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# Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

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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 2016 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2017 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2018. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 86 applicants (79 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 permanently resident in the UK. For more information about the UCAS application process please see: [wwwucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/ucas-undergraduate-apply-and-track](http://wwwucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/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/undergrad\\_admissions\\_statistics\\_2016\\_cycle.pdf](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/undergrad_admissions_statistics_2016_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 17,189 (*16,750*), an increase of 2.6%.
- The total number of offers is 4,485 (*4,307*), an increase of 4.1%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,497 (*3,457*), an increase of 1.2%.
- 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 64.1% (*62.5%*)  
Independent 35.9% (*37.5%*)

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

- Of those accepted, 96.7% (*97.0%*) 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 4,962 (*4,832*).

## **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 4.6% (*3.3%*).
- 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 11.5% (*10.6%*). In addition, 0.9% (*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 10.4% (*7.8%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.5%*) 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 and gender**

- The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 22.1% (*21.8%*). In addition, 0.9% (*0.7%*) 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 6.4% (*6.2%*).

# 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 2017**

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>3,873</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>7,159</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>
Comprehensive School	2,027	1,618	3,645	21.2	518	514	1,032	23.0	380	368	748	21.4	20.5
Grammar School	1,053	948	2,001	11.6	362	372	734	16.4	298	295	593	17.0	29.6
Sixth Form College	567	503	1,070	6.2	142	178	320	7.1	102	129	231	6.6	21.6
FE and Tertiary Colleges	226	217	443	2.6	42	44	86	1.9	30	31	61	1.7	13.8
<b>Independent</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>28.7</b>
Other and Overseas	270	312	582	3.4	26	57	83	1.9	16	47	63	1.8	10.8
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,888</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>10,938</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>23.9</b>
<b>Other applications</b>													
Maintained	33	37	70	0.4	4	6	10	0.2	4	5	9	0.3	12.9
Independent	406	401	807	4.7	97	92	189	4.2	84	70	154	4.4	19.1
Other and Overseas	2,933	2,441	5,374	31.3	527	431	958	21.4	410	312	722	20.6	13.4
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>2,879</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,260</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.3</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 **64.1%** (62.5% in the previous cycle)  
 Independent **35.9%** (37.5% 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 (2015-2017)**

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,180</b>
Comprehensive School	1,695	991	831
Grammar School	232	205	195
Sixth Form College	93	74	70
FE and Tertiary Colleges	221	100	84
<b>Independent</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,542</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.

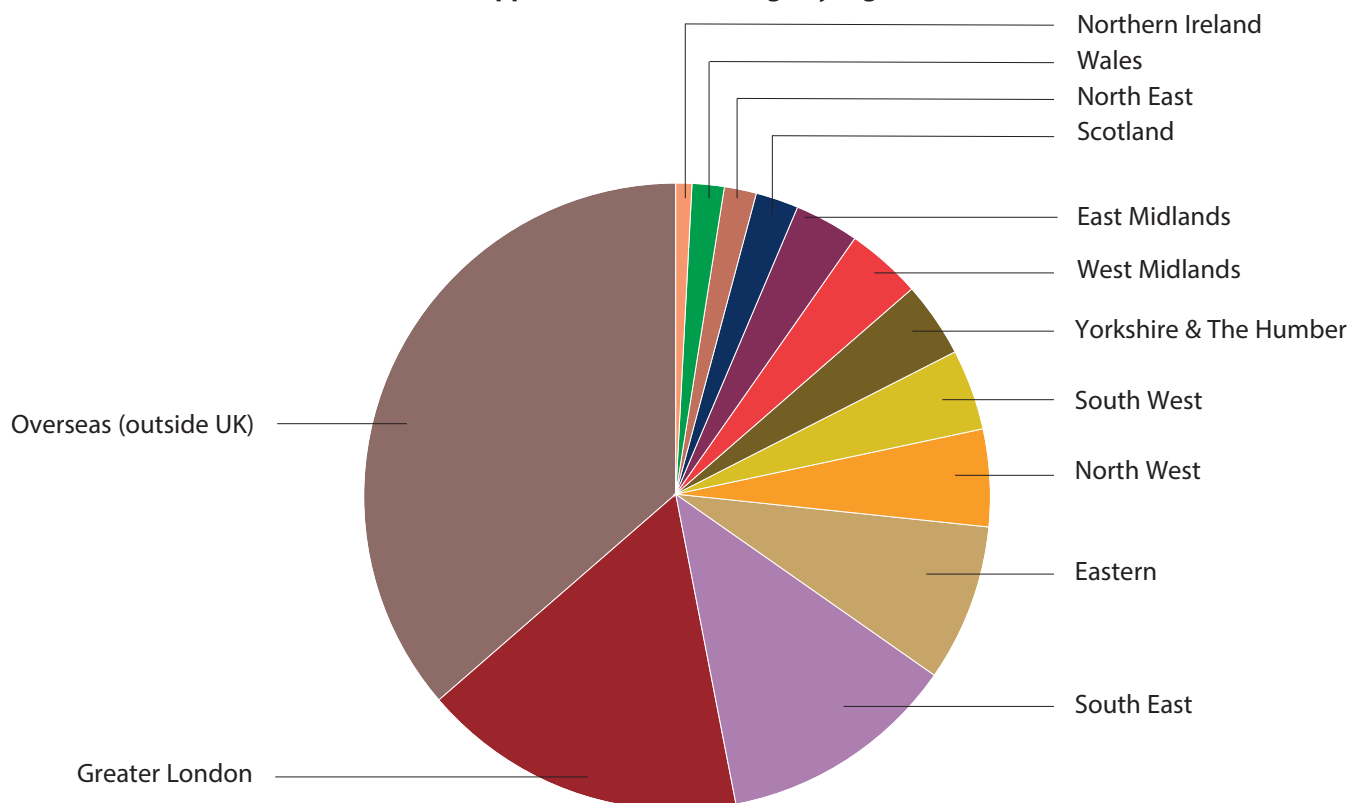
# 2 Applications, offers and acceptances by region

**Table 2.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by region 2017**

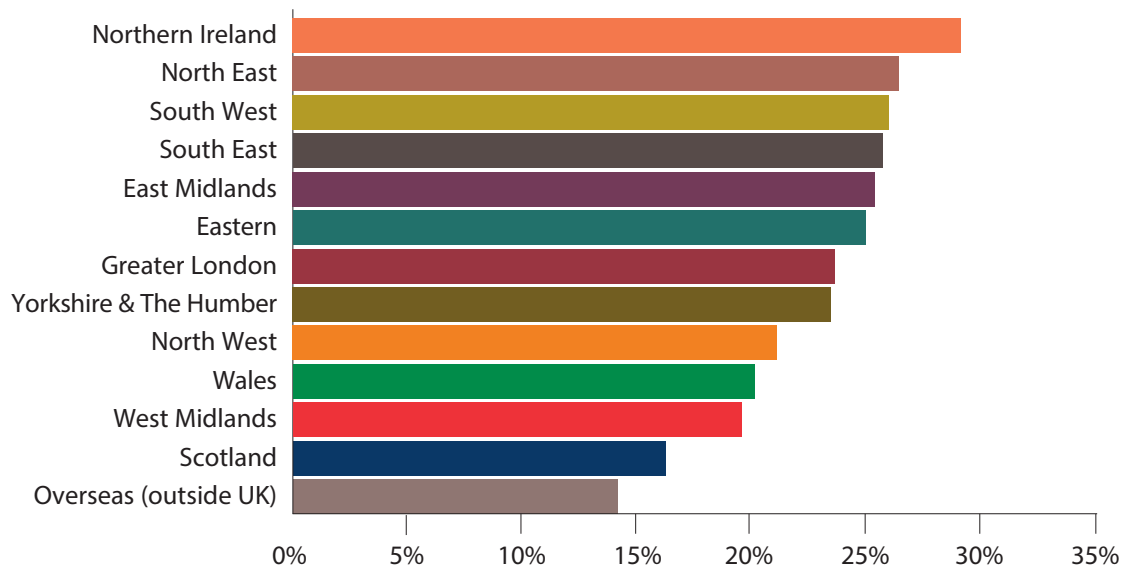
Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	154	0.9	53	1.2	45	1.3	29.2
Wales	297	1.7	76	1.7	60	1.7	20.2
North East	301	1.8	106	2.4	80	2.3	26.6
Scotland	355	2.1	83	1.9	58	1.7	16.3
East Midlands	604	3.5	187	4.2	154	4.4	25.5
West Midlands	631	3.7	169	3.8	124	3.5	19.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	682	4.0	217	4.8	160	4.6	23.5
South West	748	4.4	249	5.6	195	5.6	26.1
North West	825	4.8	232	5.2	175	5.0	21.2
Eastern	1,406	8.2	459	10.2	351	10.0	25.0
South East	2,096	12.2	663	14.8	539	15.4	25.7
Greater London	2,839	16.5	834	18.6	671	19.2	23.6
Overseas (outside UK)	6,251	36.4	1,157	25.8	885	25.3	14.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.3</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 2017**



