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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 2018 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2019 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2020. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 318 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: [wwwucas.com/ucas-undergraduate-apply-and-track](http://wwwucas.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 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\\_2018\\_cycle.pdf](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/ug_admissions_statistics_2018_cycle.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 19,359 (*18,378*), an increase of 5.3%.
- The total number of offers is 4,694 (*4,559*), an increase of 3.0%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,528 (*3,465*), an increase of 1.8%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 51:49 (*51:49*).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:  
Maintained 68.7% (*65.2%*)  
Independent 31.3% (*34.8%*)

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

- Of those accepted, 94.8% (*96.6%*) 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 4,002 (*4,128*).

## **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 4.8% (*4.4%*).
- 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 14.3% (*12.2%*). In addition, 0.7% (*0.8%*) 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 18.8% (*15.4%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.2%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the OAC directory.

## **Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by IMD flag**

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the IMD directory and who are in a flagged decile is 14.4% (*11.0%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.2%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the IMD directory.

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

- The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 27.8% (*23.5%*). In addition, 0.8% (*1.2%*) of those accepted chose not to declare their ethnicity.

## **Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability**

- The proportion of those accepted who declare they have a disability is 6.8% (*6.7%*).

\* An updated measure of HE participation, POLAR4, also became available during the 2019 cycle. For comparison:

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

# 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 2019**

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 (%)
<b>Home applications</b>													
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>4,079</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Comprehensive School	2,407	2,235	4,642	24.0	558	661	1,219	26.0	390	452	842	23.9	18.1
Grammar School	1,142	979	2,121	11.0	357	371	728	15.5	287	274	561	15.9	26.4
Sixth Form College	621	599	1,220	6.3	186	191	377	8.0	153	140	293	8.3	24.0
FE and Tertiary Colleges	221	266	487	2.5	42	77	119	2.5	29	46	75	2.1	15.4
<b>Independent</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Other and Overseas	337	422	759	3.9	50	68	118	2.5	43	50	93	2.6	12.3
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,457</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>
<b>Other applications</b>													
Maintained	44	27	71	0.4	6	3	9	0.2	6	2	8	0.2	11.3
Independent	438	406	844	4.4	87	83	170	3.6	69	61	130	3.7	15.4
Other and Overseas	3,163	2,757	5,920	30.6	544	411	955	20.3	404	314	718	20.4	12.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>6,835</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>9,257</b>	<b>19,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>

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 **68.7%** (65.2% in the previous cycle)

Independent **31.3%** (34.8% 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 (2017-2019)**

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

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>1,192</b>
Comprehensive School	1,771	1,065	874
Grammar School	226	199	187
Sixth Form College	73	61	55
FE and Tertiary Colleges	202	98	76
<b>Independent</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,557</b>

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

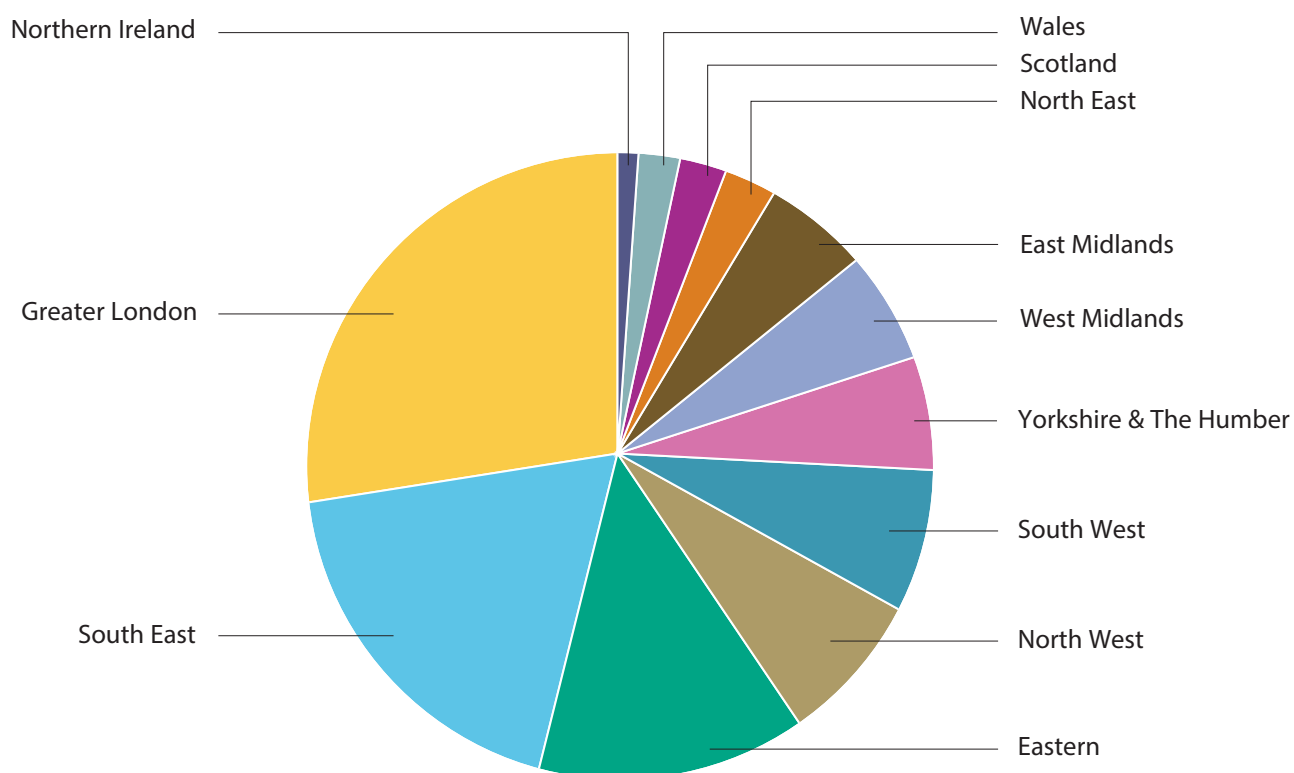
**Table 2.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances by region 2019**

This table counts Home applications only.

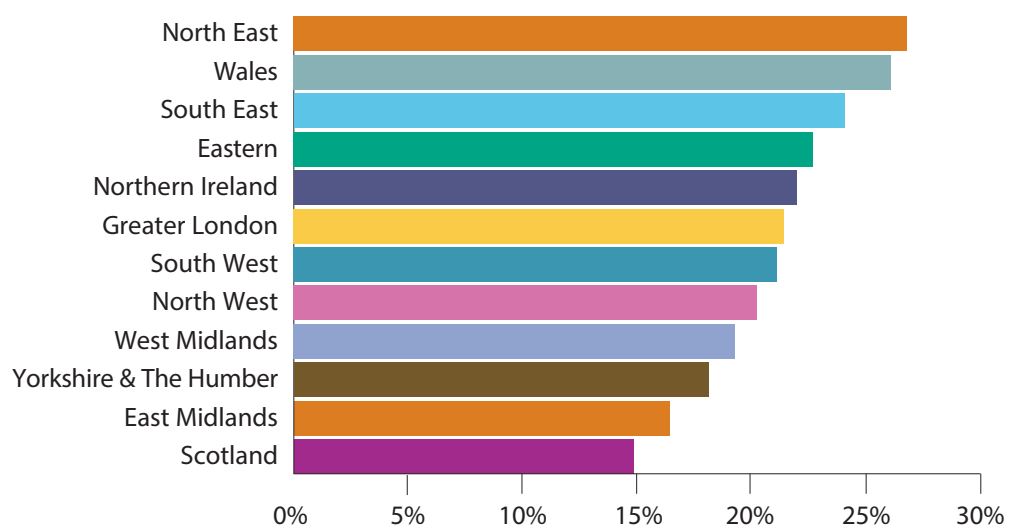
Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	155	1.2	36	1.0	34	1.3	21.9
Wales	292	2.3	87	2.4	76	2.8	26.0
Scotland	318	2.5	61	1.7	47	1.8	14.8
North East	323	2.6	113	3.2	86	3.2	26.6
East Midlands	714	5.7	173	4.9	117	4.4	16.4
West Midlands	723	5.8	196	5.5	138	5.2	19.1
Yorkshire & The Humber	739	5.9	193	5.4	134	5.0	18.1
South West	905	7.2	251	7.1	190	7.1	21.0
North West	938	7.5	261	7.3	190	7.1	20.3
Eastern	1,675	13.4	518	14.6	378	14.1	22.6
South East	2,328	18.6	710	19.9	558	20.9	24.0
Greater London	3,414	27.3	961	27.0	724	27.1	21.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.3</b>

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

**Number of applications to Cambridge by region 2019**



### Success rate by region 2019



## Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2019

This table counts applications from outside the UK only.

