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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	8,755	9,095	8,840	8,850	8,640	8,330
Placed June deadline applicants	2,690	2,545	2,475	2,445	2,300	2,405
All placed applicants	2,815	2,660	2,625	2,605	2,495	2,605
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	116.3	118.7	118.0	119.5	119.6	117.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	35.7	33.2	33.0	33.0	31.9	34.0
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	37.3	34.7	35.0	35.2	34.6	36.8

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	15,580	15,975	15,375	15,300	15,060	14,605
Offers	13,495	13,755	13,090	13,150	12,950	12,125
Offer rate	86.6%	86.1%	85.2%	86.0%	86.0%	83.0%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	3,955	4,000	3,910	3,860	3,810	3,480
	Women	4,800	5,095	4,930	4,990	4,830	4,850
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,295	1,160	1,160	1,090	1,095	1,090
	Women	1,400	1,390	1,315	1,355	1,205	1,315
All placed applicants	Men	1,345	1,205	1,230	1,160	1,185	1,175
	Women	1,470	1,455	1,395	1,445	1,310	1,430
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	102.1	102.0	101.8	101.7	102.8	96.1
population	Women	131.2	136.3	134.9	138.2	137.3	140.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	33.4	29.5	30.2	28.8	29.6	30.1
10,000 population	Women	38.2	37.1	36.0	37.5	34.2	38.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	34.7	30.7	32.0	30.5	32.0	32.4
population	Women	40.2	38.9	38.1	40.1	37.2	41.4

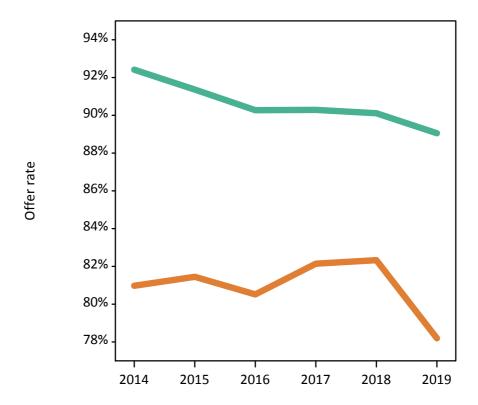
P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	7,670	7,475	7,310	7,155	7,065	6,485
	Women	7,910	8,500	8,065	8,145	7,995	8,120
Offers	Men	7,090	6,830	6,595	6,460	6,365	5,775
	Women	6,405	6,920	6,495	6,690	6,585	6,350
Offer rate	Men	92.4%	91.4%	90.3%	90.3%	90.1%	89.1%
	Women	81.0%	81.5%	80.5%	82.1%	82.3%	78.2%
Average offer rate	Men	92.8%	91.9%	91.1%	90.8%	90.7%	89.9%
	Women	80.6%	81.0%	79.8%	81.7%	81.8%	77.5%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.637	0.608	0.621	0.612	0.628	0.611
offer rate	Women	0.648	0.655	0.656	0.659	0.671	0.689

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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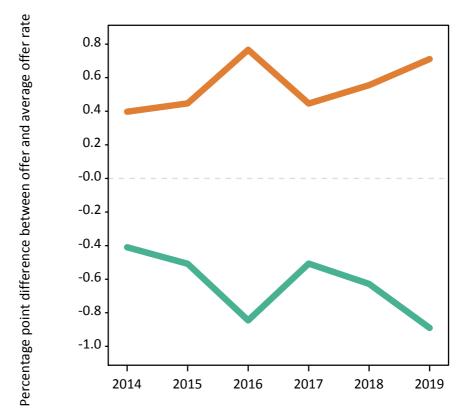




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

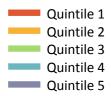
Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	715	780	755	800	795	765
	Quintile 2	800	815	850	815	845	810
	Quintile 3	1,410	1,550	1,470	1,515	1,410	1,445
	Quintile 4	2,145	2,265	2,260	2,230	2,120	2,085
	Quintile 5	3,675	3,675	3,495	3,480	3,445	3,195
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	195	150	175	190	175	180
	Quintile 2	230	215	200	225	205	230
	Quintile 3	420	450	405	405	390	415
	Quintile 4	680	665	665	650	595	635
	Quintile 5	1,165	1,070	1,030	970	935	935
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	205	160	190	200	190	200
	Quintile 2	235	225	220	235	225	255
	Quintile 3	435	465	435	430	425	450
	Quintile 4	710	695	705	700	650	675
	Quintile 5	1,225	1,110	1,075	1,035	1,005	1,020
June deadline applicants per 10,00	0 Quintile 1	50.9	54.9	55.5	59.6	61.1	60.3
population	Quintile 2	55.7	55.9	60.0	58.3	62.4	61.3
	Quintile 3	96.1	103.3	100.2	104.7	100.0	104.8
	Quintile 4	140.8	146.1	148.1	147.5	143.8	143.9
	Quintile 5	216.0	211.7	202.5	202.8	204.4	192.6
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	14.0	10.5	12.8	14.1	13.3	14.2
10,000 population	Quintile 2	15.9	14.7	14.2	16.1	15.2	17.5
	Quintile 3	28.5	30.0	27.5	28.1	27.7	30.0
	Quintile 4	44.6	42.8	43.5	42.9	40.3	43.8
	Quintile 5	68.6	61.6	59.7	56.6	55.5	56.4
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	14.6	11.2	13.8	14.8	14.8	15.6
population	Quintile 2	16.4	15.5	15.5	16.8	16.5	19.2
	Quintile 3	29.7	31.2	29.5	29.7	30.3	32.5
	Quintile 4	46.4	44.9	46.2	46.3	44.0	46.6
	Quintile 5	72.1	64.0	62.3	60.4	59.6	61.6

