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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	19,970	19,510	19,210	18,835	19,360	18,720
Placed June deadline applicants	3,025	3,125	2,930	2,635	2,395	2,070
All placed applicants	3,325	3,480	3,525	3,135	2,800	2,480
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	265.1	254.6	256.3	254.2	268.0	264.5
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	40.2	40.8	39.1	35.5	33.2	29.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	44.1	45.4	47.0	42.3	38.8	35.0

P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	20,535	20,040	19,795	19,405	20,045	19,470
Offers	17,275	17,150	16,750	16,295	17,270	16,575
Offer rate	84.1%	85.6%	84.6%	84.0%	86.1%	85.1%

P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	9,760	9,555	9,300	8,985	9,185	8,995
	Women	10,210	9,955	9,910	9,855	10,175	9,725
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,455	1,565	1,405	1,295	1,160	985
	Women	1,570	1,560	1,525	1,335	1,235	1,085
All placed applicants	Men	1,600	1,745	1,720	1,535	1,360	1,165
	Women	1,720	1,735	1,805	1,600	1,445	1,315
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	252.1	243.4	242.1	236.5	247.9	248.3
population	Women	279.0	266.4	271.2	272.9	289.2	281.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	37.6	39.9	36.5	34.1	31.3	27.2
10,000 population	Women	42.9	41.7	41.7	37.0	35.1	31.4
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	41.4	44.4	44.7	40.4	36.7	32.2
population	Women	47.0	46.5	49.5	44.3	41.0	38.0

P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	10,060	9,810	9,565	9,260	9,500	9,385
	Women	10,480	10,230	10,230	10,150	10,550	10,085
Offers	Men	8,370	8,300	7,955	7,595	8,115	7,890
	Women	8,905	8,855	8,795	8,700	9,155	8,685
Offer rate	Men	83.2%	84.6%	83.2%	82.0%	85.4%	84.1%
	Women	85.0%	86.5%	86.0%	85.7%	86.8%	86.1%
Average offer rate	Men	83.7%	85.0%	83.8%	82.8%	86.0%	85.0%
	Women	84.5%	86.1%	85.4%	85.0%	86.3%	85.3%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.9
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.605	0.610	0.610	0.612	0.608	0.614
offer rate	Women	0.621	0.626	0.635	0.646	0.647	0.640

P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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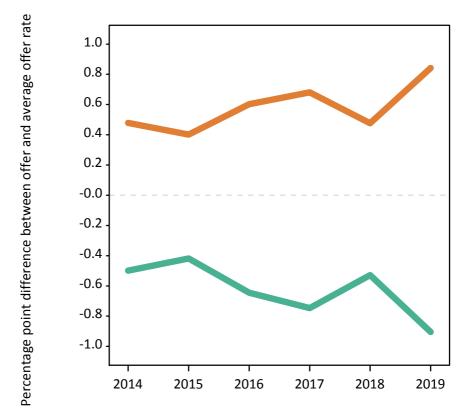




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile

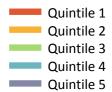
Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,485	1,565	1,590	1,760	1,810	1,925
	Quintile 2	2,425	2,525	2,515	2,685	2,640	2,590
	Quintile 3	3,265	3,175	3,190	3,255	3,075	3,175
	Quintile 4	4,450	4,320	4,265	3,990	4,290	3,905
	Quintile 5	8,320	7,900	7,610	7,115	7,500	7,035
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	225	240	230	195	235	210
	Quintile 2	410	405	365	375	300	285
	Quintile 3	510	495	490	465	360	320
	Quintile 4	650	700	665	550	545	440
	Quintile 5	1,225	1,285	1,175	1,040	945	810
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	245	270	270	225	265	235
	Quintile 2	440	445	425	455	360	345
	Quintile 3	555	555	600	540	410	390
	Quintile 4	730	775	795	665	630	515
	Quintile 5	1,350	1,430	1,425	1,245	1,125	980
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	105.5	110.6	116.9	131.6	139.0	152.0
population	Quintile 2	169.1	172.9	177.1	192.6	194.9	196.2
	Quintile 3	222.9	211.7	217.8	224.6	218.2	230.0
	Quintile 4	291.7	278.8	279.9	263.9	290.7	269.5
	Quintile 5	489.1	454.7	441.2	414.8	445.2	423.8
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	16.1	17.1	16.8	14.6	17.9	16.5
10,000 population	Quintile 2	28.4	27.7	25.6	27.0	22.3	21.5
	Quintile 3	34.8	33.0	33.4	32.0	25.4	23.3
	Quintile 4	42.6	45.1	43.5	36.5	37.1	30.2
	Quintile 5	72.1	73.9	68.2	60.7	56.2	48.8
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	17.6	19.1	19.9	16.7	20.5	18.7
population	Quintile 2	30.7	30.5	29.9	32.5	26.7	26.2
	Quintile 3	37.8	37.0	41.1	37.2	28.9	28.3
	Quintile 4	47.8	50.1	52.2	44.0	42.8	35.5
	Quintile 5	79.4	82.3	82.5	72.7	66.9	59.1

