# Sex, area background and ethnic group



## **D86 Durham University**

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Applicant statistics: June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

**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	14,140	15,170	15,435	15,510	15,410	15,955
Placed June deadline applicants	2,575	2,510	2,660	2,755	2,650	2,785
All placed applicants	2,660	2,545	2,705	2,770	2,675	2,830
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	187.7	198.0	205.9	209.4	213.4	225.4
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	34.2	32.7	35.5	37.2	36.7	39.4
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	35.3	33.2	36.1	37.4	37.0	40.0

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	14,315	15,370	15,655	15,710	15,655	16,180
Offers	9,800	10,610	11,065	11,650	11,855	13,000
Offer rate	68.4%	69.0%	70.7%	74.2%	75.7%	80.4%

## P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	7,095	7,565	7,545	7,760	7,720	7,885
	Women	7,045	7,605	7,885	7,755	7,690	8,070
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,200	1,185	1,215	1,350	1,295	1,325
	Women	1,375	1,325	1,450	1,405	1,355	1,460
All placed applicants	Men	1,245	1,200	1,235	1,355	1,305	1,345
	Women	1,415	1,340	1,470	1,410	1,370	1,485
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	183.3	192.7	196.5	204.3	208.4	217.7
population	Women	192.5	203.5	215.8	214.7	218.6	233.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	31.0	30.2	31.6	35.5	34.9	36.5
10,000 population	Women	37.6	35.4	39.7	38.9	38.6	42.3
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	32.1	30.6	32.2	35.7	35.2	37.1
population	Women	38.6	35.9	40.2	39.1	38.9	43.0

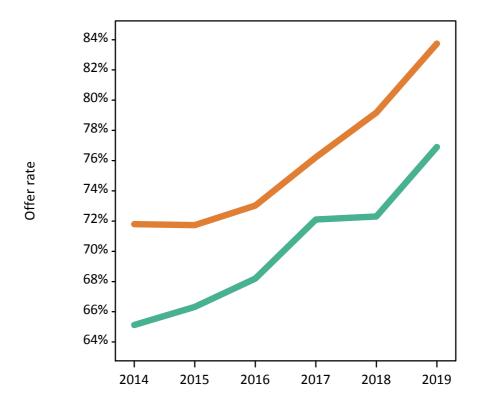
## P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	7,190	7,660	7,645	7,855	7,845	8,005
	Women	7,130	7,710	8,010	7,860	7,810	8,175
Offers	Men	4,680	5,080	5,215	5,660	5,675	6,155
	Women	5,120	5,530	5,850	5,990	6,185	6,845
Offer rate	Men	65.1%	66.3%	68.2%	72.1%	72.3%	76.9%
	Women	71.8%	71.7%	73.0%	76.2%	79.2%	83.7%
Average offer rate	Men	66.4%	68.0%	69.5%	73.6%	73.4%	78.3%
	Women	70.5%	70.0%	71.8%	74.7%	78.1%	82.4%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-1.3	-1.7	-1.3	-1.5	-1.1	-1.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.4
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.590	0.591	0.590	0.598	0.604	0.594
offer rate	Women	0.587	0.593	0.609	0.598	0.603	0.603

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

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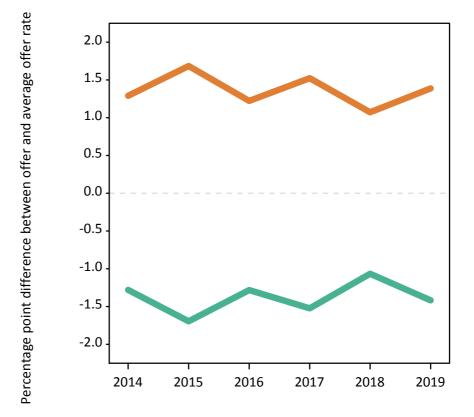




