# Sex, area background and ethnic group



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

**Application statistics:** June deadline applications, offers, offer rate, average offer rate, percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate, contribution of group to the average offer rate

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken

- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Applicants/placed applicants per 10,000 population figures are reported as 0 if the applicant/placed applicant figures are rounded to 0.
- All statistics related to the offer rate are not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 10. The percentage point difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate is not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 50.
- Offer rates are reported as 0% if there are fewer than 5 offers, and 100% if the number of offers is within 5 of the number of applications. When the offer rate is reported as 0% or 100%, it is reported in italics.

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# P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	37,080	37,480	37,955	35,860	33,695	33,330
Placed June deadline applicants	10,250	10,170	10,310	10,215	9,660	9,120
All placed applicants	12,145	12,025	12,595	12,400	11,830	11,620
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	492.3	489.2	506.4	484.0	466.5	470.8
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	136.1	132.8	137.5	137.9	133.7	128.8
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	161.2	157.0	168.0	167.4	163.8	164.2

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	53,430	53,340	53,570	51,130	48,260	47,175
Offers	44,695	44,950	45,140	44,045	42,080	41,110
Offer rate	83.7%	84.3%	84.3%	86.1%	87.2%	87.1%

## P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	16,935	16,900	16,855	15,880	14,810	14,160
	Women	20,145	20,575	21,100	19,980	18,885	19,170
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	4,760	4,665	4,645	4,655	4,320	4,015
	Women	5,490	5,510	5,665	5,555	5,340	5,105
All placed applicants	Men	5,695	5,520	5,730	5,735	5,400	5,265
	Women	6,445	6,505	6,865	6,665	6,430	6,360
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	437.5	430.7	438.8	418.1	399.7	390.9
population	Women	550.3	550.6	577.4	553.4	536.8	554.7
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	123.0	118.8	120.9	122.6	116.6	110.9
10,000 population	Women	149.9	147.4	155.0	153.9	151.8	147.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	147.2	140.7	149.2	151.0	145.8	145.3
population	Women	176.1	174.0	187.8	184.6	182.7	184.0

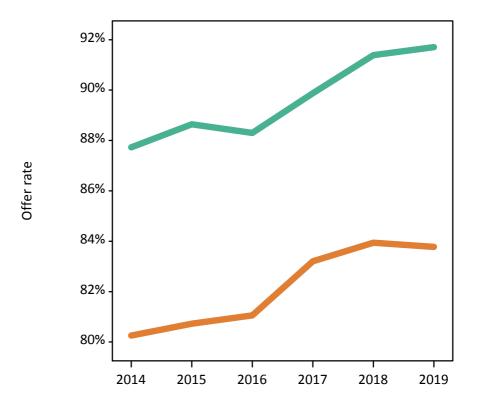
# P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	24,305	23,930	23,710	22,540	21,050	20,000
	Women	29,125	29,410	29,860	28,585	27,210	27,175
Offers	Men	21,320	21,210	20,935	20,260	19,235	18,345
	Women	23,375	23,740	24,200	23,785	22,840	22,765
Offer rate	Men	87.7%	88.6%	88.3%	89.9%	91.4%	91.7%
	Women	80.3%	80.7%	81.1%	83.2%	83.9%	83.8%
Average offer rate	Men	88.2%	88.9%	88.7%	90.2%	91.7%	92.1%
	Women	79.9%	80.5%	80.7%	82.9%	83.7%	83.5%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.638	0.636	0.625	0.631	0.631	0.615
offer rate	Women	0.698	0.704	0.703	0.709	0.714	0.717

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

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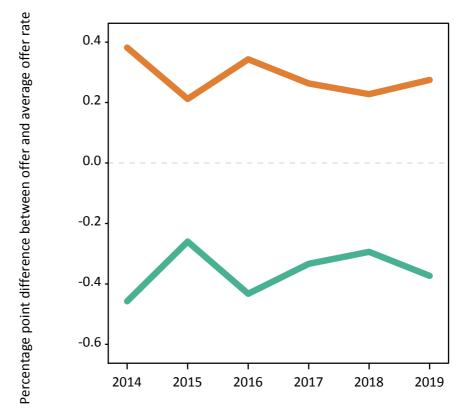




