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# Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2012 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 based on UCAS data.

The data has been prepared on behalf of the Admissions Forum of the Cambridge Colleges by Cambridge Admissions Office (telephone: 01223 333308, email: [caodata@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:caodata@admin.cam.ac.uk)).

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## Notes for information

- These statistics refer to applications made from September 2011 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2012 or by deferred entry for courses starting in October 2013. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 115 applicants (127 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' refers to applicants who have indicated in their UCAS application that they are UK nationals permanently resident in the UK. For more information about the UCAS application process please see: [www.ucas.com/students/apply/](http://www.ucas.com/students/apply/).
- 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.
- Percentages throughout have been rounded to one decimal place, so values given may not always add up to 100.
- Please note that these 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.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/statistics/archive/admissionsstatistics2011.pdf](http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/statistics/archive/admissionsstatistics2011.pdf).

# Summary

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

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

- The total number of applications is 15,701 (*15,389*), an increase of 2.0%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,437 (*3,274*), an increase of 5.0%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 54:46 (*54:46*).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:  
Maintained 63.3% (*58.8%*)  
Independent 36.7% (*41.2%*)

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

- Of those accepted, 97.4% (*97.6%*) achieved the equivalent of A\*AA (380 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 (380 UCAS tariff points) or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking is 4,843 (*4,858*).

**Table 7.1 Home applicants and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR2 quintile)**

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR2 directory and who are in the lowest participation quintile is 3.6% (*2.7%*). In addition, 0.5% (*0.4%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR2 directory.

**Table 8.1 Home applicants 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 16.4% (*15.0%*). In addition, 1.0% (*1.0%*) of those accepted chose not to declare their ethnic origin.

**Table 9.1 Applicants and acceptances by disability**

- The proportion of those accepted who declare they have a disability is 5.1% (*5.1%*).

# 1 Applications and acceptances by school/college type

**Table 1.1 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by type of school/college and gender 2012**

Type of school/college	Applications				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Home applications</b>									
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>27.1</b>
Comprehensive School	1,548	1,166	2,714	17.3	332	343	675	19.6	24.9
Grammar School	923	733	1,656	10.5	311	247	558	16.2	33.7
Sixth Form College	525	419	944	6.0	119	132	251	7.3	26.6
Further Education	146	126	272	1.7	20	19	39	1.1	14.3
Tertiary College	95	83	178	1.1	21	21	42	1.2	23.6
Other Maintained	109	77	186	1.2	24	21	45	1.3	24.2
<b>Independent</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>33.7</b>
Other and Overseas	210	217	427	2.7	29	21	50	1.5	11.7
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>4,085</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>28.3</b>
<b>Other applications</b>									
Maintained	308	229	537	3.4	43	34	77	2.2	14.3
Independent	529	483	1,012	6.4	125	91	216	6.3	21.3
Other and Overseas	2,725	2,280	5,005	31.9	337	214	551	16.0	11.0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>2,992</b>	<b>6,554</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,624</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>15,701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</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. The 'Other Maintained' category for Home applications includes City Technology Colleges, Academies and Special Schools.

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

- Maintained **63.3%** (58.8% in the previous cycle)
- Independent **36.7%** (41.2% in the previous cycle)

**Table 1.2 UK schools/colleges submitting Home applicants and receiving acceptances to Cambridge in any of the last three years (2010-2012)**

Type of school/college	Applications	Acceptances
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>1,195</b>
Comprehensive School	1,435	772
Grammar School	222	202
Sixth Form College	98	82
Further Education	190	77
Tertiary College	43	19
Other Maintained	96	43
<b>Independent</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>1,576</b>

The 'Other Maintained' category includes City Technology Colleges, Academies and Special Schools.

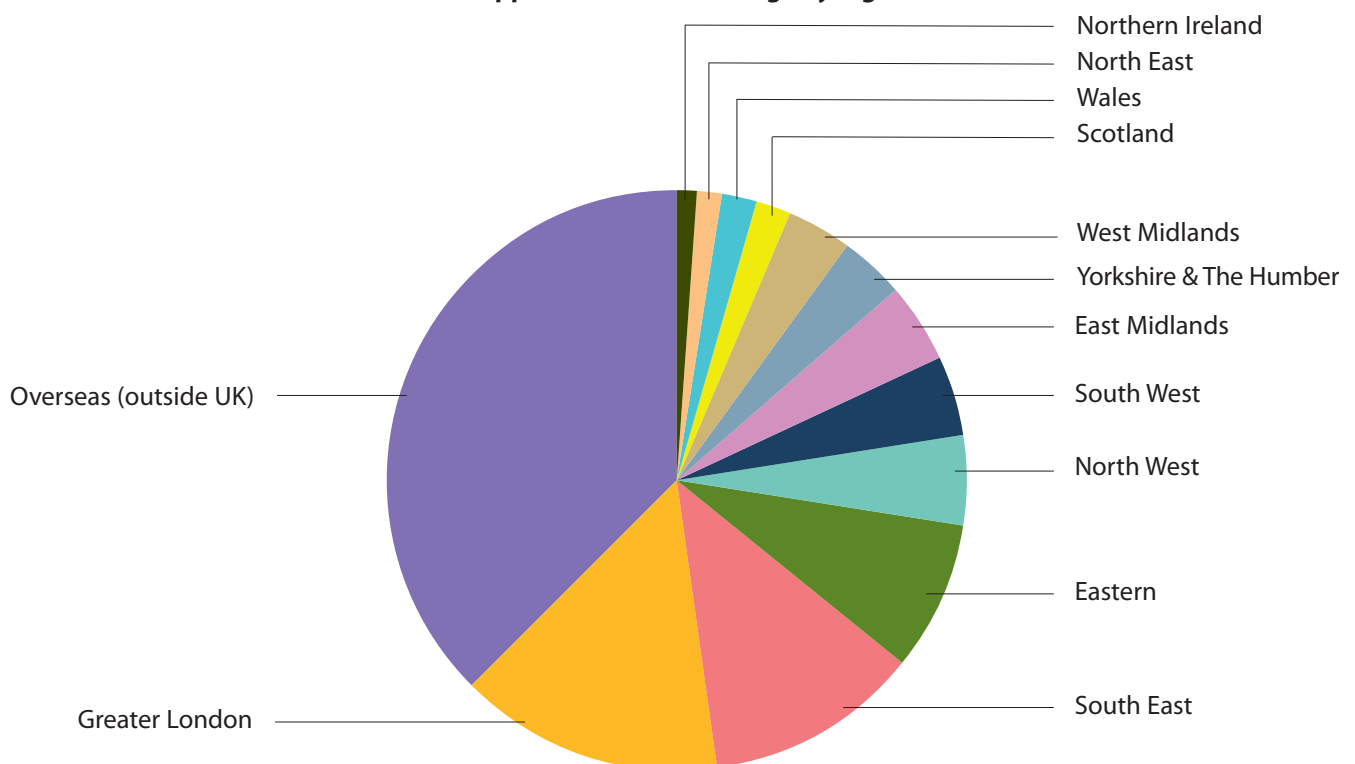
## 2 Applications and acceptances by region

