# Sex, area background and ethnic group



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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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	6,635	7,825	8,565	8,915	7,560	9,465
Placed June deadline applicants	1,085	1,490	1,555	1,610	1,320	1,500
All placed applicants	1,460	1,930	2,005	2,070	1,830	2,205
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	88.1	102.2	114.3	120.3	104.7	133.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	14.4	19.4	20.7	21.7	18.3	21.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	19.4	25.2	26.7	27.9	25.3	31.2

# P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	6,950	8,160	8,910	9,390	7,985	10,095
Offers	5,675	6,890	7,485	7,890	7,090	8,955
Offer rate	81.7%	84.4%	84.0%	84.0%	88.8%	88.7%

# P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,500	4,175	4,440	4,610	3,720	4,820
	Women	3,135	3,655	4,125	4,305	3,840	4,640
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	550	705	795	795	660	745
	Women	535	785	760	815	665	760
All placed applicants	Men	725	920	1,020	1,025	890	1,090
	Women	730	1,010	985	1,045	940	1,115
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	90.4	106.3	115.6	121.4	100.5	133.1
population	Women	85.6	97.8	112.9	119.2	109.1	134.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	14.3	17.9	20.7	21.0	17.8	20.5
10,000 population	Women	14.6	21.1	20.8	22.5	18.9	22.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	18.8	23.4	26.5	27.0	24.1	30.1
population	Women	20.0	27.0	26.9	28.9	26.7	32.3

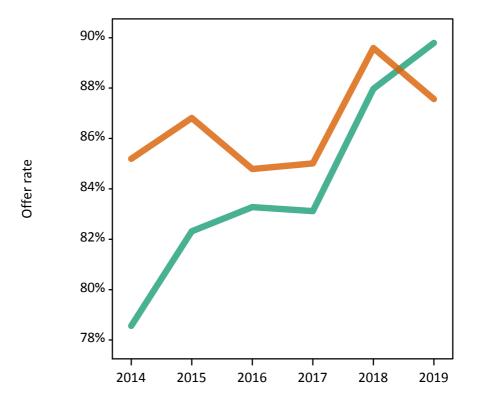
# P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	3,695	4,350	4,645	4,880	3,950	5,170
	Women	3,255	3,815	4,265	4,510	4,035	4,920
Offers	Men	2,900	3,580	3,870	4,055	3,475	4,645
	Women	2,775	3,310	3,615	3,835	3,615	4,310
Offer rate	Men	78.6%	82.3%	83.3%	83.1%	88.0%	89.8%
	Women	85.2%	86.8%	84.8%	85.0%	89.6%	87.6%
Average offer rate	Men	78.8%	82.8%	83.4%	83.4%	88.1%	90.3%
	Women	84.9%	86.3%	84.6%	84.7%	89.5%	87.1%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.672	0.655	0.649	0.645	0.641	0.635
offer rate	Women	0.628	0.607	0.618	0.616	0.648	0.617

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

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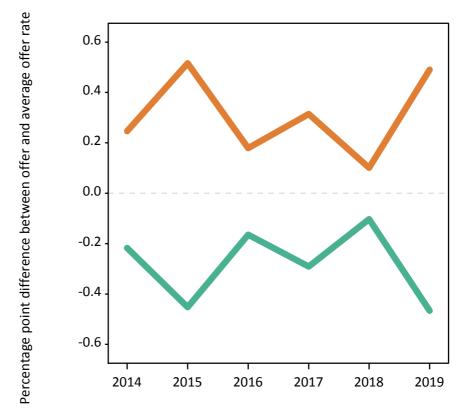