## P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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## P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	725	790	795	905	895	970
	Quintile 2	1,275	1,440	1,485	1,475	1,455	1,550
	Quintile 3	1,950	1,975	2,070	2,100	2,010	2,160
	Quintile 4	2,895	3,145	3,180	3,125	3,125	3,265
	Quintile 5	7,260	7,785	7,870	7,870	7,885	7,930
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	110	115	115	165	150	200
	Quintile 2	210	190	245	240	250	265
	Quintile 3	325	300	335	360	345	400
	Quintile 4	555	535	535	555	515	570
	Quintile 5	1,370	1,360	1,425	1,425	1,385	1,340
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	110	115	115	165	155	200
	Quintile 2	215	195	255	240	250	270
	Quintile 3	340	305	345	360	345	405
	Quintile 4	575	540	540	560	515	585
	Quintile 5	1,410	1,385	1,445	1,435	1,395	1,360
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	51.5	55.9	58.4	67.5	68.9	76.5
population	Quintile 2	89.0	98.5	104.6	105.7	107.3	117.6
	Quintile 3	133.0	131.9	141.4	145.0	142.6	156.3
	Quintile 4	189.9	202.9	208.7	206.5	211.7	225.1
	Quintile 5	426.7	448.2	456.2	459.0	468.3	477.7
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	7.8	8.2	8.3	12.3	11.6	15.6
10,000 population	Quintile 2	14.6	13.1	17.3	17.2	18.4	20.1
	Quintile 3	22.1	20.1	22.9	24.9	24.4	29.1
	Quintile 4	36.5	34.7	35.0	36.8	34.8	39.4
	Quintile 5	80.5	78.2	82.6	83.2	82.2	80.6
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	8.0	8.2	8.4	12.4	11.8	15.9
population	Quintile 2	15.0	13.3	18.0	17.3	18.5	20.5
	Quintile 3	23.1	20.4	23.5	25.0	24.6	29.3
	Quintile 4	37.6	34.9	35.4	37.0	35.0	40.2
	Quintile 5	83.0	79.6	83.6	83.7	82.9	81.9

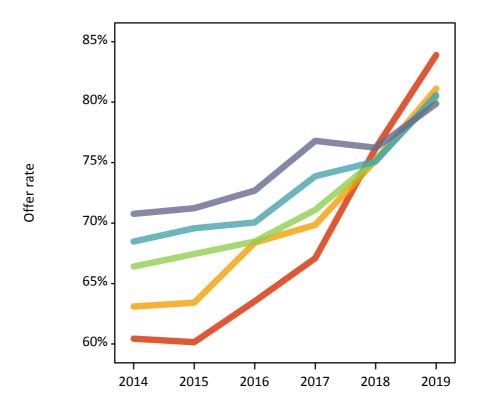
## P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	735	810	820	920	920	985
	Quintile 2	1,300	1,460	1,510	1,500	1,480	1,585
	Quintile 3	1,975	2,010	2,105	2,130	2,045	2,195
	Quintile 4	2,935	3,190	3,220	3,165	3,160	3,300
	Quintile 5	7,340	7,870	7,965	7,960	8,005	8,030
Offers	Quintile 1	445	485	520	620	700	830
	Quintile 2	820	925	1,035	1,045	1,115	1,285
	Quintile 3	1,315	1,355	1,440	1,515	1,540	1,765
	Quintile 4	2,010	2,220	2,255	2,340	2,375	2,660
	Quintile 5	5,195	5,605	5,790	6,110	6,105	6,415
Offer rate	Quintile 1	60.4%	60.1%	63.5%	67.1%	76.2%	83.9%
	Quintile 2	63.1%	63.4%	68.4%	69.8%	75.2%	81.1%
	Quintile 3	66.4%	67.4%	68.5%	71.1%	75.2%	80.4%
	Quintile 4	68.5%	69.6%	70.0%	73.9%	75.1%	80.6%
	Quintile 5	70.8%	71.2%	72.7%	76.8%	76.2%	79.9%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	62.7%	59.4%	60.1%	63.4%	67.1%	74.1%
	Quintile 2	63.5%	63.8%	66.2%	68.8%	71.6%	77.4%
	Quintile 3	66.6%	67.4%	67.8%	71.6%	73.0%	78.9%
	Quintile 4	68.1%	69.8%	70.0%	73.3%	75.9%	81.1%
	Quintile 5	70.6%	71.1%	73.6%	77.5%	78.2%	82.0%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-2.2	0.7	3.4	3.7	9.1	9.7
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.4	-0.4	2.2	1.0	3.6	3.7
	Quintile 3	-0.2	0.0	0.6	-0.5	2.3	1.5
	Quintile 4	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.8	-0.5
	Quintile 5	0.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.7	-2.0	-2.1
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.136	0.143	0.151	0.136	0.132	0.142
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.151	0.163	0.161	0.163	0.149	0.164
	Quintile 3	0.184	0.173	0.185	0.180	0.176	0.180
	Quintile 4	0.241	0.240	0.239	0.231	0.237	0.234
	Quintile 5	0.558	0.562	0.560	0.556	0.561	0.550

