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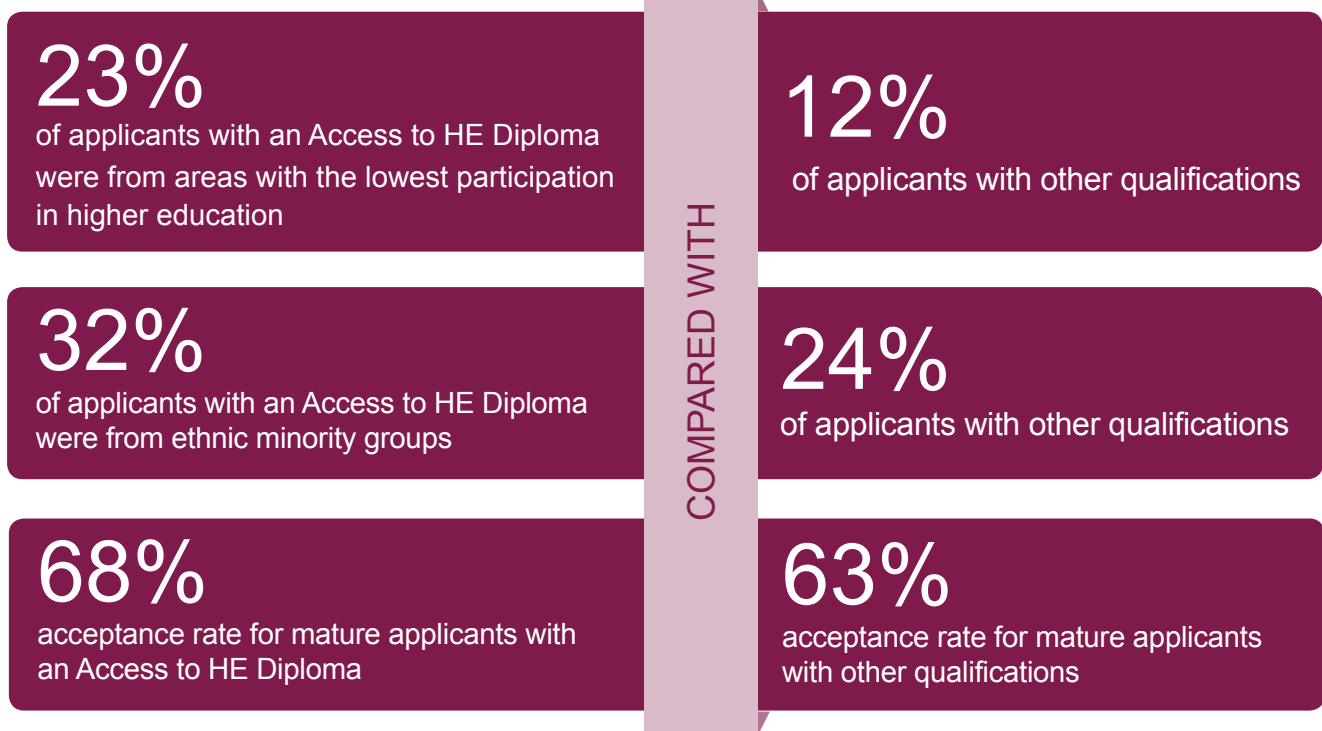
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Executive summary

In the 2016 UCAS cycle, there were 35,270 UCAS applicants with an Access to HE Diploma. Of these, 24,365 were accepted by higher education providers in the UK. Key findings from the year's report concerning Access to HE students applying to higher education are as follows.

224 higher education providers in the UK accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma





Access to HE Diploma applicants to higher education, 2016 UCAS cycle

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Introduction

This report by QAA summarises data about applicants and accepted applicants holding an Access to Higher Education (Access to HE) Diploma in the 2016 UCAS cycle (applicants for the 2016-17 academic year). A range of student characteristics are analysed, including age, gender, ethnicity and region of domicile. Consideration is also given to the type and location of higher education providers to which Access to HE students apply, as well as the subjects chosen by Access to HE applicants.

Data received by QAA from Access Validating Agencies, the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) concerning Access to HE Diploma courses and students, and Access to HE students in higher education, is published in two separate reports.

UCAS data includes applicants to full-time degrees, foundation degrees and Diplomas of Higher Education, and Higher National Diploma and Higher National Certificate courses at higher education providers in the UCAS scheme.

All applicants who are resident within the UK are included in this report.

Access to HE applicants are defined as any applicant who held a QAA-recognised Access to HE Diploma, regardless of other qualifications held.

All tables and figures in this report are based on UCAS applicant or accepted applicant data. The number of unique applicants is defined as the number of applicants making at least one choice through the UCAS main scheme (which excludes Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs). Each applicant can make up to five choices.

In this report, the number of unique applicants is shown for two different choice level characteristics (subject group and higher education providers). The count of unique applicants does not reconcile between these two different choice level characteristics.

All figures relating to students have been rounded to the nearest five. Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%. Totals may also vary between sections.

1 Overview

In the 2016 UCAS cycle:

- there were 35,275 UCAS applicants with an Access to HE Diploma - 24,355 (69%) of these applications were accepted
- applicants holding an Access to HE Diploma made up 5.7% of all applications
- accepted applicants holding an Access to HE Diploma made up 5% of all accepted applications.