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





# P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	640	775	855	980	765	1,095
	Quintile 2	1,125	1,295	1,485	1,565	1,325	1,680
	Quintile 3	1,620	1,975	2,130	2,215	1,995	2,445
	Quintile 4	1,450	1,665	1,880	1,920	1,610	1,980
	Quintile 5	1,785	2,105	2,200	2,220	1,845	2,225
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	115	150	150	165	125	165
	Quintile 2	190	240	265	285	235	300
	Quintile 3	295	390	425	450	390	440
	Quintile 4	220	305	330	330	255	295
	Quintile 5	265	405	385	375	310	300
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	145	180	180	210	175	240
	Quintile 2	240	295	340	355	310	415
	Quintile 3	380	515	540	580	515	630
	Quintile 4	305	395	440	425	360	435
	Quintile 5	385	540	500	500	465	480
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	45.6	54.7	62.8	73.4	58.8	86.4
population	Quintile 2	78.4	88.5	104.7	112.1	98.0	127.4
	Quintile 3	110.7	131.7	145.3	152.8	141.4	177.1
	Quintile 4	95.0	107.5	123.3	126.8	109.2	136.6
	Quintile 5	104.8	121.1	127.6	129.5	109.6	134.0
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	8.3	10.5	10.9	12.3	9.7	13.0
10,000 population	Quintile 2	13.2	16.3	18.5	20.6	17.2	22.6
	Quintile 3	20.0	26.1	28.9	31.1	27.7	32.0
	Quintile 4	14.5	19.6	21.7	21.8	17.4	20.3
	Quintile 5	15.5	23.4	22.2	21.9	18.5	17.9
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	10.3	12.9	13.4	15.5	13.5	18.8
population	Quintile 2	16.8	20.2	23.9	25.4	22.9	31.4
	Quintile 3	25.9	34.4	36.7	40.0	36.7	45.6
	Quintile 4	20.0	25.6	28.7	28.0	24.3	29.9
	Quintile 5	22.7	31.0	29.0	29.0	27.7	29.0

# P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PC	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	670	805	885	1,030	800	1,165
	Quintile 2	1,180	1,365	1,550	1,655	1,415	1,820
	Quintile 3	1,720	2,085	2,275	2,380	2,150	2,650
	Quintile 4	1,495	1,725	1,935	1,995	1,680	2,085
	Quintile 5	1,865	2,165	2,250	2,315	1,915	2,335
Offers	Quintile 1	525	665	750	850	710	1,025
	Quintile 2	950	1,105	1,275	1,355	1,250	1,635
	Quintile 3	1,365	1,705	1,835	1,960	1,885	2,360
	Quintile 4	1,225	1,460	1,630	1,695	1,480	1,840
	Quintile 5	1,600	1,940	1,985	2,010	1,745	2,070
Offer rate	Quintile 1	78.1%	82.2%	84.4%	82.6%	89.2%	87.7%
	Quintile 2	80.4%	81.0%	82.3%	82.0%	88.3%	89.7%
	Quintile 3	79.3%	81.9%	80.8%	82.2%	87.6%	89.1%
	Quintile 4	81.9%	84.8%	84.1%	85.0%	88.0%	88.1%
	Quintile 5	85.8%	89.6%	88.2%	86.9%	91.2%	88.6%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	79.0%	83.3%	82.8%	82.5%	89.1%	88.8%
	Quintile 2	80.0%	81.9%	81.9%	83.0%	88.3%	88.4%
	Quintile 3	79.9%	81.9%	82.7%	82.4%	87.5%	88.1%
	Quintile 4	82.2%	85.2%	84.3%	85.0%	88.9%	89.2%
	Quintile 5	84.9%	88.2%	87.1%	86.2%	90.6%	89.3%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.9	-1.2	1.6	0.1	0.1	-1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	0.4	-0.9	0.4	-1.0	-0.0	1.3
	Quintile 3	-0.6	-0.0	-1.9	-0.1	0.1	1.0
	Quintile 4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.0	-0.9	-1.1
	Quintile 5	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.6	-0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.190	0.176	0.166	0.169	0.182	0.184
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.242	0.235	0.233	0.240	0.240	0.247
	Quintile 3	0.320	0.316	0.310	0.302	0.337	0.317
	Quintile 4	0.287	0.267	0.271	0.269	0.276	0.261
	Quintile 5	0.353	0.339	0.320	0.309	0.323	0.302

