# **Northern Irish providers**

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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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	11,750	11,795	12,060	11,980	12,080	12,540
Placed June deadline applicants	5,600	5,300	5,595	5,805	5,575	5,080
All placed applicants	5,930	5,610	5,975	6,195	5,960	5,340
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	148.8	153.2	155.9	157.4	160.4	163.7
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	71.0	68.8	72.3	76.3	74.0	66.3
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	75.1	72.9	77.2	81.4	79.1	69.7

# P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	33,730	32,850	34,990	34,330	34,645	35,895
Offers	28,560	25,960	28,245	28,570	29,375	30,105
Offer rate	84.7%	79.0%	80.7%	83.2%	84.8%	83.9%

#### P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

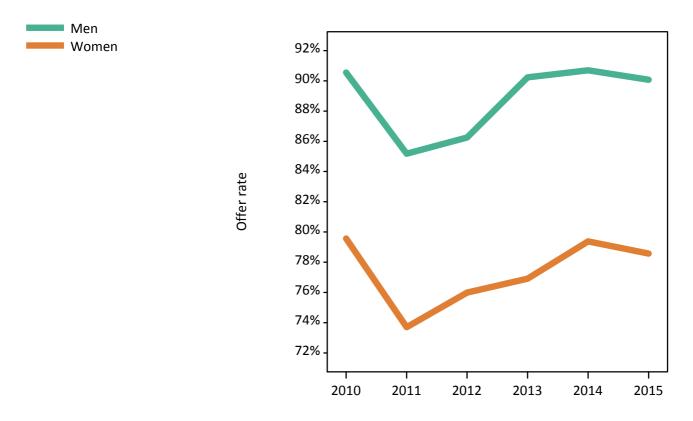
Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	5,130	5,225	5,260	5,310	5,355	5,420
	Women	6,620	6,575	6,805	6,665	6,730	7,120
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,580	2,475	2,550	2,740	2,575	2,275
	Women	3,020	2,825	3,045	3,065	3,000	2,800
All placed applicants	Men	2,740	2,605	2,720	2,890	2,745	2,375
	Women	3,190	3,005	3,250	3,300	3,215	2,960
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	127.7	132.8	132.6	136.1	138.3	138.1
population	Women	170.6	174.5	180.5	179.9	183.8	190.6
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	64.2	62.9	64.2	70.2	66.5	58.0
10,000 population	Women	77.9	75.0	80.8	82.8	82.0	75.0
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	68.3	66.2	68.6	74.1	71.0	60.6
population	Women	82.2	79.8	86.3	89.1	87.8	79.2

### P.4 18 year old applications by sex

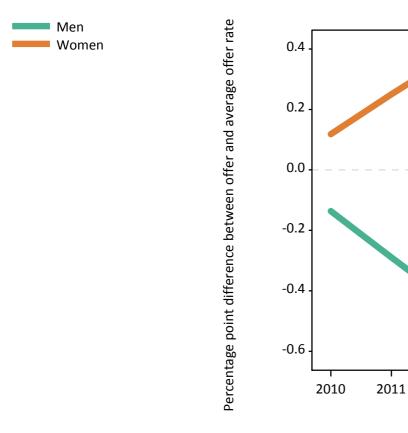
Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	15,655	15,220	16,145	16,260	16,570	16,495
	Women	18,080	17,635	18,850	18,070	18,075	19,400
Offers	Men	14,175	12,960	13,925	14,670	15,030	14,860
	Women	14,385	12,995	14,320	13,900	14,345	15,245
Offer rate	Men	90.6%	85.2%	86.3%	90.2%	90.7%	90.1%
	Women	79.6%	73.7%	76.0%	76.9%	79.4%	78.6%
Average offer rate	Men	90.7%	85.5%	86.7%	90.6%	91.1%	90.4%
	Women	79.5%	73.5%	75.6%	76.6%	79.0%	78.3%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.627	0.621	0.623	0.643	0.639	0.621
offer rate	Women	0.677	0.673	0.677	0.679	0.669	0.678

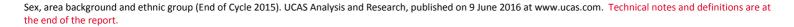
#### P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

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**P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex** Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





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### P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