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	1,184	17.3	220	19.4	160	18.7	13.5
Hong Kong	537	7.9	97	8.6	77	9.0	14.3
Singapore	459	6.7	117	10.3	92	10.7	20.0
United States of America	384	5.6	47	4.1	28	3.3	7.3
Malaysia	260	3.8	35	3.1	28	3.3	10.8
France	256	3.7	30	2.6	25	2.9	9.8
India	245	3.6	25	2.2	13	1.5	5.3
Germany	236	3.5	32	2.8	26	3.0	11.0
Italy	212	3.1	23	2.0	19	2.2	9.0
Poland	193	2.8	50	4.4	41	4.8	21.2
Spain	182	2.7	19	1.7	14	1.6	7.7
Romania	151	2.2	29	2.6	20	2.3	13.2
Korea, Republic of	138	2.0	31	2.7	19	2.2	13.8
Ireland	133	1.9	19	1.7	12	1.4	9.0
Canada	116	1.7	10	0.9	8	0.9	6.9
Cyprus (European Union)	115	1.7	24	2.1	17	2.0	14.8
Pakistan	108	1.6	10	0.9	7	0.8	6.5
Australia	103	1.5	28	2.5	25	2.9	24.3
Hungary	101	1.5	29	2.6	25	2.9	24.8
Netherlands	90	1.3	11	1.0	9	1.1	10.0
United Arab Emirates	82	1.2	6	0.5	4	0.5	4.9
Switzerland	75	1.1	15	1.3	10	1.2	13.3
Sweden	73	1.1	14	1.2	12	1.4	16.4
Belgium	71	1.0	10	0.9	7	0.8	9.9
Greece	66	1.0	16	1.4	13	1.5	19.7
Other EU	467	6.8	88	7.8	72	8.4	15.4
Other International	798	11.7	99	8.7	73	8.5	9.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,835</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.5</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 A Level profile

**Table 3.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by A Level profile and gender 2019**

This table counts Home applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2019 admissions cycle only.

A Level Grades	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>																		
A*A*A*	323	5.9	332	6.5	655	6.2	176	12.0	221	13.4	397	12.7	176	15.4	218	18.2	394	16.9
A*A*A	315	5.8	467	9.2	782	7.4	124	8.4	231	14.0	355	11.4	128	11.2	229	19.2	357	15.3
A*A*B	30	0.6	62	1.2	92	0.9	7	0.5	22	1.3	29	0.9	5	0.4	20	1.7	25	1.1
A*A*C	5	0.1	11	0.2	16	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.2	5	0.2	1	0.1	2	0.2	3	0.1
A*AA	368	6.8	527	10.3	895	8.5	110	7.5	216	13.1	326	10.4	96	8.4	198	16.6	294	12.6
A*AB	129	2.4	264	5.2	393	3.7	34	2.3	78	4.7	112	3.6	15	1.3	41	3.4	56	2.4
AAA	150	2.8	246	4.8	396	3.8	29	2.0	74	4.5	103	3.3	12	1.0	26	2.2	38	1.6
<AAA	528	9.7	988	19.4	1,516	14.4	73	5.0	182	11.0	255	8.2	2	0.2	11	0.9	13	0.6
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>50.5</b>
<b>Sciences</b>																		
A*A*A*	1,226	22.5	551	10.8	1,777	16.9	620	42.2	340	20.5	960	30.7	577	50.5	307	25.7	884	37.8
A*A*A	625	11.5	345	6.8	970	9.2	155	10.6	114	6.9	269	8.6	101	8.8	99	8.3	200	8.6
A*A*B	24	0.4	16	0.3	40	0.4	5	0.3	3	0.2	8	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.2	4	0.2
A*A*C	3	0.1	1	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	628	11.5	359	7.0	987	9.4	87	5.9	84	5.1	171	5.5	23	2.0	32	2.7	55	2.4
A*AB	176	3.2	96	1.9	272	2.6	5	0.3	18	1.1	23	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.3	4	0.2
AAA	227	4.2	203	4.0	430	4.1	25	1.7	30	1.8	55	1.8	3	0.3	5	0.4	8	0.3
<AAA	686	12.6	627	12.3	1,313	12.5	18	1.2	38	2.3	56	1.8	2	0.2	1	0.1	3	0.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,595</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>49.5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,338</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 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 by subject 2019**

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	60	0.3	36	0.8	19	0.5	31.7
Archaeology	58	0.3	34	0.7	22	0.6	37.9
Architecture	455	2.4	68	1.4	53	1.5	11.6
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	143	0.7	68	1.4	43	1.2	30.1
Classics	134	0.7	81	1.7	66	1.9	49.3
Classics (4 years)	57	0.3	29	0.6	21	0.6	36.8
Economics	1,143	5.9	186	4.0	156	4.4	13.6
Education	153	0.8	61	1.3	42	1.2	27.5
English	766	4.0	231	4.9	189	5.4	24.7
Geography	297	1.5	131	2.8	93	2.6	31.3
History	616	3.2	220	4.7	174	4.9	28.2
History & Modern Languages	92	0.5	29	0.6	25	0.7	27.2
History & Politics	223	1.2	58	1.2	41	1.2	18.4
History of Art	122	0.6	33	0.7	26	0.7	21.3
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	1,089	5.6	237	5.0	185	5.2	17.0
Land Economy	314	1.6	74	1.6	50	1.4	15.9
Law	1,498	7.7	292	6.2	221	6.3	14.8
Linguistics	100	0.5	40	0.9	24	0.7	24.0
Modern & Medieval Languages	417	2.2	198	4.2	159	4.5	38.1
Music	172	0.9	89	1.9	65	1.8	37.8
Philosophy	251	1.3	57	1.2	47	1.3	18.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	124	0.6	58	1.2	39	1.1	31.5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>8,284</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Sciences</b>							
Computer Science	1,330	6.9	137	2.9	116	3.3	8.7
Engineering	2,250	11.6	398	8.5	329	9.3	14.6
Mathematics	1,518	7.8	541	11.5	253	7.2	16.7
Medicine	1,584	8.2	323	6.9	281	8.0	17.7
Medicine Graduate Course	552	2.9	55	1.2	43	1.2	7.8
Natural Sciences	2,922	15.1	731	15.6	608	17.2	20.8
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	527	2.7	104	2.2	71	2.0	13.5
Veterinary Medicine	392	2.0	95	2.0	67	1.9	17.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>11,075</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>

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 2019**

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>												
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	30	50.0	30	50.0	18	50.0	18	50.0	9	47.4	10	52.6
Archaeology	18	31.0	40	69.0	12	35.3	22	64.7	7	31.8	15	68.2
Architecture	165	36.3	290	63.7	23	33.8	45	66.2	18	34.0	35	66.0
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	51	35.7	92	64.3	26	38.2	42	61.8	18	41.9	25	58.1
Classics	55	41.0	79	59.0	31	38.3	50	61.7	26	39.4	40	60.6
Classics (4 years)	16	28.1	41	71.9	7	24.1	22	75.9	4	19.0	17	81.0
Economics	794	69.5	349	30.5	126	67.7	60	32.3	107	68.6	49	31.4
Education	24	15.7	129	84.3	9	14.8	52	85.2	7	16.7	35	83.3
English	162	21.1	604	78.9	54	23.4	177	76.6	49	25.9	140	74.1
Geography	95	32.0	202	68.0	34	26.0	97	74.0	24	25.8	69	74.2
History	275	44.6	341	55.4	88	40.0	132	60.0	73	42.0	101	58.0
History & Modern Languages	39	42.4	53	57.6	10	34.5	19	65.5	8	32.0	17	68.0
History & Politics	110	49.3	113	50.7	23	39.7	35	60.3	21	51.2	20	48.8
History of Art	29	23.8	93	76.2	8	24.2	25	75.8	5	19.2	21	80.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	330	30.3	759	69.7	78	32.9	159	67.1	63	34.1	122	65.9
Land Economy	174	55.4	140	44.6	42	56.8	32	43.2	26	52.0	24	48.0
Law	578	38.6	920	61.4	119	40.8	173	59.2	95	43.0	126	57.0
Linguistics	30	30.0	70	70.0	11	27.5	29	72.5	4	16.7	20	83.3
Modern & Medieval Languages	126	30.2	291	69.8	57	28.8	141	71.2	48	30.2	111	69.8
Music	84	48.8	88	51.2	42	47.2	47	52.8	32	49.2	33	50.8
Philosophy	143	57.0	108	43.0	28	49.1	29	50.9	23	48.9	24	51.1
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	54	43.5	70	56.5	18	31.0	40	69.0	12	30.8	27	69.2
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>61.4</b>

