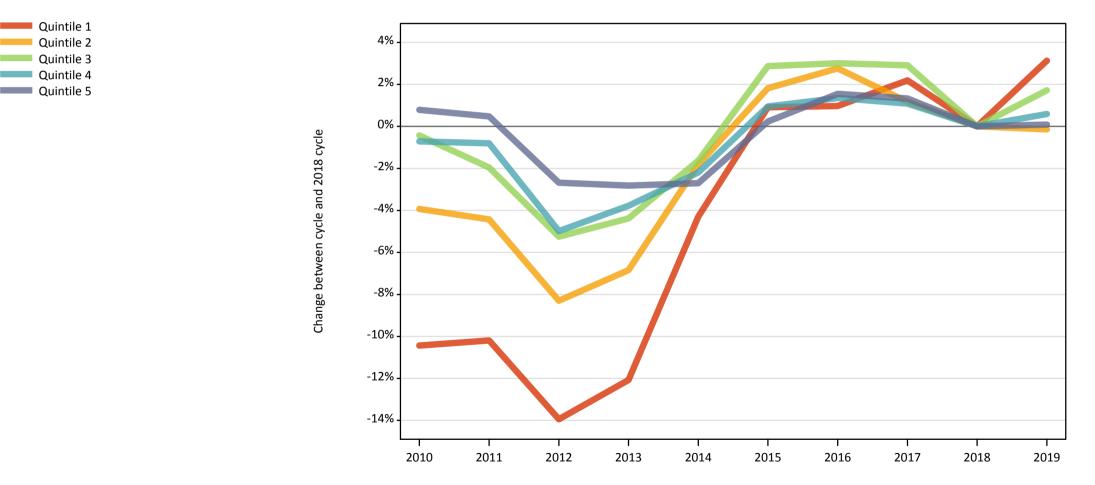
January Deadline Analysis: POLAR4 quintile



18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile and sex at the 15 January deadline

D.12.1 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: UK Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle



D.12.2 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: UK

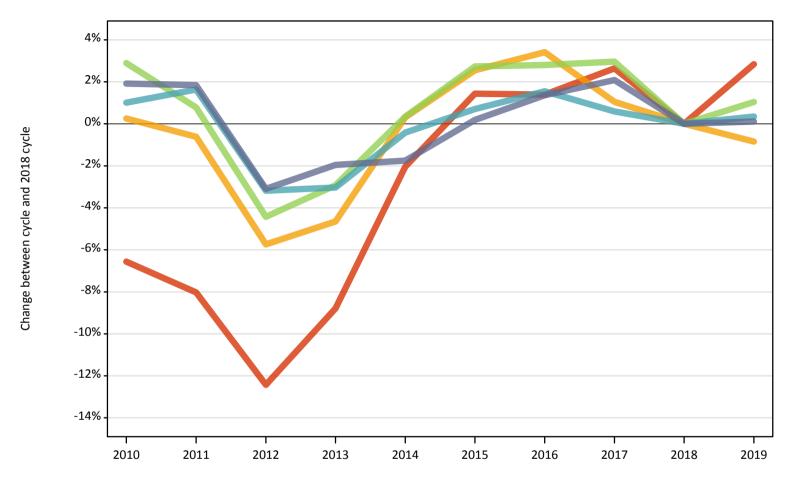
POLAR	4 quintile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UK	Quintile 1	25,470	25,540	24,470	25,000	27,210	28,690	28,710	29,060	28,440	29,330
	Quintile 2	38,270	38,070	36,530	37,110	39,110	40,560	40,940	40,300	39,840	39,780
	Quintile 3	49,220	48,460	46,840	47,270	48,620	50,850	50,920	50,870	49,430	50,280
	Quintile 4	60,980	60,920	58,350	59,090	60,070	62,000	62,240	62,080	61,410	61,780
	Quintile 5	89,000	88,720	85,940	85,820	85,920	88,510	89,670	89,480	88,300	88,380

D.12.3 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: UK Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

POLAR4 quintile of app	olicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UK	Quintile 1	-10%	-10%	-14%	-12%	-4%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%
	Quintile 2	-4%	-4%	-8%	-7%	-2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 3	-0%	-2%	-5%	-4%	-2%	3%	3%	3%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-1%	-1%	-5%	-4%	-2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Quintile 5	1%	0%	-3%	-3%	-3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%

