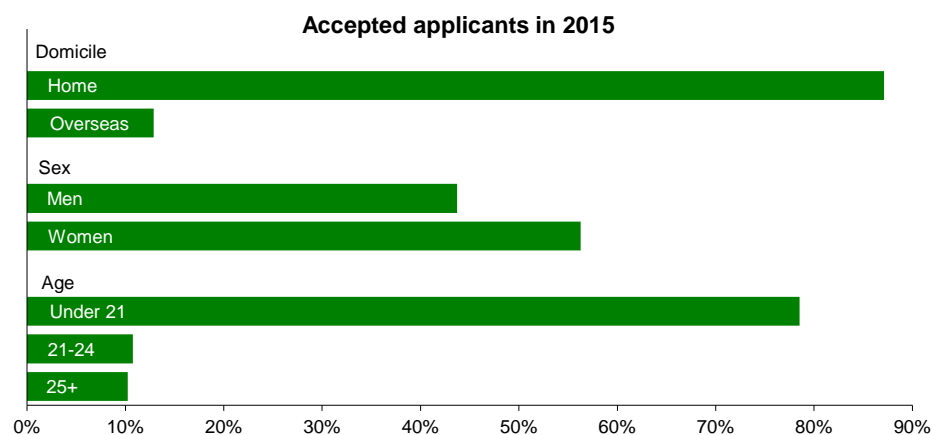


Applicants and entrants to higher education

- The total number of home applications via UCAS rose in each year between 1999 and 2005. There was a 4.1% drop in 2006, the first year of 'variable' fees.
- The drop in 2006 was greater than that seen in 1998 -the previous change to tuition fees. Both were preceded by relatively large increases in applications.
- There was a return to the upward trend in 2007; applicant and acceptance numbers reached new records which were exceeded in 2008, 2009 and 2011.
- Applicant numbers fell in 2012 with larger falls among those who faced fees of up to £9,000. The total was 7.6% down; accepted applicants were down by 5.5%.
- Home/EU applicant numbers bounced back somewhat in 2013 with a 3.4% rise. A record 495,000 home/overseas applicants were accepted in 2013; 6.6% above 2012.
- Applicant numbers rose again in 2014, but did not beat the 2011 level until 2015. Total acceptances reached new records in 2014 and 2015 as did the entry rates for young people overall and for those from the most 'disadvantaged' areas.
- The largest percentage increase in 2015 acceptances was among EU students at 11%. This could, in part, be connected to lifting the cap on student numbers
- Applicants for 2016 by Mid-May were 700 (0.1%) down on the same point last year. Applicants from England fell by around 3,000, EU numbers were up by 2,700 (6%).
- These UCAS data cover full-time/sandwich undergraduate courses. As mature students are much more likely to study part-time, they are not as well covered by these data.



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Home applicants through UCAS

	Applicants		Accepted		% accepted
	number	change	number	change	
1995	369,701	+1.2%	265,536	+5.7%	72
2000	389,091	+0.1%	308,718	+1.9%	79
2005	444,630	+7.6%	360,244	+7.8%	81
2006	432,196	-2.8%	345,564	-4.1%	80
2007	454,148	+5.1%	364,544	+5.5%	80
2008	502,461	+10.6%	405,024	+11.1%	81
2009	544,285	+8.3%	425,063	+4.9%	78
2010	586,821	+7.8%	424,634	-0.1%	72
2011	589,350	+0.4%	431,235	+1.6%	73
2012	544,752	-7.6%	407,391	-5.5%	75
2013	561,983	+3.4%	433,612	+6.7%	77
2014	578,290	+2.9%	447,450	+3.2%	77
2015	592,025	+2.4%	463,715	+3.6%	78

Sources: UCAS annual datasets; End of cycle data resources, UCAS

Accepted applicants by age, sex and domicile

	Thousands								% Change on 1997
	1997	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Age									
Under 21	258	316	373	384	363	390	402	418	+62%
21-24	37	46	60	57	53	55	56	57	+54%
25+	41	42	55	51	49	51	55	57	+39%
Sex									
Female	172	217	267	270	257	274	285	300	+74%
Male	164	188	220	222	208	222	227	233	+42%
Domicile									
Home	303	360	425	431	407	434	447	464	+53%
EU	17	17	26	27	23	25	26	29	+75%
overseas	16	28	37	34	34	37	39	39	+141%
Total	336	405	487	492	492	496	512	532	+58%

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