

Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2021 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, unless otherwise indicated, to applications made from September 2020 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2021 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2022. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 363 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_2020_cycle.pdf

Summary

The 2021 admissions cycle was conducted during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and followed an exceptional year (in 2020) in which there were over 450 additional acceptances. As a consequence, these figures are better compared with pre-pandemic offer and acceptance levels.

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 22,795 (20,426), an increase of 11.6%.
- The total number of offers is 4,260 (4,710), a decrease of 9.6%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,660 (3,997), a decrease of 8.4%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 49:51 (48:52).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:
Maintained 71.6% (70.6%)
Independent 28.4% (29.4%)

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

- Of those accepted, 99.0% (98.6%) 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 7,775 (6,392).

Table 6.1 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 5.4% (5.3%).
- 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 15.5% (14.1%). In addition, 0.3% (0.6%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR4 directory.

Table 7.1 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 20.3% (19.1%). In addition, 0.2% (0.3%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the OAC directory.

Table 8.1 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 21.0% (21.6%). In addition, 0.3% (0.3%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the IMD directory.

Table 9.1 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 31.5% (29.3%). In addition, 1.1% (1.0%) of those accepted chose not to declare their ethnic origin.

Table 10.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

- The proportion of those accepted who declare they have a disability is 9.1% (8.9%).

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 2021

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	5,086	4,972	10,058	44.1	1,044	1,174	2,218	52.1	924	1,058	1,982	54.2	19.7
Comprehensive School	2,781	2,805	5,586	24.5	506	652	1,158	27.2	438	587	1,025	28.0	18.3
Grammar School	1,349	1,148	2,497	11.0	359	316	675	15.8	326	293	619	16.9	24.8
Sixth Form College	700	701	1,401	6.1	146	154	300	7.0	129	133	262	7.2	18.7
FE and Tertiary Colleges	256	318	574	2.5	33	52	85	2.0	31	45	76	2.1	13.2
Independent	1,995	1,814	3,809	16.7	408	436	844	19.8	370	417	787	21.5	20.7
Other and Overseas	399	538	937	4.1	43	73	116	2.7	36	61	97	2.7	10.4
Subtotals	7,480	7,324	14,804	64.9	1,495	1,683	3,178	74.6	1,330	1,536	2,866	78.3	19.4
Other applications													
Maintained	27	23	50	0.2	2	4	6	0.1	1	4	5	0.1	10.0
Independent	485	454	939	4.1	74	70	144	3.4	62	63	125	3.4	13.3
Other and Overseas	3,608	3,394	7,002	30.7	564	368	932	21.9	405	259	664	18.1	9.5
Subtotals	4,120	3,871	7,991	35.1	640	442	1,082	25.4	468	326	794	21.7	9.9
Totals	11,600	11,195	22,795	100.0	2,135	2,125	4,260	100.0	1,798	1,862	3,660	100.0	16.1

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 **71.6%** (70.6% in the previous cycle)
 Independent **28.4%** (29.4% in the previous cycle)

Table 1.2 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by subject 2021

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

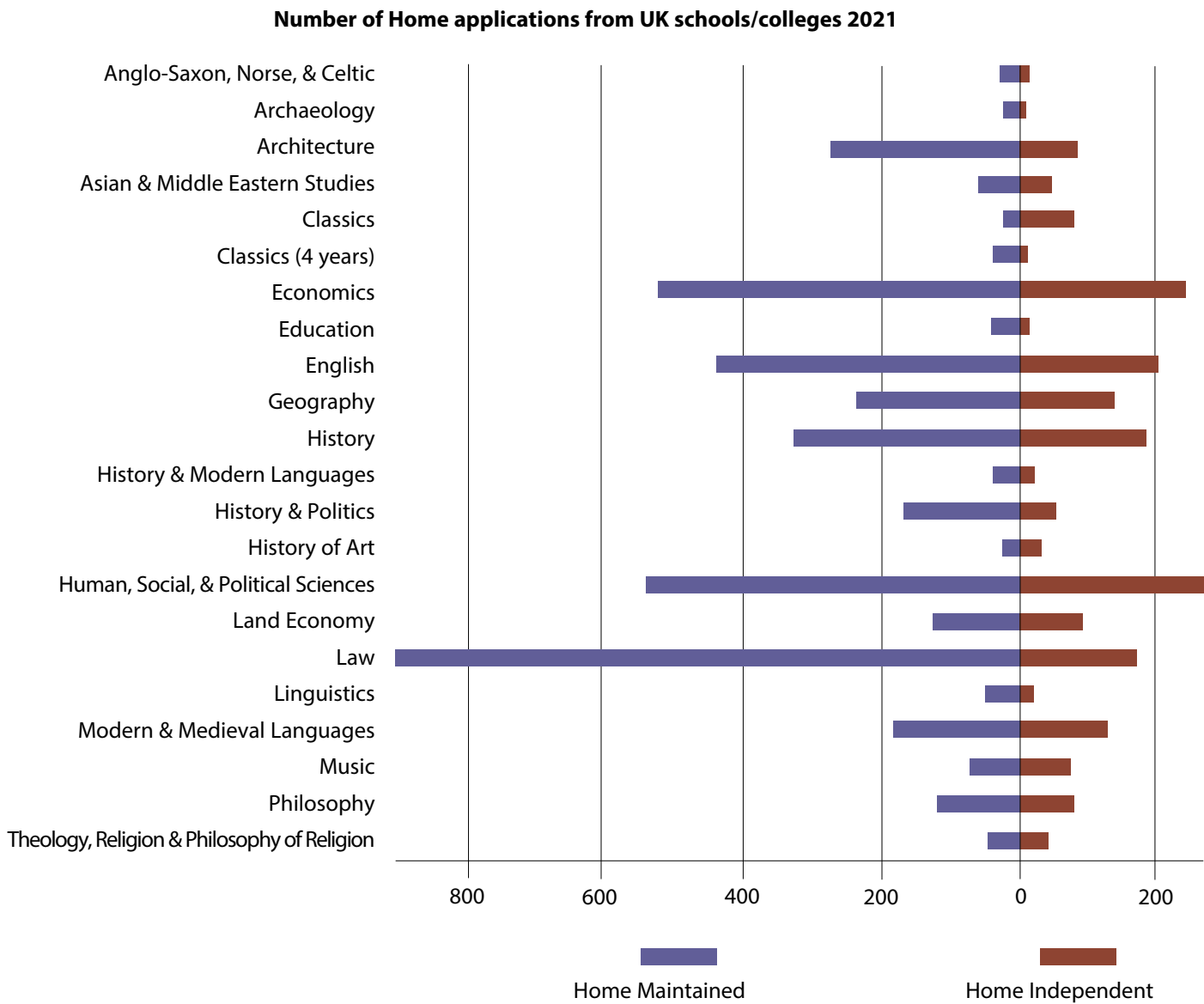
Degree programme	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences						
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	45	64.4	27	59.3	24	58.3
Archaeology	39	71.8	23	82.6	20	80.0
Architecture	370	76.2	54	74.1	53	73.6
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	108	55.6	41	48.8	41	48.8
Classics	107	22.4	54	31.5	54	31.5
Classics (4 years)	53	75.5	31	80.6	26	76.9
Economics	776	68.7	104	67.3	102	66.7
Education	62	75.8	27	77.8	26	76.9
English	654	68.2	181	76.8	172	75.6
Geography	386	63.0	97	75.3	88	76.1
History	522	63.8	176	71.6	172	71.5
History & Modern Languages	64	65.6	20	65.0	20	65.0
History & Politics	225	76.4	53	83.0	51	82.4
History of Art	67	49.3	27	55.6	28	57.1
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	819	67.0	139	75.5	129	73.6
Land Economy	222	59.0	44	72.7	44	72.7
Law	1,097	84.0	176	80.7	169	80.5
Linguistics	80	68.8	36	69.4	34	70.6
Modern & Medieval Languages	319	58.6	150	67.3	148	67.6
Music	154	50.0	70	55.7	65	55.4
Philosophy	206	60.7	44	70.5	47	72.3
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	91	49.5	38	65.8	37	67.6
Subtotals	6,466	68.1	1,612	70.6	1,550	70.1
Sciences						
Computer Science	955	80.3	71	74.6	77	77.9
Engineering	1,545	74.8	228	72.4	220	72.7
Mathematics	921	83.1	331	80.1	140	77.9
Medicine	1,369	74.7	254	68.9	246	67.9
Medicine Graduate Course*	42	54.8	5	20.0	3	33.3
Natural Sciences	1,796	73.4	420	71.7	410	72.0
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	476	79.0	74	89.2	65	87.7
Veterinary Medicine	297	76.8	67	80.6	58	79.3
Subtotals	7,401	76.4	1,450	74.5	1,219	73.4
Totals	13,867	72.5	3,062	72.4	2,769	71.6

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.

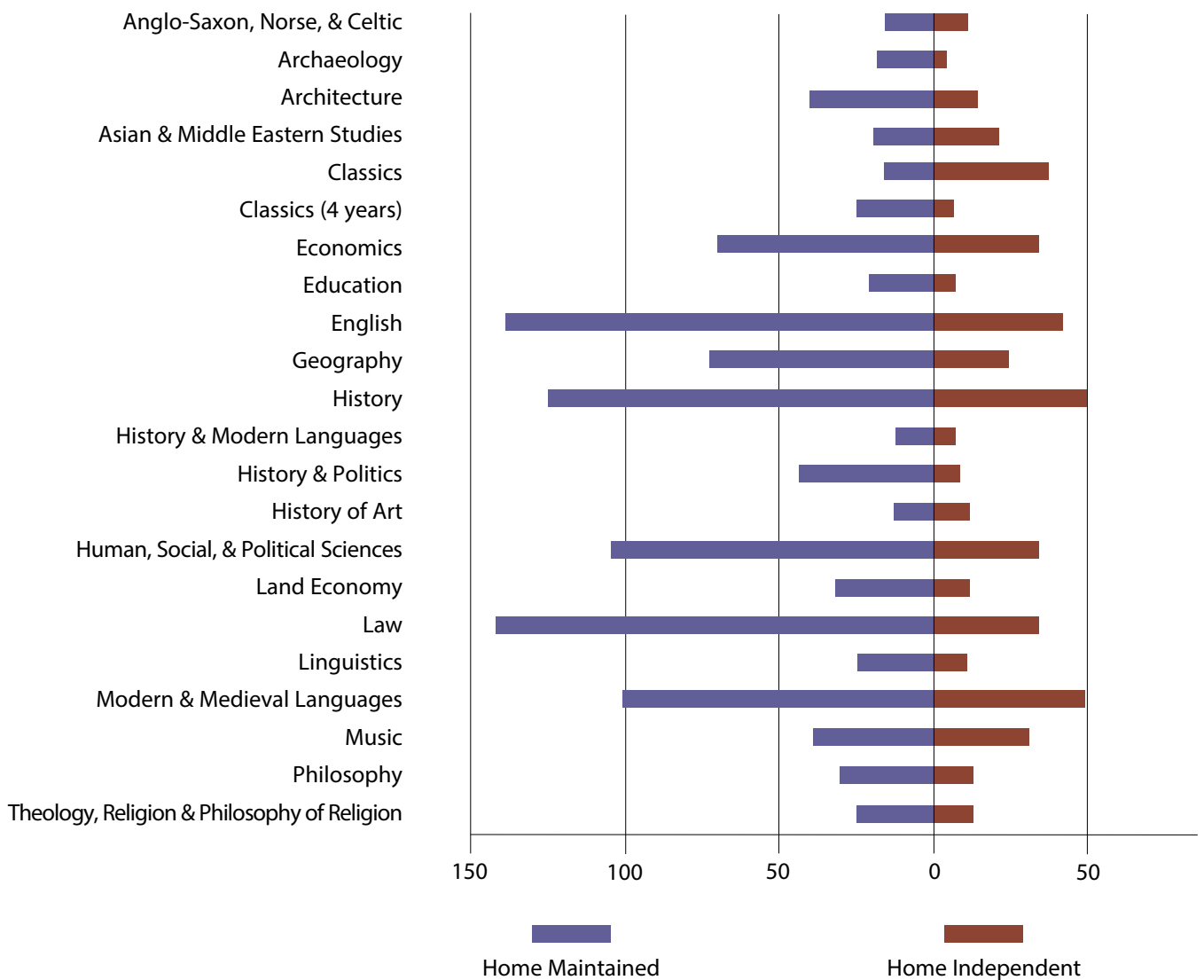
The figures include only Home applicants who applied from a school or college in the UK and show the percentage of applications, offers and acceptances by course from the maintained sector, including FE institutions.

