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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	151,690	161,255	166,585	174,340	172,840	177,880
Placed June deadline applicants	68,410	71,955	72,820	73,480	71,785	71,845
All placed applicants	73,655	77,820	79,250	80,200	79,070	80,340
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	2,014.1	2,104.7	2,222.5	2,353.1	2,392.8	2,513.0
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	908.3	939.2	971.5	991.8	993.8	1,015.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	978.0	1,015.8	1,057.3	1,082.5	1,094.7	1,135.0

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	444,795	470,220	485,225	510,480	508,480	524,445
Offers	319,405	344,440	356,235	376,560	372,690	384,795
Offer rate	71.8%	73.3%	73.4%	73.8%	73.3%	73.4%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	67,880	71,360	72,950	77,195	76,155	78,000
	Women	83,810	89,890	93,635	97,145	96,685	99,880
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	31,195	32,505	32,115	32,880	32,140	31,720
	Women	37,215	39,450	40,700	40,600	39,645	40,125
All placed applicants	Men	33,650	35,150	35,105	35,990	35,510	35,665
	Women	40,005	42,670	44,145	44,215	43,560	44,680
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	1,753.5	1,818.4	1,899.1	2,032.3	2,055.7	2,153.1
population	Women	2,289.7	2,405.4	2,562.5	2,690.5	2,747.7	2,890.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	805.9	828.3	836.1	865.7	867.6	875.6
10,000 population	Women	1,016.6	1,055.6	1,113.9	1,124.4	1,126.7	1,161.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	869.3	895.7	913.9	947.5	958.6	984.5
population	Women	1,092.9	1,141.8	1,208.1	1,224.5	1,237.9	1,292.9

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	206,520	217,015	220,390	233,425	231,395	236,790
	Women	238,280	253,205	264,835	277,055	277,090	287,655
Offers	Men	149,730	159,460	161,760	171,695	168,395	172,275
	Women	169,675	184,980	194,475	204,860	204,300	212,515
Offer rate	Men	72.5%	73.5%	73.4%	73.6%	72.8%	72.8%
	Women	71.2%	73.1%	73.4%	73.9%	73.7%	73.9%
Average offer rate	Men	73.1%	74.1%	74.0%	74.2%	73.5%	73.6%
	Women	70.7%	72.5%	72.9%	73.4%	73.1%	73.2%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.596	0.596	0.588	0.591	0.592	0.588
offer rate	Women	0.649	0.654	0.657	0.656	0.659	0.661

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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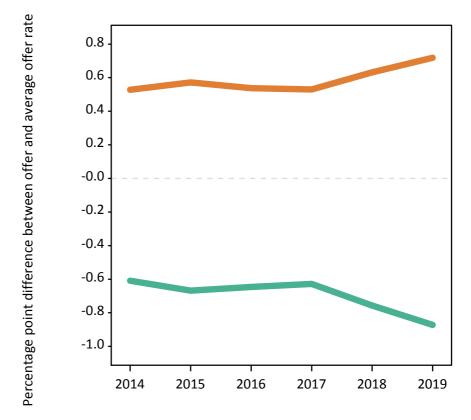