### P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

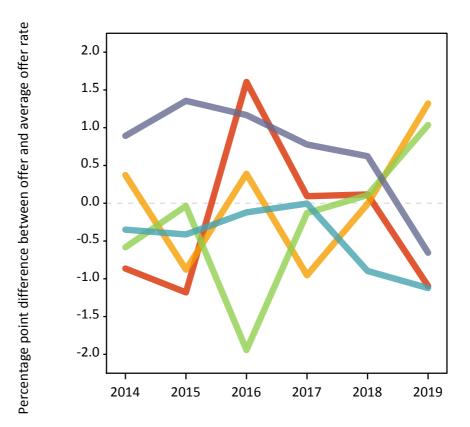
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**P.10** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





# P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	2,845	3,375	3,345	3,285	2,435	2,665
	Black	690	930	1,145	1,255	1,085	1,535
	Asian	2,680	2,990	3,450	3,670	3,475	4,505
	Mixed	250	325	355	405	315	430
	Other	120	140	205	230	185	260
Placed June deadline applicants	White	400	550	480	460	325	275
	Black	105	175	205	220	175	245
	Asian	515	680	770	805	720	875
	Mixed	45	45	55	65	55	55
	Other	15	25	35	45	30	40
All placed applicants	White	505	645	560	570	420	380
	Black	145	255	290	300	255	390
	Asian	710	915	1,020	1,040	1,015	1,290
	Mixed	60	65	75	90	80	80
	Other	20	35	45	55	45	55
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	46.1	54.2	55.3	55.3	42.6	48.2
population	Black	227.9	291.8	365.1	398.4	336.8	465.9
	Asian	394.9	422.7	479.4	498.6	459.9	577.9
	Mixed	87.6	105.7	112.5	125.5	97.2	130.1
	Other	128.9	146.3	208.0	222.3	173.4	232.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	6.5	8.8	7.9	7.8	5.7	5.0
10,000 population	Black	34.0	55.3	65.8	70.5	54.1	74.3
	Asian	75.9	96.2	107.0	109.3	95.5	112.2
	Mixed	15.3	14.9	18.1	20.9	17.6	17.0
	Other	16.1	25.9	33.2	41.7	29.8	35.6
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	8.2	10.4	9.3	9.6	7.3	6.9
population	Black	48.5	79.5	92.0	95.0	79.9	117.6
	Asian	104.7	129.3	142.0	141.3	134.3	165.4
	Mixed	21.2	21.1	23.2	27.4	24.1	24.6
	Other	21.5	34.2	45.2	54.4	41.0	48.1

