

# Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2016 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.

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## Notes for information

- These statistics refer to applications made from September 2015 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2016 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2017. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 79 applicants (104 last year) 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' now refers to applicants who have indicated in their UCAS application that they are permanently resident in the UK. Where relevant, last year's figures have been recalculated on this basis. For more information about the UCAS application process please see: [www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track).
- 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 of Fair Access (OFFA), as they are calculated on a different basis. OFFA reporting is on a year of entry rather than an admissions round basis, and excludes students who withdrew post-confirmation or otherwise did not come into residence at the University.
- Equivalent tables for the previous application cycle may be found in:  
[www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/undergrad\\_admissions\\_statistics\\_2015\\_cyle.pdf](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/undergrad_admissions_statistics_2015_cyle.pdf)

# Summary

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 16,750 (*16,431*), an increase of 1.9%.
- The total number of offers is 4,307 (*4,253*), an increase of 1.3%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,457 (*3,449*), an increase of 0.2%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 52:48 (*52:48*).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:  
Maintained 62.5% (*62.0%*)  
Independent 37.5% (*38.0%*)

**Table 3.1 Applications, offers and acceptances by UCAS tariff scores and gender**

- Of those accepted, 97.0% (*97.7%*) achieved the equivalent of A\*AA (168 UCAS tariff points) 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 (168 UCAS tariff points) or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking is 4,832 (*5,075*).

**Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR3 quintile)**

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR3 directory and who are in the lowest participation quintile is 3.3% (*3.1%*).
- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR3 directory and who are in the lowest two participation quintiles is 10.6% (*9.2%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.6%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR3 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 7.8% (*8.1%*). In addition, 0.5% (*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 ethnic origin**

- The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 21.8% (*20.6%*). In addition, 0.7% (*1.0%*) 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 6.2% (*5.2%*).

# 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 2016**

Type of school/college	Applications				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Home applications</b>													
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>24.3</b>
Comprehensive School	1,864	1,389	3,253	19.4	440	463	903	21.0	337	349	686	19.8	21.1
Grammar School	991	787	1,778	10.6	367	338	705	16.4	304	279	583	16.9	32.8
Sixth Form College	586	509	1,095	6.5	154	161	315	7.3	114	135	249	7.2	22.7
FE and Tertiary Colleges	233	214	447	2.7	54	45	99	2.3	40	37	77	2.2	17.2
<b>Independent</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>
Other and Overseas	300	312	612	3.7	40	52	92	2.1	27	44	71	2.1	11.6
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>26.3</b>
<b>Other applications</b>													
Maintained	32	38	70	0.4	6	4	10	0.2	5	3	8	0.2	11.4
Independent	348	373	721	4.3	105	106	211	4.9	89	86	175	5.1	24.3
Other and Overseas	3,204	2,792	5,996	35.8	505	380	885	20.5	373	279	652	18.9	10.9
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,068</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>

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 **62.5%** (62.0% in the previous cycle)  
 Independent **37.5%** (38.0% 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 (2014-2016)**

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,158</b>
Comprehensive School	1,652	952	787
Grammar School	230	213	206
Sixth Form College	103	87	80
FE and Tertiary Colleges	232	100	85
<b>Independent</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>1,520</b>

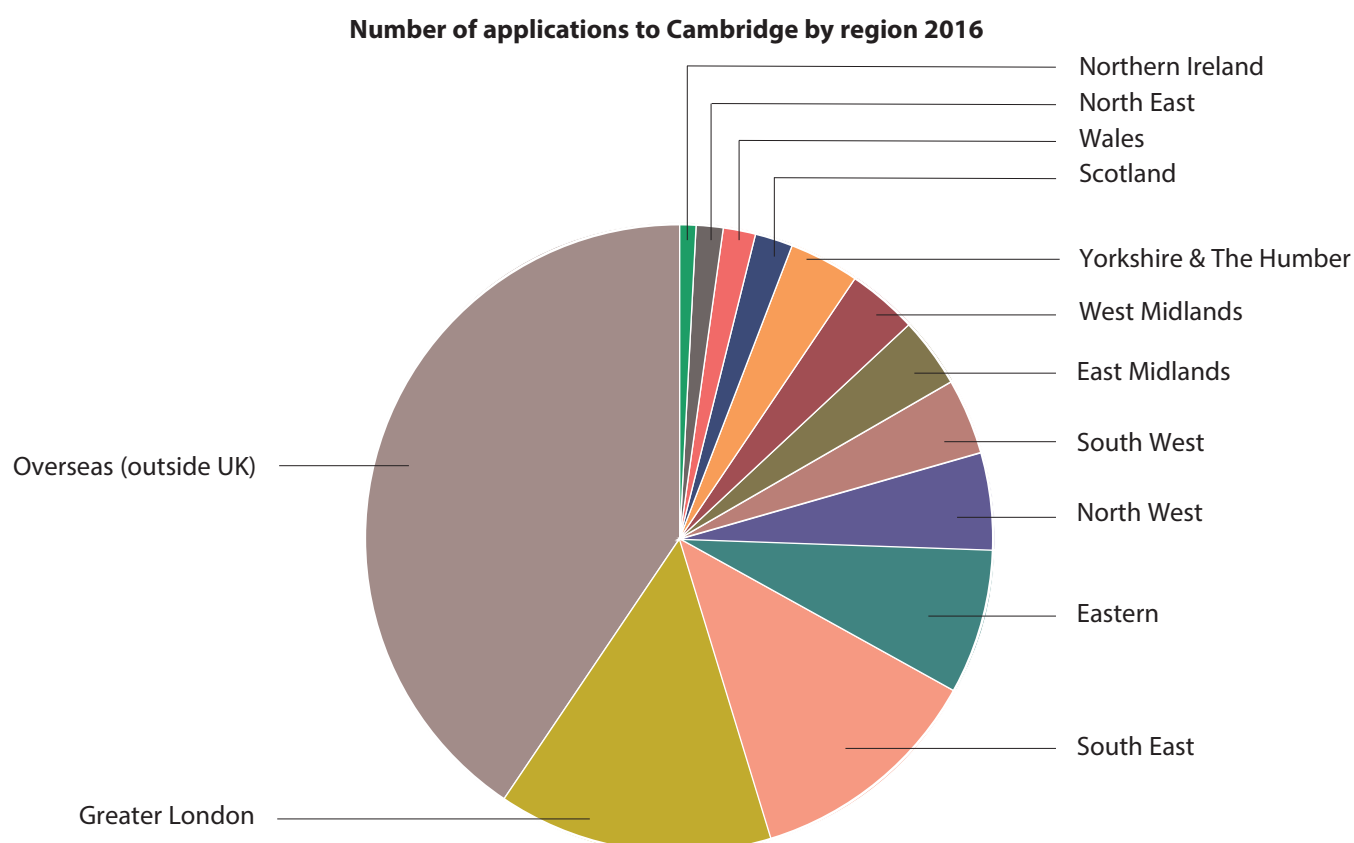
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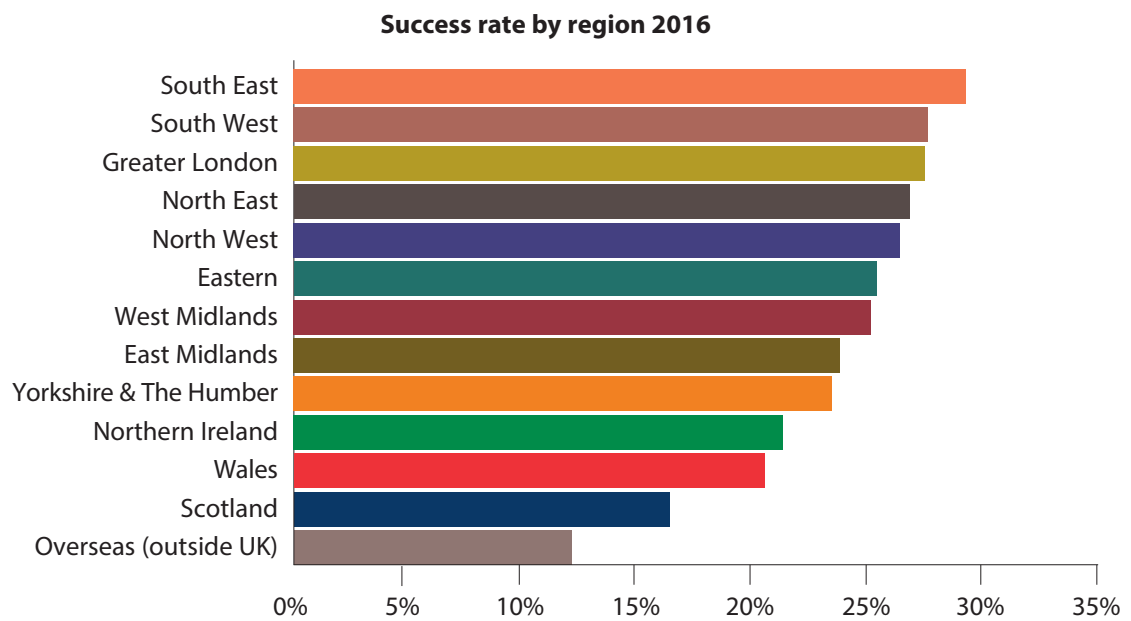
## 2 Applications, offers and acceptances by region