**Table 2.1 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by region 2012**

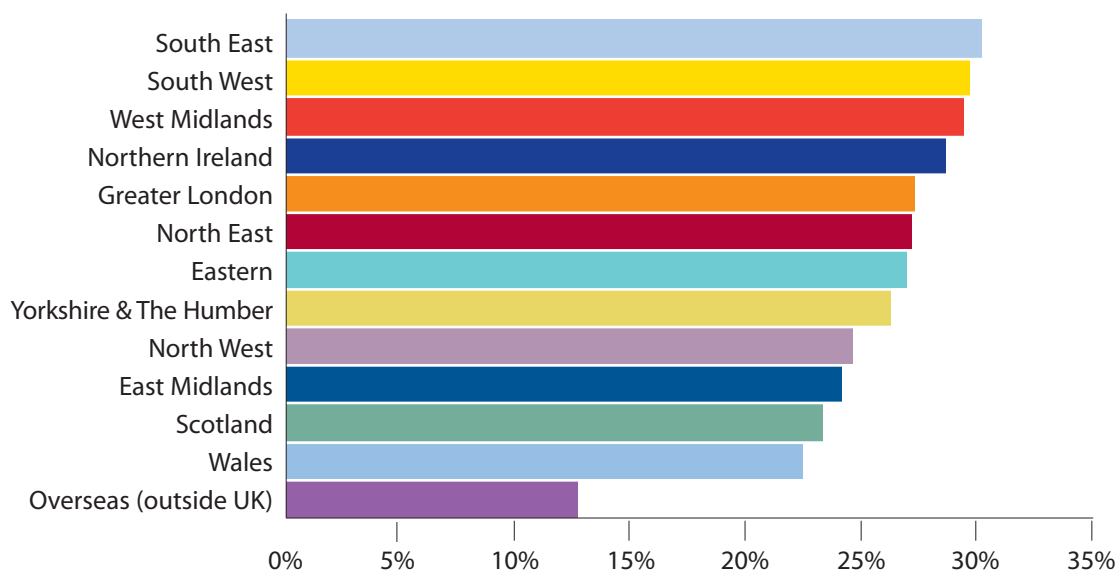
Region of domicile	Applications		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	199	1.3	57	1.7	28.6
North East	235	1.5	64	1.9	27.2
Wales	269	1.7	60	1.7	22.3
Scotland	324	2.1	75	2.2	23.1
West Midlands	567	3.6	166	4.8	29.3
Yorkshire & The Humber	575	3.7	153	4.5	26.6
East Midlands	685	4.4	165	4.8	24.1
South West	719	4.6	212	6.2	29.5
North West	775	4.9	191	5.6	24.6
Eastern	1,298	8.3	352	10.2	27.1
South East	1,898	12.1	571	16.6	30.1
Greater London	2,288	14.6	625	18.2	27.3
Overseas (outside UK)	5,869	37.4	746	21.7	12.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</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 2012**



**Success rate by region 2012**



**Table 2.2 Applications and acceptances nationally by region 2012 [Source: UCAS]**

Country of domicile	Applications		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
Northern Ireland	19,377	3.0	13,283	2.9
North East	19,756	3.0	14,916	3.2
Wales	24,845	3.8	19,307	4.2
East Midlands	34,390	5.3	25,993	5.6
South West	41,067	6.3	31,227	6.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	42,109	6.4	32,102	6.9
Scotland	45,116	6.9	30,899	6.6
Eastern	45,968	7.0	35,297	7.6
West Midlands	47,869	7.3	36,455	7.8
North West	62,782	9.6	47,849	10.3
South East	70,172	10.7	54,047	11.6
Greater London	91,301	14.0	66,016	14.2
Overseas (outside UK)	108,885	16.7	57,519	12.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>653,637</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>464,910</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The regions listed are based on applicants' Area of Permanent Residence (APR) code.

**Table 2.3 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2012**

Country of domicile	Applications		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	538	9.2	79	10.6	14.7
Hong Kong	492	8.4	81	10.9	16.5
Singapore	381	6.5	59	7.9	15.5
Germany	306	5.2	58	7.8	19.0
United States of America	275	4.7	24	3.2	8.7
Malaysia	269	4.6	31	4.2	11.5
Italy	227	3.9	22	2.9	9.7
India	211	3.6	22	2.9	10.4
Canada	203	3.5	12	1.6	5.9
Pakistan	198	3.4	5	0.7	2.5
France	179	3.0	24	3.2	13.4
Ireland	164	2.8	10	1.3	6.1
Poland	145	2.5	15	2.0	10.3
Romania	136	2.3	24	3.2	17.6
Belgium	100	1.7	11	1.5	11.0
Sweden	89	1.5	15	2.0	16.9
Spain	88	1.5	12	1.6	13.6
Australia	82	1.4	11	1.5	13.4
Netherlands	76	1.3	10	1.3	13.2
Korea (South)	76	1.3	10	1.3	13.2
Greece	75	1.3	8	1.1	10.7
Austria	72	1.2	13	1.7	18.1
Switzerland	72	1.2	14	1.9	19.4
Cyprus (European Union)	69	1.2	16	2.1	23.2
Bulgaria	67	1.1	8	1.1	11.9
Other EU	358	6.1	59	7.9	16.5
Other International	921	15.7	93	12.5	10.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.7</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.

**Table 2.4 Applications and acceptances nationally by country 2012 [Source: UCAS]**

Country of domicile	Applications		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
China	12,182	11.2	7,273	12.6
Hong Kong	6,454	5.9	3,916	6.8
Ireland	6,131	5.6	2,008	3.5
France	4,155	3.8	2,286	4.0
Malaysia	4,130	3.8	2,556	4.4
Singapore	3,835	3.5	1,769	3.1
India	3,602	3.3	1,447	2.5
Germany	3,596	3.3	1,851	3.2
United States of America	3,487	3.2	1,419	2.5
Cyprus (European Union)	3,409	3.1	2,350	4.1
Romania	2,835	2.6	1,738	3.0
Italy	2,686	2.5	1,346	2.3
Greece	2,535	2.3	1,562	2.7
Nigeria	2,473	2.3	1,273	2.2
Canada	2,451	2.3	1,076	1.9
Lithuania	2,411	2.2	1,271	2.2
Bulgaria	2,305	2.1	1,660	2.9
Norway	2,154	2.0	1,400	2.4
Pakistan	2,056	1.9	786	1.4
Poland	1,888	1.7	848	1.5
Spain	1,721	1.6	1,045	1.8
Sweden	1,555	1.4	738	1.3
Korea (South)	1,373	1.3	728	1.3
Saudi Arabia	1,306	1.2	556	1.0
Switzerland	1,002	0.9	604	1.1
Other EU	7,922	7.3	4,530	7.9
Other International	19,231	17.7	9,483	16.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>108,885</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>

This table lists the top 25 countries outside the UK submitting applications to HE nationally. The countries listed are based on applicants' Area of Permanent Residence (APR) code.



# 3 Applications and acceptances by UCAS tariff score

**Table 3.1 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by UCAS tariff scores and gender 2012**

Applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2012 admissions cycle

UCAS Tariff Score/A Level Grades	Applications						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
420 A*A*A*	1,938	34.2	1,146	25.7	3,084	30.5	956	67.9	641	50.2	1,597	59.5
400 A*A*A	1,161	20.5	1,010	22.7	2,171	21.5	284	20.2	350	27.4	634	23.6
380 A*A*B	57	1.0	50	1.1	107	1.1	4	0.3	7	0.5	11	0.4
380 A*AA	1,089	19.2	1,006	22.6	2,095	20.7	139	9.9	233	18.3	372	13.9
360	776	13.7	671	15.1	1,447	14.3	22	1.6	42	3.3	64	2.4
340	322	5.7	311	7.0	633	6.3	1	0.1	3	0.2	4	0.1
320	165	2.9	128	2.9	293	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
300	71	1.3	80	1.8	151	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
280	34	0.6	22	0.5	56	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
260	25	0.4	17	0.4	42	0.4	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
240	8	0.1	5	0.1	13	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
220	4	0.1	2	0.0	6	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
200	7	0.1	3	0.1	10	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
180	2	0.0	2	0.0	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
160	3	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
140	1	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
120	0	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,663</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,683</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\* = 140, A = 120, B = 100, C = 80, D = 60, E = 40 and where at AS Level A = 60, B = 50, C = 40, D = 30, E = 20. More information about the UCAS tariff is available at:

[www.ucas.com/students/ucas\\_tariff/](http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/).

