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Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2020 cycle

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The following tables and charts are produced annually and are intended to provide a statistical analysis of applicants to the Cambridge Colleges.

The data has been prepared on behalf of the Admissions Forum of the Cambridge Colleges by the Cambridge Admissions Office (email: caodata@admin.cam.ac.uk).

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Notes for information

- These statistics refer to applications made from September 2019 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2020 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2021. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 285 applicants through UCAS who did not submit a Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) in addition to a UCAS application, as required to complete their submission to the University.
- The term 'Home' refers to applicants who have indicated in their UCAS application that they are permanently resident in the UK. For more information about the UCAS application process, please see: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university.
- Offer figures refer to applicants who received a conditional or unconditional offer of a place.
- Acceptance figures include only those applicants who received an unconditional firm offer of a place. It excludes those made conditional offers who were unsuccessful at confirmation.
- Success rate figures show the proportion of applicants accepted at confirmation.
- Percentages throughout have been rounded to one decimal place, so values given may not always add up to 100.
- Please note that the statistics are not intended for use in the University's return to the Office for Students (OfS), as they are calculated on a different basis.
- Equivalent tables for the previous application cycle may be found in: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/ug_admissions_statistics_2019_cycle_0.pdf

Summary

The 2020 admissions cycle was highly unusual, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact this had on the awarding of school leaving examination results. As a consequence, the University of Cambridge accepted over 450 more undergraduates than usual.

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 20,426 (*19,359*), an increase of 5.5%.
- The total number of offers is 4,710 (*4,694*), an increase of 0.3%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,997 (*3,528*), an increase of 13.3%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 48:52 (*51:49*).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:
Maintained 70.6% (*68.7%*)
Independent 29.4% (*31.3%*)

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

- Of those accepted, 98.6% (*94.8%*) 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 6,392 (*4,002*).

Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR4 quintile)

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR4 directory and who are in the lowest participation quintile is 5.3% (*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 14.1% (*13.0%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.7%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR4 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 19.1% (*18.8%*). In addition, 0.3% (*0.6%*) 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 quintile is 21.6% (*19.7%**). In addition, 0.3% (*0.6%*) 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 29.3% (*27.8%*). In addition, 1.0% (*0.8%*) 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 8.9% (*6.8%*).

* The IMD flag has changed, so last year's summary figure has been re-calculated here on the same basis for ease of comparison. From the 2020 cycle onwards, home postcodes in the lowest two IMD quintiles are flagged; prior to this, the lowest three IMD *deciles* were flagged.

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 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile, but provides a split between Home and all other applications.

| Type of school/college | Applications | | | | Offers | | | | Acceptances and success rates | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Male | Female | Totals | % | Male | Female | Totals | % | Male | Female | Totals | % | Success rate (%) |
| Home applications | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maintained | 4,743 | 4,494 | 9,237 | 45.2 | 1,107 | 1,359 | 2,466 | 52.4 | 942 | 1195 | 2,137 | 53.5 | 23.1 |
| Comprehensive School | 2,585 | 2,465 | 5,050 | 24.7 | 543 | 722 | 1,265 | 26.9 | 462 | 631 | 1,093 | 27.3 | 21.6 |
| Grammar School | 1,249 | 1,058 | 2,307 | 11.3 | 367 | 366 | 733 | 15.6 | 322 | 335 | 657 | 16.4 | 28.5 |
| Sixth Form College | 651 | 673 | 1,324 | 6.5 | 150 | 201 | 351 | 7.5 | 118 | 170 | 288 | 7.2 | 21.8 |
| FE and Tertiary Colleges | 258 | 298 | 556 | 2.7 | 47 | 70 | 117 | 2.5 | 40 | 59 | 99 | 2.5 | 17.8 |
| Independent | 1,849 | 1,587 | 3,436 | 16.8 | 479 | 481 | 960 | 20.4 | 438 | 450 | 888 | 22.2 | 25.8 |
| Other and Overseas | 295 | 420 | 715 | 3.5 | 42 | 72 | 114 | 2.4 | 33 | 64 | 97 | 2.4 | 13.6 |
| Subtotals | 6,887 | 6,501 | 13,388 | 65.5 | 1,628 | 1,912 | 3,540 | 75.2 | 1,413 | 1,709 | 3,122 | 78.1 | 23.3 |
| Other applications | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maintained | 32 | 31 | 63 | 0.3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.1 | 4.8 |
| Independent | 388 | 428 | 816 | 4.0 | 78 | 81 | 159 | 3.4 | 64 | 65 | 129 | 3.2 | 15.8 |
| Other and Overseas | 3,274 | 2,885 | 6,159 | 30.2 | 578 | 430 | 1,008 | 21.4 | 423 | 320 | 743 | 18.6 | 12.1 |
| Subtotals | 3,694 | 3,344 | 7,038 | 34.5 | 657 | 513 | 1,170 | 24.8 | 488 | 387 | 875 | 21.9 | 12.4 |
| Totals | 10,581 | 9,845 | 20,426 | 100.0 | 2,285 | 2,425 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 1,901 | 2,096 | 3,997 | 100.0 | 19.6 |

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 **70.6%** (68.7% in the previous cycle)

Independent **29.4%** (31.3% 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 (2018-2020)

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

| Type of school/college | Applications | Offers | Acceptances |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Maintained | 2,357 | 1,502 | 1,311 |
| Comprehensive School | 1,846 | 1,133 | 972 |
| Grammar School | 224 | 196 | 190 |
| Sixth Form College | 72 | 63 | 57 |
| FE and Tertiary Colleges | 215 | 110 | 92 |
| Independent | 562 | 386 | 362 |
| Totals | 2,919 | 1,888 | 1,673 |

Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

2 Applications, offers and acceptances by region

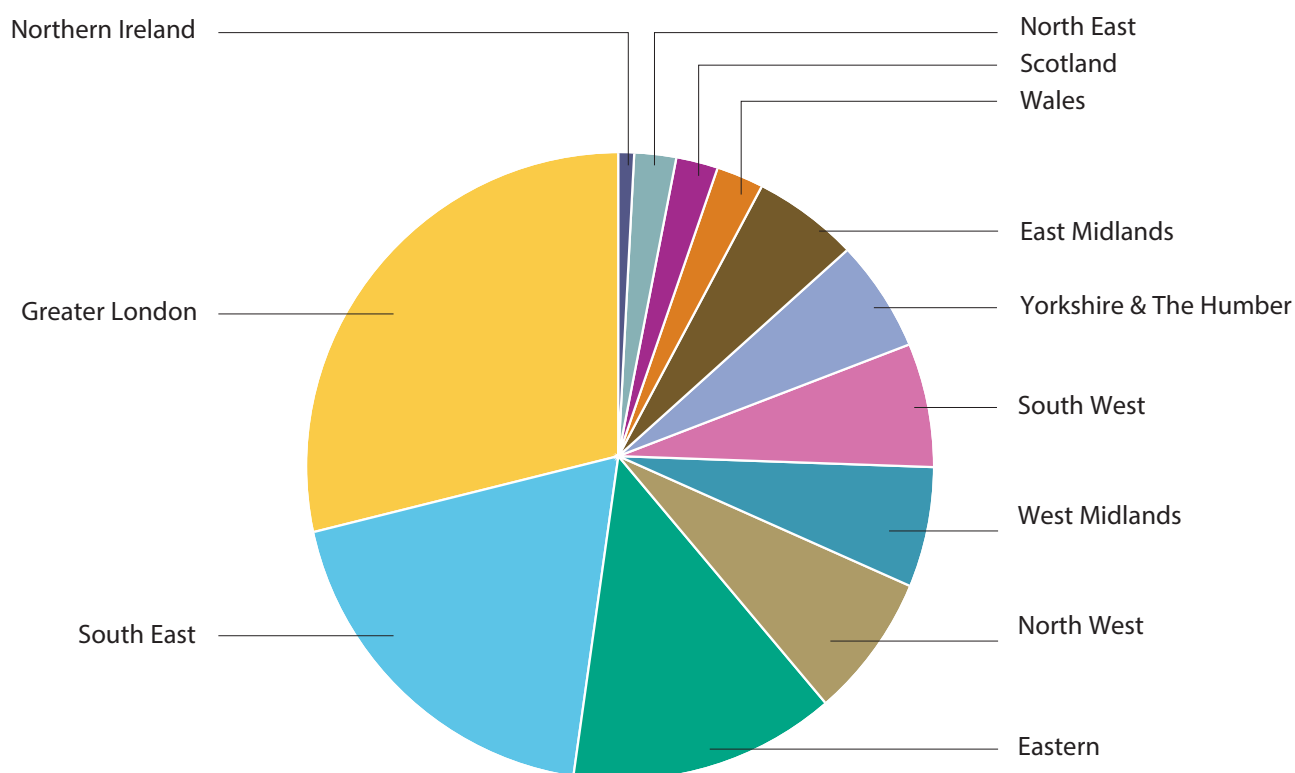
Table 2.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UK region 2020

This table counts Home applications only.

| Region of domicile | Applications | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| Northern Ireland | 140 | 1.0 | 38 | 1.1 | 28 | 0.9 | 20.0 |
| North East | 289 | 2.2 | 79 | 2.2 | 71 | 2.3 | 24.6 |
| Scotland | 312 | 2.3 | 62 | 1.8 | 49 | 1.6 | 15.7 |
| Wales | 330 | 2.5 | 91 | 2.6 | 82 | 2.6 | 24.8 |
| East Midlands | 743 | 5.5 | 208 | 5.9 | 182 | 5.8 | 24.5 |
| Yorkshire & The Humber | 785 | 5.9 | 208 | 5.9 | 176 | 5.6 | 22.4 |
| South West | 826 | 6.2 | 209 | 5.9 | 191 | 6.1 | 23.1 |
| West Midlands | 829 | 6.2 | 201 | 5.7 | 176 | 5.6 | 21.2 |
| North West | 982 | 7.3 | 241 | 6.8 | 213 | 6.8 | 21.7 |
| Eastern | 1,772 | 13.2 | 473 | 13.4 | 409 | 13.1 | 23.1 |
| South East | 2,535 | 18.9 | 718 | 20.3 | 637 | 20.4 | 25.1 |
| Greater London | 3,845 | 28.7 | 1,012 | 28.6 | 908 | 29.1 | 23.6 |
| Totals | 13,388 | 100.0 | 3,540 | 100.0 | 3,122 | 100.0 | 23.3 |

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

Number of applications to Cambridge by region 2020



Success rate by region 2020

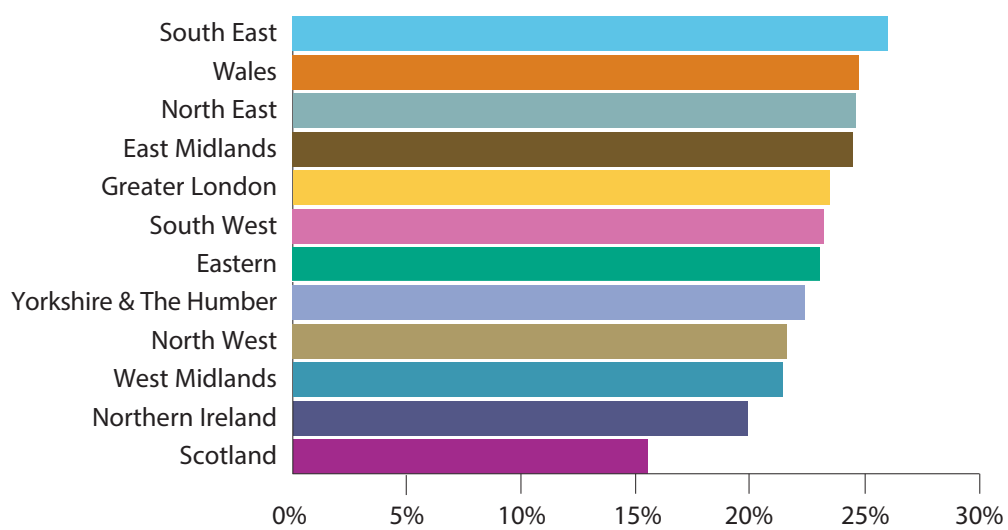


Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2020

This table counts applications from outside the UK only.

