

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR3_033_03 Applications by subject group and POLAR3

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Statistic: Number of Applications

Variables: Subject Group (Summary Level), POLAR3 Quintile, Cycle Year

Coverage: Applications through the main scheme, UK domiciled and 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.

Subject Group (Summary Level)

Classifies courses into a summary level of 26 subjects. Each course is assigned up to three valid JACS3 subject codes (e.g. G100 – Mathematics) and a course balance indicator by UCAS, which are available for review by the provider. The course is assigned a subject based on these JACS3 subject codes and balance indicator, it largely correlates to the first two characters of the subject codes. Where there are more than one JACS3 subject codes for a given course, and the balance indicator is dual or triple, the first two characters of each subject code are reported in combination to a relevant category (e.g. Course with dual balance indicator with JACS3 subject codes B940 = Counselling and C843 = Counselling psychology is assigned a subject 'Y Combined sciences'). Please note: Between 2007 and 2011 the subject codes assigned to each course were from the JACS2.0 classification, therefore JACS3 versions of the subject categories have been approximated for 2007 to 2011 to allow a consistent time series.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

Number of Applications

Application is defined as a choice to a course in higher education through the UCAS main scheme. Each applicant can make up to five choices, which was reduced from six in 2008. The number of applications does not include choices made through the following acceptance routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs.

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Subject Group (Summary Level), POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group A Medicine and Dentistry	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,510	1,620	1,875	1,905	1,870	1,925	2,005	1,725	2,005	2,345
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	3,220	3,445	3,720	3,865	3,795	3,755	3,735	3,650	3,690	3,890
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	5,505	5,720	6,045	5,975	5,990	6,030	5,665	4,970	5,315	5,560
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	8,600	8,305	9,175	9,555	8,790	8,980	8,535	7,525	7,475	8,020
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	16,635	15,780	17,805	17,590	17,465	17,030	16,370	14,240	14,295	14,195
	Not assigned	340	80	45	55	60	65	55	55	85	80
Group B Subjects allied to Medicine	POLAR3 Quintile 1	7,720	8,665	11,470	12,490	12,760	12,540	13,785	14,145	14,625	14,015
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	11,920	13,350	16,135	17,775	18,335	18,750	18,740	19,440	19,875	19,330
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	15,580	16,530	20,330	21,540	22,110	22,635	22,720	23,725	24,165	22,545
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	18,165	18,630	23,955	25,265	25,675	25,725	24,400	24,770	25,060	23,990
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	21,965	22,875	26,940	29,510	29,455	28,455	28,355	28,355	27,860	25,715
	Not assigned	1,330	220	195	180	175	160	145	130	130	235
Group C Biological Sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	9,700	10,945	12,915	13,125	13,195	14,100	16,155	17,615	18,005	17,625
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	14,920	16,730	19,045	19,665	18,945	20,025	22,360	24,140	25,705	24,985
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	19,725	21,815	24,080	24,300	24,225	25,220	26,965	29,990	30,545	31,055
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	24,875	27,280	31,235	30,330	29,760	30,860	31,990	34,085	36,355	35,840
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	31,910	35,445	39,095	38,410	38,455	38,790	41,260	43,290	44,915	44,410
	Not assigned	1,835	270	210	260	185	210	235	280	315	385
Group D Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related	POLAR3 Quintile 1	745	825	965	1,250	1,090	1,205	1,340	1,330	1,305	1,355
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,245	1,390	1,615	1,950	1,875	1,840	1,830	1,975	1,835	1,945
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,730	2,060	2,435	2,480	2,495	2,585	2,600	2,610	2,670	2,580
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,680	2,880	3,350	3,595	3,550	3,780	3,570	3,630	3,655	3,635
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,455	3,800	4,100	4,280	4,490	4,605	4,610	4,565	4,570	4,385
	Not assigned	240	30	25	30	25	15	20	30	35	45
Group F Physical Sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	3,640	4,080	4,885	5,070	4,950	5,280	5,485	6,050	5,725	6,020
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	6,600	7,020	7,805	8,580	8,720	8,925	9,080	9,605	9,050	9,190
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	9,325	9,835	10,870	11,500	11,525	12,105	12,760	12,720	12,470	12,285
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	13,485	13,975	15,265	15,975	16,240	16,730	16,915	17,810	16,530	15,825
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	19,330	20,820	22,185	23,690	24,050	25,330	25,435	25,380	23,415	24,135
	Not assigned	810	140	135	125	95	85	110	115	120	145
Group G Mathematical Sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,670	2,000	2,120	2,345	2,200	2,340	2,290	2,540	2,625	2,820
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,955	3,340	3,645	3,710	3,765	3,935	3,960	3,945	4,075	4,160
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,845	5,010	5,085	4,870	5,160	5,000	5,090	5,185	5,380	5,690
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,115	6,170	6,740	6,545	6,720	6,945	6,735	6,950	6,950	7,475
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	8,150	9,545	9,675	10,140	9,585	10,065	9,910	10,035	10,590	10,865
	Not assigned	235	45	55	25	55	70	30	60	30	75
Group H Engineering	POLAR3 Quintile 1	2,910	3,300	3,950	3,955	3,940	4,110	5,025	5,220	5,685	5,965
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	5,330	5,940	6,720	6,905	6,925	7,385	8,530	9,190	9,455	9,395
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	8,050	9,250	9,830	9,755	10,250	10,785	11,665	12,635	13,545	13,225
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	11,405	13,645	13,835	14,075	14,060	14,910	16,040	17,500	16,930	17,175
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	18,105	20,770	21,830	22,670	22,820	23,730	26,095	26,945	27,095	27,175
	Not assigned	675	200	140	180	155	120	150	175	145	200