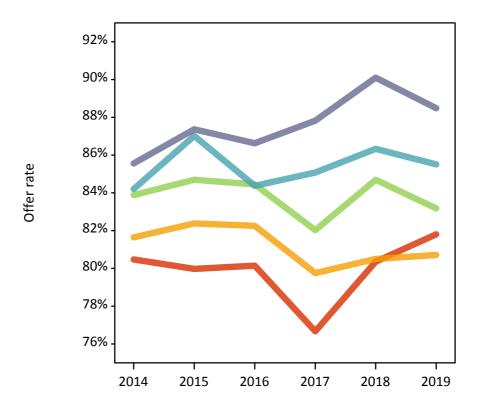
P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic P	OLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,545	1,635	1,660	1,865	1,925	2,055
	Quintile 2	2,530	2,635	2,615	2,790	2,795	2,735
	Quintile 3	3,330	3,255	3,300	3,350	3,155	3,295
	Quintile 4	4,580	4,430	4,375	4,095	4,435	4,055
	Quintile 5	8,525	8,065	7,805	7,275	7,685	7,240
Offers	Quintile 1	1,245	1,305	1,330	1,430	1,545	1,680
	Quintile 2	2,065	2,170	2,150	2,225	2,250	2,210
	Quintile 3	2,795	2,755	2,785	2,745	2,675	2,740
	Quintile 4	3,860	3,855	3,695	3,485	3,825	3,470
	Quintile 5	7,290	7,045	6,760	6,390	6,925	6,405
Offer rate	Quintile 1	80.5%	80.0%	80.1%	76.7%	80.4%	81.8%
	Quintile 2	81.6%	82.4%	82.3%	79.8%	80.5%	80.7%
	Quintile 3	83.9%	84.7%	84.4%	82.0%	84.7%	83.2%
	Quintile 4	84.2%	87.0%	84.4%	85.1%	86.3%	85.5%
	Quintile 5	85.6%	87.4%	86.6%	87.8%	90.1%	88.5%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	81.2%	81.0%	80.8%	77.9%	81.3%	81.3%
	Quintile 2	83.2%	82.7%	83.2%	80.0%	82.0%	82.1%
	Quintile 3	84.0%	85.2%	84.9%	82.6%	85.4%	84.1%
	Quintile 4	84.3%	86.8%	84.3%	85.2%	86.6%	85.7%
	Quintile 5	84.9%	87.0%	86.0%	87.1%	88.9%	87.6%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	0.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-1.5	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2	-1.5	-1.4
	Quintile 3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-1.0
	Quintile 4	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
	Quintile 5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.9
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.150	0.168	0.171	0.185	0.181	0.193
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.187	0.204	0.205	0.217	0.214	0.211
	Quintile 3	0.209	0.211	0.218	0.226	0.206	0.223
	Quintile 4	0.263	0.266	0.268	0.260	0.269	0.254
	Quintile 5	0.460	0.455	0.448	0.435	0.441	0.430

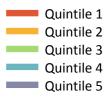
P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR4 quintile