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

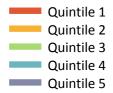
Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	12,095	13,400	13,900	15,245	15,060	16,140
	Quintile 2	19,430	20,890	21,735	23,015	22,745	23,380
	Quintile 3	26,000	28,055	28,750	30,305	29,725	31,160
	Quintile 4	34,320	36,360	37,655	39,240	39,145	40,050
	Quintile 5	59,555	62,240	64,215	66,155	65,655	66,210
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	3,950	4,200	4,325	4,550	4,460	4,775
	Quintile 2	7,090	7,435	7,730	8,020	7,685	7,735
	Quintile 3	10,320	11,095	11,180	11,235	10,820	11,035
	Quintile 4	14,935	15,885	15,860	15,950	15,605	15,435
	Quintile 5	32,005	33,205	33,590	33,570	33,020	32,510
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	4,260	4,540	4,675	4,935	4,890	5,280
	Quintile 2	7,590	8,020	8,400	8,690	8,400	8,635
	Quintile 3	11,115	11,990	12,120	12,215	11,920	12,250
	Quintile 4	16,115	17,210	17,260	17,430	17,225	17,320
	Quintile 5	34,455	35,915	36,645	36,765	36,405	36,455
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	860.3	946.4	1,021.1	1,139.2	1,158.3	1,273.0
population	Quintile 2	1,353.5	1,430.1	1,531.4	1,649.5	1,680.2	1,770.8
	Quintile 3	1,775.5	1,871.6	1,961.6	2,092.0	2,108.8	2,257.6
	Quintile 4	2,251.1	2,347.4	2,470.5	2,595.0	2,653.3	2,762.7
	Quintile 5	3,500.3	3,583.6	3,722.3	3,858.2	3,898.5	3,988.0
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	280.9	296.8	317.7	340.2	343.1	376.7
10,000 population	Quintile 2	494.1	509.1	544.8	574.7	567.5	585.9
	Quintile 3	704.7	740.0	762.9	775.6	767.6	799.6
	Quintile 4	979.6	1,025.5	1,040.5	1,054.8	1,057.5	1,064.6
	Quintile 5	1,881.0	1,911.8	1,946.9	1,957.9	1,960.7	1,958.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	303.2	320.7	343.5	368.7	376.2	416.4
population	Quintile 2	528.6	549.2	592.0	622.8	620.6	653.9
	Quintile 3	758.9	799.7	827.1	843.2	845.7	887.6
	Quintile 4	1,057.0	1,111.0	1,132.5	1,152.8	1,167.6	1,194.9
	Quintile 5	2,025.0	2,067.8	2,124.2	2,144.1	2,161.7	2,195.8

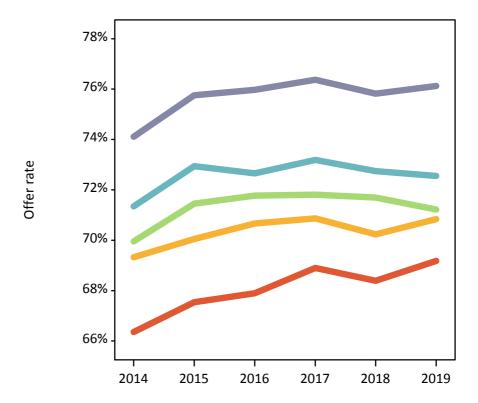
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	28,225	31,210	32,305	36,340	36,010	39,290
	Quintile 2	48,890	52,340	54,525	58,445	58,280	60,605
	Quintile 3	69,655	74,770	76,505	81,300	80,365	84,465
	Quintile 4	98,740	104,370	107,785	112,590	112,755	115,490
	Quintile 5	198,435	206,580	213,095	220,675	219,590	221,845
Offers	Quintile 1	18,730	21,080	21,930	25,040	24,625	27,180
	Quintile 2	33,890	36,665	38,530	41,420	40,930	42,930
	Quintile 3	48,725	53,425	54,910	58,380	57,615	60,150
	Quintile 4	70,445	76,125	78,310	82,405	82,025	83,785
	Quintile 5	147,060	156,495	161,885	168,530	166,495	168,880
Offer rate	Quintile 1	66.4%	67.5%	67.9%	68.9%	68.4%	69.2%
	Quintile 2	69.3%	70.1%	70.7%	70.9%	70.2%	70.8%
	Quintile 3	70.0%	71.5%	71.8%	71.8%	71.7%	71.2%
	Quintile 4	71.3%	72.9%	72.7%	73.2%	72.7%	72.6%
	Quintile 5	74.1%	75.8%	76.0%	76.4%	75.8%	76.1%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	67.2%	68.5%	68.8%	69.3%	68.9%	69.0%
	Quintile 2	69.7%	70.4%	70.9%	71.3%	70.6%	70.8%
	Quintile 3	70.4%	71.8%	72.2%	72.4%	72.1%	71.7%
	Quintile 4	71.6%	73.4%	73.2%	73.6%	73.2%	73.2%
	Quintile 5	73.6%	75.1%	75.4%	75.7%	75.3%	75.7%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.8	-1.0	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5	0.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.0
	Quintile 3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5
	Quintile 4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6
	Quintile 5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.149	0.150	0.151	0.152	0.150	0.154
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.177	0.180	0.178	0.178	0.179	0.179
	Quintile 3	0.209	0.211	0.209	0.210	0.209	0.213
	Quintile 4	0.266	0.265	0.265	0.263	0.264	0.264
	Quintile 5	0.503	0.498	0.497	0.491	0.491	0.484