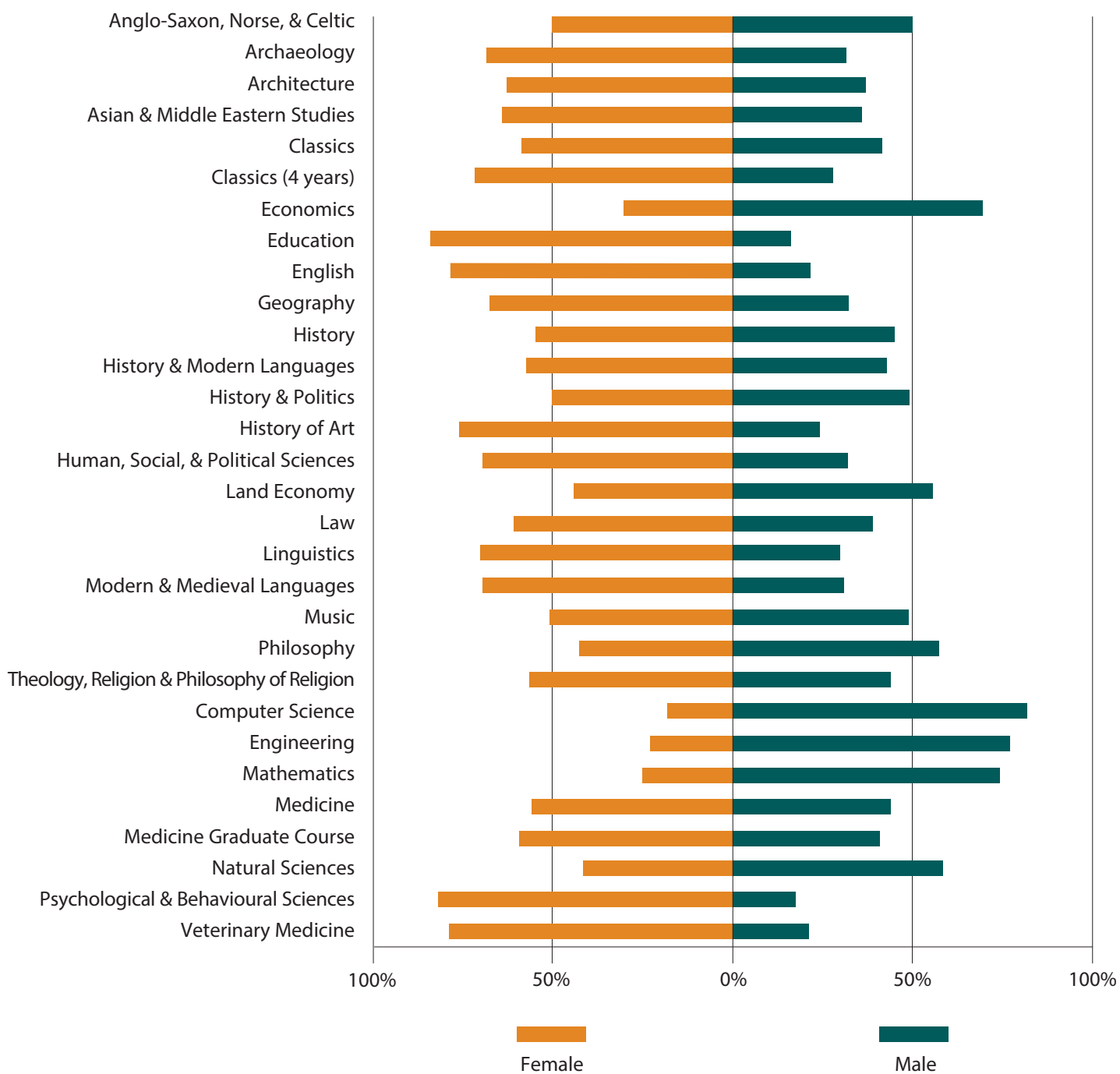
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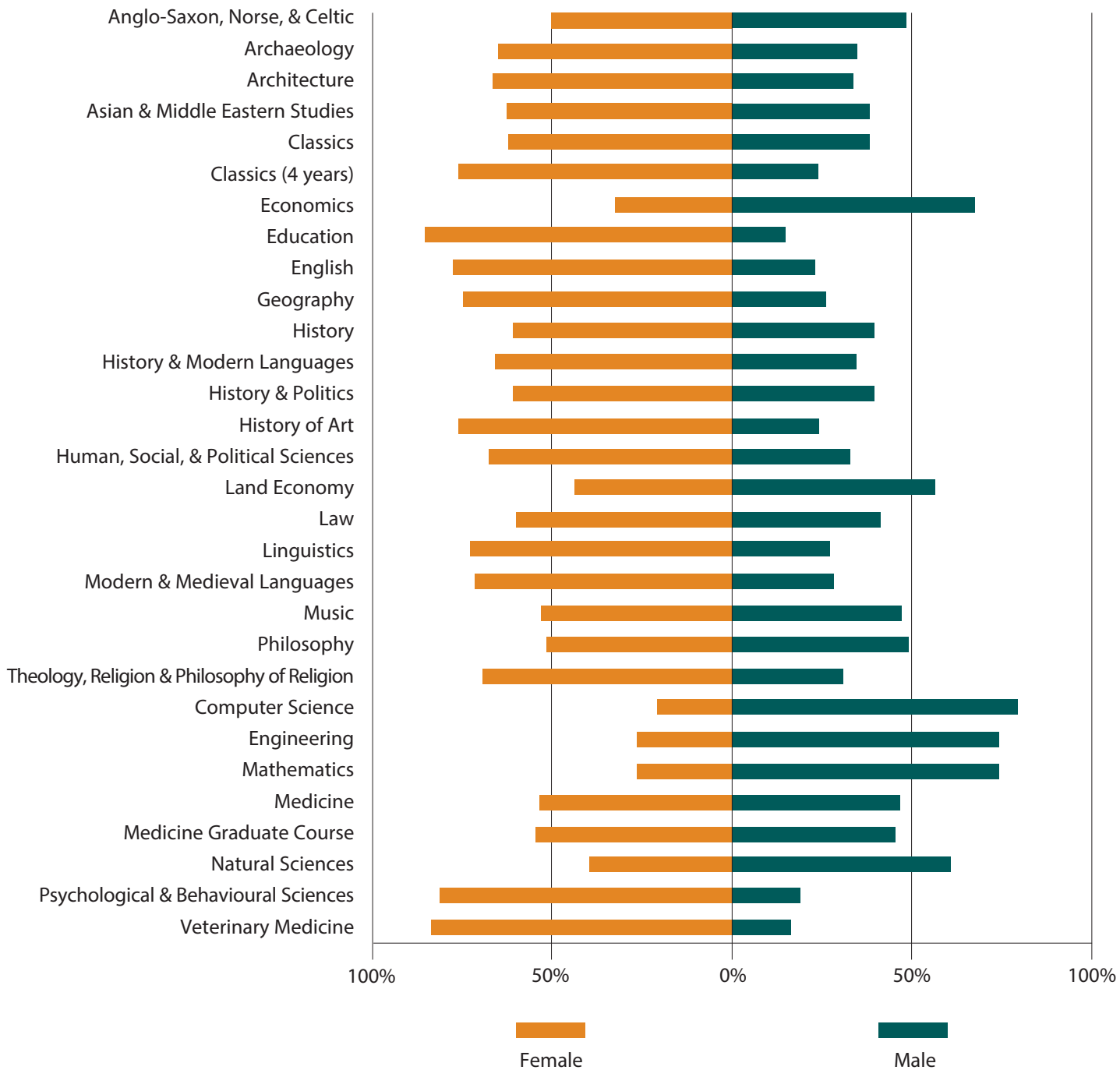
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Sciences</b>												
Computer Science	1,086	81.7	244	18.3	109	79.6	28	20.4	93	80.2	23	19.8
Engineering	1,730	76.9	520	23.1	294	73.9	104	26.1	250	76.0	79	24.0
Mathematics	1,122	73.9	396	26.1	400	73.9	141	26.1	210	83.0	43	17.0
Medicine	685	43.2	899	56.8	150	46.4	173	53.6	132	47.0	149	53.0
Medicine Graduate Course	226	40.9	326	59.1	25	45.5	30	54.5	21	48.8	22	51.2
Natural Sciences	1,696	58.0	1,226	42.0	443	60.6	288	39.4	379	62.3	229	37.7
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	93	17.6	434	82.4	20	19.2	84	80.8	15	21.1	56	78.9
Veterinary Medicine	82	20.9	310	79.1	16	16.8	79	83.2	11	16.4	56	83.6
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>37.2</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>9,257</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>49.3</b>