* 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.

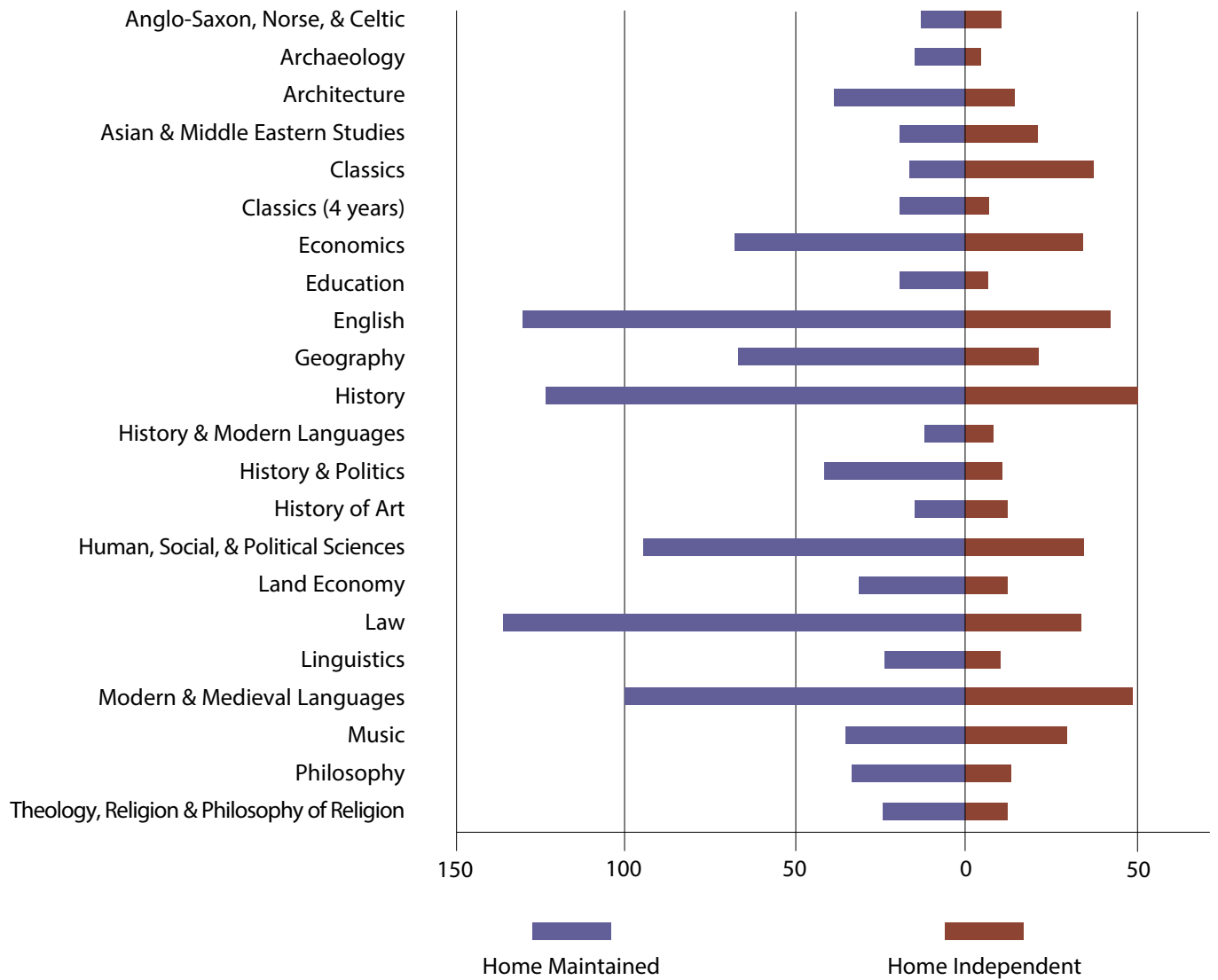
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2021

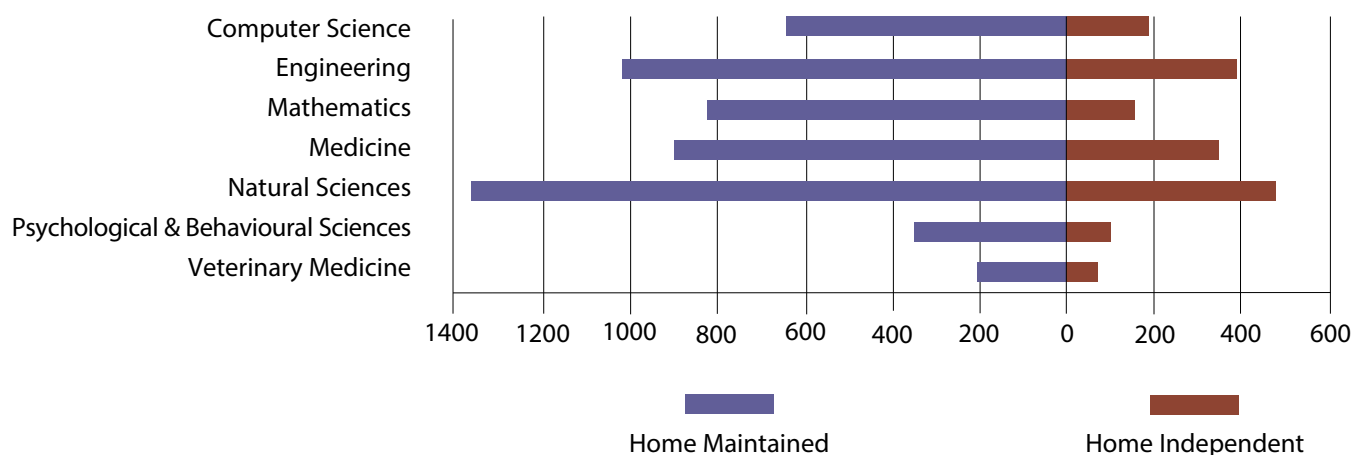


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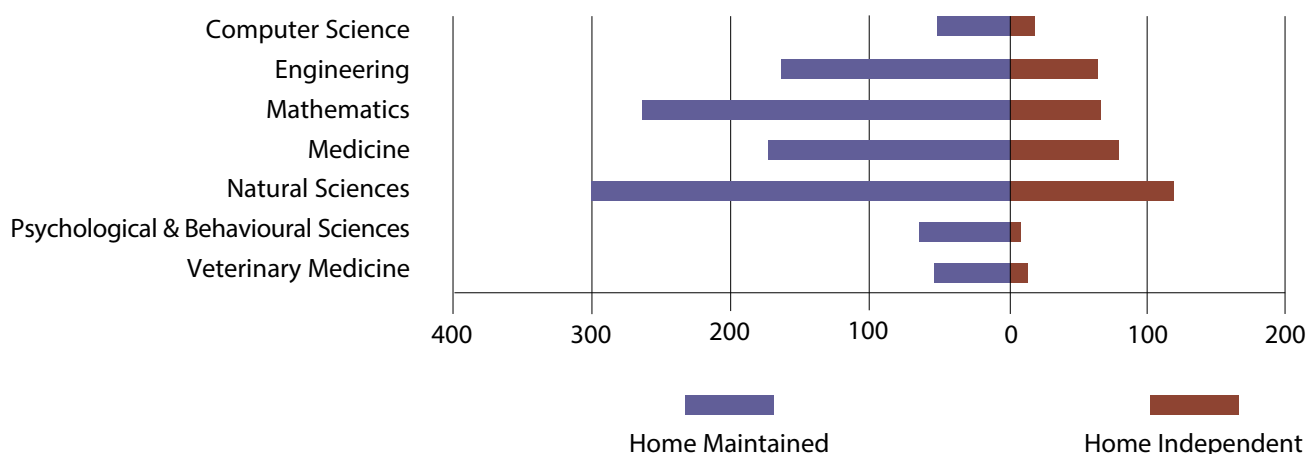