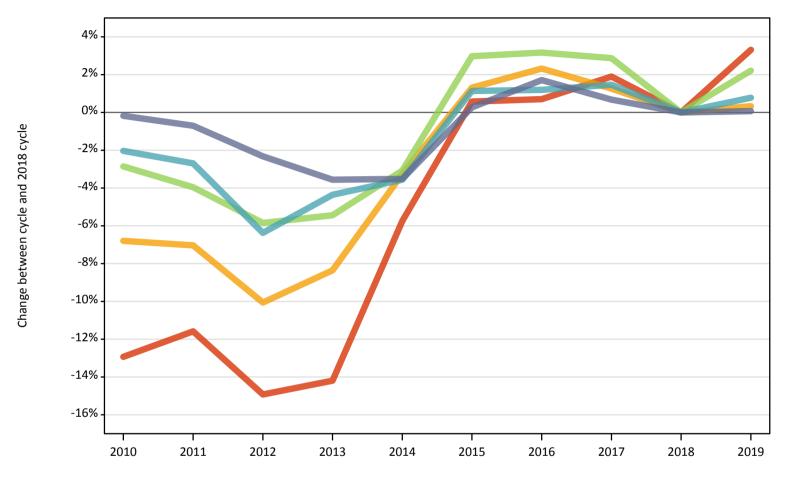
D.12.4 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: UK (Men) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.5 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: UK (Women) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.6 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: UK

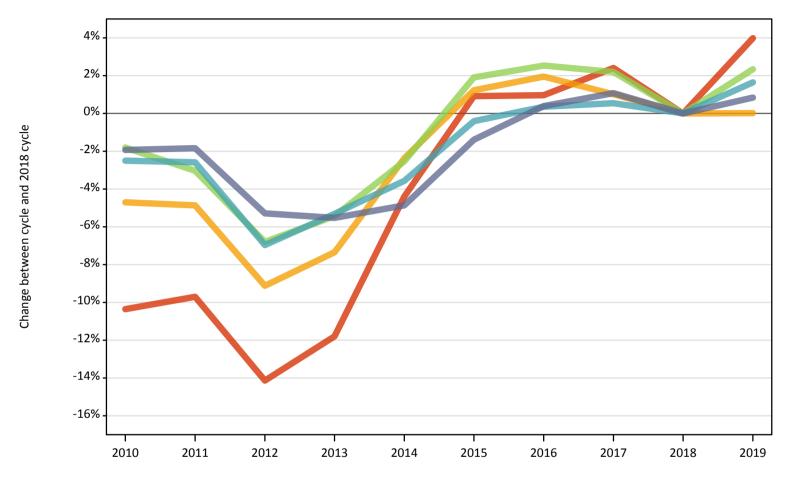
Sex and POLAR4	quintile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	15,080	15,310	14,730	14,860	16,320	17,410	17,440	17,640	17,310	17,890
	Quintile 2	22,050	21,990	21,280	21,680	22,880	23,970	24,200	23,950	23,650	23,730
	Quintile 3	27,750	27,440	26,900	27,010	27,690	29,420	29,470	29,390	28,570	29,200
	Quintile 4	33,960	33,740	32,460	33,160	33,430	35,060	35,080	35,180	34,670	34,940
	Quintile 5	47,400	47,150	46,380	45,790	45,810	47,610	48,290	47,800	47,480	47,510
Men	Quintile 1	10,390	10,230	9,740	10,140	10,890	11,280	11,280	11,420	11,120	11,440
	Quintile 2	16,220	16,080	15,250	15,430	16,230	16,600	16,730	16,350	16,180	16,050
	Quintile 3	21,470	21,030	19,940	20,250	20,940	21,430	21,450	21,480	20,860	21,080
	Quintile 4	27,010	27,180	25,890	25,930	26,630	26,930	27,160	26,900	26,750	26,840
	Quintile 5	41,610	41,570	39,560	40,020	40,110	40,900	41,380	41,670	40,820	40,870

D.12.7 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: UK Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

Sex and POLAR4 qui	ntile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	-13%	-12%	-15%	-14%	-6%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%
	Quintile 2	-7%	-7%	-10%	-8%	-3%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	Quintile 3	-3%	-4%	-6%	-5%	-3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-2%	-3%	-6%	-4%	-4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Quintile 5	-0%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-4%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Men	Quintile 1	-7%	-8%	-12%	-9%	-2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	3%
	Quintile 2	0%	-1%	-6%	-5%	0%	3%	3%	1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	3%	1%	-4%	-3%	0%	3%	3%	3%	0%	1%
	Quintile 4	1%	2%	-3%	-3%	-0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	Quintile 5	2%	2%	-3%	-2%	-2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%

D.12.8 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: England Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.9 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: England