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

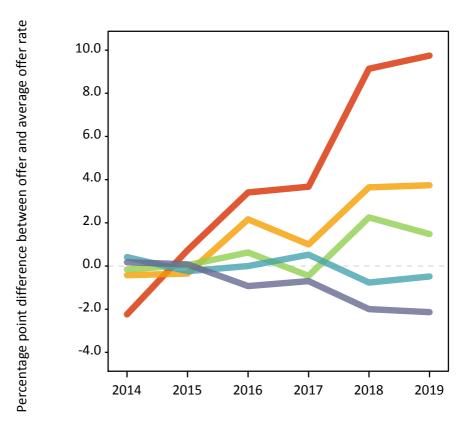
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**P.10** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





## P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	12,280	13,055	12,985	12,970	12,700	13,200
	Black	230	265	345	300	295	335
	Asian	835	910	1,070	1,130	1,245	1,185
	Mixed	615	655	775	840	845	895
	Other	85	95	115	115	135	135
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,315	2,245	2,370	2,390	2,300	2,445
	Black	20	35	35	35	25	35
	Asian	105	85	115	140	145	130
	Mixed	105	105	125	150	125	135
	Other	10	5	5	15	15	15
All placed applicants	White	2,370	2,265	2,400	2,400	2,325	2,480
	Black	25	40	40	35	30	35
	Asian	120	90	120	145	145	140
	Mixed	115	110	125	150	125	135
	Other	10	10	5	15	15	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	199.0	209.5	214.7	218.6	222.3	238.9
population	Black	75.9	82.9	110.8	94.7	91.4	101.5
	Asian	123.4	128.7	148.8	153.8	164.5	152.2
	Mixed	213.1	213.1	246.3	261.1	260.0	271.7
	Other	89.2	97.5	113.6	113.6	124.0	120.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	37.5	36.1	39.2	40.3	40.3	44.2
10,000 population	Black	6.3	11.3	11.5	10.5	8.4	10.0
	Asian	15.8	12.2	15.7	19.3	18.9	16.9
	Mixed	37.2	34.1	39.4	46.7	39.2	41.0
	Other	11.8	7.3	4.0	12.6	13.0	14.3
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	38.4	36.4	39.7	40.4	40.7	44.9
population	Black	8.2	12.9	12.5	10.5	8.7	10.0
	Asian	18.0	12.9	16.8	19.8	18.9	17.7
	Mixed	40.3	35.0	39.7	47.0	39.2	41.6
	Other	11.8	9.3	5.0	12.6	14.0	15.1

