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Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2020 cycle

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The following tables and charts are produced annually and are intended to provide a statistical analysis of applicants to the Cambridge Colleges.

The data has been prepared on behalf of the Admissions Forum of the Cambridge Colleges by the Cambridge Admissions Office (email: caodata@admin.cam.ac.uk).

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Notes for information

- These statistics refer to applications made from September 2019 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2020 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2021. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 285 applicants through UCAS who did not submit a Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) in addition to a UCAS application, as required to complete their submission to the University.
- The term 'Home' refers to applicants who have indicated in their UCAS application that they are permanently resident in the UK. For more information about the UCAS application process, please see: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university.
- Offer figures refer to applicants who received a conditional or unconditional offer of a place.
- Acceptance figures include only those applicants who received an unconditional firm offer of a place. It excludes those made conditional offers who were unsuccessful at confirmation.
- Success rate figures show the proportion of applicants accepted at confirmation.
- Percentages throughout have been rounded to one decimal place, so values given may not always add up to 100.
- Please note that the statistics are not intended for use in the University's return to the Office for Students (OfS), as they are calculated on a different basis.
- Equivalent tables for the previous application cycle may be found in: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/ug_admissions_statistics_2019_cycle_0.pdf

Summary

The 2020 admissions cycle was highly unusual, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact this had on the awarding of school leaving examination results. As a consequence, the University of Cambridge accepted over 450 more undergraduates than usual.

Please note that last year's figures are shown in *italics* in brackets.

Table 1.1 Applications, offers and acceptances by type of school/college and gender

- The total number of applications is 20,426 (19,359), an increase of 5.5%.
- The total number of offers is 4,710 (4,694), an increase of 0.3%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,997 (3,528), an increase of 13.3%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 48:52 (51:49).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:
Maintained 70.6% (68.7%)
Independent 29.4% (31.3%)

Table 3.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances by A Level profile and gender

- Of those accepted, 98.6% (94.8%) achieved the equivalent of A*AA or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.
- The number of **unsuccessful** applicants who went on to achieve the equivalent of A*AA or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking is 6,392 (4,002).

Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR4 quintile)

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR4 directory and who are in the lowest participation quintile is 5.3% (4.6%).
- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR4 directory and who are in the lowest two participation quintiles is 14.1% (13.0%). In addition, 0.6% (0.7%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR4 directory.

Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by OAC flag

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the OAC directory and who are in a flagged subgroup is 19.1% (18.8%). In addition, 0.3% (0.6%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the OAC directory.

Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by IMD flag

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the IMD directory and who are in a flagged quintile is 21.6% (19.7%*). In addition, 0.3% (0.6%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the IMD directory.

Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity and gender

- The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 29.3% (27.8%). In addition, 1.0% (0.8%) of those accepted chose not to declare their ethnic origin.

Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

- The proportion of those accepted who declare they have a disability is 8.9% (6.8%).

* The IMD flag has changed, so last year's summary figure has been re-calculated here on the same basis for ease of comparison. From the 2020 cycle onwards, home postcodes in the lowest two IMD quintiles are flagged; prior to this, the lowest three IMD *deciles* were flagged.

1 Applications, offers and acceptances by school/college type

Table 1.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by type of school/college and gender 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile, but provides a split between Home and all other applications.

Type of school/college	Applications				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Success rate (%)
Home applications													
Maintained	4,743	4,494	9,237	45.2	1,107	1,359	2,466	52.4	942	1,195	2,137	53.5	23.1
Comprehensive School	2,585	2,465	5,050	24.7	543	722	1,265	26.9	462	631	1,093	27.3	21.6
Grammar School	1,249	1,058	2,307	11.3	367	366	733	15.6	322	335	657	16.4	28.5
Sixth Form College	651	673	1,324	6.5	150	201	351	7.5	118	170	288	7.2	21.8
FE and Tertiary Colleges	258	298	556	2.7	47	70	117	2.5	40	59	99	2.5	17.8
Independent	1,849	1,587	3,436	16.8	479	481	960	20.4	438	450	888	22.2	25.8
Other and Overseas	295	420	715	3.5	42	72	114	2.4	33	64	97	2.4	13.6
Subtotals	6,887	6,501	13,388	65.5	1,628	1,912	3,540	75.2	1,413	1,709	3,122	78.1	23.3
Other applications													
Maintained	32	31	63	0.3	1	2	3	0.1	1	2	3	0.1	4.8
Independent	388	428	816	4.0	78	81	159	3.4	64	65	129	3.2	15.8
Other and Overseas	3,274	2,885	6,159	30.2	578	430	1,008	21.4	423	320	743	18.6	12.1
Subtotals	3,694	3,344	7,038	34.5	657	513	1,170	24.8	488	387	875	21.9	12.4
Totals	10,581	9,845	20,426	100.0	2,285	2,425	4,710	100.0	1,901	2,096	3,997	100.0	19.6

The terms 'Maintained' and 'Independent' refer to UK schools/colleges, so figures provided in the lower half of the table against the 'Maintained' and 'Independent' labels refer to applicants permanently resident outside the UK applying following education in UK schools/colleges. The 'Other and Overseas' category consists largely of applicants at schools and colleges outside the UK, but includes applicants from a variety of non-school/college institutions within the UK. Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:

Maintained **70.6%** (68.7% in the previous cycle)
 Independent **29.4%** (31.3% in the previous cycle)

Table 1.2 UK schools/colleges submitting Home applicants, and receiving offers and acceptances to Cambridge in any of the last three years (2018-2020)

This table counts the number of UK schools/colleges submitting Home applicants over a three-year period.

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Maintained	2,357	1,502	1,311
Comprehensive School	1,846	1,133	972
Grammar School	224	196	190
Sixth Form College	72	63	57
FE and Tertiary Colleges	215	110	92
Independent	562	386	362
Totals	2,919	1,888	1,673

Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

2 Applications, offers and acceptances by region

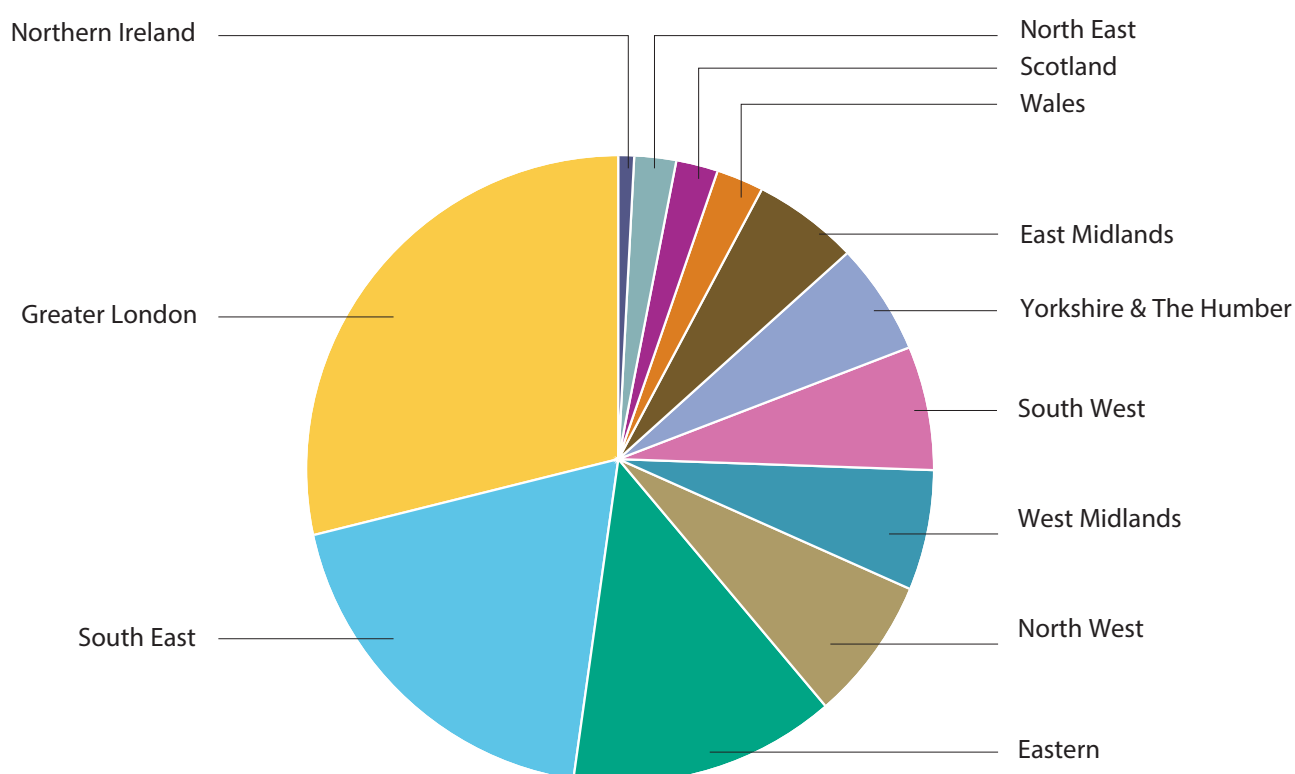
Table 2.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UK region 2020

This table counts Home applications only.

Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	140	1.0	38	1.1	28	0.9	20.0
North East	289	2.2	79	2.2	71	2.3	24.6
Scotland	312	2.3	62	1.8	49	1.6	15.7
Wales	330	2.5	91	2.6	82	2.6	24.8
East Midlands	743	5.5	208	5.9	182	5.8	24.5
Yorkshire & The Humber	785	5.9	208	5.9	176	5.6	22.4
South West	826	6.2	209	5.9	191	6.1	23.1
West Midlands	829	6.2	201	5.7	176	5.6	21.2
North West	982	7.3	241	6.8	213	6.8	21.7
Eastern	1,772	13.2	473	13.4	409	13.1	23.1
South East	2,535	18.9	718	20.3	637	20.4	25.1
Greater London	3,845	28.7	1,012	28.6	908	29.1	23.6
Totals	13,388	100.0	3,540	100.0	3,122	100.0	23.3

The regions listed are based on applicants' Area of Permanent Residence (APR) code, as provided by UCAS.