**Table 2.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by region 2016**

Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	154	0.9	43	1.0	33	1.0	21.4
North East	253	1.5	87	2.0	68	2.0	26.9
Wales	276	1.6	71	1.6	57	1.6	20.7
Scotland	332	2.0	67	1.6	55	1.6	16.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	595	3.6	176	4.1	140	4.0	23.5
West Midlands	597	3.6	183	4.2	151	4.4	25.3
East Midlands	598	3.6	183	4.2	143	4.1	23.9
South West	678	4.0	219	5.1	188	5.4	27.7
North West	811	4.8	261	6.1	215	6.2	26.5
Eastern	1,278	7.6	411	9.5	325	9.4	25.4
South East	2,036	12.2	726	16.9	597	17.3	29.3
Greater London	2,355	14.1	774	18.0	650	18.8	27.6
Overseas (outside UK)	6,787	40.5	1,106	25.7	835	24.2	12.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>

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





**Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2016**

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	671	9.9	124	11.2	100	12.0	14.9
Hong Kong	496	7.3	113	10.2	92	11.0	18.5
Singapore	479	7.1	99	9.0	74	8.9	15.4
United States of America	347	5.1	40	3.6	20	2.4	5.8
France	315	4.6	37	3.3	29	3.5	9.2
Germany	299	4.4	48	4.3	33	4.0	11.0
Malaysia	292	4.3	43	3.9	34	4.1	11.6
Italy	269	4.0	33	3.0	23	2.8	8.6
India	205	3.0	17	1.5	12	1.4	5.9
Spain	203	3.0	22	2.0	15	1.8	7.4
Poland	193	2.8	44	4.0	36	4.3	18.7
Canada	180	2.7	14	1.3	7	0.8	3.9
Romania	166	2.4	36	3.3	28	3.4	16.9
Ireland	162	2.4	18	1.6	13	1.6	8.0
Pakistan	159	2.3	11	1.0	7	0.8	4.4
Hungary	127	1.9	34	3.1	31	3.7	24.4
Korea (South)	125	1.8	27	2.4	24	2.9	19.2
Australia	117	1.7	28	2.5	16	1.9	13.7
Belgium	111	1.6	21	1.9	19	2.3	17.1
Switzerland	104	1.5	16	1.4	16	1.9	15.4
Sweden	101	1.5	14	1.3	11	1.3	10.9
Cyprus (European Union)	89	1.3	22	2.0	22	2.6	24.7
Greece	83	1.2	11	1.0	6	0.7	7.2
Netherlands	81	1.2	10	0.9	8	1.0	9.9
Bulgaria	80	1.2	14	1.3	11	1.3	13.8
Other EU	426	6.3	81	7.3	60	7.2	14.1
Other International	907	13.4	129	11.7	88	10.5	9.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>

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 UCAS tariff score

**Table 3.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UCAS tariff score and gender 2016**

Applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2016 admissions cycle

UCAS Tariff Score/A Level Grades	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>																		
168 A*A*A*	373	6.8	423	9.6	796	8.0	195	12.2	256	16.8	451	14.4	189	14.6	251	19.8	440	17.2
160 A*A*A	418	7.6	565	12.8	983	9.9	155	9.7	292	19.1	447	14.3	145	11.2	287	22.7	432	16.9
152 A*A*B	30	0.5	44	1.0	74	0.7	7	0.4	11	0.7	18	0.6	6	0.5	8	0.6	14	0.5
152 A*AA	364	6.6	547	12.4	911	9.2	119	7.5	189	12.4	308	9.9	108	8.3	170	13.4	278	10.9
144	299	5.4	432	9.8	731	7.4	55	3.4	111	7.3	166	5.3	23	1.8	44	3.5	67	2.6
136	137	2.5	193	4.4	330	3.3	14	0.9	22	1.4	36	1.2	1	0.1	3	0.2	4	0.2
128	69	1.3	113	2.6	182	1.8	2	0.1	12	0.8	14	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
120	32	0.6	53	1.2	85	0.9	1	0.1	4	0.3	5	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
112	13	0.2	23	0.5	36	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
104	11	0.2	11	0.2	22	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
96	3	0.1	9	0.2	12	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
88	2	0.0	4	0.1	6	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
80	0	0.0	2	0.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
72	1	0.0	2	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
64	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
48	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>48.2</b>

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UCAS Tariff Score/A Level Grades	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
<b>Sciences</b>																		
168 A*A*A*	1,560	28.3	722	16.4	2,282	23.0	776	48.6	415	27.2	1,191	38.1	683	52.7	376	29.7	1,059	41.3
160 A*A*A	819	14.8	427	9.7	1,246	12.5	188	11.8	125	8.2	313	10.0	124	9.6	93	7.4	217	8.5
152 A*A*B	51	0.9	26	0.6	77	0.8	5	0.3	5	0.3	10	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.2	4	0.2
152 A*AA	606	11.0	343	7.8	949	9.6	55	3.4	55	3.6	110	3.5	14	1.1	28	2.2	42	1.6
144	348	6.3	231	5.2	579	5.8	17	1.1	21	1.4	38	1.2	2	0.2	2	0.2	4	0.2
136	171	3.1	118	2.7	289	2.9	4	0.3	5	0.3	9	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
128	99	1.8	63	1.4	162	1.6	2	0.1	3	0.2	5	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
120	55	1.0	23	0.5	78	0.8	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
112	25	0.5	19	0.4	44	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
104	14	0.3	9	0.2	23	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
96	8	0.1	2	0.0	10	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
88	5	0.1	4	0.1	9	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
80	3	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
72	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
64	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
48	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>5,756</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>51.8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,930</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In this table the three highest A Level grades in all subjects, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking, are used for scoring purposes.

The UCAS tariff score refers to the scoring system where at A Level A\* = 56, A = 48, B = 40, C = 32, D = 24, E = 16. More information about the UCAS tariff is available at: [www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017](http://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017).

# 4 Applications, offers and acceptances by subject

**Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2016**

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	65	0.4	31	0.7	21	0.6	32.3
Architecture	360	2.1	49	1.1	44	1.3	12.2
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	121	0.7	49	1.1	38	1.1	31.4
Classics	146	0.9	93	2.2	78	2.3	53.4
Classics (4 years)	32	0.2	16	0.4	11	0.3	34.4
Economics	1,183	7.1	189	4.4	164	4.7	13.9
Education	105	0.6	43	1.0	31	0.9	29.5
English	726	4.3	219	5.1	190	5.5	26.2
Geography	322	1.9	120	2.8	97	2.8	30.1
History	607	3.6	232	5.4	199	5.8	32.8
History of Art	102	0.6	32	0.7	26	0.8	25.5
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	1,070	6.4	234	5.4	182	5.3	17.0
Land Economy	248	1.5	67	1.6	56	1.6	22.6
Law	1,048	6.3	256	5.9	217	6.3	20.7
Linguistics	113	0.7	42	1.0	38	1.1	33.6
Modern & Medieval Languages	385	2.3	198	4.6	176	5.1	45.7
Music	130	0.8	71	1.6	61	1.8	46.9
Philosophy	200	1.2	57	1.3	48	1.4	24.0
Theology & Religious Studies	100	0.6	57	1.3	43	1.2	43.0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>7,063</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>24.4</b>
<b>Sciences</b>							
Computer Science	719	4.3	124	2.9	99	2.9	13.8
Engineering	2,351	14.0	414	9.6	337	9.7	14.3
Mathematics	1,312	7.8	527	12.2	256	7.4	19.5
Medicine	1,274	7.6	290	6.7	269	7.8	21.1
Medicine Graduate Course	363	2.2	27	0.6	23	0.7	6.3
Natural Sciences	2,943	17.6	703	16.3	618	17.9	21.0
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	497	3.0	91	2.1	75	2.2	15.1
Veterinary Medicine	228	1.4	76	1.8	60	1.7	26.3
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>9,687</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>17.9</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>

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**Table 4.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2016**

Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>												
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	26	40.0	39	60.0	10	32.3	21	67.7	8	38.1	13	61.9
Architecture	150	41.7	210	58.3	17	34.7	32	65.3	16	36.4	28	63.6
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	48	39.7	73	60.3	18	36.7	31	63.3	14	36.8	24	63.2
Classics	57	39.0	89	61.0	38	40.9	55	59.1	35	44.9	43	55.1
Classics (4 years)	11	34.4	21	65.6	8	50.0	8	50.0	6	54.5	5	45.5
Economics	786	66.4	397	33.6	113	59.8	76	40.2	98	59.8	66	40.2
Education	25	23.8	80	76.2	8	18.6	35	81.4	6	19.4	25	80.6
English	204	28.1	522	71.9	66	30.1	153	69.9	58	30.5	132	69.5
Geography	112	34.8	210	65.2	37	30.8	83	69.2	31	32.0	66	68.0
History	290	47.8	317	52.2	109	47.0	123	53.0	93	46.7	106	53.3
History of Art	22	21.6	80	78.4	7	21.9	25	78.1	5	19.2	21	80.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	338	31.6	732	68.4	74	31.6	160	68.4	56	30.8	126	69.2
Land Economy	136	54.8	112	45.2	37	55.2	30	44.8	32	57.1	24	42.9
Law	444	42.4	604	57.6	99	38.7	157	61.3	83	38.2	134	61.8
Linguistics	30	26.5	83	73.5	11	26.2	31	73.8	11	28.9	27	71.1
Modern & Medieval Languages	119	30.9	266	69.1	61	30.8	137	69.2	55	31.3	121	68.8
Music	72	55.4	58	44.6	43	60.6	28	39.4	34	55.7	27	44.3
Philosophy	114	57.0	86	43.0	32	56.1	25	43.9	26	54.2	22	45.8
Theology & Religious Studies	47	47.0	53	53.0	24	42.1	33	57.9	18	41.9	25	58.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>4,032</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>60.2</b>

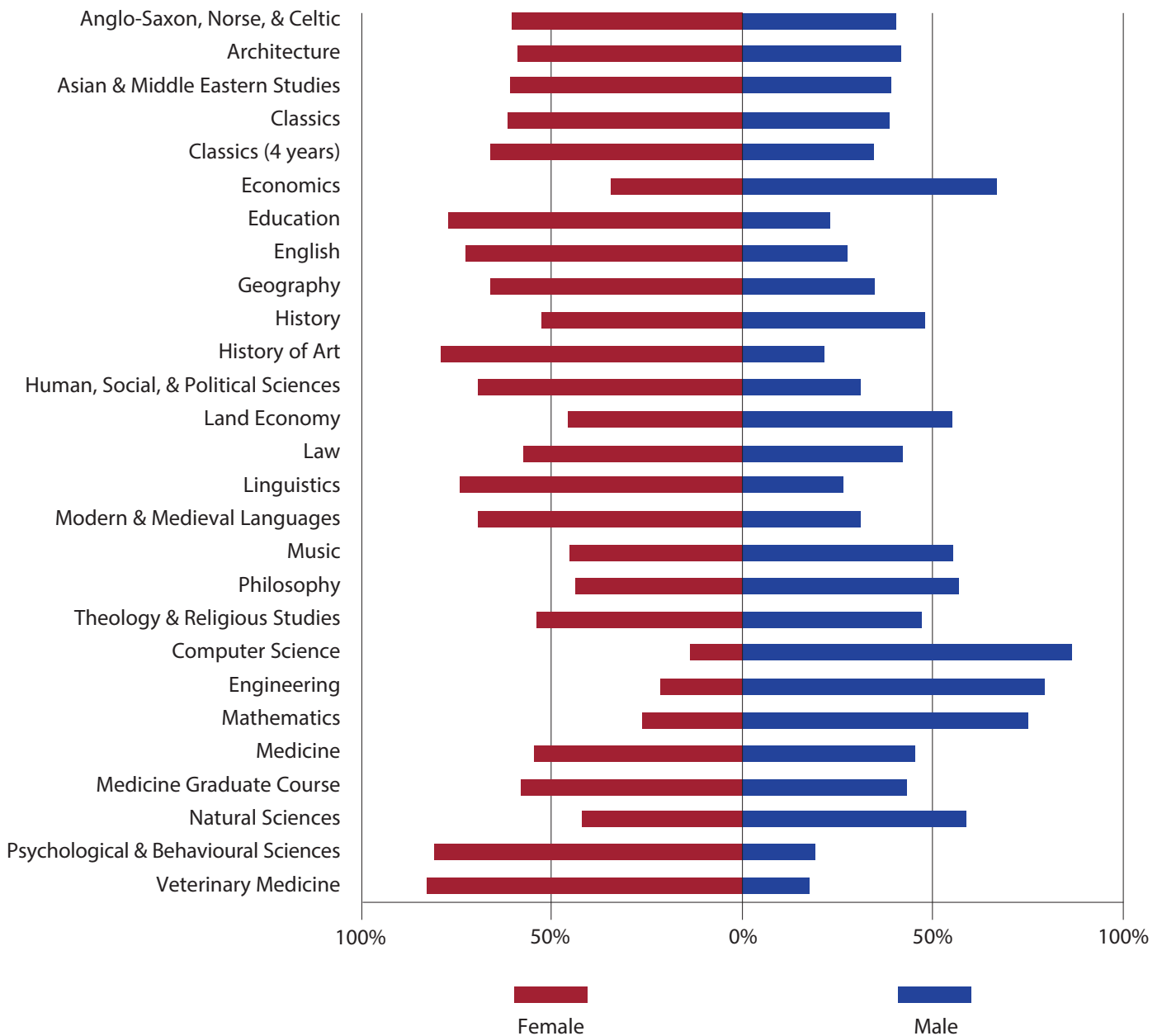
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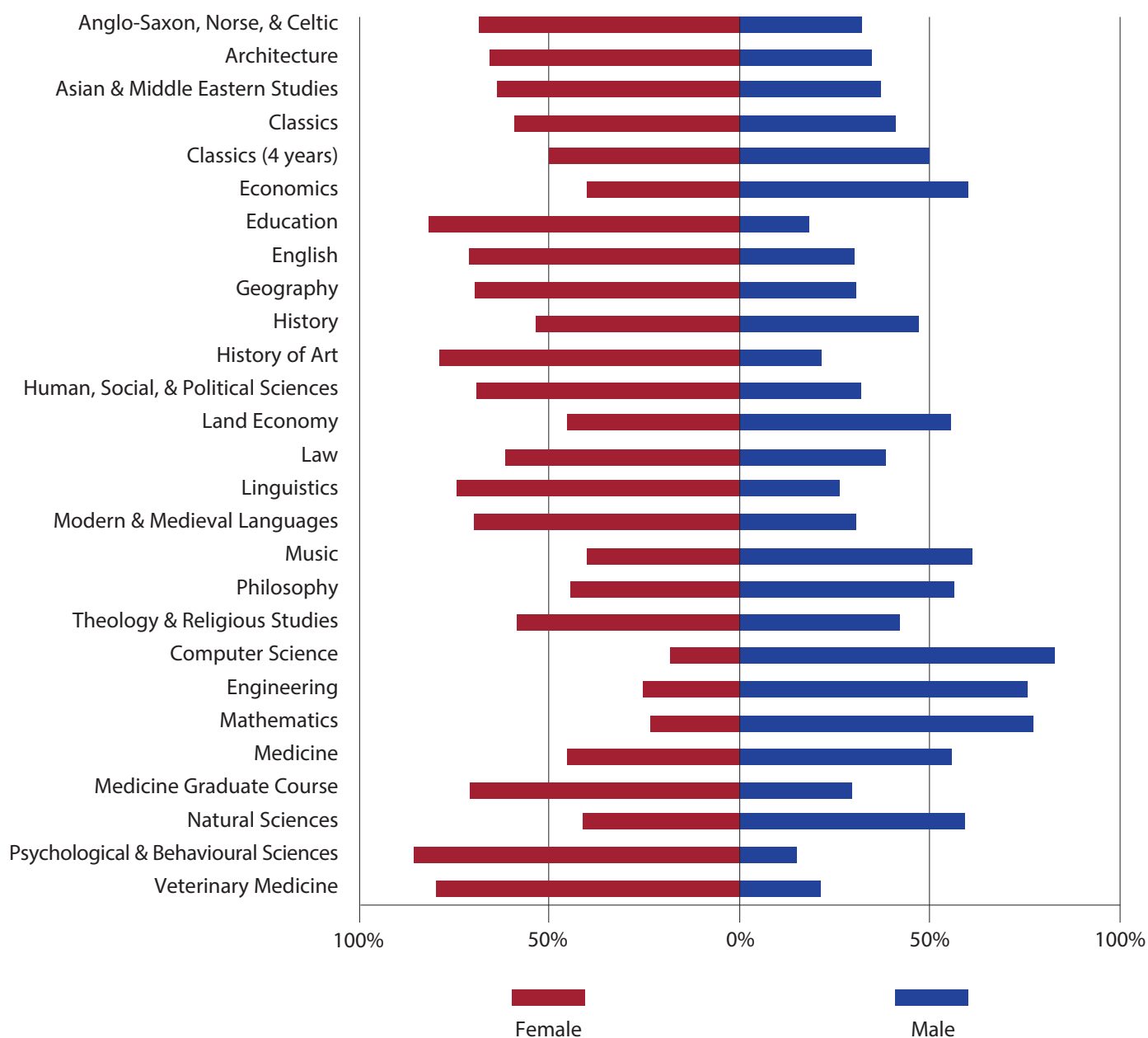
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Sciences</b>												
Computer Science	621	86.4	98	13.6	102	82.3	22	17.7	86	86.9	13	13.1
Engineering	1,854	78.9	497	21.1	311	75.1	103	24.9	259	76.9	78	23.1
Mathematics	972	74.1	340	25.9	405	76.9	122	23.1	211	82.4	45	17.6
Medicine	580	45.5	694	54.5	160	55.2	130	44.8	149	55.4	120	44.6
Medicine Graduate Course	153	42.1	210	57.9	8	29.6	19	70.4	6	26.1	17	73.9
Natural Sciences	1,718	58.4	1,225	41.6	413	58.7	290	41.3	369	59.7	249	40.3
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	98	19.7	399	80.3	14	15.4	77	84.6	12	16.0	63	84.0
Veterinary Medicine	41	18.0	187	82.0	16	21.1	60	78.9	14	23.3	46	76.7
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,037</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>36.3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,068</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>48.2</b>