**Table 3.2 UK domiciled acceptances nationally by UCAS tariff scores and gender 2012**  
**[Source: UCAS]**

UCAS Tariff Score	Three A Levels			Four A Levels			Five or more A Levels		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
540 and above	1,355	2,021	3,376	4,839	4,959	9,798	2,161	1,817	3,978
480 - 539	2,927	4,174	7,101	3,770	4,449	8,219	323	393	716
420 - 479	6,740	9,712	16,452	3,962	4,949	8,911	237	241	478
360 - 419	11,764	16,735	28,499	3,493	4,395	7,888	138	130	268
300 - 359	14,685	20,319	35,004	2,593	3,053	5,646	44	52	96
240 - 299	13,532	17,053	30,585	1,199	1,192	2,391	13	7	20
180 - 239	6,407	7,038	13,445	188	167	355	0	0	0
120 - 179	849	717	1,566	3	0	3	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58,259</b>	<b>77,769</b>	<b>136,028</b>	<b>20,047</b>	<b>23,164</b>	<b>43,211</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>5,556</b>

In this table the data includes UCAS tariff scores for students accepted to degree courses taking three, four, and five or more A Level subjects, including General Studies and Critical Thinking. Please note that other qualifications students may have taken such as AS Levels, Key Skills qualifications, free-standing Mathematics units, and various other qualifications are included for scoring purposes. Briefly, the UCAS tariff scoring system includes the following:

A Level: A\* = 140, A = 120, B = 100, C = 80, D = 60, E = 40

AS Level: A = 60, B = 50, C = 40, D = 30, E = 20

Key Skills qualification: Level 4 = 30, Level 3 = 20, Level 2 = 10

Free standing Mathematics units: A = 20, B = 17, C = 13, D = 10, E = 7

More information about the UCAS tariff is available at: [www.ucas.com/students/ucas\\_tariff/](http://www.ucas.com/students/ucas_tariff/).

# 4 Applications and acceptances by subject

**Table 4.1 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2012**

Degree programme	Applications		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>					
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	57	0.4	25	0.7	43.9
Archaeology & Anthropology*	140	0.9	56	1.6	40.0
Architecture	456	2.9	45	1.3	9.9
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	135	0.9	41	1.2	30.4
Classics	153	1.0	71	2.1	46.4
Classics (4 years)	40	0.3	14	0.4	35.0
Economics	1,328	8.5	171	5.0	12.9
Education	75	0.5	29	0.8	38.7
English	743	4.7	210	6.1	28.3
Geography	262	1.7	101	2.9	38.5
History	591	3.8	199	5.8	33.7
History of Art	104	0.7	26	0.8	25.0
Human, Social, & Political Sciences*	-	-	14	0.4	-
Land Economy	228	1.5	48	1.4	21.1
Law	1,021	6.5	215	6.3	21.1
Linguistics	91	0.6	34	1.0	37.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	476	3.0	178	5.2	37.4
Music	142	0.9	53	1.5	37.3
Philosophy	245	1.6	48	1.4	19.6
Politics, Psychology & Sociology*	669	4.3	104	3.0	15.5
Theology & Religious Studies	105	0.7	43	1.3	41.0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>
<b>Sciences</b>					
Computer Science	394	2.5	84	2.4	21.3
Engineering	1,862	11.9	331	9.6	17.8
Mathematics	1,382	8.8	253	7.4	18.3
Medicine	1,639	10.4	280	8.1	17.1
Medicine Graduate Course	258	1.6	22	0.6	8.5
Natural Sciences	2,670	17.0	675	19.6	25.3
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences*	-	-	1	0.0	-
Veterinary Medicine	435	2.8	66	1.9	15.2
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</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 and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects taken by the applicants involved.

\* Archaeology & Anthropology and Politics, Psychology & Sociology were discontinued in 2012. Two new courses were introduced for 2013 entry: Human, Social, & Political Sciences and Psychological & Behavioural Sciences. A total of 15 applicants were accepted for deferred entry to the new courses, having originally applied for one or other of the discontinued programmes.

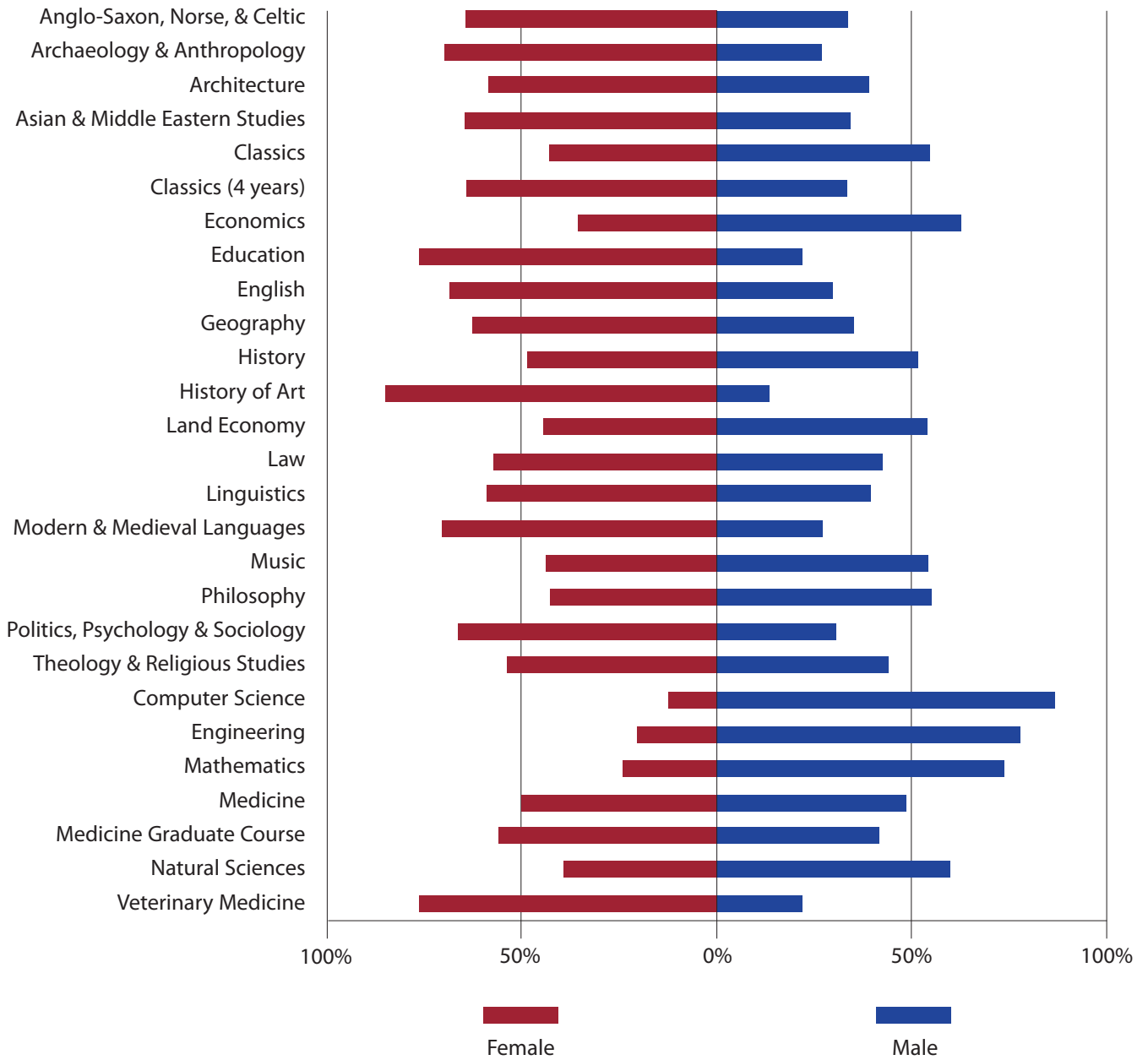
**Table 4.2 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2012**