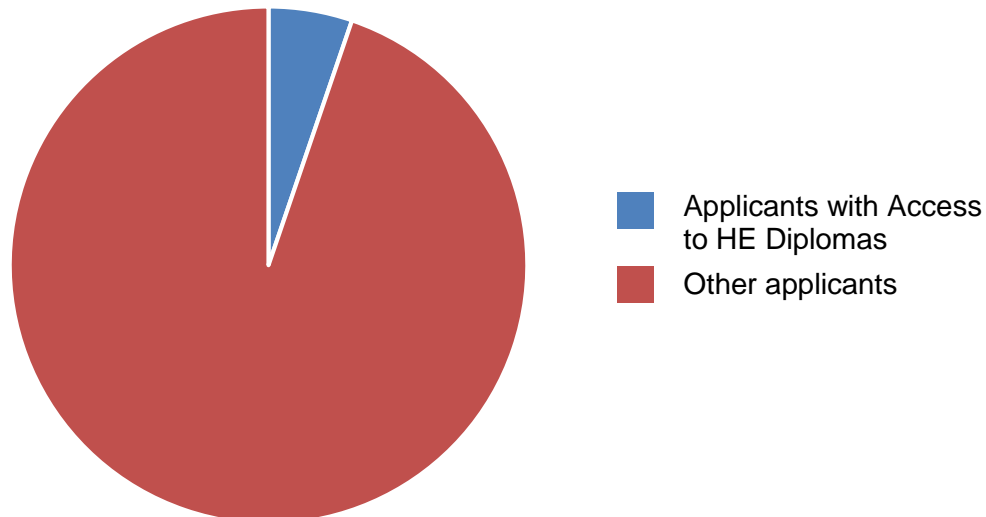
Table 1a: UCAS applicants and accepted applicants by qualification held

Qualification held	Applicants (% of all applicants)	Applicants accepted (% of all accepted applicants)
Access to HE Diploma	35,275 (6.0%)	25,355 (5.2%)
Other qualification	555,235 (94.0%)	441,125 (94.8%)
Total	590,500	465,480

Table 1a shows the number and proportion of applicants and accepted applicants who held an Access to HE Diploma, alongside the number and proportion of applicants and accepted applicants with other qualifications.

Figure 1b illustrates the proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma and the proportion with other qualifications.

Figure 1b: UCAS-accepted applicants by qualification held



2 Student characteristics: Gender and age

Figure 2a shows the gender of applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma. In the 2016 UCAS cycle:

- 75% of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were women; 25% were men
- 73% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were women; 27% were men.

Figure 2a: UCAS applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by gender

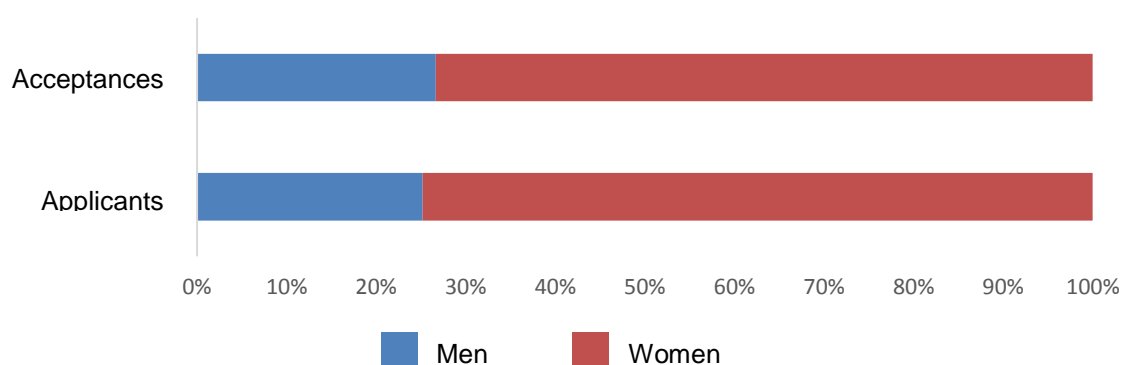


Table 2b shows the age and gender for all UCAS-accepted applicants resident in the UK. Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma are distinguished from applicants with other qualifications. There were a total of 35,270 applications from Access to HE students (6% of all applications to UCAS).

88% of applicants and 87% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were aged 21 and over. This compares with 23% of applicants with other qualifications and 18% of accepted applicants with other qualifications.

Table 2b: UCAS-accepted applicants by age, gender and qualification held

Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma						
Age	Men (as % of all Access to HE acceptances)		Women (as % of all Access to HE acceptances)		Total (as % of all Access to HE acceptances)	
Under 21	1,010	4%	2,070	8%	3,080	13%
21 plus	5,490	23%	15,795	65%	21,285	87%
Total	6,500	27%	17,865	73%	24,365	
Accepted applicants with other qualifications						
Age	Men (as % of other acceptances)		Women (as % of other acceptances)		Total (as % of other acceptances)	
Under 21	162,525		199,485		362,010	82%
21 plus	32,695		46,400		79,095	18%
Total	195,220		245,885		441,105	

Figure 2c depicts the proportion of mature (aged 21 and over) applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma, and the proportion with other qualifications.

Applicants with an Access to HE Diploma made up 20% of all UCAS applications by

UK-domiciled mature applicants and 21% of all UCAS acceptances by UK domiciled mature students.

