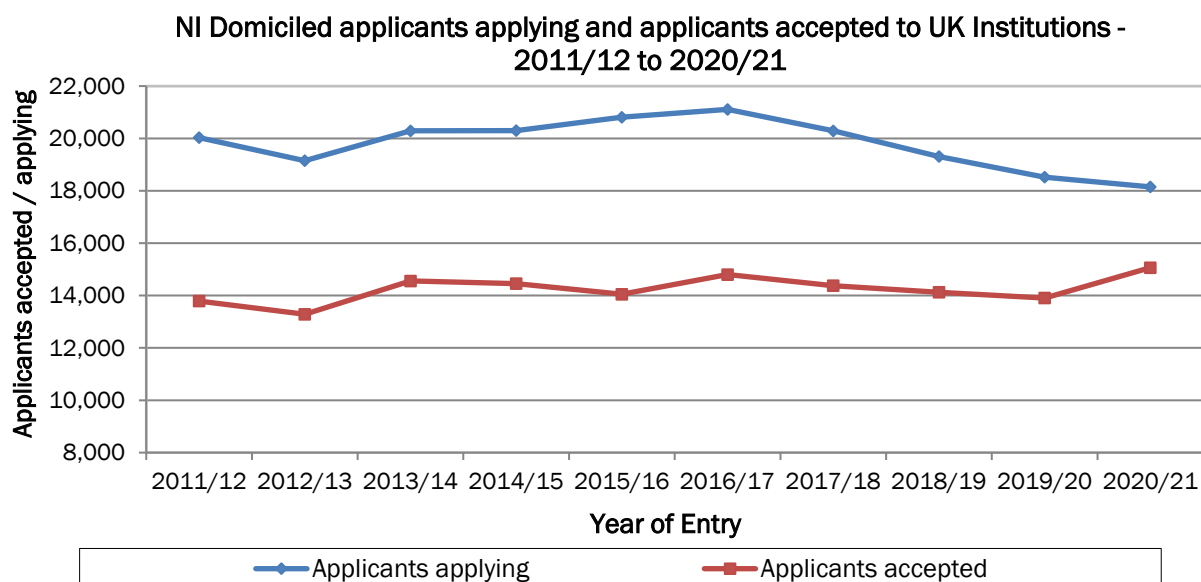


Higher Education Statistical Fact Sheet 2: UCAS applicants and accepted applicants - 2011/12 to 2020/21

Section 1: NI Domiciled applicants applying and applicants accepted to UK institutions through UCAS – 2011/12 to 2020/21 (2011-2020 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 2011/12 and 2020/21, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions decreased by a net 9.4%, from 20,030 to 18,150. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions increased by a net 9.2%, from 13,790 to 15,065.
- Between 2019/20 and 2020/21, the number of NI domiciled applicants applying to UK institutions decreased by 2.0%, from 18,520 to 18,150. Over the same period, the number of NI domiciled applicants accepted to UK institutions increased by 8.3%, from 13,905 to 15,065.



	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Applicants applying	20,030	19,150	20,290	20,300	20,810
Applicants accepted	13,790	13,285	14,555	14,455	14,050

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Applicants applying	21,110	20,290	19,310	18,520	18,150
Applicants accepted	14,800	14,375	14,125	13,905	15,065

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

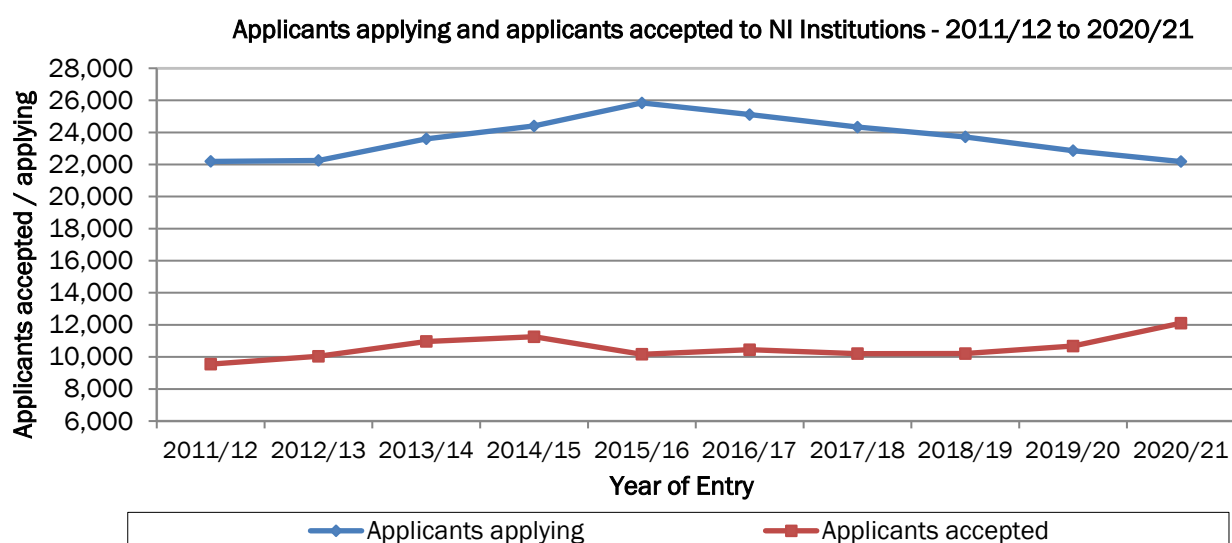
Notes:

- 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 unrounded figures.

Section 2: Applicants applying and applicants accepted to NI institutions through UCAS – 2011/12 to 2020/21 (2011-2020 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 2011/12 and 2020/21, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions decreased slightly, from 22,190 to 22,180. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions increased by a net 26.8%, from 9,550 to 12,105.
- Between 2019/20 and 2020/21, the number of applicants applying to NI institutions decreased by a net 3.0%, from 22,860 to 22,180. Over the same period, the number of applicants accepted to NI institutions increased by a net 13.3%, from 10,680 to 12,105.



	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Applicants applying	22,190	22,250	23,600	24,400	25,840
Applicants accepted	9,550	10,040	10,965	11,260	10,165

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Applicants applying	25,110	24,330	23,720	22,860	22,180
Applicants accepted	10,450	10,205	10,210	10,680	12,105

Source: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

Notes:

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