615	15,180	15,710
Offer rate	83.6%	73.8%	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	3,460	3,460	3,550	3,585	3,580	3,660
	Women	4,675	4,585	4,755	4,335	4,365	4,635
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,245	1,190	1,215	1,295	1,205	1,065
	Women	1,595	1,460	1,550	1,430	1,420	1,250
All placed applicants	Men	1,320	1,260	1,315	1,390	1,320	1,100
	Women	1,675	1,535	1,640	1,580	1,545	1,320
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	86.2	87.9	89.5	91.8	92.5	93.3
	Women	120.6	121.7	126.1	116.9	119.2	124.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Men	31.0	30.3	30.6	33.1	31.2	27.1
	Women	41.1	38.8	41.1	38.5	38.8	33.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Men	32.9	32.0	33.2	35.6	34.1	28.1
	Women	43.2	40.8	43.5	42.7	42.2	35.3

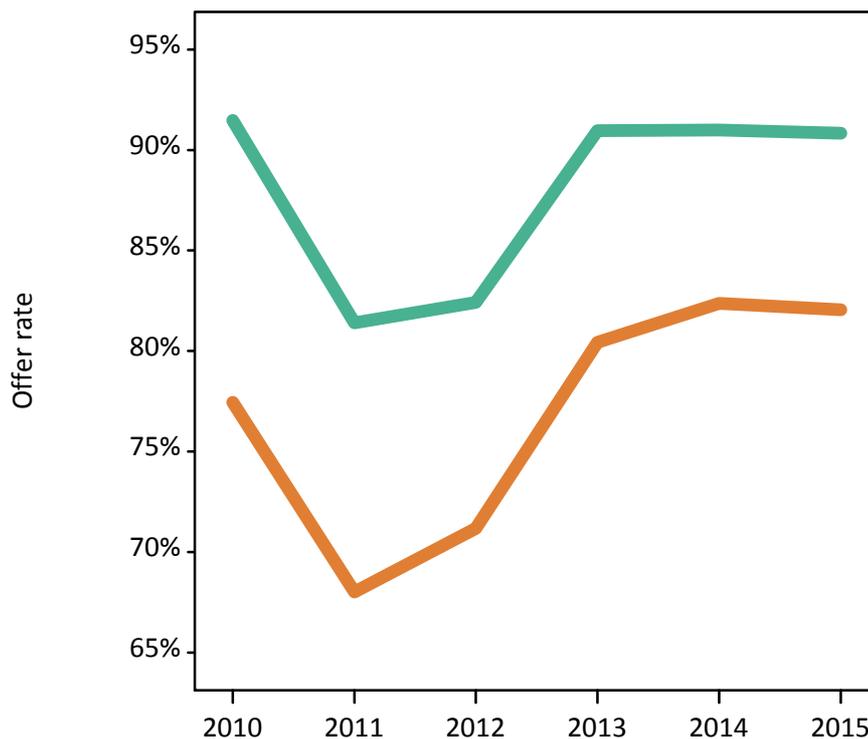
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	8,165	7,825	8,275	8,145	8,495	8,660
	Women	10,345	10,315	10,900	8,955	9,040	9,565
Offers	Men	7,470	6,370	6,820	7,410	7,730	7,865
	Women	8,015	7,015	7,760	7,205	7,445	7,850
Offer rate	Men	91.5%	81.4%	82.4%	91.0%	91.0%	90.8%
	Women	77.4%	68.0%	71.2%	80.4%	82.4%	82.1%
Average offer rate	Men	91.5%	81.5%	82.9%	91.1%	91.2%	91.1%
	Women	77.4%	68.0%	70.8%	80.3%	82.2%	81.8%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Men	-0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
	Women	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Men	0.626	0.606	0.613	0.635	0.645	0.637
	Women	0.705	0.701	0.706	0.668	0.666	0.672