P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex

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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	3,995	4,180	4,125	4,050	3,780	3,775
	Quintile 2	6,020	6,065	6,295	5,845	5,480	5,500
	Quintile 3	7,335	7,475	7,475	7,265	6,610	6,470
	Quintile 4	7,960	8,150	8,105	7,750	7,300	7,145
	Quintile 5	11,705	11,540	11,880	10,880	10,435	10,265
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,345	1,375	1,290	1,305	1,230	1,205
	Quintile 2	2,035	1,995	2,050	2,020	1,865	1,845
	Quintile 3	2,340	2,275	2,265	2,240	2,115	1,895
	Quintile 4	2,040	2,085	2,125	2,090	1,950	1,840
	Quintile 5	2,465	2,425	2,560	2,530	2,465	2,295
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	1,565	1,595	1,540	1,525	1,455	1,470
	Quintile 2	2,350	2,340	2,435	2,385	2,225	2,210
	Quintile 3	2,695	2,640	2,685	2,640	2,520	2,370
	Quintile 4	2,440	2,445	2,585	2,575	2,420	2,330
	Quintile 5	3,070	2,990	3,330	3,255	3,180	3,200
June deadline applicants per 10,00	0 Quintile 1	284.3	295.2	303.0	302.5	290.6	297.9
population	Quintile 2	419.4	415.2	443.5	419.0	405.0	416.6
	Quintile 3	500.9	498.7	510.1	501.6	468.8	468.6
	Quintile 4	522.2	526.2	531.9	512.6	494.8	492.9
	Quintile 5	687.9	664.3	688.7	634.4	619.6	618.2
Placed June deadline applicants pe	er Quintile 1	95.8	97.1	94.9	97.6	94.7	95.2
10,000 population	Quintile 2	141.8	136.6	144.4	144.9	137.8	139.7
	Quintile 3	159.7	151.7	154.7	154.6	150.2	137.4
	Quintile 4	133.8	134.6	139.3	138.3	132.2	126.9
	Quintile 5	145.0	139.5	148.3	147.7	146.4	138.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	111.2	112.6	113.0	113.8	111.7	115.8
population	Quintile 2	163.8	160.2	171.5	170.8	164.4	167.3
	Quintile 3	184.0	176.0	183.3	182.2	178.8	171.6
	Quintile 4	160.0	157.8	169.7	170.2	164.1	160.7
	Quintile 5	180.3	172.0	193.0	189.9	188.8	192.6

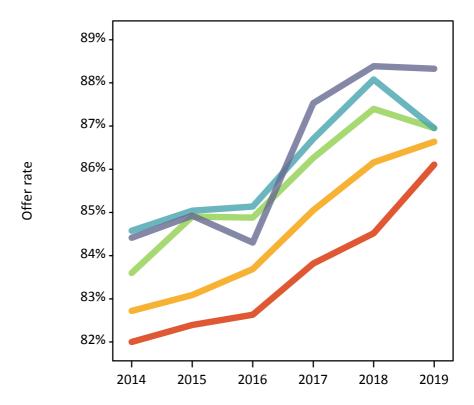
# P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR4 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	6,695	6,860	6,685	6,600	6,125	6,040
	Quintile 2	10,015	9,865	10,175	9,390	8,950	8,800
	Quintile 3	11,285	11,180	11,115	11,015	9,990	9,680
	Quintile 4	10,860	11,105	10,885	10,500	10,025	9,610
	Quintile 5	14,490	14,235	14,625	13,525	13,045	12,815
Offers	Quintile 1	5,490	5,655	5,525	5,530	5,175	5,200
	Quintile 2	8,285	8,195	8,515	7,990	7,715	7,625
	Quintile 3	9,435	9,495	9,435	9,500	8,730	8,420
	Quintile 4	9,185	9,445	9,270	9,105	8,830	8,355
	Quintile 5	12,230	12,090	12,330	11,835	11,530	11,320
Offer rate	Quintile 1	82.0%	82.4%	82.6%	83.8%	84.5%	86.1%
	Quintile 2	82.7%	83.1%	83.7%	85.1%	86.2%	86.6%
	Quintile 3	83.6%	84.9%	84.9%	86.3%	87.4%	87.0%
	Quintile 4	84.6%	85.0%	85.1%	86.7%	88.1%	87.0%
	Quintile 5	84.4%	84.9%	84.3%	87.5%	88.4%	88.3%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	82.3%	82.8%	83.4%	84.6%	85.6%	86.5%
	Quintile 2	83.2%	83.6%	84.0%	85.4%	86.7%	86.8%
	Quintile 3	83.5%	84.6%	84.7%	86.0%	86.8%	87.0%
	Quintile 4	84.3%	85.3%	85.0%	86.5%	88.0%	87.4%
	Quintile 5	84.2%	84.5%	84.0%	87.2%	88.0%	87.6%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1
	Quintile 3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.1
	Quintile 4	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.5
	Quintile 5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.256	0.255	0.254	0.256	0.254	0.261
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.301	0.298	0.299	0.295	0.301	0.302
	Quintile 3	0.303	0.300	0.303	0.309	0.306	0.309
	Quintile 4	0.291	0.294	0.296	0.295	0.304	0.302
	Quintile 5	0.390	0.383	0.389	0.381	0.390	0.390