| Country of domicile | Applications | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| China | 1,343 | 19.1 | 285 | 24.4 | 208 | 23.8 | 15.5 |
| Hong Kong | 556 | 7.9 | 102 | 8.7 | 88 | 10.1 | 15.8 |
| Singapore | 508 | 7.2 | 135 | 11.5 | 101 | 11.5 | 19.9 |
| United States of America | 401 | 5.7 | 60 | 5.1 | 41 | 4.7 | 10.2 |
| India | 340 | 4.8 | 37 | 3.2 | 26 | 3.0 | 7.6 |
| Malaysia | 256 | 3.6 | 33 | 2.8 | 28 | 3.2 | 10.9 |
| France | 253 | 3.6 | 23 | 2.0 | 19 | 2.2 | 7.5 |
| Poland | 234 | 3.3 | 51 | 4.4 | 42 | 4.8 | 17.9 |
| Germany | 207 | 2.9 | 26 | 2.2 | 18 | 2.1 | 8.7 |
| Spain | 171 | 2.4 | 17 | 1.5 | 10 | 1.1 | 5.8 |
| Italy | 159 | 2.3 | 15 | 1.3 | 10 | 1.1 | 6.3 |
| Korea, Republic of | 138 | 2.0 | 24 | 2.1 | 14 | 1.6 | 10.1 |
| Canada | 137 | 1.9 | 16 | 1.4 | 10 | 1.1 | 7.3 |
| Romania | 135 | 1.9 | 23 | 2.0 | 17 | 1.9 | 12.6 |
| Ireland | 107 | 1.5 | 7 | 0.6 | 6 | 0.7 | 5.6 |
| Pakistan | 107 | 1.5 | 6 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.5 | 3.7 |
| Hungary | 105 | 1.5 | 28 | 2.4 | 26 | 3.0 | 24.8 |
| Australia | 94 | 1.3 | 24 | 2.1 | 20 | 2.3 | 21.3 |
| Cyprus (European Union) | 90 | 1.3 | 16 | 1.4 | 15 | 1.7 | 16.7 |
| Greece | 79 | 1.1 | 9 | 0.8 | 5 | 0.6 | 6.3 |
| Belgium | 73 | 1.0 | 11 | 0.9 | 8 | 0.9 | 11.0 |
| Sweden | 70 | 1.0 | 11 | 0.9 | 8 | 0.9 | 11.4 |
| United Arab Emirates | 69 | 1.0 | 10 | 0.9 | 5 | 0.6 | 7.2 |
| Switzerland | 67 | 1.0 | 10 | 0.9 | 8 | 0.9 | 11.9 |
| Netherlands | 63 | 0.9 | 15 | 1.3 | 12 | 1.4 | 19.0 |
| Other EU | 443 | 6.3 | 67 | 5.7 | 49 | 5.6 | 11.1 |
| Other International | 833 | 11.8 | 109 | 9.3 | 77 | 8.8 | 9.2 |
| Totals | 7,038 | 100.0 | 1,170 | 100.0 | 875 | 100.0 | 12.4 |

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 2020

This table counts Home applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2020 admissions cycle only.

| A Level Grades | Applications | | | | | | Offers | | | | | | Acceptances | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Male | % | Female | % | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % | Total | % |
| Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A*A*A* | 646 | 11.0 | 972 | 17.5 | 1,618 | 14.2 | 291 | 21.0 | 536 | 31.5 | 827 | 26.8 | 287 | 24.0 | 527 | 34.6 | 814 | 29.9 |
| A*A*A | 473 | 8.1 | 744 | 13.4 | 1,217 | 10.7 | 136 | 9.8 | 284 | 16.7 | 420 | 13.6 | 134 | 11.2 | 275 | 18.0 | 409 | 15.0 |
| A*A*B | 28 | 0.5 | 54 | 1.0 | 82 | 0.7 | 4 | 0.3 | 17 | 1.0 | 21 | 0.7 | 3 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.6 | 12 | 0.4 |
| A*A*C | 1 | 0.0 | 6 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| A*AA | 338 | 5.8 | 586 | 10.5 | 924 | 8.1 | 64 | 4.6 | 178 | 10.5 | 242 | 7.9 | 59 | 4.9 | 171 | 11.2 | 230 | 8.5 |
| A*AB | 92 | 1.6 | 158 | 2.8 | 250 | 2.2 | 15 | 1.1 | 27 | 1.6 | 42 | 1.4 | 4 | 0.3 | 7 | 0.5 | 11 | 0.4 |
| AAA | 122 | 2.1 | 199 | 3.6 | 321 | 2.8 | 12 | 0.9 | 17 | 1.0 | 29 | 0.9 | 5 | 0.4 | 10 | 0.7 | 15 | 0.6 |
| <AAA | 229 | 3.9 | 405 | 7.3 | 634 | 5.5 | 13 | 0.9 | 25 | 1.5 | 38 | 1.2 | 4 | 0.3 | 4 | 0.3 | 8 | 0.3 |
| Subtotals | 1,929 | 32.9 | 3,124 | 56.2 | 5,053 | 44.2 | 535 | 38.7 | 1,086 | 63.9 | 1,621 | 52.6 | 496 | 41.5 | 1,004 | 65.9 | 1,500 | 55.2 |
| Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A*A*A* | 2,048 | 34.9 | 1,045 | 18.8 | 3,093 | 27.1 | 740 | 53.5 | 486 | 28.6 | 1,226 | 39.8 | 632 | 52.9 | 428 | 28.1 | 1,060 | 39.0 |
| A*A*A | 741 | 12.6 | 475 | 8.5 | 1,216 | 10.6 | 75 | 5.4 | 76 | 4.5 | 151 | 4.9 | 58 | 4.9 | 66 | 4.3 | 124 | 4.6 |
| A*A*B | 37 | 0.6 | 21 | 0.4 | 58 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 | 4 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 |
| A*A*C | 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 |
| A*AA | 495 | 8.4 | 358 | 6.4 | 853 | 7.5 | 21 | 1.5 | 33 | 1.9 | 54 | 1.8 | 7 | 0.6 | 22 | 1.4 | 29 | 1.1 |
| A*AB | 106 | 1.8 | 77 | 1.4 | 183 | 1.6 | 4 | 0.3 | 2 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| AAA | 184 | 3.1 | 182 | 3.3 | 366 | 3.2 | 4 | 0.3 | 5 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| <AAA | 320 | 5.5 | 279 | 5.0 | 599 | 5.2 | 2 | 0.1 | 9 | 0.5 | 11 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Subtotals | 3,934 | 67.1 | 2,439 | 43.8 | 6,373 | 55.8 | 848 | 61.3 | 613 | 36.1 | 1,461 | 47.4 | 698 | 58.5 | 520 | 34.1 | 1,218 | 44.8 |
| Totals | 5,863 | 100.0 | 5,563 | 100.0 | 11,426 | 100.0 | 1,383 | 100.0 | 1,699 | 100.0 | 3,082 | 100.0 | 1,194 | 100.0 | 1,524 | 100.0 | 2,718 | 100.0 |

In this table the three highest A Level grades in all subjects, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking, are used to establish applicants' grade profiles. The '<AAA' category includes all combinations of A Level grades not listed separately.

4 Applications, offers and acceptances by subject

Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

| Degree programme | Applications | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | | | | | | |
| Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic | 44 | 0.2 | 29 | 0.6 | 26 | 0.7 | 59.1 |
| Archaeology | 57 | 0.3 | 33 | 0.7 | 24 | 0.6 | 42.1 |
| Architecture | 471 | 2.3 | 65 | 1.4 | 51 | 1.3 | 10.8 |
| Asian & Middle Eastern Studies | 117 | 0.6 | 63 | 1.3 | 51 | 1.3 | 43.6 |
| Classics | 138 | 0.7 | 79 | 1.7 | 73 | 1.8 | 52.9 |
| Classics (4 years) | 66 | 0.3 | 37 | 0.8 | 33 | 0.8 | 50.0 |
| Economics | 1,364 | 6.7 | 187 | 4.0 | 165 | 4.1 | 12.1 |
| Education | 140 | 0.7 | 49 | 1.0 | 44 | 1.1 | 31.4 |
| English | 730 | 3.6 | 247 | 5.2 | 232 | 5.8 | 31.8 |
| Geography | 351 | 1.7 | 132 | 2.8 | 116 | 2.9 | 33.0 |
| History | 632 | 3.1 | 231 | 4.9 | 217 | 5.4 | 34.3 |
| History & Modern Languages | 94 | 0.5 | 36 | 0.8 | 33 | 0.8 | 35.1 |
| History & Politics | 261 | 1.3 | 69 | 1.5 | 62 | 1.6 | 23.8 |
| History of Art | 105 | 0.5 | 29 | 0.6 | 25 | 0.6 | 23.8 |
| Human, Social, & Political Sciences | 1,075 | 5.3 | 233 | 4.9 | 210 | 5.3 | 19.5 |
| Land Economy | 363 | 1.8 | 82 | 1.7 | 69 | 1.7 | 19.0 |
| Law | 1,537 | 7.5 | 287 | 6.1 | 262 | 6.6 | 17.0 |
| Linguistics | 98 | 0.5 | 46 | 1.0 | 40 | 1.0 | 40.8 |
| Modern & Medieval Languages | 378 | 1.9 | 193 | 4.1 | 187 | 4.7 | 49.5 |
| Music | 138 | 0.7 | 77 | 1.6 | 70 | 1.8 | 50.7 |
| Philosophy | 222 | 1.1 | 58 | 1.2 | 49 | 1.2 | 22.1 |
| Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion | 131 | 0.6 | 55 | 1.2 | 55 | 1.4 | 42.0 |
| Subtotals | 8,512 | 41.7 | 2,317 | 49.2 | 2,094 | 52.4 | 24.6 |
| Sciences | | | | | | | |
| Computer Science | 1,465 | 7.2 | 140 | 3.0 | 119 | 3.0 | 8.1 |
| Engineering | 2,518 | 12.3 | 420 | 8.9 | 363 | 9.1 | 14.4 |
| Mathematics | 1,633 | 8.0 | 548 | 11.6 | 251 | 6.3 | 15.4 |
| Medicine | 1,817 | 8.9 | 306 | 6.5 | 295 | 7.4 | 16.2 |
| Medicine Graduate Course | 485 | 2.4 | 46 | 1.0 | 37 | 0.9 | 7.6 |
| Natural Sciences | 3,042 | 14.9 | 736 | 15.6 | 663 | 16.6 | 21.8 |
| Psychological & Behavioural Sciences | 547 | 2.7 | 107 | 2.3 | 96 | 2.4 | 17.6 |
| Veterinary Medicine | 407 | 2.0 | 90 | 1.9 | 79 | 2.0 | 19.4 |
| Subtotals | 11,914 | 58.3 | 2,393 | 50.8 | 1,903 | 47.6 | 16.0 |
| Totals | 20,426 | 100.0 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 3,997 | 100.0 | 19.6 |

Mathematics includes those applying for Mathematics and Mathematics with Physics. The courses in Chemical Engineering, Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering can be taken only after Part I in another subject. Applications, offers and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects taken by the applicants involved.