Degree programme	Applications				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>								
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	20	35.1	37	64.9	8	32.0	17	68.0
Archaeology & Anthropology*	40	28.6	100	71.4	14	25.0	42	75.0
Architecture	185	40.6	271	59.4	13	28.9	32	71.1
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	46	34.1	89	65.9	14	34.1	27	65.9
Classics	86	56.2	67	43.8	32	45.1	39	54.9
Classics (4 years)	14	35.0	26	65.0	5	35.7	9	64.3
Economics	848	63.9	480	36.1	108	63.2	63	36.8
Education	17	22.7	58	77.3	5	17.2	24	82.8
English	231	31.1	512	68.9	64	30.5	146	69.5
Geography	95	36.3	167	63.7	33	32.7	68	67.3
History	302	51.1	289	48.9	102	51.3	97	48.7
History of Art	15	14.4	89	85.6	9	34.6	17	65.4
Human, Social, & Political Sciences*	-	-	-	-	7	50.0	7	50.0
Land Economy	126	55.3	102	44.7	24	50.0	24	50.0
Law	436	42.7	585	57.3	97	45.1	118	54.9
Linguistics	38	41.8	53	58.2	11	32.4	23	67.6
Modern & Medieval Languages	135	28.4	341	71.6	51	28.7	127	71.3
Music	79	55.6	63	44.4	34	64.2	19	35.8
Philosophy	138	56.3	107	43.7	22	45.8	26	54.2
Politics, Psychology & Sociology*	214	32.0	455	68.0	28	26.9	76	73.1
Theology & Religious Studies	47	44.8	58	55.2	17	39.5	26	60.5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>59.5</b>
<b>Sciences</b>								
Computer Science	346	87.8	48	12.2	73	86.9	11	13.1
Engineering	1,483	79.6	379	20.4	257	77.6	74	22.4
Mathematics	1,039	75.2	343	24.8	214	84.6	39	15.4
Medicine	809	49.4	830	50.6	148	52.9	132	47.1
Medicine Graduate Course	110	42.6	148	57.4	15	68.2	7	31.8
Natural Sciences	1,625	60.9	1,045	39.1	426	63.1	249	36.9
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences*	-	-	-	-	0	0.0	1	100.0
Veterinary Medicine	100	23.0	335	77.0	17	25.8	49	74.2
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,512</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>32.8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,624</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>46.2</b>

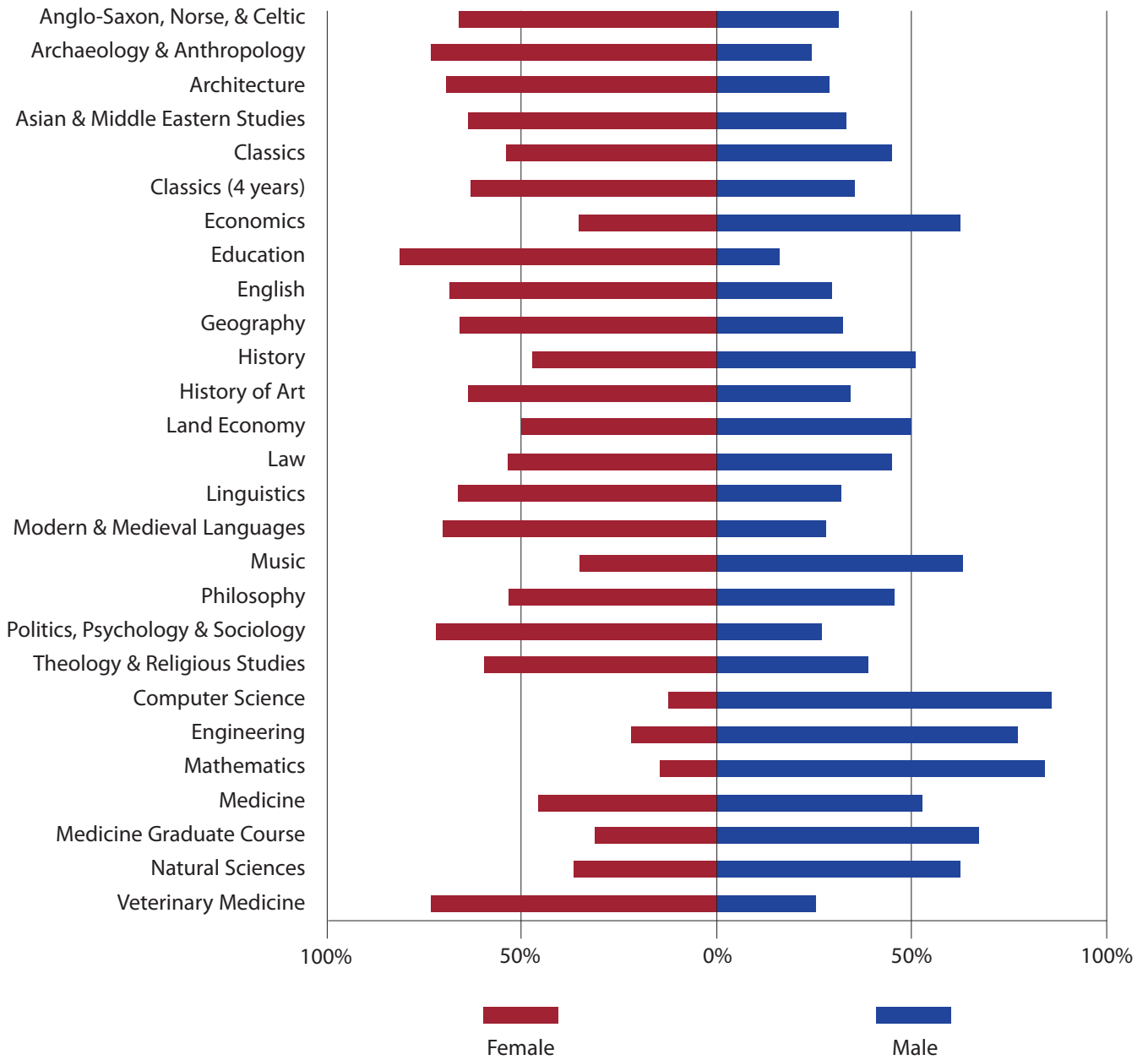
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### Applications by subject and gender 2012