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Subject Group (Summary Level), POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group I Computer Sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	3,645	4,270	5,025	5,125	4,810	5,480	6,400	6,990	6,760	6,905
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	5,300	6,140	6,410	6,760	6,485	7,345	8,625	9,185	9,440	9,345
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	6,300	7,370	8,045	8,220	8,020	8,925	10,165	11,365	11,420	11,440
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	7,680	8,065	8,745	8,955	8,490	9,825	11,100	12,335	12,100	12,700
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	8,805	9,090	9,325	10,220	9,705	11,055	11,950	13,565	13,760	14,670
	Not assigned	445	60	55	65	65	50	70	80	100	140
Group J Technologies	POLAR3 Quintile 1	345	465	455	415	380	370	385	380	315	275
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	590	690	730	725	560	610	590	580	425	475
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	750	970	945	925	820	795	830	690	655	585
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,015	1,170	1,205	1,145	1,000	980	1,010	995	715	730
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,275	1,450	1,590	1,540	1,250	1,280	1,395	1,340	1,130	1,055
	Not assigned	110	20	5	5	5	10	5	5	10	10
Group K Architecture, Building and Planning	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,280	1,470	1,430	1,470	1,245	1,185	1,265	1,385	1,365	1,720
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,680	2,570	2,480	2,305	2,130	1,840	1,860	2,055	2,190	2,565
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,910	3,990	3,610	3,410	2,975	2,770	2,645	2,965	3,210	3,530
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	6,095	5,780	4,960	4,695	4,115	3,610	3,615	3,980	4,310	4,550
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	9,670	8,645	7,330	6,870	6,265	5,500	5,335	5,595	6,245	6,525
	Not assigned	445	55	35	35	45	30	35	25	40	45
Group L Social Studies	POLAR3 Quintile 1	5,565	6,400	7,190	7,560	6,895	7,200	8,755	9,730	10,690	11,670
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	8,765	10,150	11,245	11,285	11,210	11,430	12,775	14,670	15,440	16,540
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	12,605	14,690	15,955	16,000	15,675	16,145	17,920	20,065	20,670	23,025
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	17,760	20,030	21,120	20,970	19,855	21,015	21,970	25,055	26,300	28,335
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	29,815	34,195	34,725	34,810	32,565	33,535	34,410	37,865	40,450	43,700
	Not assigned	1,290	335	275	210	200	165	210	225	230	320
Group M Law	POLAR3 Quintile 1	5,575	6,115	6,495	6,500	6,490	6,720	6,810	7,325	8,400	9,315
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	8,545	9,080	9,120	9,235	8,785	9,635	9,020	10,345	10,885	12,315
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	10,815	11,520	11,790	11,685	11,135	11,655	11,475	12,125	12,940	14,530
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	12,805	13,800	13,495	13,455	12,795	12,845	12,440	13,040	14,190	15,460
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	16,055	17,390	16,525	16,300	16,070	16,470	15,485	16,190	17,790	19,365
	Not assigned	790	185	140	90	95	75	125	120	150	205
Group N Business and Admin studies	POLAR3 Quintile 1	9,115	10,475	11,030	11,360	11,145	11,525	12,525	13,440	13,545	13,595
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	15,065	17,070	17,600	18,090	17,320	17,500	18,435	19,595	21,275	21,310
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	21,075	22,805	23,940	23,600	23,915	23,725	24,750	25,930	27,365	27,240
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	27,445	30,040	30,080	30,400	28,960	28,995	29,100	31,620	33,205	32,310
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	39,325	41,920	40,590	40,910	39,915	39,055	39,990	41,870	44,750	45,295
	Not assigned	1,850	395	365	275	300	280	295	300	320	470
Group P Mass Communication and Documentation	POLAR3 Quintile 1	2,815	3,305	3,575	3,620	3,490	3,460	3,955	4,035	4,260	4,170
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	3,945	4,525	5,055	5,180	4,685	5,020	5,450	5,795	5,640	5,640
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	4,985	5,750	6,155	6,630	5,720	5,865	6,290	6,850	6,620	6,815
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,990	6,935	7,015	7,520	6,355	6,720	7,050	7,670	7,705	7,840
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	7,030	8,065	8,225	8,600	7,070	7,415	7,825	8,395	8,825	8,935
	Not assigned	470	85	85	35	70	60	95	60	90	85