Figure 2c: Mature applicants and accepted applicants by qualification

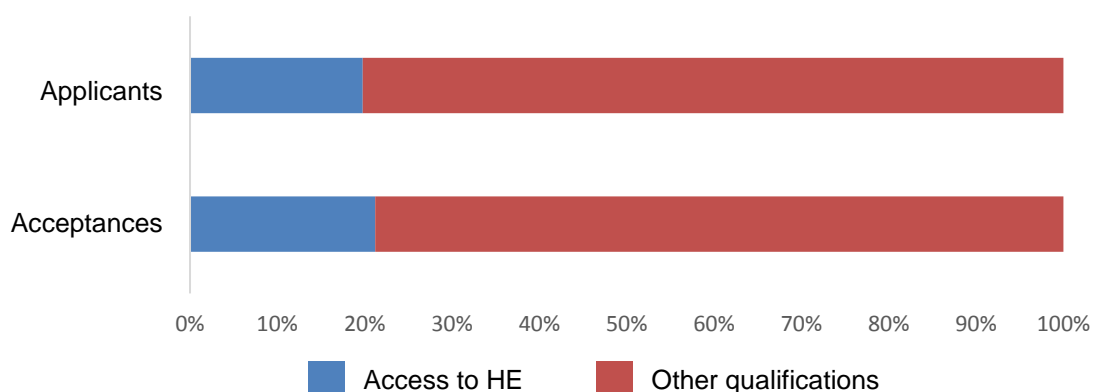


Table 2d gives the number and proportion of accepted applicants in six different age categories (18 and under, 18-20, 21-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35 and over). Applicants with an Access to HE Diploma are distinguished from applicants with other qualifications.

Applicants aged 21-29 accounted for over half (52%) of applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma.

Table 2d: UCAS-accepted applicants by qualification and age

Age	Access to HE (% of all applicants with Access to HE Diplomas)		Other qualifications (% of all applicants with other qualifications)		Total (% of all applicants)	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Under 18	0	(>1%)	1,415	(>1%)	1,415	(>1%)
18-20	3,080	(13%)	360,575	(82%)	363,655	(78%)
21-24	7,060	(29%)	39,110	(9%)	46,170	(10%)
25-29	5,730	(24%)	15,595	(4%)	21,325	(5%)
30-34	3,505	(14%)	8,345	(2%)	11,850	(3%)
35 and over	4,990	(20%)	16,045	(4%)	21,035	(5%)
Total	24,365		441,105		465,470	

Figure 2e shows the proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma in six different age categories.

Figure 2e: UCAS-accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by age (2016)

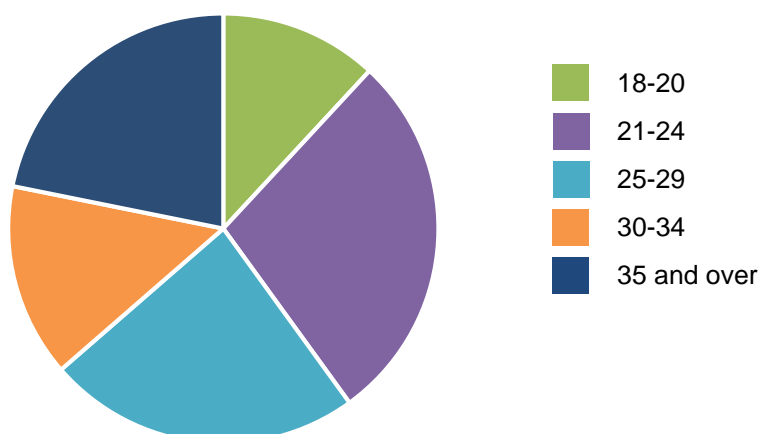


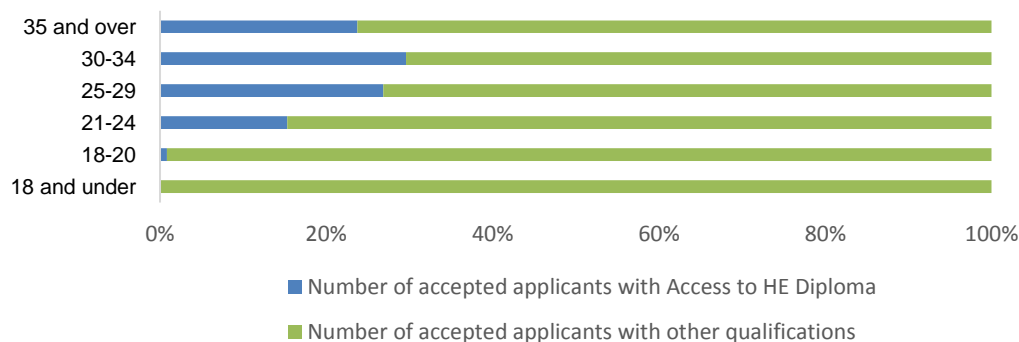
Table 2f shows the acceptance rate for applicants with an Access to HE Diploma and applicants with other qualifications. It shows that the acceptance rate for mature students with an Access to HE Diploma was higher than for mature students with other qualifications (68% compared with 63%).

Table 2f: UCAS-accepted applicants by qualification and age

Access to HE Diploma			
Age	Applicants	Accepted applicants	Acceptance rate
Under 21	4,195	3,080	75%
21 and over	31,075	21,285	68%
Total	35,270	24,365	69%
Other qualifications			
Age	Applicants	Accepted applicants	Acceptance rate
Under 21	429,165	362,010	84%
21 and over	126,070	81,600	63%
Total	555,235	441,105	79%

Figure 2g illustrates the proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma and the proportion with other qualifications. It shows that applicants with an Access to HE Diploma accounted for 15% of all accepted applicants aged 21-24; 26% of accepted applicants aged 25-29; 28% of accepted applicants aged 30-34; and 21% of accepted applicants aged 35 and over.

Figure 2g: UCAS-accepted applicants by qualification and age (2016)



3 Student characteristics: Ethnic origin

Ethnic origin data is requested from UK-domiciled applicants through the UCAS application process, although provision of this information is not compulsory.

Figure 3a illustrates the ethnic background of Access to HE applicants and accepted applicants. In the 2015 UCAS cycle:

- 32% of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were from ethnic minority groups
- 65% were white
- 19% were black
- 8% were Asian
- 5% were of mixed or multiple ethnic backgrounds.
- 29 % of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were from ethnic minority groups
- 68% were white
- 17% were black
- 8% were Asian
- 5% were of mixed or multiple ethnic backgrounds.