### Acceptances by subject and gender 2012



**Table 4.3 Applications and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and school type 2012**

Degree programme	Applications			Acceptances		
	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*	Home Maintained	Home Independent	All Others*
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>						
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	22	17	18	13	9	3
Archaeology & Anthropology‡	51	33	56	24	20	12
Architecture	150	66	240	25	9	11
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	40	38	57	12	17	12
Classics	29	113	11	11	53	7
Classics (4 years)	19	2	19	9	2	3
Economics	331	181	816	58	41	72
Education	29	12	34	12	8	9
English	375	216	152	114	75	21
Geography	115	98	49	53	35	13
History	295	173	123	112	73	14
History of Art	24	44	36	9	14	3
Human, Social, & Political Sciences‡	-	-	-	3	6	5
Land Economy	42	45	141	18	8	22
Law	323	85	613	106	30	79
Linguistics	37	17	37	15	7	12
Modern & Medieval Languages	222	165	89	91	60	27
Music	58	51	33	22	29	2
Philosophy	115	64	66	22	19	7
Politics, Psychology & Sociology‡	196	102	371	50	22	32
Theology & Religious Studies	41	51	13	19	21	3
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Sciences</b>						
Computer Science	140	29	225	31	15	38
Engineering	558	261	1,043	126	74	131
Mathematics	751	114	517	117	41	95
Medicine	610	303	726	149	85	46
Medicine Graduate Course†	14	5	239	5	0	17
Natural Sciences	1,148	416	1,106	341	148	186
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences‡	-	-	-	0	1	0
Veterinary Medicine	215	69	151	43	11	12
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>4,007</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>894</b>

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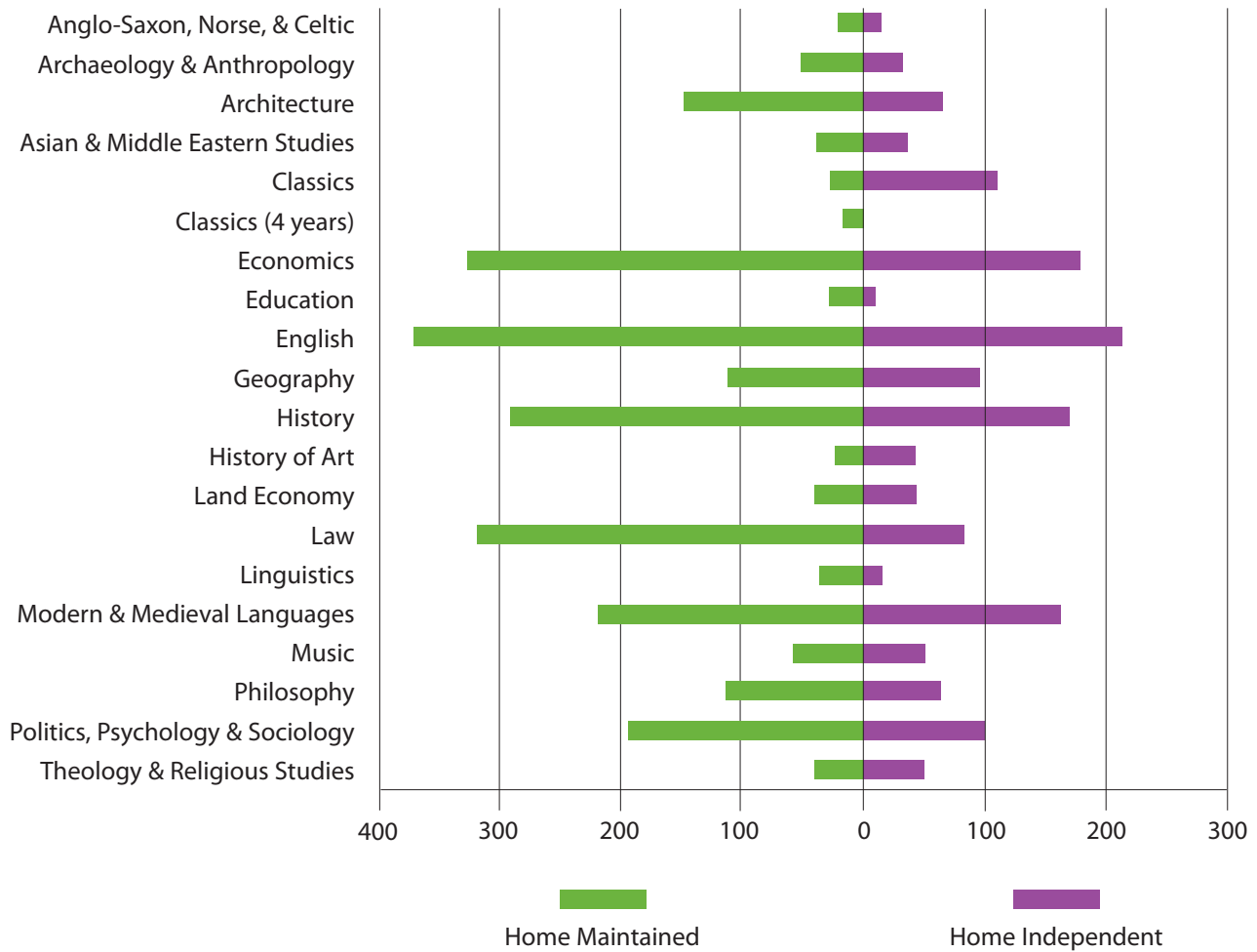
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† While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above.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

‡ Archaeology & Anthropology and Politics, Psychology & Sociology were discontinued in 2012. Two new courses were introduced for 2013 entry: Human, Social, & Political Sciences and Psychological & Behavioural Sciences. A total of 15 applicants were accepted for deferred entry to the new courses, having originally applied for one or other of the discontinued programmes. These acceptances are recorded in this table for completeness but omitted from the charts that follow as their number is so small.