Table 4.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

| Degree programme | Applications | | | | Offers | | | | Acceptances | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Male | % | Female | % | Male | % | Female | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic | 20 | 45.5 | 24 | 54.5 | 11 | 37.9 | 18 | 62.1 | 10 | 38.5 | 16 | 61.5 |
| Archaeology | 17 | 29.8 | 40 | 70.2 | 10 | 30.3 | 23 | 69.7 | 8 | 33.3 | 16 | 66.7 |
| Architecture | 154 | 32.7 | 317 | 67.3 | 14 | 21.5 | 51 | 78.5 | 10 | 19.6 | 41 | 80.4 |
| Asian & Middle Eastern Studies | 44 | 37.6 | 73 | 62.4 | 24 | 38.1 | 39 | 61.9 | 20 | 39.2 | 31 | 60.8 |
| Classics | 51 | 37.0 | 87 | 63.0 | 24 | 30.4 | 55 | 69.6 | 21 | 28.8 | 52 | 71.2 |
| Classics (4 years) | 14 | 21.2 | 52 | 78.8 | 7 | 18.9 | 30 | 81.1 | 7 | 21.2 | 26 | 78.8 |
| Economics | 883 | 64.7 | 481 | 35.3 | 116 | 62.0 | 71 | 38.0 | 101 | 61.2 | 64 | 38.8 |
| Education | 27 | 19.3 | 113 | 80.7 | 11 | 22.4 | 38 | 77.6 | 11 | 25.0 | 33 | 75.0 |
| English | 154 | 21.1 | 576 | 78.9 | 54 | 21.9 | 193 | 78.1 | 54 | 23.3 | 178 | 76.7 |
| Geography | 139 | 39.6 | 212 | 60.4 | 38 | 28.8 | 94 | 71.2 | 35 | 30.2 | 81 | 69.8 |
| History | 293 | 46.4 | 339 | 53.6 | 95 | 41.1 | 136 | 58.9 | 89 | 41.0 | 128 | 59.0 |
| History & Modern Languages | 31 | 33.0 | 63 | 67.0 | 12 | 33.3 | 24 | 66.7 | 11 | 33.3 | 22 | 66.7 |
| History & Politics | 125 | 47.9 | 136 | 52.1 | 29 | 42.0 | 40 | 58.0 | 26 | 41.9 | 36 | 58.1 |
| History of Art | 21 | 20.0 | 84 | 80.0 | 5 | 17.2 | 24 | 82.8 | 4 | 16.0 | 21 | 84.0 |
| Human, Social, & Political Sciences | 316 | 29.4 | 759 | 70.6 | 68 | 29.2 | 165 | 70.8 | 60 | 28.6 | 150 | 71.4 |
| Land Economy | 202 | 55.6 | 161 | 44.4 | 48 | 58.5 | 34 | 41.5 | 39 | 56.5 | 30 | 43.5 |
| Law | 552 | 35.9 | 985 | 64.1 | 118 | 41.1 | 169 | 58.9 | 112 | 42.7 | 150 | 57.3 |
| Linguistics | 38 | 38.8 | 60 | 61.2 | 23 | 50.0 | 23 | 50.0 | 20 | 50.0 | 20 | 50.0 |
| Modern & Medieval Languages | 122 | 32.3 | 256 | 67.7 | 63 | 32.6 | 130 | 67.4 | 61 | 32.6 | 126 | 67.4 |
| Music | 68 | 49.3 | 70 | 50.7 | 37 | 48.1 | 40 | 51.9 | 33 | 47.1 | 37 | 52.9 |
| Philosophy | 128 | 57.7 | 94 | 42.3 | 29 | 50.0 | 29 | 50.0 | 26 | 53.1 | 23 | 46.9 |
| Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion | 47 | 35.9 | 84 | 64.1 | 15 | 27.3 | 40 | 72.7 | 15 | 27.3 | 40 | 72.7 |
| Subtotals | 3,446 | 40.5 | 5,066 | 59.5 | 851 | 36.7 | 1,466 | 63.3 | 773 | 36.9 | 1,321 | 63.1 |

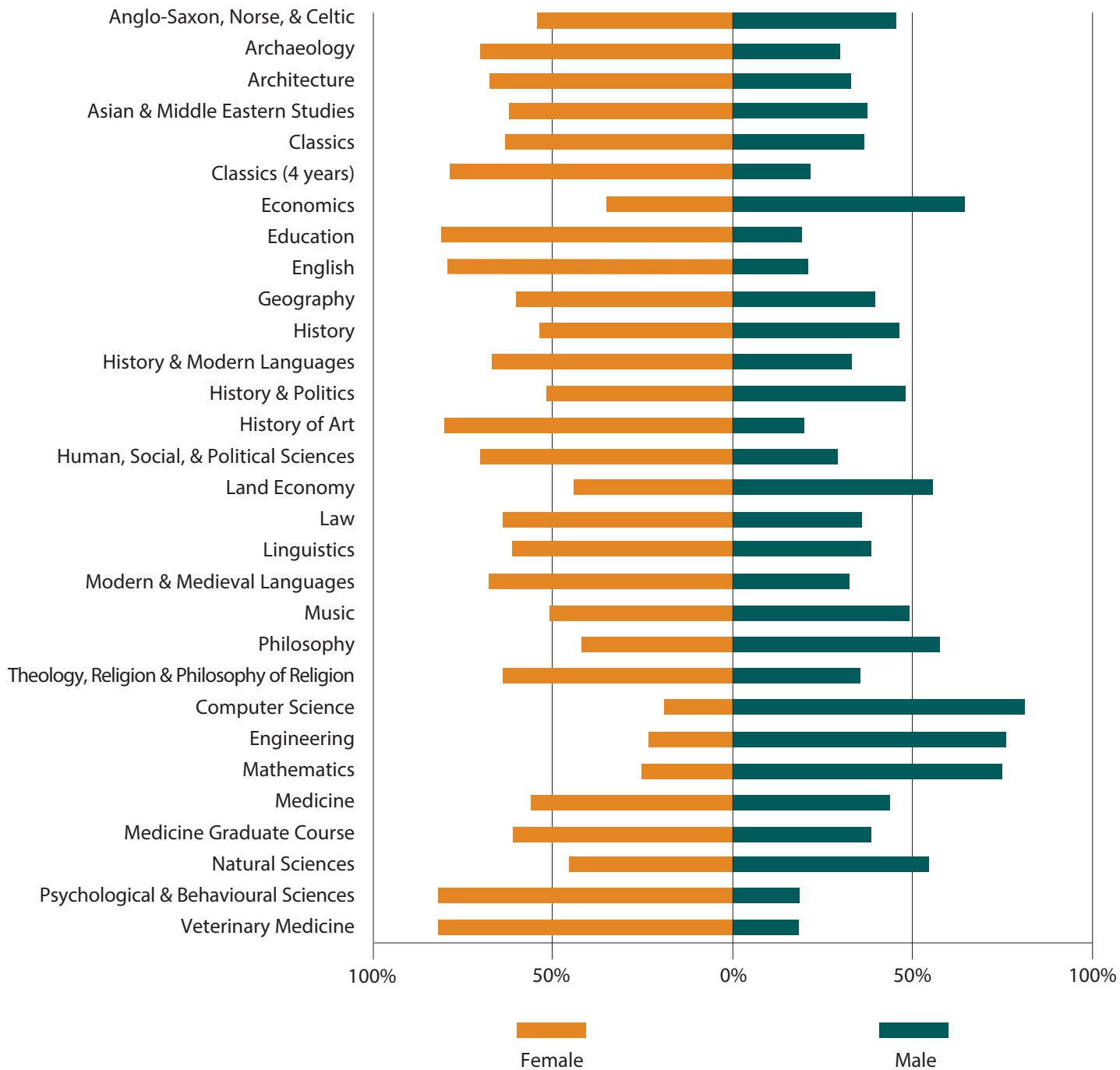
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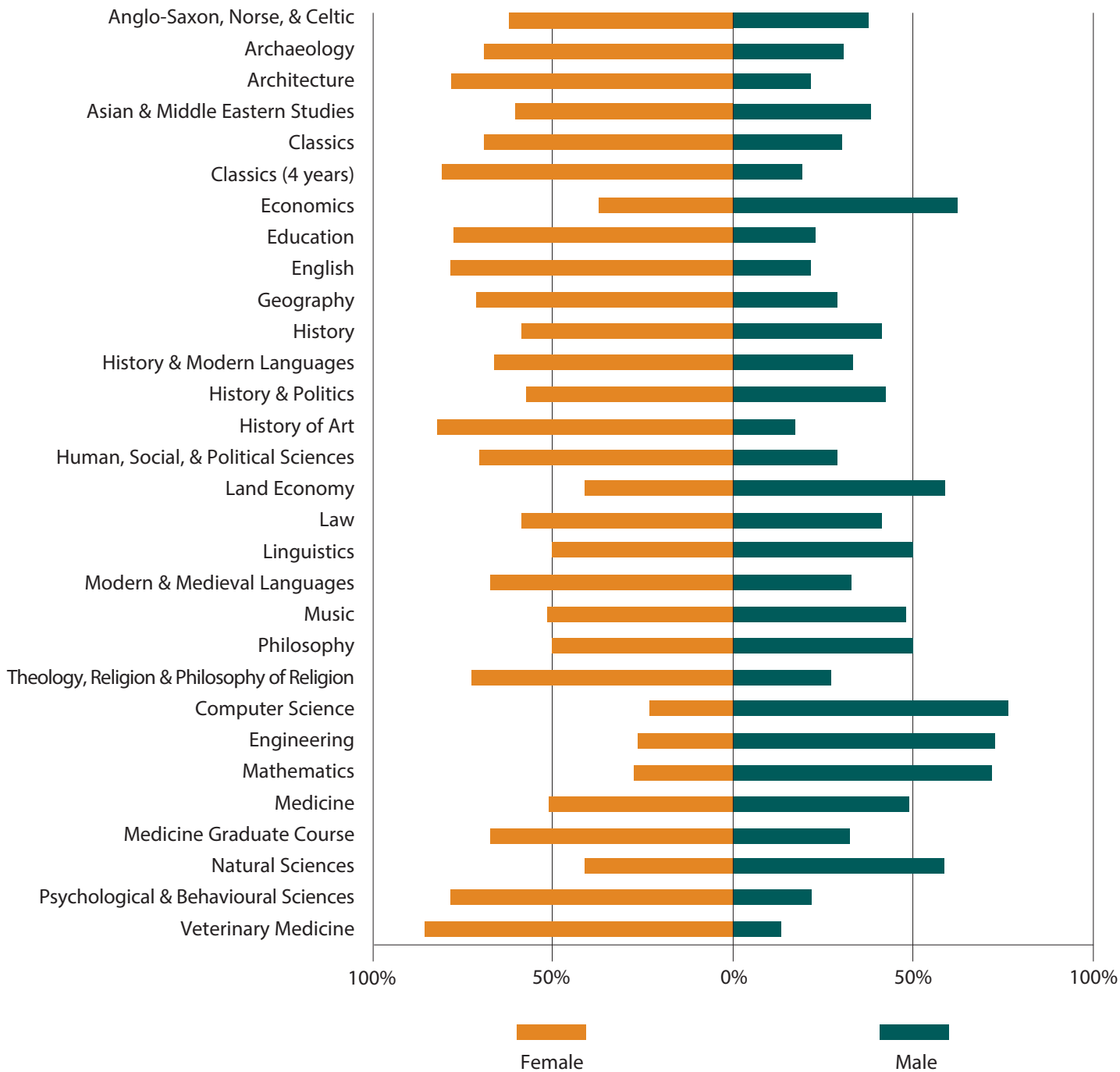
| Degree programme | Applications | | | | Offers | | | | Acceptances | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Male | % | Female | % | Male | % | Female | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Science | 1,186 | 81.0 | 279 | 19.0 | 107 | 76.4 | 33 | 23.6 | 90 | 75.6 | 29 | 24.4 |
| Engineering | 1,918 | 76.2 | 600 | 23.8 | 306 | 72.9 | 114 | 27.1 | 267 | 73.6 | 96 | 26.4 |
| Mathematics | 1,218 | 74.6 | 415 | 25.4 | 395 | 72.1 | 153 | 27.9 | 194 | 77.3 | 57 | 22.7 |
| Medicine | 792 | 43.6 | 1,025 | 56.4 | 148 | 48.4 | 158 | 51.6 | 146 | 49.5 | 149 | 50.5 |
| Medicine Graduate Course | 188 | 38.8 | 297 | 61.2 | 15 | 32.6 | 31 | 67.4 | 10 | 27.0 | 27 | 73.0 |
| Natural Sciences | 1,658 | 54.5 | 1,384 | 45.5 | 428 | 58.2 | 308 | 41.8 | 388 | 58.5 | 275 | 41.5 |
| Psychological & Behavioural Sciences | 100 | 18.3 | 447 | 81.7 | 23 | 21.5 | 84 | 78.5 | 21 | 21.9 | 75 | 78.1 |
| Veterinary Medicine | 75 | 18.4 | 332 | 81.6 | 12 | 13.3 | 78 | 86.7 | 12 | 15.2 | 67 | 84.8 |
| Subtotals | 7,135 | 59.9 | 4,779 | 40.1 | 1,434 | 59.9 | 959 | 40.1 | 1,128 | 59.3 | 775 | 40.7 |
| Totals | 10,581 | 51.8 | 9,845 | 48.2 | 2,285 | 48.5 | 2,425 | 51.5 | 1,901 | 47.6 | 2,096 | 52.4 |