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

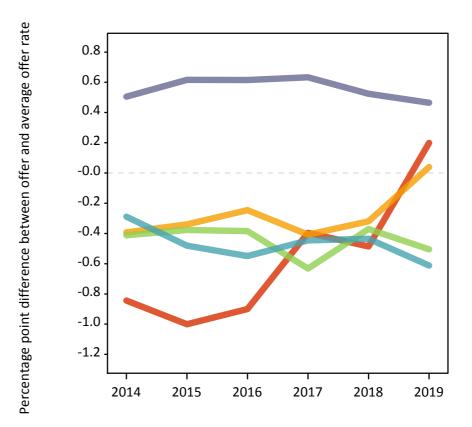
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	120,675	126,420	128,805	132,420	127,755	127,160
	Black	5,865	6,620	7,300	7,885	8,695	9,960
	Asian	16,695	18,390	19,905	22,090	23,970	26,890
	Mixed	5,905	6,665	7,155	8,110	8,230	9,085
	Other	1,805	2,040	2,205	2,590	2,815	3,390
Placed June deadline applicants	White	57,370	59,490	59,820	59,440	57,375	56,120
	Black	1,480	1,685	1,845	1,910	1,995	2,325
	Asian	5,825	6,445	6,645	7,285	7,495	8,080
	Mixed	2,785	3,065	3,315	3,485	3,485	3,770
	Other	610	690	670	790	795	945
All placed applicants	White	61,150	63,610	64,260	64,035	62,230	61,700
	Black	1,755	2,000	2,200	2,320	2,440	2,810
	Asian	6,625	7,375	7,720	8,400	8,810	9,640
	Mixed	3,040	3,405	3,685	3,870	3,940	4,340
	Other	715	800	795	930	950	1,160
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	1,956.0	2,029.1	2,129.5	2,231.5	2,235.6	2,300.6
population	Black	1,935.4	2,080.2	2,331.5	2,505.3	2,704.7	3,019.4
	Asian	2,462.1	2,598.7	2,765.9	3,002.3	3,171.3	3,447.9
	Mixed	2,052.5	2,161.4	2,273.5	2,527.1	2,538.7	2,760.9
	Other	1,940.3	2,116.4	2,216.8	2,515.3	2,622.0	3,019.7
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	929.9	954.8	989.0	1,001.6	1,004.0	1,015.3
10,000 population	Black	488.6	529.3	588.7	606.5	621.1	705.0
	Asian	858.9	910.9	923.6	989.9	991.7	1,035.8
	Mixed	967.4	993.6	1,053.2	1,085.1	1,074.6	1,146.3
	Other	657.5	713.8	673.3	768.9	742.9	843.6
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	991.1	1,020.9	1,062.4	1,079.0	1,089.0	1,116.3
population	Black	579.6	628.3	703.4	737.5	759.5	852.0
	Asian	976.9	1,042.0	1,072.7	1,141.7	1,165.8	1,236.1
	Mixed	1,056.3	1,104.5	1,171.4	1,206.3	1,215.2	1,319.8
	Other	768.2	828.9	796.9	903.8	886.4	1,034.2