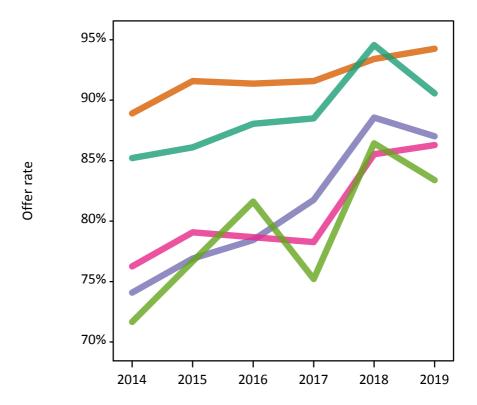
# P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	2,955	3,490	3,440	3,410	2,505	2,785
	Black	710	950	1,165	1,295	1,100	1,585
	Asian	2,845	3,170	3,645	3,950	3,775	4,925
	Mixed	255	340	370	415	330	445
	Other	125	150	225	240	200	285
Offers	White	2,625	3,195	3,140	3,125	2,340	2,625
	Black	525	730	915	1,060	975	1,380
	Asian	2,170	2,505	2,870	3,095	3,230	4,250
	Mixed	220	290	325	370	315	405
	Other	90	115	180	180	170	235
Offer rate	White	88.9%	91.6%	91.4%	91.6%	93.4%	94.3%
	Black	74.1%	76.9%	78.4%	81.8%	88.6%	87.0%
	Asian	76.2%	79.1%	78.7%	78.3%	85.5%	86.3%
	Mixed	85.2%	86.1%	88.0%	88.5%	94.6%	90.6%
	Other	71.7%	76.7%	81.6%	75.2%	86.4%	83.4%
Average offer rate	White	87.2%	89.6%	89.1%	89.6%	93.2%	93.2%
	Black	76.7%	79.3%	80.9%	83.2%	88.3%	88.5%
	Asian	77.3%	80.5%	80.2%	79.5%	85.8%	86.1%
	Mixed	83.2%	85.4%	87.0%	86.4%	92.7%	91.9%
	Other	75.9%	79.3%	80.6%	79.1%	87.2%	85.3%
Percentage point difference between	White	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.0	0.2	1.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-2.6	-2.4	-2.5	-1.5	0.2	-1.5
	Asian	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-1.2	-0.2	0.1
	Mixed	2.0	0.7	1.1	2.1	1.9	-1.3
	Other	-4.2	-2.7	1.0	-3.8	-0.7	-1.9
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.537	0.541	0.497	0.472	0.447	0.399
offer rate	Black	0.201	0.203	0.211	0.221	0.222	0.235
	Asian	0.515	0.491	0.505	0.508	0.561	0.559
	Mixed	0.113	0.134	0.114	0.110	0.134	0.106
	Other	0.105	0.089	0.086	0.079	0.104	0.094

### P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

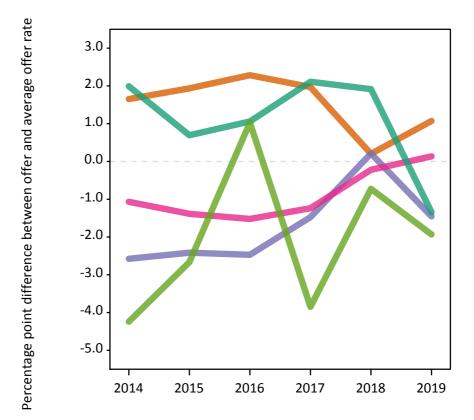
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**P.14** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





# P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	10,855	12,890	13,730	13,600	11,605	14,115
Placed June deadline applicants	1,680	2,235	2,310	2,265	1,980	2,220
All placed applicants	2,290	2,995	3,065	3,065	2,765	3,215

# P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	11,475	13,565	14,410	14,380	12,355	15,125
Offers	8,410	10,140	10,900	10,975	10,220	12,480
Offer rate	73.3%	74.7%	75.7%	76.3%	82.7%	82.5%

# P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	5,935	7,170	7,480	7,385	6,055	7,435
	Women	4,920	5,720	6,255	6,220	5,550	6,675
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	895	1,130	1,245	1,170	1,030	1,135
	Women	785	1,110	1,065	1,095	950	1,080
All placed applicants	Men	1,215	1,530	1,650	1,585	1,425	1,655
	Women	1,075	1,465	1,415	1,475	1,340	1,560

# P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	6,305	7,540	7,880	7,825	6,465	8,000
	Women	5,170	6,025	6,530	6,555	5,885	7,125
Offers	Men	4,460	5,525	5,920	5,895	5,285	6,710
	Women	3,955	4,610	4,980	5,080	4,935	5,770
Offer rate	Men	70.7%	73.3%	75.1%	75.3%	81.8%	83.9%
	Women	76.5%	76.5%	76.3%	77.5%	83.8%	81.0%