Sciences

Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2021



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2021



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2021

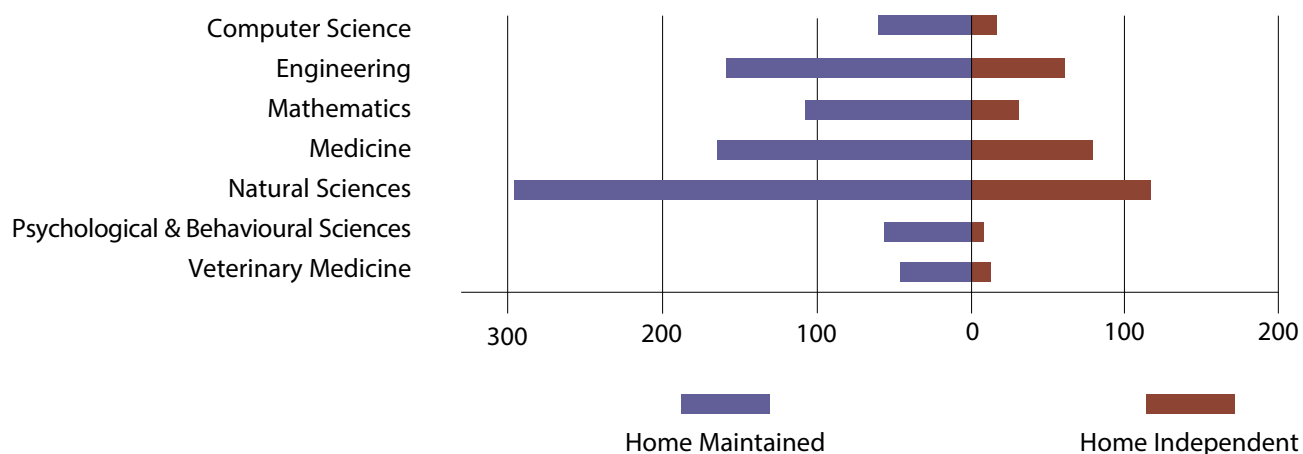


Table 1.3 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by College 2021

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

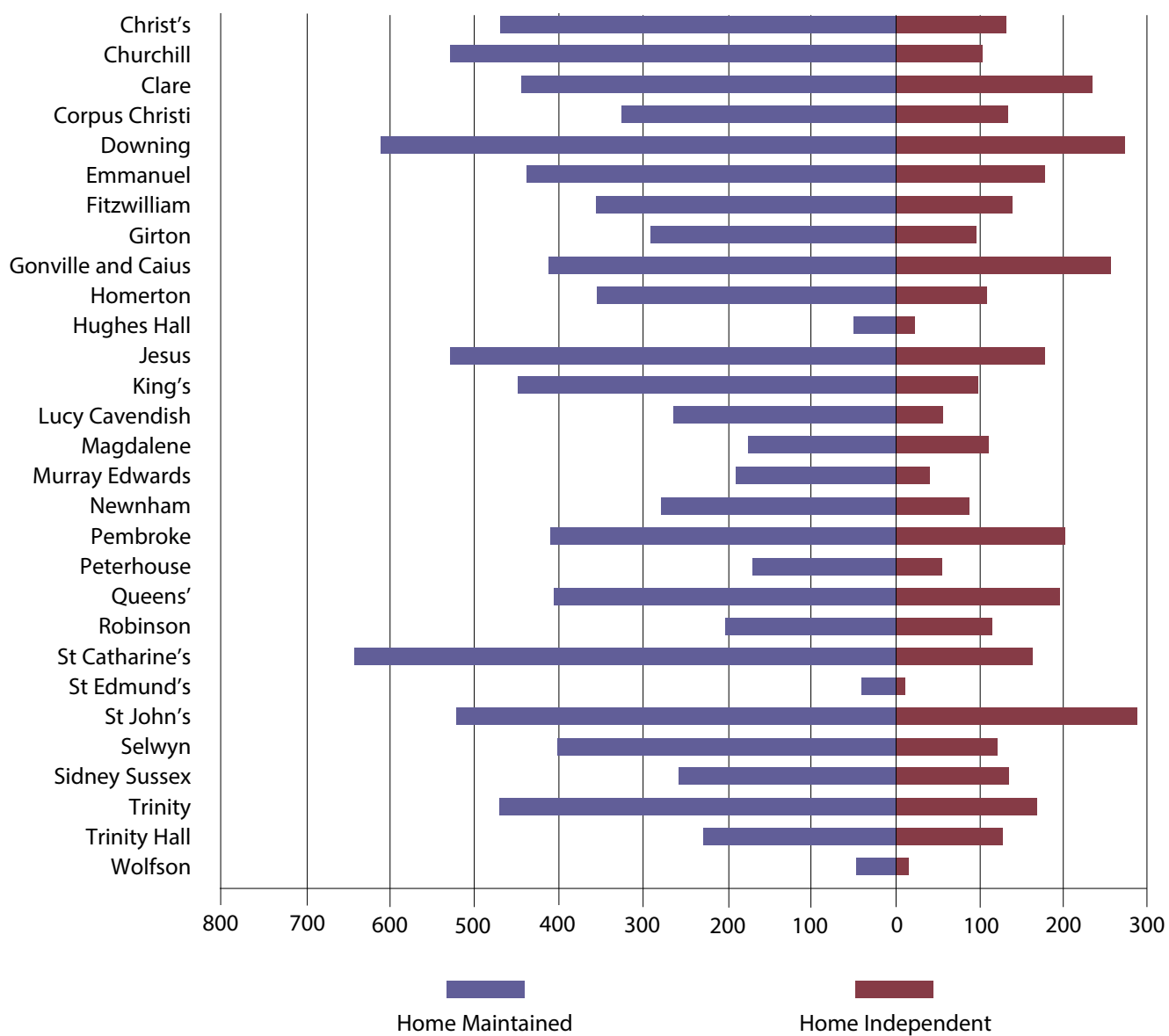
College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	604	78.3	97	77.3	86	77.9
Churchill	635	83.8	135	80.7	109	79.8
Clare	681	65.8	123	66.7	111	68.5
Corpus Christi	460	71.3	89	75.3	78	74.4
Downing	888	69.3	114	66.7	109	67.0
Emmanuel	619	71.6	137	65.0	123	62.6
Fitzwilliam	496	72.4	123	69.9	115	69.6
Girton	388	75.5	131	76.3	118	74.6
Gonville and Caius	672	61.9	149	74.5	136	75.0
Homerton	463	77.1	137	75.9	132	75.8
Hughes Hall*	75	72.0	19	52.6	16	56.3
Jesus	709	75.0	118	80.5	122	80.3
King's	548	82.5	123	76.4	108	75.9
Lucy Cavendish	319	83.4	79	88.6	73	90.4
Magdalene	289	62.3	85	67.1	83	67.5
Murray Edwards	231	83.1	104	75.0	82	73.2
Newnham	367	76.6	111	72.1	95	67.4
Pembroke	614	67.3	130	68.5	118	66.1
Peterhouse	226	76.5	63	71.4	56	69.6
Queens'	605	67.8	143	76.2	128	75.0
Robinson	320	64.1	98	59.2	85	55.3
St Catharine's	808	80.0	131	81.7	116	79.3
St Edmund's*	53	81.1	19	47.4	17	58.8
St John's	812	64.7	144	72.9	138	71.7
Selwyn	528	77.3	107	78.5	99	78.8
Sidney Sussex	397	66.0	102	64.7	88	60.2
Trinity	640	73.9	141	61.7	125	61.6
Trinity Hall	356	64.6	98	68.4	92	67.4
Wolfson*	64	76.6	11	72.7	11	72.7
Open Offers	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
Totals	13,867	72.5	3,062	72.4	2,769	71.6

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.

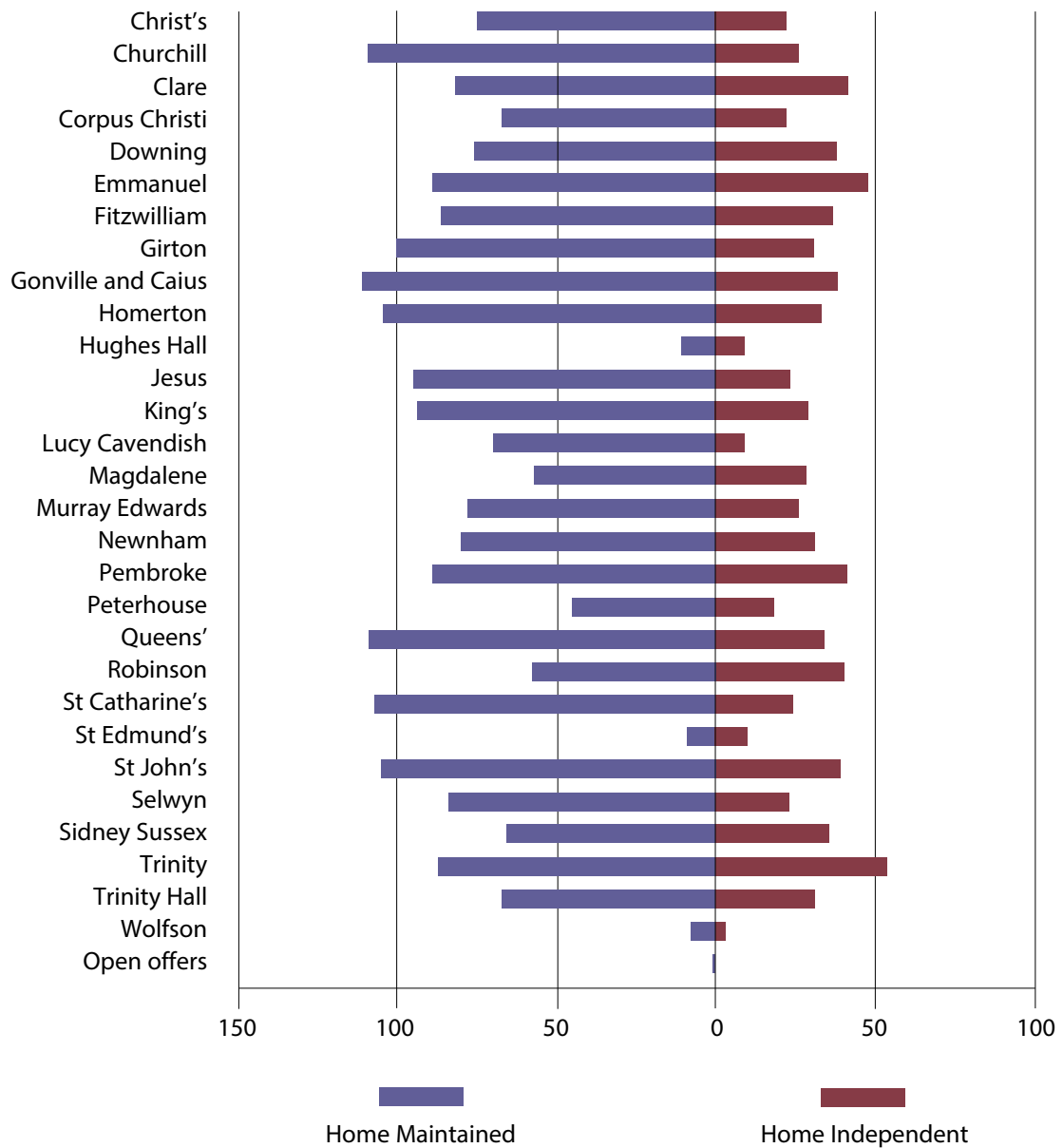
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* The majority of applicants to the three Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or 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 2021



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2021



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2021

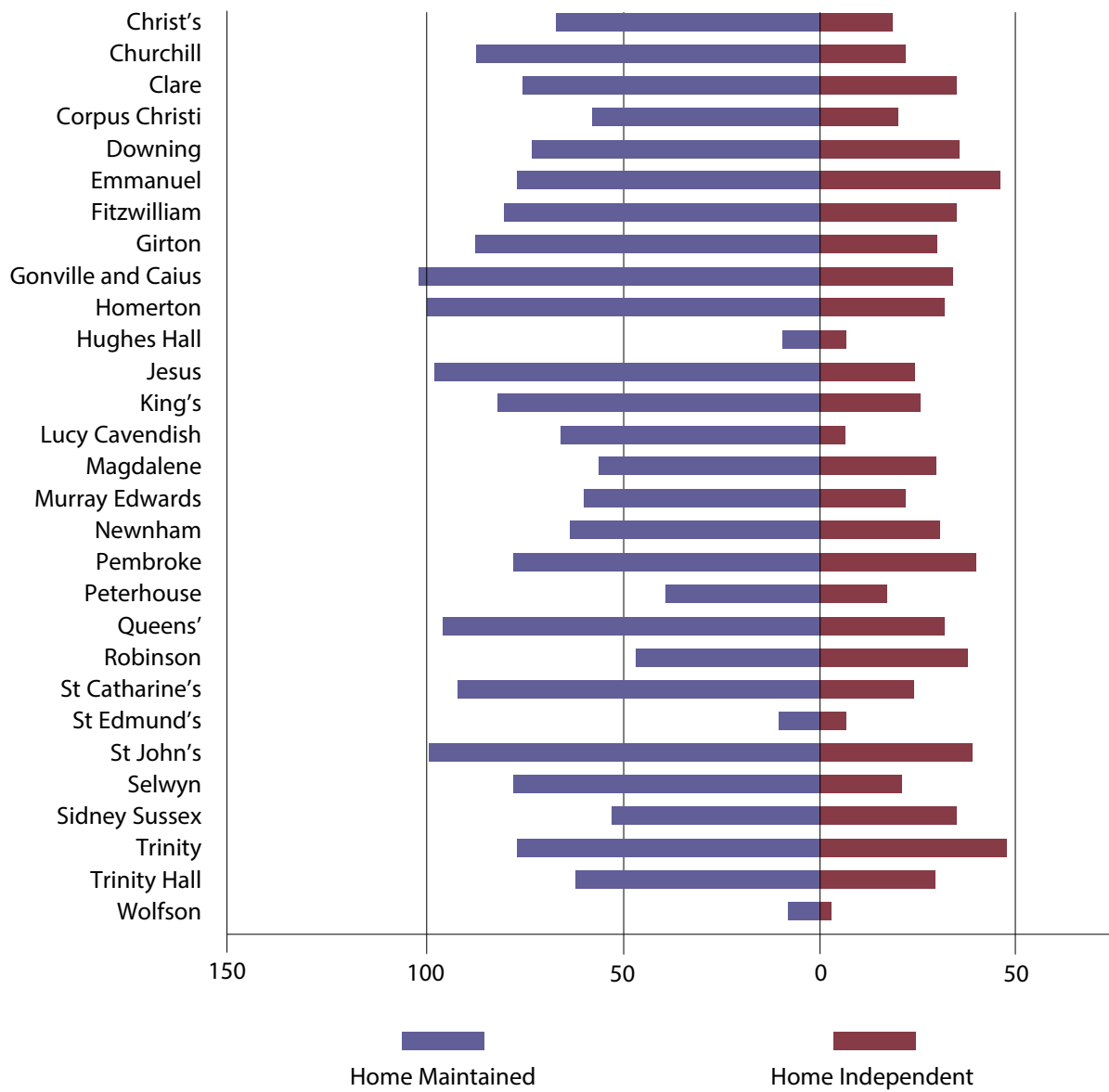


Table 1.4 UK schools/colleges submitting Home applicants, and receiving offers and acceptances to Cambridge in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