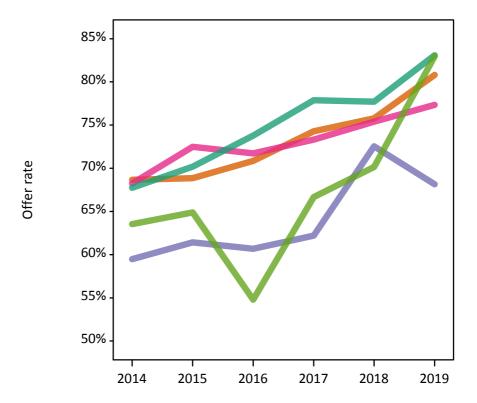
## P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	12,435	13,235	13,185	13,145	12,915	13,400
	Black	230	265	350	300	295	335
	Asian	845	925	1,080	1,140	1,250	1,195
	Mixed	620	665	780	850	855	905
	Other	85	95	115	115	135	135
Offers	White	8,540	9,110	9,340	9,765	9,790	10,825
	Black	140	165	215	185	215	230
	Asian	575	670	775	835	945	925
	Mixed	420	465	575	660	665	750
	Other	55	60	65	80	95	110
Offer rate	White	68.7%	68.9%	70.9%	74.3%	75.8%	80.8%
	Black	59.5%	61.4%	60.7%	62.2%	72.5%	68.2%
	Asian	68.2%	72.5%	71.7%	73.3%	75.4%	77.3%
	Mixed	67.7%	70.2%	73.8%	77.9%	77.7%	83.1%
	Other	63.5%	64.9%	54.8%	66.7%	70.1%	83.0%
Average offer rate	White	68.4%	68.9%	70.8%	74.5%	76.0%	80.9%
	Black	63.5%	66.6%	62.5%	64.1%	68.6%	67.9%
	Asian	70.1%	72.9%	71.1%	72.9%	74.4%	76.4%
	Mixed	68.5%	68.1%	72.8%	75.0%	77.0%	83.1%
	Other	69.1%	63.5%	59.6%	67.5%	68.4%	79.1%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.2	-0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-4.1	-5.1	-1.8	-1.8	3.9	0.2
	Asian	-1.9	-0.4	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.9
	Mixed	-0.8	2.1	1.0	2.9	0.7	-0.0
	Other	-5.6	1.4	-4.8	-0.9	1.8	3.8
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.881	0.874	0.856	0.850	0.837	0.838
offer rate	Black	0.157	0.114	0.124	0.088	0.081	0.106
	Asian	0.147	0.148	0.152	0.141	0.141	0.119
	Mixed	0.088	0.095	0.103	0.098	0.099	0.100
	Other	0.044	0.105	0.135	0.079	0.062	0.041

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

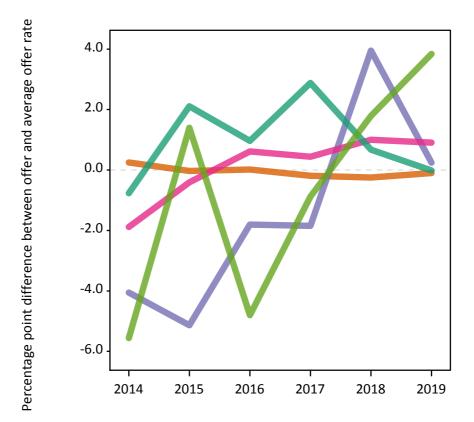
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**P.14** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





## P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	18,175	19,235	19,870	19,600	19,545	19,960
Placed June deadline applicants	3,290	3,195	3,440	3,475	3,455	3,570
All placed applicants	3,420	3,250	3,510	3,515	3,495	3,635

## P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	18,545	19,610	20,320	19,980	20,010	20,400
Offers	11,920	12,800	13,455	14,015	14,355	15,620
Offer rate	64.3%	65.3%	66.2%	70.2%	71.7%	76.6%

## P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	9,235	9,710	9,830	9,900	9,965	9,995
	Women	8,940	9,525	10,040	9,700	9,580	9,960
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,550	1,515	1,585	1,720	1,715	1,720
	Women	1,740	1,680	1,855	1,755	1,740	1,850
All placed applicants	Men	1,615	1,540	1,615	1,735	1,735	1,750
	Women	1,805	1,710	1,890	1,780	1,760	1,885

## P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	9,415	9,900	10,050	10,095	10,210	10,220
	Women	9,130	9,710	10,265	9,885	9,800	10,180
Offers	Men	5,710	6,160	6,405	6,840	6,940	7,465
	Women	6,210	6,640	7,050	7,175	7,415	8,155
Offer rate	Men	60.6%	62.2%	63.7%	67.8%	68.0%	73.1%
	Women	68.0%	68.4%	68.6%	72.6%	75.7%	80.1%