Success rate by region 2017



**Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2017**

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	702	11.2	162	14.0	120	13.6	17.1
Hong Kong	548	8.8	111	9.6	91	10.3	16.6
Singapore	439	7.0	119	10.3	101	11.4	23.0
United States of America	302	4.8	56	4.8	26	2.9	8.6
Malaysia	287	4.6	48	4.1	43	4.9	15.0
France	268	4.3	37	3.2	31	3.5	11.6
Germany	232	3.7	40	3.5	30	3.4	12.9
Italy	230	3.7	21	1.8	18	2.0	7.8
India	189	3.0	26	2.2	12	1.4	6.3
Spain	157	2.5	14	1.2	12	1.4	7.6
Poland	137	2.2	28	2.4	21	2.4	15.3
Korea (South)	134	2.1	34	2.9	28	3.2	20.9
Romania	127	2.0	39	3.4	28	3.2	22.0
Ireland	126	2.0	15	1.3	12	1.4	9.5
Canada	122	2.0	13	1.1	9	1.0	7.4
Cyprus (European Union)	117	1.9	35	3.0	29	3.3	24.8
Pakistan	109	1.7	9	0.8	7	0.8	6.4
Netherlands	104	1.7	14	1.2	8	0.9	7.7
Hungary	103	1.6	30	2.6	28	3.2	27.2
Australia	99	1.6	21	1.8	16	1.8	16.2
Greece	96	1.5	23	2.0	19	2.1	19.8
Sweden	91	1.5	18	1.6	13	1.5	14.3
Belgium	87	1.4	15	1.3	12	1.4	13.8
Switzerland	74	1.2	13	1.1	7	0.8	9.5
United Arab Emirates	70	1.1	8	0.7	7	0.8	10.0
Other EU	440	7.0	81	7.0	63	7.1	14.3
Other International	861	13.8	127	11.0	94	10.6	10.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.2</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 2017**

Applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2017 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*	431	7.3	412	8.4	843	7.8	239	14.8	250	15.8	489	15.3	232	17.8	243	20.0	475	18.9
160 A*A*A	402	6.8	561	11.5	963	8.9	152	9.4	276	17.5	428	13.4	147	11.3	262	21.6	409	16.2
152 A*A*B	43	0.7	61	1.2	104	1.0	6	0.4	14	0.9	20	0.6	4	0.3	13	1.1	17	0.7
152 A*AA	347	5.9	555	11.4	902	8.4	113	7.0	188	11.9	301	9.4	101	7.7	174	14.3	275	10.9
144	284	4.8	450	9.2	734	6.8	58	3.6	130	8.2	188	5.9	23	1.8	50	4.1	73	2.9
136	195	3.3	302	6.2	497	4.6	21	1.3	50	3.2	71	2.2	1	0.1	3	0.2	4	0.2
128	100	1.7	181	3.7	281	2.6	11	0.7	20	1.3	31	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
120	47	0.8	104	2.1	151	1.4	5	0.3	3	0.2	8	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
112	18	0.3	56	1.1	74	0.7	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
104	19	0.3	26	0.5	45	0.4	1	0.1	3	0.2	4	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
96	4	0.1	14	0.3	18	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
88	2	0.0	11	0.2	13	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
80	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	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	1	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
56	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	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>1,894</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>49.7</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*	1,654	28.1	712	14.6	2,366	22.0	769	47.6	389	24.6	1,158	36.3	687	52.6	344	28.4	1,031	40.9
160 A*A*A	785	13.3	421	8.6	1,206	11.2	142	8.8	123	7.8	265	8.3	94	7.2	87	7.2	181	7.2
152 A*A*B	37	0.6	32	0.7	69	0.6	8	0.5	9	0.6	17	0.5	1	0.1	4	0.3	5	0.2
152 A*AA	571	9.7	374	7.6	945	8.8	50	3.1	73	4.6	123	3.9	15	1.1	28	2.3	43	1.7
144	422	7.2	246	5.0	668	6.2	19	1.2	28	1.8	47	1.5	1	0.1	5	0.4	6	0.2
136	226	3.8	166	3.4	392	3.6	14	0.9	10	0.6	24	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
128	154	2.6	96	2.0	250	2.3	4	0.2	9	0.6	13	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
120	55	0.9	41	0.8	96	0.9	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
112	34	0.6	22	0.4	56	0.5	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
104	18	0.3	18	0.4	36	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
96	12	0.2	6	0.1	18	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
88	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
80	9	0.2	7	0.1	16	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
72	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
64	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
56	0	0.0	1	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>3,988</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>50.3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,771</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,519</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/information-new-ucas-tariff-advisers](http://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/information-new-ucas-tariff-advisers).

# 4 Applications, offers and acceptances by subject

**Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2017**

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	49	0.3	27	0.6	19	0.5	38.8
Archaeology	56	0.3	36	0.8	26	0.7	46.4
Architecture	430	2.5	53	1.2	37	1.1	8.6
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	114	0.7	47	1.0	32	0.9	28.1
Classics	172	1.0	91	2.0	84	2.4	48.8
Classics (4 years)	50	0.3	26	0.6	18	0.5	36.0
Economics	1,005	5.8	182	4.1	155	4.4	15.4
Education	95	0.6	49	1.1	34	1.0	35.8
English	763	4.4	250	5.6	212	6.1	27.8
Geography	324	1.9	119	2.7	90	2.6	27.8
History	591	3.4	225	5.0	181	5.2	30.6
History & Modern Languages	77	0.4	21	0.5	20	0.6	26.0
History & Politics	195	1.1	57	1.3	40	1.1	20.5
History of Art	109	0.6	28	0.6	23	0.7	21.1
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	932	5.4	208	4.6	166	4.7	17.8
Land Economy	276	1.6	72	1.6	56	1.6	20.3
Law	1,161	6.8	275	6.1	219	6.3	18.9
Linguistics	96	0.6	39	0.9	33	0.9	34.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	404	2.4	207	4.6	180	5.1	44.6
Music	136	0.8	81	1.8	65	1.9	47.8
Philosophy	270	1.6	56	1.2	45	1.3	16.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	91	0.5	47	1.0	39	1.1	42.9
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>7,396</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>
<b>Sciences</b>							
Computer Science	867	5.0	131	2.9	105	3.0	12.1
Engineering	2,296	13.4	395	8.8	334	9.6	14.5
Mathematics	1,456	8.5	532	11.9	257	7.3	17.7
Medicine	1,341	7.8	292	6.5	257	7.3	19.2
Medicine Graduate Course	397	2.3	28	0.6	23	0.7	5.8
Natural Sciences	2,809	16.3	741	16.5	629	18.0	22.4
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	379	2.2	87	1.9	59	1.7	15.6
Veterinary Medicine	248	1.4	83	1.9	59	1.7	23.8
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.3</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 2017**

Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>												
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	21	42.9	28	57.1	7	25.9	20	74.1	5	26.3	14	73.7
Archaeology	14	25.0	42	75.0	9	25.0	27	75.0	6	23.1	20	76.9
Architecture	157	36.5	273	63.5	21	39.6	32	60.4	15	40.5	22	59.5
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	36	31.6	78	68.4	14	29.8	33	70.2	11	34.4	21	65.6
Classics	80	46.5	92	53.5	37	40.7	54	59.3	37	44.0	47	56.0
Classics (4 years)	14	28.0	36	72.0	8	30.8	18	69.2	6	33.3	12	66.7
Economics	678	67.5	327	32.5	119	65.4	63	34.6	105	67.7	50	32.3
Education	16	16.8	79	83.2	9	18.4	40	81.6	6	17.6	28	82.4
English	182	23.9	581	76.1	59	23.6	191	76.4	52	24.5	160	75.5
Geography	107	33.0	217	67.0	35	29.4	84	70.6	28	31.1	62	68.9
History	284	48.1	307	51.9	99	44.0	126	56.0	84	46.4	97	53.6
History & Modern Languages	28	36.4	49	63.6	10	47.6	11	52.4	10	50.0	10	50.0
History & Politics	94	48.2	101	51.8	26	45.6	31	54.4	16	40.0	24	60.0
History of Art	18	16.5	91	83.5	5	17.9	23	82.1	3	13.0	20	87.0
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	296	31.8	636	68.2	76	36.5	132	63.5	61	36.7	105	63.3
Land Economy	139	50.4	137	49.6	33	45.8	39	54.2	24	42.9	32	57.1
Law	476	41.0	685	59.0	113	41.1	162	58.9	89	40.6	130	59.4
Linguistics	31	32.3	65	67.7	14	35.9	25	64.1	11	33.3	22	66.7
Modern & Medieval Languages	141	34.9	263	65.1	86	41.5	121	58.5	74	41.1	106	58.9
Music	73	53.7	63	46.3	42	51.9	39	48.1	36	55.4	29	44.6
Philosophy	147	54.4	123	45.6	27	48.2	29	51.8	24	53.3	21	46.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	41	45.1	50	54.9	16	34.0	31	66.0	14	35.9	25	64.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>59.6</b>