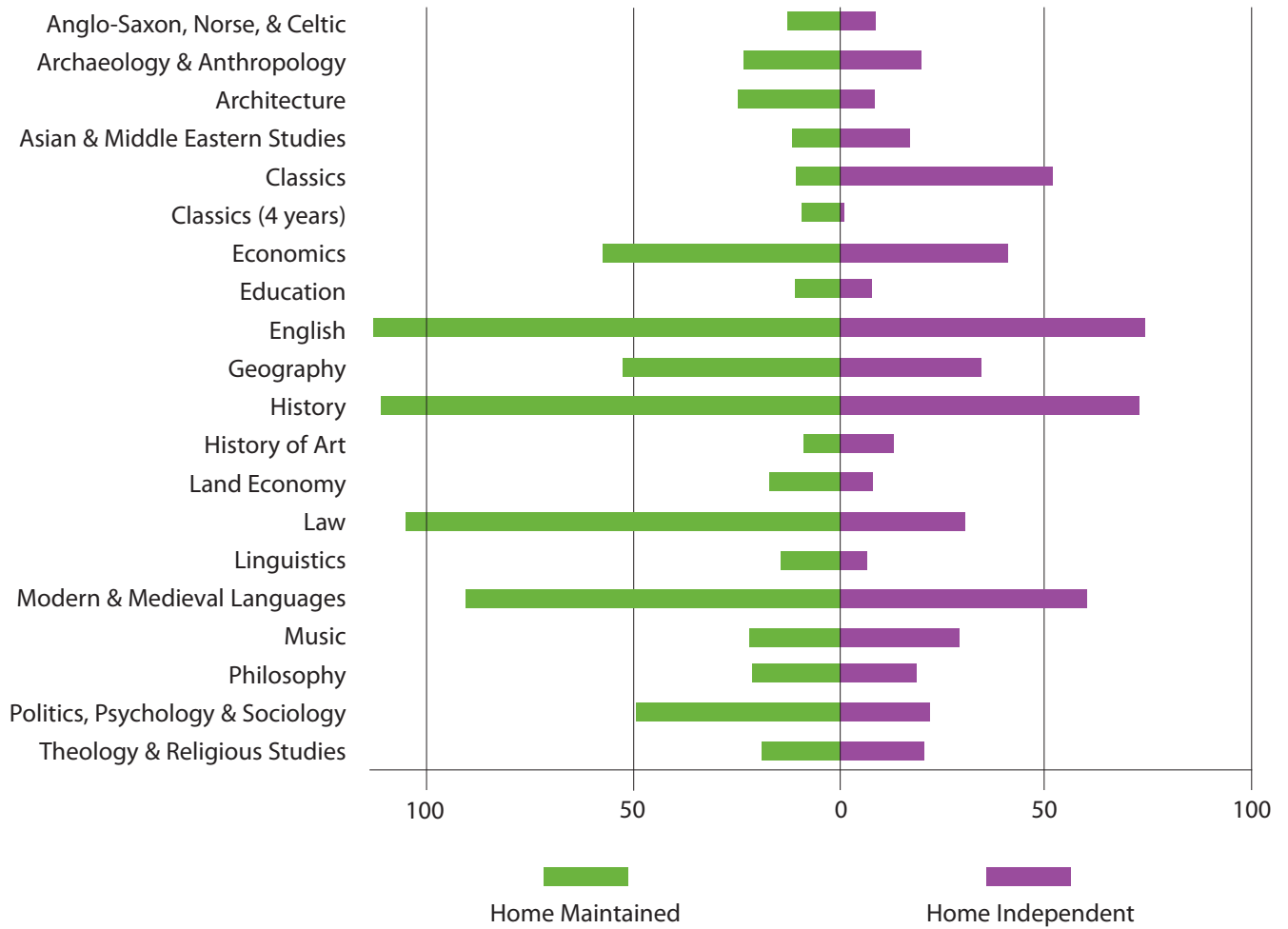
## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2012



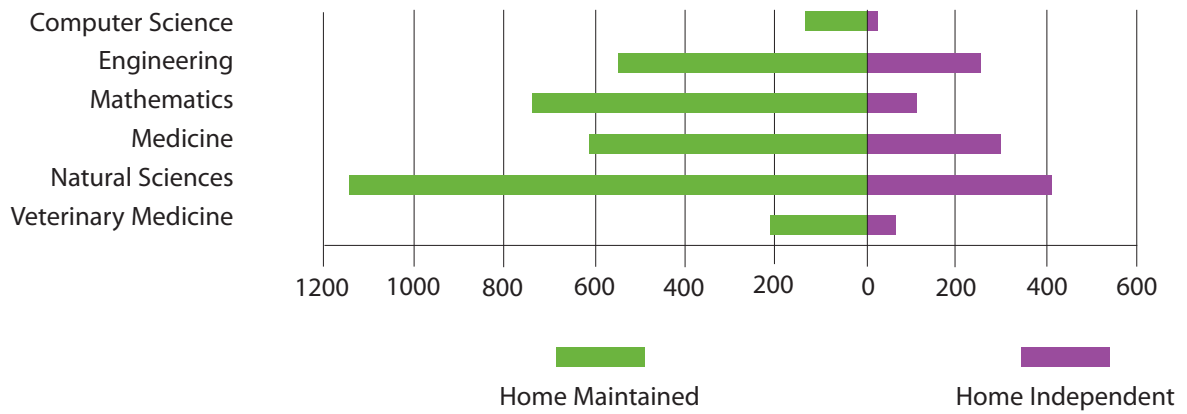


### Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2012

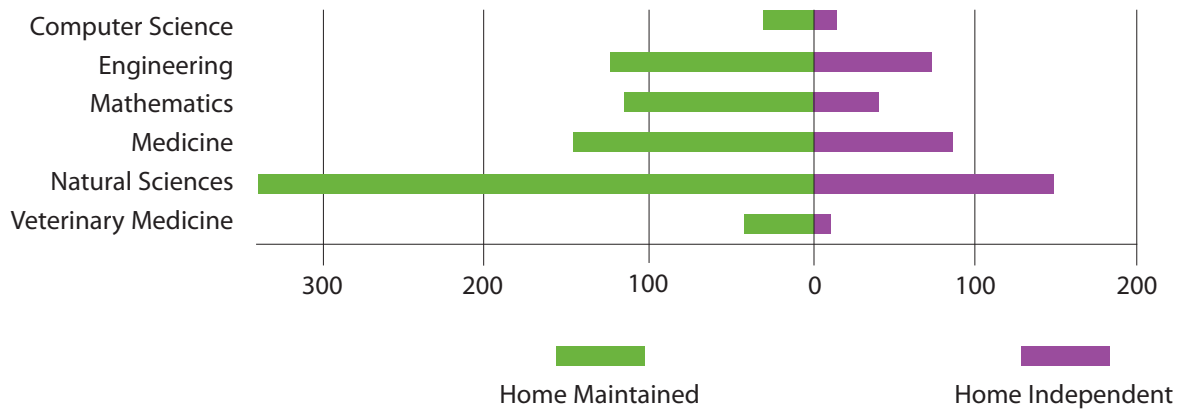


## Sciences

**Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2012**



**Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2012**



# 5 Applications and acceptances by College

**Table 5.1 Proportion of Home applications and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by College 2012**

College	Applications	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	451	72.5	99	70.7
Churchill	350	80.0	89	61.8
Clare	573	64.4	134	67.2
Corpus Christi	200	62.0	68	61.8
Downing	548	64.2	97	62.9
Emmanuel	503	69.0	126	63.5
Fitzwilliam	260	71.9	95	51.6
Girton	261	74.7	119	68.9
Gonville and Caius	393	61.3	134	62.7
Homerton	196	70.4	119	65.5
Hughes Hall*	32	81.3	7	71.4
Jesus	554	63.0	127	63.0
King's	417	82.7	88	76.1
Lucy Cavendish*	39	87.2	9	88.9
Magdalene	237	64.6	77	54.5
Murray Edwards	120	79.2	77	62.3
Newnham	167	80.8	79	60.8
Pembroke	505	68.3	98	64.3
Peterhouse	155	59.4	56	57.1
Queens'	412	68.7	106	68.9
Robinson	222	70.7	97	55.7
St Catharine's	378	61.9	103	66.0
St Edmund's*	25	100.0	4	100.0
St John's	383	56.7	117	62.4
Selwyn	333	67.9	100	67.0
Sidney Sussex	306	69.3	86	61.6
Trinity	383	63.7	128	50.8
Trinity Hall	288	65.6	90	63.3
Wolfson*	29	100.0	13	92.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,720</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>2,543†</b>	<b>63.3</b>