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	2,351	1,452	1,332
Comprehensive School	1,825	1,098	997
Grammar School	224	195	191
Sixth Form College	73	59	56
FE and Tertiary Colleges	229	100	88
Independent	569	379	358
Totals	2,920	1,831	1,690

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

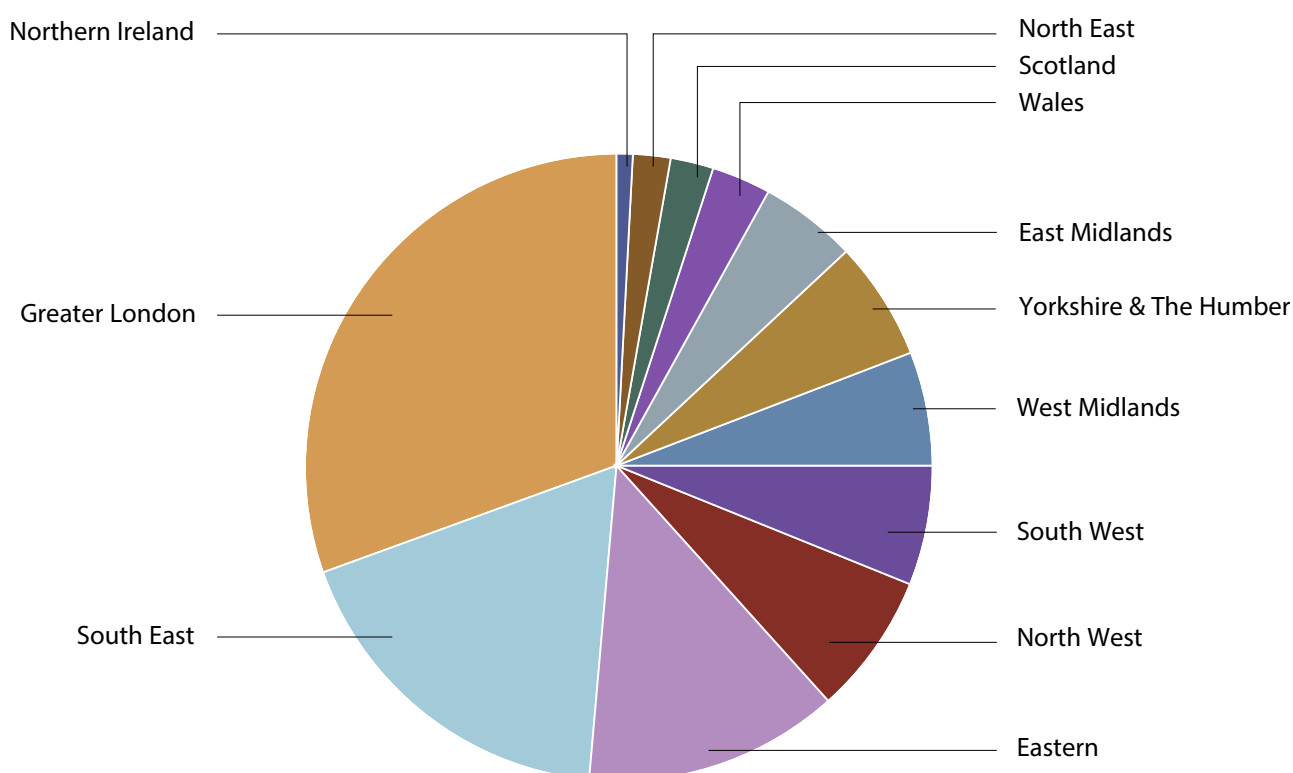
Table 2.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UK region 2021

This table counts Home applications only.

Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	164	1.1	41	1.3	37	1.3	22.6
North East	290	2.0	76	2.4	68	2.4	23.4
Scotland	368	2.5	61	1.9	52	1.8	14.1
Wales	433	2.9	70	2.2	64	2.2	14.8
East Midlands	777	5.2	148	4.7	143	5.0	18.4
Yorkshire & The Humber	820	5.5	167	5.3	146	5.1	17.8
West Midlands	850	5.7	181	5.7	160	5.6	18.8
South West	957	6.5	211	6.6	193	6.7	20.2
North West	1,055	7.1	209	6.6	185	6.5	17.5
Eastern	1,952	13.2	454	14.3	393	13.7	20.1
South East	2,688	18.2	635	20.0	573	20.0	21.3
Greater London	4,450	30.1	925	29.1	852	29.7	19.1
Totals	14,804	100.0	3,178	100.0	2,866	100.0	19.4

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

Number of applications to Cambridge by region 2021



Success rate by region 2021

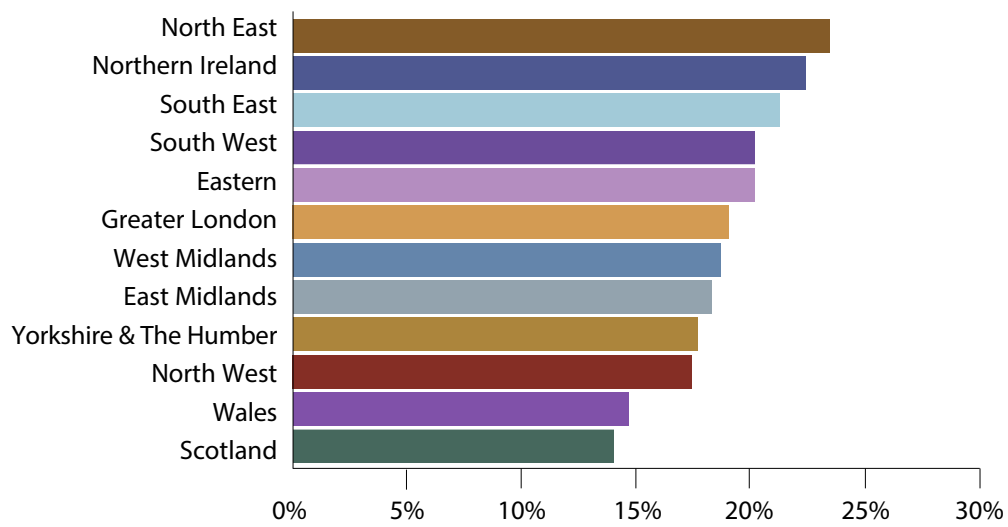


Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2021

This table counts applications from outside the UK only.

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	2,008	25.1	282	26.1	217	27.3	10.8
Hong Kong	648	8.1	99	9.1	81	10.2	12.5
Singapore	556	7.0	132	12.2	99	12.5	17.8
India	505	6.3	43	4.0	24	3.0	4.8
United States of America	495	6.2	41	3.8	21	2.6	4.2
Malaysia	274	3.4	30	2.8	27	3.4	9.9
France	232	2.9	24	2.2	18	2.3	7.8
Spain	177	2.2	14	1.3	10	1.3	5.6
Germany	173	2.2	26	2.4	21	2.6	12.1
Canada	171	2.1	15	1.4	11	1.4	6.4
Korea, Republic of	160	2.0	22	2.0	19	2.4	11.9
Ireland	160	2.0	18	1.7	16	2.0	10.0
Poland	139	1.7	26	2.4	17	2.1	12.2
Pakistan	138	1.7	7	0.6	2	0.3	1.4
Italy	132	1.7	14	1.3	8	1.0	6.1
Switzerland	98	1.2	11	1.0	9	1.1	9.2
United Arab Emirates	94	1.2	18	1.7	14	1.8	14.9
Cyprus (European Union)	94	1.2	10	0.9	6	0.8	6.4
Australia	93	1.2	18	1.7	15	1.9	16.1
Romania	79	1.0	21	1.9	11	1.4	13.9
Hungary	69	0.9	23	2.1	14	1.8	20.3
Belgium	65	0.8	5	0.5	4	0.5	6.2
Greece	59	0.7	4	0.4	3	0.4	5.1
Thailand	56	0.7	10	0.9	8	1.0	14.3
Netherlands	55	0.7	5	0.5	3	0.4	5.5
Other EU	333	4.2	53	4.9	39	4.9	11.7
Other International	928	11.6	111	10.3	77	9.7	8.3
Totals	7,991	100.0	1,082	100.0	794	100.0	9.9

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 2021

This table counts Home applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2021 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*	969	15.2	1,371	22.0	2,340	18.6	331	25.5	542	36.2	873	31.2	327	28.3	543	39.6	870	34.5
A*A*A	488	7.7	846	13.6	1,334	10.6	119	9.2	219	14.6	338	12.1	121	10.5	215	15.7	336	13.3
A*A*B	42	0.7	52	0.8	94	0.7	5	0.4	12	0.8	17	0.6	3	0.3	7	0.5	10	0.4
A*A*C	1	0.0	6	0.1	7	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
A*AA	308	4.8	501	8.1	809	6.4	50	3.9	97	6.5	147	5.3	50	4.3	97	7.1	147	5.8
A*AB	74	1.2	162	2.6	236	1.9	5	0.4	13	0.9	18	0.6	2	0.2	6	0.4	8	0.3
AAA	111	1.7	168	2.7	279	2.2	7	0.5	9	0.6	16	0.6	1	0.1	4	0.3	5	0.2
<AAA	218	3.4	385	6.2	603	4.8	10	0.8	18	1.2	28	1.0	2	0.2	6	0.4	8	0.3
Subtotals	2,211	34.8	3,491	56.1	5,702	45.3	527	40.6	910	60.8	1,437	51.4	506	43.8	878	64.1	1,384	54.8
Sciences																		
A*A*A*	2,338	36.7	1,326	21.3	3,664	29.1	684	52.7	457	30.5	1,141	40.8	599	51.9	403	29.4	1,002	39.7
A*A*A	726	11.4	505	8.1	1,231	9.8	68	5.2	81	5.4	149	5.3	48	4.2	64	4.7	112	4.4
A*A*B	27	0.4	21	0.3	48	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
A*A*C	2	0.0	2	0.0	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
A*AA	424	6.7	320	5.1	744	5.9	12	0.9	30	2.0	42	1.5	2	0.2	20	1.5	22	0.9
A*AB	95	1.5	82	1.3	177	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
AAA	166	2.6	160	2.6	326	2.6	0	0.0	9	0.6	9	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1
<AAA	373	5.9	312	5.0	685	5.4	6	0.5	8	0.5	14	0.5	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1
Subtotals	4,151	65.2	2,728	43.9	6,879	54.7	770	59.4	587	39.2	1,357	48.6	649	56.2	492	35.9	1,141	45.2
Totals	6,362	100.0	6,219	100.0	12,581	100.0	1,297	100.0	1,497	100.0	2,794	100.0	1,155	100.0	1,370	100.0	2,525	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 2021

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	57	0.3	30	0.7	27	0.7	47.4
Archaeology	62	0.3	30	0.7	24	0.7	38.7
Architecture	629	2.8	72	1.7	66	1.8	10.5
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	130	0.6	45	1.1	45	1.2	34.6
Classics	126	0.6	61	1.4	60	1.6	47.6
Classics (4 years)	72	0.3	37	0.9	31	0.8	43.1
Economics	1,562	6.9	175	4.1	156	4.3	10.0
Education	182	0.8	44	1.0	40	1.1	22.0
English	769	3.4	205	4.8	194	5.3	25.2
Geography	446	2.0	111	2.6	100	2.7	22.4
History	604	2.6	196	4.6	189	5.2	31.3
History & Modern Languages	76	0.3	24	0.6	24	0.7	31.6
History & Politics	307	1.3	65	1.5	59	1.6	19.2
History of Art	99	0.4	33	0.8	32	0.9	32.3
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	1,386	6.1	201	4.7	176	4.8	12.7
Land Economy	440	1.9	77	1.8	69	1.9	15.7
Law	1,870	8.2	265	6.2	246	6.7	13.2
Linguistics	124	0.5	45	1.1	39	1.1	31.5
Modern & Medieval Languages	343	1.5	157	3.7	155	4.2	45.2
Music	185	0.8	74	1.7	69	1.9	37.3
Philosophy	276	1.2	59	1.4	59	1.6	21.4
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	110	0.5	46	1.1	44	1.2	40.0
Subtotals	9,855	43.2	2,052	48.2	1,904	52.0	19.3
Sciences							
Computer Science	1,658	7.3	141	3.3	130	3.6	7.8
Engineering	2,759	12.1	384	9.0	343	9.4	12.4
Mathematics	1,603	7.0	528	12.4	233	6.4	14.5
Medicine	2,022	8.9	284	6.7	270	7.4	13.4
Medicine Graduate Course	591	2.6	46	1.1	39	1.1	6.6
Natural Sciences	3,070	13.5	646	15.2	587	16.0	19.1
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	807	3.5	99	2.3	87	2.4	10.8
Veterinary Medicine	430	1.9	80	1.9	67	1.8	15.6
Subtotals	12,940	56.8	2,208	51.8	1,756	48.0	13.6
Totals	22,795	100.0	4,260	100.0	3,660	100.0	16.1