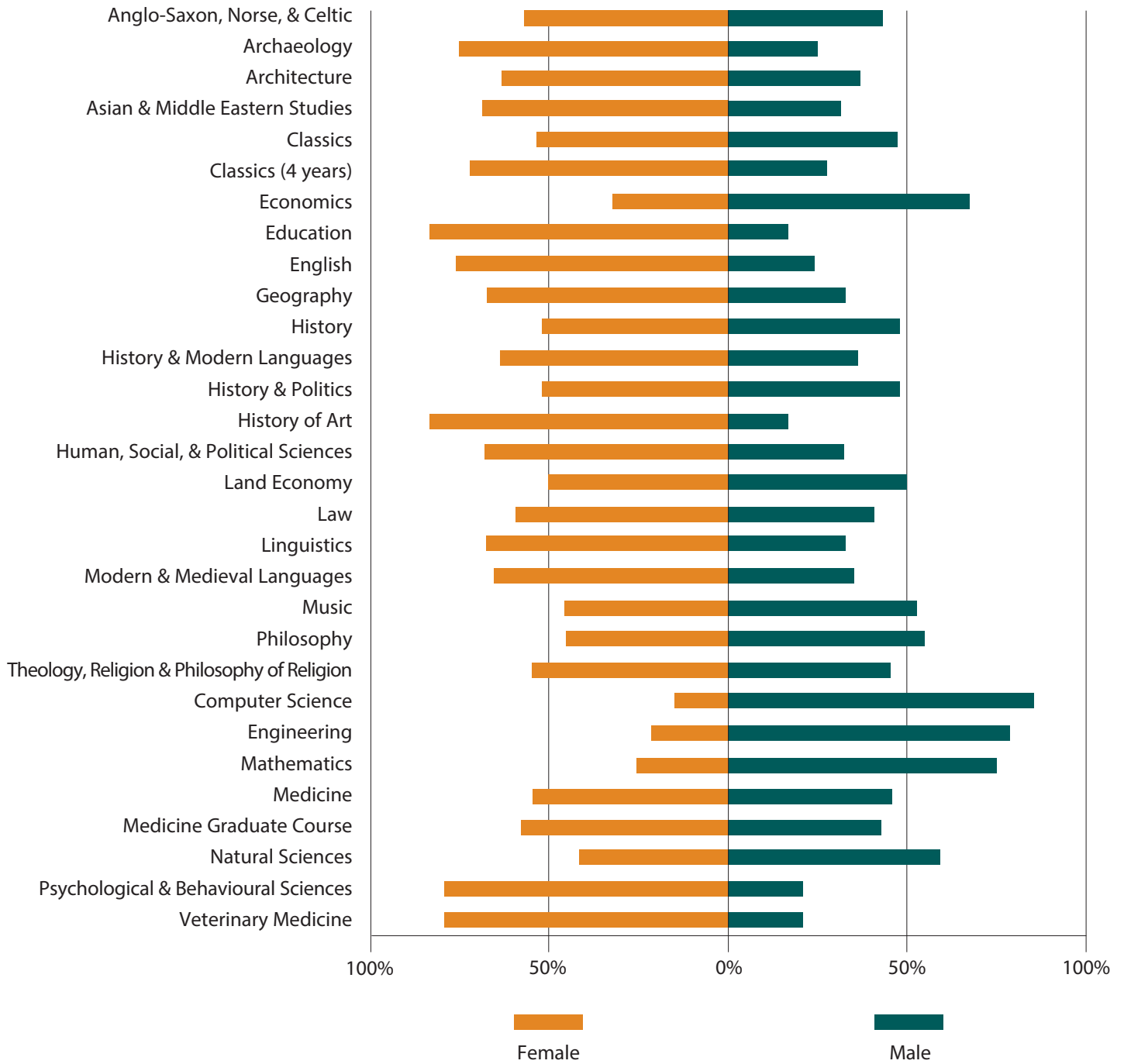
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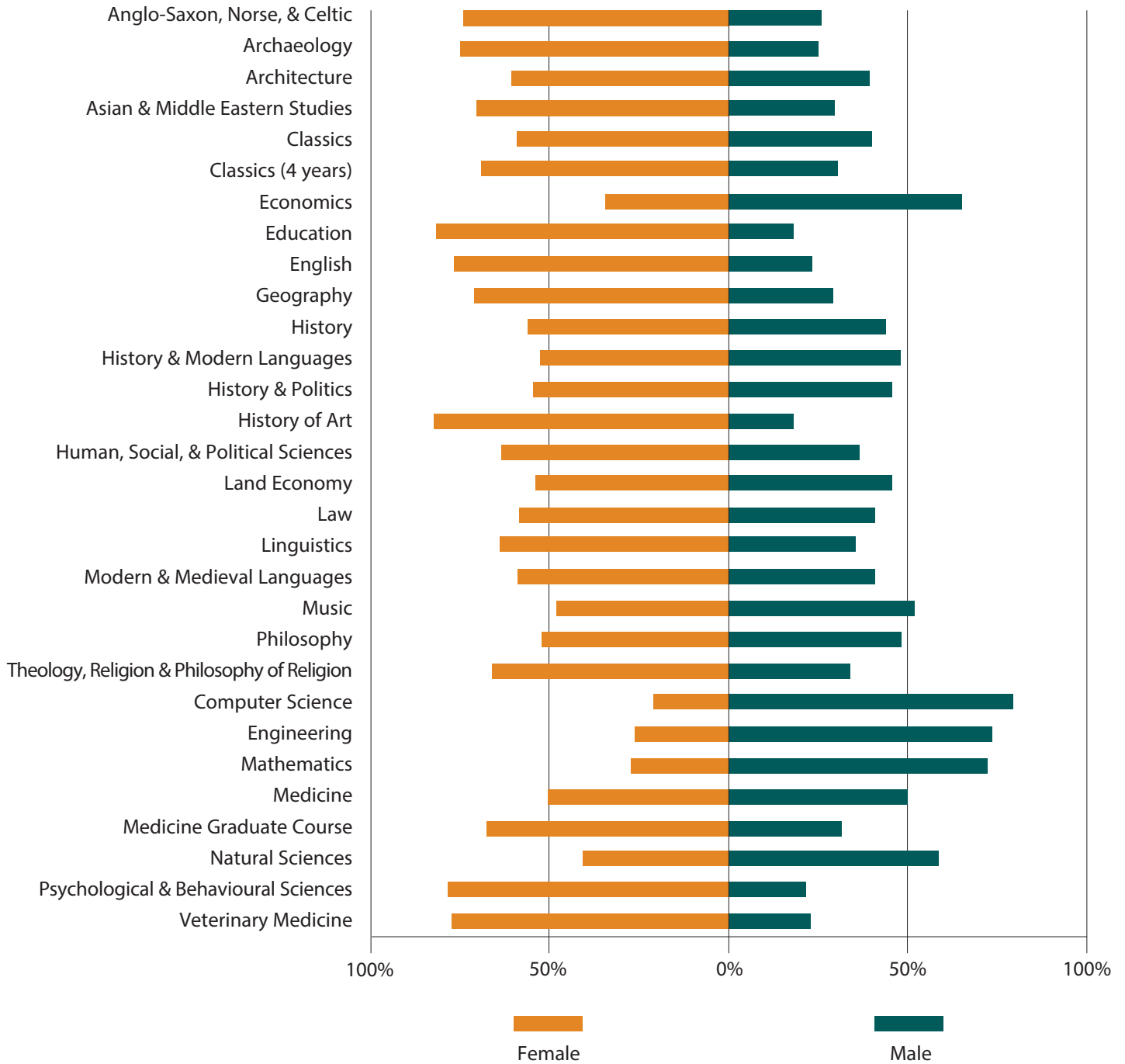
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Sciences</b>												
Computer Science	739	85.2	128	14.8	104	79.4	27	20.6	84	80.0	21	20.0
Engineering	1,796	78.2	500	21.8	293	74.2	102	25.8	250	74.9	84	25.1
Mathematics	1,086	74.6	370	25.4	387	72.7	145	27.3	215	83.7	42	16.3
Medicine	612	45.6	729	54.4	147	50.3	145	49.7	136	52.9	121	47.1
Medicine Graduate Course	168	42.3	229	57.7	9	32.1	19	67.9	5	21.7	18	78.3
Natural Sciences	1,655	58.9	1,154	41.1	438	59.1	303	40.9	387	61.5	242	38.5
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	79	20.8	300	79.2	19	21.8	68	78.2	12	20.3	47	79.7
Veterinary Medicine	52	21.0	196	79.0	19	22.9	64	77.1	12	20.3	47	79.7
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>36.1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,260</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>48.0</b>