Mathematics includes those applying for Mathematics and Mathematics with Physics. The courses in Chemical Engineering, Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering can be taken only after Part I in another subject. Applications, offers and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects taken by the applicants involved.

Applications by subject and gender 2020



Offers by subject and gender 2020



Acceptances by subject and gender 2020

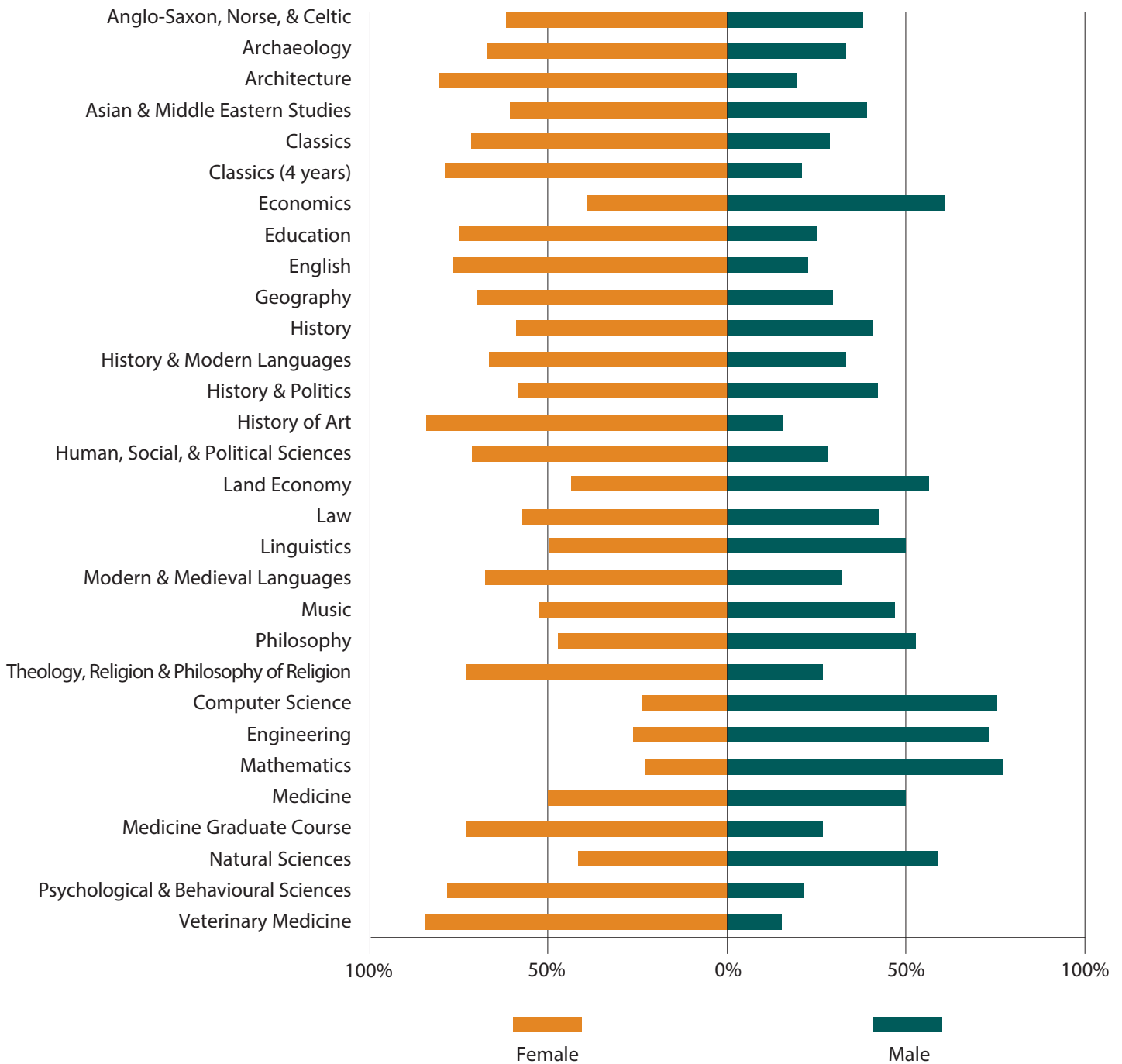


Table 4.3 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by subject 2020

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

| Degree programme | Applications | % Maintained | Offers | % Maintained | Acceptances | % Maintained |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | | | | | |
| Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic | 34 | 67.6 | 26 | 65.4 | 25 | 64.0 |
| Archaeology | 46 | 76.1 | 27 | 74.1 | 18 | 72.2 |
| Architecture | 283 | 75.6 | 51 | 72.5 | 40 | 75.0 |
| Asian & Middle Eastern Studies | 93 | 57.0 | 52 | 63.5 | 41 | 53.7 |
| Classics | 115 | 20.9 | 70 | 27.1 | 66 | 25.8 |
| Classics (4 years) | 53 | 83.0 | 33 | 81.8 | 30 | 86.7 |
| Economics | 697 | 69.6 | 104 | 74.0 | 103 | 73.8 |
| Education | 62 | 67.7 | 36 | 72.2 | 31 | 67.7 |
| English | 619 | 68.8 | 222 | 73.9 | 210 | 73.8 |
| Geography | 302 | 63.6 | 115 | 73.9 | 104 | 73.1 |
| History | 556 | 64.7 | 214 | 69.6 | 204 | 69.1 |
| History & Modern Languages | 77 | 63.6 | 29 | 79.3 | 27 | 77.8 |
| History & Politics | 173 | 76.9 | 52 | 80.8 | 50 | 80.0 |
| History of Art | 74 | 41.9 | 20 | 70.0 | 18 | 66.7 |
| Human, Social, & Political Sciences | 674 | 68.4 | 168 | 77.4 | 154 | 76.6 |
| Land Economy | 193 | 62.2 | 62 | 56.5 | 52 | 55.8 |
| Law | 934 | 84.0 | 190 | 83.7 | 178 | 83.1 |
| Linguistics | 70 | 71.4 | 38 | 68.4 | 36 | 69.4 |
| Modern & Medieval Languages | 356 | 58.7 | 187 | 65.2 | 181 | 64.1 |
| Music | 120 | 50.8 | 71 | 59.2 | 67 | 58.2 |
| Philosophy | 168 | 58.3 | 47 | 70.2 | 40 | 65.0 |
| Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion | 117 | 50.4 | 51 | 54.9 | 51 | 54.9 |
| Subtotals | 5,816 | 68.0 | 1,865 | 70.1 | 1,726 | 69.2 |
| Sciences | | | | | | |
| Computer Science | 784 | 82.4 | 66 | 78.8 | 62 | 77.4 |
| Engineering | 1,413 | 72.5 | 240 | 72.5 | 224 | 74.1 |
| Mathematics | 996 | 83.2 | 347 | 80.4 | 154 | 71.4 |
| Medicine | 1,192 | 75.9 | 264 | 68.9 | 258 | 70.9 |
| Medicine Graduate Course* | 28 | 57.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Natural Sciences | 1,818 | 75.3 | 485 | 73.4 | 457 | 73.3 |
| Psychological & Behavioural Sciences | 353 | 80.7 | 81 | 80.2 | 74 | 78.4 |
| Veterinary Medicine | 273 | 76.2 | 77 | 64.9 | 69 | 60.9 |
| Subtotals | 6,857 | 77.0 | 1,561 | 74.2 | 1,299 | 72.5 |
| Totals | 12,673 | 72.9 | 3,426 | 72.0 | 3,025 | 70.6 |

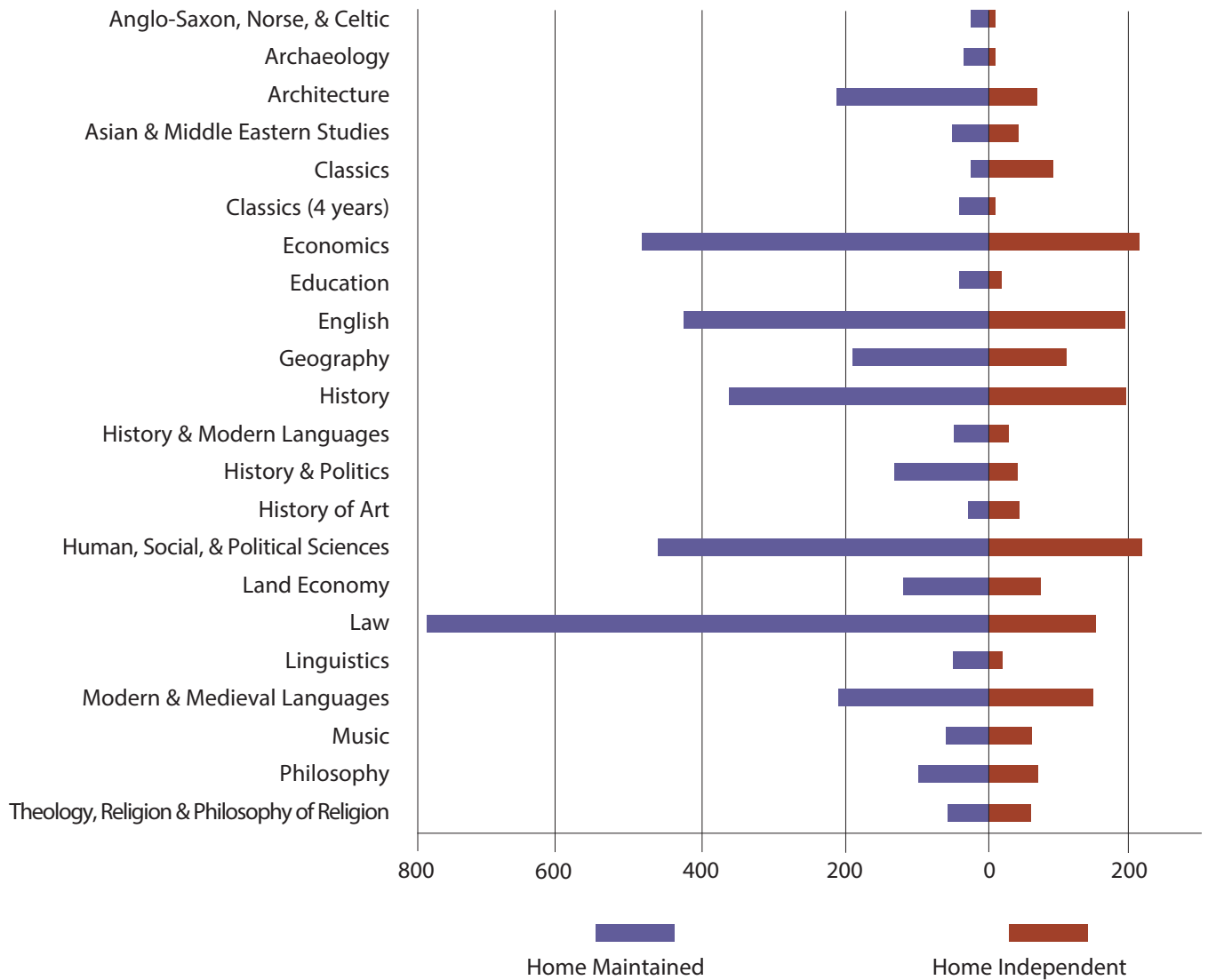
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The figures include only Home applicants who applied from a school or college in the UK and show the percentage of applications, offers and acceptances by course from the maintained sector, including FE institutions.