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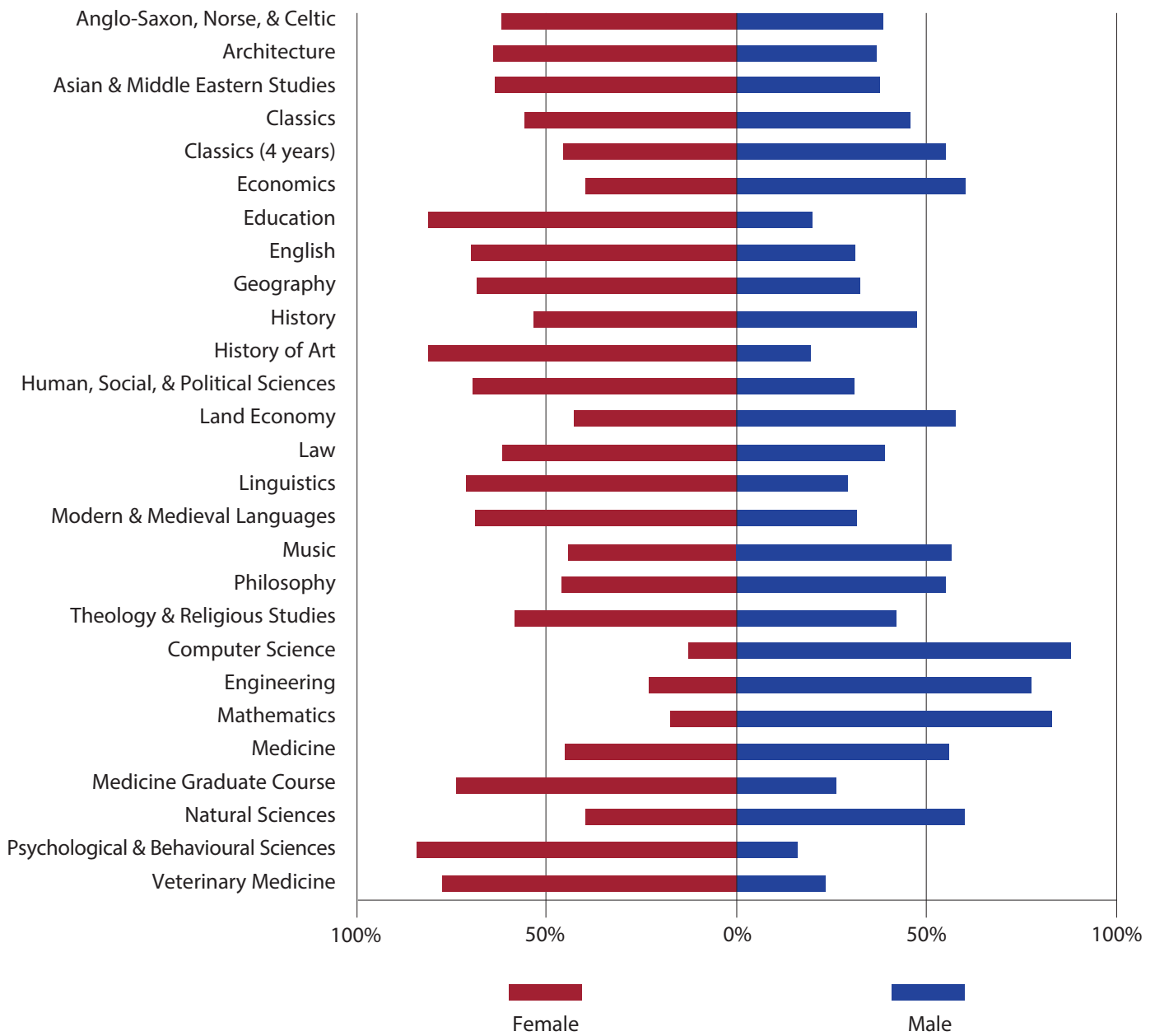
Applications by subject and gender 2016



Offers by subject and gender 2016



Acceptances by subject and gender 2016





**Table 4.3 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and school type 2016**

Degree programme	Applications			Offers			Acceptances		
	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>									
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	28	15	22	14	9	8	11	5	5
Architecture	120	62	175	24	13	12	22	12	10
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	36	33	52	17	16	16	12	15	11
Classics	31	86	29	24	55	14	18	51	9
Classics (4 years)	23	1	8	10	0	6	6	0	5
Economics	349	189	642	62	53	74	55	49	60
Education	31	18	53	18	13	12	12	11	8
English	374	199	151	128	64	27	108	60	22
Geography	187	90	45	70	39	11	54	34	9
History	329	167	110	135	74	23	111	71	17
History of Art	26	33	42	10	13	9	10	10	6
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	364	190	510	116	46	71	94	36	51
Land Economy	57	53	138	20	17	30	15	15	26
Law	329	91	618	93	40	121	78	36	101
Linguistics	47	16	48	22	9	11	20	9	9
Modern & Medieval Languages	195	146	44	104	77	17	90	71	15
Music	50	52	28	28	38	5	26	32	3
Philosophy	90	42	68	30	15	12	25	13	10
Theology & Religious Studies	38	43	19	26	23	8	18	20	5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>382</b>

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Degree programme	Applications			Offers			Acceptances		
	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*
<b>Sciences</b>									
Computer Science	278	69	370	57	15	52	48	13	38
Engineering	819	293	1,237	161	88	165	138	71	128
Mathematics	723	134	450	278	81	166	108	49	99
Medicine	438	201	623	152	100	37	144	94	31
Medicine Graduate Course†	14	6	301	0	1	23	0	1	19
Natural Sciences	1,285	462	1,192	330	155	217	294	153	170
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	209	49	230	47	12	30	40	9	24
Veterinary Medicine	103	38	85	46	21	9	38	16	6
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>897</b>