Number of applications to Cambridge by region 2020



Success rate by region 2020

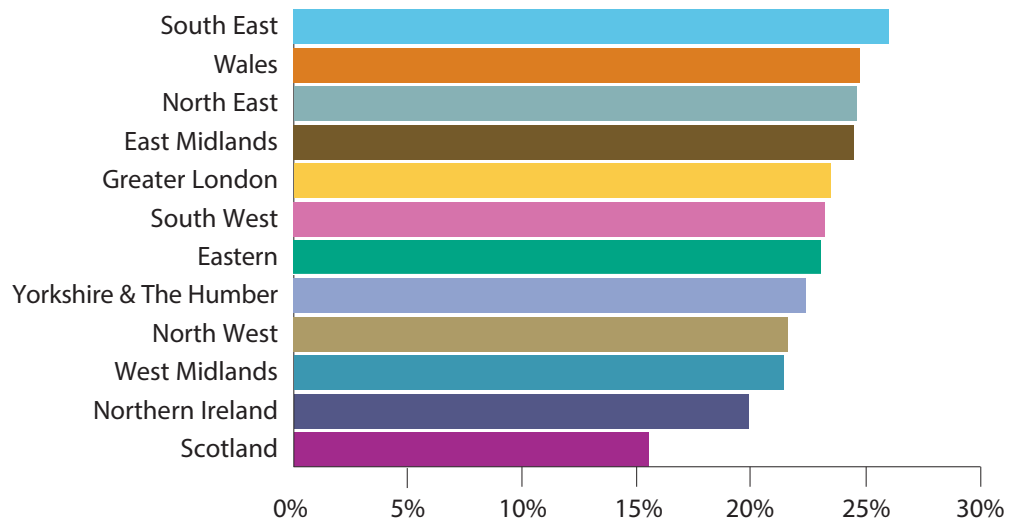


Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2020

This table counts applications from outside the UK only.

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	1,343	19.1	285	24.4	208	23.8	15.5
Hong Kong	556	7.9	102	8.7	88	10.1	15.8
Singapore	508	7.2	135	11.5	101	11.5	19.9
United States of America	401	5.7	60	5.1	41	4.7	10.2
India	340	4.8	37	3.2	26	3.0	7.6
Malaysia	256	3.6	33	2.8	28	3.2	10.9
France	253	3.6	23	2.0	19	2.2	7.5
Poland	234	3.3	51	4.4	42	4.8	17.9
Germany	207	2.9	26	2.2	18	2.1	8.7
Spain	171	2.4	17	1.5	10	1.1	5.8
Italy	159	2.3	15	1.3	10	1.1	6.3
Korea, Republic of	138	2.0	24	2.1	14	1.6	10.1
Canada	137	1.9	16	1.4	10	1.1	7.3
Romania	135	1.9	23	2.0	17	1.9	12.6
Ireland	107	1.5	7	0.6	6	0.7	5.6
Pakistan	107	1.5	6	0.5	4	0.5	3.7
Hungary	105	1.5	28	2.4	26	3.0	24.8
Australia	94	1.3	24	2.1	20	2.3	21.3
Cyprus (European Union)	90	1.3	16	1.4	15	1.7	16.7
Greece	79	1.1	9	0.8	5	0.6	6.3
Belgium	73	1.0	11	0.9	8	0.9	11.0
Sweden	70	1.0	11	0.9	8	0.9	11.4
United Arab Emirates	69	1.0	10	0.9	5	0.6	7.2
Switzerland	67	1.0	10	0.9	8	0.9	11.9
Netherlands	63	0.9	15	1.3	12	1.4	19.0
Other EU	443	6.3	67	5.7	49	5.6	11.1
Other International	833	11.8	109	9.3	77	8.8	9.2
Totals	7,038	100.0	1,170	100.0	875	100.0	12.4

This table lists the top 25 countries outside the UK submitting applications to Cambridge. The countries listed are based on applicants' Area of Permanent Residence (APR) code. Countries submitting fewer applications than those in the top 25 are aggregated as 'Other EU' or 'Other International' at the bottom of the table.

3 Applications, offers and acceptances by A Level profile

Table 3.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by A Level profile and gender 2020

This table counts Home applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2020 admissions cycle only.

A Level Grades	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences																		
A*A*A*	646	11.0	972	17.5	1,618	14.2	291	21.0	536	31.5	827	26.8	287	24.0	527	34.6	814	29.9
A*A*A	473	8.1	744	13.4	1,217	10.7	136	9.8	284	16.7	420	13.6	134	11.2	275	18.0	409	15.0
A*A*B	28	0.5	54	1.0	82	0.7	4	0.3	17	1.0	21	0.7	3	0.3	9	0.6	12	0.4
A*A*C	1	0.0	6	0.1	7	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
A*AA	338	5.8	586	10.5	924	8.1	64	4.6	178	10.5	242	7.9	59	4.9	171	11.2	230	8.5
A*AB	92	1.6	158	2.8	250	2.2	15	1.1	27	1.6	42	1.4	4	0.3	7	0.5	11	0.4
AAA	122	2.1	199	3.6	321	2.8	12	0.9	17	1.0	29	0.9	5	0.4	10	0.7	15	0.6
<AAA	229	3.9	405	7.3	634	5.5	13	0.9	25	1.5	38	1.2	4	0.3	4	0.3	8	0.3
Subtotals	1,929	32.9	3,124	56.2	5,053	44.2	535	38.7	1,086	63.9	1,621	52.6	496	41.5	1,004	65.9	1,500	55.2
Sciences																		
A*A*A*	2,048	34.9	1,045	18.8	3,093	27.1	740	53.5	486	28.6	1,226	39.8	632	52.9	428	28.1	1,060	39.0
A*A*A	741	12.6	475	8.5	1,216	10.6	75	5.4	76	4.5	151	4.9	58	4.9	66	4.3	124	4.6
A*A*B	37	0.6	21	0.4	58	0.5	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1
A*A*C	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
A*AA	495	8.4	358	6.4	853	7.5	21	1.5	33	1.9	54	1.8	7	0.6	22	1.4	29	1.1
A*AB	106	1.8	77	1.4	183	1.6	4	0.3	2	0.1	6	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
AAA	184	3.1	182	3.3	366	3.2	4	0.3	5	0.3	9	0.3	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
<AAA	320	5.5	279	5.0	599	5.2	2	0.1	9	0.5	11	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
Subtotals	3,934	67.1	2,439	43.8	6,373	55.8	848	61.3	613	36.1	1,461	47.4	698	58.5	520	34.1	1,218	44.8
Totals	5,863	100.0	5,563	100.0	11,426	100.0	1,383	100.0	1,699	100.0	3,082	100.0	1,194	100.0	1,524	100.0	2,718	100.0

In this table the three highest A Level grades in all subjects, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking, are used to establish applicants' grade profiles. The '<AAA' category includes all combinations of A Level grades not listed separately.

4 Applications, offers and acceptances by subject

Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	44	0.2	29	0.6	26	0.7	59.1
Archaeology	57	0.3	33	0.7	24	0.6	42.1
Architecture	471	2.3	65	1.4	51	1.3	10.8
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	117	0.6	63	1.3	51	1.3	43.6
Classics	138	0.7	79	1.7	73	1.8	52.9
Classics (4 years)	66	0.3	37	0.8	33	0.8	50.0
Economics	1,364	6.7	187	4.0	165	4.1	12.1
Education	140	0.7	49	1.0	44	1.1	31.4
English	730	3.6	247	5.2	232	5.8	31.8
Geography	351	1.7	132	2.8	116	2.9	33.0
History	632	3.1	231	4.9	217	5.4	34.3
History & Modern Languages	94	0.5	36	0.8	33	0.8	35.1
History & Politics	261	1.3	69	1.5	62	1.6	23.8
History of Art	105	0.5	29	0.6	25	0.6	23.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	1,075	5.3	233	4.9	210	5.3	19.5
Land Economy	363	1.8	82	1.7	69	1.7	19.0
Law	1,537	7.5	287	6.1	262	6.6	17.0
Linguistics	98	0.5	46	1.0	40	1.0	40.8
Modern & Medieval Languages	378	1.9	193	4.1	187	4.7	49.5
Music	138	0.7	77	1.6	70	1.8	50.7
Philosophy	222	1.1	58	1.2	49	1.2	22.1
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	131	0.6	55	1.2	55	1.4	42.0
Subtotals	8,512	41.7	2,317	49.2	2,094	52.4	24.6
Sciences							
Computer Science	1,465	7.2	140	3.0	119	3.0	8.1
Engineering	2,518	12.3	420	8.9	363	9.1	14.4
Mathematics	1,633	8.0	548	11.6	251	6.3	15.4
Medicine	1,817	8.9	306	6.5	295	7.4	16.2
Medicine Graduate Course	485	2.4	46	1.0	37	0.9	7.6
Natural Sciences	3,042	14.9	736	15.6	663	16.6	21.8
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	547	2.7	107	2.3	96	2.4	17.6
Veterinary Medicine	407	2.0	90	1.9	79	2.0	19.4
Subtotals	11,914	58.3	2,393	50.8	1,903	47.6	16.0
Totals	20,426	100.0	4,710	100.0	3,997	100.0	19.6

Mathematics includes those applying for Mathematics and Mathematics with Physics. The courses in Chemical Engineering, Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering can be taken only after Part I in another subject. Applications, offers and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects taken by the applicants involved.