Figure 3a: Access to HE applicants and accepted applicants by ethnic background

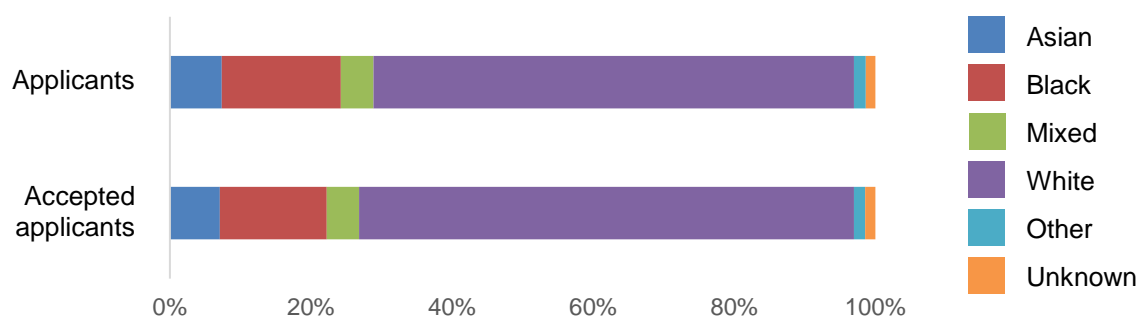


Table 3b provides the ethnic breakdown and gender of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma, compared with accepted applicants with other qualifications. The highest proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (after men and women with white ethnic backgrounds) were women with a black ethnic background. 12% of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were women with a black ethnic background, compared with 4% of applicants with other qualifications. Overall, 17% of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma had a black ethnic background, compared with 8% of applicants with other qualifications.

Table 3b: UCAS-accepted applicants by ethnic background, gender and age

Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma						
Ethnicity	Men (% of all Access to HE accepted applicants)		Women (% of all Access to HE accepted applicants)		Total (% of all Access to HE accepted applicants)	
Asian	710	(3%)	1,120	(5%)	1,830	(8%)
Black	1,160	(5%)	2,910	(12%)	4,079	(17%)
Mixed	305	(1%)	820	(3%)	1,125	(5%)
White	3,995	(16%)	12,530	(51%)	16,525	(68%)
Other	180	(1%)	275	(1%)	455	(2%)
Unknown	145	(1%)	205	(1%)	350	(1%)
Total	6,495	(27%)	17,860	(73%)	24,355	

Accepted applicants with other qualifications						
Ethnicity	Men (% of all accepted applicants with other qualifications)		Women (% of all accepted applicants with other qualifications)		Total (% of all accepted applicants with other qualifications)	
Asian	25,355	(6%)	26,585	(6%)	51,940	(12%)
Black	14,710	(3%)	19,055	(4%)	33,765	(8%)
Mixed	8,205	(2%)	10,535	(2%)	18,740	(4%)
White	140,250	(32%)	182,915	(41%)	323,165	(73%)
Other	3,670	(1%)	3,890	(1%)	7,560	(2%)
Unknown	3,045	(1%)	2,910	(1%)	5,955	(1%)
Total	195,235	(44%)	245,890	(56%)	441,125	

Figure 3c: UCAS-accepted applicants by qualification and ethnic background

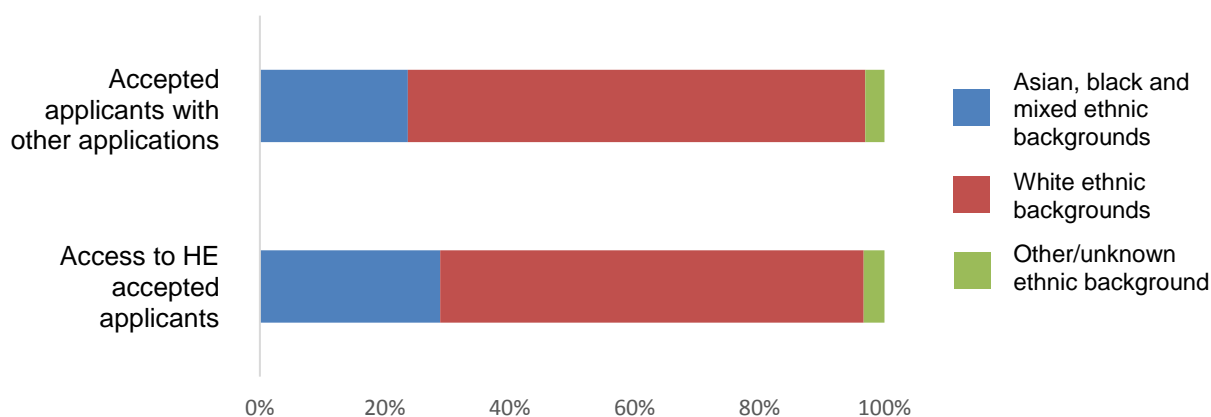


Figure 3c shows the ethnic breakdown of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma compared with accepted applicants with other qualifications. It shows that 29% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma had Asian, black or mixed ethnic backgrounds, compared with 24% of accepted applicants with other qualifications.

4 Student characteristics: Region of permanent residence

Table 4a provides the permanent region of residence for unique applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma. In the 2015 UCAS cycle:

- 29% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were resident in the North of England (North East, North West, and Yorkshire and the Humber)
- 22% were resident in the South (South East and South West)
- 19% were resident in the Midlands (West Midlands and East Midlands)
- 16% were resident in London
- 8% were resident in the East of England
- 5% were resident in Wales
- only 1% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were resident in Northern Ireland and Scotland - this is probably because there are no Access Validating Agencies regulated by QAA based in Northern Ireland or Scotland, as the majority of access courses in these areas are not regulated by QAA.

