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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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	7,205	8,270	7,990	6,795	6,340	6,425
Placed June deadline applicants	925	1,230	1,335	1,240	1,010	1,250
All placed applicants	1,000	1,300	1,405	1,350	1,135	1,380
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	95.7	108.0	106.6	91.7	87.8	90.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	12.3	16.0	17.8	16.7	14.0	17.7
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	13.3	17.0	18.8	18.2	15.7	19.5

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	7,500	8,550	8,255	7,045	6,685	6,770
Offers	6,085	7,220	7,075	6,185	5,835	5,860
Offer rate	81.2%	84.5%	85.7%	87.8%	87.3%	86.6%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	2,255	2,590	2,370	1,910	1,630	1,780
	Women	4,950	5,680	5,615	4,885	4,705	4,645
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	265	365	410	345	290	360
	Women	660	860	925	890	720	890
All placed applicants	Men	290	385	425	380	310	390
	Women	710	915	980	975	825	990
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	58.3	66.0	61.7	50.3	44.1	49.2
population	Women	135.2	152.0	153.7	135.3	133.8	134.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	6.8	9.4	10.6	9.1	7.8	9.9
10,000 population	Women	18.1	23.0	25.3	24.7	20.4	25.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	7.4	9.8	11.1	10.0	8.4	10.7
population	Women	19.4	24.5	26.8	26.9	23.4	28.7

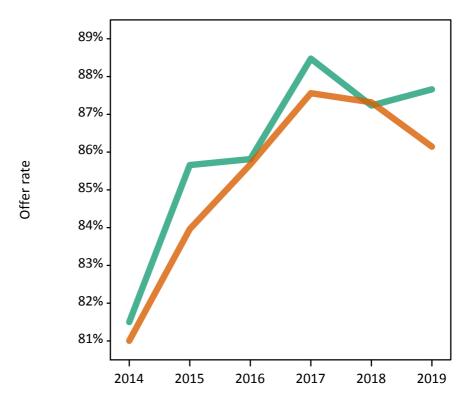
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	2,330	2,650	2,445	1,985	1,725	1,855
	Women	5,170	5,900	5,810	5,055	4,960	4,915
Offers	Men	1,900	2,270	2,100	1,760	1,505	1,625
	Women	4,190	4,955	4,975	4,425	4,330	4,235
Offer rate	Men	81.5%	85.7%	85.8%	88.5%	87.2%	87.7%
	Women	81.0%	84.0%	85.7%	87.6%	87.3%	86.1%
Average offer rate	Men	81.7%	85.3%	85.4%	87.6%	86.8%	86.3%
	Women	80.9%	84.1%	85.8%	87.9%	87.5%	86.7%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.461	0.460	0.459	0.450	0.410	0.425
offer rate	Women	0.757	0.757	0.772	0.784	0.795	0.783

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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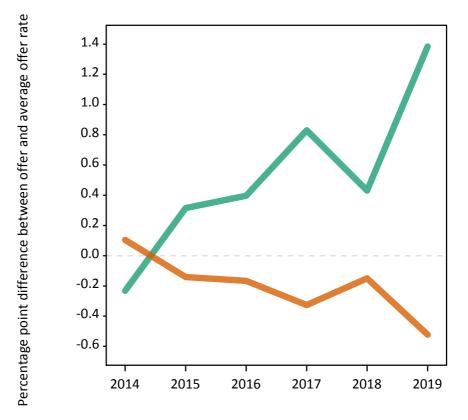