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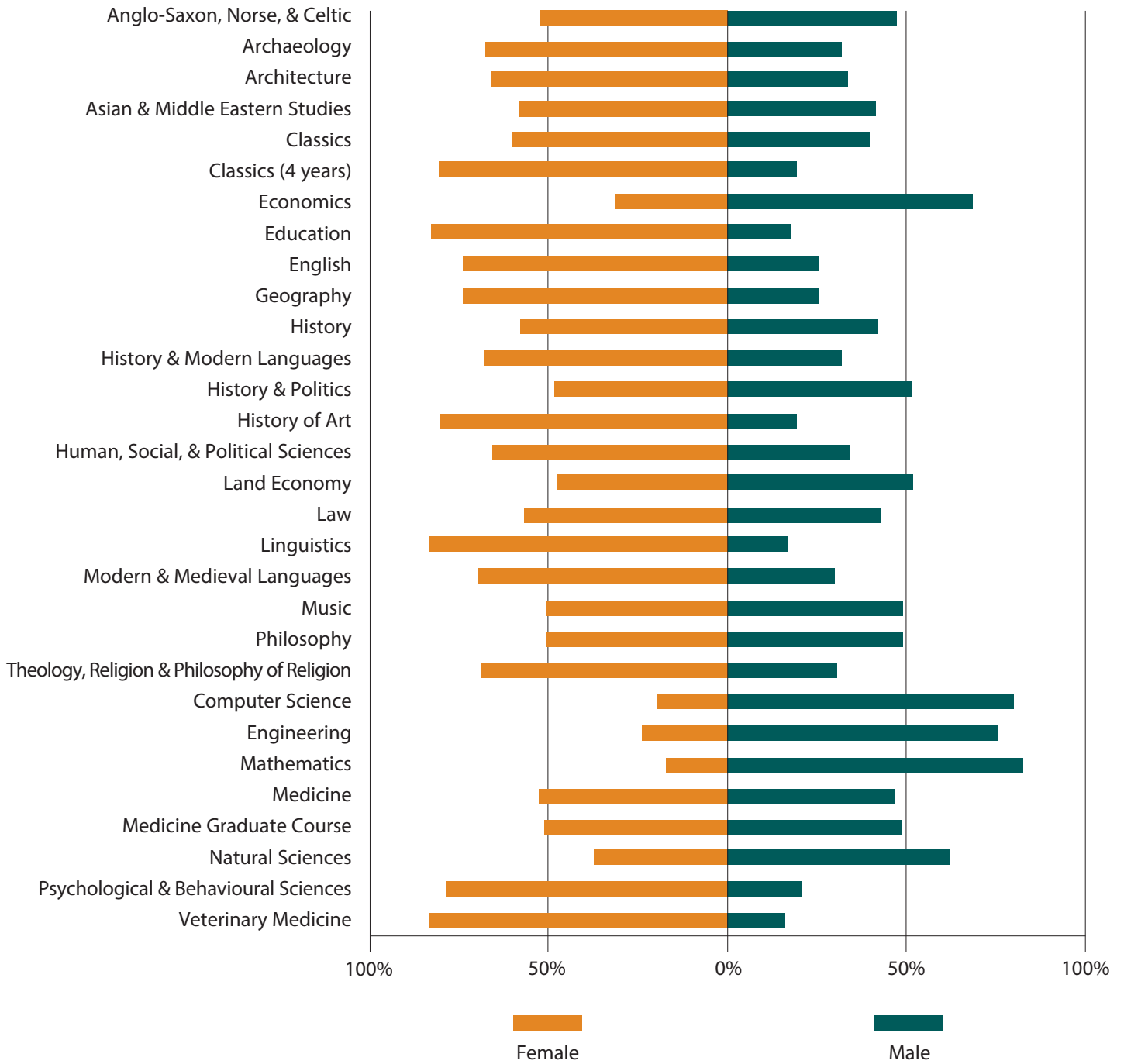
### Applications by subject and gender 2019



### Offers by subject and gender 2019



### Acceptances by subject and gender 2019



**Table 4.3 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by subject 2019**

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

Degree programme	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>						
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	44	59.1	28	64.3	15	53.3
Archaeology	37	73.0	27	77.8	16	68.8
Architecture	244	73.8	56	71.4	43	67.4
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	109	61.5	52	71.2	31	74.2
Classics	115	23.5	69	27.5	57	26.3
Classics (4 years)	39	74.4	25	80.0	18	83.3
Economics	587	62.2	117	61.5	102	59.8
Education	72	63.9	37	75.7	25	72.0
English	664	65.2	211	66.8	171	64.9
Geography	250	62.4	118	67.8	81	60.5
History	538	60.0	203	65.5	158	60.8
History & Modern Languages	77	67.5	27	63.0	24	62.5
History & Politics	145	81.4	48	83.3	35	82.9
History of Art	80	35.0	29	44.8	22	45.5
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	670	68.2	169	74.0	132	74.2
Land Economy	154	52.6	44	68.2	27	70.4
Law	861	84.7	184	85.3	134	84.3
Linguistics	65	67.7	34	70.6	20	75.0
Modern & Medieval Languages	368	59.0	178	65.2	143	61.5
Music	145	54.5	79	57.0	57	59.6
Philosophy	167	59.9	43	67.4	34	64.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	108	44.4	55	56.4	36	55.6
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,539</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>65.1</b>
<b>Sciences</b>						
Computer Science	643	82.0	78	73.1	68	76.5
Engineering	1,206	74.5	241	77.2	205	77.1
Mathematics	941	85.8	356	82.0	154	74.7
Medicine	1,033	76.7	276	69.2	239	69.9
Medicine Graduate Course*	23	34.8	4	25.0	2	50.0
Natural Sciences	1,751	74.4	490	70.8	418	68.9
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	348	80.7	81	81.5	53	81.1
Veterinary Medicine	281	78.6	83	80.7	59	81.4
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,226</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>72.8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,765</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>68.7</b>

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.

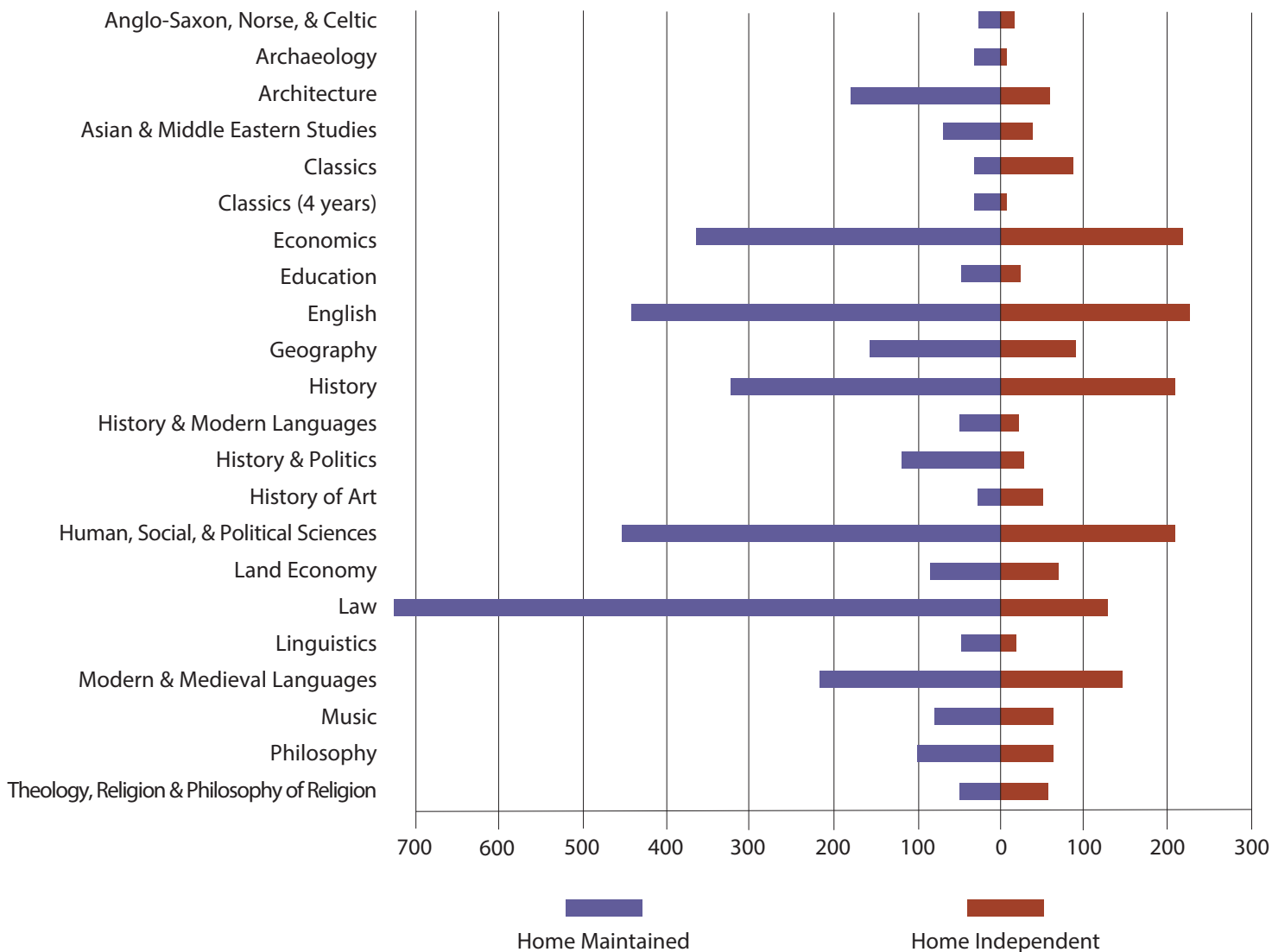
The figures include only Home applicants who applied from a school or college in the UK and show the percentage of applications, offers and acceptances by course from the maintained sector, including FE institutions.

\* 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.