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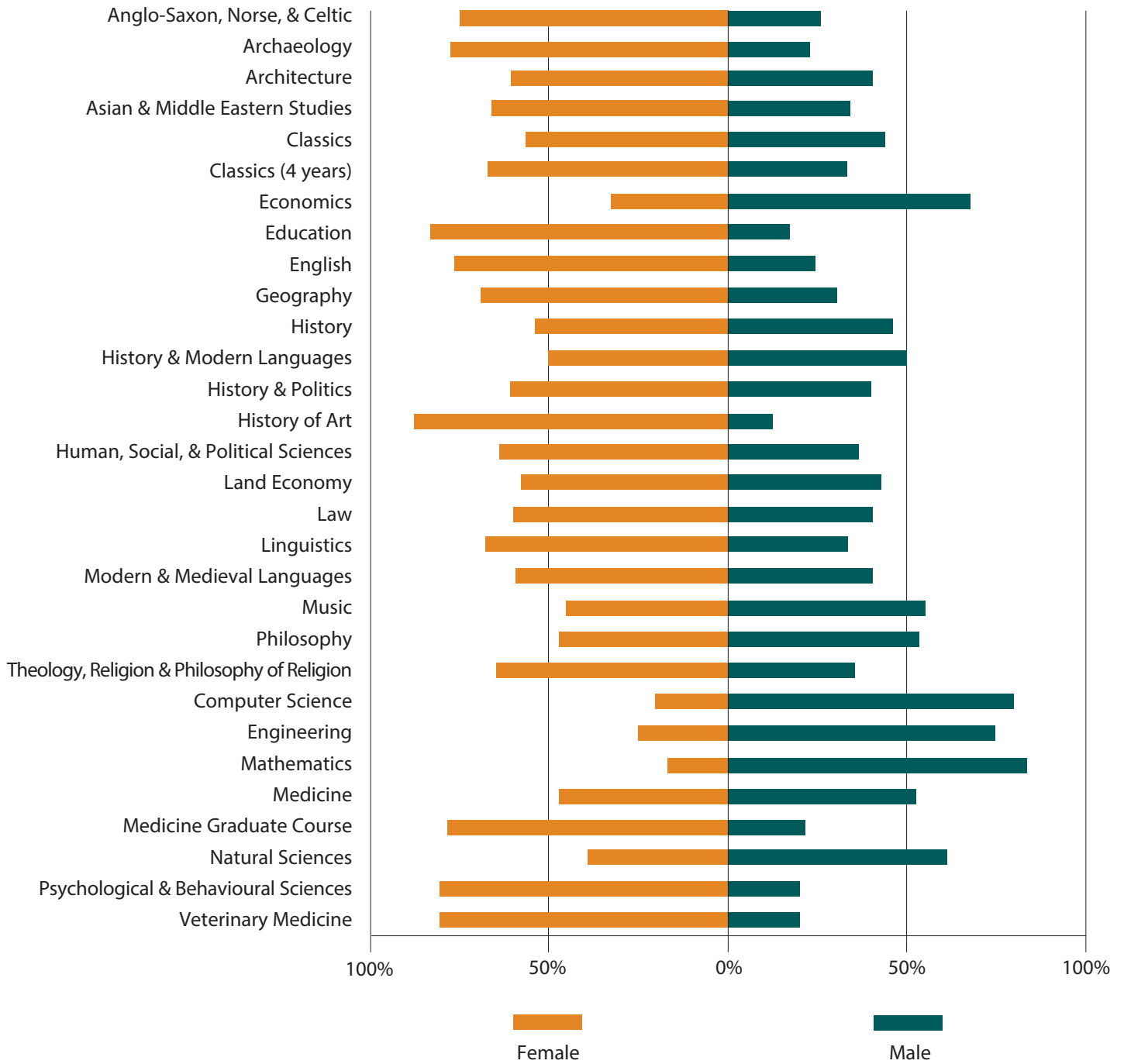
### Applications by subject and gender 2017



### Offers by subject and gender 2017



### Acceptances by subject and gender 2017





**Table 4.3 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and school type 2017**

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	27	11	11	18	6	3	13	3	3
Archaeology	30	13	13	19	11	6	13	9	4
Architecture	140	55	235	30	8	15	19	6	12
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	44	41	29	17	21	9	11	14	7
Classics	40	107	25	24	55	12	20	53	11
Classics (4 years)	32	6	12	17	3	6	12	3	3
Economics	290	177	538	69	46	67	62	42	51
Education	29	16	50	22	9	18	16	6	12
English	438	221	104	154	66	30	128	59	25
Geography	168	111	45	74	30	15	55	22	13
History	322	196	73	129	78	18	102	66	13
History & Modern Languages	35	27	15	9	11	1	9	10	1
History & Politics	102	47	46	38	10	9	24	8	8
History of Art	24	44	41	11	14	3	9	11	3
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	333	207	392	97	40	71	76	34	56
Land Economy	65	58	153	27	12	33	22	11	23
Law	436	113	612	105	36	134	75	26	118
Linguistics	51	13	32	21	7	11	16	7	10
Modern & Medieval Languages	205	167	32	122	78	7	102	73	5
Music	58	57	21	34	39	8	27	33	5
Philosophy	107	77	86	26	16	14	22	13	10
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	38	43	10	21	25	1	14	24	1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>394</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	354	87	426	58	13	60	45	13	47
Engineering	862	368	1,066	144	80	171	119	77	138
Mathematics	783	132	541	275	80	177	111	54	92
Medicine	512	244	585	150	89	53	131	77	49
Medicine Graduate Course†	9	8	380	0	1	27	0	1	22
Natural Sciences	1,310	467	1,032	357	161	223	307	145	177
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	185	51	143	48	12	27	31	7	21
Veterinary Medicine	130	33	85	56	16	11	42	9	8
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>554</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,159</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>6,833</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>948</b>