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

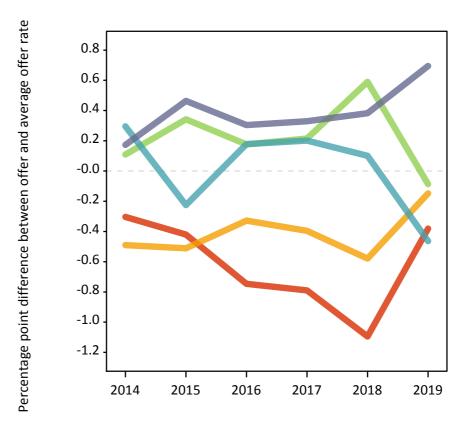
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**P.10** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR4 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





# P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	32,550	32,705	32,770	30,870	28,640	27,905
	Black	725	780	820	750	725	825
	Asian	2,270	2,295	2,560	2,425	2,560	2,735
	Mixed	1,105	1,245	1,265	1,305	1,250	1,280
	Other	285	275	330	325	305	390
Placed June deadline applicants	White	9,465	9,335	9,440	9,290	8,605	8,100
	Black	110	120	125	120	130	150
	Asian	375	350	375	415	490	470
	Mixed	225	280	270	290	300	290
	Other	35	55	55	55	70	75
All placed applicants	White	11,065	10,885	11,330	11,055	10,275	10,025
	Black	190	180	200	185	205	255
	Asian	500	500	545	620	730	740
	Mixed	285	345	365	385	415	415
	Other	60	70	90	90	115	115
June deadline applicants per 10,000	White	527.6	524.9	541.8	520.2	501.2	504.9
population	Black	239.8	244.4	262.6	238.9	225.2	250.4
	Asian	334.9	324.4	355.9	329.3	338.6	350.6
	Mixed	384.4	404.1	402.0	406.9	386.2	388.5
	Other	308.3	284.3	332.6	313.6	283.4	346.5
Placed June deadline applicants per	White	153.4	149.8	156.1	156.6	150.6	146.6
10,000 population	Black	36.9	37.1	40.2	38.4	41.1	45.5
	Asian	55.0	49.7	52.1	56.4	64.6	60.5
	Mixed	78.9	91.1	85.8	90.3	93.1	88.5
	Other	38.7	58.1	56.3	54.4	66.2	67.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	White	179.3	174.7	187.3	186.3	179.8	181.4
population	Black	62.0	56.5	63.6	59.4	64.4	76.7
	Asian	73.7	70.6	76.0	84.0	96.5	95.0
	Mixed	99.4	112.2	116.6	119.9	127.4	126.4
	Other	63.4	70.5	91.4	88.3	106.3	102.4