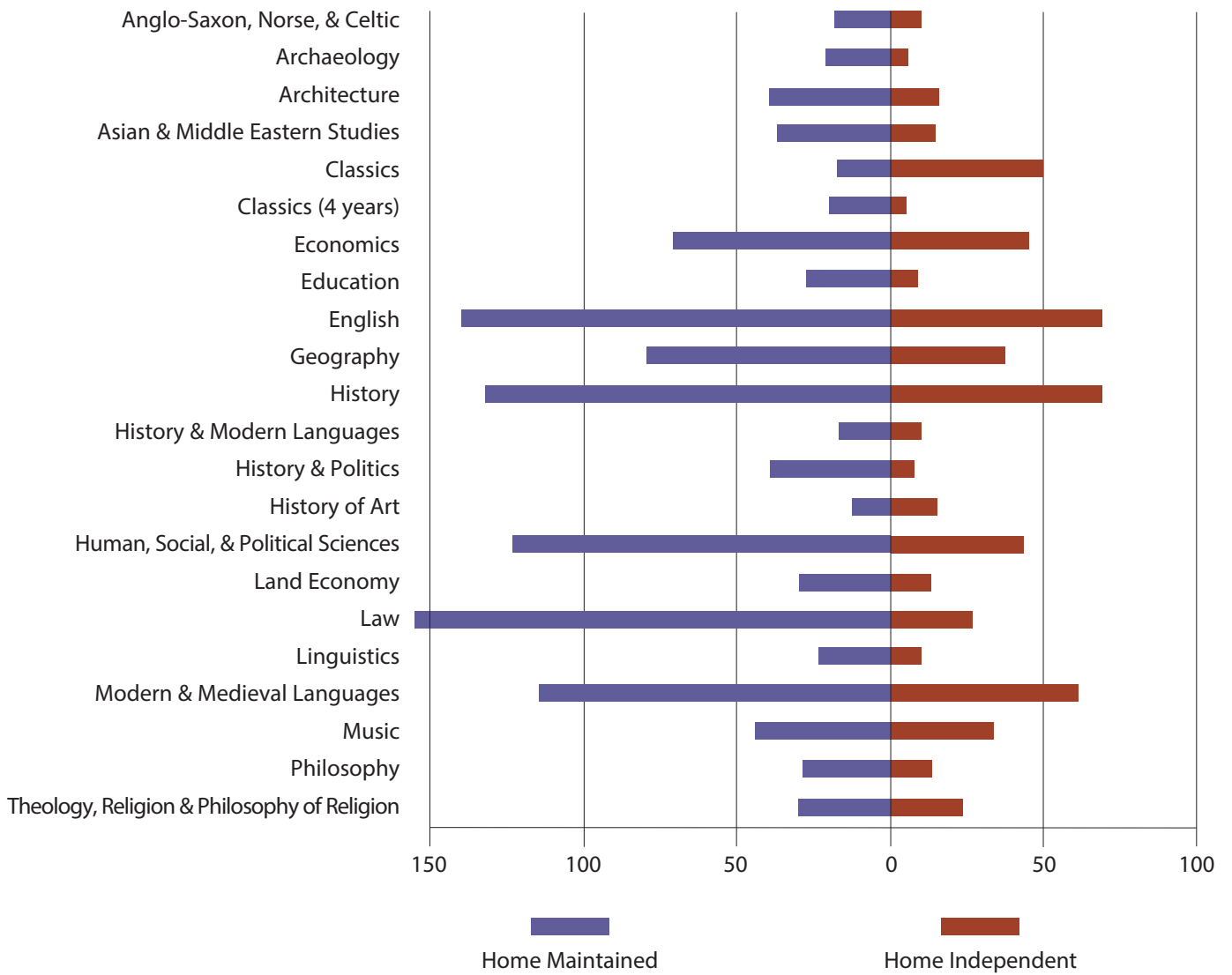


## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

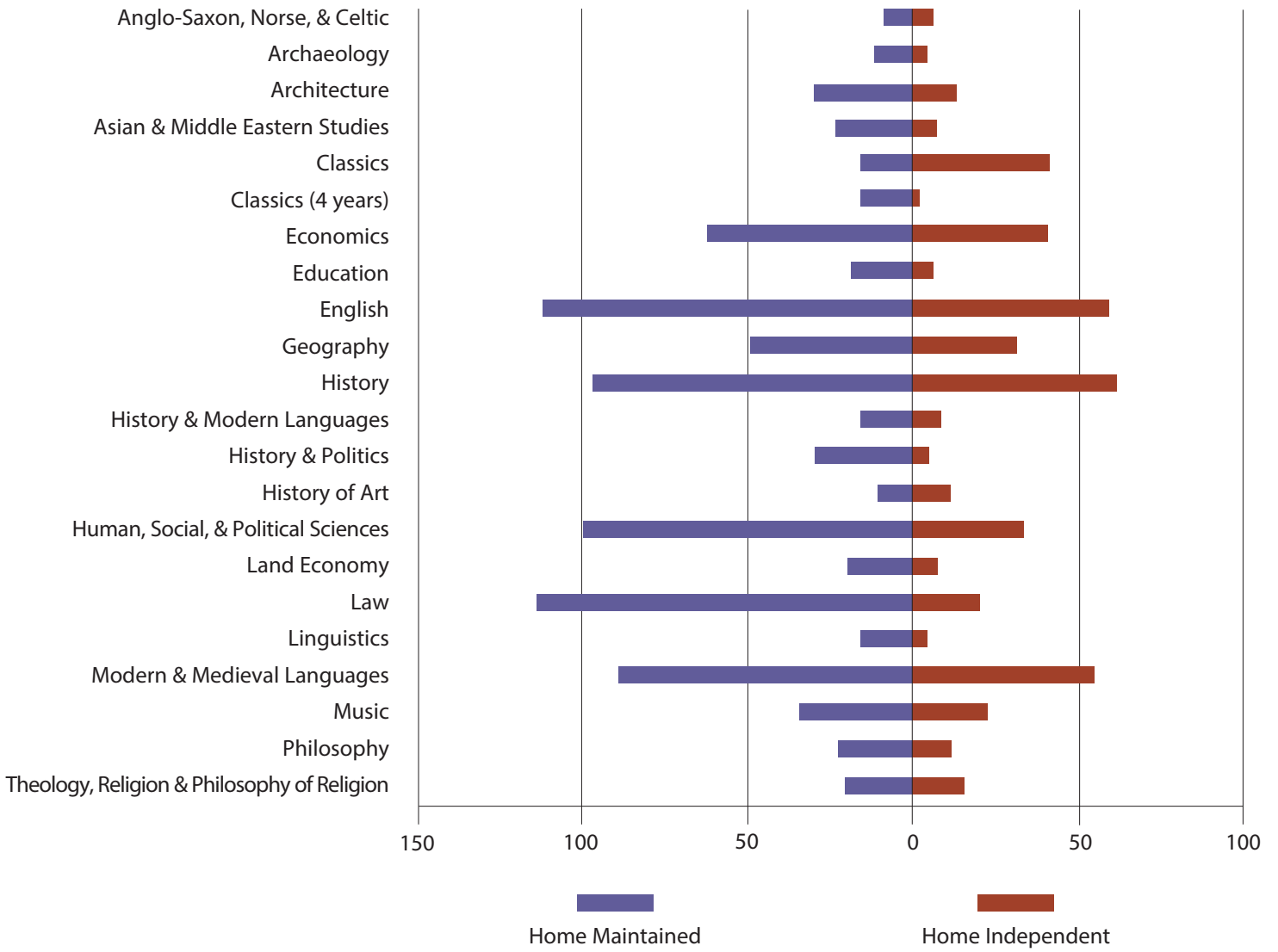
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2019



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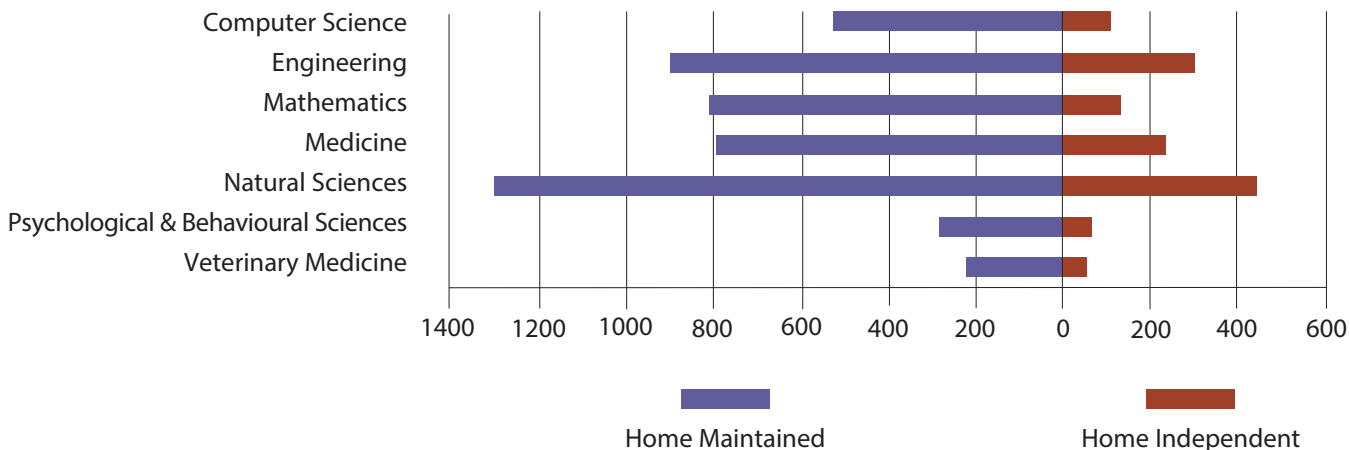