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 2021

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	25	43.9	32	56.1	14	46.7	16	53.3	13	48.1	14	51.9
Archaeology	18	29.0	44	71.0	8	26.7	22	73.3	6	25.0	18	75.0
Architecture	222	35.3	407	64.7	24	33.3	48	66.7	23	34.8	43	65.2
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	40	30.8	90	69.2	13	28.9	32	71.1	13	28.9	32	71.1
Classics	48	38.1	78	61.9	19	31.1	42	68.9	19	31.7	41	68.3
Classics (4 years)	20	27.8	52	72.2	11	29.7	26	70.3	10	32.3	21	67.7
Economics	1,002	64.1	560	35.9	117	66.9	58	33.1	107	68.6	49	31.4
Education	25	13.7	157	86.3	7	15.9	37	84.1	6	15.0	34	85.0
English	169	22.0	600	78.0	51	24.9	154	75.1	48	24.7	146	75.3
Geography	171	38.3	275	61.7	41	36.9	70	63.1	37	37.0	63	63.0
History	255	42.2	349	57.8	85	43.4	111	56.6	79	41.8	110	58.2
History & Modern Languages	26	34.2	50	65.8	9	37.5	15	62.5	9	37.5	15	62.5
History & Politics	149	48.5	158	51.5	30	46.2	35	53.8	26	44.1	33	55.9
History of Art	18	18.2	81	81.8	5	15.2	28	84.8	5	15.6	27	84.4
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	398	28.7	988	71.3	70	34.8	131	65.2	65	36.9	111	63.1
Land Economy	252	57.3	188	42.7	42	54.5	35	45.5	42	60.9	27	39.1
Law	677	36.2	1,193	63.8	100	37.7	165	62.3	91	37.0	155	63.0
Linguistics	40	32.3	84	67.7	19	42.2	26	57.8	17	43.6	22	56.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	116	33.8	227	66.2	50	31.8	107	68.2	49	31.6	106	68.4
Music	101	54.6	84	45.4	42	56.8	32	43.2	38	55.1	31	44.9
Philosophy	136	49.3	140	50.7	29	49.2	30	50.8	30	50.8	29	49.2
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	42	38.2	68	61.8	13	28.3	33	71.7	12	27.3	32	72.7
Subtotals	3,950	40.1	5,905	59.9	799	38.9	1,253	61.1	745	39.1	1,159	60.9

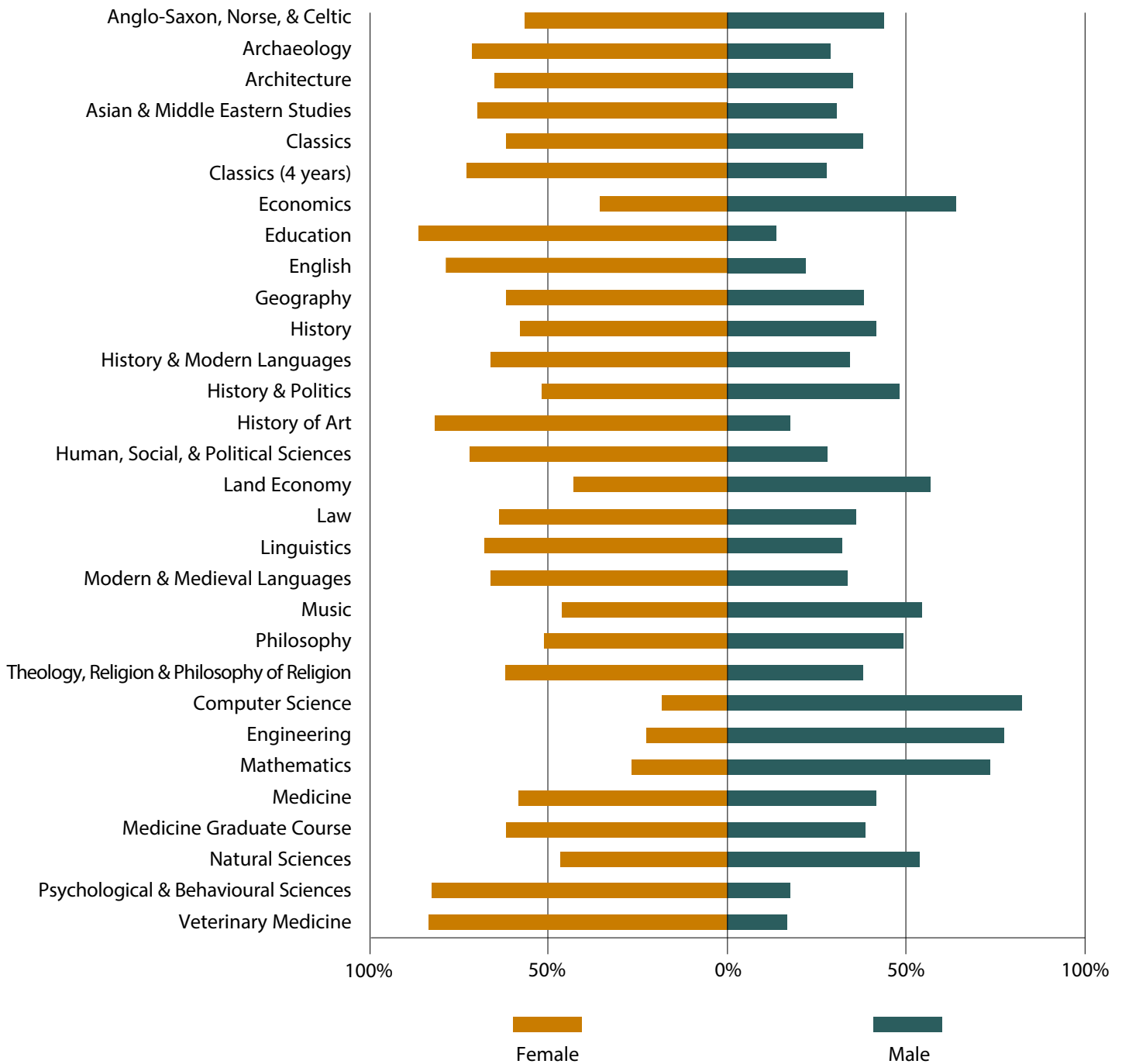
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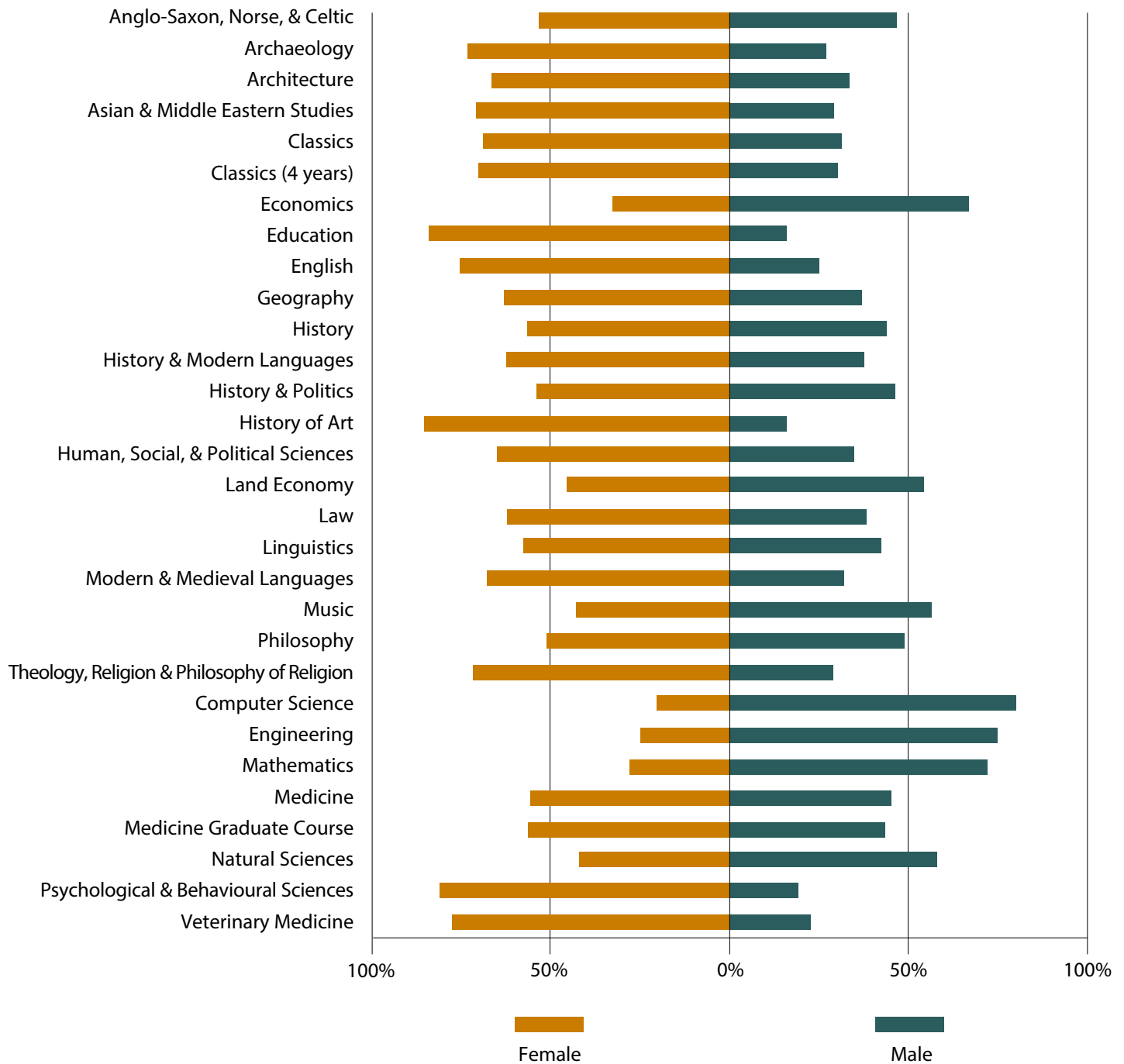
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sciences												
Computer Science	1,366	82.4	292	17.6	112	79.4	29	20.6	103	79.2	27	20.8
Engineering	2,143	77.7	616	22.3	287	74.7	97	25.3	256	74.6	87	25.4
Mathematics	1,182	73.7	421	26.3	380	72.0	148	28.0	189	81.1	44	18.9
Medicine	853	42.2	1,169	57.8	126	44.4	158	55.6	119	44.1	151	55.9
Medicine Graduate Course	229	38.7	362	61.3	20	43.5	26	56.5	17	43.6	22	56.4
Natural Sciences	1,659	54.0	1,411	46.0	374	57.9	272	42.1	338	57.6	249	42.4
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	144	17.8	663	82.2	19	19.2	80	80.8	18	20.7	69	79.3
Veterinary Medicine	74	17.2	356	82.8	18	22.5	62	77.5	13	19.4	54	80.6
Subtotals	7,650	59.1	5,290	40.9	1,336	60.5	872	39.5	1,053	60.0	703	40.0
Totals	11,600	50.9	11,195	49.1	2,135	50.1	2,125	49.9	1,798	49.1	1,862	50.9

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.

