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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 2014 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2015 or by deferred entry for courses starting in October 2016. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 104 applicants (242 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: [wwwucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track](http://wwwucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track).
- Offer figures refer to applicants who received a conditional or unconditional offer of a place.
- Acceptance figures include only those applicants who received an unconditional firm offer of a place. It excludes those made conditional offers who were unsuccessful at confirmation.
- Success rate figures show the proportion of applicants accepted at confirmation.
- Percentages throughout have been rounded to one decimal place, so values given may not always add up to 100.
- Please note that the statistics are not intended for use in the University's return to the Office of Fair Access (OFFA), as they are calculated on a different basis. OFFA reporting is on a year of entry rather than an admissions round basis, and excludes students who withdrew post-confirmation or otherwise did not come into residence at the University.
- Equivalent tables for the previous application cycle may be found in: [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/undergrad\\_admissions\\_statistics\\_2014\\_cycle.pdf](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/undergrad_admissions_statistics_2014_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 16,431 (*16,752*), a decrease of 1.9%.
- The total number of offers is 4,253 (*4,220*), an increase of 0.8%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,449 (*3,448*), almost unchanged compared to last year.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 52:48 (*53:47*).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:  
Maintained 62.3% (*62.2%*)  
Independent 37.7% (*37.8%*)

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

- Of those accepted, 97.7% (*97.3%*) 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 5,075 (*5,113*).

**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 2.9% (*3.7%*). In addition, 0.6% (*0.4%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR3 directory.

**Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnic origin**

- The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 20.0% (*18.9%*). In addition, 0.9% (*0.9%*) 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 5.2% (*4.8%*).

# 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 2015**

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>3,474</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>25.0</b>
Comprehensive School	1,734	1,331	3,065	18.7	444	437	881	20.7	339	343	682	19.8	22.3
Grammar School	982	823	1,805	11.0	334	354	688	16.2	287	302	589	17.1	32.6
Sixth Form College	538	451	989	6.0	152	149	301	7.1	110	120	230	6.7	23.3
FE and Tertiary Colleges	220	196	416	2.5	40	54	94	2.2	30	35	65	1.9	15.6
<b>Independent</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>34.6</b>
Other and Overseas	274	259	533	3.2	29	40	69	1.6	24	35	59	1.7	11.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>4,256</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>27.0</b>
<b>Other applications</b>													
Maintained	221	197	418	2.5	40	42	82	1.9	23	32	55	1.6	13.2
Independent	446	469	915	5.6	122	106	228	5.4	101	88	189	5.5	20.7
Other and Overseas	2,950	2,603	5,553	33.8	469	374	843	19.8	369	263	632	18.3	11.4
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,617</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>6,886</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,906</b>	<b>7,525</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>

The 'Other and Overseas' category consists largely of applicants at schools and colleges outside the UK, but includes applicants from a variety of non-school/college institutions within the UK. Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

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

Maintained **62.3%** (62.2% in the previous cycle)

Independent **37.7%** (37.8% in the previous cycle)

**Table 1.2 UK schools/colleges submitting Home applicants, and receiving offers and acceptances to Cambridge in any of the last three years (2013-2015)**

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
<b>Maintained</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,131</b>
Comprehensive School	1,569	910	772
Grammar School	226	206	199
Sixth Form College	98	84	79
FE and Tertiary Colleges	226	102	81
<b>Independent</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,494</b>

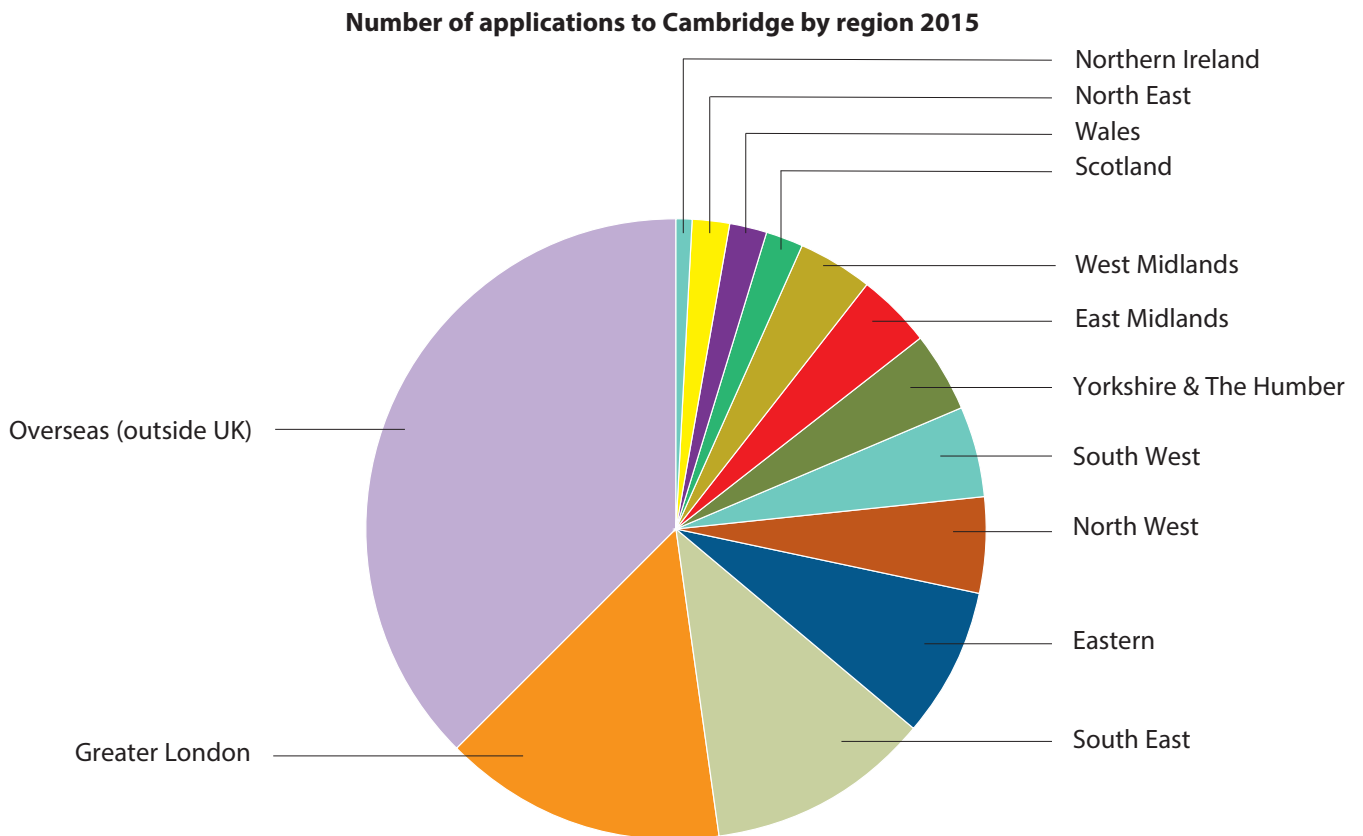
Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