Table 4.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences												
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	20	45.5	24	54.5	11	37.9	18	62.1	10	38.5	16	61.5
Archaeology	17	29.8	40	70.2	10	30.3	23	69.7	8	33.3	16	66.7
Architecture	154	32.7	317	67.3	14	21.5	51	78.5	10	19.6	41	80.4
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	44	37.6	73	62.4	24	38.1	39	61.9	20	39.2	31	60.8
Classics	51	37.0	87	63.0	24	30.4	55	69.6	21	28.8	52	71.2
Classics (4 years)	14	21.2	52	78.8	7	18.9	30	81.1	7	21.2	26	78.8
Economics	883	64.7	481	35.3	116	62.0	71	38.0	101	61.2	64	38.8
Education	27	19.3	113	80.7	11	22.4	38	77.6	11	25.0	33	75.0
English	154	21.1	576	78.9	54	21.9	193	78.1	54	23.3	178	76.7
Geography	139	39.6	212	60.4	38	28.8	94	71.2	35	30.2	81	69.8
History	293	46.4	339	53.6	95	41.1	136	58.9	89	41.0	128	59.0
History & Modern Languages	31	33.0	63	67.0	12	33.3	24	66.7	11	33.3	22	66.7
History & Politics	125	47.9	136	52.1	29	42.0	40	58.0	26	41.9	36	58.1
History of Art	21	20.0	84	80.0	5	17.2	24	82.8	4	16.0	21	84.0
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	316	29.4	759	70.6	68	29.2	165	70.8	60	28.6	150	71.4
Land Economy	202	55.6	161	44.4	48	58.5	34	41.5	39	56.5	30	43.5
Law	552	35.9	985	64.1	118	41.1	169	58.9	112	42.7	150	57.3
Linguistics	38	38.8	60	61.2	23	50.0	23	50.0	20	50.0	20	50.0
Modern & Medieval Languages	122	32.3	256	67.7	63	32.6	130	67.4	61	32.6	126	67.4
Music	68	49.3	70	50.7	37	48.1	40	51.9	33	47.1	37	52.9
Philosophy	128	57.7	94	42.3	29	50.0	29	50.0	26	53.1	23	46.9
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	47	35.9	84	64.1	15	27.3	40	72.7	15	27.3	40	72.7
Subtotals	3,446	40.5	5,066	59.5	851	36.7	1,466	63.3	773	36.9	1,321	63.1

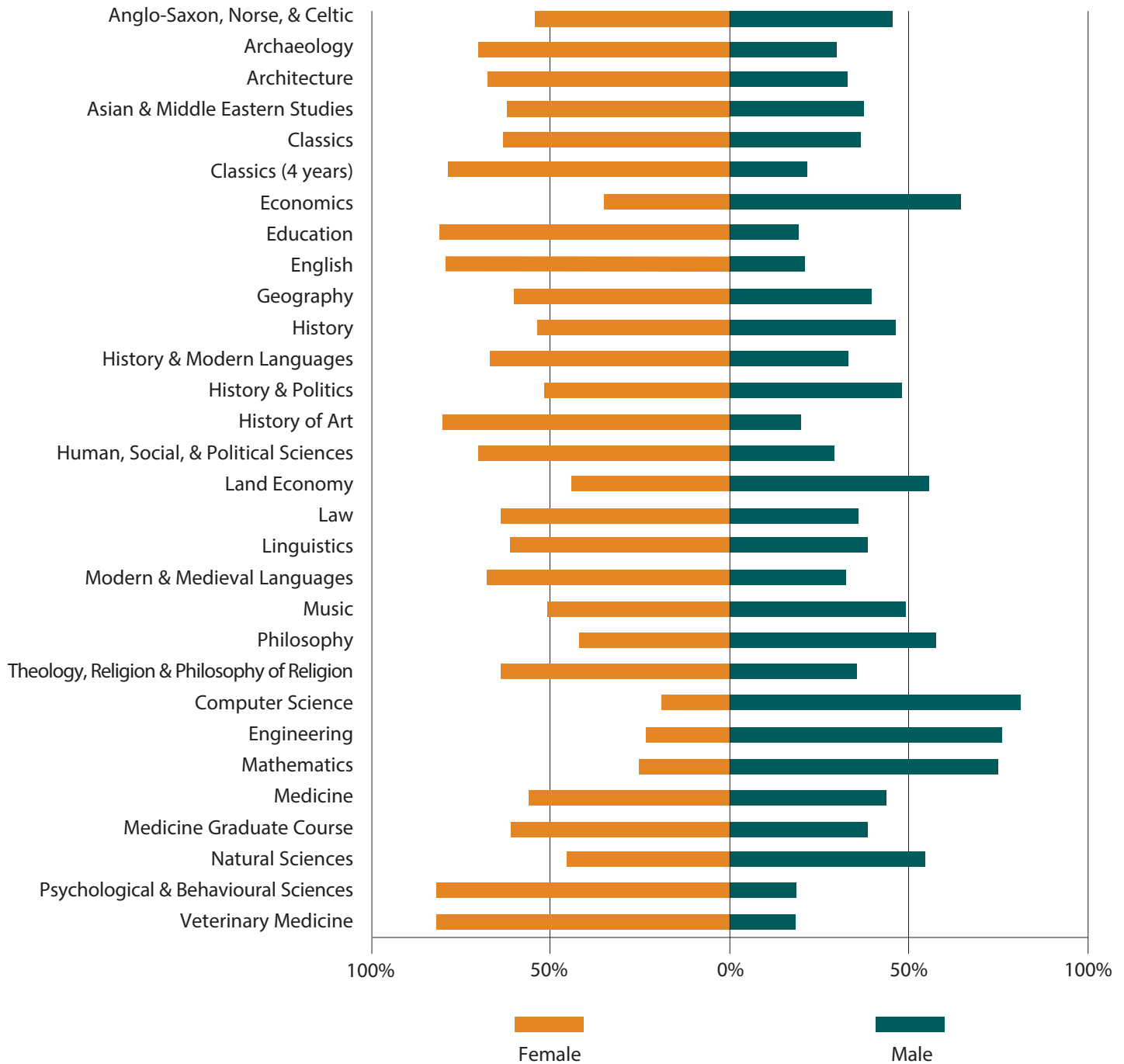
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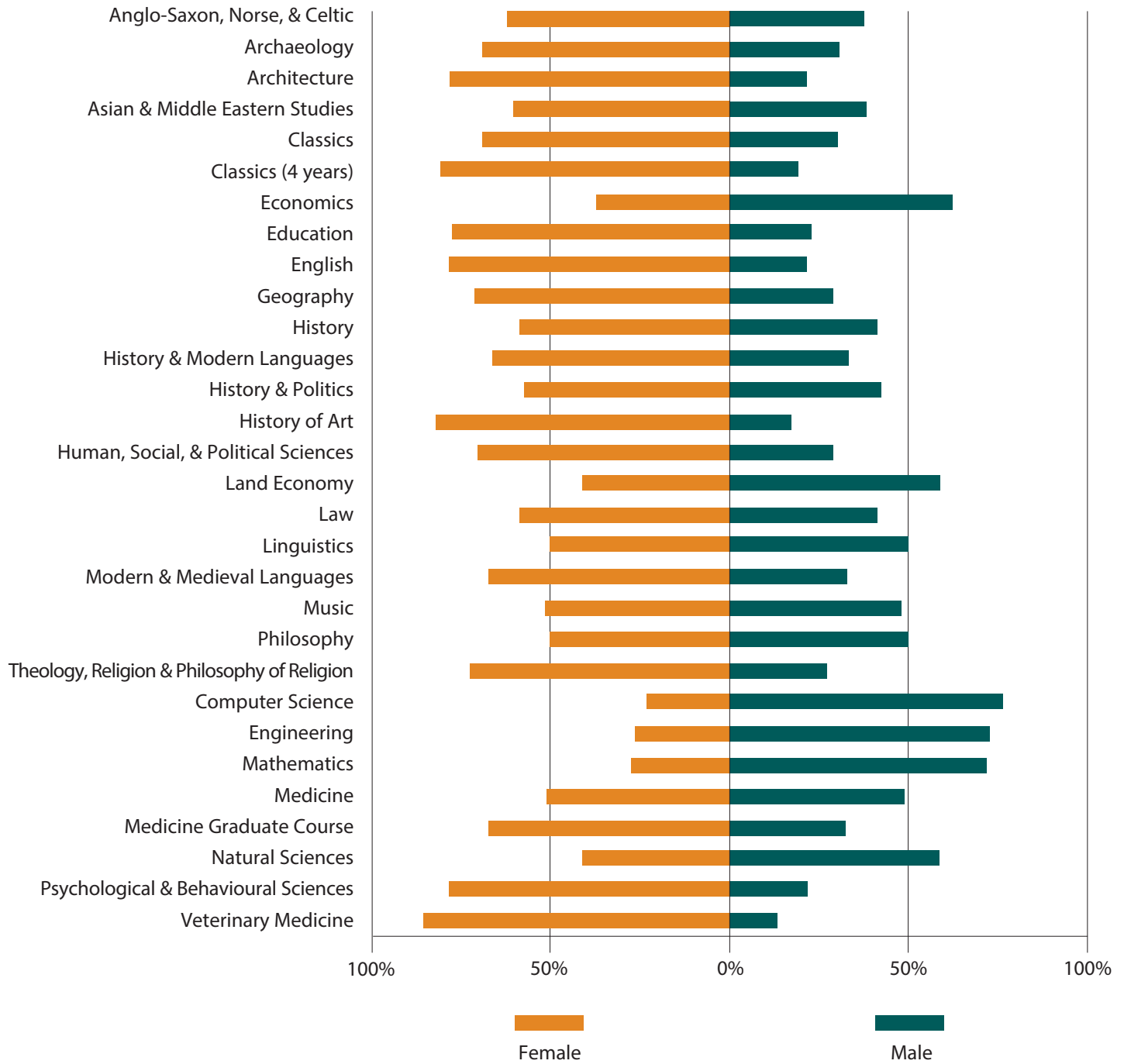
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sciences												
Computer Science	1,186	81.0	279	19.0	107	76.4	33	23.6	90	75.6	29	24.4
Engineering	1,918	76.2	600	23.8	306	72.9	114	27.1	267	73.6	96	26.4
Mathematics	1,218	74.6	415	25.4	395	72.1	153	27.9	194	77.3	57	22.7
Medicine	792	43.6	1,025	56.4	148	48.4	158	51.6	146	49.5	149	50.5
Medicine Graduate Course	188	38.8	297	61.2	15	32.6	31	67.4	10	27.0	27	73.0
Natural Sciences	1,658	54.5	1,384	45.5	428	58.2	308	41.8	388	58.5	275	41.5
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	100	18.3	447	81.7	23	21.5	84	78.5	21	21.9	75	78.1
Veterinary Medicine	75	18.4	332	81.6	12	13.3	78	86.7	12	15.2	67	84.8
Subtotals	7,135	59.9	4,779	40.1	1,434	59.9	959	40.1	1,128	59.3	775	40.7
Totals	10,581	51.8	9,845	48.2	2,285	48.5	2,425	51.5	1,901	47.6	2,096	52.4

Mathematics includes those applying for Mathematics and Mathematics with Physics. The courses in Chemical Engineering, Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering can be taken only after Part I in another subject. Applications, offers and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects taken by the applicants involved.

