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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	5,840	7,365	7,110	7,915	7,585	7,835
Placed June deadline applicants	950	1,145	1,140	1,225	1,330	1,555
All placed applicants	1,405	1,455	1,605	1,815	1,880	2,005
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	77.6	96.1	94.8	106.8	105.0	110.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	12.6	15.0	15.2	16.5	18.4	22.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	18.7	19.0	21.4	24.5	26.1	28.3

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	6,070	7,610	7,380	8,185	7,945	8,220
Offers	4,470	5,685	5,780	6,195	6,310	6,745
Offer rate	73.6%	74.7%	78.3%	75.7%	79.4%	82.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	2,705	3,570	3,390	3,795	3,630	3,545
	Women	3,140	3,795	3,720	4,120	3,955	4,290
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	445	565	585	620	725	735
	Women	505	585	550	605	605	820
All placed applicants	Men	685	720	825	935	1,015	940
	Women	720	740	780	885	865	1,065
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	69.8	91.0	88.2	99.9	98.0	97.9
population	Women	85.8	101.5	101.8	114.1	112.5	124.1
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	11.5	14.3	15.3	16.3	19.6	20.3
10,000 population	Women	13.8	15.6	15.1	16.8	17.2	23.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	17.7	18.3	21.5	24.6	27.4	25.9
population	Women	19.7	19.7	21.3	24.5	24.6	30.8

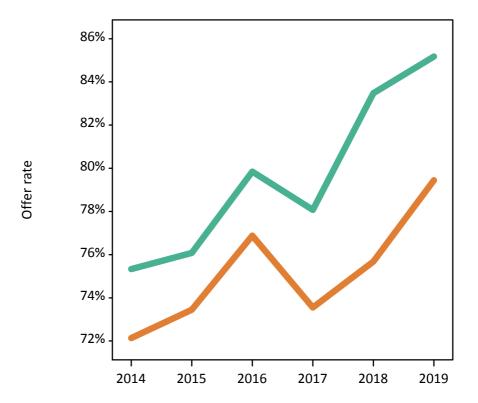
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	2,810	3,705	3,540	3,930	3,805	3,715
	Women	3,260	3,905	3,840	4,255	4,140	4,505
Offers	Men	2,115	2,820	2,825	3,070	3,175	3,165
	Women	2,355	2,870	2,955	3,130	3,135	3,580
Offer rate	Men	75.3%	76.1%	79.8%	78.1%	83.5%	85.2%
	Women	72.1%	73.4%	76.9%	73.5%	75.7%	79.4%
Average offer rate	Men	75.0%	75.9%	79.9%	76.8%	82.5%	84.8%
	Women	72.4%	73.6%	76.9%	74.7%	76.5%	79.8%
Percentage point difference between	Men	0.3	0.2	-0.0	1.2	0.9	0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	-0.9	-0.3
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.611	0.634	0.628	0.629	0.629	0.614
offer rate	Women	0.665	0.653	0.658	0.658	0.659	0.682

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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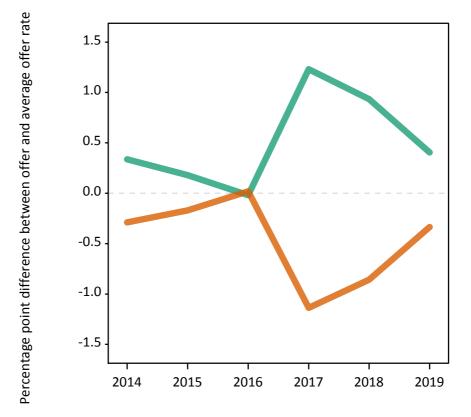