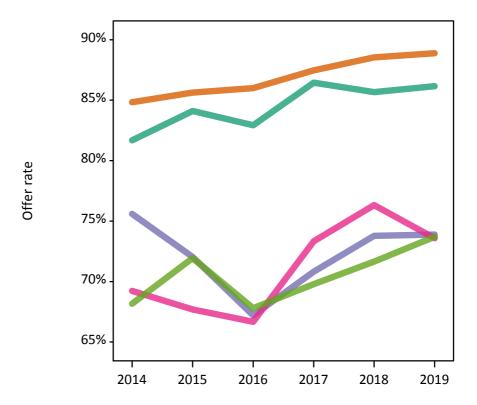
# P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	47,790	47,440	47,220	44,930	41,880	40,260
	Black	890	925	1,005	915	905	1,055
	Asian	2,790	2,830	3,100	2,990	3,245	3,435
	Mixed	1,410	1,560	1,560	1,625	1,575	1,645
	Other	375	365	445	425	390	515
Offers	White	40,540	40,620	40,605	39,300	37,075	35,785
	Black	670	665	675	650	665	780
	Asian	1,930	1,915	2,065	2,190	2,475	2,530
	Mixed	1,150	1,310	1,290	1,405	1,350	1,420
	Other	255	265	300	300	280	380
Offer rate	White	84.8%	85.6%	86.0%	87.5%	88.5%	88.9%
	Black	75.6%	72.0%	67.2%	70.8%	73.8%	73.9%
	Asian	69.2%	67.7%	66.7%	73.3%	76.3%	73.6%
	Mixed	81.7%	84.1%	82.9%	86.4%	85.7%	86.2%
	Other	68.2%	71.9%	67.8%	69.8%	71.6%	73.7%
Average offer rate	White	84.6%	85.4%	85.7%	87.1%	88.2%	88.5%
	Black	77.5%	76.0%	73.6%	77.6%	77.7%	77.9%
	Asian	71.1%	70.4%	68.8%	75.5%	78.0%	76.0%
	Mixed	82.4%	84.2%	83.4%	86.1%	87.5%	87.1%
	Other	72.5%	74.5%	71.6%	75.1%	77.7%	76.6%
Percentage point difference between	White	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-1.9	-4.0	-6.4	-6.7	-4.0	-4.1
	Asian	-1.8	-2.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.7	-2.5
	Mixed	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	-1.8	-0.9
	Other	-4.3	-2.5	-3.8	-5.3	-6.0	-3.0
Contribution of group to the average	White	0.914	0.910	0.905	0.901	0.894	0.884
offer rate	Black	0.153	0.155	0.140	0.137	0.141	0.136
	Asian	0.222	0.227	0.233	0.221	0.261	0.257
	Mixed	0.122	0.131	0.134	0.127	0.148	0.150
	Other	0.119	0.123	0.112	0.117	0.110	0.120

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

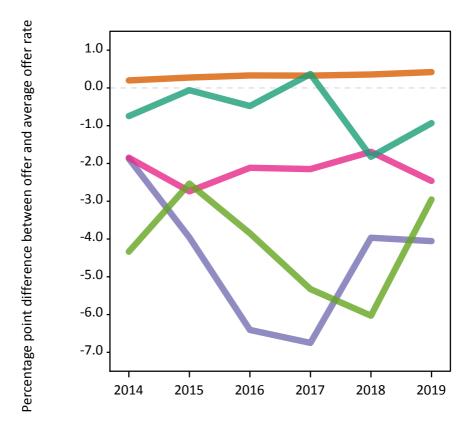
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**P.14** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2014-2019.





## P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	63,290	63,785	63,830	59,230	55,545	54,035
Placed June deadline applicants	18,550	18,425	18,565	18,230	17,355	16,520
All placed applicants	22,845	22,645	23,235	23,230	22,145	21,735

# P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	93,730	93,115	92,955	86,745	82,090	79,145
Offers	68,925	69,365	69,225	67,260	64,060	62,055
Offer rate	73.5%	74.5%	74.5%	77.5%	78.0%	78.4%

# P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Men	28,690	28,770	28,115	25,910	23,735	22,380
	Women	34,600	35,015	35,715	33,320	31,810	31,655
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	8,515	8,410	8,195	8,050	7,360	6,875
	Women	10,035	10,020	10,365	10,180	9,995	9,640
All placed applicants	Men	10,585	10,385	10,390	10,320	9,580	9,260
	Women	12,265	12,260	12,845	12,915	12,565	12,470

# P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Men	41,920	41,330	40,325	37,360	34,415	32,185
	Women	51,810	51,785	52,630	49,385	47,675	46,960
Offers	Men	33,385	33,300	32,440	30,995	28,860	27,390
	Women	35,540	36,065	36,780	36,270	35,200	34,665
Offer rate	Men	79.6%	80.6%	80.5%	83.0%	83.9%	85.1%
	Women	68.6%	69.6%	69.9%	73.4%	73.8%	73.8%