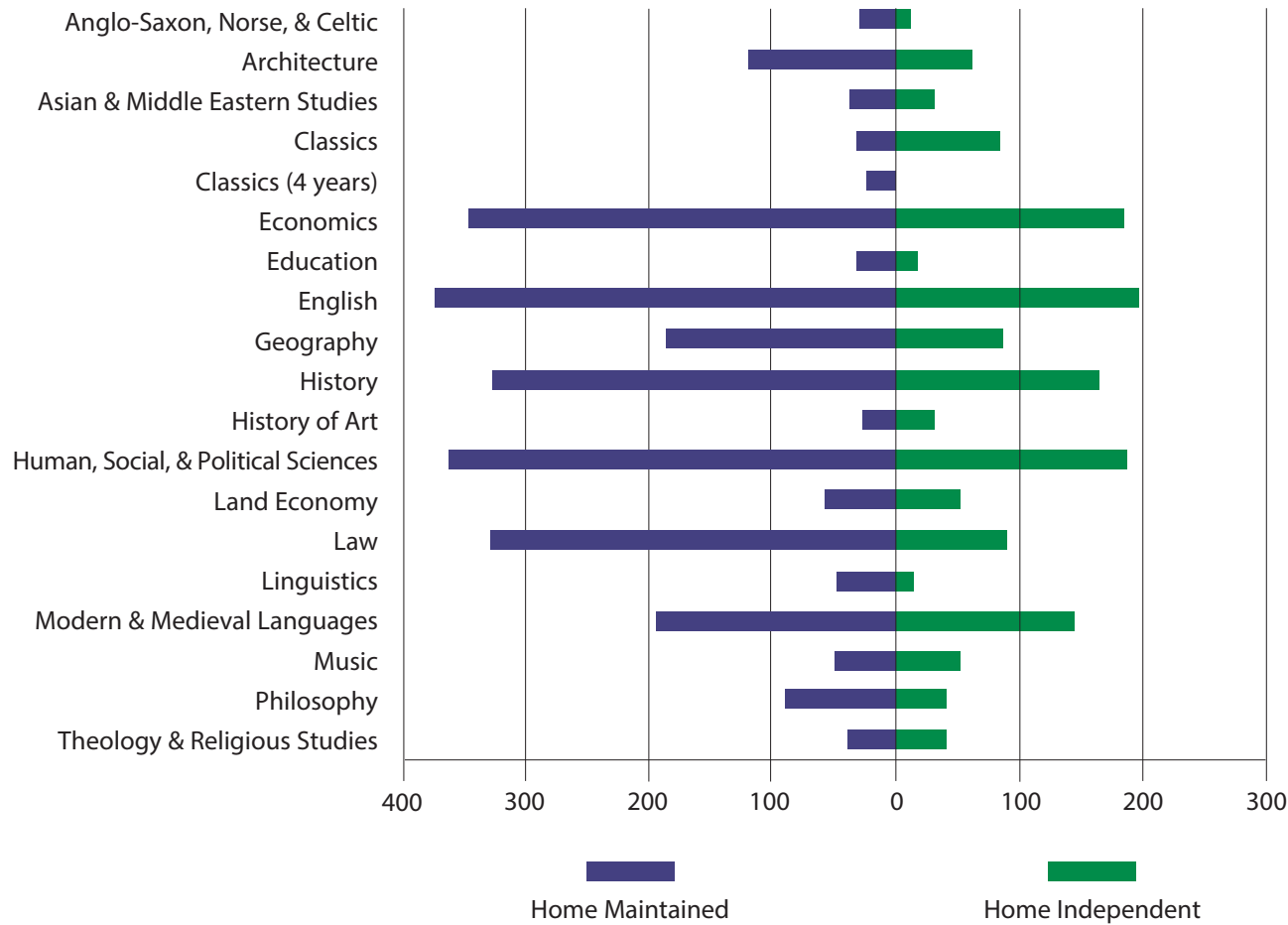
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\* The 'All Others' category includes Home applicants not at UK schools and colleges and all other applicants at any type of institution.

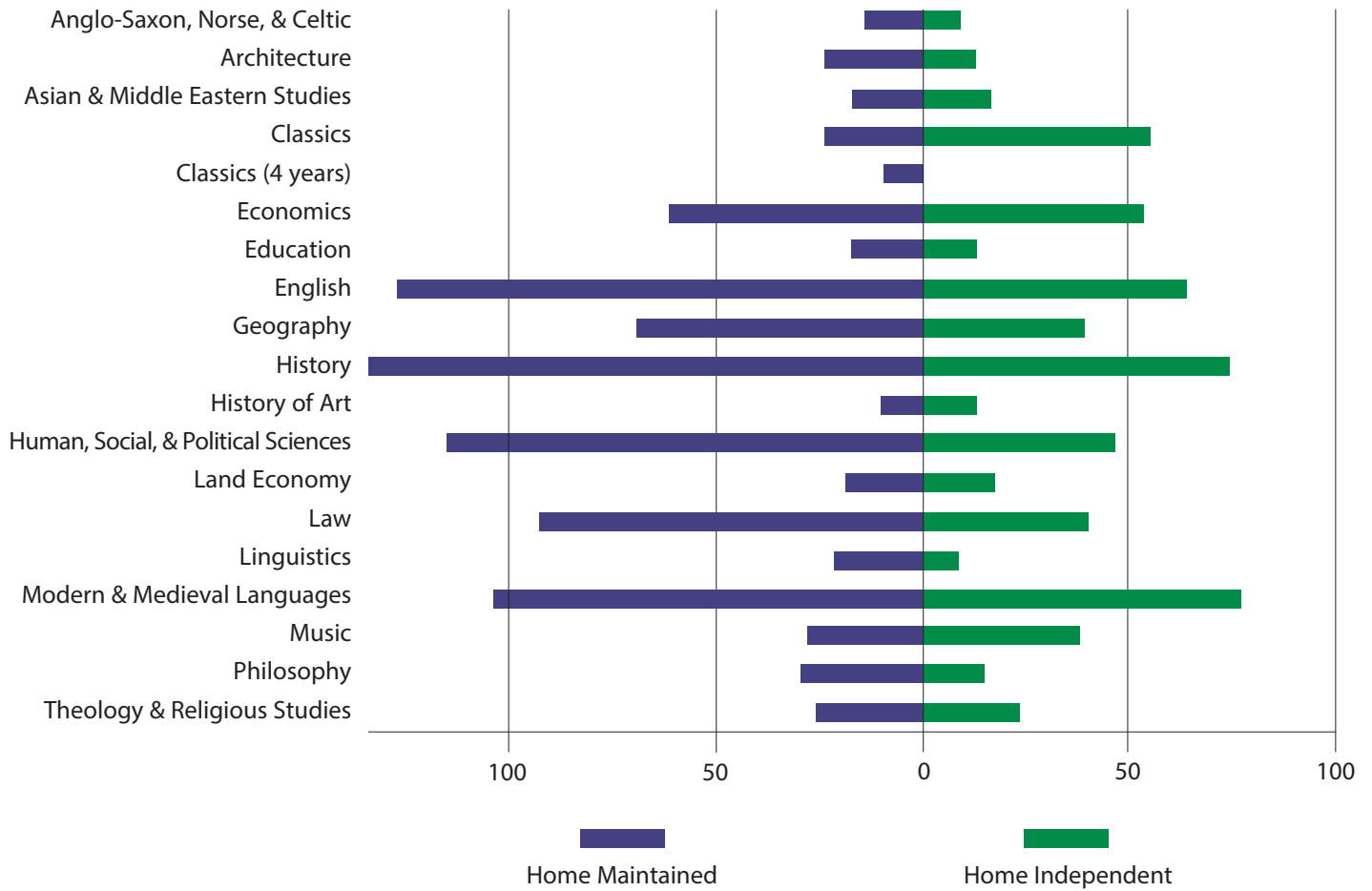
† While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above. Such applicants are recorded in this table for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

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

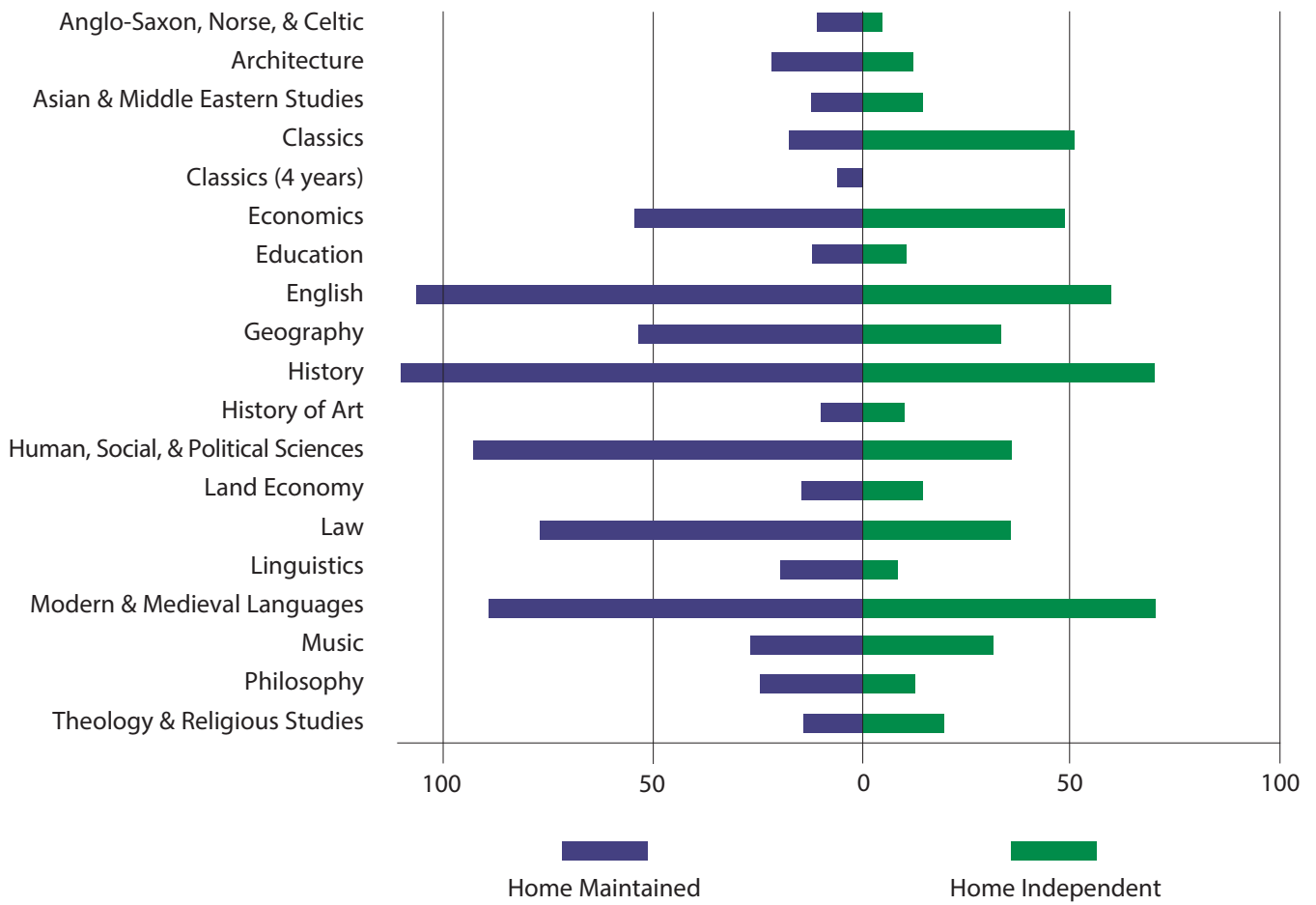
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2016



**Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2016**

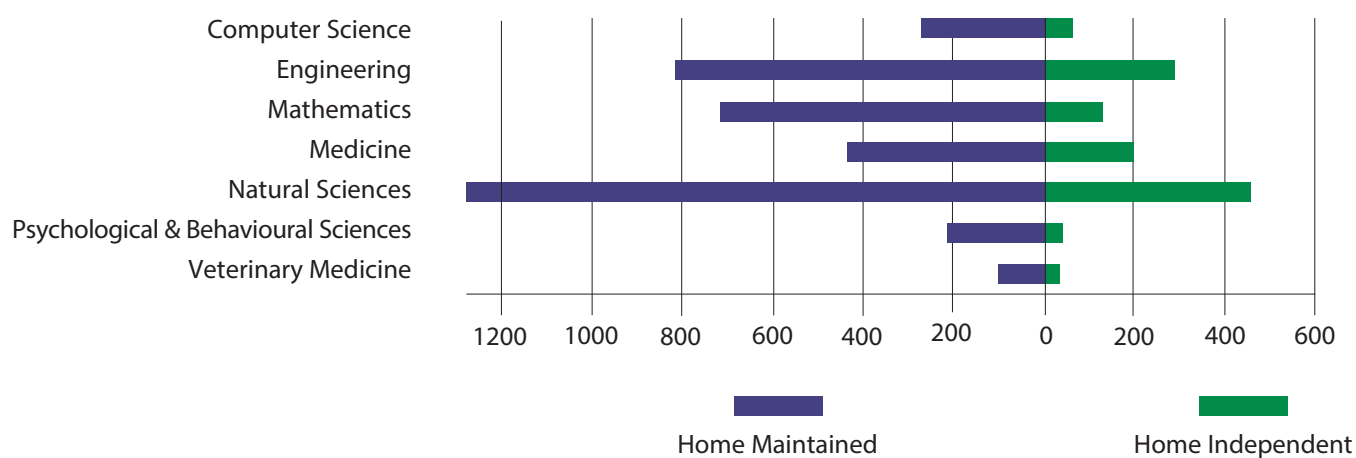


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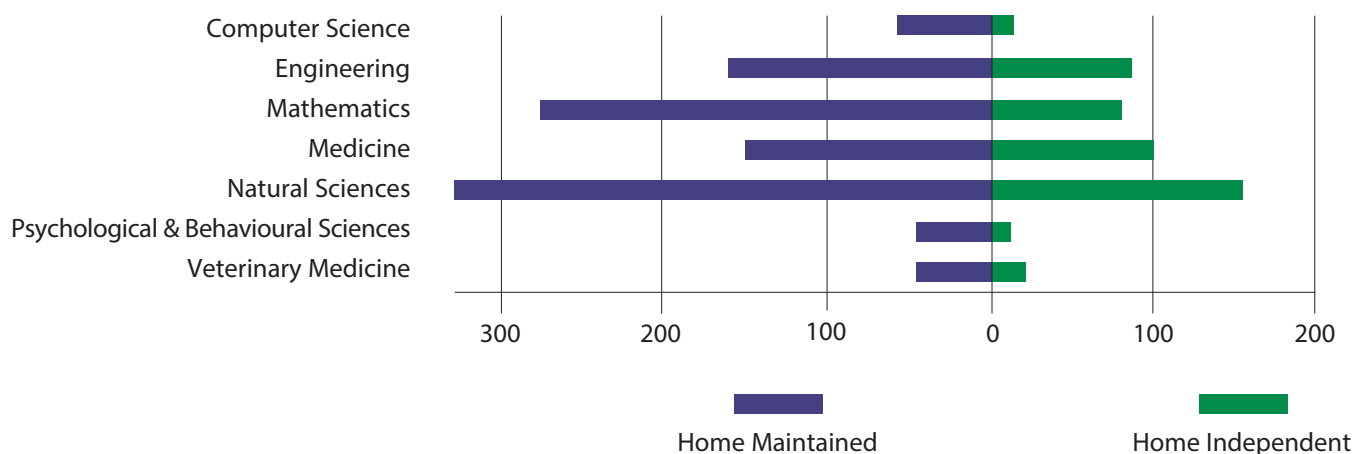


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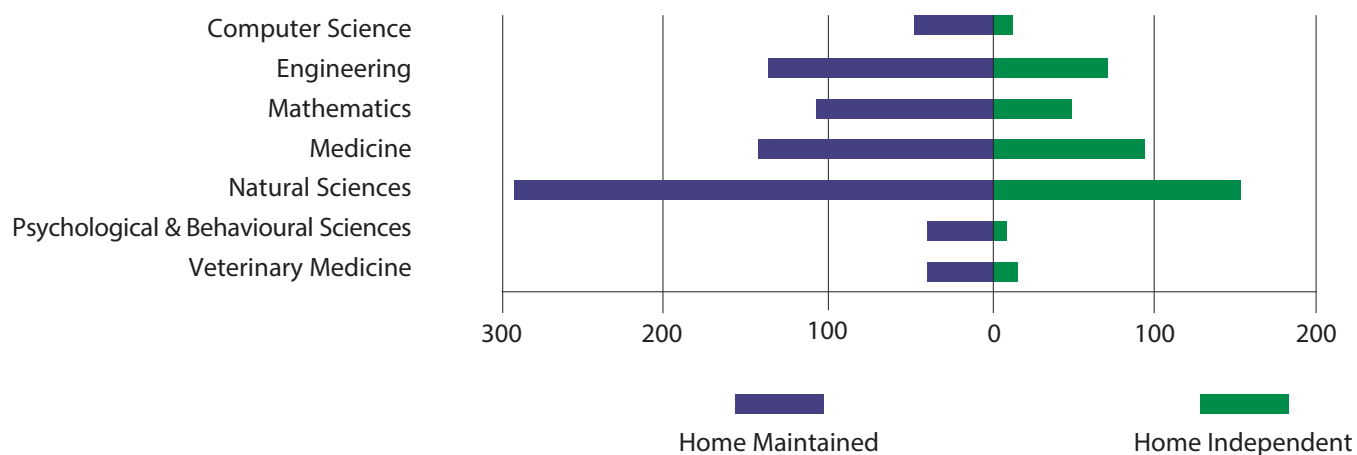
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# 5 Applications, offers and acceptances by College