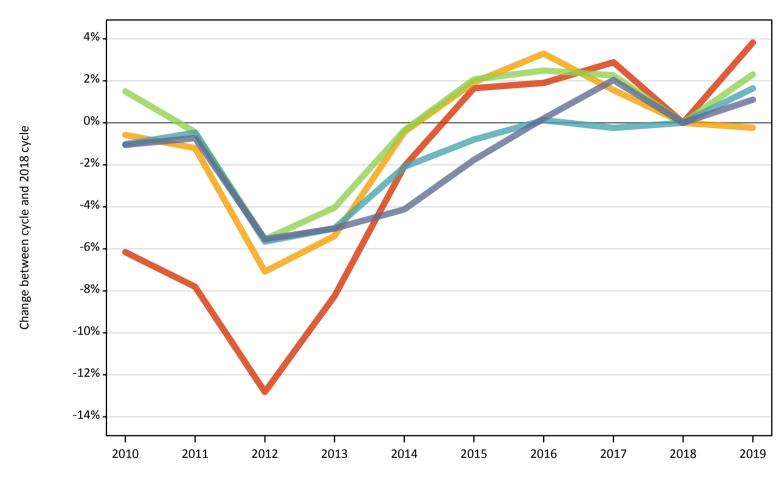
POLAR4 quintile	e of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
England	Quintile 1	22,230	22,390	21,290	21,870	23,700	25,020	25,030	25,390	24,790	25,780
	Quintile 2	32,860	32,810	31,340	31,950	33,670	34,910	35,160	34,840	34,490	34,490
	Quintile 3	41,350	40,840	39,250	39,820	41,050	42,920	43,180	43,040	42,110	43,100
	Quintile 4	50,990	50,950	48,660	49,520	50,430	52,080	52,490	52,580	52,300	53,160
	Quintile 5	72,340	72,410	69,860	69,690	70,170	72,740	74,050	74,550	73,760	74,380

D.12.10 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: England Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

POLAR4 quintile of app	olicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
England	Quintile 1	-10%	-10%	-14%	-12%	-4%	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%
	Quintile 2	-5%	-5%	-9%	-7%	-2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	Quintile 3	-2%	-3%	-7%	-5%	-3%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-2%	-3%	-7%	-5%	-4%	-0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
	Quintile 5	-2%	-2%	-5%	-6%	-5%	-1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

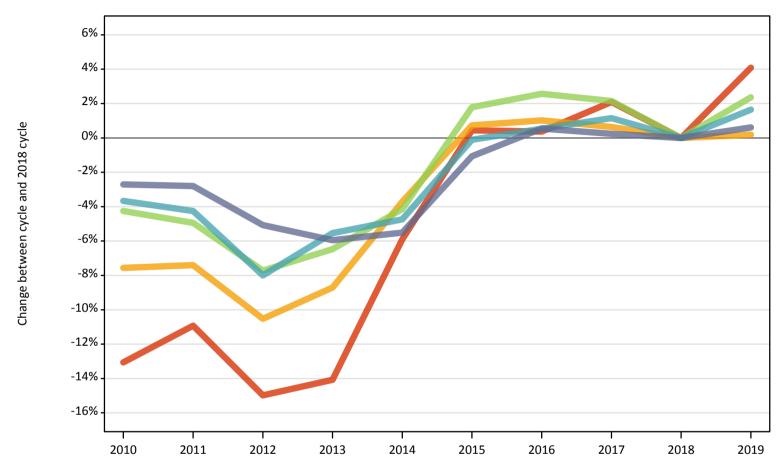
D.12.11 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: England (Men) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.12 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: England (Women) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.13 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: England

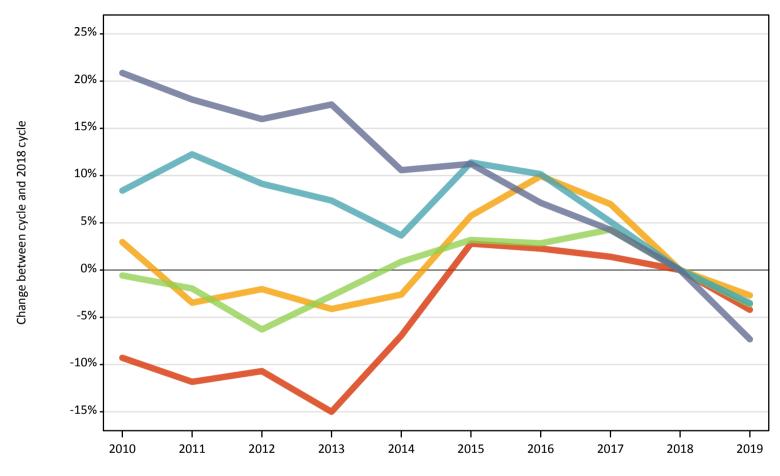
Sex and POLAR4	quintile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	13,110	13,430	12,820	12,960	14,190	15,150	15,140	15,400	15,080	15,700
	Quintile 2	18,830	18,860	18,220	18,600	19,610	20,520	20,580	20,500	20,370	20,410
	Quintile 3	23,180	23,010	22,340	22,640	23,200	24,640	24,830	24,730	24,210	24,780
	Quintile 4	28,160	27,990	26,890	27,610	27,840	29,200	29,390	29,570	29,230	29,710
	Quintile 5	38,300	38,260	37,370	37,020	37,200	38,950	39,580	39,460	39,370	39,610
Men	Quintile 1	9,120	8,960	8,470	8,910	9,510	9,870	9,900	9,990	9,710	10,090
	Quintile 2	14,040	13,950	13,120	13,360	14,060	14,390	14,580	14,340	14,120	14,080
	Quintile 3	18,180	17,830	16,910	17,180	17,840	18,280	18,350	18,310	17,910	18,320
	Quintile 4	22,830	22,960	21,770	21,910	22,590	22,890	23,100	23,020	23,070	23,450
	Quintile 5	34,030	34,140	32,490	32,660	32,980	33,790	34,470	35,090	34,390	34,770