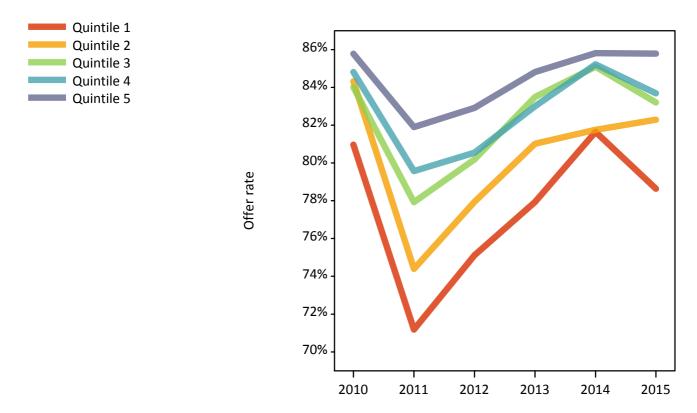
Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	835	780	810	800	860	905
	Quintile 2	1,120	1,220	1,215	1,170	1,285	1,295
	Quintile 3	1,880	1,795	1,890	1,920	1,930	2,005
	Quintile 4	3,535	3,530	3,510	3,465	3,530	3,660
	Quintile 5	4,340	4,440	4,610	4,600	4,460	4,655
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	365	305	325	340	360	295
	Quintile 2	530	475	505	555	550	475
	Quintile 3	905	815	890	930	895	840
	Quintile 4	1,730	1,625	1,700	1,760	1,700	1,555
	Quintile 5	2,065	2,065	2,170	2,205	2,060	1,905
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	380	315	345	365	385	310
	Quintile 2	555	510	545	590	595	495
	Quintile 3	950	860	955	985	950	895
	Quintile 4	1,830	1,720	1,820	1,880	1,825	1,635
	Quintile 5	2,200	2,195	2,305	2,360	2,200	1,995
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	56.4	54.2	56.9	57.3	61.9	64.7
population	Quintile 2	73.0	81.0	81.1	79.3	87.8	87.1
	Quintile 3	118.3	116.7	122.5	125.8	128.2	130.6
	Quintile 4	222.0	225.4	221.3	221.6	229.0	233.7
	Quintile 5	256.1	268.4	274.5	278.1	273.4	278.1
Placed June deadline applicants per	Quintile 1	24.7	21.2	22.8	24.3	25.9	21.0
10,000 population	Quintile 2	34.3	31.7	33.7	37.8	37.5	32.0
	Quintile 3	56.9	52.9	57.5	60.8	59.5	54.7
	Quintile 4	108.5	103.9	107.2	112.7	110.2	99.5
	Quintile 5	121.8	124.8	129.0	133.4	126.4	113.9
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	25.6	22.1	24.1	26.3	27.5	22.1
population	Quintile 2	36.1	33.9	36.2	40.1	40.6	33.3
	Quintile 3	59.7	55.8	61.8	64.5	63.3	58.2
	Quintile 4	115.0	109.8	114.7	120.1	118.3	104.4
	Quintile 5	129.9	132.5	137.2	142.7	134.8	119.3