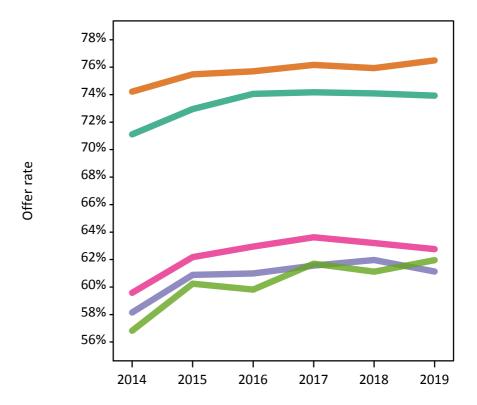
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	358,685	374,080	381,125	393,485	382,075	382,725
	Black	14,160	15,905	17,555	19,485	21,405	24,690
	Asian	46,350	50,550	54,470	61,130	66,980	74,660
	Mixed	18,095	20,340	22,245	25,130	25,665	28,450
	Other	5,100	5,545	5,920	7,185	7,700	9,330
Offers	White	266,200	282,370	288,495	299,710	290,125	292,765
	Black	8,235	9,685	10,705	11,995	13,265	15,095
	Asian	27,615	31,430	34,285	38,890	42,335	46,860
	Mixed	12,865	14,840	16,475	18,645	19,015	21,035
	Other	2,895	3,340	3,540	4,430	4,705	5,780
Offer rate	White	74.2%	75.5%	75.7%	76.2%	75.9%	76.5%
	Black	58.1%	60.9%	61.0%	61.6%	62.0%	61.1%
	Asian	59.6%	62.2%	62.9%	63.6%	63.2%	62.8%
	Mixed	71.1%	73.0%	74.1%	74.2%	74.1%	73.9%
	Other	56.8%	60.2%	59.8%	61.7%	61.1%	62.0%
Average offer rate	White	73.8%	75.1%	75.4%	75.9%	75.6%	76.1%
	Black	61.1%	63.8%	64.0%	64.2%	64.2%	63.5%
	Asian	61.2%	63.7%	64.2%	64.5%	64.1%	63.6%
	Mixed	71.5%	73.0%	73.5%	74.1%	73.6%	73.7%
	Other	59.6%	63.0%	62.8%	64.1%	64.3%	64.3%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-3.0	-2.9	-3.0	-2.6	-2.2	-2.4
	Asian	-1.6	-1.6	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
	Mixed	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2
	Other	-2.8	-2.7	-3.0	-2.4	-3.1	-2.3
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.845	0.835	0.828	0.817	0.802	0.787
offer rate	Black	0.144	0.132	0.137	0.134	0.139	0.144
	Asian	0.262	0.262	0.265	0.268	0.280	0.293
	Mixed	0.101	0.103	0.106	0.107	0.109	0.111
	Other	0.090	0.086	0.094	0.087	0.087	0.090

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

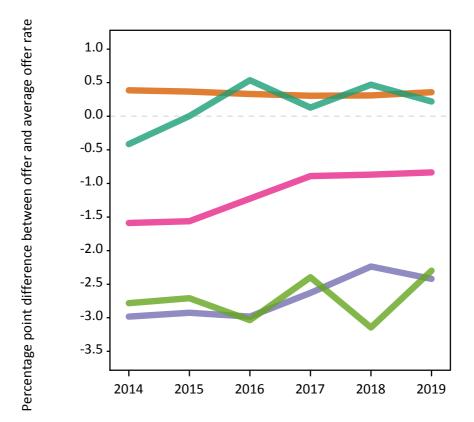
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	259,255	274,080	281,305	280,315	273,655	275,390
Placed June deadline applicants	97,425	103,420	105,500	105,260	103,075	102,390
All placed applicants	105,550	112,685	115,160	115,385	113,825	114,685

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	676,915	714,675	736,310	748,610	739,965	748,840
Offers	416,875	450,365	467,100	486,070	480,405	491,225
Offer rate	61.6%	63.0%	63.4%	64.9%	64.9%	65.6%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	112,495	118,415	120,155	121,495	118,295	117,985
	Women	146,760	155,665	161,150	158,820	155,360	157,410
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	44,365	46,425	46,380	46,930	45,675	44,845
	Women	53,055	56,995	59,120	58,330	57,395	57,545
All placed applicants	Men	48,220	50,685	50,960	51,630	50,765	50,550
	Women	57,335	62,000	64,200	63,755	63,060	64,135

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	311,290	327,005	332,490	340,555	335,045	335,545
	Women	365,625	387,670	403,820	408,055	404,920	413,295
Offers	Men	197,315	211,170	214,760	223,815	218,165	220,620
	Women	219,555	239,195	252,340	262,255	262,240	270,605
Offer rate	Men	63.4%	64.6%	64.6%	65.7%	65.1%	65.8%
	Women	60.0%	61.7%	62.5%	64.3%	64.8%	65.5%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	25,840	27,265	28,005	28,245	27,325	28,100
	Quintile 2	36,225	38,445	39,350	39,145	37,950	38,135
	Quintile 3	45,930	48,900	49,995	49,825	48,165	48,980
	Quintile 4	58,130	61,575	63,260	62,810	61,575	61,760
	Quintile 5	92,540	97,230	99,995	99,570	97,730	96,765
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	6,585	6,840	7,220	7,385	7,240	7,560
	Quintile 2	10,825	11,325	11,780	11,890	11,500	11,570
	Quintile 3	14,975	16,245	16,510	16,370	15,820	15,960
	Quintile 4	21,220	22,790	23,105	22,855	22,465	22,010
	Quintile 5	43,635	45,990	46,640	46,515	45,750	44,750
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	7,180	7,490	7,880	8,115	7,995	8,410
	Quintile 2	11,650	12,360	12,850	13,000	12,670	12,935
	Quintile 3	16,220	17,695	17,980	17,915	17,485	17,775
	Quintile 4	23,060	24,875	25,275	25,100	24,860	24,755
	Quintile 5	47,240	50,000	50,910	50,985	50,465	50,180