Applications by subject and gender 2020



Offers by subject and gender 2020



Acceptances by subject and gender 2020

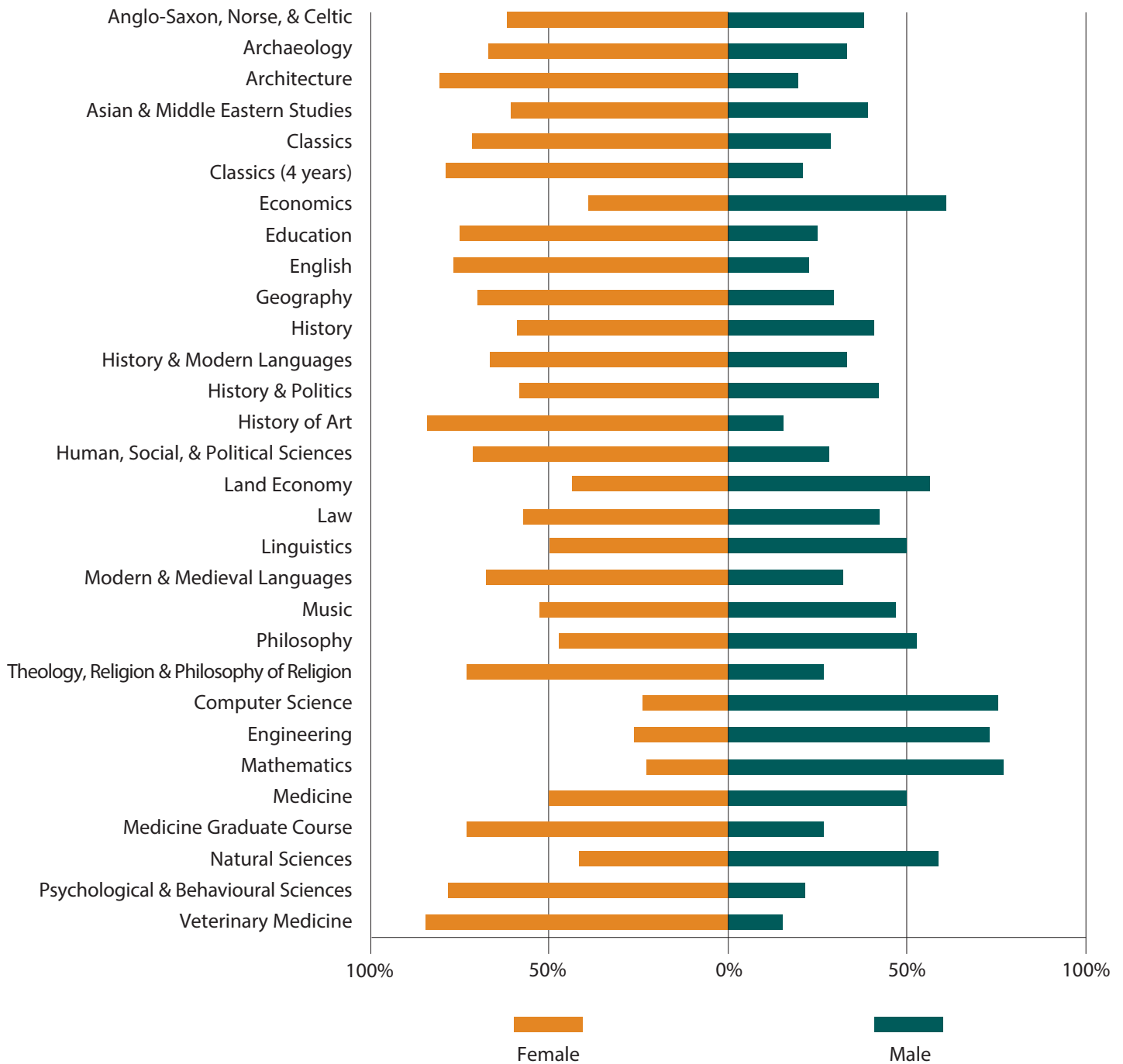


Table 4.3 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by subject 2020

This table counts Home applications from UK schools/colleges only.

Degree programme	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences						
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	34	67.6	26	65.4	25	64.0
Archaeology	46	76.1	27	74.1	18	72.2
Architecture	283	75.6	51	72.5	40	75.0
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	93	57.0	52	63.5	41	53.7
Classics	115	20.9	70	27.1	66	25.8
Classics (4 years)	53	83.0	33	81.8	30	86.7
Economics	697	69.6	104	74.0	103	73.8
Education	62	67.7	36	72.2	31	67.7
English	619	68.8	222	73.9	210	73.8
Geography	302	63.6	115	73.9	104	73.1
History	556	64.7	214	69.6	204	69.1
History & Modern Languages	77	63.6	29	79.3	27	77.8
History & Politics	173	76.9	52	80.8	50	80.0
History of Art	74	41.9	20	70.0	18	66.7
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	674	68.4	168	77.4	154	76.6
Land Economy	193	62.2	62	56.5	52	55.8
Law	934	84.0	190	83.7	178	83.1
Linguistics	70	71.4	38	68.4	36	69.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	356	58.7	187	65.2	181	64.1
Music	120	50.8	71	59.2	67	58.2
Philosophy	168	58.3	47	70.2	40	65.0
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	117	50.4	51	54.9	51	54.9
Subtotals	5,816	68.0	1,865	70.1	1,726	69.2
Sciences						
Computer Science	784	82.4	66	78.8	62	77.4
Engineering	1,413	72.5	240	72.5	224	74.1
Mathematics	996	83.2	347	80.4	154	71.4
Medicine	1,192	75.9	264	68.9	258	70.9
Medicine Graduate Course*	28	57.1	1	0.0	1	0.0
Natural Sciences	1,818	75.3	485	73.4	457	73.3
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	353	80.7	81	80.2	74	78.4
Veterinary Medicine	273	76.2	77	64.9	69	60.9
Subtotals	6,857	77.0	1,561	74.2	1,299	72.5
Totals	12,673	72.9	3,426	72.0	3,025	70.6