D.12.14 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: England Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

Sex and POLAR4 quinti	le of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	-13%	-11%	-15%	-14%	-6%	0%	0%	2%	0%	4%
	Quintile 2	-8%	-7%	-11%	-9%	-4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Quintile 3	-4%	-5%	-8%	-6%	-4%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-4%	-4%	-8%	-6%	-5%	-0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	Quintile 5	-3%	-3%	-5%	-6%	-6%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Men	Quintile 1	-6%	-8%	-13%	-8%	-2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	4%
	Quintile 2	-1%	-1%	-7%	-5%	-0%	2%	3%	2%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 3	1%	-0%	-6%	-4%	-0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%
	Quintile 4	-1%	-0%	-6%	-5%	-2%	-1%	0%	-0%	0%	2%
	Quintile 5	-1%	-1%	-6%	-5%	-4%	-2%	0%	2%	0%	1%

D.12.15 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.16 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland

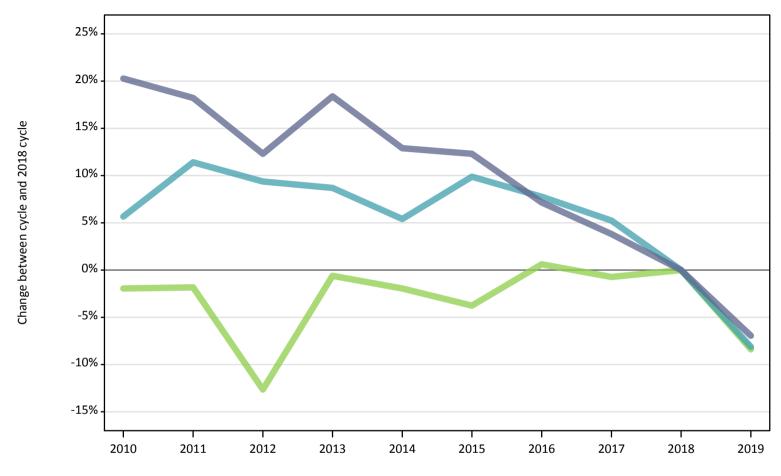
POLAR4 quintile of ap	plicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Northern Ireland	Quintile 1	1,040	1,010	1,020	970	1,060	1,170	1,170	1,160	1,140	1,090
	Quintile 2	1,080	1,010	1,020	1,000	1,020	1,110	1,150	1,120	1,050	1,020
	Quintile 3	1,900	1,870	1,790	1,860	1,930	1,970	1,960	1,990	1,910	1,840
	Quintile 4	2,990	3,100	3,010	2,960	2,860	3,070	3,040	2,900	2,760	2,660
	Quintile 5	4,990	4,880	4,790	4,860	4,570	4,600	4,430	4,310	4,130	3,830

D.12.17 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

POLAR4 quintile of ap	olicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Northern Ireland	Quintile 1	-9%	-12%	-11%	-15%	-7%	3%	2%	1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	3%	-3%	-2%	-4%	-3%	6%	10%	7%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 3	-1%	-2%	-6%	-3%	1%	3%	3%	4%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 4	8%	12%	9%	7%	4%	11%	10%	5%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 5	21%	18%	16%	18%	11%	11%	7%	4%	0%	-7%

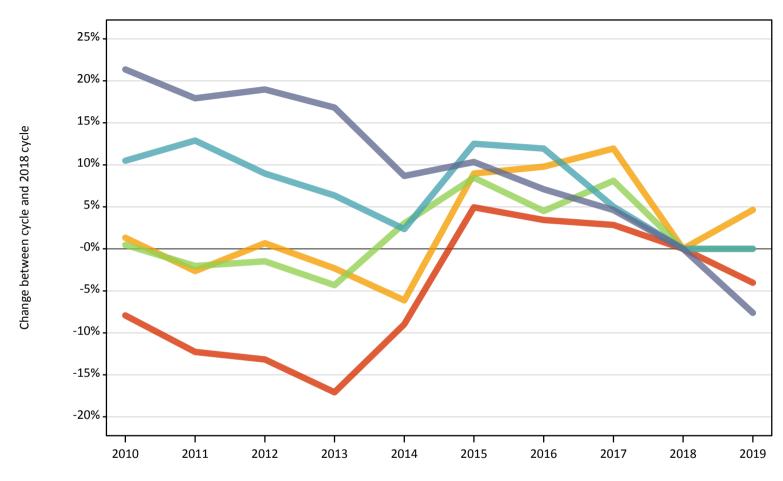
D.12.18 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland (Men) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.19 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland (Women) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.20 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland