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
Women



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	665	600	615	590	630	680
	Quintile 2	830	875	870	825	870	885
	Quintile 3	1,345	1,295	1,380	1,350	1,300	1,420
	Quintile 4	2,510	2,480	2,490	2,355	2,380	2,455
	Quintile 5	2,765	2,765	2,930	2,775	2,750	2,840
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	225	195	180	205	215	175
	Quintile 2	290	250	265	270	285	245
	Quintile 3	475	425	475	495	430	405
	Quintile 4	900	810	855	825	800	685
	Quintile 5	950	965	985	920	890	800
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	235	205	200	225	230	180
	Quintile 2	300	265	285	295	320	250
	Quintile 3	500	445	510	530	460	430
	Quintile 4	940	860	915	900	880	720
	Quintile 5	1,010	1,010	1,045	1,015	965	835
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	44.8	41.7	43.1	42.5	45.4	48.7
	Quintile 2	54.0	58.3	58.0	56.1	59.5	59.4
	Quintile 3	84.5	84.3	89.5	88.5	86.5	92.5
	Quintile 4	157.6	158.4	157.0	150.6	154.4	156.7
	Quintile 5	163.2	167.0	174.3	167.8	168.6	169.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	15.3	13.7	12.8	14.6	15.5	12.6
	Quintile 2	18.7	16.6	17.6	18.5	19.5	16.4
	Quintile 3	29.7	27.6	30.7	32.4	28.4	26.4
	Quintile 4	56.4	51.8	54.0	52.6	52.0	43.6
	Quintile 5	55.9	58.3	58.5	55.8	54.5	47.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Quintile 1	15.9	14.3	13.9	16.1	16.7	13.0
	Quintile 2	19.6	17.6	18.9	20.2	21.9	16.8
	Quintile 3	31.5	28.9	33.0	34.6	30.5	27.9
	Quintile 4	59.1	54.8	57.8	57.5	57.1	46.1
	Quintile 5	59.5	61.1	62.3	61.4	59.2	49.9

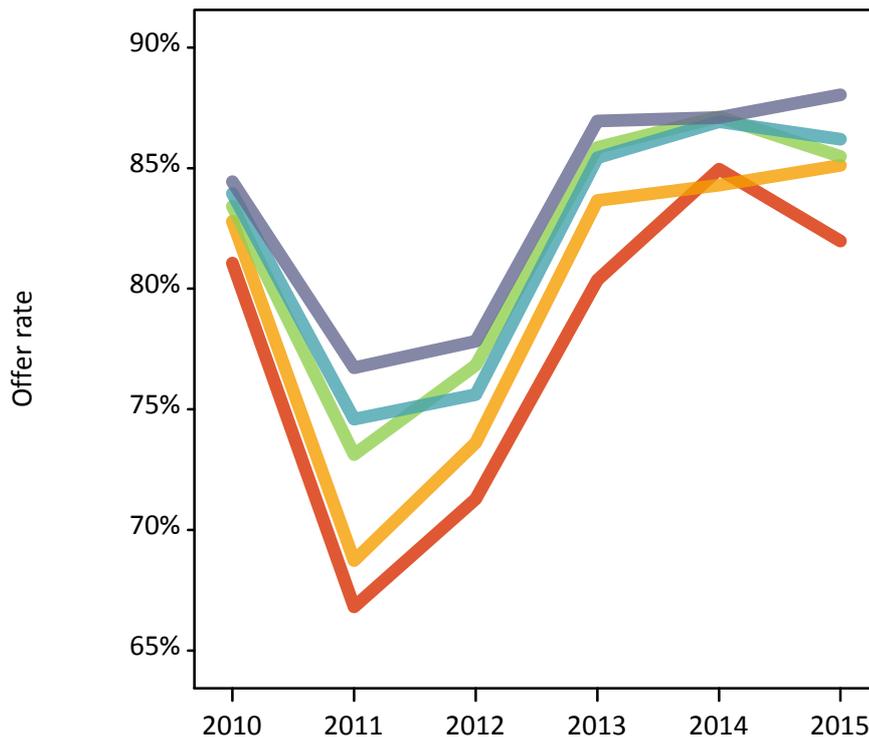
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,615	1,475	1,520	1,375	1,455	1,585
	Quintile 2	1,900	1,925	1,980	1,740	1,900	1,960
	Quintile 3	3,060	2,930	3,240	2,970	2,905	3,145
	Quintile 4	5,675	5,610	5,755	5,125	5,260	5,335
	Quintile 5	6,205	6,120	6,645	5,855	5,980	6,160
Offers	Quintile 1	1,310	985	1,080	1,105	1,235	1,300
	Quintile 2	1,575	1,325	1,460	1,455	1,600	1,670
	Quintile 3	2,550	2,145	2,490	2,550	2,530	2,685
	Quintile 4	4,765	4,185	4,350	4,380	4,570	4,600
	Quintile 5	5,240	4,695	5,175	5,090	5,210	5,420
Offer rate	Quintile 1	81.1%	66.8%	71.3%	80.4%	85.0%	82.0%
	Quintile 2	82.8%	68.7%	73.6%	83.7%	84.3%	85.1%
	Quintile 3	83.4%	73.1%	76.8%	85.9%	87.1%	85.5%
	Quintile 4	83.9%	74.6%	75.6%	85.4%	86.9%	86.2%
	Quintile 5	84.4%	76.7%	77.8%	87.0%	87.1%	88.0%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	82.9%	67.5%	74.0%	82.7%	86.6%	84.8%
	Quintile 2	83.1%	69.6%	74.1%	85.0%	84.5%	85.2%
	Quintile 3	83.7%	73.3%	76.5%	85.5%	86.9%	86.2%
	Quintile 4	83.4%	74.4%	75.1%	85.3%	86.3%	86.0%
	Quintile 5	84.2%	76.4%	77.7%	86.3%	87.3%	87.1%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 1	-1.9	-0.7	-2.8	-2.3	-1.6	-2.8
	Quintile 2	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	-1.3	-0.2	-0.1
	Quintile 3	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.7
	Quintile 4	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.2
	Quintile 5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.9
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Quintile 1	0.172	0.170	0.153	0.175	0.171	0.161
	Quintile 2	0.171	0.181	0.180	0.169	0.185	0.173
	Quintile 3	0.223	0.223	0.224	0.233	0.227	0.228
	Quintile 4	0.358	0.365	0.353	0.357	0.353	0.340
	Quintile 5	0.389	0.395	0.397	0.397	0.394	0.389