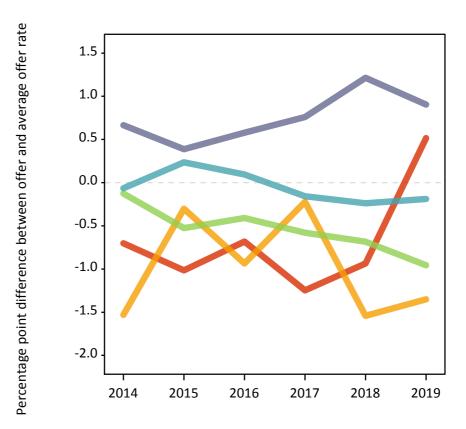
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P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	16,460	15,940	15,525	15,010	15,225	14,230
	Black	545	565	580	540	640	655
	Asian	1,920	1,885	1,945	2,060	2,230	2,505
	Mixed	760	820	810	860	880	940
	Other	200	185	215	235	235	265
Placed June deadline applicants	White	2,685	2,700	2,530	2,260	2,010	1,720
	Black	50	55	50	40	50	35
	Asian	150	195	190	175	180	190
	Mixed	110	130	115	100	125	90
	Other	15	20	25	30	20	25
All placed applicants	White	2,915	2,965	2,955	2,615	2,300	2,005
	Black	65	75	80	75	70	55
	Asian	185	245	285	255	245	255
	Mixed	125	145	140	130	145	120
	Other	25	25	40	40	20	30
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	266.8	255.9	256.7	252.9	266.4	257.5
population	Black	179.8	177.2	185.9	171.9	198.4	198.2
	Asian	283.1	266.1	270.0	280.1	294.9	321.5
	Mixed	264.2	266.6	256.8	268.5	271.4	285.4
	Other	212.7	189.9	218.1	227.2	220.0	236.1
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	43.6	43.4	41.8	38.1	35.2	31.1
10,000 population	Black	16.8	17.9	16.3	13.3	15.2	11.2
	Asian	22.1	27.7	26.4	24.1	23.7	24.5
	Mixed	38.9	41.8	36.9	31.8	37.9	26.7
	Other	18.3	20.7	25.1	29.1	16.8	20.5
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	47.3	47.6	48.9	44.1	40.3	36.3
population	Black	22.1	22.9	25.2	23.2	21.2	16.1
	Asian	27.4	34.9	39.6	34.4	32.7	32.4
	Mixed	43.4	47.7	45.1	39.9	44.7	35.9
	Other	24.7	28.0	38.2	39.8	20.5	27.6

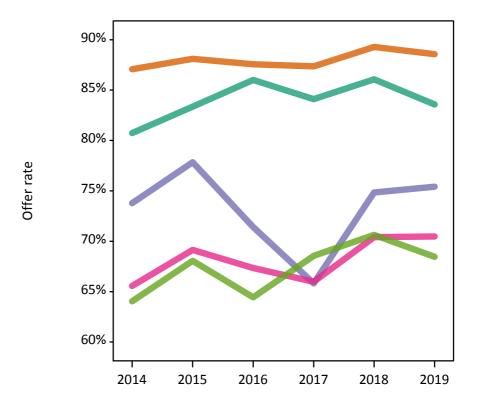
P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	16,930	16,390	16,020	15,480	15,795	14,850
	Black	550	575	590	545	650	660
	Asian	1,985	1,920	1,995	2,115	2,295	2,590
	Mixed	785	855	820	885	905	970
	Other	205	190	225	250	250	280
Offers	White	14,740	14,440	14,030	13,525	14,100	13,150
	Black	405	445	420	360	485	495
	Asian	1,300	1,325	1,345	1,395	1,615	1,825
	Mixed	635	710	705	745	780	810
	Other	130	130	145	170	180	190
Offer rate	White	87.1%	88.1%	87.6%	87.4%	89.3%	88.6%
	Black	73.8%	77.8%	71.4%	65.8%	74.8%	75.4%
	Asian	65.6%	69.1%	67.4%	66.0%	70.4%	70.5%
	Mixed	80.7%	83.4%	86.0%	84.1%	86.1%	83.6%
	Other	64.0%	68.1%	64.4%	68.5%	70.6%	68.5%
Average offer rate	White	86.6%	87.7%	87.1%	86.9%	88.7%	88.2%
	Black	76.6%	79.8%	75.5%	70.0%	76.6%	78.9%
	Asian	68.0%	71.0%	69.5%	68.6%	73.0%	71.4%
	Mixed	82.4%	84.6%	85.4%	83.0%	86.3%	84.3%
	Other	67.6%	70.5%	67.4%	68.1%	73.5%	71.2%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-2.8	-1.9	-4.1	-4.2	-1.8	-3.4
	Asian	-2.5	-1.8	-2.1	-2.6	-2.5	-0.9
	Mixed	-1.7	-1.3	0.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.7
	Other	-3.6	-2.4	-3.0	0.5	-2.9	-2.8
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.850	0.844	0.837	0.831	0.821	0.801
offer rate	Black	0.109	0.117	0.125	0.130	0.126	0.115
	Asian	0.233	0.232	0.232	0.250	0.250	0.277
	Mixed	0.096	0.105	0.110	0.112	0.108	0.120
	Other	0.095	0.079	0.097	0.100	0.078	0.083