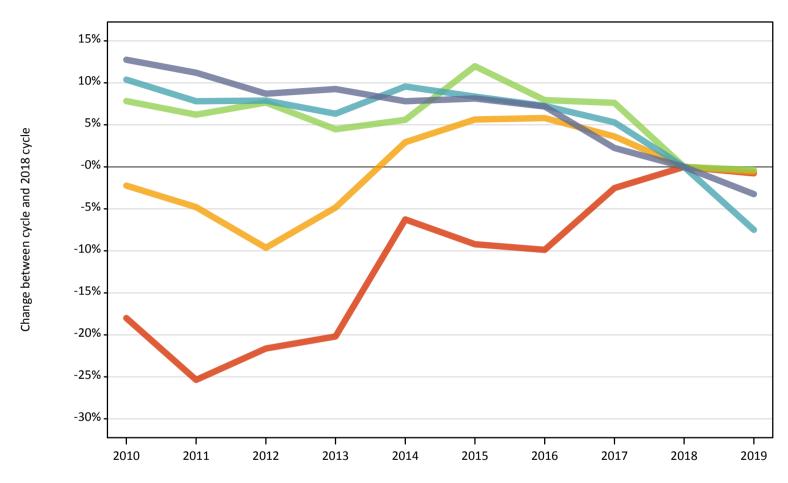
Sex and POLAR4	quintile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	620	590	580	550	610	700	690	690	670	640
	Quintile 2	610	590	610	590	570	660	660	680	600	630
	Quintile 3	1,090	1,060	1,070	1,040	1,120	1,180	1,140	1,170	1,090	1,090
	Quintile 4	1,740	1,780	1,720	1,670	1,610	1,770	1,760	1,650	1,570	1,570
	Quintile 5	2,760	2,680	2,700	2,650	2,470	2,510	2,430	2,380	2,270	2,100
Men	Quintile 1	420	420	440	420	450	470	480	470	470	450
	Quintile 2	470	420	420	410	450	450	490	440	440	390
	Quintile 3	810	810	720	820	810	790	830	820	820	750
	Quintile 4	1,250	1,320	1,300	1,290	1,250	1,300	1,280	1,250	1,180	1,090
	Quintile 5	2,240	2,200	2,090	2,200	2,100	2,090	1,990	1,930	1,860	1,730

D.12.21 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Northern Ireland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

Sex and POLAR4 quinti	le of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	-8%	-12%	-13%	-17%	-9%	5%	3%	3%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	1%	-3%	1%	-2%	-6%	9%	10%	12%	0%	5%
	Quintile 3	0%	-2%	-1%	-4%	3%	8%	5%	8%	0%	0%
	Quintile 4	10%	13%	9%	6%	2%	13%	12%	5%	0%	0%
	Quintile 5	21%	18%	19%	17%	9%	10%	7%	5%	0%	-8%
Men	Quintile 1	-11%	-11%	-7%	-12%	-4%	-0%	1%	-1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 2	5%	-5%	-6%	-7%	2%	1%	10%	0%	0%	-13%
	Quintile 3	-2%	-2%	-13%	-1%	-2%	-4%	1%	-1%	0%	-8%
	Quintile 4	6%	11%	9%	9%	5%	10%	8%	5%	0%	-8%
	Quintile 5	20%	18%	12%	18%	13%	12%	7%	4%	0%	-7%

D.12.22 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Scotland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.23 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Scotland