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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 P	OLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	705	895	815	965	900	1,095
	Quintile 2	945	1,110	1,120	1,295	1,235	1,230
	Quintile 3	1,215	1,570	1,480	1,620	1,560	1,610
	Quintile 4	1,505	1,935	1,795	2,050	1,895	1,965
	Quintile 5	1,465	1,845	1,885	1,975	1,960	1,900
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	120	135	145	165	180	230
	Quintile 2	140	175	190	195	210	235
	Quintile 3	220	255	235	265	260	300
	Quintile 4	250	320	290	325	365	430
	Quintile 5	220	260	275	270	305	350
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	155	160	175	220	220	270
	Quintile 2	180	220	250	275	290	310
	Quintile 3	330	320	340	360	375	400
	Quintile 4	385	415	430	505	530	555
	Quintile 5	355	345	415	450	465	460
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	50.2	63.1	59.8	72.0	69.2	86.4
population	Quintile 2	65.7	76.0	78.8	92.8	91.4	93.1
	Quintile 3	83.1	104.9	101.0	111.7	110.7	116.7
	Quintile 4	98.8	125.0	117.6	135.6	128.5	135.6
	Quintile 5	86.0	106.3	109.3	115.2	116.3	114.4
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	8.5	9.5	10.5	12.3	14.0	18.3
10,000 population	Quintile 2	9.6	11.8	13.4	14.0	15.7	17.9
	Quintile 3	15.0	17.0	16.0	18.4	18.4	21.7
	Quintile 4	16.3	20.7	19.2	21.6	24.9	29.8
	Quintile 5	13.0	15.0	16.1	15.6	18.1	21.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	11.1	11.2	12.9	16.4	16.8	21.2
population	Quintile 2	12.6	14.9	17.5	19.7	21.3	23.5
	Quintile 3	22.4	21.2	23.1	24.9	26.5	28.8
	Quintile 4	25.1	26.7	28.1	33.5	35.9	38.4
	Quintile 5	20.9	19.9	23.9	26.3	27.5	27.7

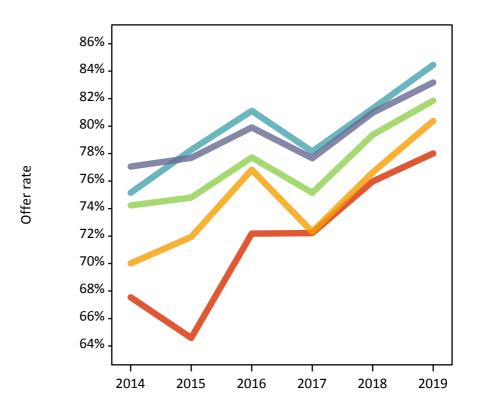
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PC	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	765	945	870	1,020	970	1,180
	Quintile 2	995	1,160	1,180	1,355	1,320	1,320
	Quintile 3	1,260	1,630	1,520	1,670	1,635	1,690
	Quintile 4	1,540	1,990	1,850	2,090	1,960	2,055
	Quintile 5	1,500	1,885	1,940	2,035	2,030	1,945
Offers	Quintile 1	515	610	630	740	735	920
	Quintile 2	700	835	905	980	1,010	1,060
	Quintile 3	935	1,220	1,185	1,255	1,295	1,385
	Quintile 4	1,160	1,555	1,500	1,635	1,595	1,735
	Quintile 5	1,155	1,465	1,550	1,580	1,645	1,615
Offer rate	Quintile 1	67.5%	64.6%	72.2%	72.2%	76.0%	78.0%
	Quintile 2	70.0%	71.9%	76.8%	72.3%	76.6%	80.4%
	Quintile 3	74.2%	74.8%	77.7%	75.1%	79.4%	81.9%
	Quintile 4	75.1%	78.3%	81.1%	78.2%	81.3%	84.5%
	Quintile 5	77.1%	77.7%	79.9%	77.7%	81.0%	83.2%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	70.8%	67.6%	74.3%	74.1%	78.5%	79.2%
	Quintile 2	71.2%	72.5%	77.4%	74.9%	78.0%	81.5%
	Quintile 3	74.2%	75.1%	77.6%	75.0%	78.7%	82.2%
	Quintile 4	74.1%	76.7%	79.5%	76.9%	80.6%	83.4%
	Quintile 5	75.7%	77.3%	80.3%	76.4%	80.1%	82.6%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-3.2	-3.0	-2.1	-1.8	-2.6	-1.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-1.2	-0.6	-0.5	-2.6	-1.4	-1.1
	Quintile 3	-0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.7	-0.3
	Quintile 4	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.7	1.1
	Quintile 5	1.4	0.4	-0.4	1.3	0.9	0.6
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.240	0.219	0.216	0.209	0.222	0.232
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.252	0.235	0.235	0.246	0.254	0.241
	Quintile 3	0.284	0.293	0.270	0.274	0.280	0.280
	Quintile 4	0.332	0.327	0.317	0.316	0.321	0.319
	Quintile 5	0.342	0.327	0.338	0.321	0.343	0.325