Table 4a: Unique applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by applicant region of domicile

Applicant region of domicile	Number of unique applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of unique applicants with an Access to HE Diploma)		Number of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma)		Acceptance rate
East Midlands	9,565	(8%)	1,925	(8%)	20%
East of England	8,900	(7%)	1,845	(8%)	21%
London	24,980	(20%)	3,790	(16%)	15%
North East	6,250	(5%)	1,715	(7%)	27%
North West	16,060	(13%)	3,130	(13%)	19%
Northern Ireland	1,200	(1%)	255	(1%)	21%
Scotland	245	(>1%)	55	(>1%)	22%
South East	16,190	(13%)	2,960	(12%)	18%
South West	9,585	(8%)	2,240	(9%)	23%
Wales	5,515	(4%)	1,250	(5%)	23%
West Midlands	14,540	(12%)	2,710	(11%)	17%
Yorkshire and the Humber	10,735	(9%)	2,035	(9%)	19%

Table 4b shows the number and proportion of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma that were accepted by a higher education provider in their region of domicile. 74% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were accepted by a higher education provider in their region of domicile. In some regions, particularly in the North of England and West Midlands, the percentage of Access to HE applicants accepted by a higher education provider in their region of domicile was much higher than 75%. This indicates that the majority of students with an Access to HE Diploma choose to remain in their local area to study in higher education. This is also illustrated by the map at figure 4c.

Table 4b: Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma who were accepted by a provider in their region of domicile

Applicant region of domicile	Applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma in that region)	
East Midlands	1,355	(67%)
East of England	1,250	(55%)
London	2,760	(74%)
North East	1,560	(90%)
North West	2,695	(84%)
Northern Ireland	240	(86%)
Scotland	55	(52%)
South East	1,430	(68%)
South West	1,695	(76%)
Wales	1,035	(79%)
West Midlands	2,120	(81%)
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,595	(72%)
Total	17,790	(74%)

Figure 4c: Map showing the number of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by region



5 Student characteristics: Participation of local areas

The POLAR3 classification groups small areas across the UK into five Quintile groups according to their rate of young participation in higher education in the early 2000s. In Quintile 1, fewer than one in five young people enter higher education, compared with well over half in Quintile 5. Each Quintile represents around 20% of the young population. Further information on the POLAR3 classification can be found on the [HEFCE website](#).¹

Table 5a provides the number and proportion of accepted applicants from each POLAR3 Quintile by qualification. It shows that 23% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were from POLAR3 Quintile 1 areas, which have the lowest participation in higher education (most disadvantaged). This compares with 12% of accepted applicants with other qualifications. The largest proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma were from POLAR3 Quintile 1 areas, compared with the largest proportion of accepted applicants with other qualifications, who were from POLAR3 Quintile 5 areas (most advantaged).

Table 5a: Accepted applicants by qualification and POLAR3 classification

Accepted applicants			
	Access to HE (as % of all Access to HE accepted applicants)	Other qualifications (as % of all accepted applicants with other qualifications)	Total (as % of all accepted applicants)
POLAR3 Quintile 1	5,570 (23%)	53,470 (12%)	59,040 (13%)
POLAR3 Quintile 2	5,360 (22%)	71,180 (16%)	76,540 (16%)
POLAR3 Quintile 3	5,250 (22%)	89,075 (20%)	94,325 (20%)
POLAR3 Quintile 4	4,575 (19%)	99,995 (23%)	104,570 (22%)
POLAR3 Quintile 5	3,540 (15%)	126,245 (29%)	129,785 (28%)
Not assigned	50 (>1%)	1,170 (>1%)	1,220 (>1%)
Total	24,345	441,135	465,480

Figure 5b compares the proportion of accepted applicants in each of the five POLAR3 Quintiles by qualification, illustrating some of the data set out in Table 5a.

¹ POLAR - Participation of Local Areas, available at: www.hefce.ac.uk/analysis/yp/POLAR/.