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Subject Group (Summary Level), POLAR3 Quintile		Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group Q Linguistics, Classics and related	POLAR3 Quintile 1	3,270	3,635	4,105	4,095	3,745	3,735	3,945	4,110	3,845	3,830
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	5,200	5,995	6,190	6,165	6,010	6,150	6,065	6,135	5,585	5,405
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	7,090	8,455	8,555	8,270	8,110	8,105	7,675	7,810	7,725	7,935
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	10,400	11,230	11,925	10,695	10,745	10,130	10,340	10,475	10,140	9,340
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	15,235	16,940	17,510	15,640	15,700	15,150	15,000	15,025	14,565	14,035
	Not assigned	590	130	80	80	70	45	50	70	75	105
Group R European Languages, Literature and related	POLAR3 Quintile 1	845	1,010	1,095	1,000	880	825	890	895	720	805
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	1,615	1,785	1,790	1,620	1,505	1,410	1,305	1,540	1,345	1,170
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	2,595	2,450	2,780	2,765	2,570	2,215	2,045	2,255	1,925	1,860
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,045	4,120	4,370	4,075	3,850	3,360	3,290	3,280	3,095	2,985
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,970	7,285	7,820	7,590	7,040	6,565	5,965	5,885	5,655	5,210
	Not assigned	210	65	35	40	35	25	25	40	30	35
Group T Non-European Languages, Literature and related	POLAR3 Quintile 1	220	270	285	325	250	295	185	250	265	295
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	515	430	480	510	390	390	360	435	375	405
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	780	715	700	775	605	705	525	590	555	525
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	1,120	1,210	1,115	1,170	975	830	790	915	775	800
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	1,910	2,070	2,020	1,985	1,700	1,390	1,265	1,255	1,150	1,055
	Not assigned	65	10	5	15	5	10	10	15	10	10
Group V History and Philosophical studies	POLAR3 Quintile 1	3,190	3,650	4,200	3,920	3,995	4,215	4,400	4,585	4,375	4,335
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	5,715	6,300	6,455	6,705	6,415	6,875	7,000	7,375	7,170	6,460
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	7,900	8,780	9,370	9,350	9,190	9,020	9,875	9,695	9,705	8,780
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	11,925	12,935	13,635	13,630	12,800	12,990	13,350	13,720	13,475	12,000
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	19,945	21,750	21,690	20,860	20,865	20,315	20,615	21,750	21,235	19,745
	Not assigned	890	200	85	115	105	60	125	100	90	150
Group W Creative Arts and Design	POLAR3 Quintile 1	9,705	11,180	13,330	14,575	13,275	13,170	14,470	14,610	14,585	13,670
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	13,700	16,035	18,935	19,220	17,510	17,360	18,970	19,810	19,020	17,725
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	17,330	19,745	22,350	23,305	20,315	20,970	21,895	22,890	22,580	21,335
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	21,095	23,800	26,540	27,635	24,205	24,170	24,940	26,595	26,305	25,250
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	25,155	27,090	30,115	32,505	28,140	27,165	28,890	30,220	30,270	29,555
	Not assigned	1,990	430	260	270	230	255	205	270	255	295
Group X Education	POLAR3 Quintile 1	4,740	5,230	6,525	6,770	6,755	6,320	6,585	6,425	6,070	6,100
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	6,980	7,295	8,705	9,195	9,190	8,410	8,575	8,240	7,915	7,885
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	7,540	8,540	10,030	10,260	10,035	9,765	9,405	9,200	8,580	8,595
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	8,445	9,665	10,590	11,265	10,885	10,440	10,210	9,665	8,535	8,910
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	8,760	9,660	10,270	11,540	10,970	10,270	9,625	9,060	8,440	8,230
	Not assigned	535	75	50	55	60	40	30	40	70	75
Y Combined arts	POLAR3 Quintile 1	3,635	3,445	4,065	4,060	3,440	3,090	3,155	3,285	2,985	2,830
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	6,025	5,635	5,750	5,695	5,170	4,950	4,810	4,595	4,255	3,810
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	7,905	7,175	7,450	7,350	6,755	6,415	6,045	5,765	5,350	4,955
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	10,265	9,510	9,625	9,460	8,590	7,970	7,530	7,340	6,880	6,190
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	13,855	13,130	13,805	12,830	11,310	10,460	10,100	9,760	9,600	8,885
	Not assigned	720	140	90	80	60	65	70	50	80	95