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

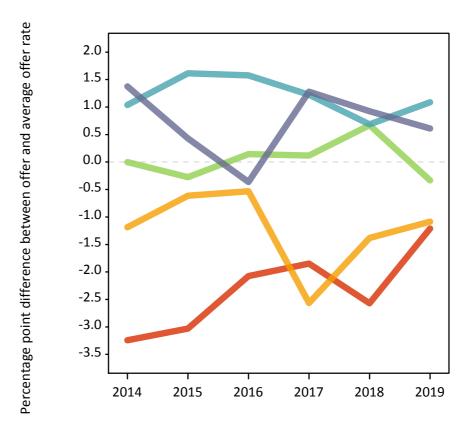
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	4,180	4,930	4,810	5,200	4,975	4,945
	Black	765	1,155	1,000	1,155	1,085	1,300
	Asian	465	635	685	820	805	815
	Mixed	315	455	425	510	500	510
	Other	105	150	140	175	155	205
Placed June deadline applicants	White	680	755	765	735	810	890
	Black	150	200	175	235	240	340
	Asian	55	80	100	110	145	160
	Mixed	45	80	65	100	95	125
	Other	15	25	15	30	25	40
All placed applicants	White	875	905	945	955	990	1,050
	Black	305	290	335	420	425	500
	Asian	130	130	175	250	260	230
	Mixed	70	95	100	135	130	155
	Other	25	30	35	45	45	50
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	67.7	79.1	79.5	87.6	87.0	89.5
population	Black	252.4	362.2	318.8	366.7	337.2	394.3
	Asian	68.3	89.7	95.1	111.3	106.5	104.8
	Mixed	108.8	147.6	135.7	159.2	154.8	155.0
	Other	111.7	154.6	138.7	167.9	143.5	180.8
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	11.0	12.1	12.7	12.4	14.1	16.1
10,000 population	Black	49.8	62.8	55.6	75.0	74.6	102.7
	Asian	8.4	11.6	14.0	15.2	19.1	20.3
	Mixed	16.0	25.9	21.3	30.5	28.7	37.7
	Other	16.1	24.9	16.1	30.1	23.3	36.5
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	14.2	14.5	15.6	16.1	17.3	19.0
population	Black	100.0	91.1	106.4	133.1	132.5	152.2
	Asian	19.0	18.4	24.5	34.0	34.7	29.7
	Mixed	24.7	30.5	31.5	42.1	39.8	47.7
	Other	25.8	32.2	35.2	42.7	43.8	46.3