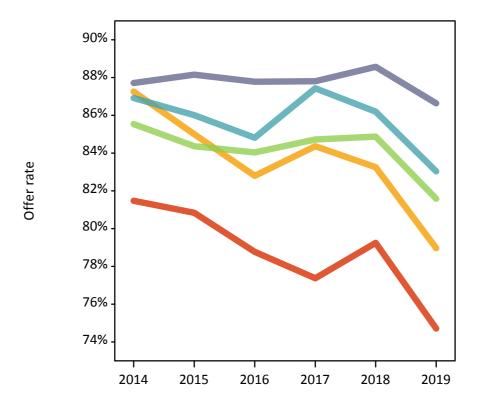
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PC	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,275	1,305	1,320	1,335	1,385	1,315
	Quintile 2	1,405	1,375	1,430	1,355	1,405	1,380
	Quintile 3	2,475	2,720	2,560	2,630	2,550	2,540
	Quintile 4	3,835	4,045	3,970	3,945	3,750	3,690
	Quintile 5	6,575	6,515	6,070	6,005	5,920	5,635
Offers	Quintile 1	1,040	1,055	1,040	1,035	1,095	980
	Quintile 2	1,225	1,165	1,185	1,145	1,170	1,090
	Quintile 3	2,115	2,295	2,155	2,230	2,165	2,075
	Quintile 4	3,335	3,480	3,365	3,450	3,235	3,065
	Quintile 5	5,765	5,745	5,330	5,270	5,245	4,880
Offer rate	Quintile 1	81.5%	80.8%	78.8%	77.4%	79.2%	74.7%
	Quintile 2	87.3%	85.0%	82.8%	84.4%	83.3%	79.0%
	Quintile 3	85.5%	84.4%	84.0%	84.7%	84.9%	81.6%
	Quintile 4	86.9%	86.0%	84.8%	87.4%	86.2%	83.0%
	Quintile 5	87.7%	88.2%	87.8%	87.8%	88.6%	86.6%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	84.6%	83.5%	81.5%	81.1%	82.4%	77.3%
	Quintile 2	87.4%	85.2%	84.9%	84.6%	84.6%	79.8%
	Quintile 3	85.9%	85.0%	84.3%	85.4%	85.7%	82.2%
	Quintile 4	86.7%	85.8%	83.8%	86.2%	85.8%	83.0%
	Quintile 5	87.0%	87.4%	87.2%	87.4%	87.4%	85.6%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-3.1	-2.7	-2.7	-3.8	-3.1	-2.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.1	-0.2	-2.1	-0.2	-1.3	-0.8
	Quintile 3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6
	Quintile 4	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.0
	Quintile 5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.2	1.0
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.170	0.174	0.169	0.168	0.177	0.188
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.164	0.150	0.168	0.150	0.168	0.162
	Quintile 3	0.214	0.229	0.225	0.232	0.230	0.238
	Quintile 4	0.298	0.305	0.311	0.312	0.300	0.308
	Quintile 5	0.471	0.457	0.444	0.442	0.446	0.441