### P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,555	2,285	2,445	2,390	2,460	2,650
	Quintile 2	3,280	3,360	3,450	3,375	3,605	3,640
	Quintile 3	5,545	5,095	5,660	5,595	5,550	5,935
	Quintile 4	10,270	10,095	10,440	10,215	10,400	10,615
	Quintile 5	11,985	11,920	12,945	12,680	12,570	13,000
Offers	Quintile 1	2,065	1,630	1,840	1,860	2,010	2,085
	Quintile 2	2,765	2,500	2,690	2,735	2,950	2,995
	Quintile 3	4,660	3,970	4,535	4,675	4,720	4,940
	Quintile 4	8,710	8,030	8,410	8,480	8,865	8,880
	Quintile 5	10,280	9,760	10,735	10,755	10,785	11,150
Offer rate	Quintile 1	81.0%	71.2%	75.1%	77.9%	81.6%	78.6%
	Quintile 2	84.3%	74.4%	77.9%	81.0%	81.8%	82.3%
	Quintile 3	84.0%	77.9%	80.2%	83.5%	85.1%	83.2%
	Quintile 4	84.8%	79.6%	80.5%	83.0%	85.2%	83.7%
	Quintile 5	85.8%	81.9%	82.9%	84.8%	85.8%	85.8%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	83.0%	72.7%	77.4%	80.4%	83.6%	81.9%
	Quintile 2	84.2%	75.7%	78.7%	82.0%	82.8%	82.6%
	Quintile 3	84.3%	78.3%	80.5%	83.3%	85.1%	83.9%
	Quintile 4	84.6%	79.3%	80.0%	83.0%	84.6%	83.5%
	Quintile 5	85.4%	81.3%	82.5%	84.1%	85.6%	84.9%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-2.1	-1.5	-2.3	-2.5	-2.0	-3.2
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	0.1	-1.3	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-0.3
	Quintile 3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.0	-0.7
	Quintile 4	0.2	0.3	0.5	-0.0	0.6	0.2
	Quintile 5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.9
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.168	0.165	0.152	0.165	0.161	0.158
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.169	0.176	0.177	0.165	0.179	0.169
	Quintile 3	0.228	0.221	0.225	0.223	0.221	0.223
	Quintile 4	0.358	0.368	0.353	0.353	0.350	0.343
	Quintile 5	0.411	0.423	0.426	0.424	0.416	0.415

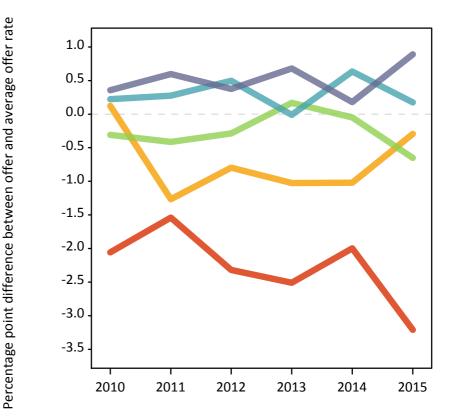
#### P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

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**P.10** Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.





# P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

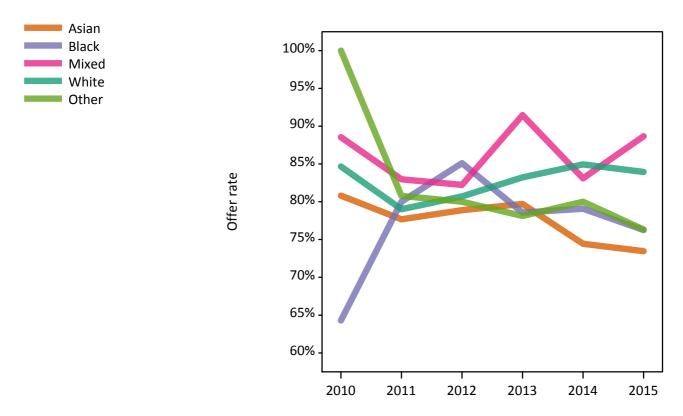
Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	90	120	140	150	205	210
	Black	20	25	35	50	60	55
	Mixed	80	105	115	130	135	160
	White	11,520	11,505	11,720	11,605	11,630	12,045
	Other	10	15	20	20	30	30
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	25	30	35	35	45	45
	Black	0	0	5	10	10	5
	Mixed	20	25	20	25	30	40
	White	5,540	5,230	5,515	5,730	5,490	4,975
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	5
All placed applicants	Asian	25	35	40	40	45	50
	Black	0	0	10	10	10	10
	Mixed	25	30	25	25	30	40
	White	5,865	5,530	5,885	6,110	5,865	5,230
	Other	5	5	5	5	5	5
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	14.9	19.2	21.9	23.0	30.1	30.0
population	Black	6.9	9.1	11.7	17.5	20.1	17.6
	Mixed	34.5	44.2	43.4	47.7	46.6	52.5
	White	171.8	177.7	181.5	184.4	188.5	193.3
	Other	10.4	21.0	20.3	24.3	31.2	29.1
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	3.7	4.8	5.4	5.6	6.3	6.5
10,000 population	Black	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.7	2.6	1.6
	Mixed	8.2	11.1	8.4	8.9	9.7	12.7
	White	82.6	80.8	85.4	91.1	89.0	79.8
	Other	3.9	4.9	6.8	3.3	5.4	4.2
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	3.9	5.6	6.3	6.4	6.9	6.9
population	Black	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.5
	Mixed	10.8	12.8	9.2	9.6	11.1	12.7
	White	87.4	85.4	91.1	97.1	95.0	83.9
	Other	3.9	4.9	6.8	3.3	6.4	4.2