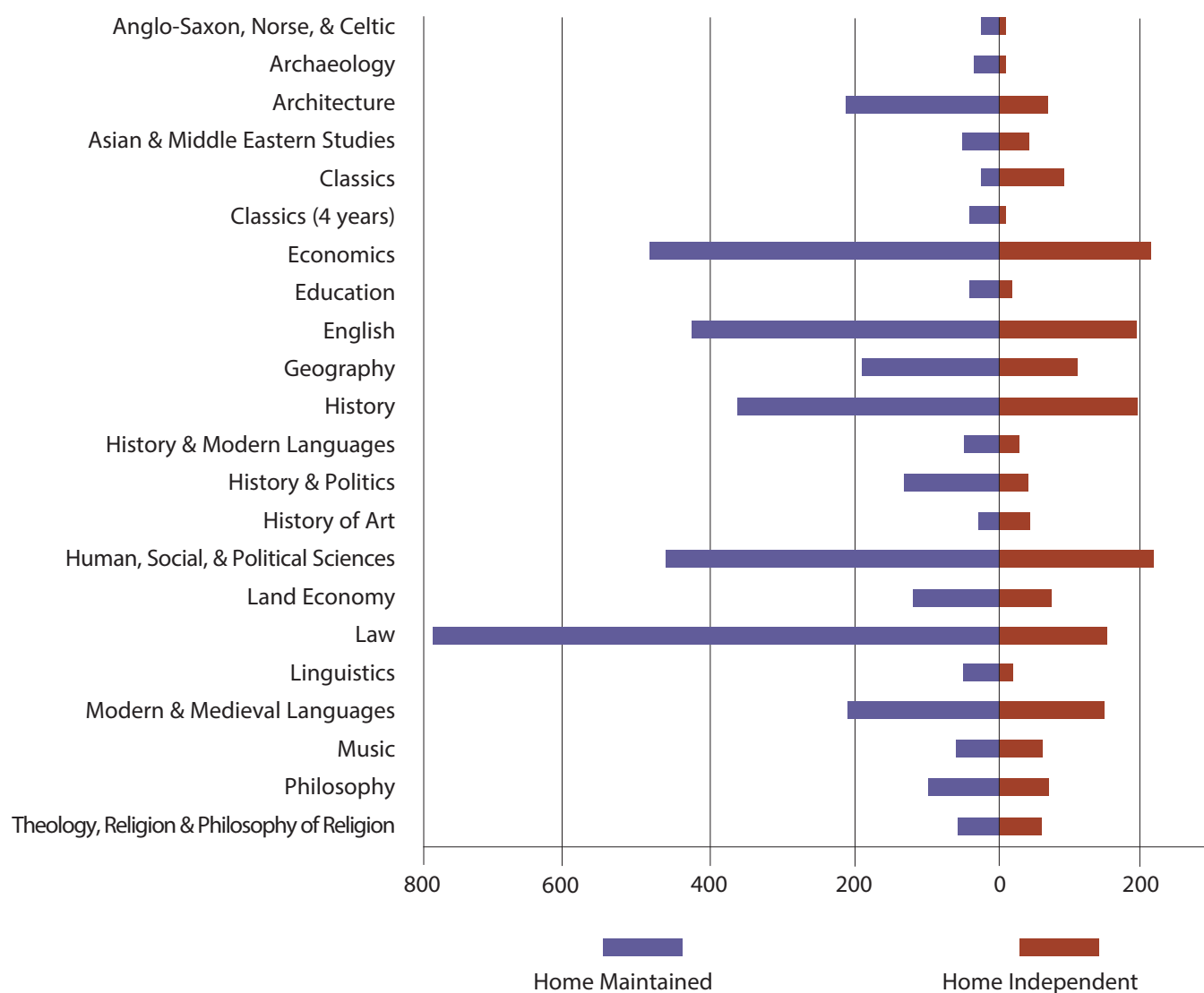
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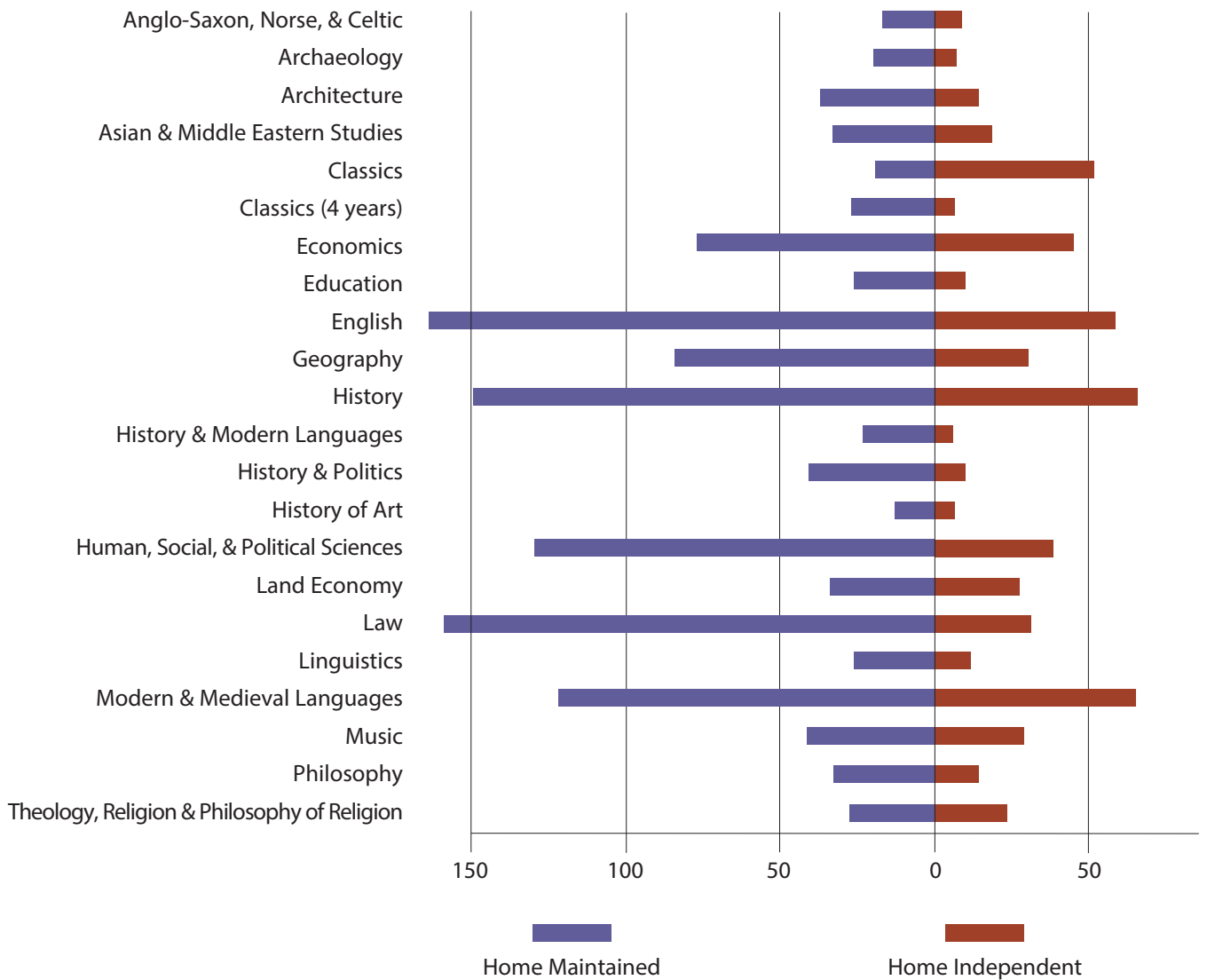
* While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above. Such applicants are recorded in this table for completeness but omitted from the charts that follow as their number is so small.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

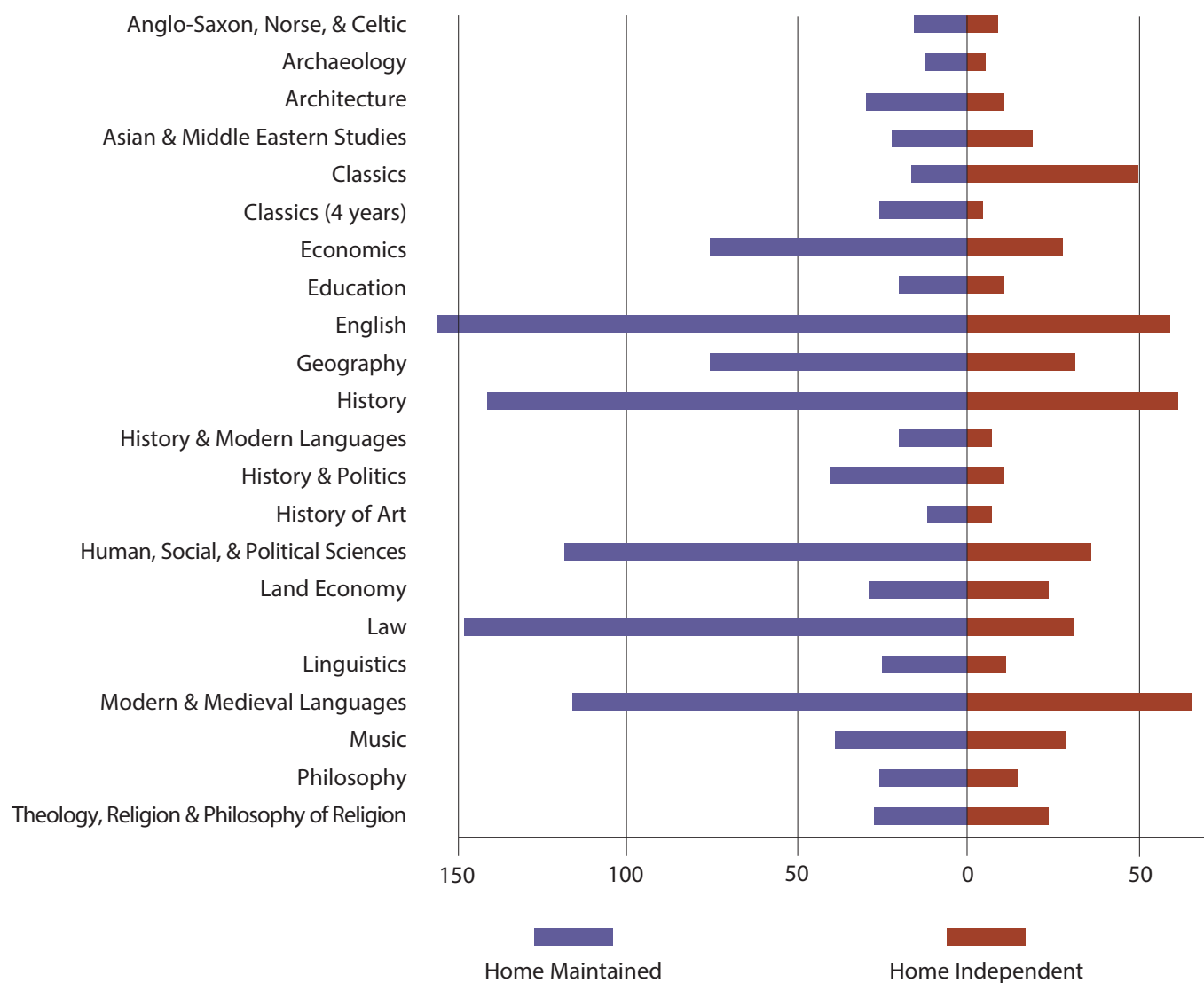
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2020