P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

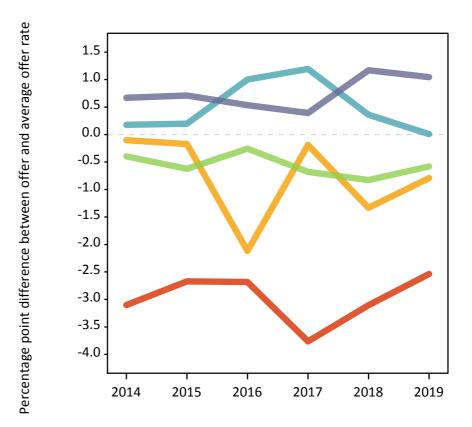
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	8,435	8,685	8,420	8,375	8,120	7,715
	Black	35	40	55	65	60	65
	Asian	140	175	205	195	245	320
	Mixed	100	140	115	145	140	155
	Other	25	25	20	30	30	40
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,640	2,485	2,405	2,390	2,220	2,330
	Black	0	5	5	5	5	5
	Asian	30	25	40	20	35	45
	Mixed	15	25	20	20	25	15
	Other	5	5	0	0	5	0
All placed applicants	White	2,760	2,590	2,540	2,540	2,405	2,520
	Black	0	5	5	5	5	5
	Asian	30	25	45	25	40	50
	Mixed	15	25	25	25	30	20
	Other	5	5	0	5	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	136.7	139.4	139.2	141.1	142.1	139.6
population	Black	11.2	12.3	16.9	20.3	18.4	19.7
	Asian	20.8	25.0	28.5	26.8	32.2	41.0
	Mixed	35.5	45.1	36.2	44.5	43.8	46.5
	Other	24.7	24.9	19.1	31.1	29.8	33.8
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	42.8	39.9	39.8	40.3	38.9	42.2
10,000 population	Black	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.6	0.9	0.9
	Asian	4.1	3.5	5.3	3.0	4.8	5.5
	Mixed	5.6	8.1	7.0	6.5	8.3	4.6
	Other	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	44.7	41.6	42.0	42.8	42.1	45.6
population	Black	0.0	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.6	1.8
	Asian	4.6	3.8	6.5	3.5	5.2	6.3
	Mixed	5.6	8.1	7.3	7.5	9.9	5.5
	Other	3.2	3.1	0.0	2.9	2.8	4.5

P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	15,175	15,450	14,830	14,680	14,405	13,830
	Black	40	45	65	80	65	70
	Asian	180	230	265	255	300	400
	Mixed	130	175	155	190	180	190
	Other	30	30	20	35	45	50
Offers	White	13,185	13,350	12,675	12,660	12,425	11,585
	Black	30	30	40	60	50	50
	Asian	130	155	195	185	225	240
	Mixed	100	155	135	170	155	155
	Other	25	20	15	25	35	30
Offer rate	White	86.9%	86.4%	85.5%	86.2%	86.2%	83.8%
	Black	76.9%	69.8%	63.5%	74.4%	76.2%	68.1%
	Asian	73.3%	66.8%	73.4%	72.7%	75.3%	60.8%
	Mixed	76.7%	88.0%	88.3%	89.0%	86.3%	83.5%
	Other	80.6%	75.0%	77.3%	63.9%	79.1%	64.6%
Average offer rate	White	86.7%	86.3%	85.3%	86.1%	86.1%	83.5%
	Black	80.0%	67.0%	69.1%	80.8%	79.1%	68.5%
	Asian	78.5%	73.2%	79.7%	78.4%	82.7%	70.0%
	Mixed	82.4%	89.0%	88.3%	89.7%	87.9%	83.9%
	Other	87.2%	69.2%	77.7%	68.8%	80.7%	72.4%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	N/A	N/A	-5.7	-6.5	-2.9	-0.4
	Asian	-5.2	-6.4	-6.3	-5.8	-7.4	-9.2
	Mixed	-5.7	-1.0	-0.0	-0.7	-1.7	-0.4
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.976	0.971	0.969	0.964	0.962	0.955
offer rate	Black	0.120	0.221	0.104	0.143	0.132	0.131
	Asian	0.086	0.102	0.113	0.134	0.126	0.176
	Mixed	0.093	0.097	0.085	0.096	0.108	0.097
	Other	0.049	0.102	0.080	0.108	0.105	0.123

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

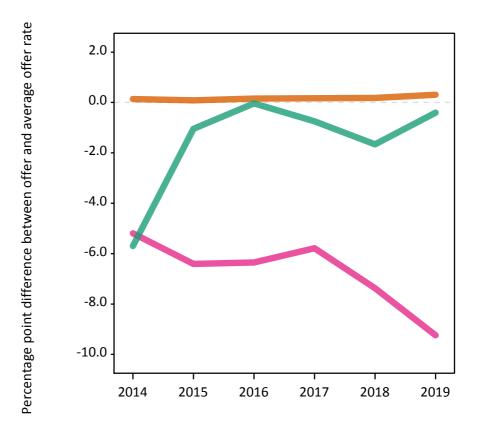
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	14,075	14,685	14,625	14,290	13,895	13,370
Placed June deadline applicants	3,995	3,810	3,840	3,825	3,645	3,785
All placed applicants	4,260	4,030	4,105	4,120	3,990	4,115

