

Note for Children, Young People and Education Committee Inquiry

The following information providing a comparison between the number of EU domiciled and international domiciled UCAS main scheme **applications** to Welsh, and **English** higher education providers was provided by HEFCW to the Children, Young People and Education Committee Inquiry at its meeting on 18 July 2018:

- EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions have decreased by 8% while EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applications** to English institutions have increased by 2%
- Non EU domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions have decreased by 9% while non EU domiciled **applications** to English institutions have increased by 7%

This document seeks to provide a comparison between the number of EU domiciled and non EU domiciled applicants to Welsh, **Scottish** and **Northern Irish** higher education providers as requested at the meeting referred to above. All figures relate to the number of **applicants** or **applications** to UCAS main scheme courses in 2018 by the deadline of 30th June and are compared with figures for the previous year. All figures are taken from the UCAS data release of 12th July 2018¹. Differences between **applicants** and **applications** are explained in the notes section.

Applicants

Country of provider	Domicile	2017	2018	Change from 2017	Percentage change
Wales	UK	59,270	55,590	-3,680	-6%
	EU (excluding UK)	5,290	4,770	-520	-10%
	Non EU	7,630	7,060	-570	-7%
	All domiciles	72,200	67,420	-4,780	-7%
England	UK	468,300	450,550	-17,750	-4%
	EU (excluding UK)	42,080	42,830	750	2%
	Non EU	69,020	73,570	4,550	7%
	All domiciles	579,410	566,950	-12,460	-2%
Northern Ireland	UK	20,490	19,820	-670	-3%
	EU (excluding UK)	1,710	1,760	50	3%
	Non EU	2,120	2,150	30	1%
	All domiciles	24,330	23,720	-610	-3%
Scotland	UK	85,730	84,680	-1,050	-1%
	EU (excluding UK)	19,090	18,810	-280	-1%
	Non EU	17,690	19,230	1,540	9%
	All domiciles	122,500	122,730	230	0%
UK	UK	529,620	511,460	-18,160	-3%
	EU (excluding UK)	49,250	50,130	880	2%
	Non EU	70,830	75,380	4,550	6%
	All domiciles	649,700	636,960	-12,740	-2%

Source: UCAS 30 June Deadline 2018 press release, Applicants (1.7)

¹ <https://www.ucas.com/corporate/news-and-key-documents/news/english-18-year-olds-are-more-likely-ever-apply-university>

- Between 2017 and 2018, the number of EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applicants** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 10% (from 5,290 to 4,770), to Scottish institutions has reduced by 1% (from 19,090 to 18,810) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 3% (from 1,710 to 1,760).
- For the same period, the number of non EU domiciled **applicants** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 7% (from 7,630 to 7,060), to Scottish institutions has increased by 9% (from 17,690 to 19,230) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 1% (from 2,120 to 2,150).

Applications

Country of provider	Domicile	2017	2018	Change from 2017	Percentage change
Wales	UK	86,840	82,180	-4,660	-5%
	EU (excluding UK)	7,590	6,960	-630	-8%
	Non EU	8,740	7,970	-770	-9%
	All domiciles	103,170	97,110	-6,060	-6%
England	UK	1,887,430	1,806,820	-80,610	-4%
	EU (excluding UK)	158,540	162,160	3,620	2%
	Non EU	274,830	294,620	19,790	7%
	All domiciles	2,320,800	2,263,600	-57,200	-2%
Northern Ireland	UK	56,470	54,510	-1,960	-3%
	EU (excluding UK)	2,980	3,120	140	5%
	Non EU	2,240	2,260	20	1%
	All domiciles	61,690	59,890	-1,800	-3%
Scotland	UK	238,170	234,870	-3,300	-1%
	EU (excluding UK)	45,490	45,110	-380	-1%
	Non EU	24,520	26,530	2,010	8%
	All domiciles	308,180	306,520	-1,660	-1%
UK	UK	2,268,910	2,178,390	-90,520	-4%
	EU (excluding UK)	214,580	217,350	2,770	1%
	Non EU	310,340	331,380	21,040	7%
	All domiciles	2,793,830	2,727,120	-66,710	-2%

Source: UCAS 30 June Deadline 2018 press release, Applications (I.5.2 to I.5.23)

- Between 2017 and 2018, the number of EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 8% (from 7,590 to 6,960), to Scottish institutions has decreased by 1% (from 45,490 to 45,110) and to institutions in Northern Ireland has increased by 5% (from 2,980 to 3,120).
- For the same period, the number of non EU domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 9% (from 8,740 to 7,970), Scottish institutions has increased by 8% (from 24,520 to 26,530) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 1% (from 2,240 to 2,260).

Notes

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.

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.

Calculations – the change from 2017 and the percentage change have been calculated using rounded figures and therefore may differ from calculations using unrounded data.