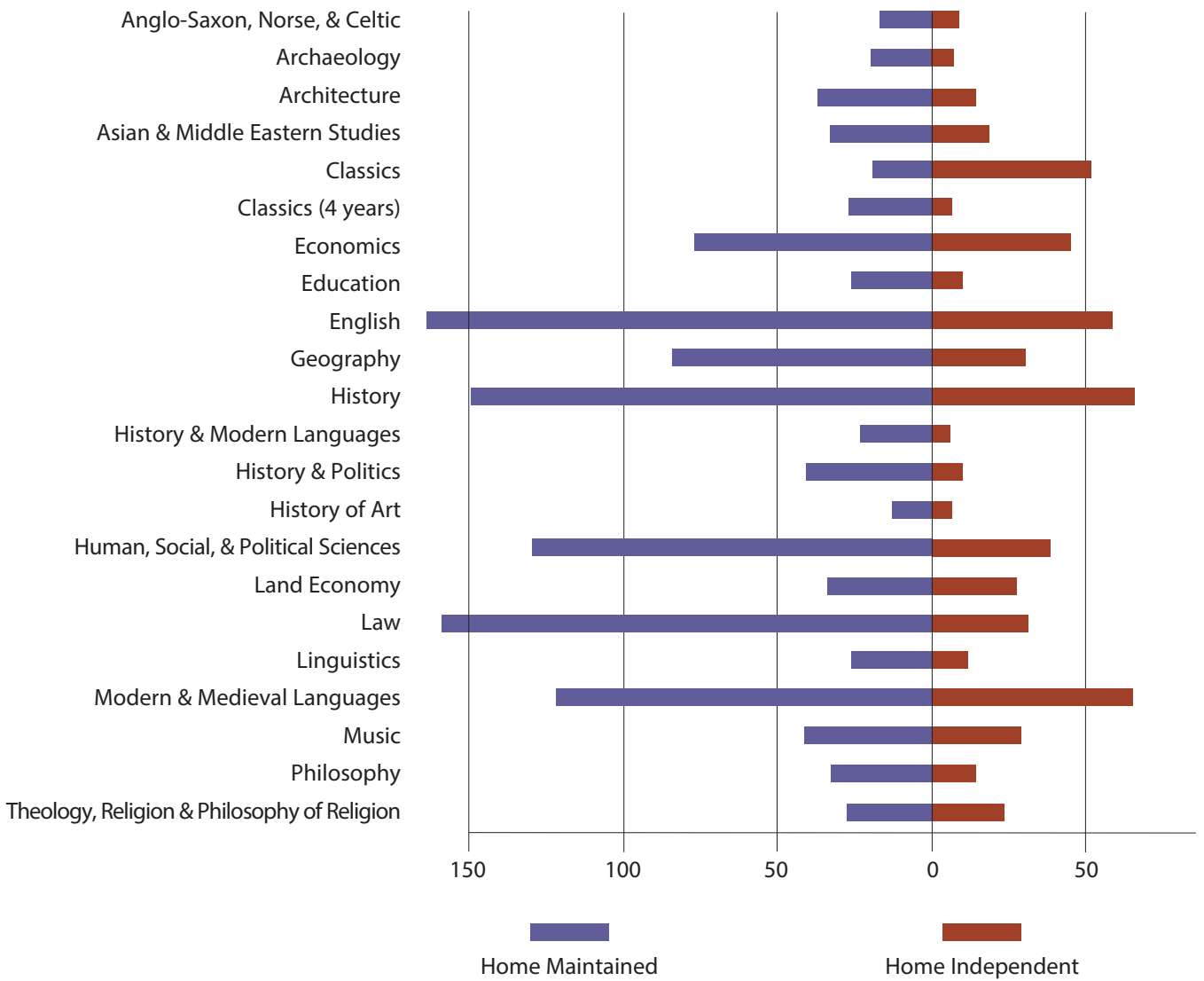
* While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above. Such applicants are recorded in this table for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

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

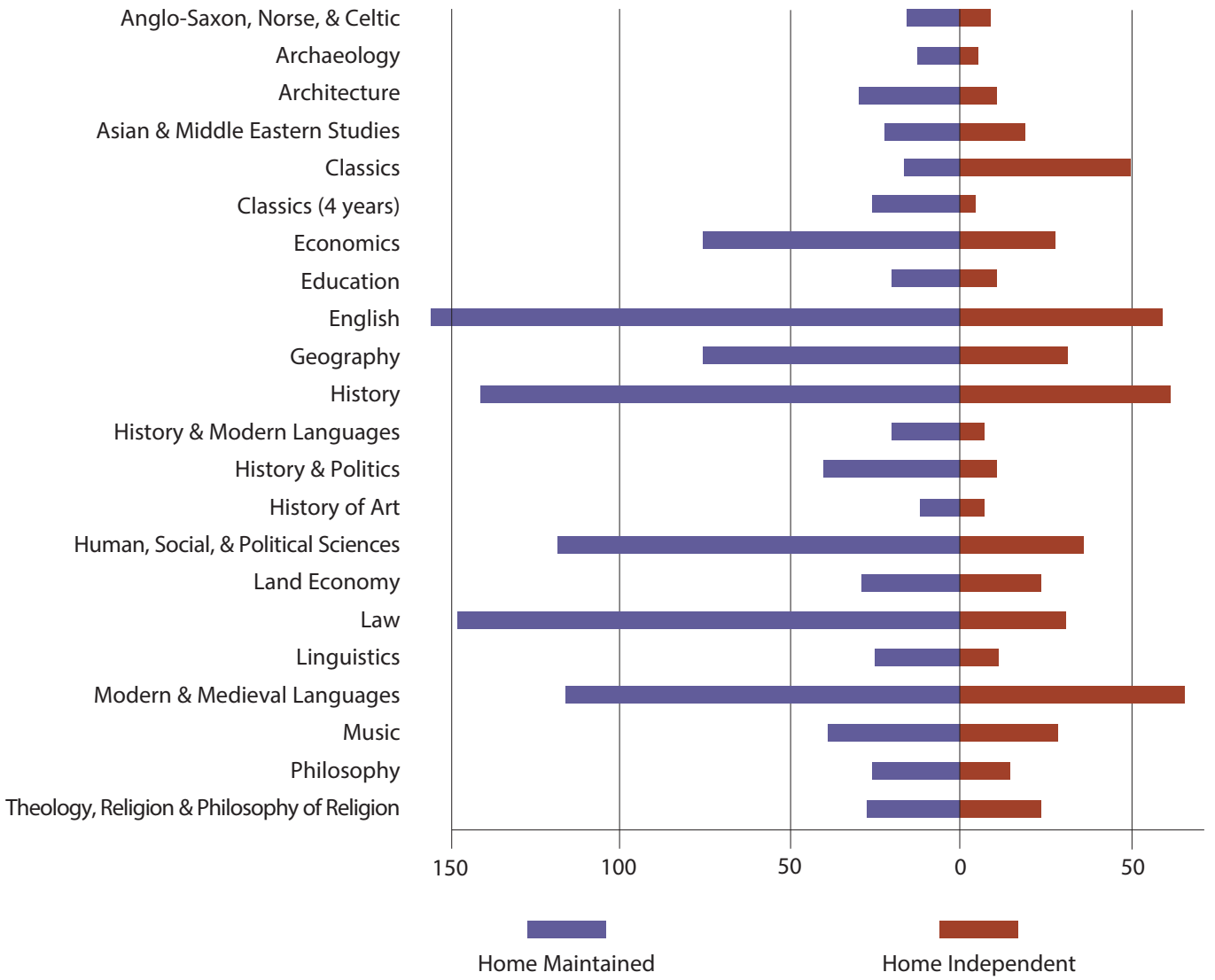
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2020