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	25,050	25,800	25,770	25,035	24,660	23,940
Offers	18,190	18,695	18,520	18,440	18,415	17,295
Offer rate	72.6%	72.5%	71.9%	73.7%	74.7%	72.3%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	6,000	6,255	6,285	6,060	5,935	5,315
	Women	8,075	8,430	8,340	8,225	7,965	8,055
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,850	1,700	1,730	1,650	1,615	1,590
	Women	2,150	2,110	2,105	2,175	2,030	2,195
All placed applicants	Men	1,935	1,780	1,850	1,750	1,745	1,715
	Women	2,325	2,250	2,260	2,365	2,245	2,400

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	11,190	11,270	11,455	10,905	10,875	9,770
	Women	13,860	14,530	14,315	14,130	13,785	14,170
Offers	Men	9,360	9,250	9,290	8,945	8,915	7,970
	Women	8,830	9,445	9,230	9,490	9,500	9,325
Offer rate	Men	83.7%	82.1%	81.1%	82.1%	82.0%	81.6%
	Women	63.7%	65.0%	64.5%	67.2%	68.9%	65.8%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,505	1,520	1,590	1,600	1,525	1,535
	Quintile 2	1,465	1,450	1,490	1,415	1,450	1,360
	Quintile 3	2,280	2,530	2,490	2,440	2,290	2,330
	Quintile 4	3,340	3,555	3,550	3,510	3,430	3,230
	Quintile 5	5,455	5,595	5,480	5,290	5,155	4,845
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	370	320	375	405	375	410
	Quintile 2	380	355	335	360	350	370
	Quintile 3	615	670	625	625	615	655
	Quintile 4	955	925	940	950	930	910
	Quintile 5	1,670	1,535	1,555	1,470	1,370	1,435
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	400	345	410	430	420	450
	Quintile 2	410	375	365	385	380	410
	Quintile 3	655	715	670	670	675	710
	Quintile 4	1,010	980	1,010	1,030	1,020	980
	Quintile 5	1,775	1,615	1,645	1,595	1,490	1,555

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,865	2,690	3,000	2,850	2,810	2,800
	Quintile 2	2,620	2,475	2,540	2,460	2,490	2,375
	Quintile 3	3,990	4,510	4,410	4,295	4,165	4,185
	Quintile 4	5,870	6,250	6,240	6,190	6,075	5,795
	Quintile 5	9,665	9,835	9,535	9,175	9,040	8,660
Offers	Quintile 1	1,730	1,695	1,865	1,835	1,860	1,760
	Quintile 2	1,825	1,695	1,725	1,720	1,735	1,590
	Quintile 3	2,830	3,160	3,035	3,060	3,085	2,970
	Quintile 4	4,330	4,570	4,555	4,615	4,550	4,210
	Quintile 5	7,440	7,545	7,315	7,155	7,130	6,700
Offer rate	Quintile 1	60.4%	63.0%	62.1%	64.5%	66.3%	62.8%
	Quintile 2	69.8%	68.6%	67.9%	70.0%	69.7%	67.0%
	Quintile 3	71.0%	70.1%	68.8%	71.3%	74.0%	71.0%
	Quintile 4	73.8%	73.1%	73.0%	74.6%	74.9%	72.6%
	Quintile 5	77.0%	76.7%	76.7%	78.0%	78.9%	77.4%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	13,385	13,810	13,770	13,415	12,945	12,330
	Black	120	125	155	145	140	160
	Asian	300	405	405	380	425	490
	Mixed	170	220	190	210	245	245
	Other	50	45	45	65	60	75
Placed June deadline applicants	White	3,900	3,685	3,710	3,705	3,490	3,640
	Black	10	10	15	15	15	15
	Asian	50	55	70	50	70	70
	Mixed	25	35	30	35	50	35
	Other	5	10	0	5	5	10
All placed applicants	White	4,140	3,895	3,950	3,975	3,820	3,945
	Black	10	15	20	15	15	20
	Asian	60	60	85	60	75	80
	Mixed	30	35	35	40	55	40
	Other	5	10	5	10	5	10

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	24,160	24,705	24,675	23,895	23,405	22,555
	Black	155	140	190	180	170	200
	Asian	370	515	505	495	550	625
	Mixed	225	270	260	280	345	330
	Other	70	55	60	80	70	95
Offers	White	17,670	18,035	17,845	17,715	17,565	16,450
	Black	65	50	85	85	95	90
	Asian	215	285	310	300	365	350
	Mixed	150	210	195	220	255	250
	Other	45	35	35	40	45	55
Offer rate	White	73.1%	73.0%	72.3%	74.1%	75.0%	72.9%
	Black	42.2%	37.0%	44.1%	48.3%	55.0%	45.7%
	Asian	58.8%	55.2%	61.1%	60.3%	66.2%	56.1%
	Mixed	67.3%	76.5%	74.8%	77.9%	74.6%	75.0%
	Other	63.2%	61.1%	58.6%	53.8%	68.1%	57.3%

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.