Figure 5b: Accepted applicants by qualification and POLAR3 classification

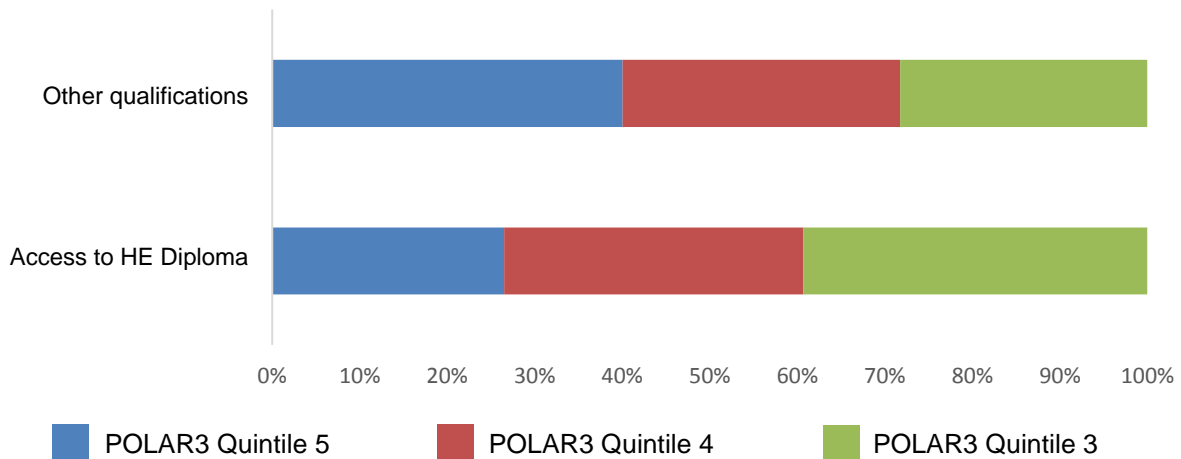
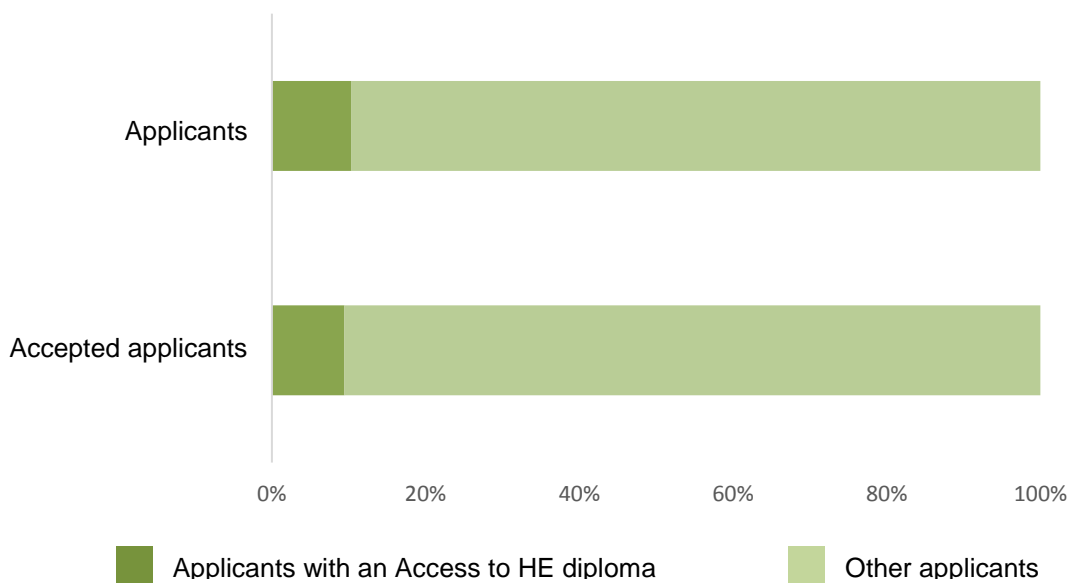


Figure 5c depicts the proportion of applicants and accepted applicants resident in POLAR3 Quintile 1 areas (lowest participation) with an Access to HE Diploma, and those with other qualifications. In the 2016 UCAS cycle, applicants with an Access to HE Diploma accounted for 10% of all applicants, and 9% of all accepted applicants from areas with the lowest participation in higher education (most disadvantaged).

Figure 5c: Applicants and accepted applicants from areas with the lowest participation in higher education (POLAR3 Quintile 1) by qualification



6 Subject groups

JACS3 is the system owned and maintained by UCAS and HESA that is used to code subjects of higher education courses.

Where applicants apply to subjects in more than one group, the group listed most frequently on the application form is counted (predominant subject). This can create the impression for some subject groups that there are more people accepted than applied. Where a predominant subject group cannot be established, the applicant is categorised as being 'unknown'.

In the 2016 UCAS cycle:

- 47% of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma applied for courses in medicine, dentistry and subjects allied to medicine, such as nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy and radiography
- other popular subjects among applicants with an Access to HE Diploma included social studies (12%), biological sciences (8%), and business, admin studies and law (3%).

Figure 6a illustrates the number of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by the predominant subject of the course onto which they were accepted.