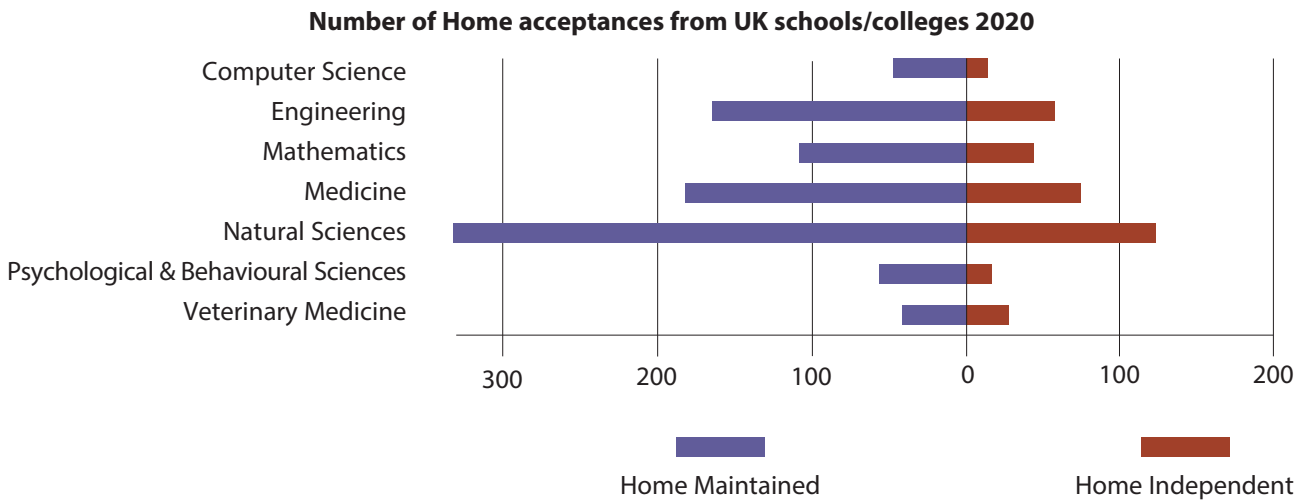
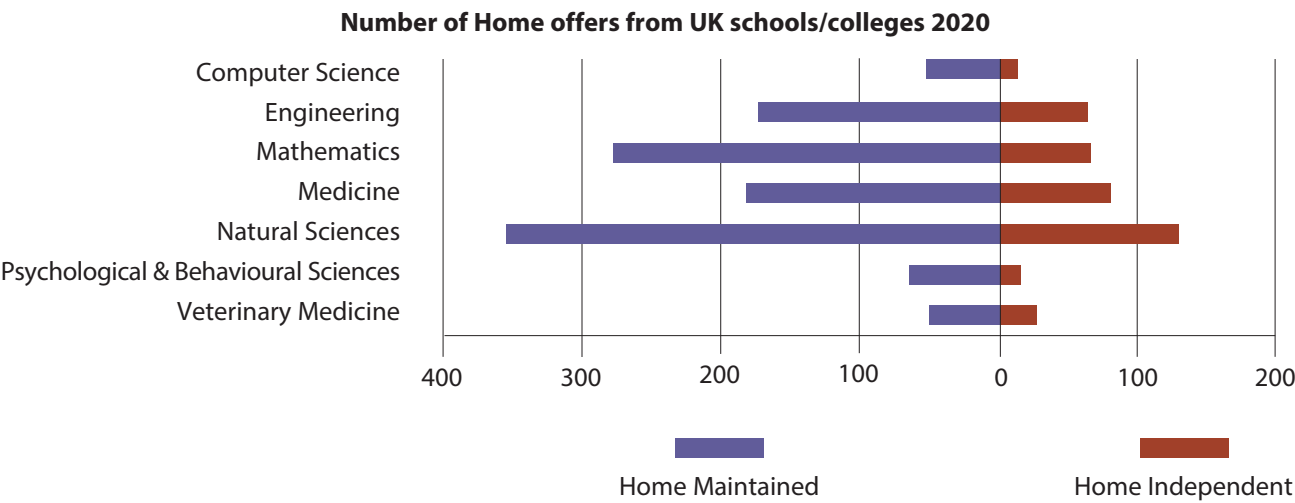
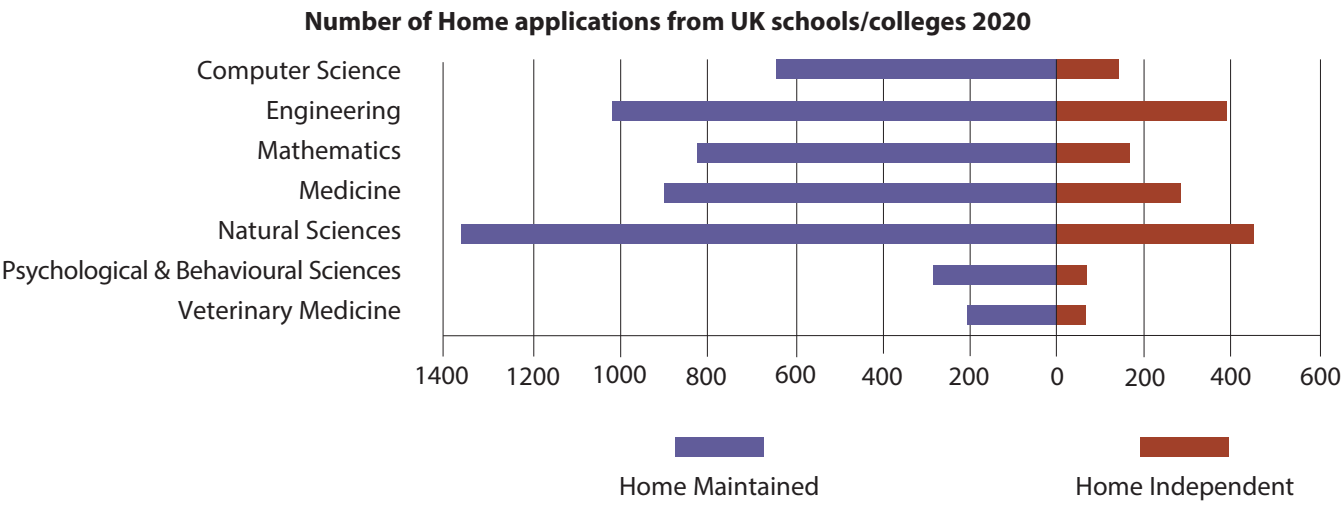
Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2020



Sciences



5 Applications, offers and acceptances by College

Table 5.1 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by College 2020

This table counts Home applications from UK schools/colleges only.

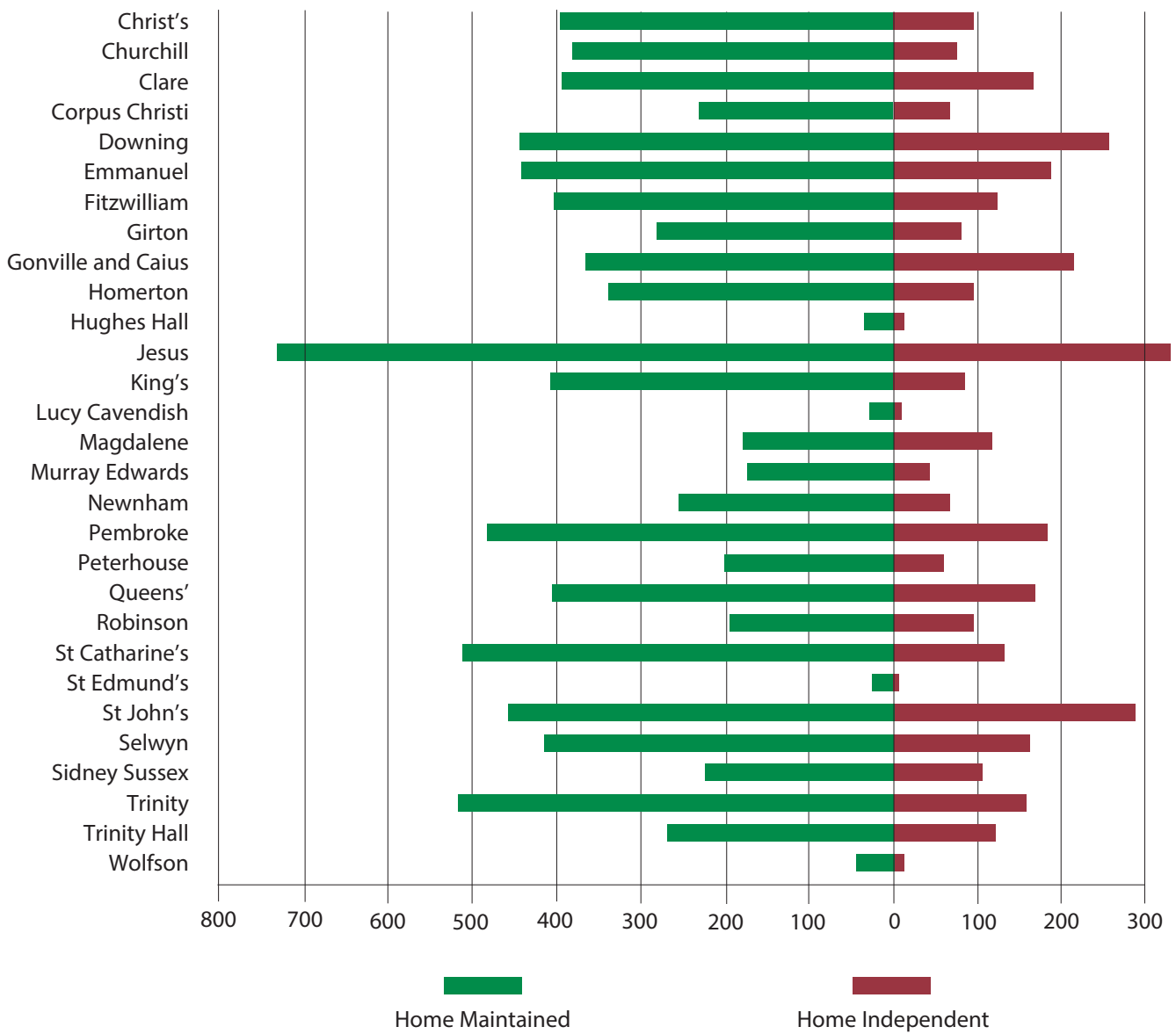
College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	495	80.4	107	75.7	85	74.1
Churchill	459	83.2	149	76.5	114	75.4
Clare	563	70.0	142	71.8	125	70.4
Corpus Christi	297	77.4	103	77.7	89	77.5
Downing	702	63.2	115	63.5	111	64.0
Emmanuel	630	70.0	137	69.3	122	68.9
Fitzwilliam	525	76.6	139	79.1	121	79.3
Girton	362	77.6	140	77.1	127	76.4
Gonville and Caius	582	62.9	161	55.9	154	57.1
Homerton	435	78.2	182	74.2	154	73.4
Hughes Hall*	44	77.3	15	73.3	13	69.2
Jesus	999	73.3	145	80.0	136	80.1
King's	472	86.0	125	79.2	110	78.2
Lucy Cavendish*	35	85.7	33	78.8	48	68.8
Magdalene	296	60.5	92	63.0	90	66.7
Murray Edwards	217	81.1	146	76.7	111	75.7
Newnham	323	78.6	119	73.9	106	70.8
Pembroke	668	72.5	141	78.0	128	76.6
Peterhouse	262	76.7	66	69.7	61	67.2
Queens'	571	70.4	155	71.0	145	73.1
Robinson	292	67.1	117	51.3	101	48.5
St Catharine's	641	79.7	132	75.0	115	72.2
St Edmund's*	31	87.1	13	76.9	11	72.7
St John's	746	61.4	177	66.7	158	65.2
Selwyn	579	71.8	123	78.9	111	78.4
Sidney Sussex	326	68.1	104	68.3	97	66.0
Trinity	676	76.3	174	64.4	157	61.8
Trinity Hall	389	69.2	116	73.3	104	72.1
Wolfson*	56	82.1	24	70.8	21	71.4
Open Offers	-	-	34	97.1	-	-
Totals	12,673	72.9	3,426	72.0	3,025	70.6

The College of application in the data above is defined as the applicant's first choice College (or, in the case of an open applicant, the College to which the applicant was allocated) regardless of subsequent transfers through the pools.