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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	885	935	890	835	790	845
	Quintile 2	1,225	1,360	1,345	1,160	1,030	1,125
	Quintile 3	1,480	1,740	1,545	1,520	1,355	1,260
	Quintile 4	1,545	1,785	1,790	1,420	1,285	1,375
	Quintile 5	2,050	2,420	2,395	1,840	1,860	1,780
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	120	130	130	155	110	175
	Quintile 2	165	205	230	215	170	230
	Quintile 3	205	250	300	305	210	245
	Quintile 4	190	285	295	275	225	280
	Quintile 5	240	355	375	285	285	310
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	125	140	135	175	130	195
	Quintile 2	180	215	245	230	190	255
	Quintile 3	215	260	310	325	235	265
	Quintile 4	205	305	315	305	260	305
	Quintile 5	275	375	395	315	315	350
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	63.0	66.2	65.5	62.4	60.8	66.5
population	Quintile 2	85.3	93.2	94.8	83.2	76.2	85.3
	Quintile 3	101.0	116.1	105.5	104.8	96.1	91.3
	Quintile 4	101.3	115.2	117.4	94.0	87.2	94.9
	Quintile 5	120.6	139.3	138.9	107.4	110.4	107.1
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	8.7	9.3	9.6	11.4	8.4	13.9
10,000 population	Quintile 2	11.6	14.0	16.3	15.3	12.7	17.4
	Quintile 3	14.1	16.7	20.4	21.1	14.8	17.6
	Quintile 4	12.6	18.5	19.3	18.3	15.3	19.4
	Quintile 5	14.1	20.4	21.8	16.7	17.0	18.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	8.9	9.8	10.1	12.9	9.9	15.4
population	Quintile 2	12.4	14.8	17.2	16.3	13.9	19.2
	Quintile 3	14.8	17.5	21.3	22.4	16.7	19.2
	Quintile 4	13.5	19.6	20.8	20.3	17.6	21.2
	Quintile 5	16.0	21.6	22.9	18.3	18.8	21.1

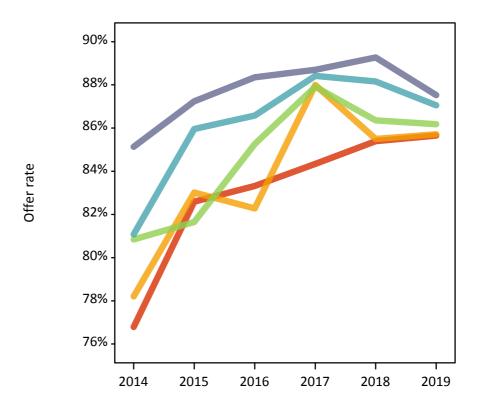
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PC	DLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	935	995	935	875	840	905
	Quintile 2	1,280	1,415	1,405	1,210	1,105	1,205
	Quintile 3	1,540	1,805	1,595	1,570	1,430	1,315
	Quintile 4	1,605	1,830	1,850	1,475	1,350	1,450
	Quintile 5	2,120	2,475	2,455	1,895	1,940	1,845
Offers	Quintile 1	720	820	780	740	720	775
	Quintile 2	1,000	1,175	1,155	1,065	945	1,030
	Quintile 3	1,245	1,475	1,360	1,380	1,235	1,135
	Quintile 4	1,305	1,575	1,600	1,305	1,190	1,265
	Quintile 5	1,805	2,160	2,170	1,680	1,730	1,615
Offer rate	Quintile 1	76.8%	82.6%	83.3%	84.3%	85.4%	85.7%
	Quintile 2	78.2%	83.0%	82.3%	88.0%	85.5%	85.7%
	Quintile 3	80.8%	81.7%	85.3%	87.9%	86.4%	86.2%
	Quintile 4	81.1%	86.0%	86.6%	88.4%	88.2%	87.1%
	Quintile 5	85.1%	87.2%	88.4%	88.7%	89.3%	87.5%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	78.1%	83.7%	84.4%	86.5%	87.3%	86.2%
	Quintile 2	79.2%	83.3%	84.6%	88.0%	85.8%	86.1%
	Quintile 3	81.3%	83.8%	84.9%	87.8%	86.8%	86.2%
	Quintile 4	81.1%	85.1%	86.1%	88.2%	86.8%	86.8%
	Quintile 5	83.6%	85.8%	87.2%	88.0%	88.9%	87.2%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-1.3	-1.1	-1.0	-2.2	-1.9	-0.6
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-1.0	-0.3	-2.3	-0.0	-0.3	-0.4
	Quintile 3	-0.5	-2.1	0.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.0
	Quintile 4	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.3
	Quintile 5	1.5	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.4
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.198	0.187	0.186	0.209	0.207	0.215
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.232	0.231	0.240	0.243	0.254	0.247
	Quintile 3	0.268	0.267	0.253	0.293	0.291	0.265
	Quintile 4	0.271	0.270	0.284	0.279	0.275	0.284
	Quintile 5	0.358	0.352	0.369	0.344	0.369	0.348

