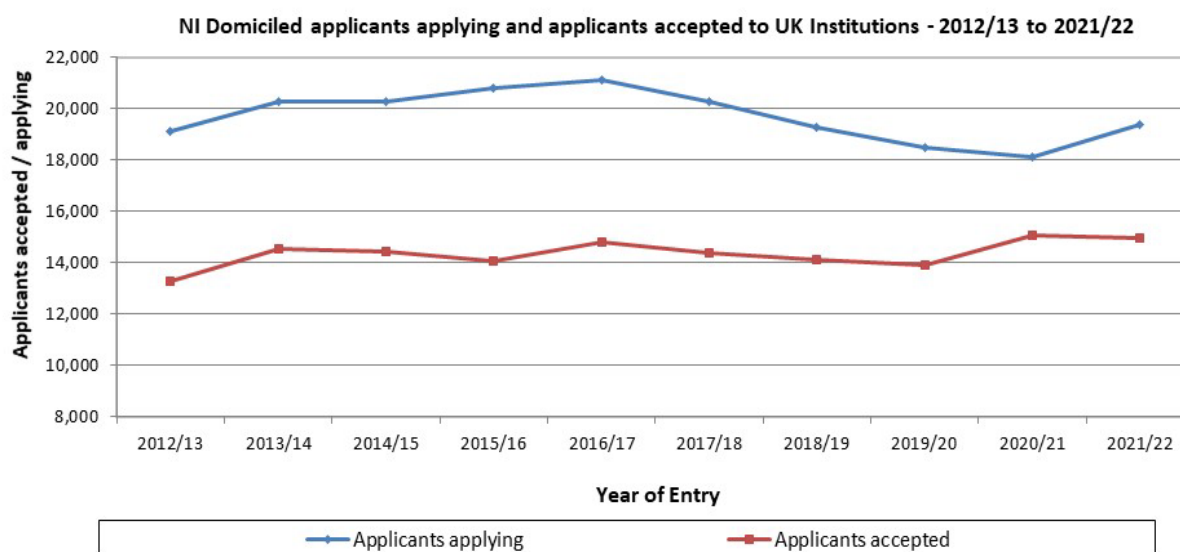


Higher Education Statistical Fact Sheet 2: UCAS applicants and accepted applicants - 2012/13 to 2021/22

Section 1: NI Domiciled applicants applying and applicants accepted to UK institutions through UCAS – 2012/13 to 2021/22 (2012-2021 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 2012/13 and 2021/22, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions increased by a net 1%, from 19,150 to 19,390. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions increased by a net 13%, from 13,285 to 14,990.
- Between 2020/21 and 2021/22, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions increased by 7%, from 18,150 to 19,390. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions decreased slightly, from 15,065 to 14,990.



	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Applicants applying	19,150	20,290	20,300	20,810	21,110
Applicants accepted	13,285	14,555	14,455	14,050	14,800

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Applicants applying	20,290	19,310	18,520	18,150	19,390
Applicants accepted	14,375	14,125	13,905	15,065	14,990

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

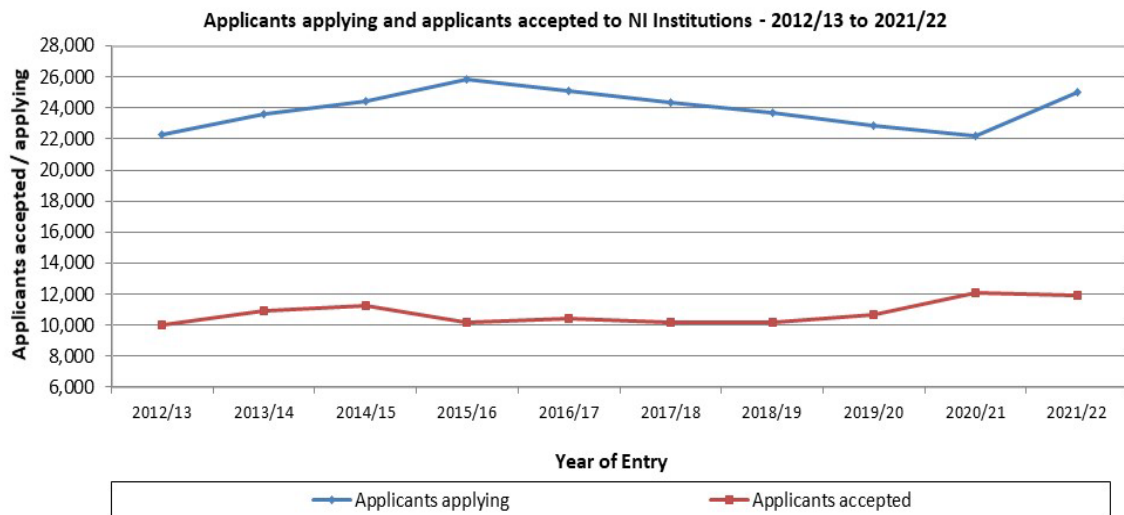
Notes:

- 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.

Section 2: Applicants applying and applicants accepted to NI institutions through UCAS – 2012/13 to 2021/22 (2012-2021 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 2012/13 and 2021/2022, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions increased by a net 13%, from 22,250 to 25,040. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions increased by a net 19%, from 10,040 to 11,915.
- Between 2020/21 and 2021/22, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions increased by a net 13%, from 22,180 to 25,040. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions decreased by a net 2%, from 12,105 to 11,915.



	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Applicants applying	22,250	23,600	24,400	25,840	25,110
Applicants accepted	10,040	10,965	11,260	10,165	10,450

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Applicants applying	24,330	23,720	22,860	22,180	25,040
Applicants accepted	10,205	10,210	10,680	12,105	11,915

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

Notes:

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