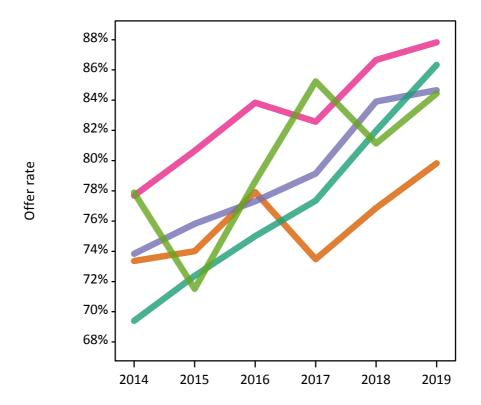
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic E	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	4,385	5,135	5,045	5,425	5,250	5,245
	Black	770	1,160	1,005	1,165	1,105	1,335
	Asian	475	650	695	830	830	840
	Mixed	315	465	440	520	525	535
	Other	105	150	145	185	160	210
Offers	White	3,215	3,800	3,930	3,985	4,035	4,185
	Black	570	880	775	920	930	1,130
	Asian	370	525	580	685	720	735
	Mixed	220	340	330	405	430	460
	Other	80	110	115	155	130	180
Offer rate	White	73.4%	74.0%	77.9%	73.5%	76.9%	79.8%
	Black	73.8%	75.8%	77.3%	79.1%	83.9%	84.7%
	Asian	77.7%	80.6%	83.8%	82.6%	86.7%	87.8%
	Mixed	69.4%	72.4%	75.0%	77.4%	82.0%	86.3%
	Other	77.9%	71.5%	78.6%	85.2%	81.1%	84.4%
Average offer rate	White	73.1%	74.0%	77.4%	73.8%	77.8%	80.5%
	Black	74.3%	74.7%	78.2%	78.4%	81.5%	83.8%
	Asian	79.2%	81.7%	84.4%	83.2%	85.5%	87.1%
	Mixed	69.8%	71.5%	77.4%	75.9%	79.9%	82.8%
	Other	77.5%	76.8%	80.3%	82.2%	83.2%	85.5%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.3	-0.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.9	-0.7
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-0.5	1.1	-0.9	0.7	2.4	0.9
	Asian	-1.5	-1.1	-0.5	-0.6	1.2	0.7
	Mixed	-0.4	0.8	-2.4	1.4	2.0	3.5
	Other	0.4	-5.3	-1.7	3.0	-2.0	-1.0
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.771	0.728	0.737	0.721	0.717	0.696
offer rate	Black	0.242	0.263	0.236	0.251	0.238	0.260
	Asian	0.220	0.200	0.198	0.224	0.217	0.216
	Mixed	0.142	0.147	0.146	0.143	0.154	0.153
	Other	0.147	0.115	0.137	0.114	0.094	0.109

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

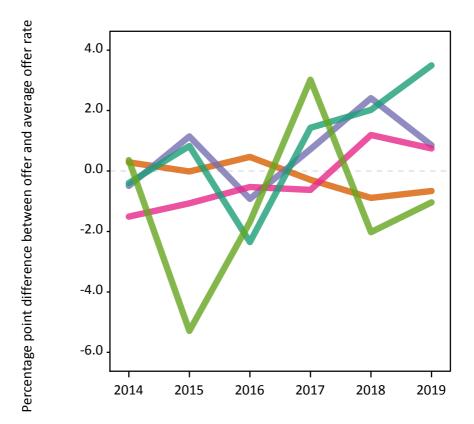
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	10,835	13,075	12,985	13,770	13,385	13,350
Placed June deadline applicants	1,620	1,910	2,000	2,160	2,385	2,610
All placed applicants	2,510	2,695	3,010	3,120	3,230	3,280

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	11,430	13,645	13,635	14,435	14,205	14,170
Offers	6,835	8,455	8,605	9,260	9,565	10,160
Offer rate	59.8%	62.0%	63.1%	64.2%	67.3%	71.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	4,950	6,190	6,105	6,395	6,105	5,900
	Women	5,885	6,885	6,880	7,370	7,280	7,450
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	760	925	1,015	1,060	1,205	1,210
	Women	860	985	985	1,105	1,180	1,400
All placed applicants	Men	1,190	1,265	1,525	1,545	1,645	1,535
	Women	1,320	1,435	1,485	1,575	1,580	1,745