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	53,045	56,135	58,135	60,145	59,170	62,070
	Quintile 2	80,940	86,140	88,700	90,360	89,310	90,830
	Quintile 3	109,900	117,255	119,855	122,530	120,085	122,795
	Quintile 4	150,245	158,700	163,920	165,620	164,210	165,325
	Quintile 5	281,235	294,615	303,770	307,985	304,735	303,465
Offers	Quintile 1	27,210	29,725	31,645	34,420	34,030	36,590
	Quintile 2	45,850	49,600	51,855	54,605	54,220	56,000
	Quintile 3	64,330	70,555	72,740	75,745	74,870	77,135
	Quintile 4	91,820	99,355	102,730	106,495	105,410	107,010
	Quintile 5	186,855	200,155	207,105	213,695	210,475	211,955
Offer rate	Quintile 1	51.3%	53.0%	54.4%	57.2%	57.5%	58.9%
	Quintile 2	56.6%	57.6%	58.5%	60.4%	60.7%	61.7%
	Quintile 3	58.5%	60.2%	60.7%	61.8%	62.3%	62.8%
	Quintile 4	61.1%	62.6%	62.7%	64.3%	64.2%	64.7%
	Quintile 5	66.4%	67.9%	68.2%	69.4%	69.1%	69.8%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	195,330	204,060	207,360	204,885	196,375	191,990
	Black	17,080	18,330	19,220	18,410	18,155	19,580
	Asian	30,520	33,110	34,950	36,250	37,855	40,860
	Mixed	10,390	11,580	12,250	12,890	13,045	14,000
	Other	3,970	4,415	4,705	5,125	5,360	6,120
Placed June deadline applicants	White	80,600	84,340	85,485	83,895	81,580	79,365
	Black	2,550	2,965	3,250	3,315	3,315	3,705
	Asian	8,575	9,525	9,855	10,675	10,740	11,305
	Mixed	4,005	4,460	4,760	4,975	5,020	5,440
	Other	1,005	1,125	1,175	1,340	1,335	1,525
All placed applicants	White	86,235	90,570	91,925	90,570	88,560	87,225
	Black	3,055	3,555	3,880	4,065	4,065	4,495
	Asian	9,865	11,045	11,565	12,390	12,655	13,595
	Mixed	4,405	4,990	5,290	5,545	5,690	6,265
	Other	1,190	1,335	1,380	1,590	1,605	1,865

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	523,410	546,705	558,535	560,910	542,935	535,685
	Black	33,000	35,775	37,765	38,035	38,550	42,090
	Asian	77,000	82,820	87,215	92,710	99,135	106,605
	Mixed	28,305	31,425	33,685	36,320	37,415	40,525
	Other	9,730	10,650	11,350	12,730	13,520	15,585
Offers	White	341,455	362,380	371,595	380,810	369,190	369,790
	Black	12,515	14,770	16,285	17,600	18,685	20,700
	Asian	38,415	44,050	47,550	52,275	55,915	60,295
	Mixed	17,330	19,880	21,790	24,160	24,860	27,210
	Other	4,385	5,140	5,615	6,660	6,955	8,285
Offer rate	White	65.2%	66.3%	66.5%	67.9%	68.0%	69.0%
	Black	37.9%	41.3%	43.1%	46.3%	48.5%	49.2%
	Asian	49.9%	53.2%	54.5%	56.4%	56.4%	56.6%
	Mixed	61.2%	63.3%	64.7%	66.5%	66.4%	67.1%
	Other	45.1%	48.3%	49.5%	52.3%	51.4%	53.1%

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.

Evtra

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.