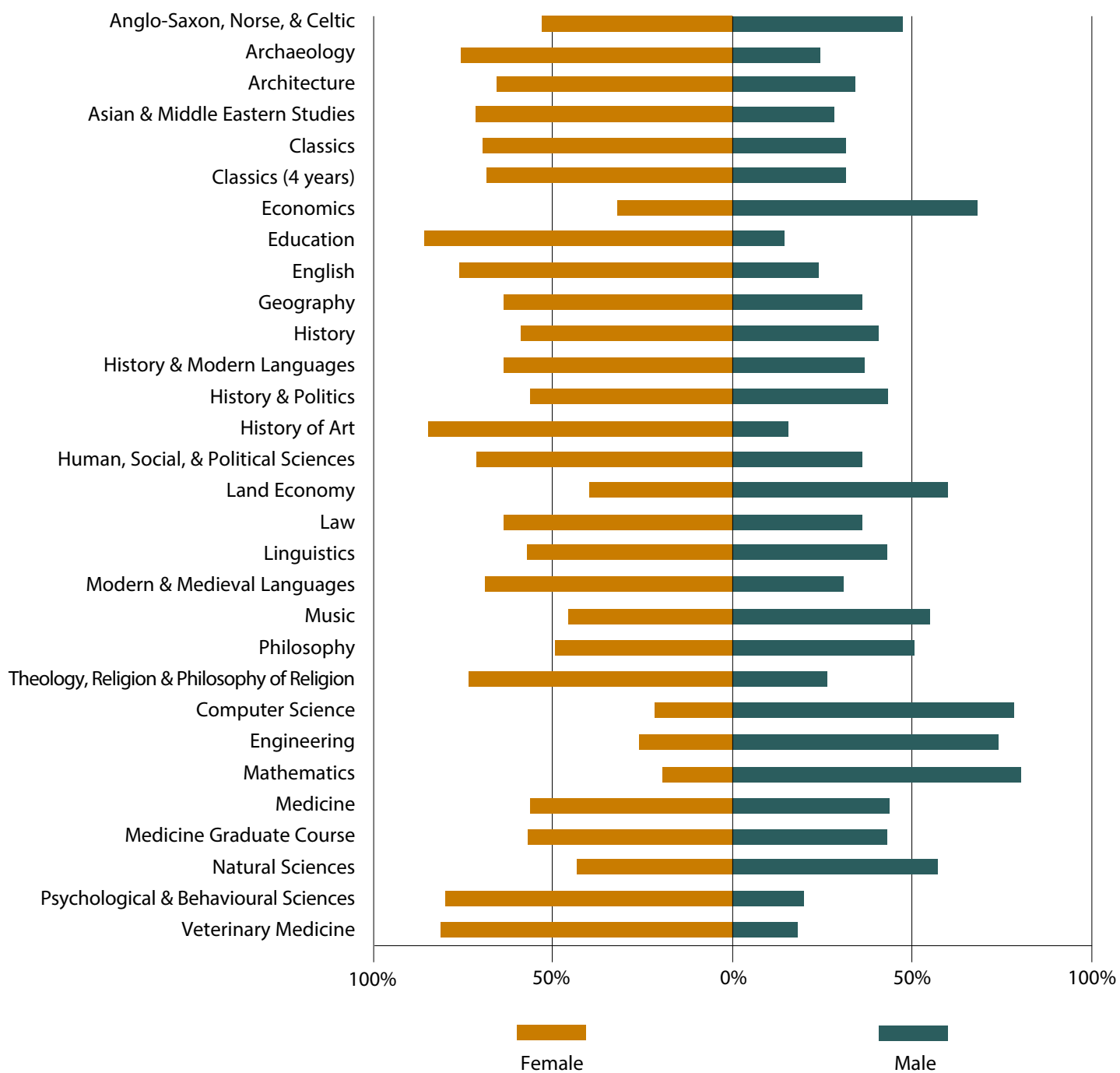
Applications by subject and gender 2021



Offers by subject and gender 2021



Acceptances by subject and gender 2021



5 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

Table 5.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age* 2021

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	791	3.5	93	2.2	71	1.9	9.0
18	14,755	64.8	2,778	65.2	2,425	66.3	16.4
19	4,578	20.1	888	20.8	765	20.9	16.7
20	815	3.6	157	3.7	122	3.3	15.0
21 and over	1,816	8.0	344	8.1	277	7.6	15.3
Totals	22,755	100.0	4,260	100.0	3,660	100.0	16.1

* 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.

6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by POLAR4 classification

Table 6.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR4 quintile 2021

This table counts Home applicants only.

POLAR4 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	7,130	48.2	1,647	51.8	1,506	52.5	21.1
4	3,313	22.4	666	21.0	590	20.6	17.8
3	1,995	13.5	368	11.6	319	11.1	16.0
2	1,436	9.7	313	9.8	287	10.0	20.0
1	859	5.8	175	5.5	155	5.4	18.0
Unknown	47	0.3	9	0.3	9	0.3	19.1
Totals	14,780	100.0	3,178	100.0	2,866	100.0	19.4

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 6.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR4 quintile and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known POLAR4 quintile (Q) only, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications			Offers			Acceptances				
	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	% accepted Q1	% accepted Q1 or Q2
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences											
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	7	12	109	5	9	66	4	6	53	6.3	15.9
Archaeology	9	9	111	5	5	69	4	3	48	7.3	12.7
Architecture	53	91	774	5	14	144	5	11	123	3.6	11.5
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	11	26	287	5	14	130	1	9	107	0.9	8.5
Classics	3	14	318	3	8	182	3	7	166	1.7	5.7
Classics (4 years)	10	13	127	7	9	72	5	8	60	6.8	17.8
Economics	83	161	1,832	10	27	284	10	27	266	3.3	12.2
Education	8	29	171	7	18	82	5	13	70	5.7	20.5
English	99	159	1,714	29	50	551	29	43	497	5.1	12.7
Geography	28	77	844	12	33	286	7	29	237	2.6	13.2
History	73	126	1,430	30	53	517	26	52	462	4.8	14.4
History & Modern Languages	5	18	199	1	9	67	1	8	63	1.4	12.5
History & Politics	22	53	486	6	13	137	5	13	121	3.6	12.9
History of Art	8	11	210	3	5	72	1	6	65	1.4	9.7
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	107	183	1,927	26	58	408	24	50	352	5.6	17.4
Land Economy	12	27	539	4	10	139	3	8	115	2.4	8.7
Law	270	402	2,419	43	81	469	41	71	401	8.0	21.8
Linguistics	15	27	178	10	13	87	8	8	75	8.8	17.6
Modern & Medieval Languages	32	77	938	19	40	459	14	35	426	2.9	10.3
Music	17	31	380	7	14	202	7	13	173	3.6	10.4
Philosophy	19	37	496	6	9	119	7	9	106	5.7	13.1
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	13	32	288	7	20	124	6	19	106	4.6	19.1
Subtotals	904	1,615	15,777	250	512	4,666	216	448	4,092	4.5	14.0
Sciences											
Computer Science	159	257	2,002	12	24	182	14	21	174	6.7	16.7
Engineering	241	370	3,597	37	59	621	38	58	560	5.8	14.6
Mathematics	192	332	2,363	60	92	889	19	29	402	4.2	10.7
Medicine	279	418	3,012	47	77	680	45	75	630	6.0	16.0
Medicine Graduate Course	111	134	1,105	9	10	119	8	6	97	7.2	12.6
Natural Sciences	289	518	4,593	80	119	1,200	76	106	1,106	5.9	14.1
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	114	161	953	21	35	184	14	28	154	7.1	21.4
Veterinary Medicine	64	98	787	16	17	208	11	14	172	5.6	12.7
Subtotals	1,449	2,288	18,412	282	433	4,083	225	337	3,295	5.8	14.6
Totals	2,353	3,903	34,189	532	945	8,749	441	785	7,387	5.1	14.2

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Table 6.3 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR4 quintile and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known POLAR4 quintile (Q) only, over a three-year period.

College	Applications			Offers			Acceptances				
	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	Q1	Q2	Q3-5	% accepted Q1	% accepted Q1 or Q2
Christ's	129	171	1,299	17	18	272	13	17	221	5.2	12.0
Churchill	107	157	1,335	29	28	380	22	22	284	6.7	13.4
Clare	62	125	1,607	16	33	375	13	25	315	3.7	10.8
Corpus Christi	73	123	866	18	31	224	17	26	188	7.4	18.6
Downing	87	188	1,825	8	39	318	7	34	280	2.2	12.8
Emmanuel	85	148	1,544	17	37	351	14	29	312	3.9	12.1
Fitzwilliam	78	141	1,189	15	45	363	10	40	310	2.8	13.9
Girton	88	93	898	23	34	362	20	34	316	5.4	14.6
Gonville and Caius	86	170	1,666	18	35	422	14	28	377	3.3	10.0
Homerton	87	160	1,040	42	61	409	39	54	332	9.2	21.9
Hughes Hall	50	63	493	7	6	111	6	4	85	6.3	10.5
Jesus	150	256	2,315	22	38	339	27	38	318	7.0	17.0
King's	102	157	1,333	16	29	336	14	24	281	4.4	11.9
Lucy Cavendish	62	95	648	10	26	157	10	26	151	5.3	19.3
Magdalene	48	80	746	12	30	234	11	27	213	4.4	15.1
Murray Edwards	57	86	512	18	38	331	8	26	237	3.0	12.5
Newnham	59	114	796	14	28	321	14	25	258	4.7	13.1
Pembroke	107	142	1,686	25	35	353	26	28	305	7.2	15.0
Peterhouse	54	79	618	14	26	163	13	23	133	7.7	21.3
Queens'	108	170	1,525	20	41	386	15	31	333	4.0	12.1
Robinson	60	83	743	12	22	296	12	19	240	4.4	11.4
St Catharine's	108	214	1,791	14	35	340	15	26	296	4.5	12.2
St Edmund's	48	72	439	5	10	86	3	10	69	3.7	15.9
St John's	89	189	1,961	20	45	431	18	40	372	4.2	13.5
Selwyn	73	149	1,363	19	36	313	19	31	260	6.1	16.1
Sidney Sussex	54	104	908	19	35	260	22	26	221	8.2	17.8
Trinity	142	210	1,540	28	44	390	19	41	333	4.8	15.3
Trinity Hall	45	102	941	17	33	280	11	28	253	3.8	13.4
Wolfson	54	58	510	10	5	107	9	3	94	8.5	11.3
Open Offers	-	-	-	27	22	39	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2,352	3,899	34,137	532	945	8,749	441	785	7,387	5.1	14.2

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.

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7 Applicants, offers and acceptances by Output Area classification

Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2021

This table counts Home applicants only.

OAC flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	3,374	22.8	648	20.4	580	20.2	17.2
Unflagged	11,379	77.0	2,525	79.5	2,281	79.6	20.0
Unknown	27	0.2	5	0.2	5	0.2	18.5
Totals	14,780	100.0	3,178	100.0	2,866	100.0	19.4

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 7.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known OAC subgroup only, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	% accepted flagged
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	23	106	13	68	10	54	15.6
Archaeology	35	94	25	54	16	39	29.1
Architecture	213	709	28	136	24	115	17.3
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	53	271	25	124	17	100	14.5
Classics	12	324	8	186	8	169	4.5
Classics (4 years)	40	111	22	67	15	59	20.3
Economics	450	1,632	56	266	53	251	17.4
Education	50	160	28	81	22	67	24.7
English	344	1,630	114	516	102	467	17.9
Geography	153	799	69	264	54	221	19.6
History	259	1,378	100	500	88	452	16.3
History & Modern Languages	21	201	6	71	6	66	8.3
History & Politics	123	441	41	115	31	108	22.3
History of Art	21	208	7	73	7	65	9.7
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	529	1,696	136	357	123	304	28.8
Land Economy	113	467	35	118	32	94	25.4
Law	946	2,152	147	448	123	392	23.9
Linguistics	41	179	20	90	15	76	16.5
Modern & Medieval Languages	138	915	82	439	75	403	15.7
Music	54	377	25	199	22	172	11.3
Philosophy	93	459	26	108	24	98	19.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	56	277	30	121	27	104	20.6
Subtotals	3,767	14,586	1,043	4,401	894	3,876	18.7
Sciences							
Computer Science	601	1,823	39	179	43	166	20.6
Engineering	1,047	3,170	155	562	140	516	21.3
Mathematics	678	2,214	215	826	61	389	13.6
Medicine	1,164	2,557	176	630	176	576	23.4
Medicine Graduate Course	410	947	34	104	28	83	25.2
Natural Sciences	1,069	4,344	270	1,129	248	1,040	19.3
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	369	862	68	173	55	142	27.9
Veterinary Medicine	164	788	34	207	28	169	14.2
Subtotals	5,502	16,705	991	3,810	779	3,081	20.2
Totals	9,269	31,291	2,034	8,211	1,673	6,957	19.4

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Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known OAC subgroup only, over a three-year period.