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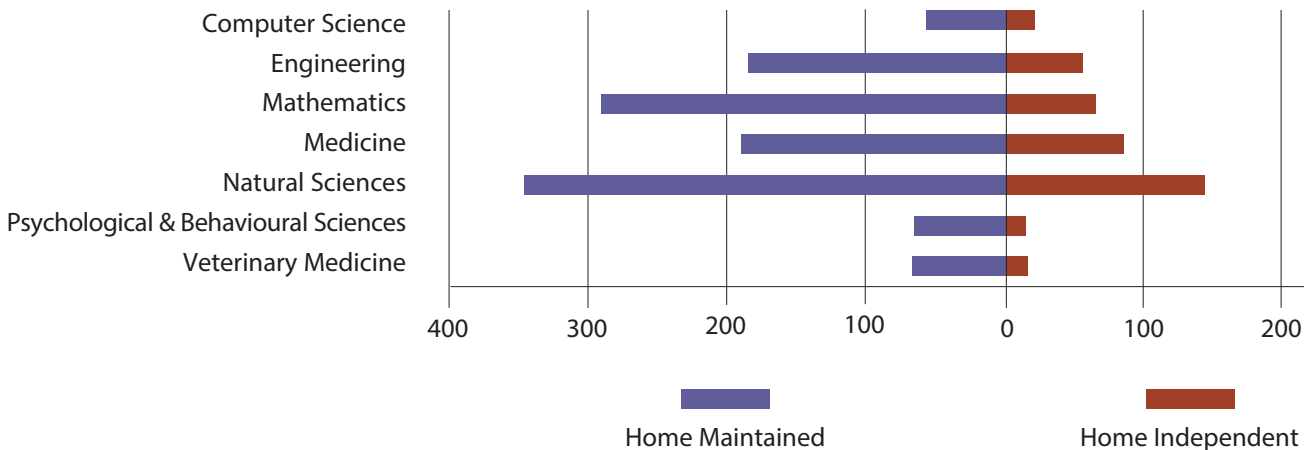


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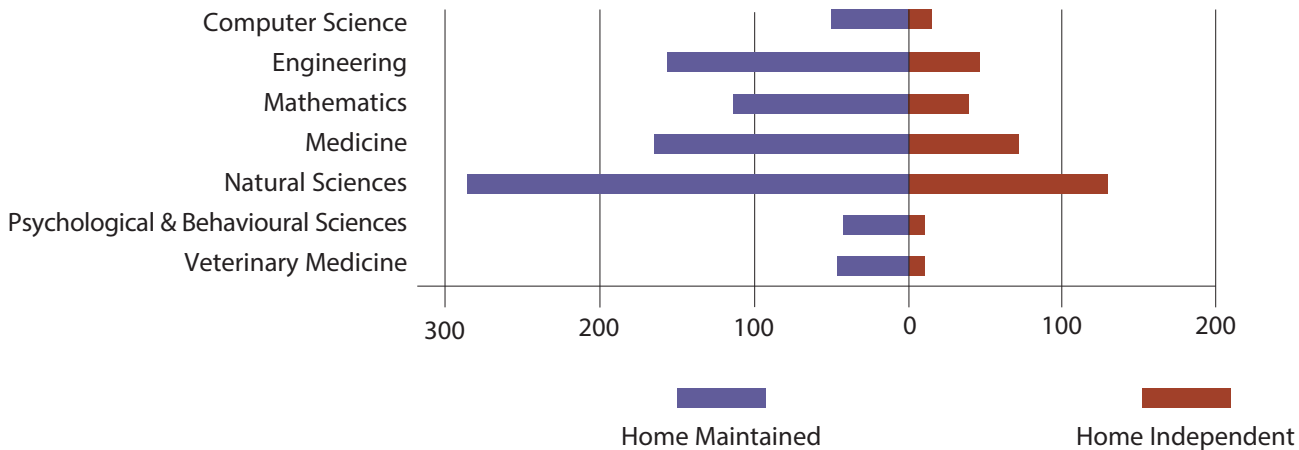
**Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2019**



**Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2019**



**Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2019**



## 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 2019**

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

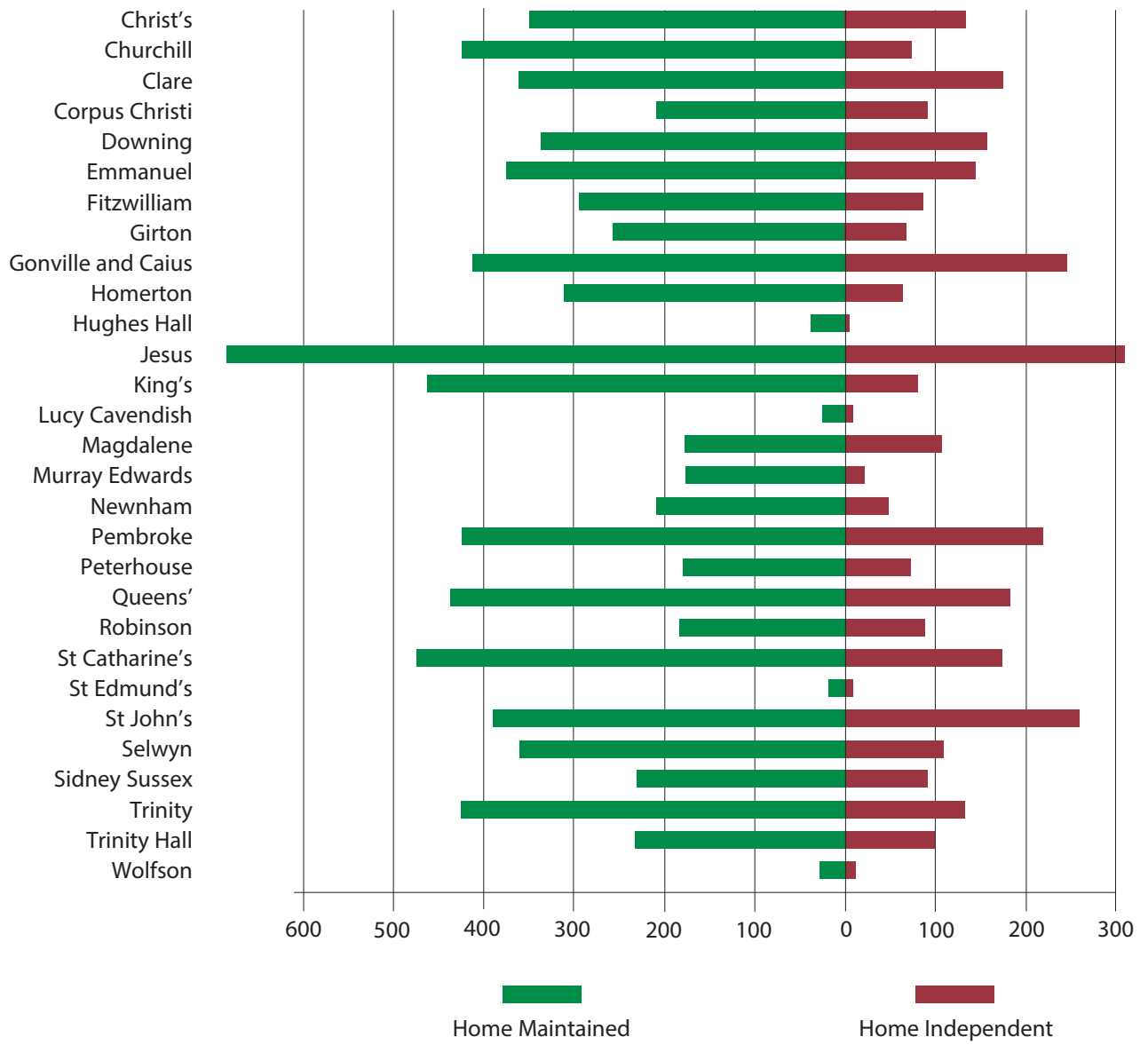
College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	485	72.2	102	75.5	79	74.7
Churchill	496	85.1	153	76.5	105	76.2
Clare	535	67.5	157	69.4	116	66.4
Corpus Christi	300	69.3	80	71.3	63	68.3
Downing	494	68.0	138	68.8	103	66.0
Emmanuel	518	72.0	131	74.0	110	75.5
Fitzwilliam	380	76.8	158	74.1	122	73.8
Girton	325	78.8	149	70.5	126	69.0
Gonville and Caius	658	62.8	166	58.4	130	55.4
Homerton	376	82.7	189	75.7	137	73.0
Hughes Hall*	45	84.4	20	65.0	11	54.5
Jesus	996	68.7	134	73.1	124	73.4
King's	543	85.1	129	79.8	99	76.8
Lucy Cavendish*	36	69.4	22	63.6	14	64.3
Magdalene	284	62.3	97	64.9	76	67.1
Murray Edwards	199	88.4	137	75.9	79	65.8
Newnham	257	81.3	129	74.4	92	69.6
Pembroke	646	65.9	143	67.1	112	68.8
Peterhouse	253	70.4	72	70.8	52	71.2
Queens'	619	70.3	148	66.2	105	61.0
Robinson	270	67.8	117	62.4	87	56.3
St Catharine's	647	73.1	123	74.8	103	74.8
St Edmund's*	28	67.9	6	83.3	6	83.3
St John's	649	59.9	173	61.3	133	58.6
Selwyn	469	76.5	137	81.0	98	77.6
Sidney Sussex	323	71.2	105	74.3	82	74.4
Trinity	557	76.1	146	63.7	110	63.6
Trinity Hall	334	69.8	115	70.4	94	70.2
Wolfson*	43	65.1	15	26.7	11	27.3
Open Offers	-	-	51	98.0	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,765</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>68.7</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.