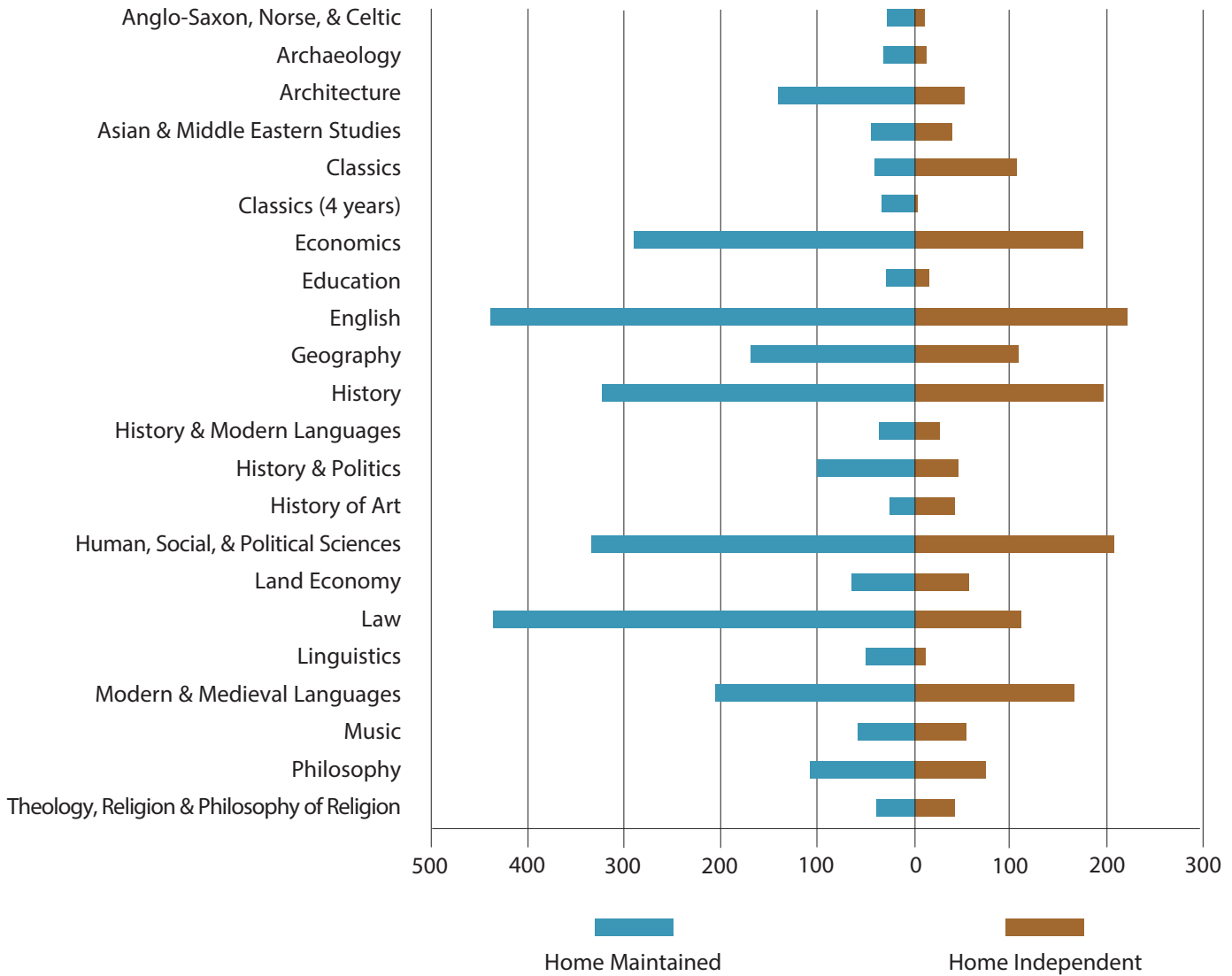
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\* The 'All Others' category includes Home applicants not at UK schools and colleges and all other applicants at any type of institution.

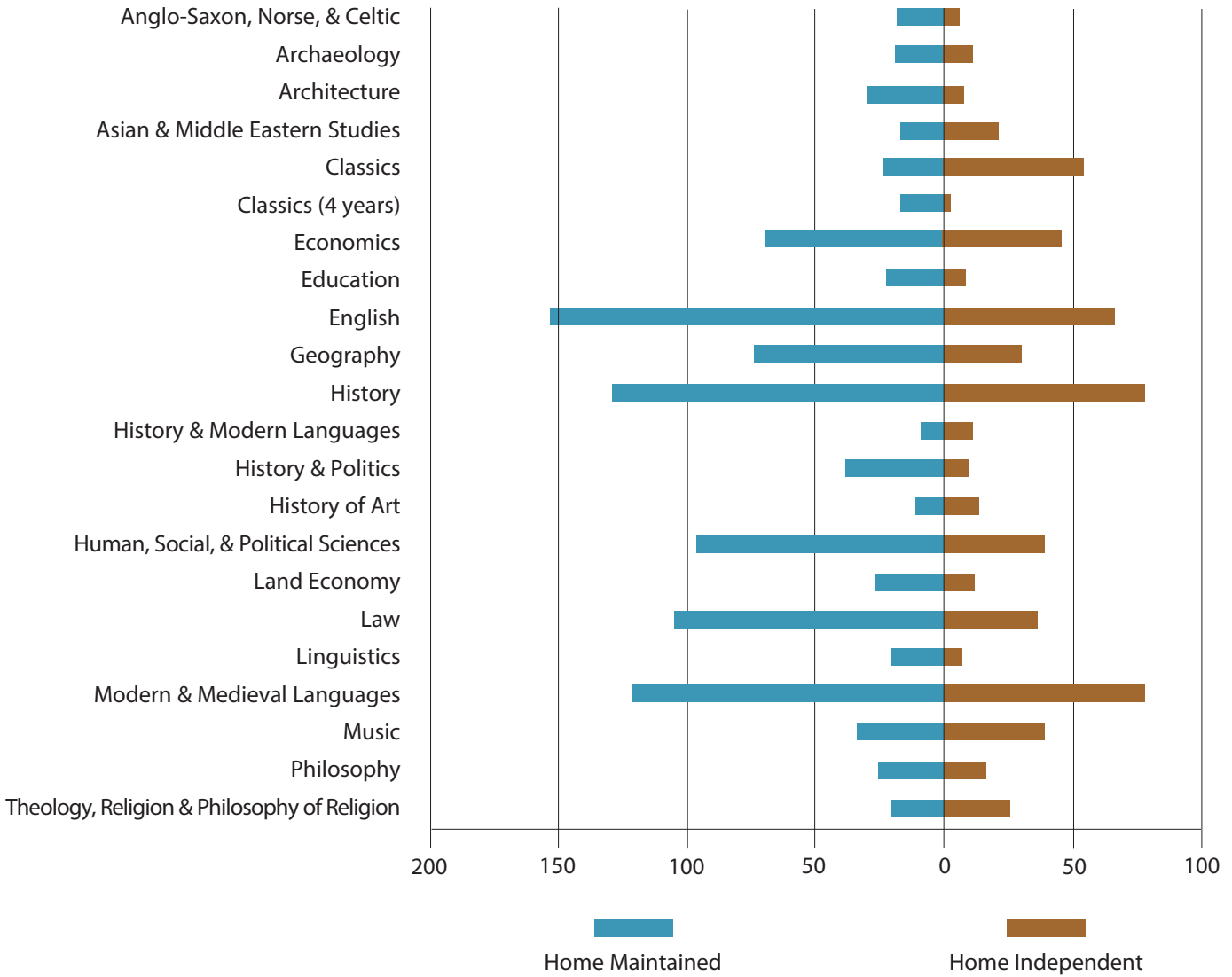
† While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above. Such applicants are recorded in this table for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

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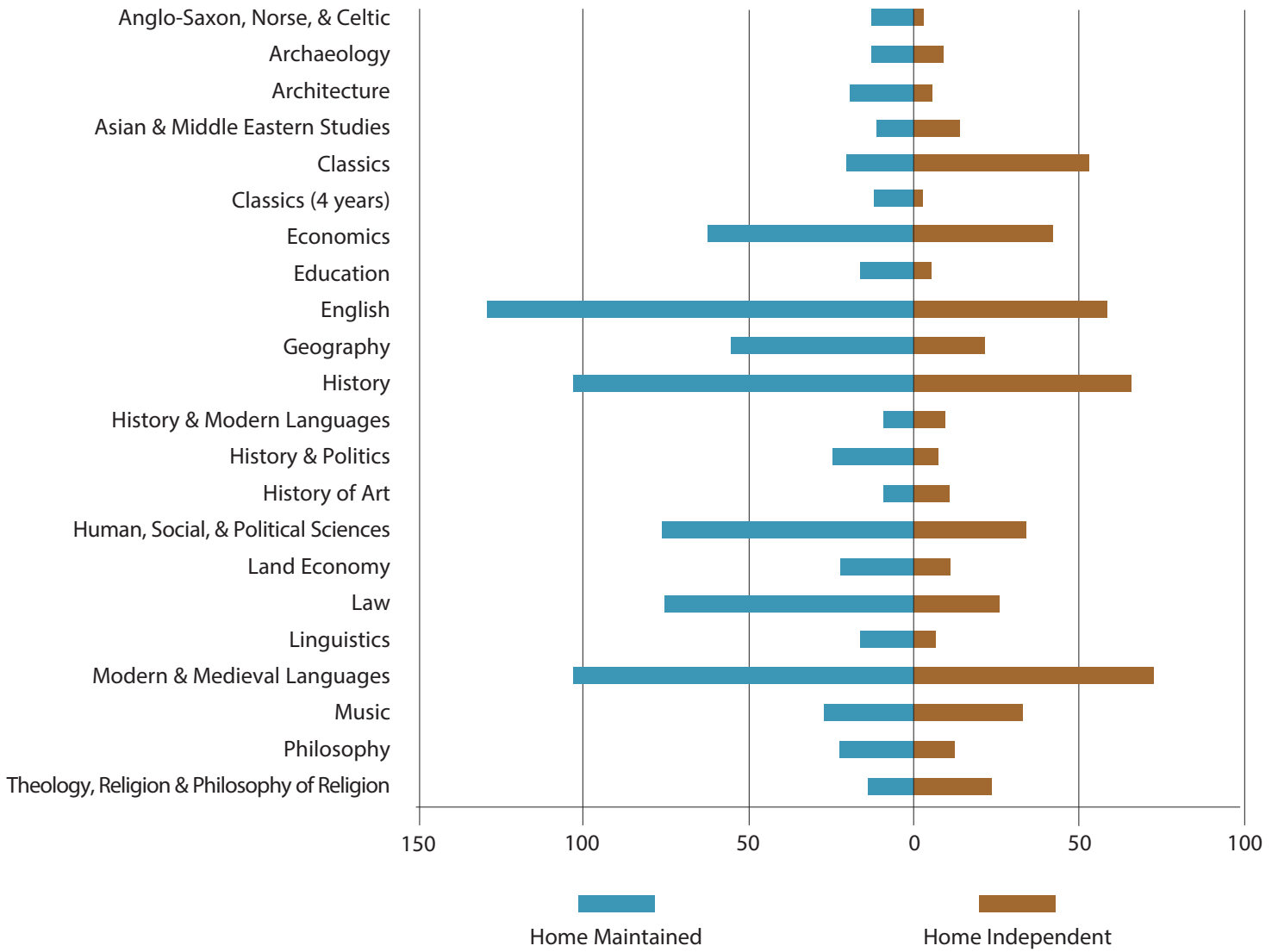
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2017



**Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2017**

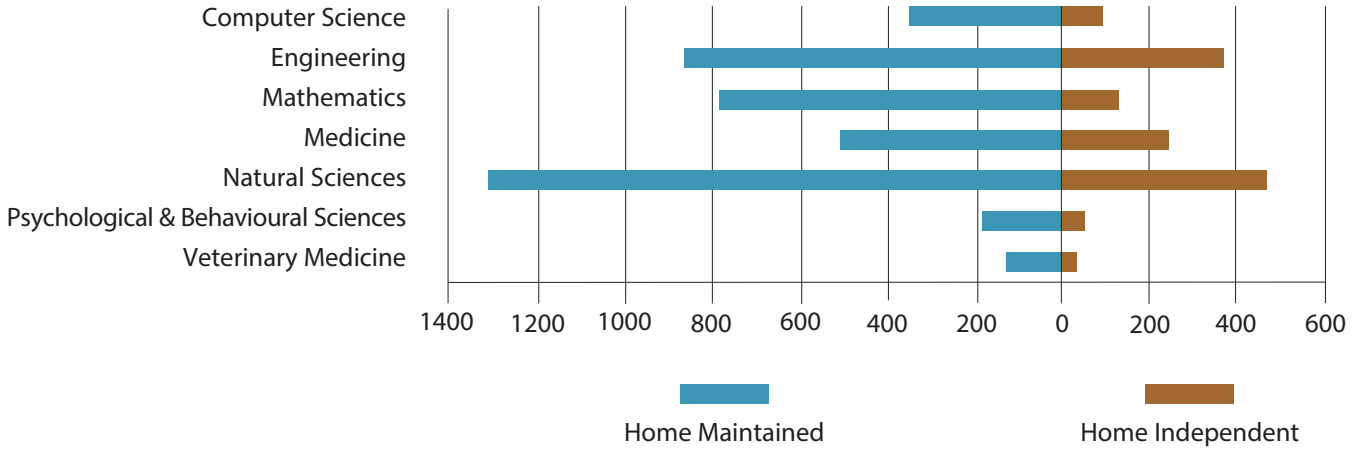


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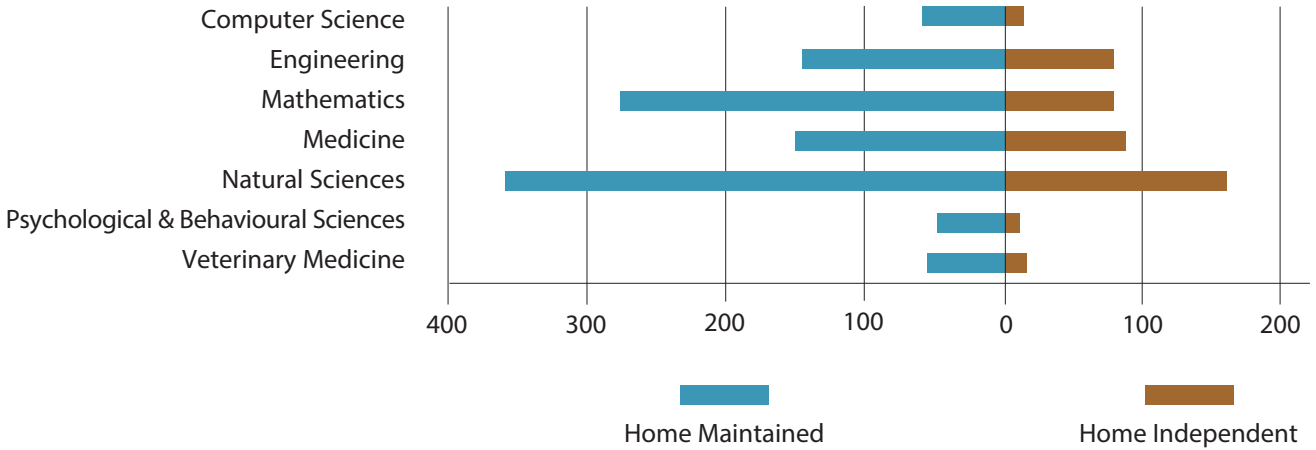


# Sciences

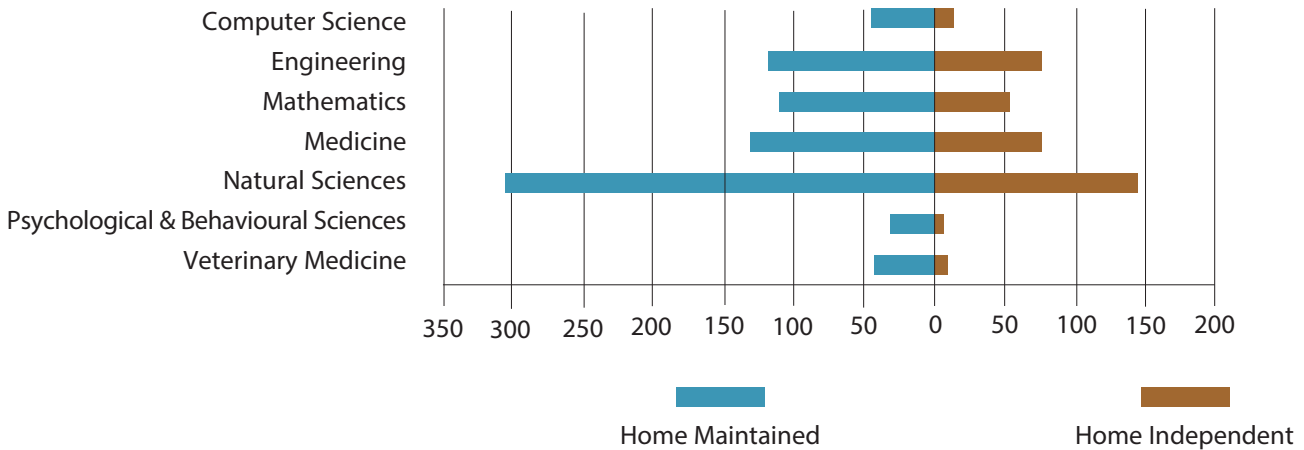
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**Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2017**



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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 2017**