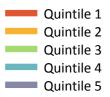
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

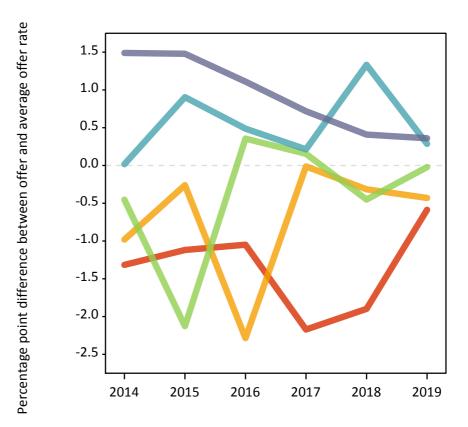
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	6,535	7,515	7,265	6,205	5,780	5,710
	Black	160	200	135	115	110	160
	Asian	225	190	230	185	175	200
	Mixed	235	310	295	230	215	295
	Other	35	35	40	35	30	40
Placed June deadline applicants	White	865	1,145	1,215	1,150	930	1,140
	Black	15	20	25	15	15	25
	Asian	15	20	40	20	20	25
	Mixed	30	35	50	40	35	55
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	10
All placed applicants	White	930	1,205	1,285	1,250	1,040	1,260
	Black	20	25	30	20	15	25
	Asian	15	25	40	25	25	25
	Mixed	30	40	50	45	40	55
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	10
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	106.0	120.6	120.1	104.6	101.2	103.3
population	Black	52.1	62.8	42.8	35.9	34.2	48.5
	Asian	33.2	26.7	32.2	25.1	22.9	25.9
	Mixed	82.4	100.2	93.1	72.0	66.3	89.4
	Other	35.5	38.4	41.2	32.0	28.9	34.7
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	14.0	18.4	20.1	19.3	16.3	20.6
10,000 population	Black	4.9	6.6	7.7	5.4	4.0	7.6
	Asian	1.9	3.0	5.3	2.6	2.6	3.2
	Mixed	10.1	10.7	15.3	12.5	11.1	16.1
	Other	5.4	4.1	4.0	5.8	2.8	7.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	15.1	19.3	21.2	21.0	18.2	22.8
population	Black	5.9	8.2	9.3	6.4	4.7	7.9
	Asian	2.1	3.4	5.3	3.1	3.6	3.5
	Mixed	10.8	12.6	15.6	14.0	12.6	17.3
	Other	5.4	4.1	4.0	5.8	2.8	8.0