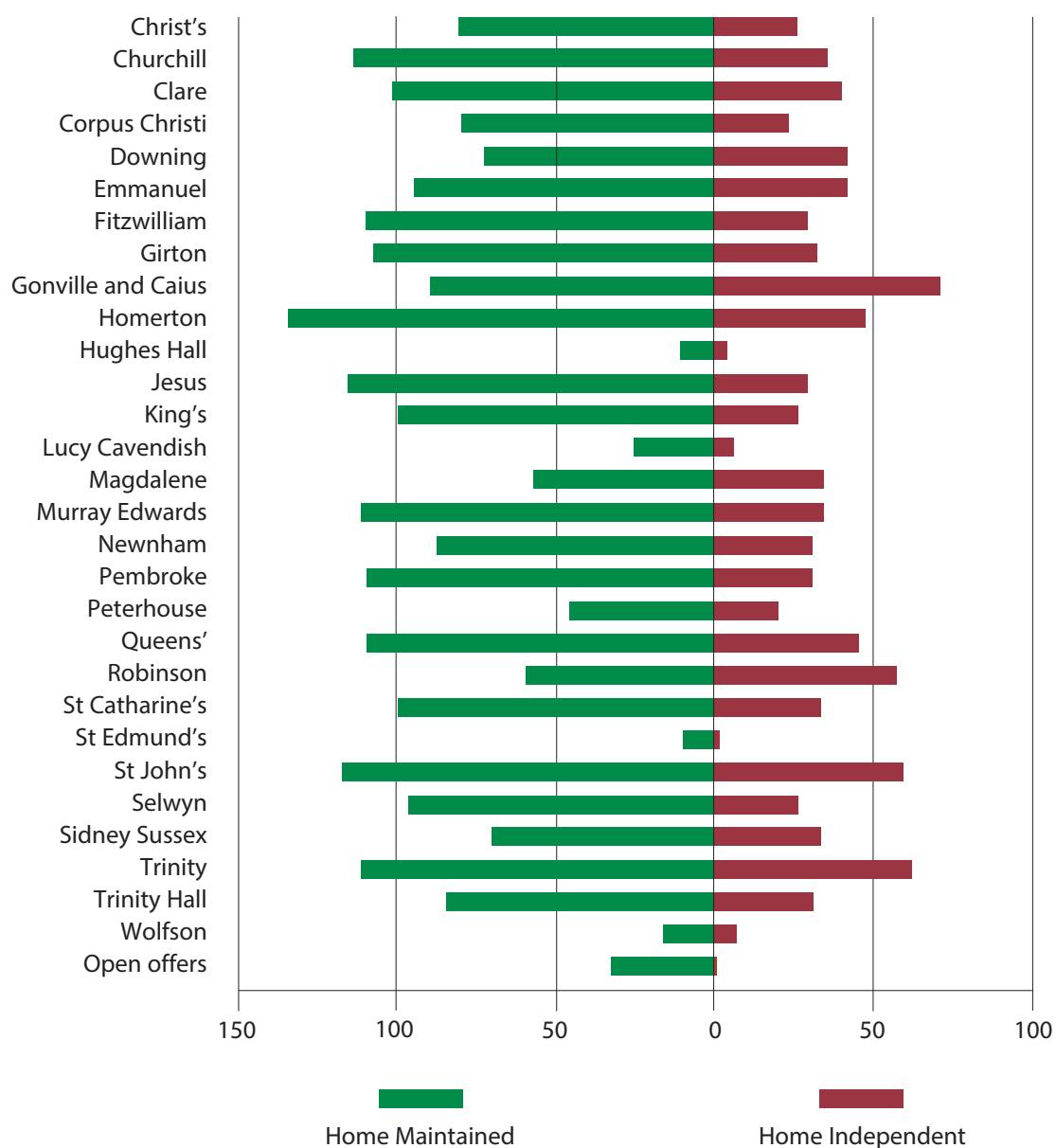
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* The majority of applicants to the four Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or two applicants can have a disproportionate effect on the percentages year-on-year and no particular conclusion should be drawn from this.

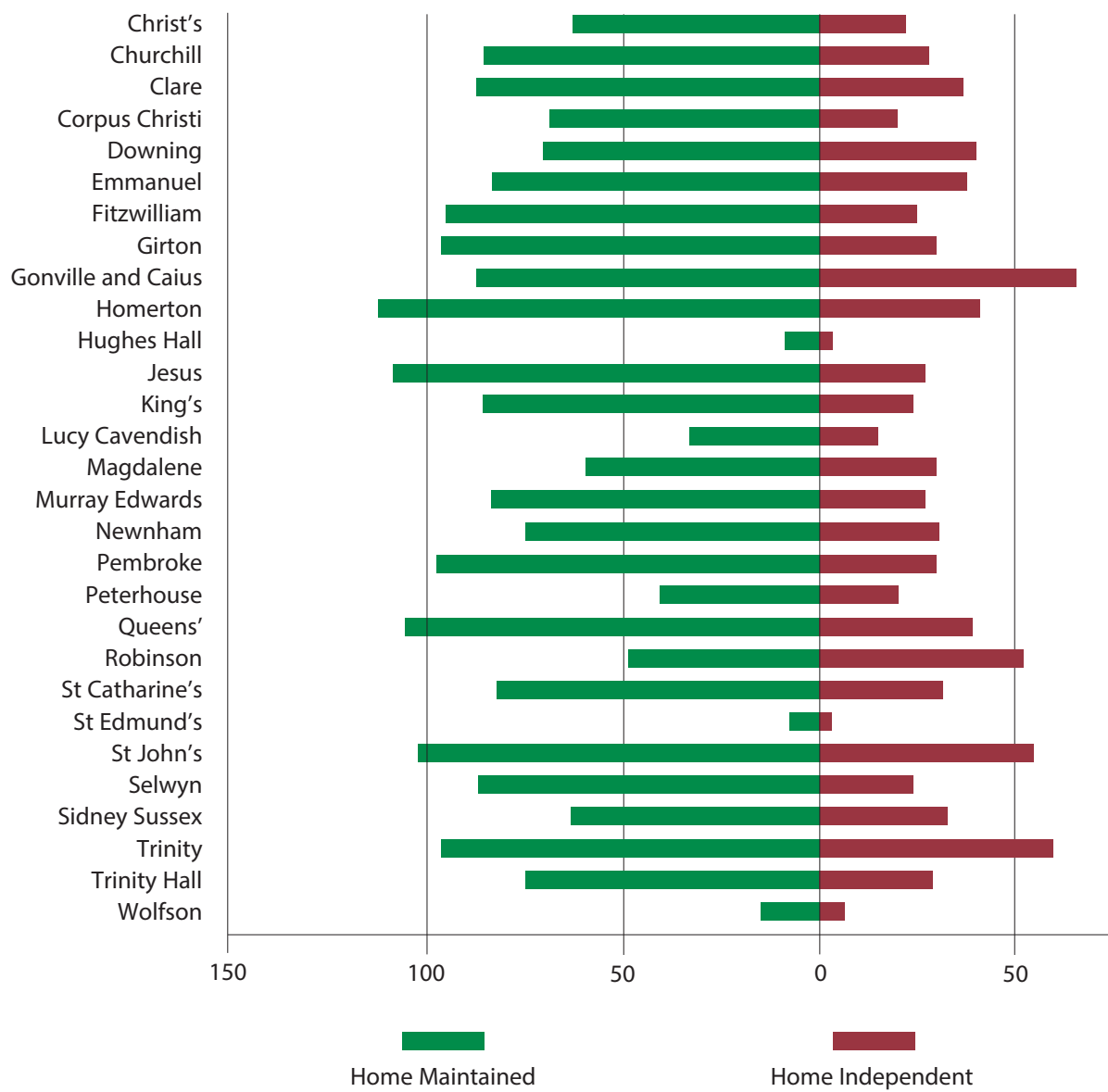
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2020



6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age* 2020

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	663	3.3	103	2.2	76	1.9	11.5
18	13,259	65.0	3,078	65.4	2,642	66.1	19.9
19	4,229	20.7	1,021	21.7	869	21.7	20.5
20	761	3.7	190	4.0	161	4.0	21.2
21 and over	1,487	7.3	318	6.8	249	6.2	16.7
Totals	20,399	100.0	4,710	100.0	3,997	100.0	19.6

* expected age on 1 October of year of entry

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

7 Applicants, offers and acceptances by geodemographic classification

Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR4 quintile 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

POLAR4 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	6,347	47.5	1,813	51.2	1,615	51.7	25.4
4	2,962	22.2	734	20.7	643	20.6	21.7
3	1,910	14.3	474	13.4	407	13.0	21.3
2	1,274	9.5	315	8.9	276	8.8	21.7
1	780	5.8	186	5.3	163	5.2	20.9
Unknown	96	0.7	18	0.5	18	0.6	18.8
Totals	13,369	100.0	3,540	100.0	3,122	100.0	23.4

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

POLAR4 is a classification of UK postcode areas showing the participation of young people in higher education (HE), where 5 signifies the highest-participation neighbourhood quintile and 1 the lowest. More information about POLAR methodology is available at: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area.

Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

OAC flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	3,080	23.0	695	19.6	594	19.0	19.3
Unflagged	10,250	76.7	2,837	80.1	2,520	80.7	24.6
Unknown	39	0.3	8	0.2	8	0.3	20.5
Totals	13,369	100.0	3,540	100.0	3,122	100.0	23.4

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

OAC (Output Area Classification) data provides information about the dominant socio-demographic characteristics of an applicant's residential neighbourhood. Applicants are flagged if they live in a neighbourhood whose characteristics are associated with relative disadvantage and low Cambridge application rates. More information about OAC methodology is available at: www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications.

Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

IMD flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	3,194	23.9	771	21.8	673	21.6	21.1
Unflagged	10,125	75.7	2,759	77.9	2,439	78.1	24.1
Unknown	50	0.4	10	0.3	10	0.3	20.0
Totals	13,369	100.0	3,540	100.0	3,122	100.0	23.4

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

IMD (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) data provides information about the typical level of deprivation in an applicant's local area. Applicants are flagged if they live in a neighbourhood that is ranked within the most deprived 40% of areas within their UK region (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, or Wales). More information about IMD methodology in each UK region is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation (England)

www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation (Northern Ireland)

www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2021 (Scotland)

www.gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation (Wales)

8 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and gender 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

Ethnicity	Applications				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Success rate (%)
Black or Black British - Caribbean	25	49	74	0.6	6	15	21	0.6	6	12	18	0.6	24.3
Black or Black British - African	234	350	584	4.4	54	80	134	3.8	47	80	127	4.1	21.7
Other Black background	16	17	33	0.2	2	6	8	0.2	2	5	7	0.2	21.2
Asian or Asian British - Indian	579	391	970	7.3	123	91	214	6.0	116	87	203	6.5	20.9
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	204	170	374	2.8	24	32	56	1.6	16	27	43	1.4	11.5
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	132	123	255	1.9	22	27	49	1.4	25	22	47	1.5	18.4
Chinese	192	160	352	2.6	45	35	80	2.3	41	32	73	2.3	20.7
Other Asian background	293	212	505	3.8	58	46	104	2.9	50	42	92	2.9	18.2
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	46	60	106	0.8	14	17	31	0.9	14	16	30	1.0	28.3
Mixed - White and Black African	51	59	110	0.8	13	22	35	1.0	8	20	28	0.9	25.5
Mixed - White and Asian	263	242	505	3.8	70	83	153	4.3	61	71	132	4.2	26.1
Other mixed background	113	148	261	2.0	27	43	70	2.0	25	37	62	2.0	23.8
Arab	74	26	100	0.7	10	6	16	0.5	9	6	15	0.5	15.0
Other ethnic background	79	90	169	1.3	18	13	31	0.9	17	10	27	0.9	16.0
White	4,282	4,197	8,479	63.4	1,094	1,378	2,472	69.8	948	1,238	2,186	70.0	25.8
Gypsy or Traveller	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	296	193	489	3.7	48	18	66	1.9	28	4	32	1.0	6.5
Totals	6,879	6,490	13,369	100.0	1,628	1,912	3,540	100.0	1,413	1,709	3,122	100.0	23.4

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

Table 8.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject 2020

This table counts Home applicants with known ethnicity only.

Degree programme	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences																		
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	<3	<3	4	<3	31	13.9	<3	<3	3	<3	22	15.4	<3	<3	3	<3	21	16.0
Archaeology	<3	<3	<3	<3	44	6.4	<3	<3	<3	<3	26	7.1	<3	<3	<3	<3	17	10.5
Architecture	15	67	32	11	157	44.3	4	13	9	<3	26	50.9	3	10	8	<3	21	51.2
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	4	7	12	<3	68	26.9	<3	5	4	<3	43	20.4	<3	3	4	<3	34	20.9
Classics	<3	8	6	<3	98	12.5	<3	4	5	<3	61	12.9	<3	3	4	<3	58	10.8
Classics (4 years)	<3	5	6	<3	37	28.8	<3	<3	5	<3	24	27.3	<3	<3	4	<3	23	23.3
Economics	38	235	35	7	371	45.9	3	38	5	<3	58	44.2	4	36	5	<3	58	43.7
Education	6	5	4	<3	49	24.6	4	<3	3	<3	28	22.2	4	<3	<3	<3	25	21.9
English	19	40	61	5	493	20.2	8	13	22	<3	183	19.4	8	13	19	<3	175	19.0
Geography	8	32	13	4	242	19.1	4	12	8	<3	90	21.1	4	12	7	<3	82	21.9
History	10	48	46	<3	438	19.3	5	26	22	<3	156	25.7	4	25	20	<3	151	24.9
History & Modern Languages	<3	5	6	<3	63	16.0	<3	3	<3	<3	23	17.9	<3	3	<3	<3	22	18.5
History & Politics	12	14	5	5	139	20.6	5	4	<3	<3	43	18.9	5	3	<3	<3	42	17.6
History of Art	<3	<3	7	<3	64	13.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	19	17.4	<3	<3	<3	<3	17	19.0
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	59	66	67	15	462	30.9	30	15	15	3	109	36.6	27	14	14	3	101	36.5
Land Economy	21	53	11	5	104	46.4	11	15	5	<3	31	50.8	9	14	4	<3	26	50.9
Law	106	166	78	29	579	39.6	27	26	18	<3	131	35.8	26	25	17	<3	121	36.6
Linguistics	<3	8	3	3	51	22.7	<3	4	<3	<3	28	20.0	<3	4	<3	<3	26	21.2
Modern & Medieval Languages	8	21	29	<3	289	17.0	6	12	17	<3	150	18.9	6	12	16	<3	146	18.9
Music	<3	<3	7	<3	102	11.3	<3	<3	5	<3	61	12.9	<3	<3	5	<3	58	13.4
Philosophy	3	7	24	4	126	23.2	<3	<3	7	<3	35	25.5	<3	<3	5	<3	30	25.0
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	5	5	8	3	93	18.4	3	<3	4	<3	44	15.4	3	<3	4	<3	44	15.4
Subtotals	321	798	465	101	4,100	29.1	115	199	165	17	1,391	26.3	108	185	149	16	1,298	26.1

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Degree programme	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
Sciences																		
Computer Science	44	198	57	19	450	41.4	<3	12	5	<3	46	29.2	<3	11	5	<3	43	29.5
Engineering	86	394	106	26	778	44.0	13	62	20	4	138	41.8	12	61	17	4	130	42.0
Mathematics	16	168	51	21	708	26.6	<3	57	21	6	247	25.8	<3	29	9	3	111	27.5
Medicine	117	489	88	53	445	62.7	13	93	19	11	125	52.1	15	100	19	10	112	56.3
Medicine Graduate Course	40	72	32	20	216	43.2	<3	9	4	3	26	40.9	<3	6	4	3	21	40.0
Natural Sciences	48	284	128	25	1,276	27.5	15	63	39	5	361	25.3	13	59	35	5	345	24.5
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	16	42	31	3	261	26.1	<3	4	4	<3	74	10.8	<3	4	<3	<3	70	7.9
Veterinary Medicine	4	18	25	4	254	16.7	<3	4	12	<3	64	21.0	<3	3	12	<3	56	22.2
Subtotals	371	1,665	518	171	4,388	38.3	48	304	124	30	1,081	31.9	44	273	103	26	888	33.4
Totals	692	2,463	983	272	8,488	34.2	163	503	289	47	2,472	28.8	152	458	252	42	2,186	29.3

This table groups applicants' declared ethnicity into broader categories, as illustrated below, and all raw figures less than three are suppressed (indicated as '<3').

Ethnicity	Ethnic group
Black or Black British – Caribbean	Black
Black or Black British – African	
Other Black background	
Asian or Asian British – Indian	Asian
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani	
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	
Chinese	
Other Asian background	

Ethnicity	Ethnic group
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	Mixed
Mixed – White and Black African	
Mixed – White and Asian	
Other mixed background	
Arab	Other
Other ethnic background	
White	White
Gypsy or Traveller	

The figures exclude a comparatively small number of applicants who chose not to declare their ethnicity, for reasons of space.

9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2020

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	183	0.9	55	1.2	39	1.0	21.3
Blind or partially sighted	21	0.1	6	0.1	6	0.2	28.6
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	29	0.1	7	0.1	5	0.1	17.2
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	138	0.7	44	0.9	33	0.8	23.9
Mental health condition	376	1.8	90	1.9	74	1.9	19.7
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	532	2.6	120	2.5	106	2.7	19.9
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	45	0.2	17	0.4	15	0.4	33.3
Other disability or medical condition	232	1.1	69	1.5	59	1.5	25.4
Two or more of the above	124	0.6	25	0.5	20	0.5	16.1
No disability declared	18,719	91.8	4,277	90.8	3,640	91.1	19.4
Totals	20,399	100.0	4,710	100.0	3,997	100.0	19.6

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

10 The admissions process

Table 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

Type of school/college	Applications		Winter Pooled	Offers		Summer Pooled	Adjustment Pooled	Acceptances		
	Direct	Open		Direct	via Winter Pool			by Offering College	via Summer Pool	via Adjustment
Applications for entry in 2020										
Home Maintained	8,352	614	2,336	1,893	441	266	102	1,966	29	26
Home Independent	3,197	114	944	756	146	79	6	824	9	0
All Others*	6,066	1,316	1,191	961	155	84	0	835	10	0
Subtotals	17,615	2,044	4,471	3,610	742	429	108	3,625	48	26
Applications for deferred entry in 2021										
Home Maintained	254	17	84	82	50	16	1	115	1	0
Home Independent	122	3	41	35	23	10	0	54	1	0
All Others*	331	40	134	102	66	17	0	126	1	0
Subtotals	707	60	259	219	139	43	1	295	3	0
Totals	18,322	2,104	4,730	3,829	881	472	109	3,920	51	26

* The 'All Others' category includes Home applicants not at UK schools and colleges and all other applicants at any type of institution.

Applications:

- Applicants to Cambridge can choose to make a **direct** application to a College of their choice or to make an **open** application, where the application is allocated to a College by computer algorithm.
- Applicants may be placed in the **Winter Pool** by the College to which they applied (or were allocated in the case of open applicants) for a number of reasons, summarised here: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/decisions.

Offers:

- **Direct** offers are those made by the College to which applicants applied (or were allocated in the case of open applicants), regardless of whether the application was placed in the Winter Pool.
- Offers made **via the Winter Pool** are those made to pooled applicants by a College other than that to which they applied (or were allocated).
- Offer-holders may sometimes be placed in the **Summer Pool** by their offering College if, following the publication of examination results, they have narrowly missed the conditions of their offer.

Acceptances:

- For offer-holders, acceptances may be made **by the offering College**, regardless of whether the application was placed in the Summer Pool, or by a College other than that which made the original offer **via the Summer Pool**.
- Additionally, some applicants from under-represented backgrounds who were not originally made an offer, and who perform better than expected in summer examinations, may become eligible for reconsideration in the **Adjustment Pool**. Such applicants may be accepted by any College **via Adjustment**. Further information about Adjustment is available here: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/adjustment.