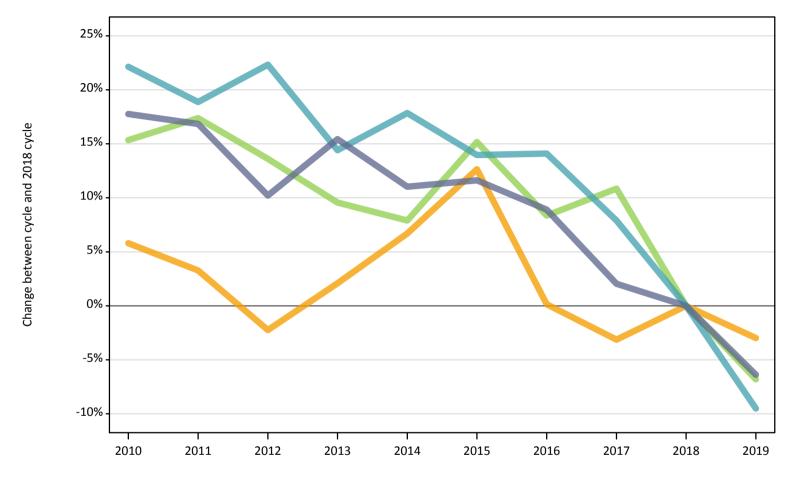
POLAR4 quintile of applicant		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Scotland	Quintile 1	750	680	710	730	850	830	820	890	910	900
	Quintile 2	1,840	1,790	1,700	1,790	1,940	1,990	1,990	1,950	1,880	1,870
	Quintile 3	3,140	3,090	3,140	3,040	3,080	3,260	3,140	3,130	2,910	2,900
	Quintile 4	4,610	4,500	4,500	4,440	4,570	4,520	4,480	4,390	4,170	3,860
	Quintile 5	9,180	9,050	8,850	8,900	8,780	8,800	8,730	8,320	8,140	7,880

D.12.24 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Scotland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

POLAR4 quintile of applicant		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Scotland	Quintile 1	-18%	-25%	-22%	-20%	-6%	-9%	-10%	-3%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 2	-2%	-5%	-10%	-5%	3%	6%	6%	4%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	8%	6%	8%	4%	6%	12%	8%	8%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 4	10%	8%	8%	6%	10%	8%	7%	5%	0%	-8%
	Quintile 5	13%	11%	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	2%	0%	-3%

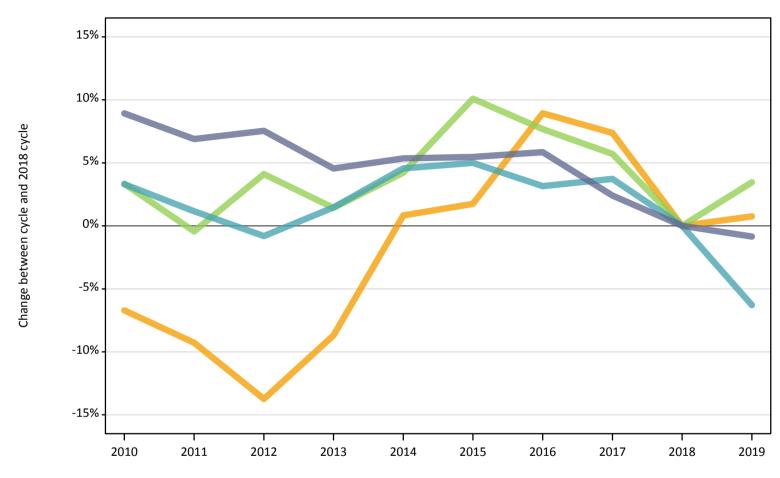
D.12.25 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Scotland (Men) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.26 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Scotland (Women) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.27 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Scotland

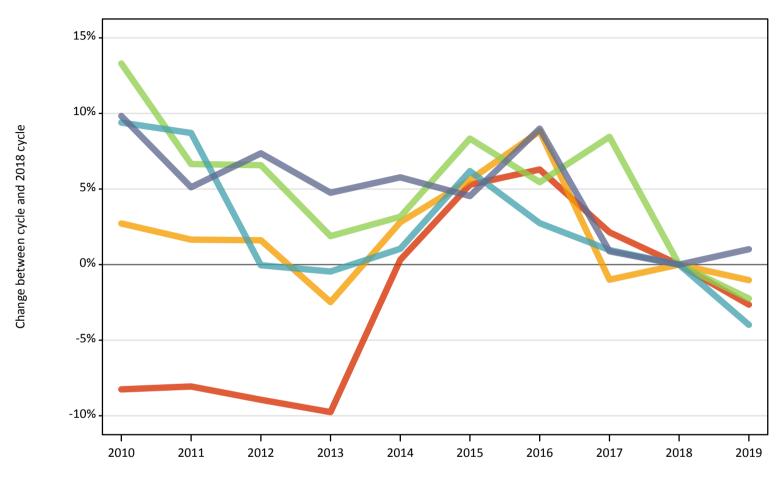
Sex and POLAR4 quintile of applicant		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	460	420	430	430	550	530	550	570	580	600
	Quintile 2	1,130	1,100	1,040	1,100	1,220	1,230	1,320	1,300	1,210	1,220
	Quintile 3	1,890	1,820	1,900	1,850	1,900	2,010	1,960	1,930	1,820	1,890
	Quintile 4	2,690	2,640	2,580	2,640	2,720	2,740	2,690	2,700	2,610	2,440
	Quintile 5	5,030	4,930	4,960	4,830	4,860	4,870	4,890	4,730	4,620	4,580
Men	Quintile 1	290	260	290	290	300	290	270	320	330	310
	Quintile 2	710	690	660	690	720	760	670	650	670	650
	Quintile 3	1,260	1,280	1,240	1,190	1,170	1,250	1,180	1,210	1,090	1,010
	Quintile 4	1,920	1,860	1,920	1,790	1,850	1,790	1,790	1,690	1,570	1,420
	Quintile 5	4,150	4,120	3,890	4,070	3,920	3,940	3,840	3,600	3,530	3,300