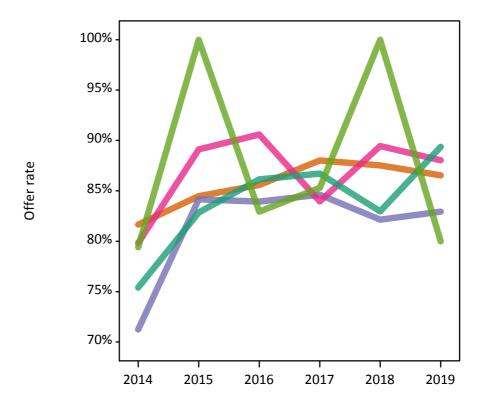
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	6,815	7,775	7,515	6,440	6,100	6,035
	Black	160	200	135	115	110	165
	Asian	235	195	235	185	180	210
	Mixed	245	315	305	240	230	300
	Other	35	40	40	35	30	40
Offers	White	5,565	6,570	6,435	5,665	5,340	5,225
	Black	115	170	115	100	90	135
	Asian	185	170	210	155	160	185
	Mixed	185	260	260	210	190	270
	Other	25	35	35	30	30	30
Offer rate	White	81.7%	84.5%	85.6%	88.0%	87.5%	86.5%
	Black	71.3%	84.2%	83.9%	84.6%	82.1%	82.9%
	Asian	79.8%	89.1%	90.6%	84.0%	89.4%	88.0%
	Mixed	75.4%	82.9%	86.1%	86.7%	83.0%	89.4%
	Other	79.4%	100.0%	82.9%	85.3%	100.0%	80.0%
Average offer rate	White	81.3%	84.5%	85.5%	87.7%	87.3%	86.4%
	Black	76.0%	82.1%	85.6%	85.9%	85.3%	86.0%
	Asian	84.4%	89.6%	89.9%	89.9%	92.6%	90.7%
	Mixed	77.5%	83.2%	86.6%	88.6%	85.2%	86.7%
	Other	82.3%	87.0%	84.1%	92.3%	88.3%	88.4%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-4.7	2.0	-1.7	-1.2	-3.2	-3.1
	Asian	-4.6	-0.5	0.7	-6.0	-3.2	-2.7
	Mixed	-2.1	-0.4	-0.5	-1.8	-2.2	2.7
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.917	0.917	0.919	0.923	0.924	0.901
offer rate	Black	0.119	0.099	0.090	0.115	0.166	0.107
	Asian	0.126	0.109	0.118	0.126	0.148	0.109
	Mixed	0.100	0.098	0.118	0.118	0.146	0.127
	Other	0.088	0.078	0.095	0.158	0.110	0.071

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

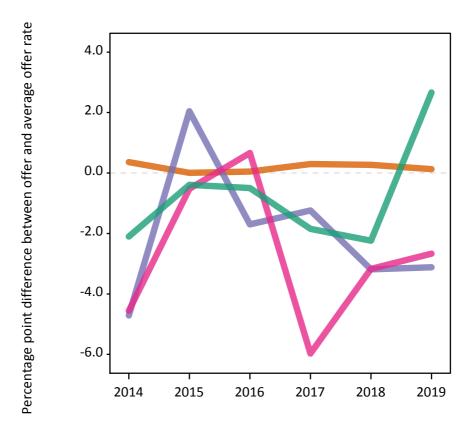
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	12,015	13,185	12,835	10,860	10,100	10,160
Placed June deadline applicants	1,840	2,215	2,335	2,160	1,835	2,120
All placed applicants	2,005	2,390	2,485	2,375	2,095	2,400

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	12,625	13,805	13,405	11,390	10,725	10,845
Offers	9,540	10,990	10,845	9,505	8,955	8,840
Offer rate	75.6%	79.6%	80.9%	83.4%	83.5%	81.5%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	4,100	4,440	4,135	3,320	2,865	3,030
	Women	7,915	8,740	8,700	7,540	7,240	7,130
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	580	710	755	680	570	660
	Women	1,260	1,505	1,580	1,480	1,265	1,460
All placed applicants	Men	635	775	800	745	630	730
	Women	1,370	1,615	1,685	1,630	1,465	1,670