# P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	170	225	250	275	355	375
	Black	30	40	45	70	85	80
	Mixed	155	190	180	210	220	255
	White	33,290	32,330	34,420	33,700	33,900	35,065
	Other	20	25	30	30	50	40
Offers	Asian	140	175	200	220	265	275
	Black	20	30	40	55	70	60
	Mixed	140	155	150	195	180	225
	White	28,190	25,540	27,780	28,050	28,795	29,435
	Other	15	20	25	25	40	30
Offer rate	Asian	80.8%	77.7%	78.9%	79.7%	74.4%	73.5%
	Black	64.3%	80.0%	85.1%	78.6%	79.1%	76.3%
	Mixed	88.5%	83.0%	82.2%	91.5%	83.1%	88.7%
	White	84.7%	79.0%	80.7%	83.2%	84.9%	83.9%
	Other	100.0%	80.8%	80.0%	78.1%	80.0%	76.3%
Average offer rate	Asian	83.5%	79.7%	82.2%	79.7%	79.1%	77.1%
	Black	81.0%	89.3%	77.6%	82.3%	80.0%	75.5%
	Mixed	87.8%	82.5%	84.1%	91.1%	84.8%	88.4%
	White	84.7%	79.0%	80.7%	83.2%	84.9%	83.9%
	Other	82.5%	86.3%	85.8%	88.1%	81.4%	70.1%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	-2.6	-2.1	-3.3	-0.0	-4.6	-3.7
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	-3.7	-1.0	0.8
	Mixed	0.8	0.5	-1.9	0.4	-1.7	0.2
	White	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.4	N/A
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.090	0.122	0.109	0.105	0.083	0.099
offer rate	Black	0.125	0.072	0.139	0.167	0.148	0.182
	Mixed	0.090	0.097	0.103	0.091	0.099	0.090
	White	0.988	0.986	0.985	0.984	0.981	0.979
	Other	0.093	0.138	0.082	0.089	0.070	0.086

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

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2010-2015.



**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 2010-2015.





# P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	18,485	19,180	19,235	20,465	20,880	22,010
Placed June deadline applicants	8,540	8,380	8,670	9,470	9,290	8,940
All placed applicants	9,085	8,915	9,380	10,290	10,540	9,560

# P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	50,910	52,185	53,935	56,860	58,240	60,345
Offers	39,350	37,230	39,915	41,940	43,720	45,135
Offer rate	77.3%	71.3%	74.0%	73.8%	75.1%	74.8%

## P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Men	8,045	8,465	8,490	8,895	9,105	9,535
	Women	10,440	10,715	10,745	11,570	11,775	12,475
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	3,920	3,915	4,040	4,475	4,355	4,075
	Women	4,620	4,465	4,630	4,995	4,935	4,865
All placed applicants	Men	4,175	4,150	4,395	4,790	4,970	4,305
	Women	4,910	4,765	4,985	5,500	5,570	5,255

# P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Men	23,085	23,655	24,860	25,935	26,820	27,285
	Women	27,825	28,535	29,075	30,930	31,420	33,060
Offers	Men	19,380	18,585	19,890	21,735	22,560	22,725
	Women	19,970	18,645	20,025	20,205	21,160	22,410
Offer rate	Men	83.9%	78.6%	80.0%	83.8%	84.1%	83.3%
	Women	71.8%	65.3%	68.9%	65.3%	67.3%	67.8%

