# End of Cycle 2016 Data Resources DR2\_039\_05 Acceptances by POLAR3 and sex



**Statistic:** Number of Acceptances

Variables: POLAR3 Quintile, Sex, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applied before June deadline and UK domiciled 18 year olds

# **Definitions**

# **POLAR3** Quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 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). 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 classified as 'Not Assigned'. Please note: POLAR3 is only relevant for applicants aged 19 and under domiciled in the UK (as determined by EXACT definitions of age and domicile - please see relevant definition for more details), therefore any applicants outside of this cohort are classified as 'Not Applicable'. Following the inclusion of 2015 application cycle data a small change was made to allow for the assignment of POLAR3 to any new postcodes from 2011.

### Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

### Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

## **Number of Acceptances**

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education.



POLAR3 Quintile , Sex		Number of Acceptances by Cycle Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
POLAR3 Quintile 1	Men	6,920	7,195	8,020	8,575	8,705	8,535	9,090	9,820	9,850	10,060
	Women	9,495	10,670	11,400	11,840	12,165	12,205	12,660	13,865	14,780	14,930
POLAR3 Quintile 2	Men	11,070	11,815	12,790	12,995	13,495	12,885	13,680	14,275	14,705	14,965
	Women	15,130	16,455	17,510	17,345	17,905	17,800	18,615	19,485	20,685	21,035
POLAR3 Quintile 3	Men	15,225	15,790	17,060	17,505	17,795	17,220	17,940	18,655	19,225	19,250
	Women	20,250	21,415	22,525	22,340	22,795	22,435	23,435	23,935	25,560	26,005
POLAR3 Quintile 4	Men	21,005	21,700	22,845	22,745	23,335	22,135	22,825	23,030	23,785	24,095
	Women	25,640	27,095	27,940	28,200	28,285	27,350	28,310	28,500	30,425	30,590
POLAR3 Quintile 5	Men	30,725	31,565	32,870	32,560	33,545	31,660	32,340	32,635	33,495	34,045
	Women	35,135	36,635	37,710	36,945	37,820	36,940	37,075	37,565	39,230	39,880
Not assigned	Men	440	1,440	270	215	190	170	170	185	235	425
	Women	495	1,860	350	235	225	200	175	205	315	555
Total		191,535	203,630	211,290	211,495	216,270	209,540	216,310	222,160	232,285	235,835