# P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,085	1,325	1,405	1,490	1,260	1,690
	Quintile 2	1,915	2,225	2,395	2,405	2,055	2,535
	Quintile 3	2,800	3,310	3,510	3,495	3,095	3,725
	Quintile 4	2,225	2,685	2,945	2,865	2,435	2,890
	Quintile 5	2,805	3,315	3,450	3,315	2,720	3,215
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	175	220	230	225	200	250
	Quintile 2	285	350	400	400	365	440
	Quintile 3	460	600	635	645	560	675
	Quintile 4	325	450	465	460	375	400
	Quintile 5	430	610	575	530	470	450
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	220	275	285	295	280	350
	Quintile 2	375	450	525	525	485	605
	Quintile 3	605	810	835	880	775	965
	Quintile 4	450	605	635	615	525	590
	Quintile 5	630	845	770	740	690	695

# P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,155	1,400	1,470	1,570	1,335	1,810
	Quintile 2	2,030	2,360	2,530	2,550	2,210	2,750
	Quintile 3	3,005	3,540	3,770	3,775	3,370	4,070
	Quintile 4	2,315	2,795	3,050	2,995	2,555	3,050
	Quintile 5	2,940	3,445	3,565	3,455	2,840	3,385
Offers	Quintile 1	805	975	1,090	1,170	1,095	1,450
	Quintile 2	1,425	1,670	1,850	1,875	1,790	2,275
	Quintile 3	2,080	2,550	2,725	2,805	2,745	3,370
	Quintile 4	1,750	2,130	2,340	2,335	2,125	2,510
	Quintile 5	2,335	2,790	2,885	2,770	2,440	2,830
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.9%	69.9%	74.1%	74.6%	82.1%	80.1%
	Quintile 2	70.1%	70.8%	73.1%	73.4%	81.0%	82.7%
	Quintile 3	69.1%	72.0%	72.3%	74.2%	81.4%	82.7%
	Quintile 4	75.6%	76.2%	76.7%	77.9%	83.0%	82.3%
	Quintile 5	79.4%	81.0%	80.9%	80.2%	86.0%	83.7%

# P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	4,035	4,730	4,730	4,520	3,430	3,695
	Black	1,360	1,795	2,050	2,110	1,775	2,465
	Asian	4,670	5,355	5,820	5,790	5,435	6,715
	Mixed	435	555	600	620	500	650
	Other	250	310	390	395	315	460
Placed June deadline applicants	White	580	740	690	645	485	415
	Black	185	280	315	325	270	365
	Asian	800	1,070	1,150	1,125	1,070	1,260
	Mixed	65	75	90	85	85	85
	Other	30	50	55	65	50	70
All placed applicants	White	725	880	820	800	610	560
	Black	265	410	465	465	400	570
	Asian	1,135	1,490	1,555	1,540	1,535	1,830
	Mixed	85	105	120	120	110	120
	Other	45	75	80	95	75	100

# P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	4,225	4,925	4,910	4,725	3,580	3,870
	Black	1,410	1,865	2,115	2,195	1,835	2,560
	Asian	4,995	5,700	6,185	6,225	5,910	7,385
	Mixed	450	580	635	645	530	680
	Other	270	335	410	420	335	495
Offers	White	3,530	4,195	4,190	4,050	3,175	3,435
	Black	890	1,210	1,450	1,575	1,450	2,045
	Asian	3,415	3,965	4,385	4,460	4,770	5,955
	Mixed	340	445	480	500	455	565
	Other	170	215	290	275	260	380
Offer rate	White	83.5%	85.2%	85.4%	85.7%	88.7%	88.8%
	Black	62.9%	64.9%	68.6%	71.8%	78.9%	79.8%
	Asian	68.3%	69.6%	70.9%	71.6%	80.7%	80.7%
	Mixed	75.7%	77.0%	76.1%	77.6%	86.0%	83.5%
	Other	63.8%	63.2%	70.9%	65.4%	78.0%	76.6%

### **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 2019 cycle runs from September 2018 through to October 2019.

### 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.

#### POLAR4 quintile

Developed by OfS, POLAR4 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). POLAR4 is based on the participation rates of young people between between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, 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 POLAR4 quintile are not reported.

#### Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

#### SIMD 2016 quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) 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 2019 End of Cycle Report and the 2019 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 POLAR4 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 POLAR4 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. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

#### 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.