Figure 6a: Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by subject

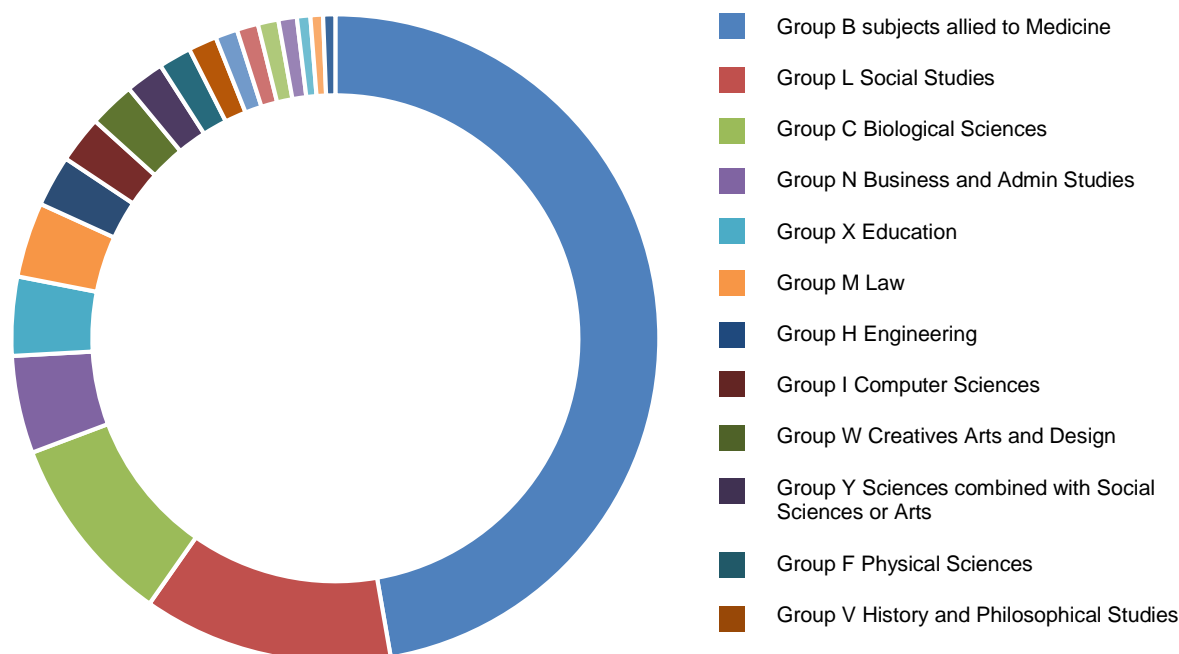


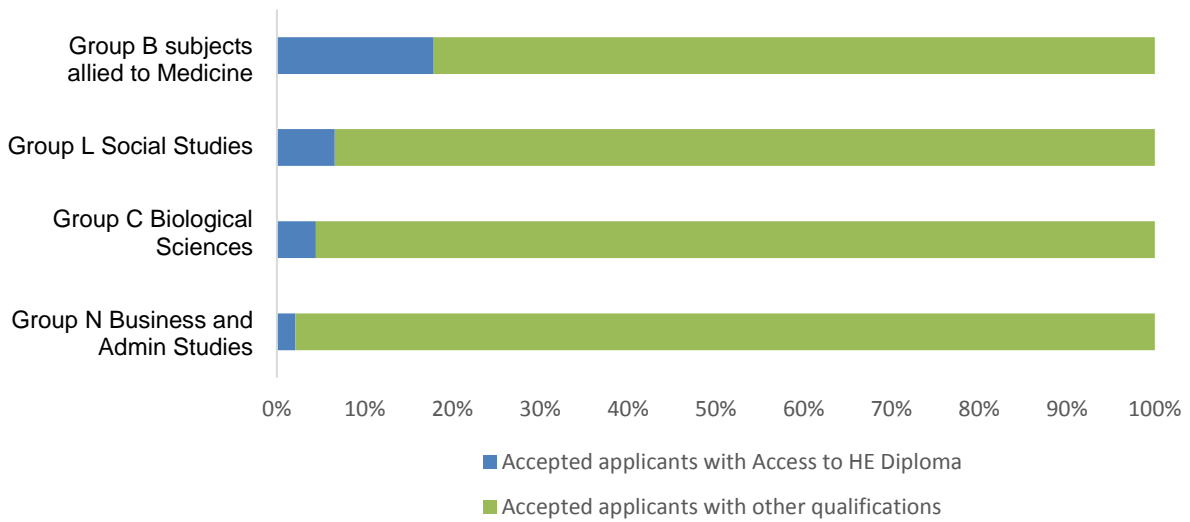
Table 6b gives the predominant JACS3 subject group for unique applicants and accepted applicants, with applicants with an Access to HE Diploma separated from applicants with other qualifications.

Table 6b: Accepted applicants by qualification and subject group

JACS3 subject group	Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of all accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma)		Accepted applicants with other qualifications (% of all accepted applicants with other qualifications)		Total accepted applicants (% of all accepted applicants)	
A - Medicine and dentistry	90	(>1%)	7,98555	(2%)	8,075	(2%)
B - Subjects allied to medicine	11,300	(46%)	51,925	(11%)	63,225	(13%)
C - Biological sciences	2,280	(9%)	49,205	(11%)	51,485	(11%)
D - Veterinary sciences, agriculture and related	120	(>1%)	6,565	(1%)	6,685	(1%)
F - Physical sciences	390	(2%)	18,040	(4%)	18,430	(4%)
G - Mathematical sciences	40	(>1%)	7,485	(2%)	7,525	(2%)
H - Engineering	610	(3%)	24,015	(5%)	24,625	(5%)
I - Computer sciences	560	(2%)	23,480	(5%)	24,040	(5%)
J - Technologies	45	(>1%)	1,710	(>1%)	1,755	(1%)
K - Architecture, building and planning	145	(1%)	6,980	(1%)	7,125	(1%)
L - Social studies	2,980	(12%)	42,205	(9%)	45,185	(9%)
M - Law	895	(4%)	19,840	(4%)	20,735	(4%)
N - Business and admin studies	1,165	(5%)	53,765	(12%)	54,930	(11%)
P - Mass communication and documentation	160	(1%)	11,760	(3%)	11,920	(2%)
Q - Linguistics, classics and related	245	(1%)	11,175	(2%)	11,420	(2%)
R - European languages, literature and related	15	(>1%)	3,140	(1%)	3,155	(1%)
T - Non-European languages, literature and related	50	(>1%)	1,020	(>1%)	1,070	(>1%)
V - History and philosophical studies	340	(1%)	14,670	(3%)	15,010	(3%)
W - Creative arts and design	550	(2%)	48,655	(10%)	49,205	(10%)
X - Education	940	(4%)	19,725	(4%)	20,665	(4%)
Y - Combined arts	255	(1%)	8,480	(2%)	8,735	(2%)
Y - Combined sciences	265	(1%)	5,675	(1%)	5,940	(1%)
Y - Combined social sciences	150	(1%)	4,360	(1%)	4,510	(1%)
Y - Sciences combined with social sciences or arts	460	(2%)	10,550	(2%)	11,010	(2%)
Y - Social sciences combined with arts	220	(1%)	8,185	(2%)	8,405	(2%)
Z - General, other combined and unknown	90	(>1%)	4,890	(1%)	4,980	(1%)
Total	24,360		465,485		489,845	

Figure 6c shows the proportion of accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma, and the proportion of accepted applicants with other qualifications, for the five subject groups most popular with Access to HE applicants. In the 2016 UCAS cycle, Access to HE students accounted for 21% of all accepted applicants on courses in subjects allied to medicine.