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

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	8,230	8,465	8,270	7,825	7,450	7,425
	Quintile 2	11,255	11,330	11,590	10,565	9,885	9,700
	Quintile 3	12,690	12,755	12,790	12,025	11,130	10,680
	Quintile 4	13,110	13,195	13,020	12,330	11,450	11,120
	Quintile 5	17,880	17,890	18,025	16,330	15,480	14,785
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,855	2,895	2,835	2,730	2,670	2,655
	Quintile 2	3,975	3,875	4,045	3,855	3,680	3,545
	Quintile 3	4,105	4,035	3,985	3,980	3,785	3,475
	Quintile 4	3,525	3,575	3,510	3,515	3,270	3,125
	Quintile 5	4,060	4,010	4,150	4,105	3,895	3,625
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	3,485	3,585	3,515	3,465	3,355	3,435
	Quintile 2	4,850	4,760	4,995	4,925	4,695	4,600
	Quintile 3	4,975	4,890	4,925	5,035	4,830	4,540
	Quintile 4	4,350	4,315	4,380	4,430	4,170	4,070
	Quintile 5	5,125	5,045	5,370	5,315	5,020	4,955

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

Statistic	POLAR4 quintile	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	13,910	14,110	13,645	12,900	12,385	12,285
	Quintile 2	18,895	18,645	19,195	17,335	16,595	15,880
	Quintile 3	19,625	19,325	19,315	18,555	17,090	16,305
	Quintile 4	18,235	18,170	17,830	16,895	15,860	15,310
	Quintile 5	22,905	22,660	22,795	20,825	19,940	18,910
Offers	Quintile 1	9,675	9,865	9,595	9,410	9,035	9,130
	Quintile 2	13,495	13,500	13,895	13,035	12,595	12,140
	Quintile 3	14,350	14,515	14,485	14,340	13,320	12,655
	Quintile 4	13,760	13,915	13,575	13,470	12,705	12,235
	Quintile 5	17,535	17,435	17,555	16,840	16,260	15,565
Offer rate	Quintile 1	69.5%	69.9%	70.3%	73.0%	72.9%	74.3%
	Quintile 2	71.4%	72.4%	72.4%	75.2%	75.9%	76.4%
	Quintile 3	73.1%	75.1%	75.0%	77.3%	77.9%	77.6%
	Quintile 4	75.5%	76.6%	76.1%	79.7%	80.1%	79.9%
	Quintile 5	76.5%	76.9%	77.0%	80.9%	81.5%	82.3%

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applicants	White	54,280	54,130	53,720	49,730	46,170	44,530
	Black	1,935	2,105	2,170	1,970	1,825	1,920
	Asian	4,195	4,395	4,575	4,265	4,320	4,425
	Mixed	1,910	2,110	2,185	2,150	2,140	2,010
	Other	620	630	725	675	640	735
Placed June deadline applicants	White	16,925	16,665	16,730	16,310	15,310	14,555
	Black	320	345	370	345	350	350
	Asian	700	710	715	790	845	810
	Mixed	425	510	505	535	565	525
	Other	95	120	145	135	145	180
All placed applicants	White	20,400	20,075	20,410	20,245	18,895	18,370
	Black	525	560	595	560	565	595
	Asian	985	1,025	1,065	1,160	1,235	1,260
	Mixed	555	645	675	695	750	740
	Other	160	170	220	230	235	270

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
June deadline applications	White	81,815	80,650	79,915	74,270	69,605	66,470
	Black	2,630	2,740	2,960	2,655	2,510	2,630
	Asian	5,395	5,595	5,725	5,470	5,640	5,750
	Mixed	2,530	2,750	2,780	2,805	2,865	2,660
	Other	895	855	1,020	930	880	1,075
Offers	White	61,655	61,720	61,365	59,085	55,795	53,525
	Black	1,415	1,390	1,465	1,405	1,315	1,450
	Asian	3,210	3,315	3,375	3,585	3,815	3,875
	Mixed	1,825	2,070	2,050	2,180	2,175	2,120
	Other	510	540	600	575	535	685
Offer rate	White	75.4%	76.5%	76.8%	79.6%	80.2%	80.5%
	Black	53.9%	50.8%	49.5%	52.8%	52.5%	55.1%
	Asian	59.5%	59.3%	58.9%	65.5%	67.6%	67.4%
	Mixed	72.1%	75.4%	73.8%	77.7%	75.9%	79.6%
	Other	56.9%	63.0%	59.0%	61.7%	61.1%	63.7%

### **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.