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.

- Quintile 1
- Quintile 2
- Quintile 3
- Quintile 4
- Quintile 5



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.

- 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	45	60	55	65	100	85
	Black	5	10	15	20	30	25
	Mixed	40	45	45	45	55	45
	White	8,030	7,920	8,170	7,775	7,745	8,120
	Other	5	5	5	5	10	5
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	10	10	15	15	15	20
	Black	0	0	5	0	5	0
	Mixed	10	10	5	10	10	15
	White	2,815	2,625	2,730	2,695	2,595	2,275
	Other	0	0	5	0	0	0
All placed applicants	Asian	10	15	20	15	15	20
	Black	0	0	5	0	5	0
	Mixed	10	15	5	10	15	15
	White	2,975	2,760	2,920	2,940	2,825	2,380
	Other	0	0	5	0	5	0
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	7.0	9.2	8.3	9.6	14.9	11.9
	Black	2.7	3.3	5.0	6.4	10.2	7.2
	Mixed	17.7	18.2	16.9	15.9	19.5	15.2
	White	119.7	122.3	126.5	123.6	125.6	130.3
	Other	5.2	7.4	7.9	6.6	9.7	5.2
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.2	3.0
	Black	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.3	0.0
	Mixed	3.5	5.0	1.5	3.0	3.8	4.5
	White	42.0	40.5	42.3	42.8	42.0	36.5
	Other	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	Asian	1.5	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	3.1
	Black	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.3	0.0
	Mixed	3.9	5.4	1.9	3.3	4.9	4.5
	White	44.3	42.6	45.2	46.7	45.8	38.2
	Other	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	3.2	0.0