### P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,505	1,490	1,550	1,720	1,805	1,830
	Quintile 2	2,005	2,170	2,145	2,215	2,500	2,570
	Quintile 3	3,105	3,085	3,185	3,485	3,405	3,655
	Quintile 4	5,385	5,630	5,495	5,810	5,965	6,335
	Quintile 5	6,420	6,750	6,805	7,195	7,165	7,565
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	630	580	615	745	740	630
	Quintile 2	890	855	895	975	1,020	985
	Quintile 3	1,460	1,330	1,450	1,585	1,530	1,530
	Quintile 4	2,535	2,500	2,560	2,785	2,725	2,665
	Quintile 5	2,990	3,095	3,140	3,365	3,255	3,110
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	665	610	655	805	810	670
	Quintile 2	940	915	970	1,060	1,170	1,050
	Quintile 3	1,545	1,405	1,570	1,720	1,770	1,645
	Quintile 4	2,705	2,665	2,800	3,030	3,095	2,855
	Quintile 5	3,195	3,295	3,370	3,655	3,670	3,315

# P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	4,320	4,285	4,515	5,015	5,200	5,130
	Quintile 2	5,540	5,870	5,925	6,130	6,855	6,950
	Quintile 3	8,720	8,640	9,215	9,815	9,540	10,105
	Quintile 4	15,060	15,530	15,710	16,360	16,920	17,680
	Quintile 5	17,100	17,720	18,450	19,440	19,610	20,335
Offers	Quintile 1	3,165	2,770	3,005	3,320	3,660	3,515
	Quintile 2	4,185	3,925	4,125	4,310	4,865	4,975
	Quintile 3	6,680	5,950	6,775	7,130	7,185	7,540
	Quintile 4	11,610	11,205	11,685	12,175	12,760	13,220
	Quintile 5	13,580	13,295	14,245	14,910	15,170	15,790
Offer rate	Quintile 1	73.3%	64.6%	66.5%	66.2%	70.4%	68.6%
	Quintile 2	75.6%	66.8%	69.7%	70.3%	71.0%	71.5%
	Quintile 3	76.6%	68.8%	73.5%	72.7%	75.3%	74.6%
	Quintile 4	77.1%	72.1%	74.4%	74.4%	75.4%	74.8%
	Quintile 5	79.4%	75.0%	77.2%	76.7%	77.4%	77.6%

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applicants	Asian	210	250	330	360	475	760
	Black	95	110	135	190	230	235
	Mixed	150	185	185	210	235	285
	White	17,945	18,550	18,480	19,585	19,810	20,510
	Other	25	40	40	70	65	95
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	55	60	90	85	110	240
	Black	10	15	20	30	50	45
	Mixed	35	50	45	50	55	70
	White	8,405	8,230	8,490	9,285	9,045	8,530
	Other	10	10	10	15	15	20
All placed applicants	Asian	60	70	155	100	265	255
	Black	15	15	40	35	165	50
	Mixed	45	55	50	50	75	70
	White	8,920	8,730	9,090	10,075	9,965	9,090
	Other	10	10	10	15	50	20

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

Statistic	Ethnic group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June deadline applications	Asian	385	460	610	615	725	1,110
	Black	150	170	195	285	360	320
	Mixed	280	345	315	365	395	465
	White	49,930	51,055	52,635	55,385	56,535	58,090
	Other	55	70	60	110	110	130
Offers	Asian	260	305	425	425	490	695
	Black	55	85	105	155	200	150
	Mixed	210	245	230	305	300	360
	White	38,700	36,480	39,030	40,930	42,590	43,700
	Other	40	50	40	60	75	70
Offer rate	Asian	67.4%	67.0%	70.1%	69.2%	67.3%	62.5%
	Black	36.2%	49.7%	53.6%	55.1%	56.3%	46.7%
	Mixed	74.3%	71.6%	73.0%	84.1%	75.6%	77.8%
	White	77.5%	71.5%	74.2%	73.9%	75.3%	75.2%
	Other	74.5%	70.0%	64.5%	56.5%	67.6%	55.0%

# **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 2015 cycle runs from September 2014 through to October 2015.

#### 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.

#### 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). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, 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 POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

#### Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

#### SIMD quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) for 2012 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 2015 End of Cycle Report and the 2016 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 POLAR3 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 POLAR3 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.

#### 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.