P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

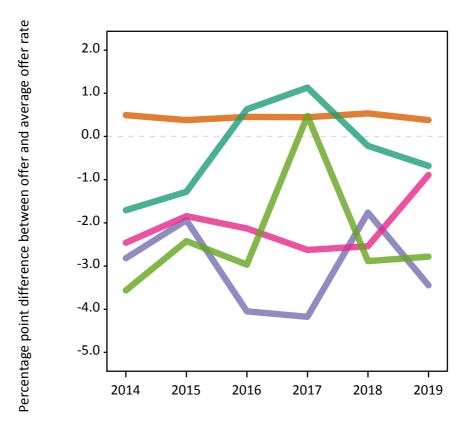
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P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	27,005	26,360	26,415	25,865	26,105	25,350
Placed June deadline applicants	4,105	4,220	4,070	3,755	3,440	3,075
All placed applicants	4,570	4,780	4,950	4,545	4,065	3,725

P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	27,965	27,295	27,395	26,900	27,205	26,525
Offers	21,965	21,580	21,340	20,670	21,605	20,870
Offer rate	78.6%	79.1%	77.9%	76.8%	79.4%	78.7%

P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	13,580	13,275	13,005	12,475	12,490	12,285
	Women	13,420	13,085	13,405	13,390	13,620	13,065
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,995	2,120	1,965	1,805	1,650	1,480
	Women	2,110	2,100	2,100	1,945	1,795	1,595
All placed applicants	Men	2,230	2,390	2,435	2,195	1,945	1,785
	Women	2,340	2,390	2,515	2,350	2,120	1,940

P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	14,090	13,745	13,470	12,960	12,980	12,885
	Women	13,870	13,550	13,925	13,940	14,225	13,645
Offers	Men	10,900	10,715	10,265	9,715	10,210	10,020
	Women	11,065	10,865	11,075	10,955	11,395	10,850
Offer rate	Men	77.4%	77.9%	76.2%	75.0%	78.6%	77.8%
	Women	79.8%	80.2%	79.5%	78.6%	80.1%	79.5%

P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,435	2,500	2,640	2,885	2,895	2,925
	Quintile 2	3,465	3,580	3,675	3,865	3,780	3,705
	Quintile 3	4,465	4,340	4,405	4,445	4,225	4,305
	Quintile 4	5,935	5,785	5,755	5,330	5,560	5,235
	Quintile 5	10,660	10,110	9,875	9,290	9,570	9,055
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	385	360	395	385	385	370
	Quintile 2	560	570	560	565	485	435
	Quintile 3	685	665	675	635	540	505
	Quintile 4	865	950	900	760	745	630
	Quintile 5	1,605	1,665	1,520	1,400	1,280	1,130
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	425	420	495	460	450	430
	Quintile 2	615	650	670	695	585	545
	Quintile 3	760	760	825	755	625	600
	Quintile 4	975	1,070	1,080	920	865	755
	Quintile 5	1,790	1,875	1,865	1,695	1,525	1,380

P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,590	2,660	2,810	3,100	3,115	3,150
	Quintile 2	3,640	3,765	3,860	4,075	4,040	3,940
	Quintile 3	4,595	4,485	4,565	4,615	4,355	4,480
	Quintile 4	6,140	5,975	5,940	5,515	5,775	5,465
	Quintile 5	10,955	10,360	10,155	9,540	9,840	9,365
Offers	Quintile 1	1,795	1,820	1,930	2,015	2,110	2,215
	Quintile 2	2,710	2,765	2,850	2,885	2,910	2,860
	Quintile 3	3,570	3,470	3,530	3,440	3,400	3,475
	Quintile 4	4,845	4,835	4,665	4,340	4,705	4,365
	Quintile 5	9,020	8,660	8,315	7,955	8,410	7,860
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.2%	68.5%	68.7%	65.0%	67.8%	70.3%
	Quintile 2	74.5%	73.5%	73.9%	70.8%	72.1%	72.5%
	Quintile 3	77.7%	77.4%	77.4%	74.5%	78.1%	77.5%
	Quintile 4	78.9%	80.9%	78.5%	78.7%	81.4%	79.9%
	Quintile 5	82.3%	83.6%	81.9%	83.4%	85.5%	83.9%