**Table 5.1 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by College 2016**

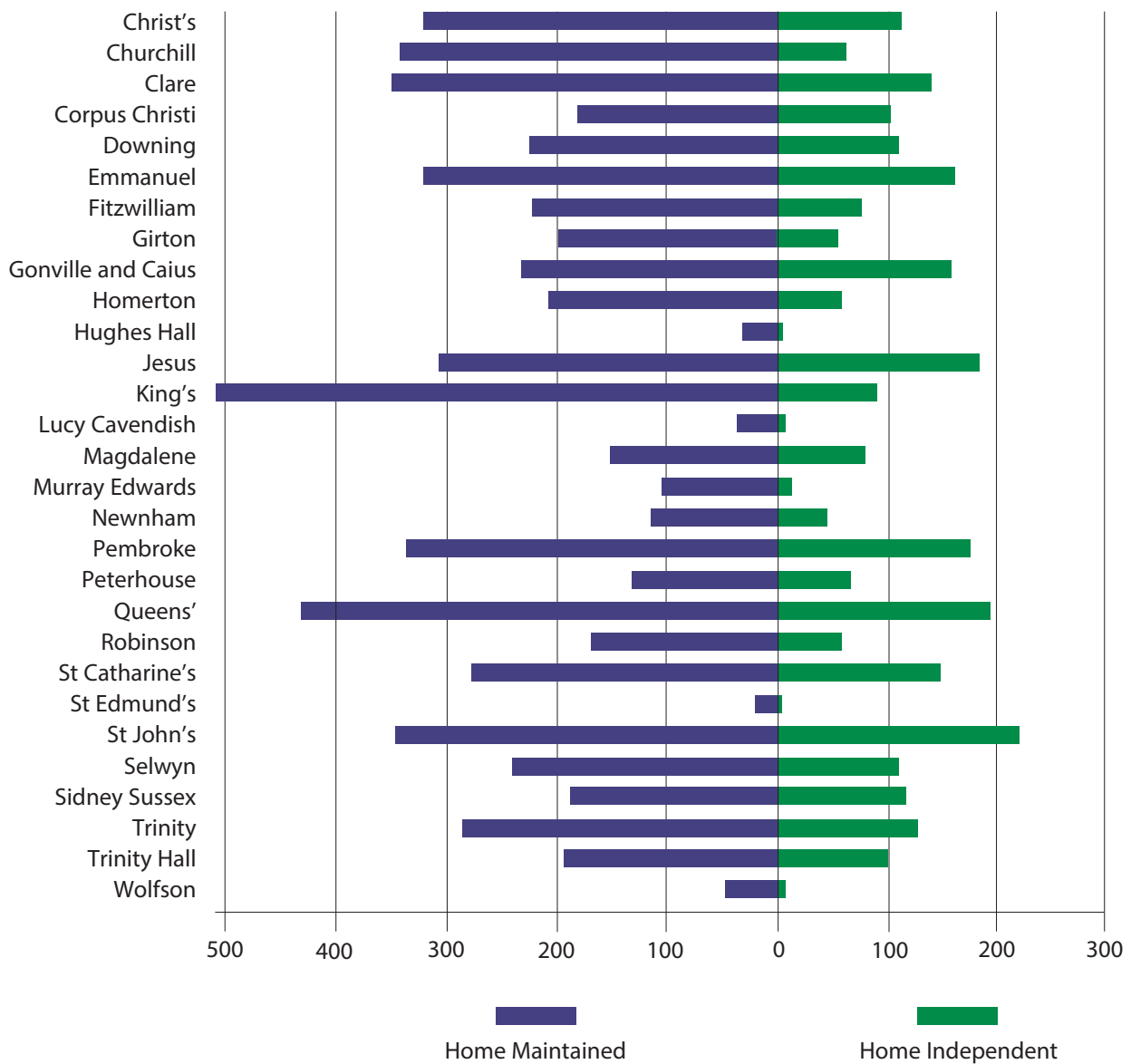
College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	433	74.4	113	67.3	94	66.0
Churchill	407	84.8	142	70.4	87	67.8
Clare	491	71.9	145	66.2	126	64.3
Corpus Christi	284	64.4	74	58.1	60	61.7
Downing	337	67.7	112	67.0	96	65.6
Emmanuel	483	66.9	136	66.2	110	65.5
Fitzwilliam	298	74.5	123	63.4	101	62.4
Girton	255	78.0	123	70.7	107	68.2
Gonville and Caius	391	59.6	144	58.3	132	55.3
Homerton	269	78.4	145	70.3	124	68.5
Hughes Hall*	35	94.3	12	66.7	8	62.5
Jesus	492	62.6	145	66.2	123	62.6
King's	602	85.2	98	74.5	81	74.1
Lucy Cavendish*	45	82.2	6	66.7	5	60.0
Magdalene	232	65.9	84	64.3	69	63.8
Murray Edwards	121	88.4	100	74.0	80	71.3
Newnham	162	72.2	130	66.2	96	61.5
Pembroke	511	65.9	123	63.4	109	62.4
Peterhouse	200	66.5	63	65.1	51	60.8
Queens'	629	69.0	158	67.7	123	64.2
Robinson	229	75.1	128	68.0	106	61.3
St Catharine's	426	65.3	131	61.8	110	55.5
St Edmund's*	26	80.8	10	40.0	7	42.9
St John's	568	61.3	163	46.6	137	46.0
Selwyn	350	69.1	112	72.3	89	71.9
Sidney Sussex	308	61.7	105	65.7	85	63.5
Trinity	415	69.2	146	54.8	128	53.1
Trinity Hall	297	66.0	109	65.1	91	59.3
Wolfson*	55	87.3	21	76.2	16	75.0
Open offers	-	-	8	62.5	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,351</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>62.5</b>

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.

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

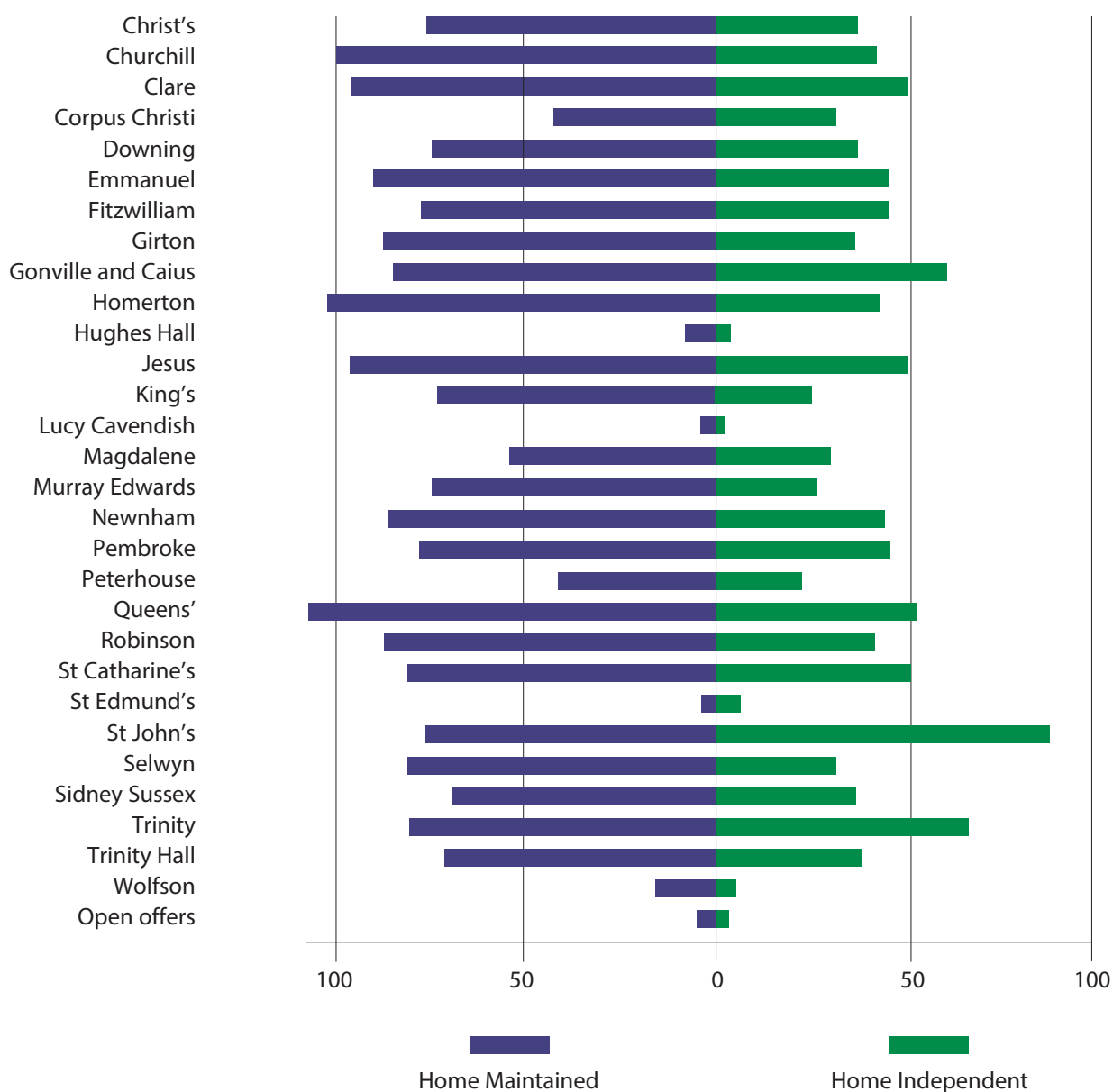
\* The majority of applicants to the four Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or two applicants can have a disproportionate effect on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

Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2016

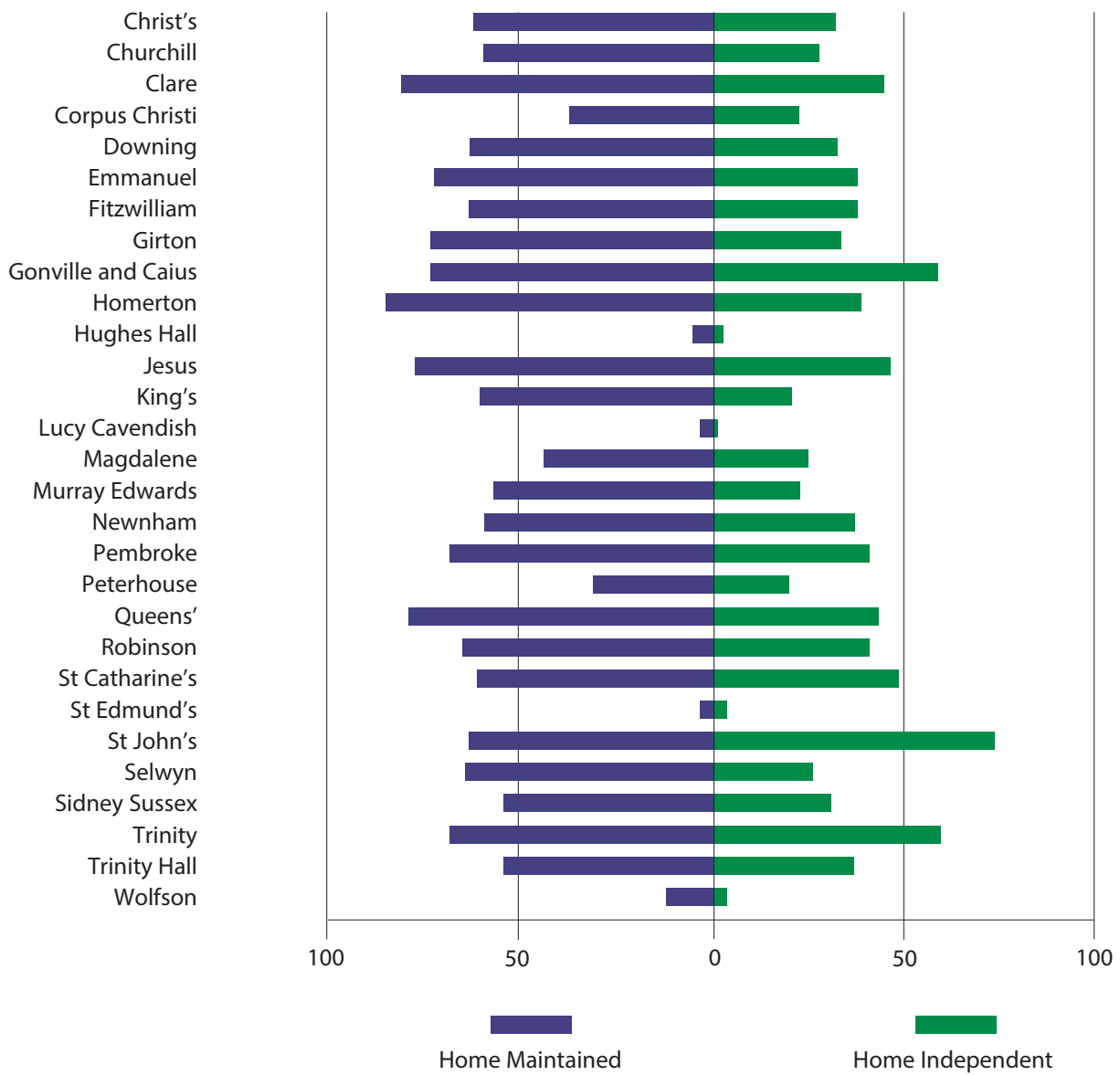




### Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2016



## Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2016



## 6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

**Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age\* 2016**

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	660	3.9	91	2.1	67	1.9	10.2
18	9,977	59.7	2,835	65.8	2,261	65.4	22.7
19	3,875	23.2	976	22.7	812	23.5	21.0
20	845	5.1	150	3.5	125	3.6	14.8
21 and over	1,364	8.2	255	5.9	192	5.6	14.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,721</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.7</b>

\* 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 POLAR3 quintile 2016**

POLAR3 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	4,791	48.2	1,714	53.5	1,467	55.9	30.6
4	2,270	22.8	690	21.6	562	21.4	24.8
3	1,424	14.3	396	12.4	301	11.5	21.1
2	891	9.0	256	8.0	192	7.3	21.5
1	502	5.0	126	3.9	85	3.2	16.9
Unknown	72	0.7	19	0.6	15	0.6	20.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>

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POLAR3 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 POLAR3 is available at: [www.hefce.ac.uk/analysis/yp/POLAR/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/analysis/yp/POLAR/).

**Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2016**

OAC flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	1,215	12.2	293	9.2	204	7.8	16.8
Unflagged	8,661	87.0	2,892	90.3	2,406	91.8	27.8
Unknown	74	0.7	16	0.5	12	0.5	16.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>

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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 often associated with relative disadvantage and low Cambridge application rates. More information about OAC is available at: [www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications](http://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications).

## 8 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

**Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic origin and gender 2016**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Success rate (%)
Black or Black British – Caribbean	29	25	54	0.5	7	5	12	0.4	2	3	5	0.2	9.3
Black or Black British – African	111	117	228	2.3	23	14	37	1.2	20	11	31	1.2	13.6
Other Black background	6	14	20	0.2	0	4	4	0.1	0	3	3	0.1	15.0
Asian or Asian British – Indian	351	157	508	5.1	114	57	171	5.3	100	52	152	5.8	29.9
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani	103	50	153	1.5	25	14	39	1.2	22	13	35	1.3	22.9
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	41	32	73	0.7	4	7	11	0.3	3	6	9	0.3	12.3
Chinese	160	114	274	2.8	53	47	100	3.1	49	43	92	3.5	33.6
Other Asian background	129	89	218	2.2	26	22	48	1.5	21	16	37	1.4	17.0
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	30	34	64	0.6	9	11	20	0.6	5	10	15	0.6	23.4
Mixed – White and Black African	25	23	48	0.5	7	6	13	0.4	7	6	13	0.5	27.1
Mixed – White and Asian	150	141	291	2.9	46	54	100	3.1	39	47	86	3.3	29.6
Other mixed background	65	77	142	1.4	21	29	50	1.6	19	25	44	1.7	31.0
Other ethnic background	92	53	145	1.5	32	22	54	1.7	29	16	45	1.7	31.0
White	3,908	3,330	7,238	72.7	1,223	1,252	2,475	77.3	998	1,039	2,037	77.7	28.1
Unknown	278	216	494	5.0	35	32	67	2.1	10	8	18	0.7	3.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>4,472</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>

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## 9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

**Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2016**

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	98	0.6	39	0.9	31	0.9	31.6
Blind or partially sighted	22	0.1	4	0.1	3	0.1	13.6
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	17	0.1	4	0.1	4	0.1	23.5
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	101	0.6	28	0.7	20	0.6	19.8
Mental health condition	207	1.2	57	1.3	38	1.1	18.4
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	359	2.1	81	1.9	68	2.0	18.9
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	27	0.2	10	0.2	9	0.3	33.3
Other disability or medical condition	140	0.8	36	0.8	30	0.9	21.4
Two or more of the above	67	0.4	16	0.4	13	0.4	19.4
No disability declared	15,683	93.8	4,032	93.6	3,241	93.8	20.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,721</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.7</b>

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 2016**

Type of school/college	Applications		Winter Pooled	Offers		Summer Pooled	Acceptances	
	Direct	Open		Direct	via Winter Pool		by Offering College	via Summer Pool
Applications for entry in 2016								
Home Maintained	5,881	468	1,530	1,526	409	161	1,482	43
Home Independent	2,576	67	931	835	175	50	882	11
All Others*	5,647	1,369	1,172	914	185	77	801	27
Subtotals	14,104	1,904	3,633	3,275	769	288	3,165	81
Applications for deferred entry in 2017								
Home Maintained	213	11	52	60	27	12	69	1
Home Independent	131	4	42	59	18	10	62	1
All Others*	349	34	77	60	39	3	77	1
Subtotals	693	49	171	179	84	25	208	3
Totals	14,797	1,953	3,804	3,454	853	313	3,373	84

\* 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](http://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:

- 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**.