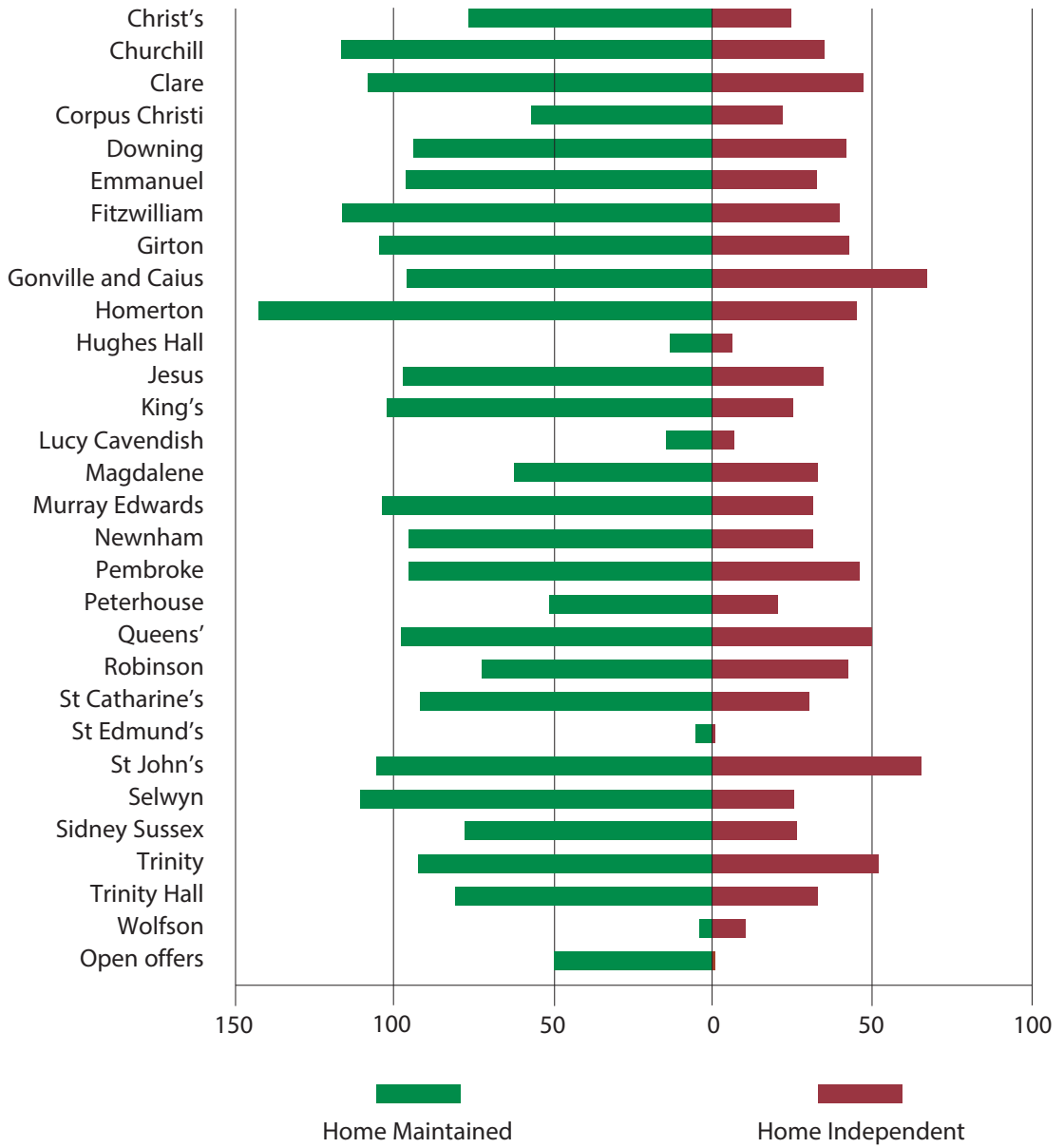
The figures include only Home applicants who applied from a school or college in the UK and show the percentage of applications, offers and acceptances by College from the maintained sector, including FE institutions.

\* 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.

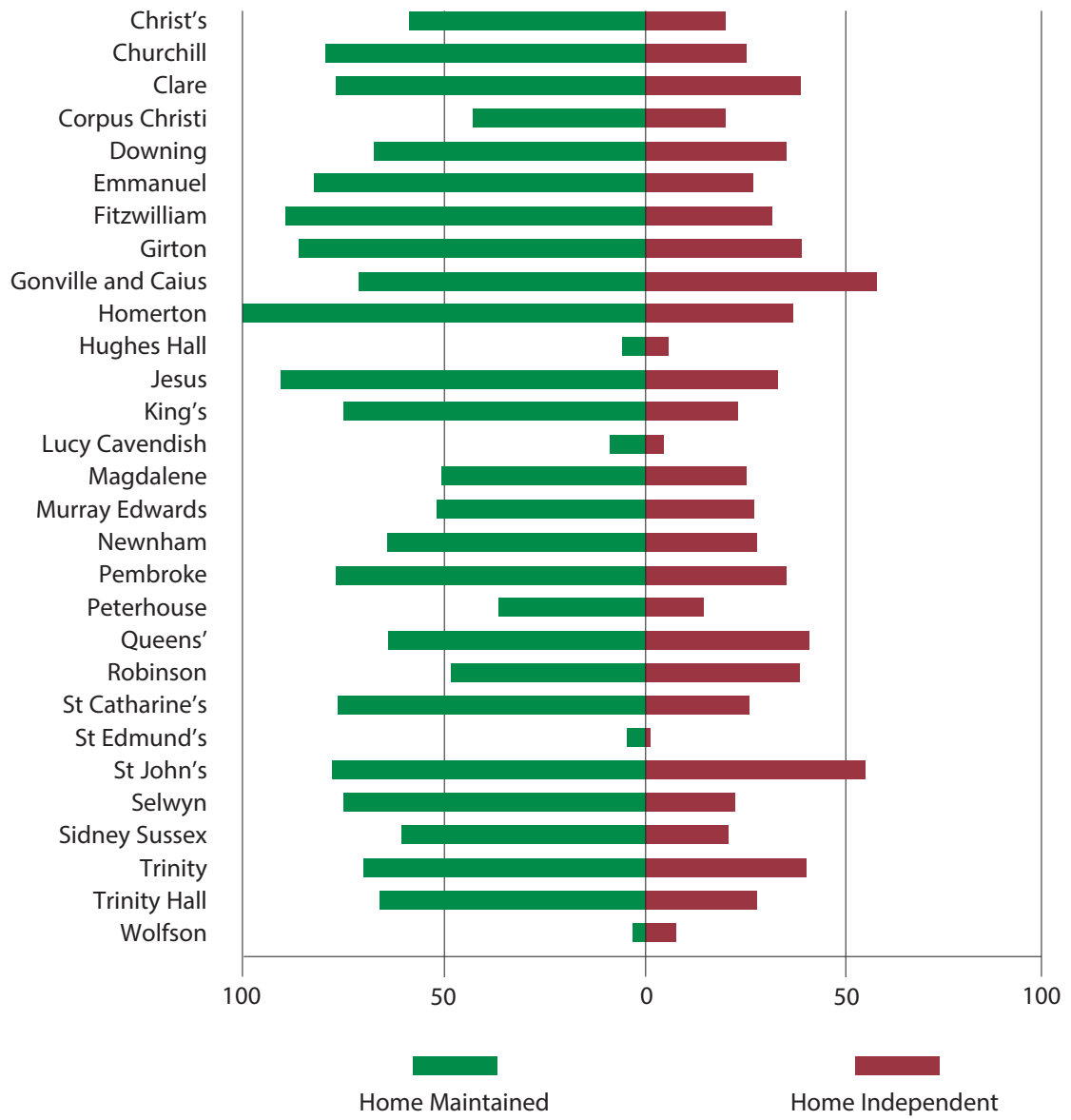
### Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2019



### Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2019



### Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2019





## 6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

**Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age\* 2019**

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	677	3.5	98	2.1	69	2.0	10.2
18	12,375	64.0	3,093	65.9	2,281	64.7	18.4
19	3,997	20.7	1,026	21.9	811	23.0	20.3
20	772	4.0	171	3.6	132	3.7	17.1
21 and over	1,507	7.8	306	6.5	235	6.7	15.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.3</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 2019**

This table counts Home applicants only.