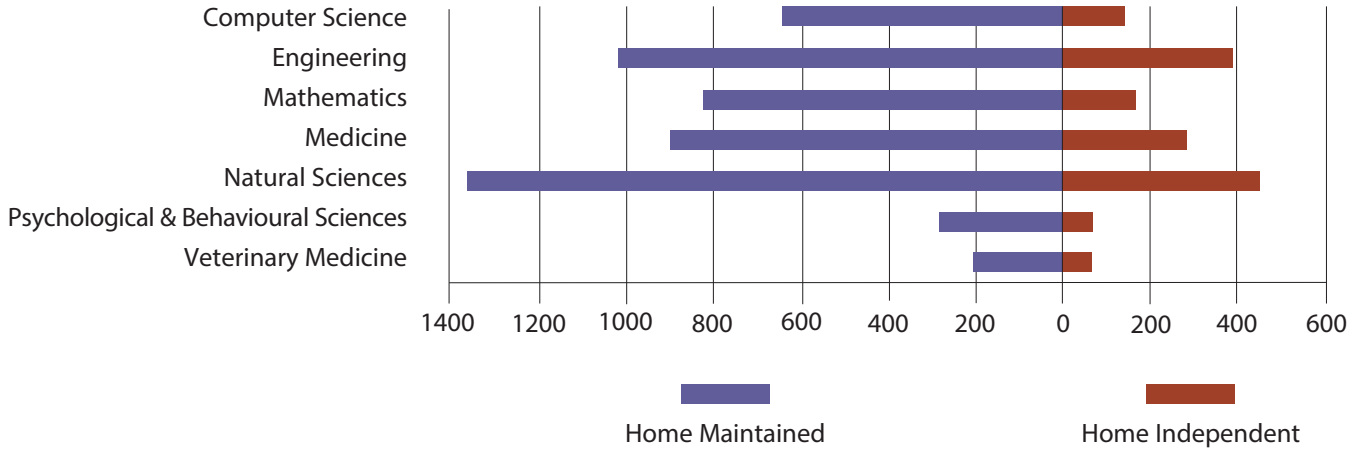


Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2020

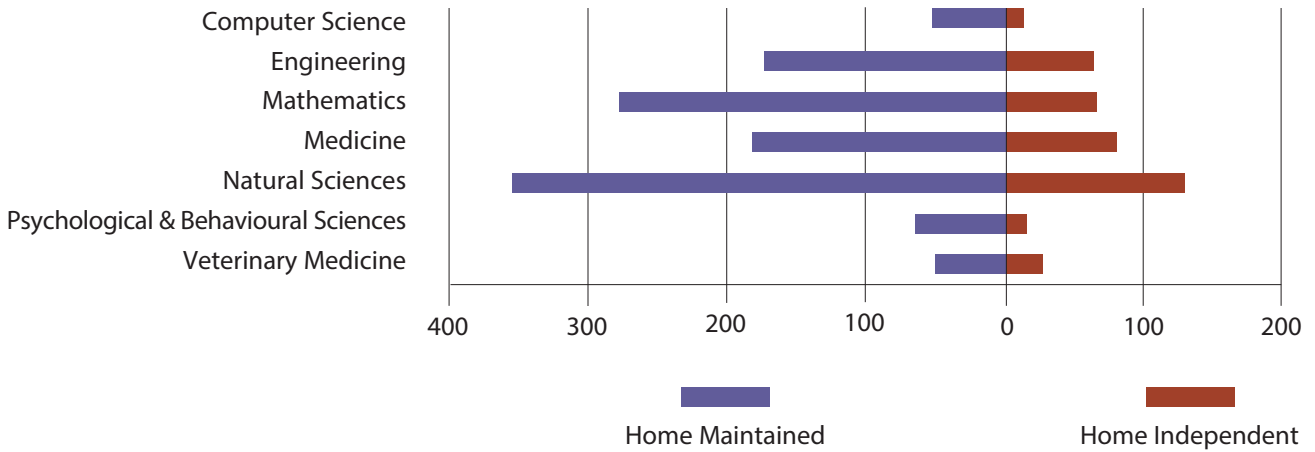


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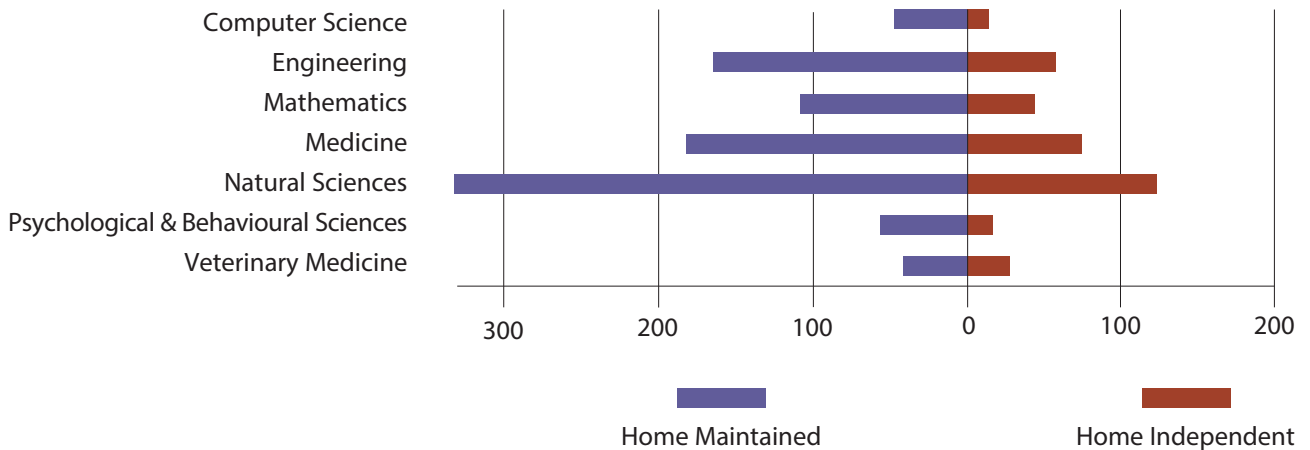
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2020



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 2020

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

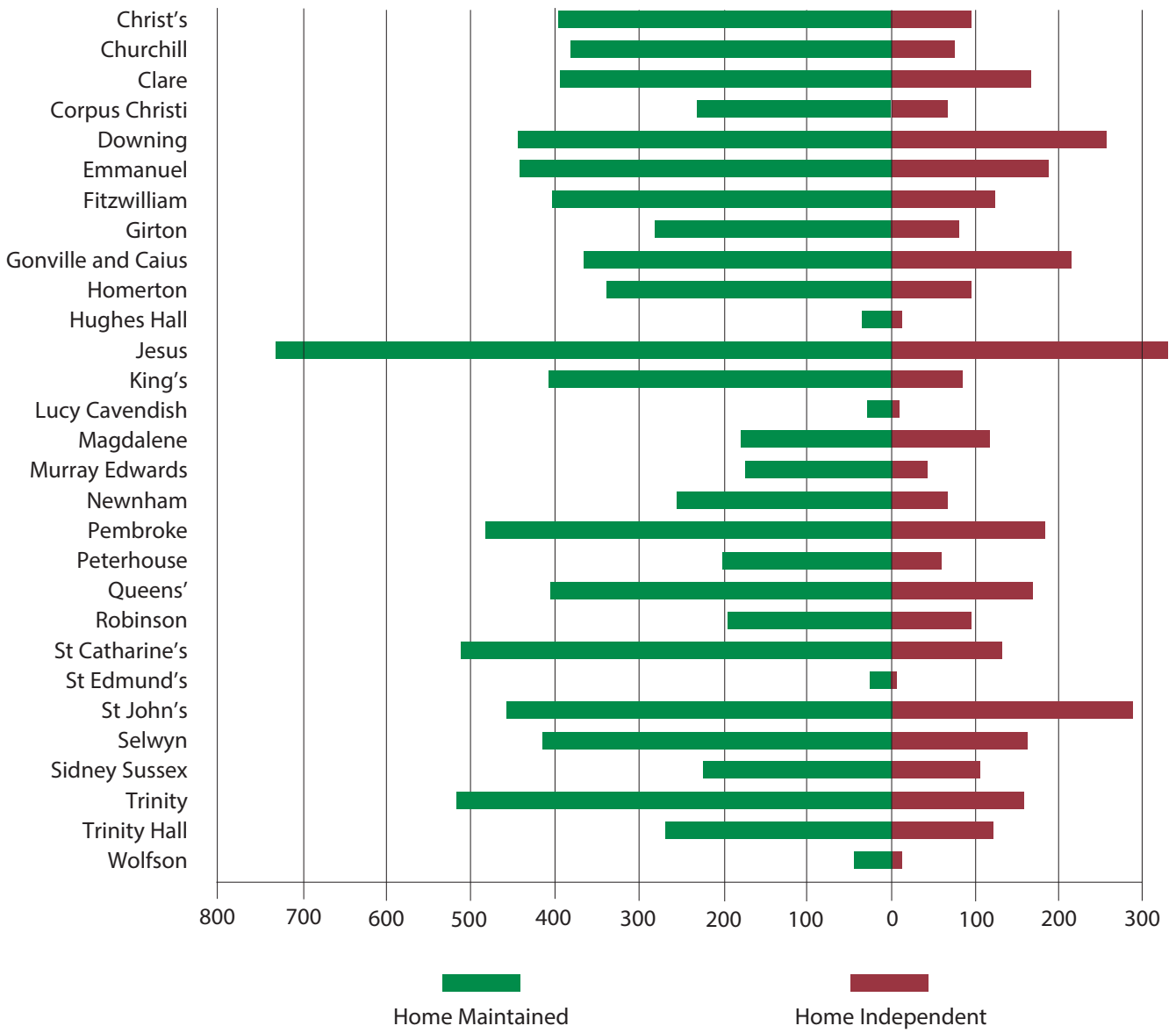
| College | Applications | % Maintained | Offers | % Maintained | Acceptances | % Maintained |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Christ's | 495 | 80.4 | 107 | 75.7 | 85 | 74.1 |
| Churchill | 459 | 83.2 | 149 | 76.5 | 114 | 75.4 |
| Clare | 563 | 70.0 | 142 | 71.8 | 125 | 70.4 |
| Corpus Christi | 297 | 77.4 | 103 | 77.7 | 89 | 77.5 |
| Downing | 702 | 63.2 | 115 | 63.5 | 111 | 64.0 |
| Emmanuel | 630 | 70.0 | 137 | 69.3 | 122 | 68.9 |
| Fitzwilliam | 525 | 76.6 | 139 | 79.1 | 121 | 79.3 |
| Girton | 362 | 77.6 | 140 | 77.1 | 127 | 76.4 |
| Gonville and Caius | 582 | 62.9 | 161 | 55.9 | 154 | 57.1 |
| Homerton | 435 | 78.2 | 182 | 74.2 | 154 | 73.4 |
| Hughes Hall* | 44 | 77.3 | 15 | 73.3 | 13 | 69.2 |
| Jesus | 999 | 73.3 | 145 | 80.0 | 136 | 80.1 |
| King's | 472 | 86.0 | 125 | 79.2 | 110 | 78.2 |
| Lucy Cavendish* | 35 | 85.7 | 33 | 78.8 | 48 | 68.8 |
| Magdalene | 296 | 60.5 | 92 | 63.0 | 90 | 66.7 |
| Murray Edwards | 217 | 81.1 | 146 | 76.7 | 111 | 75.7 |
| Newnham | 323 | 78.6 | 119 | 73.9 | 106 | 70.8 |
| Pembroke | 668 | 72.5 | 141 | 78.0 | 128 | 76.6 |
| Peterhouse | 262 | 76.7 | 66 | 69.7 | 61 | 67.2 |
| Queens' | 571 | 70.4 | 155 | 71.0 | 145 | 73.1 |
| Robinson | 292 | 67.1 | 117 | 51.3 | 101 | 48.5 |
| St Catharine's | 641 | 79.7 | 132 | 75.0 | 115 | 72.2 |
| St Edmund's* | 31 | 87.1 | 13 | 76.9 | 11 | 72.7 |
| St John's | 746 | 61.4 | 177 | 66.7 | 158 | 65.2 |
| Selwyn | 579 | 71.8 | 123 | 78.9 | 111 | 78.4 |
| Sidney Sussex | 326 | 68.1 | 104 | 68.3 | 97 | 66.0 |
| Trinity | 676 | 76.3 | 174 | 64.4 | 157 | 61.8 |
| Trinity Hall | 389 | 69.2 | 116 | 73.3 | 104 | 72.1 |
| Wolfson* | 56 | 82.1 | 24 | 70.8 | 21 | 71.4 |
| Open Offers | - | - | 34 | 97.1 | - | - |
| Totals | 12,673 | 72.9 | 3,426 | 72.0 | 3,025 | 70.6 |