College	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	% accepted flagged
Christ's	374	1,227	40	267	31	220	12.4
Churchill	416	1,187	96	342	68	260	20.7
Clare	331	1,469	72	353	56	298	15.8
Corpus Christi	281	783	63	210	51	180	22.1
Downing	406	1,703	62	305	56	266	17.4
Emmanuel	327	1,452	66	339	51	304	14.4
Fitzwilliam	360	1,054	93	330	75	285	20.8
Girton	282	802	79	342	72	300	19.4
Gonville and Caius	342	1,587	86	391	71	350	16.9
Homerton	388	904	134	378	122	304	28.6
Hughes Hall	189	419	22	102	17	78	17.9
Jesus	601	2,129	83	317	86	298	22.4
King's	434	1,164	88	293	71	248	22.3
Lucy Cavendish	239	567	50	143	49	138	26.2
Magdalene	171	707	48	229	48	204	19.0
Murray Edwards	242	416	73	316	47	226	17.2
Newnham	283	688	73	291	55	243	18.5
Pembroke	373	1,566	65	350	62	299	17.2
Peterhouse	187	565	50	153	43	126	25.4
Queens'	327	1,482	74	375	66	314	17.4
Robinson	237	651	62	268	52	219	19.2
St Catharine's	438	1,679	78	311	64	273	19.0
St Edmund's	205	357	25	76	21	61	25.6
St John's	444	1,801	107	389	95	335	22.1
Selwyn	311	1,276	69	300	60	251	19.3
Sidney Sussex	200	867	54	260	50	219	18.6
Trinity	497	1,402	75	388	59	335	15.0
Trinity Hall	199	891	62	268	56	236	19.2
Wolfson	171	453	21	101	19	87	17.9
Open Offers	-	-	64	24	-	-	-
Totals	9,255	31,248	2,034	8,211	1,673	6,957	19.4

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 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag 2021

This table counts Home applicants only.

IMD flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	3,456	23.4	667	21.0	600	20.9	17.4
Unflagged	11,288	76.4	2,503	78.8	2,258	78.8	20.0
Unknown	36	0.2	8	0.3	8	0.3	22.2
Totals	14,780	100.0	3,178	100.0	2,866	100.0	19.4

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)

Table 8.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known IMD quintile only, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	% accepted flagged
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	21	108	11	70	8	56	12.5
Archaeology	34	95	21	58	14	41	25.5
Architecture	213	708	34	130	31	108	22.3
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	59	265	35	114	22	95	18.8
Classics	40	295	29	164	25	151	14.2
Classics (4 years)	47	103	31	57	21	52	28.8
Economics	431	1,651	58	264	53	251	17.4
Education	47	163	28	81	23	66	25.8
English	387	1,586	122	508	111	458	19.5
Geography	173	779	77	256	57	218	20.7
History	297	1,339	123	477	107	433	19.8
History & Modern Languages	28	194	9	68	7	65	9.7
History & Politics	133	430	41	115	38	101	27.3
History of Art	37	192	14	66	11	61	15.3
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	564	1,660	154	339	135	292	31.6
Land Economy	134	444	43	110	38	88	30.2
Law	951	2,144	157	437	133	381	25.9
Linguistics	49	171	24	86	17	74	18.7
Modern & Medieval Languages	163	888	85	435	77	400	16.1
Music	56	375	26	198	21	173	10.8
Philosophy	96	456	33	101	29	93	23.8
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	68	265	34	117	29	102	22.1
Subtotals	4,028	14,311	1,189	4,251	1,007	3,759	21.1
Sciences							
Computer Science	630	1,793	45	173	47	162	22.5
Engineering	1,040	3,175	158	559	149	507	22.7
Mathematics	640	2,252	181	860	51	399	11.3
Medicine	1,167	2,554	178	628	182	570	24.2
Medicine Graduate Course	438	919	35	103	30	81	27.0
Natural Sciences	1,078	4,334	266	1,133	240	1,048	18.6
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	389	841	81	159	67	129	34.2
Veterinary Medicine	161	789	35	206	24	173	12.2
Subtotals	5,543	16,657	979	3,821	790	3,069	20.5
Totals	9,571	30,968	2,168	8,072	1,797	6,828	20.8

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)

Table 8.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021)

This table counts Home applicants with a known IMD quintile only, over a three-year period.

College	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	Flagged	Unflagged	% accepted flagged
Christ's	392	1,208	58	249	45	206	17.9
Churchill	388	1,214	72	366	54	274	16.5
Clare	366	1,433	95	330	75	279	21.2
Corpus Christi	278	786	69	204	56	175	24.2
Downing	422	1,685	64	303	59	263	18.3
Emmanuel	350	1,429	68	337	56	299	15.8
Fitzwilliam	336	1,076	94	329	76	284	21.1
Girton	313	770	84	337	79	293	21.2
Gonville and Caius	367	1,560	82	393	73	346	17.4
Homerton	396	896	140	372	122	304	28.6
Hughes Hall	203	405	30	94	24	71	25.3
Jesus	577	2,153	88	312	94	290	24.5
King's	444	1,154	89	292	69	250	21.6
Lucy Cavendish	248	558	54	139	48	139	25.7
Magdalene	193	683	49	228	48	204	19.0
Murray Edwards	231	426	82	306	57	215	21.0
Newnham	310	661	87	277	65	233	21.8
Pembroke	428	1,511	87	328	75	286	20.8
Peterhouse	193	559	50	153	45	124	26.6
Queens'	336	1,472	85	363	77	302	20.3
Robinson	230	657	55	275	48	223	17.7
St Catharine's	441	1,676	76	313	60	277	17.8
St Edmund's	201	361	29	72	25	57	30.5
St John's	469	1,774	109	387	99	331	23.0
Selwyn	322	1,265	66	303	59	252	19.0
Sidney Sussex	224	842	67	247	59	210	21.9
Trinity	466	1,430	78	384	64	329	16.3
Trinity Hall	224	866	68	262	62	230	21.2
Wolfson	207	417	27	95	24	82	22.6
Open Offers	-	-	66	22	-	-	-
Totals	9,555	30,927	2,168	8,072	1,797	6,828	20.8

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)

9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

Table 9.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and gender 2021

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	22	67	89	0.6	3	13	16	0.5	2	12	14	0.5	15.7
Black or Black British - African	282	423	705	4.8	53	68	121	3.8	46	62	108	3.8	15.3
Other Black background	12	20	32	0.2	2	5	7	0.2	2	4	6	0.2	18.8
Asian or Asian British - Indian	636	469	1,105	7.5	120	96	216	6.8	108	89	197	6.9	17.8
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	268	192	460	3.1	31	24	55	1.7	30	22	52	1.8	11.3
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	170	152	322	2.2	26	22	48	1.5	24	21	45	1.6	14.0
Chinese	222	192	414	2.8	47	44	91	2.9	44	42	86	3.0	20.8
Other Asian background	280	244	524	3.5	41	46	87	2.7	38	41	79	2.8	15.1
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	52	61	113	0.8	11	16	27	0.8	10	17	27	0.9	23.9
Mixed - White and Black African	51	52	103	0.7	10	10	20	0.6	6	8	14	0.5	13.6
Mixed - White and Asian	298	303	601	4.1	75	100	175	5.5	69	90	159	5.5	26.5
Other mixed background	134	152	286	1.9	37	32	69	2.2	36	31	67	2.3	23.4
Arab	71	59	130	0.9	4	5	9	0.3	4	5	9	0.3	6.9
Other ethnic background	103	113	216	1.5	14	19	33	1.0	11	19	30	1.0	13.9
White	4,537	4,513	9,050	61.2	988	1,163	2,151	67.7	879	1,062	1,941	67.7	21.4
Gypsy or Traveller	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	332	295	627	4.2	33	20	53	1.7	21	11	32	1.1	5.1
Totals	7,472	7,308	14,780	100.0	1,495	1,683	3,178	100.0	1,330	1,536	2,866	100.0	19.4

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 9.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – White, and all other ethnic groups combined

This table counts Home applicants with known ethnicity only, over a three-year period. In this table, applicants declaring a Black (including Caribbean, African, and Other Black background), Asian (including Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, and Other Asian background), Mixed (including White & Black Caribbean, White & Black African, White & Asian, and other Mixed background), or Other (including Arab, and Other ethnic background) ethnicity, are aggregated in the 'Other than White' columns.

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Other than White	White	Other than White	White	Other than White	White	% accepted Other than White
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	15	111	11	70	8	56	12.5
Archaeology	16	111	10	69	7	48	12.7
Architecture	332	558	66	97	55	85	39.3
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	87	228	37	110	28	89	23.9
Classics	50	274	32	162	29	148	16.4
Classics (4 years)	37	106	21	66	14	59	19.2
Economics	937	1,063	155	167	148	158	48.4
Education	49	152	22	82	18	70	20.5
English	387	1,510	125	497	113	456	19.9
Geography	175	744	62	266	51	224	18.5
History	280	1,290	121	465	110	423	20.6
History & Modern Languages	37	173	16	59	14	57	19.7
History & Politics	126	420	41	115	34	105	24.5
History of Art	30	187	12	66	12	59	16.9
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	659	1,473	178	312	150	278	35.0
Land Economy	252	309	82	70	70	55	56.0
Law	1,232	1,759	217	368	193	320	37.6
Linguistics	39	168	15	90	13	75	14.8
Modern & Medieval Languages	182	840	96	415	92	381	19.5
Music	54	359	27	195	25	168	13.0
Philosophy	116	413	33	100	28	92	23.3
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	60	251	27	121	24	106	18.5
Subtotals	5,152	12,499	1,406	3,962	1,236	3,512	26.0
Sciences							
Computer Science	994	1,331	64	147	65	138	32.0
Engineering	1,730	2,355	268	433	251	395	38.9
Mathematics	766	2,007	276	716	131	313	29.5
Medicine	2,242	1,333	434	364	420	329	56.1
Medicine Graduate Course	559	759	36	99	32	77	29.4
Natural Sciences	1,369	3,843	346	1,041	323	960	25.2
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	396	791	67	170	48	148	24.5
Veterinary Medicine	135	794	32	209	29	168	14.7
Subtotals	8,191	13,213	1,523	3,179	1,299	2,528	33.9
Totals	13,343	25,712	2,929	7,141	2,535	6,040	29.6

Table 9.3 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Black heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Black or Black British – Caribbean, Black or Black British – African, or Other Black background, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences				
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	0	0	0	0.0
Archaeology	0	0	0	0.0
Architecture	59	19	16	11.4
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	7	3	2	1.7
Classics	3	1	1	0.6
Classics (4 years)	6	2	1	1.4
Economics	117	7	9	2.9
Education	12	7	6	6.8
English	58	31	27	4.7
Geography	18	11	8	2.9
History	35	15	10	1.9
History & Modern Languages	3	1	1	1.4
History & Politics	31	10	8	5.8
History of Art	3	2	2	2.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	195	74	58	13.6
Land Economy	58	24	21	16.8
Law	312	61	55	10.7
Linguistics	5	1	1	1.1
Modern & Medieval Languages	18	11	11	2.3
Music	9	4	3	1.6
Philosophy	15	5	5	4.2
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	13	8	5	3.8
Subtotals	977	297	250	5.3
Sciences				
Computer Science	131	8	8	3.9
Engineering	258	31	26	4.0
Mathematics	52	13	3	0.7
Medicine	362	45	41	5.5
Medicine Graduate Course	141	4	3	2.8
Natural Sciences	138	35	36	2.8
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	85	14	9	4.6
Veterinary Medicine	11	0	0	0.0
Subtotals	1,178	150	126	3.3
Totals	2,155	447	376	4.4