POLAR3 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	5,561	44.5	1,702	47.8	1,319	49.4	23.7
4	2,889	23.1	812	22.8	604	22.6	20.9
3	1,947	15.6	517	14.5	349	13.1	17.9
2	1,238	9.9	337	9.5	253	9.5	20.4
1	748	6.0	167	4.7	127	4.8	17.0
Unknown	127	1.0	25	0.7	20	0.7	15.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.4</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 POLAR methodology is available at: [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area](http://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area).

**Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2019**

This table counts Home applicants only.

OAC flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	2,801	22.4	691	19.4	499	18.7	17.8
Unflagged	9,620	76.9	2,849	80.0	2,156	80.7	22.4
Unknown	89	0.7	20	0.6	17	0.6	19.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.4</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 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](http://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications).

**Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag 2019**

This table counts Home applicants only.

IMD flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	2,038	16.3	504	14.2	381	14.3	18.7
Unflagged	10,382	83.0	3,036	85.3	2,274	85.1	21.9
Unknown	90	0.7	20	0.6	17	0.6	18.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>

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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 30% 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation) (England)

[www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation) (Northern Ireland)

[www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-multiple-deprivation-2020](http://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-multiple-deprivation-2020) (Scotland)

[www.gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation](http://www.gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation) (Wales)

## 8 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

**Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and gender 2019**

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	26	48	74	0.6	3	11	14	0.4	3	8	11	0.4	14.9
Black or Black British - African	200	336	536	4.3	37	87	124	3.5	30	53	83	3.1	15.5
Other Black background	12	12	24	0.2	0	2	2	0.1	0	2	2	0.1	8.3
Asian or Asian British - Indian	479	306	785	6.3	115	80	195	5.5	97	61	158	5.9	20.1
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	157	149	306	2.4	26	31	57	1.6	18	16	34	1.3	11.1
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	103	97	200	1.6	19	23	42	1.2	14	16	30	1.1	15.0
Chinese	177	165	342	2.7	55	61	116	3.3	43	51	94	3.5	27.5
Other Asian background	230	200	430	3.4	47	36	83	2.3	48	24	72	2.7	16.7
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	36	53	89	0.7	13	17	30	0.8	8	13	21	0.8	23.6
Mixed - White and Black African	21	48	69	0.6	3	15	18	0.5	2	11	13	0.5	18.8
Mixed - White and Asian	230	213	443	3.5	53	76	129	3.6	47	56	103	3.9	23.3
Other mixed background	119	126	245	2.0	36	42	78	2.2	32	34	66	2.5	26.9
Arab	57	41	98	0.8	13	6	19	0.5	12	4	16	0.6	16.3
Other ethnic background	88	88	176	1.4	19	27	46	1.3	15	20	35	1.3	19.9
White	4,215	3,931	8,146	65.1	1,201	1,314	2,515	70.6	928	982	1,910	71.5	23.4
Gypsy or Traveller	0	4	4	0.0	0	3	3	0.1	0	3	3	0.1	75.0
Unknown	304	239	543	4.3	44	45	89	2.5	14	7	21	0.8	3.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>

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**Table 8.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject 2019**

This table counts Home applicants with known ethnicity only

Degree programme	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>																		
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	<3	<3	<3	<3	42	4.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	26	7.1	<3	<3	<3	<3	15	0.0
Archaeology	<3	<3	4	<3	32	17.9	<3	<3	<3	<3	22	18.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	13	18.8
Architecture	16	40	17	8	160	33.6	7	6	3	4	35	36.4	5	6	<3	<3	28	34.9
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	<3	12	14	<3	84	25.0	<3	8	7	<3	35	32.7	<3	<3	6	<3	24	27.3
Classics	<3	6	7	<3	94	13.8	<3	3	5	<3	60	13.0	<3	<3	5	<3	49	14.0
Classics (4 years)	<3	<3	<3	4	29	23.7	<3	<3	<3	3	18	25.0	<3	<3	<3	<3	14	22.2
Economics	34	164	37	15	310	44.6	<3	44	9	3	57	50.4	3	40	7	<3	50	51.0
Education	<3	6	4	<3	58	18.3	<3	3	3	<3	30	23.1	<3	3	<3	<3	22	24.1
English	20	44	61	6	509	20.5	10	10	15	<3	172	16.9	7	8	14	<3	144	16.8
Geography	3	20	11	5	205	16.0	<3	5	4	<3	104	11.1	<3	<3	3	<3	75	7.4
History	12	30	35	8	435	16.3	5	10	19	3	162	18.6	3	11	15	<3	128	19.5
History & Modern Languages	<3	6	8	<3	59	20.3	<3	4	4	<3	18	33.3	<3	3	3	<3	17	29.2
History & Politics	7	18	7	4	109	24.8	3	6	5	<3	32	33.3	<3	3	4	<3	25	28.6
History of Art	<3	<3	10	<3	67	14.1	<3	<3	3	<3	24	14.3	<3	<3	3	<3	18	18.2
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	59	54	53	10	477	27.0	24	14	13	<3	121	29.7	14	13	10	<3	97	27.6
Land Economy	15	27	11	4	94	37.7	7	7	7	<3	22	48.8	5	4	4	<3	13	50.0
Law	95	166	68	41	525	41.3	16	33	12	11	123	36.9	12	24	10	7	91	36.8
Linguistics	<3	6	3	<3	49	19.7	<3	3	<3	<3	28	12.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	18	10.0
Modern & Medieval Languages	4	23	30	7	295	17.8	<3	9	20	3	142	19.3	<3	8	17	3	115	20.7
Music	4	5	8	<3	129	12.8	<3	<3	4	<3	74	9.8	<3	<3	4	<3	54	10.0
Philosophy	3	6	10	4	138	14.3	<3	3	<3	<3	35	16.7	<3	<3	<3	<3	30	9.1
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	4	4	4	4	87	15.5	3	3	<3	<3	44	17.0	<3	<3	<3	<3	30	16.7
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>23.8</b>

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Degree programme	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
<b>Sciences</b>																		
Computer Science	35	170	51	5	364	41.8	3	14	3	<3	55	26.7	3	14	4	<3	44	32.3
Engineering	82	282	86	22	703	40.2	7	58	16	3	155	35.1	3	53	15	3	132	35.9
Mathematics	11	149	64	13	672	26.1	4	49	29	4	255	25.2	<3	22	13	<3	116	24.7
Medicine	100	410	64	47	409	60.3	17	102	20	9	135	52.3	13	91	18	9	117	52.8
Medicine Graduate Course	50	91	30	24	240	44.8	<3	3	<3	<3	40	18.4	<3	3	<3	<3	29	23.7
Natural Sciences	39	247	105	32	1291	24.7	8	73	34	6	367	24.8	8	60	30	5	316	24.6
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	31	58	23	4	231	33.4	10	15	7	<3	46	41.8	7	8	3	3	32	39.6
Veterinary Medicine	3	18	18	<3	260	13.0	<3	4	<3	<3	81	6.9	<3	3	3	<3	57	9.5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>32.3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>8,157</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,518</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>27.8</b>

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

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

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

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

## 9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

**Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2019**

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	149	0.8	46	1.0	31	0.9	20.8
Blind or partially sighted	18	0.1	2	0.0	2	0.1	11.1
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	24	0.1	9	0.2	4	0.1	16.7
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	121	0.6	36	0.8	23	0.7	19.0
Mental health condition	364	1.9	80	1.7	53	1.5	14.6
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	519	2.7	108	2.3	75	2.1	14.5
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	30	0.2	5	0.1	4	0.1	13.3
Other disability or medical condition	172	0.9	46	1.0	34	1.0	19.8
Two or more of the above	102	0.5	23	0.5	13	0.4	12.7
No disability declared	17,829	92.2	4,339	92.4	3,289	93.2	18.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.3</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 2019**

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
<b>Applications for entry in 2019</b>										
Home Maintained	7,594	631	2,025	1,856	482	250	143	1,576	57	66
Home Independent	3,048	110	1,024	755	176	89	7	730	21	1
All Others*	5,906	1,397	1,295	967	184	83	1	865	12	0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>16,548</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>4,344</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Applications for deferred entry in 2020</b>										
Home Maintained	231	14	77	62	43	5	1	71	1	0
Home Independent	132	5	43	45	23	6	0	56	0	0
All Others*	255	36	85	62	39	3	0	71	1	0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,166</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>3,369</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>67</b>

\* 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:

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