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

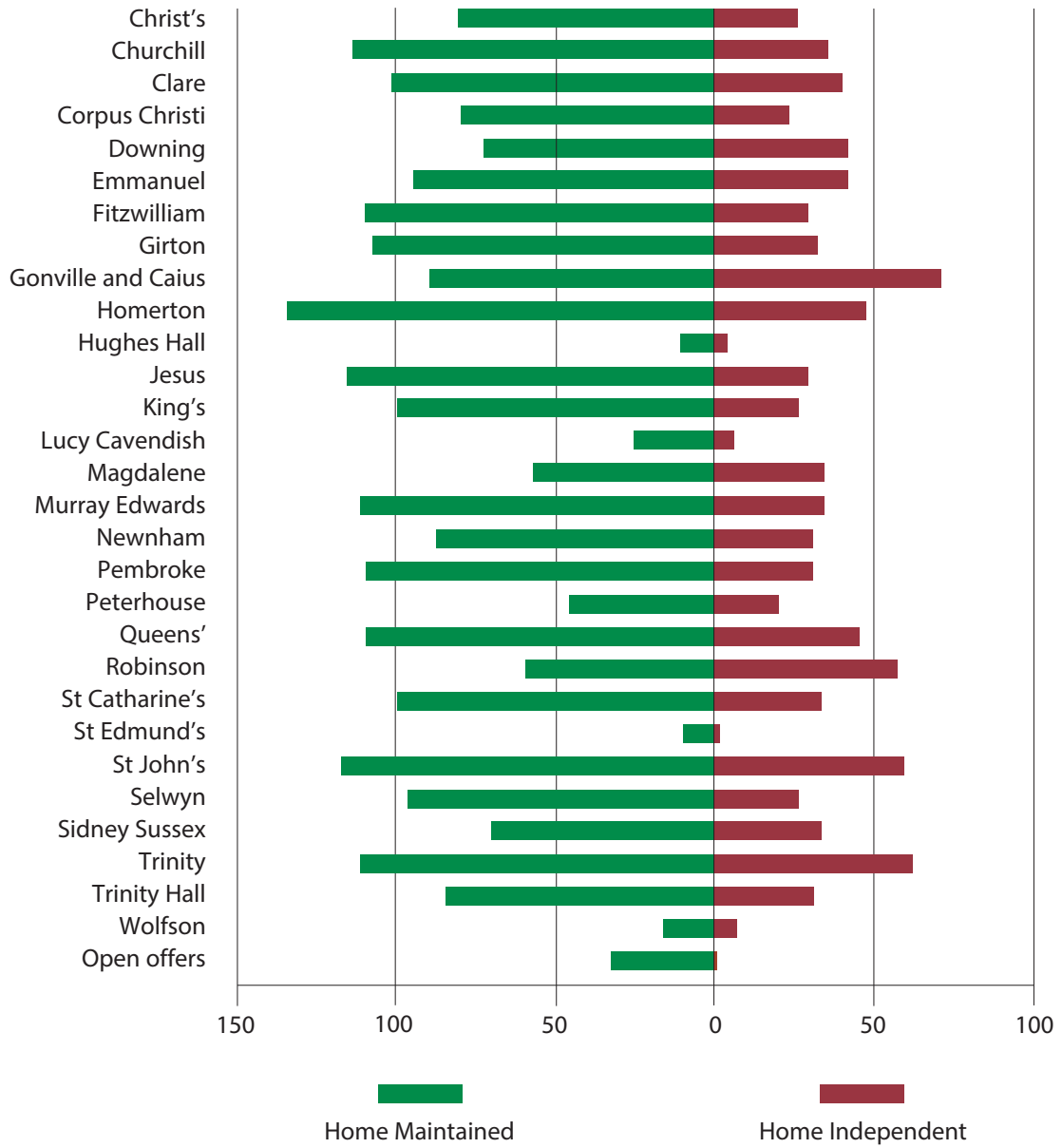
The figures include only Home applicants who applied from a school or college in the UK and show the percentage of applications, offers and acceptances by College from the maintained sector, including FE institutions.

* 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.

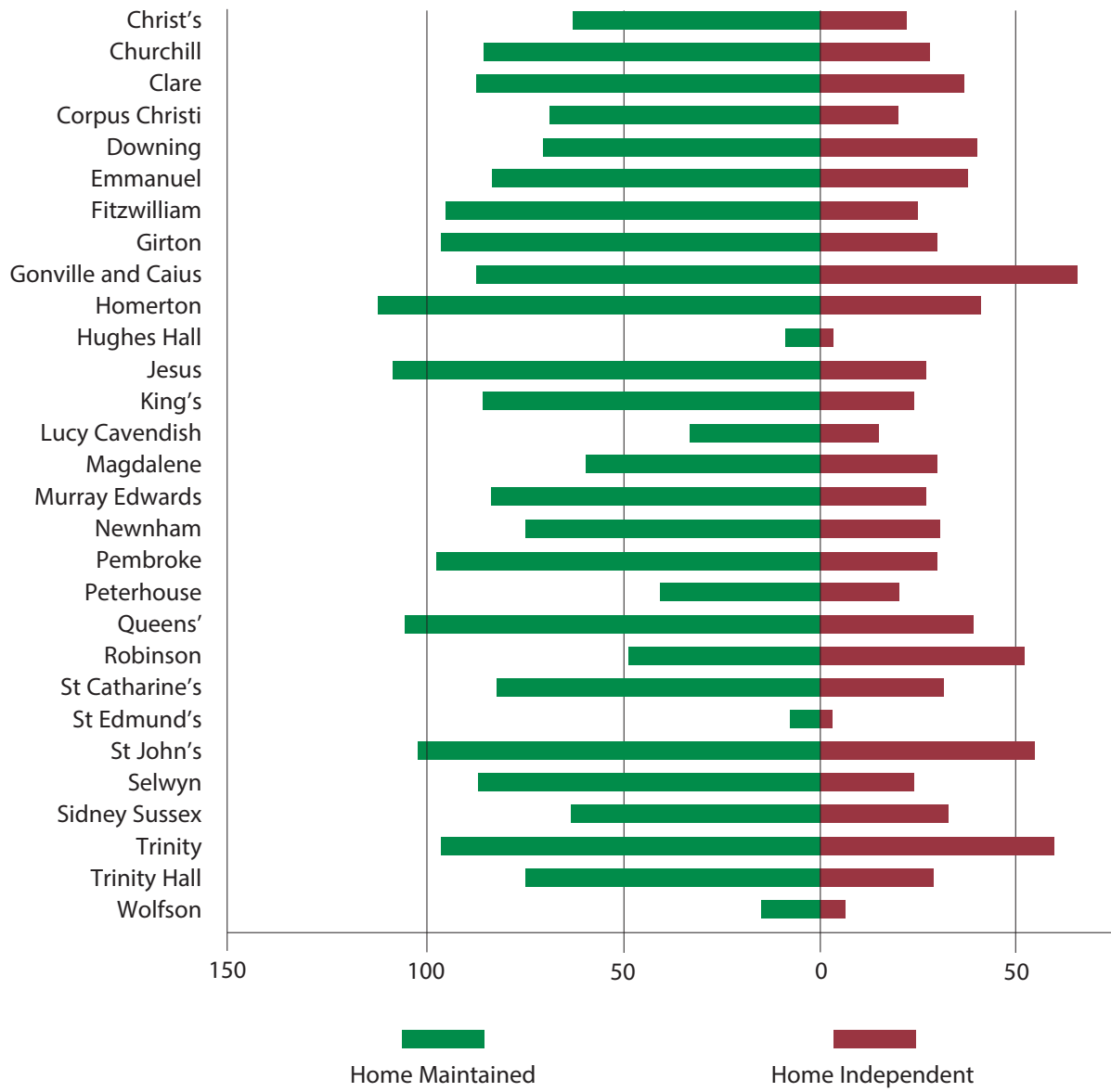
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2020



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2020



6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age* 2020

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

| Age | Applicants | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| Under 18 | 663 | 3.3 | 103 | 2.2 | 76 | 1.9 | 11.5 |
| 18 | 13,259 | 65.0 | 3,078 | 65.4 | 2,642 | 66.1 | 19.9 |
| 19 | 4,229 | 20.7 | 1,021 | 21.7 | 869 | 21.7 | 20.5 |
| 20 | 761 | 3.7 | 190 | 4.0 | 161 | 4.0 | 21.2 |
| 21 and over | 1,487 | 7.3 | 318 | 6.8 | 249 | 6.2 | 16.7 |
| Totals | 20,399 | 100.0 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 3,997 | 100.0 | 19.6 |

* 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 POLAR4 quintile 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

| POLAR4 quintile | Applicants | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| 5 | 6,347 | 47.5 | 1,813 | 51.2 | 1,615 | 51.7 | 25.4 |
| 4 | 2,962 | 22.2 | 734 | 20.7 | 643 | 20.6 | 21.7 |
| 3 | 1,910 | 14.3 | 474 | 13.4 | 407 | 13.0 | 21.3 |
| 2 | 1,274 | 9.5 | 315 | 8.9 | 276 | 8.8 | 21.7 |
| 1 | 780 | 5.8 | 186 | 5.3 | 163 | 5.2 | 20.9 |
| Unknown | 96 | 0.7 | 18 | 0.5 | 18 | 0.6 | 18.8 |
| Totals | 13,369 | 100.0 | 3,540 | 100.0 | 3,122 | 100.0 | 23.4 |

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POLAR4 is a classification of UK postcode areas showing the participation of young people in higher education (HE), where 5 signifies the highest-participation neighbourhood quintile and 1 the lowest. More information about POLAR methodology is available at: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area.

Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

| OAC flag | Applicants | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| Flagged | 3,080 | 23.0 | 695 | 19.6 | 594 | 19.0 | 19.3 |
| Unflagged | 10,250 | 76.7 | 2,837 | 80.1 | 2,520 | 80.7 | 24.6 |
| Unknown | 39 | 0.3 | 8 | 0.2 | 8 | 0.3 | 20.5 |
| Totals | 13,369 | 100.0 | 3,540 | 100.0 | 3,122 | 100.0 | 23.4 |

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

OAC (Output Area Classification) data provides information about the dominant socio-demographic characteristics of an applicant's residential neighbourhood. Applicants are flagged if they live in a neighbourhood whose characteristics are associated with relative disadvantage and low Cambridge application rates. More information about OAC methodology is available at: www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/geographicalproducts/areaclassifications.

Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag 2020

This table counts Home applicants only.

| IMD flag | Applicants | | Offers | | Acceptances and success rates | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | Success rate (%) |
| Flagged | 3,194 | 23.9 | 771 | 21.8 | 673 | 21.6 | 21.1 |
| Unflagged | 10,125 | 75.7 | 2,759 | 77.9 | 2,439 | 78.1 | 24.1 |
| Unknown | 50 | 0.4 | 10 | 0.3 | 10 | 0.3 | 20.0 |
| Totals | 13,369 | 100.0 | 3,540 | 100.0 | 3,122 | 100.0 | 23.4 |

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

IMD (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) data provides information about the typical level of deprivation in an applicant's local area. Applicants are flagged if they live in a neighbourhood that is ranked within the most deprived 40% of areas within their UK region (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, or Wales). More information about IMD methodology in each UK region is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation (England)

www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation (Northern Ireland)

www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2021 (Scotland)

www.gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation (Wales)

8 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and gender 2020

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 | 25 | 49 | 74 | 0.6 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 0.6 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 0.6 | 24.3 |
| Black or Black British - African | 234 | 350 | 584 | 4.4 | 54 | 80 | 134 | 3.8 | 47 | 80 | 127 | 4.1 | 21.7 |
| Other Black background | 16 | 17 | 33 | 0.2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0.2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0.2 | 21.2 |
| Asian or Asian British - Indian | 579 | 391 | 970 | 7.3 | 123 | 91 | 214 | 6.0 | 116 | 87 | 203 | 6.5 | 20.9 |
| Asian or Asian British - Pakistani | 204 | 170 | 374 | 2.8 | 24 | 32 | 56 | 1.6 | 16 | 27 | 43 | 1.4 | 11.5 |
| Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi | 132 | 123 | 255 | 1.9 | 22 | 27 | 49 | 1.4 | 25 | 22 | 47 | 1.5 | 18.4 |
| Chinese | 192 | 160 | 352 | 2.6 | 45 | 35 | 80 | 2.3 | 41 | 32 | 73 | 2.3 | 20.7 |
| Other Asian background | 293 | 212 | 505 | 3.8 | 58 | 46 | 104 | 2.9 | 50 | 42 | 92 | 2.9 | 18.2 |
| Mixed - White and Black Caribbean | 46 | 60 | 106 | 0.8 | 14 | 17 | 31 | 0.9 | 14 | 16 | 30 | 1.0 | 28.3 |
| Mixed - White and Black African | 51 | 59 | 110 | 0.8 | 13 | 22 | 35 | 1.0 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 0.9 | 25.5 |
| Mixed - White and Asian | 263 | 242 | 505 | 3.8 | 70 | 83 | 153 | 4.3 | 61 | 71 | 132 | 4.2 | 26.1 |
| Other mixed background | 113 | 148 | 261 | 2.0 | 27 | 43 | 70 | 2.0 | 25 | 37 | 62 | 2.0 | 23.8 |
| Arab | 74 | 26 | 100 | 0.7 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 0.5 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 0.5 | 15.0 |
| Other ethnic background | 79 | 90 | 169 | 1.3 | 18 | 13 | 31 | 0.9 | 17 | 10 | 27 | 0.9 | 16.0 |
| White | 4,282 | 4,197 | 8,479 | 63.4 | 1,094 | 1,378 | 2,472 | 69.8 | 948 | 1,238 | 2,186 | 70.0 | 25.8 |
| Gypsy or Traveller | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unknown | 296 | 193 | 489 | 3.7 | 48 | 18 | 66 | 1.9 | 28 | 4 | 32 | 1.0 | 6.5 |
| Totals | 6,879 | 6,490 | 13,369 | 100.0 | 1,628 | 1,912 | 3,540 | 100.0 | 1,413 | 1,709 | 3,122 | 100.0 | 23.4 |