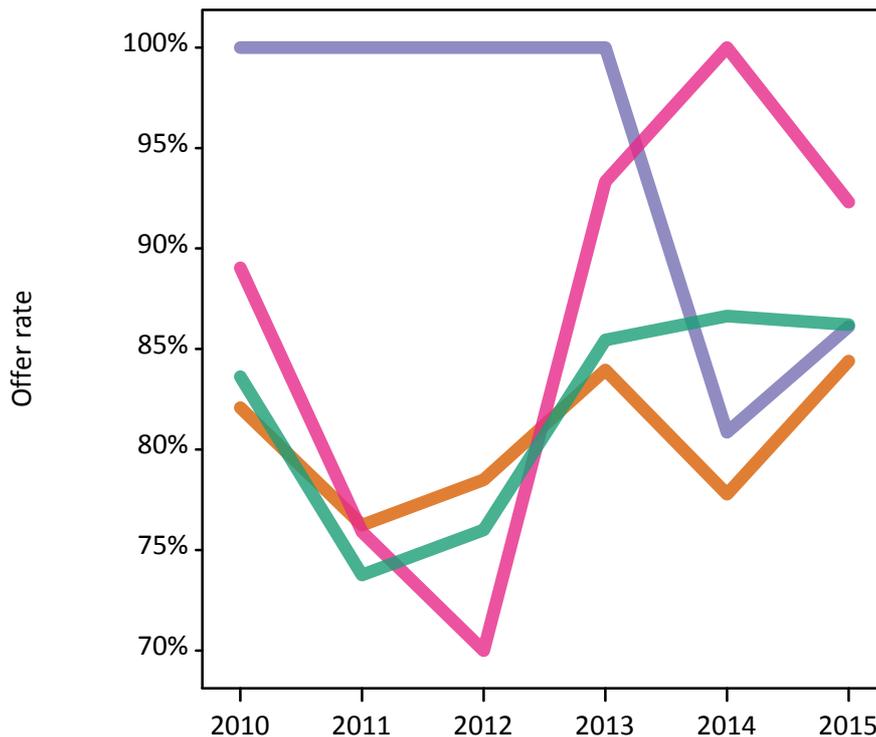
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	65	100	95	105	170	140
	Black	10	20	20	25	45	35
	Mixed	75	85	70	75	85	80
	White	18,325	17,910	18,960	16,865	17,205	17,920
	Other	5	10	10	5	20	10
Offers	Asian	55	75	75	90	135	120
	Black	10	15	20	20	40	30
	Mixed	65	65	50	70	80	70
	White	15,325	13,210	14,410	14,410	14,910	15,450
	Other	5	10	10	5	15	10
Offer rate	Asian	82.1%	76.2%	78.5%	84.0%	77.8%	84.4%
	Black	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	80.9%	86.1%
	Mixed	89.0%	75.9%	70.0%	93.3%	100.0%	92.3%
	White	83.6%	73.8%	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%
	Other	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Average offer rate	Asian	80.6%	76.4%	80.2%	81.3%	81.3%	83.5%
	Black	81.0%	83.4%	71.2%	90.0%	80.0%	87.4%
	Mixed	83.1%	75.0%	71.0%	92.5%	90.7%	89.3%
	White	83.6%	73.8%	76.0%	85.5%	86.6%	86.2%
	Other	N/A	94.9%	83.1%	N/A	72.0%	72.7%
Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate	Asian	1.5	-0.1	-1.7	2.6	-3.5	0.9
	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mixed	5.9	0.9	-1.0	0.8	9.3	3.1
	White	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	-0.0
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average offer rate	Asian	0.059	0.085	0.097	0.103	0.081	0.095
	Black	0.094	0.054	0.102	0.086	0.172	0.141
	Mixed	0.092	0.102	0.089	0.079	0.109	0.074
	White	0.991	0.989	0.990	0.988	0.983	0.985
	Other	N/A	0.206	0.082	N/A	0.104	0.043

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.

- 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	13,320	13,750	13,855	13,915	14,265	15,035
Placed June deadline applicants	4,835	4,665	4,800	5,035	4,915	4,760
All placed applicants	5,140	4,960	5,235	5,595	5,840	5,100

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	29,680	30,940	31,890	29,285	30,850	32,005
Offers	22,810	20,865	22,540	23,125	24,525	25,440
Offer rate	76.8%	67.4%	70.7%	79.0%	79.5%	79.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	5,650	5,865	5,960	6,215	6,405	6,690
	Women	7,670	7,885	7,890	7,700	7,860	8,340
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,180	2,130	2,185	2,425	2,395	2,270
	Women	2,655	2,535	2,615	2,610	2,520	2,490
All placed applicants	Men	2,315	2,270	2,425	2,645	2,885	2,395
	Women	2,825	2,690	2,810	2,950	2,955	2,705