Figure 6c: Accepted applicants by qualification and subject (over 1,000 Access to HE accepted applicants)



7 Institutions

In the 2016 UCAS cycle, applicants with an Access to HE Diploma applied to 264 higher education providers in the UK and were accepted by 210.

Higher education in the UK is delivered by a range of different providers, including universities and further education colleges, which are publicly funded (either directly or indirectly), and alternative (private) providers, which are not publicly funded. The vast majority of Access to HE applicants apply to, and are accepted by, publicly funded universities (as shown in Tables 7a and 7b).

Table 7a: Providers that received unique applications from Access to HE applicants and accepted Access to HE applicants by type of provider

Type of provider	Providers that received unique applications from Access to HE applicants (% of providers)		Providers that accepted Access to HE applicants (% of providers)	
University	145	(55%)	130	(62%)
Further education college	102	(39%)	72	(34%)
Alternative provider	17	(6%)	8	(4%)
Total	264		210	

Table 7b: Unique applicants and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by type of provider

Type of provider	Unique applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of unique Access to HE applicants)		Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of accepted Access to HE applicants)	
University	120,040	(97%)	22,720	(95%)
Further education college	3,425	(3%)	1,105	(5%)
Alternative provider	300	(>1%)	85	(>1%)
Total	123,765		23,910	

Some students with an Access to HE Diploma apply directly to higher education providers (that is, not through UCAS), so there will be some applicants and accepted applicants to higher education providers in the UK not included in the data. Direct entry often takes place in further education colleges that offer higher education courses, with students completing their further and higher education at the same institution. As the majority of Access to HE Diploma courses (81% in 2015-16) are provided by further education colleges, it is likely that some Access to HE students apply directly to a higher education course at the college where they completed their Access to HE Diploma.

Table 7c shows the number of providers in each UK region that received unique applications from applicants with an Access to HE Diploma, and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma. It shows that the largest number of providers that accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma was in London.

38% of providers in London that received unique applications from Access to HE applicants did not accept any applicants with an Access to HE Diploma. In the North East, all providers that received unique applications from applicants with an Access to HE Diploma also accepted Access to HE applicants.

Table 7c: Providers that received unique applications from Access to HE applicants and accepted Access to HE applicants by region of provider

Region of provider	Providers that received unique applications from Access to HE applicants (% of providers)		Providers that accepted Access to HE applicants (% of providers)	
London	55	(21%)	34	(16%)
South West	30	(11%)	27	(13%)
North West	30	(11%)	24	(11%)
Yorkshire and the Humber	24	(9%)	23	(11%)
South East	32	(12%)	22	(10%)
East of England	19	(7%)	17	(8%)
West Midlands	18	(7%)	14	(7%)
Scotland	15	(6%)	12	(6%)
East Midlands	14	(5%)	12	(6%)
Wales	13	(5%)	12	(6%)
North East	11	(4%)	11	(5%)
Northern Ireland	3	(1%)	2	(1%)
Total	264		210	

Table 7d: Unique applicants² and accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by region of provider

Region of provider	Unique applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of unique Access to HE applicants)		Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma (% of accepted Access to HE applicants)	
London	26,065	(21%)	3,830	(16%)
North West	17,315	(14%)	3,205	(13%)
West Midlands	14,725	(12%)	2,620	(11%)
East of England	9,900	(8%)	2,285	(10%)
South West	8,925	(7%)	2,240	(9%)
Yorkshire and the Humber	12,755	(10%)	2,210	(9%)
South East	11,375	(9%)	2,090	(9%)
East Midlands	9,790	(8%)	2,035	(9%)
North East	5,485	(4%)	1,735	(7%)
Wales	5,325	(4%)	1,310	(5%)
Northern Ireland	930	(1%)	245	(1%)
Scotland	1,175	(1%)	105	(>1%)
Total	123,765		23,910	

Table 7d shows the number of unique applicants and accepted applicants by the region of the provider. It shows that the largest proportion of applicants were accepted by providers in London.

Table 7e provides the number of Access to HE applicants accepted by each higher education provider. It shows that one provider accepted 600-700 Access to HE Diploma applicants. 60% of providers that accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma accepted fewer than 50 applicants.

² Unique applicants number is made up of the total number of individual applications made to each university. As each student may apply to multiple universities, the number of unique applications is significantly more than the number of acceptances.

Table 7e: Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by an individual higher education provider

Number of applicants with an Access to HE Diploma accepted by an individual higher education provider	Number of higher education providers
600-700	1
500-600	1
400-500	3
300-400	12
200-300	18
100-200	30
50-100	41
Fewer than 50	158

Table 7f: Accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma by provider

Provider name	Number of accepted Access to HE applicants (% of accepted Access to HE applicants)
Teesside University	670 (3%)
Birmingham City University	550 (2%)
Plymouth University	495 (2%)
Northumbria University	480 (2%)
University of Wolverhampton	455 (2%)
University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE)	395 (2%)
University of Salford	395 (2%)
London South Bank University	365 (2%)
The Manchester Metropolitan University	360 (2%)
University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)	350 (1%)
De Montfort University	335 (1%)
Sheffield Hallam University	330 (1%)
Coventry University	325 (1%)
Middlesex University	325 (1%)
Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)	315 (1%)
Anglia Ruskin University	310 (1%)
Edge Hill University	310 (1%)
University of Brighton	290 (1%)
University of South Wales	280 (1%)
University of East London (UEL)	275 (1%)
Total	7,610 (32%)

Table 7f lists the 20 higher education providers that accepted the most applicants with an Access to HE Diploma in the 2016 UCAS cycle. Applicants with an Access to HE Diploma accepted by these 20 higher education providers accounted for 32% of all accepted applicants with an Access to HE Diploma.

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