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	5,250	6,490	6,440	6,740	6,475	6,255
	Women	6,180	7,155	7,190	7,700	7,725	7,915
Offers	Men	3,335	4,230	4,350	4,630	4,765	4,785
	Women	3,505	4,220	4,260	4,630	4,800	5,375
Offer rate	Men	63.5%	65.2%	67.5%	68.7%	73.6%	76.5%
	Women	56.7%	59.0%	59.2%	60.2%	62.1%	67.9%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,485	1,770	1,685	1,860	1,795	1,945
	Quintile 2	1,800	2,055	2,125	2,290	2,240	2,135
	Quintile 3	2,245	2,715	2,720	2,825	2,685	2,725
	Quintile 4	2,695	3,320	3,155	3,425	3,255	3,275
	Quintile 5	2,595	3,195	3,275	3,330	3,335	3,180
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	240	265	280	315	350	435
	Quintile 2	225	295	355	335	390	415
	Quintile 3	355	415	415	470	475	520
	Quintile 4	420	490	470	545	625	670
	Quintile 5	375	440	475	490	535	560
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	335	395	385	430	415	500
	Quintile 2	340	430	500	465	510	525
	Quintile 3	545	565	640	645	640	655
	Quintile 4	665	685	725	810	860	855
	Quintile 5	620	610	755	755	785	720

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,660	1,905	1,820	2,025	1,950	2,160
	Quintile 2	1,930	2,165	2,270	2,445	2,440	2,290
	Quintile 3	2,345	2,845	2,845	2,955	2,865	2,890
	Quintile 4	2,785	3,435	3,265	3,515	3,395	3,430
	Quintile 5	2,695	3,280	3,405	3,460	3,480	3,310
Offers	Quintile 1	895	1,005	990	1,195	1,230	1,465
	Quintile 2	1,055	1,265	1,375	1,470	1,580	1,600
	Quintile 3	1,420	1,745	1,765	1,870	1,920	2,060
	Quintile 4	1,730	2,240	2,195	2,355	2,385	2,560
	Quintile 5	1,725	2,185	2,270	2,350	2,405	2,410
Offer rate	Quintile 1	53.9%	52.9%	54.3%	59.0%	63.0%	68.0%
	Quintile 2	54.7%	58.4%	60.7%	60.1%	64.7%	69.8%
	Quintile 3	60.5%	61.4%	62.0%	63.2%	66.9%	71.3%
	Quintile 4	62.2%	65.3%	67.2%	67.0%	70.2%	74.7%
	Quintile 5	64.1%	66.7%	66.7%	68.0%	69.1%	72.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	7,215	8,220	8,115	8,605	8,410	8,190
	Black	1,835	2,440	2,370	2,425	2,260	2,460
	Asian	935	1,225	1,310	1,395	1,390	1,365
	Mixed	595	820	805	905	850	865
	Other	195	275	275	315	335	350
Placed June deadline applicants	White	1,135	1,260	1,350	1,345	1,465	1,565
	Black	270	310	310	395	435	545
	Asian	110	150	165	185	230	235
	Mixed	75	130	120	170	150	180
	Other	30	40	35	55	65	65
All placed applicants	White	1,480	1,610	1,710	1,695	1,755	1,800
	Black	535	480	615	695	705	795
	Asian	250	260	325	380	415	350
	Mixed	120	165	190	230	215	220
	Other	50	55	75	80	95	85

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	7,700	8,655	8,630	9,140	9,030	8,805
	Black	1,885	2,485	2,430	2,475	2,335	2,555
	Asian	965	1,265	1,335	1,425	1,450	1,400
	Mixed	615	855	835	925	895	910
	Other	200	285	290	335	350	370
Offers	White	4,705	5,470	5,635	5,780	5,965	6,255
	Black	985	1,385	1,285	1,495	1,525	1,755
	Asian	630	845	910	1,030	1,100	1,085
	Mixed	355	515	525	630	630	685
	Other	130	170	175	245	245	280
Offer rate	White	61.1%	63.2%	65.3%	63.2%	66.0%	71.1%
	Black	52.1%	55.6%	52.9%	60.4%	65.4%	68.6%
	Asian	65.0%	67.0%	68.2%	72.5%	75.8%	77.6%
	Mixed	57.9%	60.5%	62.9%	68.1%	70.6%	75.4%
	Other	65.3%	60.8%	60.5%	73.1%	69.9%	76.4%

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.