P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	21,315	20,470	20,295	19,610	19,675	18,405
	Black	1,080	1,190	1,245	1,245	1,185	1,220
	Asian	2,995	2,985	3,075	3,120	3,305	3,665
	Mixed	1,095	1,170	1,175	1,245	1,255	1,350
	Other	345	340	385	410	440	475
Placed June deadline applicants	White	3,570	3,550	3,415	3,130	2,810	2,470
	Black	95	115	105	100	85	75
	Asian	240	300	305	285	295	305
	Mixed	155	180	185	155	180	150
	Other	30	40	40	50	35	45
All placed applicants	White	3,890	3,950	4,005	3,670	3,255	2,920
	Black	130	150	170	155	115	110
	Asian	315	375	455	410	400	395
	Mixed	180	210	215	200	215	195
	Other	40	50	60	70	45	65

P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	22,070	21,205	21,075	20,435	20,540	19,320
	Black	1,100	1,240	1,280	1,275	1,220	1,260
	Asian	3,115	3,055	3,165	3,220	3,420	3,800
	Mixed	1,145	1,220	1,220	1,290	1,300	1,400
	Other	350	355	405	430	470	500
Offers	White	18,280	17,690	17,355	16,705	17,195	16,105
	Black	645	685	690	610	705	740
	Asian	1,880	1,895	1,950	1,925	2,235	2,475
	Mixed	860	935	955	1,000	1,030	1,080
	Other	190	215	235	260	270	295
Offer rate	White	82.8%	83.4%	82.3%	81.7%	83.7%	83.4%
	Black	58.4%	55.5%	54.0%	47.7%	57.6%	58.8%
	Asian	60.3%	62.1%	61.5%	59.8%	65.3%	65.1%
	Mixed	75.2%	76.8%	78.5%	77.7%	79.1%	77.1%
	Other	54.3%	60.7%	57.2%	60.0%	57.6%	58.5%

Technical Notes and Definitions

UCAS undergraduate scheme

Adjustment

Adjustment allows applicants who have met and exceeded the terms of their conditional firm offer to seek and find a place at another provider whilst keeping their place at their original firm choice provider.

Clearing

Clearing is a route for applicants that are not placed and holding no offers to find a place on courses with vacancies.

Cycle year

The UCAS application cycle which runs from September to October the following year. For example the 2019 cycle runs from September 2018 through to October 2019.

End of cycle

The point in the cycle to which the numbers in this report refer, and the point at which the cycle is closed such that no more applications or offers can be made, and no more applicants can be placed. Numbers reported at the end of cycle exclude information on a small number of applicants who cancelled during the cycle.

Extra

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining an offer or decline all offers may be eligible to apply through Extra, where they can apply to one further course at a time. Extra operates from 25 February until early July. It provides applicants who are eligible the possibility of obtaining an offer before exam results are published and Clearing starts.

June 30 deadline

The deadline for main scheme applications. Applicants who apply after this date will go directly into Clearing.

Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA)

RPA is an acceptance route used when a provider informs UCAS of applicants it has accepted outside of the normal application process (e.g. individuals who have applied directly to the provider).

Reporting groups

Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', 'Other', 'Unknown'. Applicants who declare themselves as 'Unknown' ethnic origin are not reported in these tables, but are included in the associated csv data file.

POLAR4 quintile

Developed by OfS, POLAR4 classifies small areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in Higher Education. Each of these groups represents around 20 per cent of young people and is ranked from Quintile 1 (areas with the lowest young participation rates, considered as the most disadvantaged) to Quintile 5 (highest young participation rates, considered most advantaged). POLAR4 is based on the participation rates of young people between between 2009-10 and 2013-14 if they entered higher education aged 18, or between 2010-11 and 2014-15 if they entered aged 19, therefore is most suitable for applicants aged 19 and under. These groups are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant at the time of their application. If a UK postcode is invalid, considered unsafe for measurement or there is no link to Census geography possible then the applicant is not assigned to a quintile. Applicants with no POLAR4 quintile are not reported.

Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016 quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation amongst 6505 small areas (data zones) based on 7 socio-economic domains. These small areas are classified into five groups ranked from Quintile 1 (considered the most deprived) to Quintile 5 (considered least deprived), with equal populations in each quintile. Quintiles are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant, applicants declaring invalid postcodes are classified as 'Not assigned' and are not reported.

SIMD is only defined for applicants domiciled in Scotland, therefore any applicants domiciled outside of Scotland cannot be assigned to an SIMD quintile and so are not reported for this measure.

SIMD is only reported for providers in Scotland. Application and entry rates by SIMD are reported in the 2019 End of Cycle Report and the 2019 cycle January deadline application rate report.

Statistics reported in the tables

All placed applicants

The number of applicants placed for entry into higher education at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA.

All placed applicants per 10,000 population

The number of total UK domiciled 18 year old placed applicants for entry into higher education at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Average offer rate

The offer rate that you might expect if the predicted grades and subject choice of applicants were the only factors that influenced whether an applicant was made an offer by the provider. The average offer rate is calculated by dividing applicants according to their specific combination of grades (for A levels the best three predicted grades are used, for BTECs, International Baccalaureate and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, predicted grades along with any grades already achieved upon applying are used) and subject choice. For each combination the number of main scheme offers is divided by the number of main scheme applications, to give an overall offer rate. This is then multiplied by the number of applications made by the group for which the average offer rate is being calculated (for example POLAR4 quintile 1), to give an average number of offers for that group. These average number of offers are then added together across all combinations of predicted grade and subject and divided by the number of main scheme applications from the group to give the average offer rate.

The average offer rate does not attempt to control for any other factors that may play a part in the decision to make an offer, such as the subject of the qualifications studied, their relevance to a course, or the grade in each subject; higher numbers of A levels being studied; the exact profile of grades predicted; personal statements; teacher references; interviews; or any other criteria (such as work experience or portfolios) that may be part of the admissions decision.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Contribution of group to the average offer rate

The way in which the average offer rate is defined means that the pattern of application and offers of a group (for example POLAR4 quintile 1) will always contribute, in part, to the average offer rate for that group. When this contribution is large, the average offer rate will mainly reflect the patterns for the group, meaning that the value of the average offer rate will be similar to the offer rate, the percentage point difference statistic will be small, and any real difference between the offer rate and what might be expected given the predicted grades and subject choices of the applicants will be difficult to detect.

Values of the contribution of group to the average offer rate range between 0 and 1. The closer the value is to 1 the greater the contribution a group makes to its own average offer rate.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Placed June deadline applicants

An applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education at the provider through a June deadline application.

Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old placed June deadline applicants at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their June deadline applications. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider, but for placed June deadline applicants only. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider through a June deadline application.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

June deadline applications

An application (or choice) to a course in higher education to the provider that is made by the June 30 deadline. Each applicant can make up to five choices this way. The number of June deadline applications does not include choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs. Applications made to October deadline courses received after the October deadline are not included in these statistics.

June deadline applicants

The number of applicants that made at least one application to the provider by the June 30 deadline.

June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old June deadline applicants to the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, who applied by the June 30 deadline. It is equivalent to the application rate. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will apply to a provider by the June 30 deadline.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

Offers

An offer is defined as a provider's decision in response to an application to offer a place to an applicant, often subject to the applicant satisfying academic and/or other criteria, via a June deadline application (i.e. does not cover choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs).

Offer rate

The number of offers made divided by the number of June deadline applications. This gives the proportion of all June deadline applications to the provider that received an offer.

Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate

The offer rate minus the average offer rate.

The percentage point difference can be compared to the expected range of statistical variation resulting from the calculation of the average offer rate using the Average Offer Rate Lookup Table. Where the value of the percentage point difference lies outside of this range, the percentage point difference may be considered to represent a real difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate.

Other definitions

Age

This analysis uses country-specific age definitions that align with the cut off points for school and college cohorts within the different administrations of the UK. For England and Wales, ages are defined on the 31 August, for Northern Ireland on the 1 July and for Scotland on the 28 February the following year. Defining ages in this way matches the assignment of children to school cohorts. For applicants outside of the UK a cohort cut off of 31 August has been used. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

Provider

A higher education provider - a university or college.

UK domiciled

Declared area of permanent residence within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Applicants from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not included.