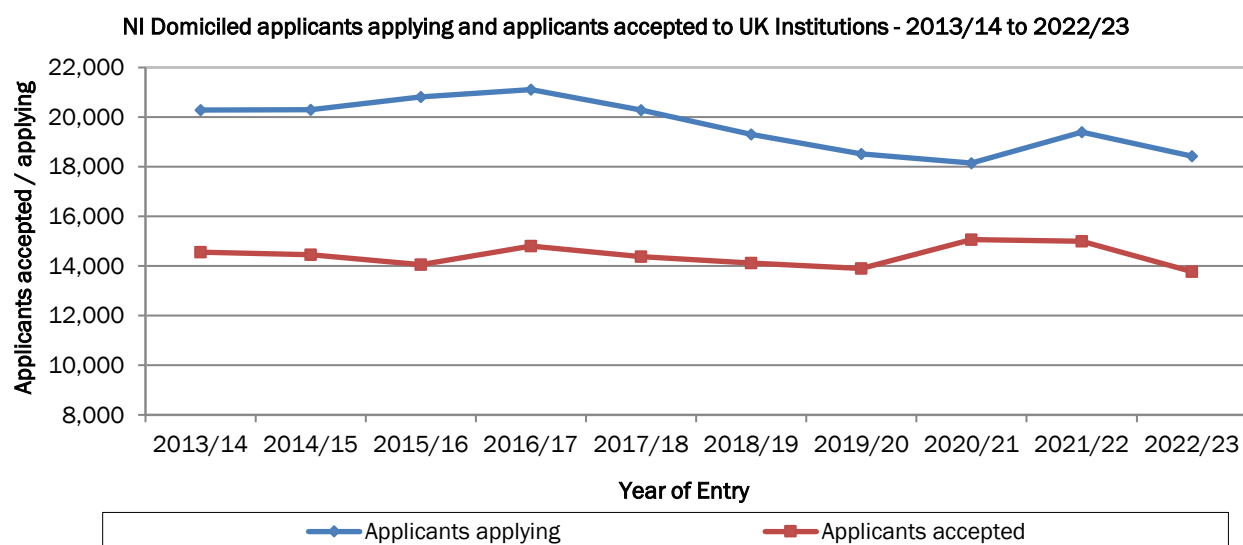


## Higher Education Statistical Fact Sheet 2: UCAS applicants and accepted applicants - 2013/14 to 2022/23

### Section 1: NI Domiciled applicants applying and applicants accepted to UK institutions through UCAS – 2013/14 to 2022/23 (2013-2022 UCAS cycles)

The chart and table below provide information on the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to and accepted to UK institutions, through the UCAS process.

- Over the decade between 2013/14 and 2022/23, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions decreased by a net 9%, from 20,290 to 18,430. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions decreased by a net 5%, from 14,555 to 13,775.
- Between 2021/22 and 2022/23, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions decreased by a net 5%, from 19,390 to 18,430. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions decreased by a net 8%, from 14,990 to 13,775.
- Although there was a net decrease over the decade in the overall number of NI domiciled applicants and acceptances to UK institutions, a breakdown by age indicates that 18-year-olds had a net increase in both applicants (11,700 to 12,070) and acceptances (8755 to 9,295) over the same period<sup>1</sup>.



	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<b>Applicants applying</b>	20,290	20,300	20,810	21,110	20,290
<b>Applicants accepted</b>	14,555	14,455	14,050	14,800	14,375

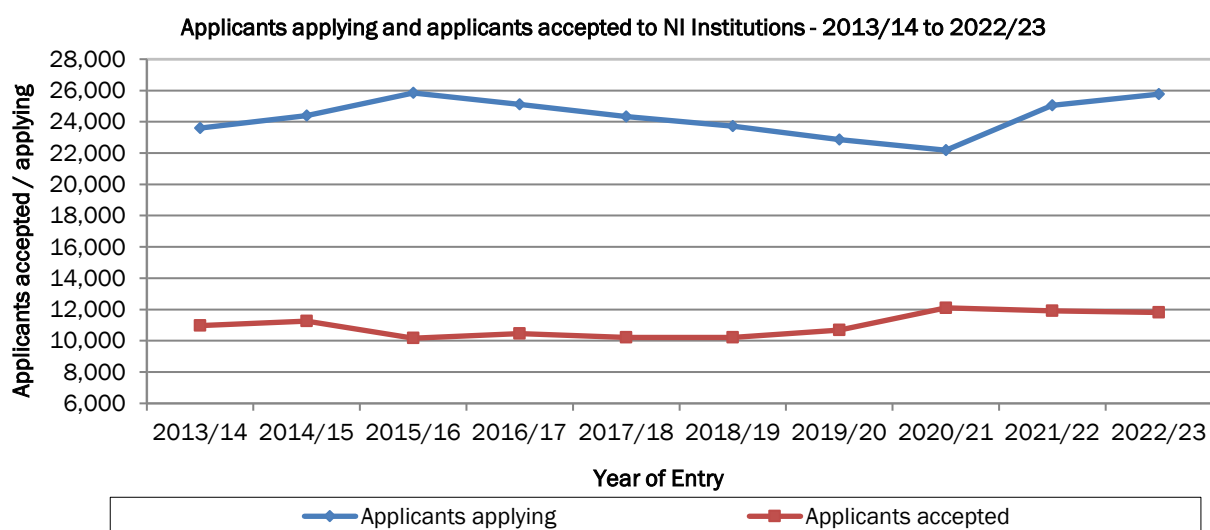
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Applicants applying</b>	19,310	18,520	18,150	19,390	18,430
<b>Applicants accepted</b>	14,125	13,905	15,065	14,990	13,775

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

## Section 2: Applicants applying and applicants accepted to NI institutions through UCAS – 2013/14 to 2022/23 (2013-2022 UCAS cycles)

The chart and table below provide information on the number of applicants applying to and accepted to NI institutions, through the UCAS process.

- Over the decade between 2013/14 and 2022/2023, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions increased by a net 9%, from 23,600 to 25,760. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions increased by a net 8%, from 10,965 to 11,805.
- Between 2021/22 and 2022/23, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions increased by a net 3%, from 25,040 to 25,760. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions decreased by a net 1%, from 11,915 to 11,805.



	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
<b>Applicants applying</b>	23,600	24,400	25,840	25,110	24,330
<b>Applicants accepted</b>	10,965	11,260	10,165	10,450	10,205

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Applicants applying</b>	23,720	22,860	22,180	25,040	25,760
<b>Applicants accepted</b>	10,210	10,680	12,105	11,915	11,805

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

Notes:

- Over the decade, the increase in NI domiciled 18-year-old applicants and acceptances, along with a decline in 18-year-old mid-year population estimates, led to a rise in UCAS 18-year-old entry rates.
- Figures include applicants applying and accepted to Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, Stranmillis University College and the NI Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).
- St Mary's University College and the Open University do not use UCAS for their application process.
- UCAS is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to full-time undergraduate courses at UK higher education institutions.
- Applicants can make up to five applications through UCAS; however, in the above table, each applicant is counted only once.
- Percentage comparisons are based on rounded figures and rounded to the nearest integer.

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