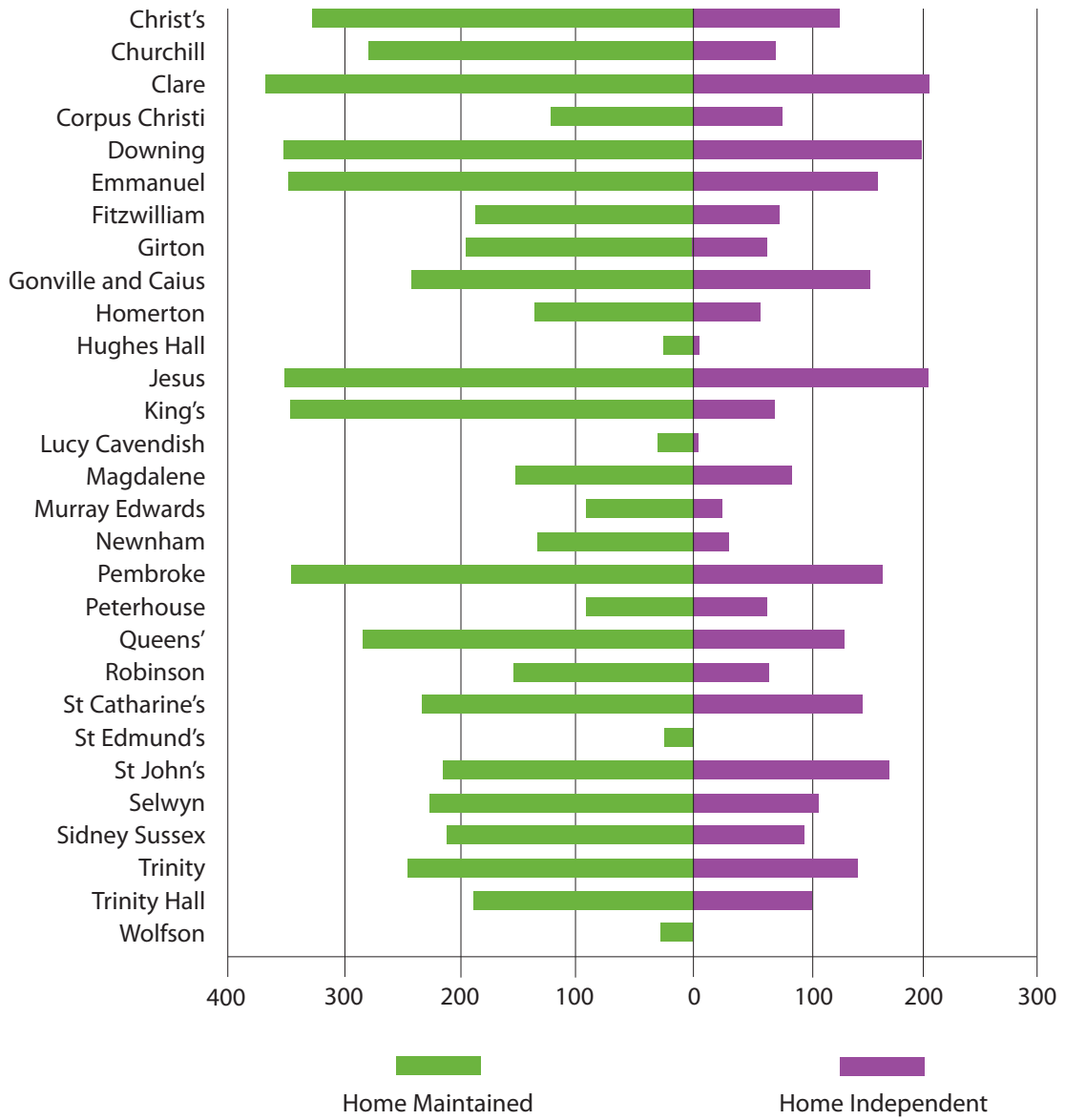
The College of application in the data above is defined as the applicant's first choice College (or, in the case of an open applicant, the College to which the applicant was allocated) regardless of subsequent transfers through the pools.

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.

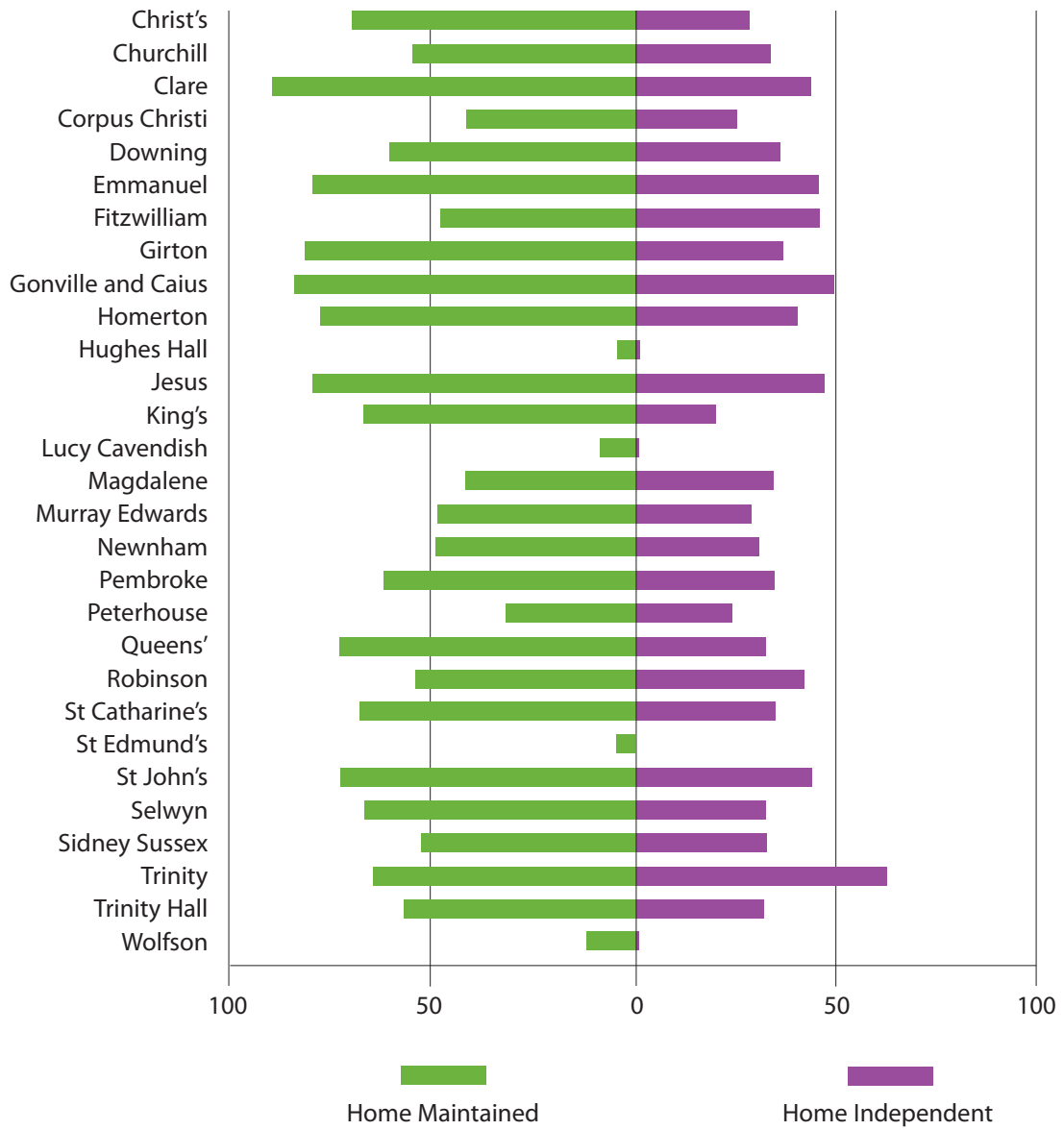
\* The majority of applicants to the four Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or two applicants can have a disproportionate effect on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

† One Home acceptance was made an open offer for deferred entry in 2013 and has not yet been allocated to a College. Therefore, the total in this column exceeds the sum of College acceptances.

### Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2012



### Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2012



# 6 Applicants and acceptances by age

**Table 6.1 Applicants and acceptances to Cambridge by age\* 2012**

Age	Applicants		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	571	3.6	75	2.2	13.1
18	9,298	59.3	2,274	66.2	24.5
19	3,675	23.4	789	23.0	21.5
20	797	5.1	116	3.4	14.6
21	438	2.8	80	2.3	18.3
22	226	1.4	30	0.9	13.3
23	144	0.9	20	0.6	13.9
24	101	0.6	14	0.4	13.9
25-29	250	1.6	20	0.6	8.0
30-39	126	0.8	13	0.4	10.3
40 and over	66	0.4	6	0.2	9.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</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.

**Table 6.2 Applicants and acceptances nationally by age 2012<sup>†</sup> [Source: UCAS]**

Age	Applicants		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
Under 18	14,770	2.3	8,989	1.9
18	264,436	40.5	206,788	44.5
19	138,619	21.2	105,077	22.6
20	60,084	9.2	42,274	9.1
21	34,583	5.3	22,483	4.8
22	23,106	3.5	13,960	3.0
23	16,743	2.6	9,668	2.1
24	12,897	2.0	7,166	1.5
25-29	36,396	5.6	20,056	4.3
30-39	33,934	5.2	18,333	3.9
40 and over	18,069	2.8	10,116	2.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>653,637</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>464,910</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>†</sup> expected age on 30 September 2012

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.

# 7 Applicants and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR2 quintile)

**Table 7.1 Home applicants and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR2 quintile 2012**

POLAR2 quintile	Applicants		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	4,251	46.5	1,366	52.7	32.1
4	2,187	23.9	608	23.4	27.8
3	1,422	15.6	343	13.2	24.1
2	788	8.6	169	6.5	21.4
1	418	4.6	93	3.6	22.2
Unknown	76	0.8	14	0.5	18.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,142</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28.4</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.

POLAR2 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 POLAR2 is available at: [www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/wp/ourresearch/polar/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/wp/ourresearch/polar/).

**Table 7.2 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by POLAR2 quintile 2012**  
[Source: UCAS]

POLAR2 quintile	Applicants		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
5	145,075	26.6	112,986	27.7
4	119,091	21.9	90,310	22.2
3	108,622	19.9	80,148	19.7
2	94,393	17.3	68,508	16.8
1	72,102	13.2	51,418	12.6
Unknown	5,469	1.0	4,021	1.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>544,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>407,391</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## 8 Applicants and acceptances by ethnicity

**Table 8.1 Home applicants and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic origin and gender 2012**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Success rate (%)
Black Caribbean	11	26	37	0.4	1	6	7	0.3	18.9
Black African	67	72	139	1.5	10	9	19	0.7	13.7
Black Other	7	7	14	0.2	1	1	2	0.1	14.3
Indian	256	159	415	4.5	63	38	101	3.9	24.3
Pakistani	74	41	115	1.3	12	6	18	0.7	15.7
Bangladeshi	42	23	65	0.7	7	4	11	0.4	16.9
Chinese	119	119	238	2.6	31	42	73	2.8	30.7
Asian Other	79	63	142	1.6	16	10	26	1.0	18.3
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	22	19	41	0.4	4	3	7	0.3	17.1
Mixed White and Black African	23	16	39	0.4	4	3	7	0.3	17.9
Mixed White and Asian	117	113	230	2.5	42	39	81	3.1	35.2
Mixed Other	59	59	118	1.3	15	22	37	1.4	31.4
Other	73	46	119	1.3	19	12	31	1.2	26.1
Unknown	277	189	466	5.1	17	8	25	1.0	5.4
White	3,835	3,129	6,964	76.2	1,101	1,047	2,148	82.8	30.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>9,142</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>28.4</b>

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**Table 8.2 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by ethnic origin and gender 2012 [Source: UCAS]**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Acceptances			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
Black Caribbean	3,179	6,285	9,464	1.7	2,400	4,187	6,587	1.6
Black African	14,820	20,969	35,789	6.6	10,118	12,547	22,665	5.6
Black Other	827	1,394	2,221	0.4	610	932	1,542	0.4
Indian	8,740	9,319	18,059	3.3	6,842	7,228	14,070	3.5
Pakistani	8,675	9,249	17,924	3.3	6,513	6,761	13,274	3.3
Bangladeshi	3,029	3,211	6,240	1.1	2,335	2,486	4,821	1.2
Chinese	2,007	2,156	4,163	0.8	1,626	1,702	3,328	0.8
Asian Other	4,891	5,192	10,083	1.9	3,555	3,513	7,068	1.7
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	2,194	3,512	5,706	1.0	1,708	2,475	4,183	1.0
Mixed White and Black African	1,108	1,400	2,508	0.5	823	1,003	1,826	0.4
Mixed White and Asian	2,733	3,131	5,864	1.1	2,188	2,443	4,631	1.1
Mixed Other	2,241	3,339	5,580	1.0	1,712	2,469	4,181	1.0
Other	3,884	4,275	8,159	1.5	2,850	3,051	5,901	1.4
Unknown	3,116	2,893	6,009	1.1	2,533	2,236	4,769	1.2
White	171,908	235,075	406,983	74.7	135,175	173,370	308,545	75.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>233,352</b>	<b>311,400</b>	<b>544,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>180,988</b>	<b>226,403</b>	<b>407,391</b>	<b>100.0</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.



## 9 Applicants and acceptances by disability

**Table 9.1 Applicants and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2012**

Disability	Applicants		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	69	0.4	20	0.6	29.0
Blind or partially sighted	19	0.1	6	0.2	31.6
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	13	0.1	2	0.1	15.4
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	76	0.5	14	0.4	18.4
Mental health condition	73	0.5	14	0.4	19.2
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	356	2.3	79	2.3	22.2
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	18	0.1	2	0.1	11.1
Other disability or medical condition	117	0.7	26	0.8	22.2
Two or more of the above	50	0.3	11	0.3	22.0
No disability declared	14,901	95.0	3,263	94.9	21.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</b>

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**Table 9.2 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by disability 2012**

[Source: UCAS]

Disability	Applicants		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	2,073	0.4	1,656	0.4
Blind or partially sighted	561	0.1	428	0.1
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	909	0.2	641	0.2
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	4,251	0.8	3,012	0.7
Mental health condition	4,188	0.8	2,847	0.7
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	21,541	4.0	16,019	3.9
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	1,283	0.2	952	0.2
Other disability or medical condition	4,418	0.8	3,349	0.8
Two or more of the above	1,444	0.3	1,038	0.3
No disability declared	504,084	92.5	377,449	92.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>544,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>407,391</b>	<b>100.0</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.

# 10 The admissions process

**Table 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2012**

Type of school/college	Applications		Winter Pooled	Offers		Summer Pooled	Acceptances	
	Direct	Open		Direct	via Winter Pool		by Offering College	via Summer Pool
Home Maintained	5,516	434	1,354	1,537	408	124	1,588	22
Home Independent	2,704	66	905	806	227	54	919	14
All Others*	5,547	1,434	1,225	952	211	68	875	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,767</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>55</b>

\* The 'All Others' category includes Home applicants not at UK schools and colleges and 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.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/ourdecision.html](http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/ourdecision.html).

## 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**.