D.12.28 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Scotland Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

Sex and POLAR4 quint	ile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	-22%	-28%	-26%	-25%	-5%	-8%	-6%	-2%	0%	3%
	Quintile 2	-7%	-9%	-14%	-9%	1%	2%	9%	7%	0%	1%
	Quintile 3	3%	-0%	4%	1%	4%	10%	8%	6%	0%	3%
	Quintile 4	3%	1%	-1%	1%	5%	5%	3%	4%	0%	-6%
	Quintile 5	9%	7%	8%	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%	0%	-1%
Men	Quintile 1	-12%	-21%	-13%	-11%	-8%	-11%	-17%	-4%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 2	6%	3%	-2%	2%	7%	13%	0%	-3%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 3	15%	17%	14%	10%	8%	15%	8%	11%	0%	-7%
	Quintile 4	22%	19%	22%	14%	18%	14%	14%	8%	0%	-10%
	Quintile 5	18%	17%	10%	15%	11%	12%	9%	2%	0%	-6%

D.12.29 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Wales Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.30 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Wales

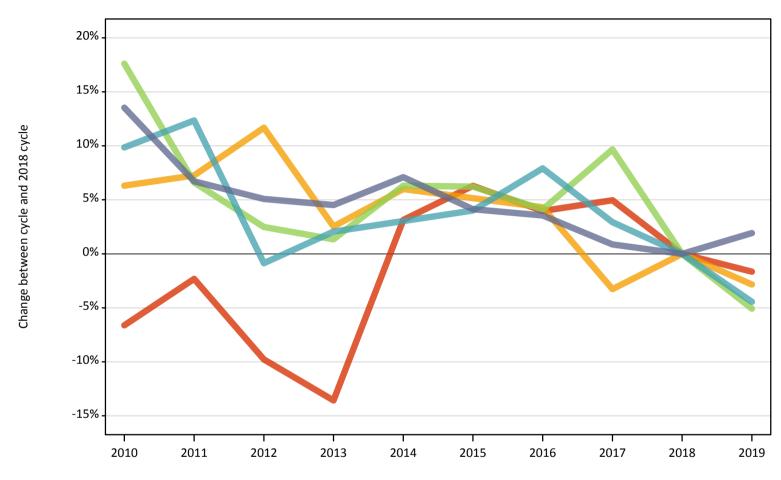
POLAR4 quintile of applicant		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Wales	Quintile 1	1,460	1,460	1,450	1,430	1,590	1,670	1,690	1,620	1,590	1,550
	Quintile 2	2,490	2,470	2,470	2,370	2,490	2,560	2,640	2,400	2,430	2,400
	Quintile 3	2,830	2,660	2,660	2,540	2,570	2,700	2,630	2,710	2,500	2,440
	Quintile 4	2,390	2,370	2,180	2,170	2,210	2,320	2,240	2,200	2,180	2,100
	Quintile 5	2,490	2,390	2,440	2,380	2,400	2,370	2,470	2,290	2,270	2,290

D.12.31 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Wales Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

POLAR4 quintile of applicant		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Wales	Quintile 1	-8%	-8%	-9%	-10%	0%	5%	6%	2%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	3%	2%	2%	-2%	3%	6%	9%	-1%	0%	-1%
	Quintile 3	13%	7%	7%	2%	3%	8%	5%	8%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 4	9%	9%	-0%	-0%	1%	6%	3%	1%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 5	10%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	9%	1%	0%	1%

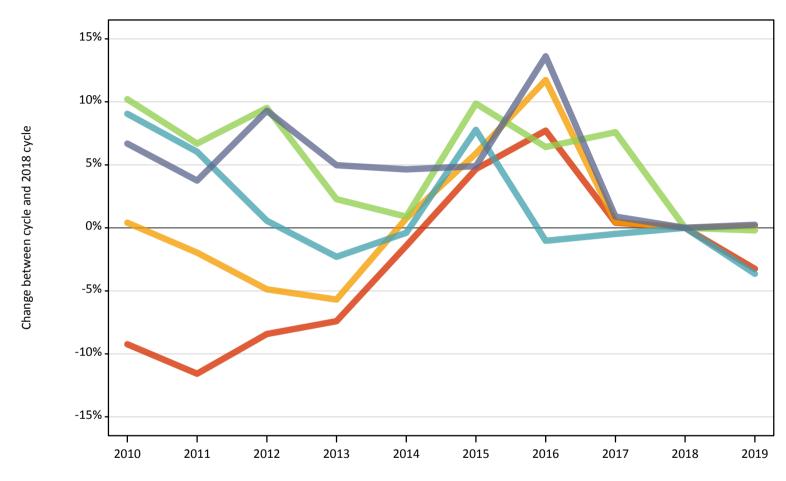
D.12.32 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Wales (Men) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.33 18 year old applicants by POLAR4 quintile: Wales (Women) Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle