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Y Combined sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,830	1,865	2,040	2,040	2,040	1,960	2,005	1,855	1,590	1,685
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,860	2,900	3,005	3,170	2,905	2,720	2,870	2,640	2,280	2,190
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,870	3,540	3,945	4,070	3,625	3,830	3,735	3,420	2,910	2,870
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	5,110	4,675	5,030	5,045	4,565	4,585	4,540	4,000	3,560	3,365
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,795	6,330	6,375	6,310	6,140	6,010	5,805	5,505	4,935	4,620
	Not assigned	360	75	30	35	30	40	30	30	30	30
Y Combined social sciences	POLAR3 Quintile 1	1,315	1,270	1,355	1,385	1,170	1,220	1,360	1,245	1,330	1,390
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	2,365	2,250	2,190	2,105	1,865	1,845	1,850	1,895	1,995	2,085
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	3,035	2,920	2,850	2,750	2,550	2,285	2,570	2,625	2,685	2,825
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	3,860	3,685	3,775	3,240	2,825	2,815	3,010	2,955	3,280	3,275
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	6,380	5,725	5,355	4,890	4,475	4,235	4,365	4,610	5,175	5,310
	Not assigned	285	55	40	20	35	25	25	35	30	45
Y Sciences combined with Social Sciences or Arts	POLAR3 Quintile 1	5,960	5,770	6,470	5,990	5,350	4,900	4,590	4,045	3,490	3,020
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	9,055	8,430	8,710	8,470	6,940	6,495	6,240	5,205	4,520	4,175
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	10,925	10,270	10,620	9,865	8,605	7,680	7,450	6,260	5,430	5,075
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	13,980	12,295	12,360	12,040	9,880	8,990	8,340	7,260	6,250	6,315
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	17,780	15,930	15,680	14,355	12,390	11,230	10,345	9,265	8,315	8,270
	Not assigned	975	120	105	80	80	70	90	45	80	70
Y Social Sciences combined with Arts	POLAR3 Quintile 1	2,635	2,490	2,665	2,515	2,290	2,070	2,225	2,155	2,005	2,090
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	4,365	4,005	4,225	4,235	3,510	3,450	3,295	3,255	3,260	3,080
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	5,990	5,600	5,695	5,560	5,005	4,685	4,575	4,660	4,330	4,415
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	8,800	7,675	7,900	7,260	6,770	6,225	5,995	6,155	6,155	6,065
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	14,115	12,295	12,145	12,000	10,635	9,765	9,050	9,385	9,415	10,030
	Not assigned	680	115	95	135	65	60	45	55	55	75
Z General, other combined and unknown	POLAR3 Quintile 1	580	630	665	645	770	890	985	945	920	965
	POLAR3 Quintile 2	970	965	950	1,025	1,405	1,520	1,740	1,660	1,645	1,595
	POLAR3 Quintile 3	1,440	1,450	1,540	1,535	1,915	2,225	2,395	2,580	2,470	2,445
	POLAR3 Quintile 4	2,120	2,045	2,045	2,210	3,070	3,135	3,470	3,750	3,610	3,685
	POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,605	3,810	3,765	3,895	5,465	5,675	6,470	7,205	7,065	7,035
	Not assigned	125	35	20	15	30	25	15	35	35	40
Total		1,099,795	1,159,735	1,242,145	1,257,055	1,205,910	1,212,025	1,247,265	1,294,920	1,304,740	1,305,540