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	12,880	13,175	13,955	13,910	14,990	15,400
	Women	16,800	17,765	17,935	15,375	15,855	16,605
Offers	Men	11,065	10,095	10,850	11,980	12,895	13,185
	Women	11,745	10,770	11,690	11,145	11,630	12,255
Offer rate	Men	85.9%	76.6%	77.7%	86.1%	86.0%	85.6%
	Women	69.9%	60.6%	65.2%	72.5%	73.4%	73.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,185	1,170	1,225	1,285	1,330	1,345
	Quintile 2	1,515	1,625	1,620	1,550	1,750	1,830
	Quintile 3	2,345	2,340	2,425	2,530	2,410	2,605
	Quintile 4	3,950	4,125	4,045	4,045	4,160	4,395
	Quintile 5	4,280	4,445	4,505	4,480	4,595	4,815
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	400	380	380	465	460	375
	Quintile 2	540	495	540	535	595	585
	Quintile 3	875	770	865	920	820	855
	Quintile 4	1,470	1,380	1,440	1,480	1,460	1,395
	Quintile 5	1,540	1,625	1,565	1,620	1,565	1,535
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	420	400	410	505	515	395
	Quintile 2	570	525	585	600	710	625
	Quintile 3	925	815	945	1,010	1,010	915
	Quintile 4	1,560	1,480	1,590	1,660	1,735	1,505
	Quintile 5	1,645	1,725	1,690	1,810	1,860	1,640

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,705	2,760	2,945	2,805	2,965	2,990
	Quintile 2	3,420	3,570	3,695	3,200	3,705	3,855
	Quintile 3	5,220	5,355	5,705	5,335	5,270	5,575
	Quintile 4	8,850	9,315	9,360	8,525	8,985	9,365
	Quintile 5	9,380	9,830	10,110	9,375	9,855	10,135
Offers	Quintile 1	2,020	1,740	1,900	2,085	2,335	2,250
	Quintile 2	2,555	2,260	2,480	2,450	2,870	2,990
	Quintile 3	3,990	3,495	4,065	4,180	4,150	4,405
	Quintile 4	6,805	6,340	6,650	6,780	7,190	7,430
	Quintile 5	7,360	6,965	7,390	7,595	7,930	8,310
Offer rate	Quintile 1	74.6%	63.1%	64.6%	74.4%	78.8%	75.2%
	Quintile 2	74.8%	63.2%	67.1%	76.5%	77.5%	77.5%
	Quintile 3	76.4%	65.2%	71.3%	78.4%	78.8%	79.0%
	Quintile 4	76.9%	68.1%	71.0%	79.5%	80.0%	79.3%
	Quintile 5	78.5%	70.8%	73.1%	81.0%	80.5%	82.0%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	125	135	160	165	245	455
	Black	55	60	70	110	145	135
	Mixed	85	85	80	90	105	110
	White	13,020	13,435	13,500	13,495	13,720	14,210
	Other	15	20	15	30	25	50
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	35	25	45	40	60	190
	Black	5	10	10	20	45	30
	Mixed	15	20	15	20	30	35
	White	4,765	4,595	4,720	4,945	4,765	4,475
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	10
All placed applicants	Asian	35	30	105	50	205	195
	Black	10	10	25	20	155	35
	Mixed	15	25	20	20	45	35
	White	5,050	4,870	5,055	5,485	5,385	4,770
	Other	5	5	10	5	40	15

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	210	220	290	270	350	595
	Black	80	95	100	145	205	175
	Mixed	140	160	140	150	160	185
	White	29,180	30,385	31,295	28,635	30,055	30,865
	Other	15	40	25	40	45	75
Offers	Asian	140	145	210	210	270	410
	Black	35	50	60	95	135	95
	Mixed	100	105	90	130	145	150
	White	22,485	20,510	22,140	22,630	23,915	24,670
	Other	15	30	15	30	30	40
Offer rate	Asian	67.3%	65.8%	72.0%	77.9%	77.3%	68.7%
	Black	41.5%	52.6%	60.2%	64.4%	67.2%	55.4%
	Mixed	70.4%	66.3%	63.3%	87.9%	89.9%	81.5%
	White	77.1%	67.5%	70.8%	79.0%	79.6%	79.9%
	Other	100.0%	81.6%	61.5%	70.7%	74.4%	52.0%

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.