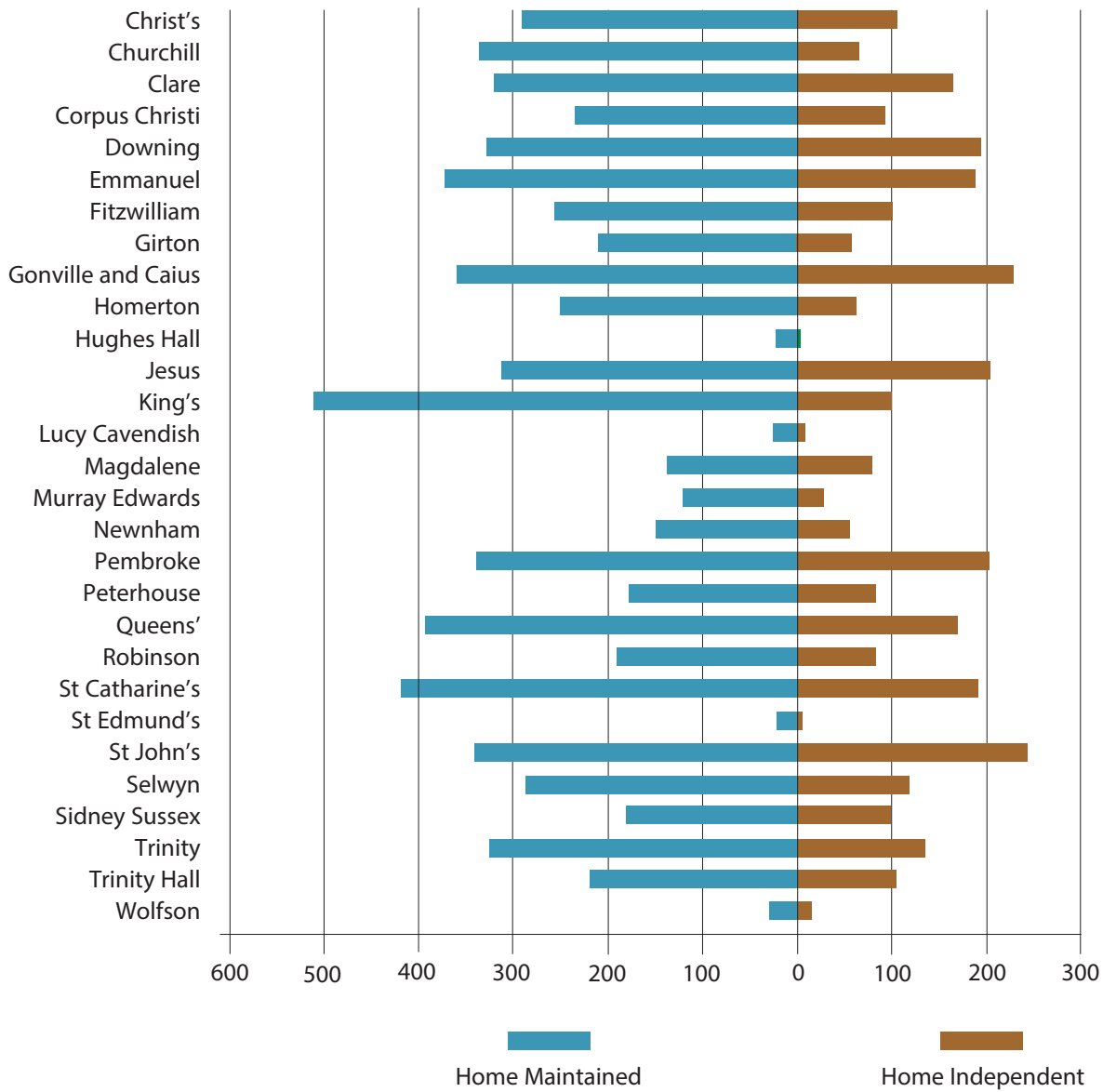
College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	397	73.3	100	69.0	75	61.3
Churchill	402	83.3	145	76.6	98	76.5
Clare	487	65.7	152	71.1	128	68.8
Corpus Christi	330	71.5	84	64.3	63	61.9
Downing	522	63.0	119	64.7	92	62.0
Emmanuel	559	66.5	136	61.8	115	60.0
Fitzwilliam	356	71.3	136	72.8	108	69.4
Girton	267	78.7	118	71.2	99	67.7
Gonville and Caius	588	61.2	164	55.5	136	52.2
Homerton	315	79.4	161	75.8	132	74.2
Hughes Hall*	24	95.8	15	66.7	10	60.0
Jesus	516	60.5	146	65.8	129	68.2
King's	612	83.8	116	72.4	98	69.4
Lucy Cavendish*	33	75.8	10	50.0	7	57.1
Magdalene	216	63.4	95	60.0	71	53.5
Murray Edwards	149	80.5	122	72.1	80	70.0
Newnham	204	73.0	121	71.9	85	61.2
Pembroke	542	62.5	119	63.9	104	63.5
Peterhouse	262	67.9	62	59.7	48	54.2
Queens'	564	69.7	156	64.7	118	65.3
Robinson	272	69.1	118	54.2	86	48.8
St Catharine's	609	68.6	141	75.9	115	72.2
St Edmund's*	30	80.0	7	57.1	7	57.1
St John's	586	58.5	163	50.3	138	48.6
Selwyn	407	70.5	123	70.7	96	68.8
Sidney Sussex	279	64.5	108	68.5	79	65.8
Trinity	460	70.9	147	58.5	126	56.3
Trinity Hall	323	67.5	108	74.1	93	75.3
Wolfson*	45	64.4	17	82.4	13	92.3
Open offers	-	-	36	94.4	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,356</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>64.1</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.

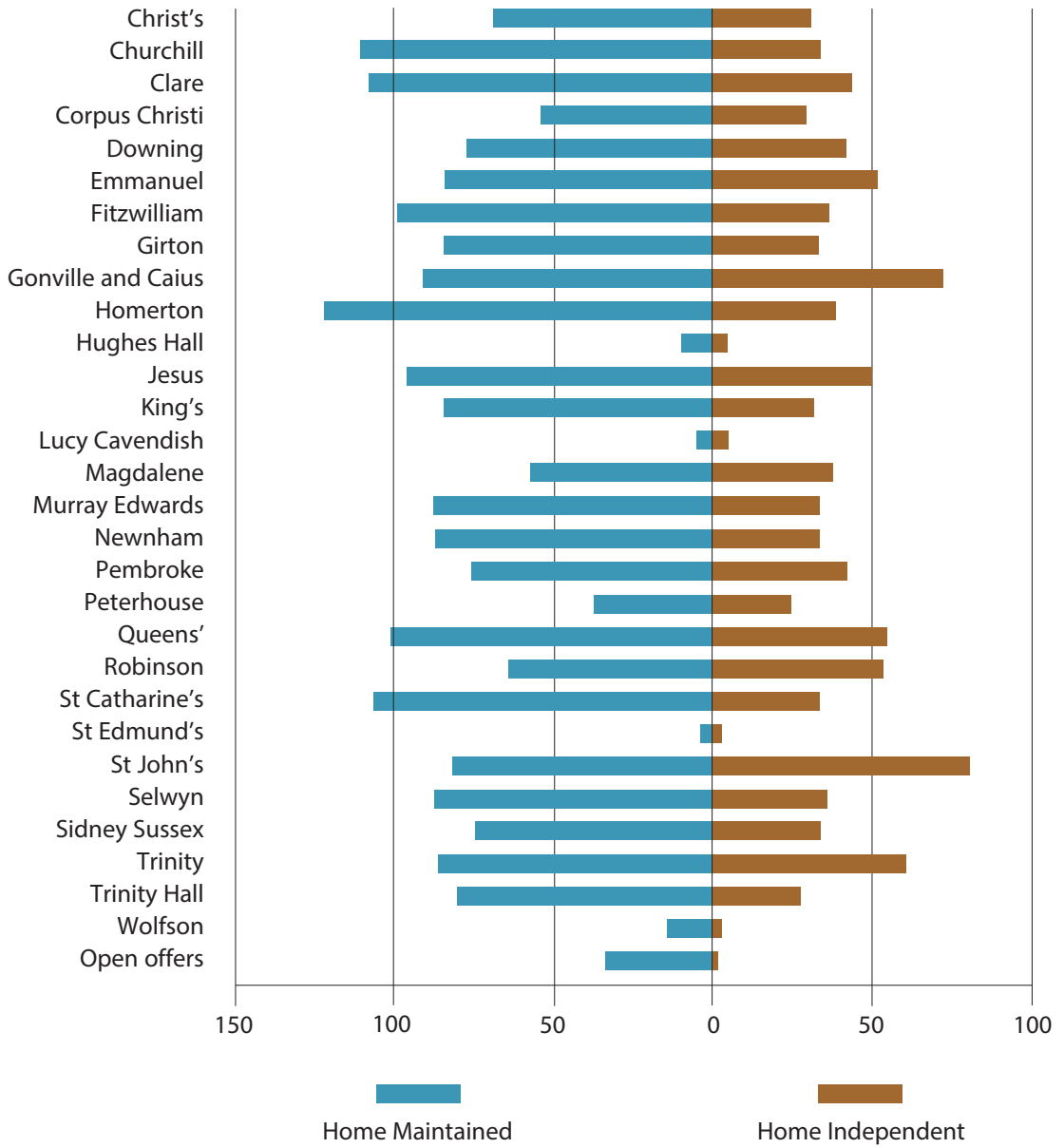
\* The majority of applicants to the four Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or two applicants can have a disproportionate effect on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

### Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2017

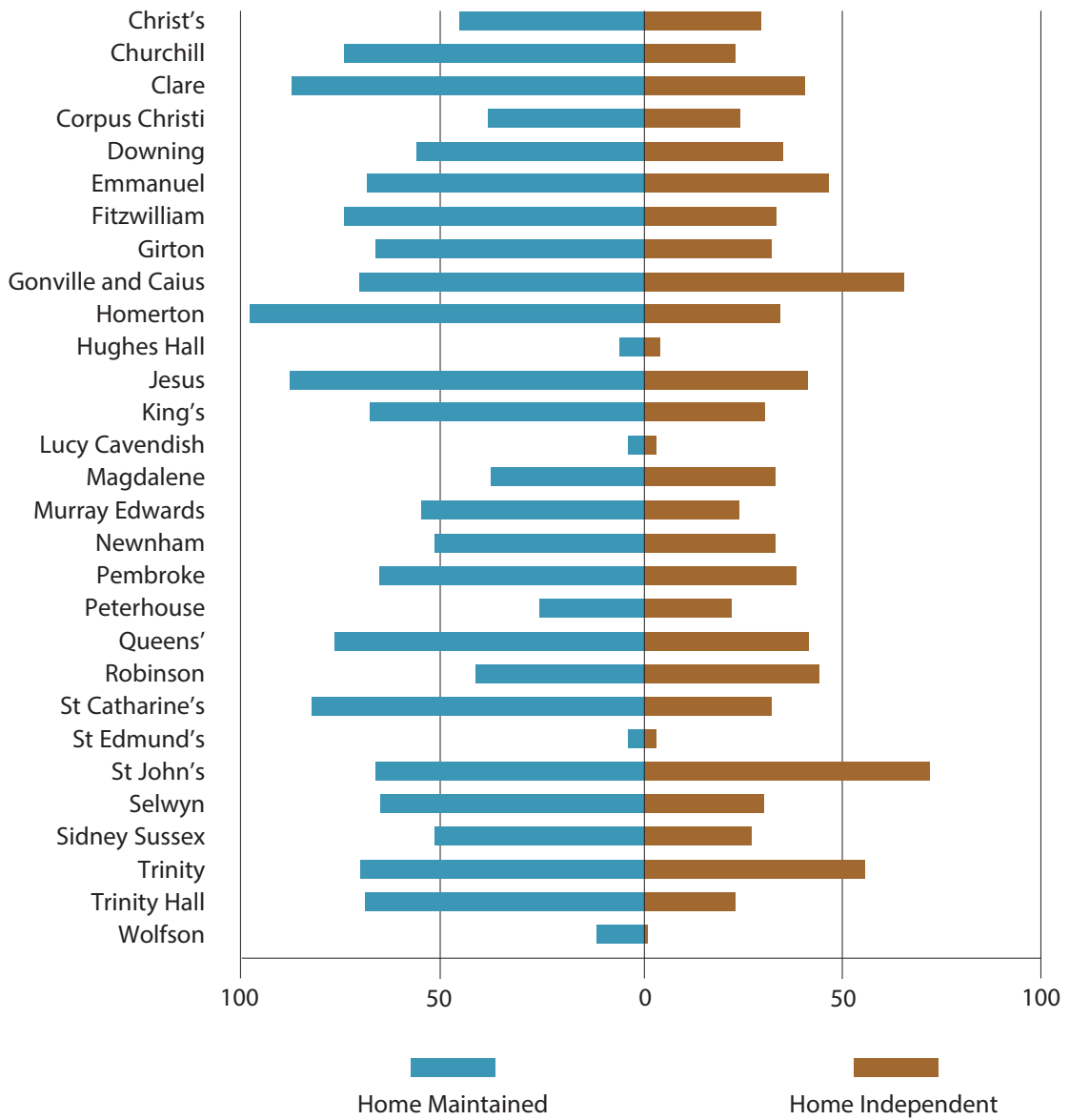




### Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2017



### Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2017



## 6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

**Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age\* 2017**

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	662	3.9	120	2.7	79	2.3	11.9
18	10,703	62.4	2,952	65.8	2,259	64.6	21.1
19	3,719	21.7	998	22.3	817	23.4	22.0
20	780	4.5	154	3.4	129	3.7	16.5
21 and over	1,298	7.6	260	5.8	213	6.1	16.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.4</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 2017**

POLAR3 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	5,169	47.3	1,674	50.3	1,368	52.4	26.5
4	2,557	23.4	791	23.8	612	23.4	23.9
3	1,601	14.7	415	12.5	311	11.9	19.4
2	917	8.4	259	7.8	179	6.9	19.5
1	566	5.2	161	4.8	118	4.5	20.8
Unknown	114	1.0	28	0.8	24	0.9	21.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23.9</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 2017**

OAC flag	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Flagged	1,435	13.1	365	11.0	269	10.3	18.7
Unflagged	9,418	86.2	2,946	88.5	2,328	89.1	24.7
Unknown	71	0.6	17	0.5	15	0.6	21.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23.9</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 2017**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Success rate (%)
Black or Black British – Caribbean	24	23	47	0.4	3	5	8	0.2	3	3	6	0.2	12.8
Black or Black British – African	127	164	291	2.7	25	38	63	1.9	21	29	50	1.9	17.2
Other Black background	4	8	12	0.1	1	2	3	0.1	1	1	2	0.1	16.7
Asian or Asian British – Indian	367	202	569	5.2	95	63	158	4.7	82	50	132	5.1	23.2
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani	131	88	219	2.0	22	14	36	1.1	17	11	28	1.1	12.8
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	64	50	114	1.0	18	12	30	0.9	14	10	24	0.9	21.1
Chinese	165	113	278	2.5	51	31	82	2.5	48	29	77	2.9	27.7
Other Asian background	157	107	264	2.4	35	27	62	1.9	24	22	46	1.8	17.4
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	34	47	81	0.7	6	18	24	0.7	3	12	15	0.6	18.5
Mixed – White and Black African	28	41	69	0.6	8	15	23	0.7	5	9	14	0.5	20.3
Mixed – White and Asian	190	164	354	3.2	61	65	126	3.8	54	49	103	3.9	29.1
Other mixed background	85	95	180	1.6	28	27	55	1.7	27	23	50	1.9	27.8
Arab	38	23	61	0.6	7	4	11	0.3	5	3	8	0.3	13.1
Other ethnic background	61	43	104	1.0	10	12	22	0.7	8	9	17	0.7	16.3
White	4,053	3,626	7,679	70.3	1,246	1,299	2,545	76.5	994	1,020	2,014	77.1	26.2
Gypsy or Traveller	2	2	4	0.0	1	2	3	0.1	0	2	2	0.1	50.0
Unknown	350	248	598	5.5	36	41	77	2.3	14	10	24	0.9	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>5,044</b>	<b>10,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23.9</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.

## 9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

**Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2017**

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	116	0.7	32	0.7	19	0.5	16.4
Blind or partially sighted	18	0.1	3	0.1	2	0.1	11.1
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	27	0.2	8	0.2	6	0.2	22.2
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	109	0.6	27	0.6	21	0.6	19.3
Mental health condition	200	1.2	44	1.0	35	1.0	17.5
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	420	2.4	105	2.3	86	2.5	20.5
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	26	0.2	7	0.2	6	0.2	23.1
Other disability or medical condition	133	0.8	45	1.0	36	1.0	27.1
Two or more of the above	82	0.5	20	0.4	14	0.4	17.1
No disability declared	16,031	93.4	4,193	93.5	3,272	93.6	20.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,162</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.4</b>

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# 10 The admissions process

**Table 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2017**

Type of school/college	Applications		Winter Pooled	Offers		Summer Pooled	Acceptances	
	Direct	Open		Direct	via Winter Pool		by Offering College	via Summer Pool
<b>Applications for entry in 2017</b>								
Home Maintained	6,313	587	1,549	1,640	418	213	1,499	48
Home Independent	2,971	102	969	815	197	77	847	19
All Others*	5,171	1,345	1,177	921	239	67	874	10
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>3,376</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Applications for deferred entry in 2018</b>								
Home Maintained	243	16	71	82	32	9	82	4
Home Independent	121	3	44	40	21	3	50	0
All Others*	288	29	64	49	31	1	64	0
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,107</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>81</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:

- 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**.