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

Table 8.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject 2020

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 |
| Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic | <3 | <3 | 4 | <3 | 31 | 13.9 | <3 | <3 | 3 | <3 | 22 | 15.4 | <3 | <3 | 3 | <3 | 21 | 16.0 |
| Archaeology | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 44 | 6.4 | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 26 | 7.1 | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 17 | 10.5 |
| Architecture | 15 | 67 | 32 | 11 | 157 | 44.3 | 4 | 13 | 9 | <3 | 26 | 50.9 | 3 | 10 | 8 | <3 | 21 | 51.2 |
| Asian & Middle Eastern Studies | 4 | 7 | 12 | <3 | 68 | 26.9 | <3 | 5 | 4 | <3 | 43 | 20.4 | <3 | 3 | 4 | <3 | 34 | 20.9 |
| Classics | <3 | 8 | 6 | <3 | 98 | 12.5 | <3 | 4 | 5 | <3 | 61 | 12.9 | <3 | 3 | 4 | <3 | 58 | 10.8 |
| Classics (4 years) | <3 | 5 | 6 | <3 | 37 | 28.8 | <3 | <3 | 5 | <3 | 24 | 27.3 | <3 | <3 | 4 | <3 | 23 | 23.3 |
| Economics | 38 | 235 | 35 | 7 | 371 | 45.9 | 3 | 38 | 5 | <3 | 58 | 44.2 | 4 | 36 | 5 | <3 | 58 | 43.7 |
| Education | 6 | 5 | 4 | <3 | 49 | 24.6 | 4 | <3 | 3 | <3 | 28 | 22.2 | 4 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 25 | 21.9 |
| English | 19 | 40 | 61 | 5 | 493 | 20.2 | 8 | 13 | 22 | <3 | 183 | 19.4 | 8 | 13 | 19 | <3 | 175 | 19.0 |
| Geography | 8 | 32 | 13 | 4 | 242 | 19.1 | 4 | 12 | 8 | <3 | 90 | 21.1 | 4 | 12 | 7 | <3 | 82 | 21.9 |
| History | 10 | 48 | 46 | <3 | 438 | 19.3 | 5 | 26 | 22 | <3 | 156 | 25.7 | 4 | 25 | 20 | <3 | 151 | 24.9 |
| History & Modern Languages | <3 | 5 | 6 | <3 | 63 | 16.0 | <3 | 3 | <3 | <3 | 23 | 17.9 | <3 | 3 | <3 | <3 | 22 | 18.5 |
| History & Politics | 12 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 139 | 20.6 | 5 | 4 | <3 | <3 | 43 | 18.9 | 5 | 3 | <3 | <3 | 42 | 17.6 |
| History of Art | <3 | <3 | 7 | <3 | 64 | 13.5 | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 19 | 17.4 | <3 | <3 | <3 | <3 | 17 | 19.0 |
| Human, Social, & Political Sciences | 59 | 66 | 67 | 15 | 462 | 30.9 | 30 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 109 | 36.6 | 27 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 101 | 36.5 |
| Land Economy | 21 | 53 | 11 | 5 | 104 | 46.4 | 11 | 15 | 5 | <3 | 31 | 50.8 | 9 | 14 | 4 | <3 | 26 | 50.9 |
| Law | 106 | 166 | 78 | 29 | 579 | 39.6 | 27 | 26 | 18 | <3 | 131 | 35.8 | 26 | 25 | 17 | <3 | 121 | 36.6 |
| Linguistics | <3 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 51 | 22.7 | <3 | 4 | <3 | <3 | 28 | 20.0 | <3 | 4 | <3 | <3 | 26 | 21.2 |
| Modern & Medieval Languages | 8 | 21 | 29 | <3 | 289 | 17.0 | 6 | 12 | 17 | <3 | 150 | 18.9 | 6 | 12 | 16 | <3 | 146 | 18.9 |
| Music | <3 | <3 | 7 | <3 | 102 | 11.3 | <3 | <3 | 5 | <3 | 61 | 12.9 | <3 | <3 | 5 | <3 | 58 | 13.4 |
| Philosophy | 3 | 7 | 24 | 4 | 126 | 23.2 | <3 | <3 | 7 | <3 | 35 | 25.5 | <3 | <3 | 5 | <3 | 30 | 25.0 |
| Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 93 | 18.4 | 3 | <3 | 4 | <3 | 44 | 15.4 | 3 | <3 | 4 | <3 | 44 | 15.4 |
| Subtotals | 321 | 798 | 465 | 101 | 4,100 | 29.1 | 115 | 199 | 165 | 17 | 1,391 | 26.3 | 108 | 185 | 149 | 16 | 1,298 | 26.1 |

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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 |
| Sciences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer Science | 44 | 198 | 57 | 19 | 450 | 41.4 | <3 | 12 | 5 | <3 | 46 | 29.2 | <3 | 11 | 5 | <3 | 43 | 29.5 |
| Engineering | 86 | 394 | 106 | 26 | 778 | 44.0 | 13 | 62 | 20 | 4 | 138 | 41.8 | 12 | 61 | 17 | 4 | 130 | 42.0 |
| Mathematics | 16 | 168 | 51 | 21 | 708 | 26.6 | <3 | 57 | 21 | 6 | 247 | 25.8 | <3 | 29 | 9 | 3 | 111 | 27.5 |
| Medicine | 117 | 489 | 88 | 53 | 445 | 62.7 | 13 | 93 | 19 | 11 | 125 | 52.1 | 15 | 100 | 19 | 10 | 112 | 56.3 |
| Medicine Graduate Course | 40 | 72 | 32 | 20 | 216 | 43.2 | <3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 26 | 40.9 | <3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 40.0 |
| Natural Sciences | 48 | 284 | 128 | 25 | 1,276 | 27.5 | 15 | 63 | 39 | 5 | 361 | 25.3 | 13 | 59 | 35 | 5 | 345 | 24.5 |
| Psychological & Behavioural Sciences | 16 | 42 | 31 | 3 | 261 | 26.1 | <3 | 4 | 4 | <3 | 74 | 10.8 | <3 | 4 | <3 | <3 | 70 | 7.9 |
| Veterinary Medicine | 4 | 18 | 25 | 4 | 254 | 16.7 | <3 | 4 | 12 | <3 | 64 | 21.0 | <3 | 3 | 12 | <3 | 56 | 22.2 |
| Subtotals | 371 | 1,665 | 518 | 171 | 4,388 | 38.3 | 48 | 304 | 124 | 30 | 1,081 | 31.9 | 44 | 273 | 103 | 26 | 888 | 33.4 |
| Totals | 692 | 2,463 | 983 | 272 | 8,488 | 34.2 | 163 | 503 | 289 | 47 | 2,472 | 28.8 | 152 | 458 | 252 | 42 | 2,186 | 29.3 |

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 2020

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 | 183 | 0.9 | 55 | 1.2 | 39 | 1.0 | 21.3 |
| Blind or partially sighted | 21 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.2 | 28.6 |
| Deaf or serious hearing impairment | 29 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.1 | 17.2 |
| Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition) | 138 | 0.7 | 44 | 0.9 | 33 | 0.8 | 23.9 |
| Mental health condition | 376 | 1.8 | 90 | 1.9 | 74 | 1.9 | 19.7 |
| Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia) | 532 | 2.6 | 120 | 2.5 | 106 | 2.7 | 19.9 |
| Physical impairment or mobility difficulties | 45 | 0.2 | 17 | 0.4 | 15 | 0.4 | 33.3 |
| Other disability or medical condition | 232 | 1.1 | 69 | 1.5 | 59 | 1.5 | 25.4 |
| Two or more of the above | 124 | 0.6 | 25 | 0.5 | 20 | 0.5 | 16.1 |
| No disability declared | 18,719 | 91.8 | 4,277 | 90.8 | 3,640 | 91.1 | 19.4 |
| Totals | 20,399 | 100.0 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 3,997 | 100.0 | 19.6 |

This data relates to applicants (who may apply for up to five courses in their UCAS application) rather than the total number of applications made by applicants. Applicants to Cambridge are usually permitted to make only one application to the University in any given year, the sole exception to this rule being those wishing to be considered for both the standard Medicine and Graduate Medicine courses.

10 The admissions process

Table 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2020

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

| Type of school/college | Applications | | Winter Pooled | Offers | | Summer Pooled | Adjustment Pooled | Acceptances | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Direct | Open | | Direct | via Winter Pool | | | by Offering College | via Summer Pool | via Adjustment |
| Applications for entry in 2020 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Maintained | 8,352 | 614 | 2,336 | 1,893 | 441 | 266 | 102 | 1,966 | 29 | 26 |
| Home Independent | 3,197 | 114 | 944 | 756 | 146 | 79 | 6 | 824 | 9 | 0 |
| All Others* | 6,066 | 1,316 | 1,191 | 961 | 155 | 84 | 0 | 835 | 10 | 0 |
| Subtotals | 17,615 | 2,044 | 4,471 | 3,610 | 742 | 429 | 108 | 3,625 | 48 | 26 |
| Applications for deferred entry in 2021 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Maintained | 254 | 17 | 84 | 82 | 50 | 16 | 1 | 115 | 1 | 0 |
| Home Independent | 122 | 3 | 41 | 35 | 23 | 10 | 0 | 54 | 1 | 0 |
| All Others* | 331 | 40 | 134 | 102 | 66 | 17 | 0 | 126 | 1 | 0 |
| Subtotals | 707 | 60 | 259 | 219 | 139 | 43 | 1 | 295 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 18,322 | 2,104 | 4,730 | 3,829 | 881 | 472 | 109 | 3,920 | 51 | 26 |

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

Applications:

- Applicants to Cambridge can choose to make a **direct** application to a College of their choice or to make an **open** application, where the application is allocated to a College by computer algorithm.
- Applicants may be placed in the **Winter Pool** by the College to which they applied (or were allocated in the case of open applicants) for a number of reasons, summarised here: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/decisions.

Offers:

- **Direct** offers are those made by the College to which applicants applied (or were allocated in the case of open applicants), regardless of whether the application was placed in the Winter Pool.
- Offers made **via the Winter Pool** are those made to pooled applicants by a College other than that to which they applied (or were allocated).
- Offer-holders may sometimes be placed in the **Summer Pool** by their offering College if, following the publication of examination results, they have narrowly missed the conditions of their offer.

Acceptances:

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