D.12.34 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Wales

Sex and POLAR4	quintile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	890	870	900	910	970	1,030	1,060	990	990	950
	Quintile 2	1,480	1,450	1,400	1,390	1,490	1,560	1,650	1,480	1,480	1,480
	Quintile 3	1,600	1,550	1,590	1,480	1,460	1,590	1,540	1,560	1,450	1,450
	Quintile 4	1,370	1,340	1,270	1,230	1,260	1,360	1,250	1,250	1,260	1,210
	Quintile 5	1,310	1,270	1,340	1,290	1,280	1,290	1,390	1,240	1,230	1,230
Men	Quintile 1	560	590	550	520	620	640	630	630	600	590
	Quintile 2	1,010	1,020	1,060	980	1,010	1,000	990	920	950	920
	Quintile 3	1,230	1,110	1,070	1,060	1,110	1,110	1,090	1,150	1,050	990
	Quintile 4	1,010	1,040	920	940	950	960	1,000	950	920	880
	Quintile 5	1,180	1,110	1,100	1,090	1,120	1,090	1,080	1,050	1,040	1,060

D.12.35 18 year old applicants by sex and POLAR4 quintile: Wales Difference between cycle and 2018 cycle

Sex and POLAR4 quir	ntile of applicant	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Women	Quintile 1	-9%	-12%	-8%	-7%	-1%	5%	8%	0%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 2	0%	-2%	-5%	-6%	1%	6%	12%	0%	0%	0%
	Quintile 3	10%	7%	10%	2%	1%	10%	6%	8%	0%	-0%
	Quintile 4	9%	6%	1%	-2%	-0%	8%	-1%	-0%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 5	7%	4%	9%	5%	5%	5%	14%	1%	0%	0%
Men	Quintile 1	-7%	-2%	-10%	-14%	3%	6%	4%	5%	0%	-2%
	Quintile 2	6%	7%	12%	3%	6%	5%	4%	-3%	0%	-3%
	Quintile 3	18%	7%	2%	1%	6%	6%	4%	10%	0%	-5%
	Quintile 4	10%	12%	-1%	2%	3%	4%	8%	3%	0%	-4%
	Quintile 5	14%	7%	5%	5%	7%	4%	4%	1%	0%	2%

D.12.36 Technical notes and definitions

Applicants have been able to submit applications for all 2019 courses since early September.

Applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline are considered as 'on time' applicants for the large majority of courses offered through UCAS.

This statistical release covers all Main Scheme applicants who submit their applications to UCAS by the January deadline, including those who have applied for courses with a 15 October deadline. Counts of RPAs (records of prior acceptance) are not included.

Counts of the number of applicants reported have been rounded to the nearest 10 applicants, this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components. Proportional changes have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

Age

This statistical release uses country-specific age definitions which align with the cut off points for school/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 the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used.

Applicant

A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application

An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider

An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

Domicile

Declared area of permanent residence. The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'Asian', 'Black', 'Mixed', 'White', 'Other', 'Unknown'.

First time applicant

An applicant that did not apply to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Main scheme

The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Reapplier

An applicant that applied to the UCAS scheme in the previous cycle.

Sex

As declared by the applicant.

SIMD 2016

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation among small areas (data zones). In this report, the SIMD 2016 has been used to group areas in each year in the times series.

POLAR4

Developed by HEFCE and classifies small areas across the UK into five groups, according to their level of young participation in HE. 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 as the most disadvantaged) to quintile 5 (highest young participation rates, considered most advantaged). POLAR4 is the most recent version of the POLAR classification, and is available for the first time in UCAS reporting since its launch in 2017.

Tariff Group of provider

Providers are grouped as higher, medium or lower tariff based on their average levels of attainment of their accepted applicants (summarised through UCAS Tariff points) in recent cycles. Each group of providers accounted for around a third of all UK 18 year old acceptances in recent cycles.

Subject group

The JACS3 classification used to classify courses into subject groups. With the introduction of HECoS for the 2019 cycle, new courses that were classified using HECoS instead of JACS have been allocated modelled JACS3 values.

Subject group (HECoS)

The CAH classification used to categorise HECoS course subject codes into subject groups. A course may be associated with up to 5 individual subject codes and their respective percentage weight. For this analysis, application totals for subject groups have been calculated by apportioning course applications as weighted by subject group.