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	4,280	4,610	4,290	3,500	3,050	3,205
	Women	8,350	9,195	9,115	7,890	7,675	7,640
Offers	Men	3,175	3,675	3,455	2,905	2,505	2,620
	Women	6,360	7,310	7,390	6,595	6,450	6,220
Offer rate	Men	74.3%	79.8%	80.5%	83.1%	82.2%	81.7%
	Women	76.2%	79.5%	81.1%	83.6%	84.1%	81.4%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic P	OLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,540	1,690	1,575	1,450	1,380	1,440
	Quintile 2	2,020	2,205	2,200	1,860	1,695	1,800
	Quintile 3	2,445	2,715	2,540	2,335	2,090	1,995
	Quintile 4	2,535	2,780	2,760	2,260	2,050	2,135
	Quintile 5	3,435	3,750	3,725	2,920	2,845	2,720
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	260	280	265	305	255	330
	Quintile 2	305	385	410	380	320	390
	Quintile 3	400	455	510	485	365	425
	Quintile 4	380	465	485	445	385	450
	Quintile 5	495	625	660	540	495	505
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	275	305	285	335	300	380
	Quintile 2	335	410	435	410	355	440
	Quintile 3	425	490	540	520	420	475
	Quintile 4	415	500	515	495	445	505
	Quintile 5	555	685	700	600	555	585

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,645	1,805	1,660	1,550	1,495	1,580
	Quintile 2	2,150	2,315	2,315	1,960	1,825	1,955
	Quintile 3	2,570	2,850	2,655	2,440	2,210	2,110
	Quintile 4	2,655	2,890	2,875	2,355	2,165	2,275
	Quintile 5	3,570	3,900	3,865	3,050	2,985	2,860
Offers	Quintile 1	1,190	1,355	1,280	1,225	1,210	1,250
	Quintile 2	1,540	1,830	1,800	1,635	1,465	1,555
	Quintile 3	1,910	2,215	2,110	2,030	1,825	1,715
	Quintile 4	2,030	2,330	2,380	1,980	1,855	1,895
	Quintile 5	2,840	3,230	3,250	2,605	2,570	2,375
Offer rate	Quintile 1	72.3%	74.9%	77.3%	79.2%	80.7%	79.3%
	Quintile 2	71.6%	79.1%	77.7%	83.4%	80.2%	79.5%
	Quintile 3	74.4%	77.7%	79.5%	83.1%	82.6%	81.2%
	Quintile 4	76.5%	80.7%	82.7%	84.0%	85.5%	83.3%
	Quintile 5	79.6%	82.8%	84.1%	85.5%	86.1%	83.0%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	10,825	11,870	11,530	9,760	9,110	8,955
	Black	290	345	280	240	200	270
	Asian	375	345	395	310	270	345
	Mixed	425	490	510	425	400	480
	Other	60	75	70	65	65	65
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,690	2,050	2,120	1,955	1,685	1,910
	Black	40	35	50	45	25	45
	Asian	30	40	65	45	35	50
	Mixed	60	70	80	90	70	90
	Other	15	10	10	10	5	15
All placed applicants	White	1,840	2,200	2,250	2,135	1,920	2,170
	Black	45	45	55	50	25	45
	Asian	30	45	65	50	40	60
	Mixed	65	80	85	100	80	95
	Other	15	10	10	15	10	20

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	11,395	12,450	12,055	10,240	9,680	9,590
	Black	295	350	285	245	210	280
	Asian	390	360	405	325	285	355
	Mixed	445	505	530	450	430	510
	Other	60	80	70	70	65	70
Offers	White	8,670	9,945	9,770	8,575	8,125	7,830
	Black	195	260	205	185	160	225
	Asian	290	305	350	275	235	285
	Mixed	305	385	420	365	340	415
	Other	45	60	55	55	55	50
Offer rate	White	76.1%	79.9%	81.1%	83.7%	84.0%	81.7%
	Black	66.0%	75.3%	72.6%	74.9%	76.4%	79.6%
	Asian	75.1%	84.4%	86.4%	84.1%	83.1%	81.3%
	Mixed	69.3%	76.6%	79.3%	81.3%	78.8%	81.9%
	Other	74.2%	73.4%	76.1%	83.8%	86.4%	76.5%

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.