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

Table 9.4 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Asian heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Asian or Asian British – Indian, Asian or Asian British – Pakistani, Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi, Chinese, or Other Asian background, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences				
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	1	1	1	1.6
Archaeology	8	6	4	7.3
Architecture	165	24	22	15.7
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	28	14	6	5.1
Classics	21	12	10	5.6
Classics (4 years)	10	4	2	2.7
Economics	667	122	117	38.2
Education	25	6	6	6.8
English	131	35	33	5.8
Geography	88	26	22	8.0
History	115	46	47	8.8
History & Modern Languages	12	8	7	9.9
History & Politics	47	17	13	9.4
History of Art	3	2	2	2.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	208	49	43	10.0
Land Economy	142	37	33	26.4
Law	562	85	75	14.6
Linguistics	18	8	6	6.8
Modern & Medieval Languages	63	30	29	6.1
Music	15	7	6	3.1
Philosophy	32	9	6	5.0
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	19	8	8	6.2
Subtotals	2,380	556	498	10.5
Sciences				
Computer Science	639	39	40	19.7
Engineering	1,084	176	167	25.9
Mathematics	495	169	85	9.1
Medicine	1,473	305	298	39.8
Medicine Graduate Course	252	18	15	13.8
Natural Sciences	787	185	170	13.3
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	187	30	21	10.7
Veterinary Medicine	61	15	11	5.6
Subtotals	4,978	937	807	21.1
Totals	7,358	1,493	1,305	15.2

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

Table 9.5 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Mixed heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Mixed – White and Black Caribbean, Mixed – White and Black African, Mixed – White and Asian, or Other Mixed background, over a three-year period.

Degree programme	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences				
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	14	10	7	10.9
Archaeology	7	3	3	5.5
Architecture	80	16	13	9.3
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	44	17	16	13.7
Classics	24	19	18	10.2
Classics (4 years)	14	10	7	9.6
Economics	116	22	19	6.2
Education	9	7	4	4.5
English	180	57	51	9.0
Geography	56	23	20	7.3
History	114	51	46	8.6
History & Modern Languages	20	7	6	8.5
History & Politics	32	10	9	6.5
History of Art	22	7	7	9.9
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	205	47	41	9.6
Land Economy	40	19	15	12.0
Law	259	55	51	9.9
Linguistics	10	3	3	3.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	88	49	46	9.7
Music	25	14	14	7.3
Philosophy	55	15	14	11.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	17	6	6	4.6
Subtotals	1,431	467	416	8.8
Sciences				
Computer Science	173	16	16	7.9
Engineering	307	53	50	7.7
Mathematics	174	81	38	8.6
Medicine	236	62	60	8.0
Medicine Graduate Course	99	8	8	7.3
Natural Sciences	358	112	104	8.1
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	100	20	13	6.6
Veterinary Medicine	56	16	17	8.6
Subtotals	1,503	368	306	8.0
Totals	2,934	835	722	8.4

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

Table 9.6 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – White, and all other ethnic groups combined

This table counts Home applicants with known ethnicity only, over a three-year period. In this table, applicants declaring a Black (including Caribbean, African, and Other Black background), Asian (including Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, and Other Asian background), Mixed (including White & Black Caribbean, White & Black African, White & Asian, and other Mixed background), or Other (including Arab, and Other ethnic background) ethnicity, are aggregated in the 'Other than White' columns.

College	Applications		Offers		Acceptances		
	Other than White	White	Other than White	White	Other than White	White	% accepted Other than White
Christ's	503	1,044	87	215	73	180	28.9
Churchill	589	959	119	310	96	230	29.4
Clare	533	1,200	104	315	90	264	25.4
Corpus Christi	326	696	68	199	53	176	23.1
Downing	699	1,331	126	239	117	205	36.3
Emmanuel	533	1,197	103	300	95	259	26.8
Fitzwilliam	505	865	138	277	120	238	33.5
Girton	389	656	111	305	101	273	27.0
Gonville and Caius	613	1,244	143	326	126	290	30.3
Homerton	554	702	172	327	148	274	35.1
Hughes Hall	240	336	37	79	28	62	31.1
Jesus	780	1,852	114	281	113	270	29.5
King's	586	941	129	244	111	207	34.9
Lucy Cavendish	333	440	54	135	52	132	28.3
Magdalene	254	591	66	207	61	189	24.4
Murray Edwards	298	342	120	261	83	189	30.5
Newnham	383	549	104	255	88	208	29.7
Pembroke	572	1,305	113	296	104	253	29.1
Peterhouse	209	513	50	150	48	121	28.4
Queens'	516	1,226	109	336	104	276	27.4
Robinson	320	538	86	239	72	198	26.7
St Catharine's	672	1,384	116	268	99	236	29.6
St Edmund's	233	299	30	65	25	54	31.6
St John's	701	1,433	155	333	143	282	33.6
Selwyn	471	1,070	95	269	81	229	26.1
Sidney Sussex	315	714	83	225	73	192	27.5
Trinity	691	1,117	160	294	138	252	35.4
Trinity Hall	279	779	69	256	68	224	23.3
Wolfson	218	361	29	87	25	77	24.5
Open Offers	-	-	39	48	-	-	-
Totals	13,315	25,684	2,929	7,141	2,535	6,040	29.6

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.

Table 9.7 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Black heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Black or Black British – Caribbean, Black or Black British – African, or Other Black background, over a three-year period.

College	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Christ's	77	9	10	4.0
Churchill	92	13	9	2.8
Clare	58	12	10	2.8
Corpus Christi	53	14	13	5.7
Downing	94	19	16	5.0
Emmanuel	68	9	8	2.3
Fitzwilliam	118	37	28	7.8
Girton	66	15	14	3.7
Gonville and Caius	90	23	19	4.6
Homerton	120	37	30	7.1
Hughes Hall	60	6	5	5.6
Jesus	204	34	34	8.9
King's	88	17	14	4.4
Lucy Cavendish	78	10	10	5.4
Magdalene	33	11	9	3.6
Murray Edwards	52	18	13	4.8
Newnham	60	9	11	3.7
Pembroke	91	17	15	4.2
Peterhouse	30	10	9	5.3
Queens'	58	11	13	3.4
Robinson	46	13	9	3.3
St Catharine's	104	12	9	2.7
St Edmund's	64	5	3	3.8
St John's	80	24	22	5.2
Selwyn	64	16	11	3.5
Sidney Sussex	30	9	9	3.4
Trinity	82	13	11	2.8
Trinity Hall	41	6	7	2.4
Wolfson	50	6	5	4.9
Open Offers	-	12	-	-
Totals	2,151	447	376	4.4

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

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Table 9.8 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Asian heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Asian or Asian British – Indian, Asian or Asian British – Pakistani, Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi, Chinese, or Other Asian background, over a three-year period.

College	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Christ's	266	46	38	15.0
Churchill	339	77	66	20.2
Clare	304	66	54	15.3
Corpus Christi	172	30	20	8.7
Downing	424	61	59	18.3
Emmanuel	310	59	54	15.3
Fitzwilliam	270	65	61	17.0
Girton	234	61	55	14.7
Gonville and Caius	340	76	70	16.8
Homerton	290	72	58	13.7
Hughes Hall	95	9	6	6.7
Jesus	357	46	47	12.3
King's	316	60	53	16.7
Lucy Cavendish	162	25	25	13.6
Magdalene	147	25	26	10.4
Murray Edwards	176	59	44	16.2
Newnham	223	63	50	16.9
Pembroke	311	54	48	13.4
Peterhouse	121	24	22	13.0
Queens'	317	53	50	13.2
Robinson	190	42	36	13.3
St Catharine's	381	67	58	17.3
St Edmund's	104	15	12	15.2
St John's	407	77	73	17.2
Selwyn	267	55	48	15.5
Sidney Sussex	177	37	35	13.2
Trinity	401	95	82	21.0
Trinity Hall	144	40	40	13.7
Wolfson	99	17	15	14.7
Open Offers	-	17	-	-
Totals	7,344	1,493	1,305	15.2

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

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 9.9 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and College in any of the last three years (2019-2021) – students of Mixed heritage

This table aggregates Home applicants declaring their ethnicity as Mixed – White and Black Caribbean, Mixed – White and Black African, Mixed – White and Asian, or Other Mixed background, over a three-year period.

College	Applications	Offers	Acceptances	% of total Home accepts*
Christ's	138	27	21	8.3
Churchill	117	24	16	4.9
Clare	129	21	21	5.9
Corpus Christi	75	17	14	6.1
Downing	139	37	36	11.2
Emmanuel	129	33	31	8.8
Fitzwilliam	81	29	25	7.0
Girton	68	31	29	7.8
Gonville and Caius	147	41	35	8.4
Homerton	111	53	49	11.6
Hughes Hall	45	14	11	12.2
Jesus	170	28	25	6.5
King's	135	48	41	12.9
Lucy Cavendish	66	14	13	7.1
Magdalene	59	27	23	9.2
Murray Edwards	57	38	22	8.1
Newnham	70	26	22	7.4
Pembroke	137	36	35	9.8
Peterhouse	44	11	12	7.1
Queens'	114	42	38	10.0
Robinson	71	30	26	9.6
St Catharine's	154	31	26	7.8
St Edmund's	33	7	7	8.9
St John's	167	47	42	9.9
Selwyn	108	22	21	6.8
Sidney Sussex	84	27	22	8.3
Trinity	162	46	40	10.3
Trinity Hall	76	17	16	5.5
Wolfson	45	4	3	2.9
Open Offers	-	7	-	-
Totals	2,931	835	722	8.4

* excluding a small number of students who chose not to declare their ethnicity.

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10 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

Table 10.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2021

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
A social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder	216	0.9	61	1.4	52	1.4	24.1
Blind or a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses	34	0.1	4	0.1	4	0.1	11.8
Deaf or a serious hearing impairment	48	0.2	8	0.2	8	0.2	16.7
A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy	138	0.6	25	0.6	18	0.5	13.0
A mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder	474	2.1	103	2.4	84	2.3	17.7
A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D	602	2.6	97	2.3	91	2.5	15.1
A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using arms or using a wheelchair or crutches	47	0.2	12	0.3	11	0.3	23.4
A disability, impairment or medical condition that is not otherwise listed	265	1.2	37	0.9	40	1.1	15.1
Two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions	182	0.8	33	0.8	25	0.7	13.7
No disability declared	20,749	91.2	3,880	91.1	3,327	90.9	16.0
Totals	22,755	100.0	4,260	100.0	3,660	100.0	16.1

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.

11 The admissions process

Table 11.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2021

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 2021										
Home Maintained	8,857	898	2,068	1,786	335	87	220	1,826	27	43
Home Independent	3,526	151	1,077	701	88	22	17	730	5	3
All Others*	7,025	1,498	1,359	877	162	59	0	757	17	0
Subtotals	19,408	2,547	4,504	3,364	585	168	237	3,313	49	46
Applications for deferred entry in 2022										
Home Maintained	283	20	73	83	14	3	1	86	0	0
Home Independent	130	2	39	39	16	0	0	49	0	0
All Others*	369	36	151	94	65	6	0	114	3	0
Subtotals	782	58	263	216	95	9	1	249	3	0
Totals	20,190	2,605	4,767	3,580	680	177	238	3,562	52	46

* 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 (now known as the August Reconsideration Pool) is available here: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/august-reconsideration-pool.