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

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,130	1,190	1,175	1,240	1,235	1,290
	Quintile 2	1,800	1,945	2,045	1,930	1,910	2,010
	Quintile 3	2,515	2,570	2,715	2,650	2,570	2,680
	Quintile 4	3,735	3,920	4,100	3,965	4,005	4,075
	Quintile 5	8,945	9,565	9,790	9,755	9,760	9,780
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	170	180	170	215	205	260
	Quintile 2	285	270	330	305	325	335
	Quintile 3	425	390	425	450	420	490
	Quintile 4	700	665	710	705	700	730
	Quintile 5	1,700	1,690	1,795	1,790	1,790	1,740
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	180	185	175	220	210	265
	Quintile 2	295	275	345	315	330	340
	Quintile 3	450	395	435	460	425	495
	Quintile 4	720	675	720	715	705	745
	Quintile 5	1,760	1,715	1,825	1,800	1,810	1,765

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

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,170	1,235	1,220	1,275	1,280	1,335
	Quintile 2	1,860	1,995	2,120	1,970	1,970	2,065
	Quintile 3	2,570	2,635	2,775	2,710	2,640	2,745
	Quintile 4	3,810	4,000	4,180	4,040	4,090	4,160
	Quintile 5	9,085	9,705	9,975	9,920	9,975	9,970
Offers	Quintile 1	610	645	680	765	875	1,010
	Quintile 2	1,030	1,155	1,285	1,250	1,375	1,540
	Quintile 3	1,590	1,670	1,745	1,785	1,845	2,060
	Quintile 4	2,460	2,630	2,755	2,830	2,910	3,215
	Quintile 5	6,195	6,675	6,960	7,355	7,310	7,720
Offer rate	Quintile 1	52.3%	52.4%	55.9%	59.8%	68.6%	75.5%
	Quintile 2	55.3%	58.0%	60.5%	63.5%	69.7%	74.6%
	Quintile 3	61.9%	63.3%	62.9%	65.8%	70.0%	75.1%
	Quintile 4	64.6%	65.8%	65.9%	70.0%	71.2%	77.4%
	Quintile 5	68.2%	68.8%	69.8%	74.1%	73.3%	77.4%

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	15,430	16,165	16,340	16,160	15,895	16,290
	Black	415	455	570	440	440	450
	Asian	1,200	1,360	1,515	1,515	1,635	1,550
	Mixed	810	855	1,000	1,070	1,090	1,165
	Other	145	165	195	180	200	215
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,915	2,830	3,020	3,005	2,995	3,125
	Black	35	60	55	45	35	40
	Asian	160	135	160	185	190	170
	Mixed	140	120	160	180	170	175
	Other	15	15	15	20	20	25
All placed applicants	White	2,990	2,860	3,065	3,030	3,025	3,175
	Black	45	70	55	45	40	45
	Asian	185	140	175	190	195	175
	Mixed	155	125	160	185	170	175
	Other	15	20	15	20	20	25

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	15,760	16,490	16,720	16,485	16,305	16,680
	Black	425	465	580	445	445	450
	Asian	1,220	1,380	1,540	1,535	1,655	1,565
	Mixed	825	865	1,025	1,085	1,110	1,180
	Other	150	165	200	180	205	215
Offers	White	10,280	10,855	11,225	11,685	11,780	12,925
	Black	185	230	285	225	275	275
	Asian	745	905	990	1,035	1,155	1,135
	Mixed	520	560	700	785	825	910
	Other	75	90	100	105	120	155
Offer rate	White	65.2%	65.8%	67.1%	70.9%	72.2%	77.5%
	Black	44.1%	49.0%	49.7%	51.0%	61.7%	60.8%
	Asian	61.2%	65.8%	64.4%	67.3%	69.9%	72.4%
	Mixed	63.3%	64.6%	68.4%	72.4%	74.3%	77.1%
	Other	49.7%	53.7%	50.5%	58.4%	58.1%	71.9%

## **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.