# 2 Applications, offers and acceptances by region

**Table 2.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by region 2015**

Region of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Northern Ireland	164	1.0	47	1.1	40	1.2	24.4
North East	252	1.5	85	2.0	65	1.9	25.8
Wales	257	1.6	76	1.8	63	1.8	24.5
Scotland	324	2.0	66	1.6	49	1.4	15.1
West Midlands	604	3.7	181	4.3	154	4.5	25.5
East Midlands	607	3.7	177	4.2	146	4.2	24.1
Yorkshire & The Humber	630	3.8	205	4.8	155	4.5	24.6
South West	802	4.9	236	5.5	200	5.8	24.9
North West	869	5.3	263	6.2	216	6.3	24.9
Eastern	1,329	8.1	460	10.8	398	11.5	29.9
South East	1,957	11.9	673	15.8	568	16.5	29.0
Greater London	2,384	14.5	750	17.6	613	17.8	25.7
Overseas (outside UK)	6,252	38.1	1,034	24.3	782	22.7	12.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>

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



Success rate by region 2015

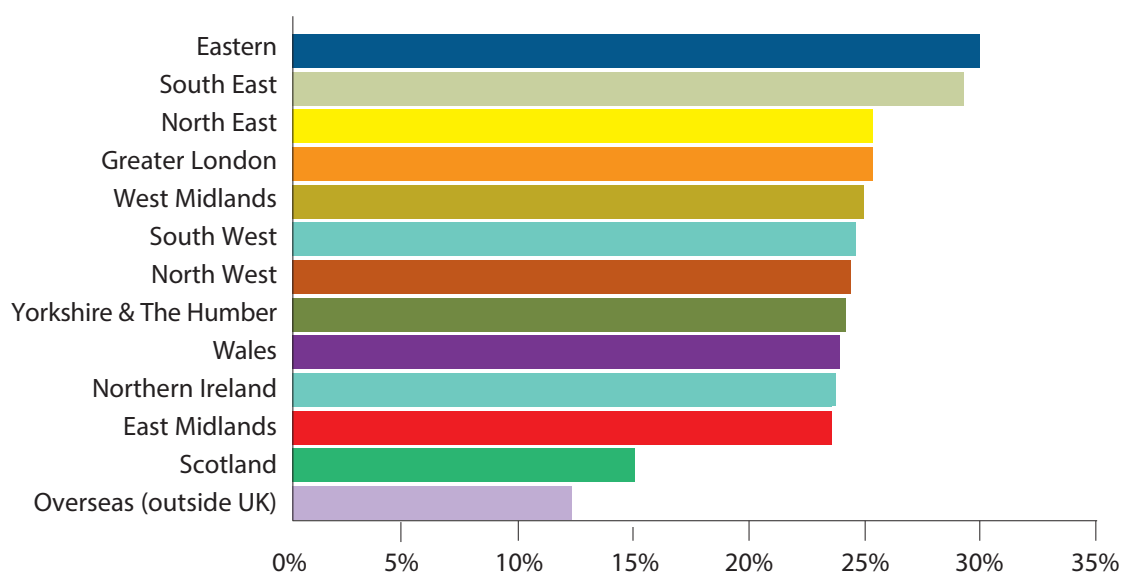


Table 2.2 Applications and acceptances nationally by region 2015 [Source: UCAS]

Region of domicile	Applications		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
North East	20,925	2.9	16,740	3.1
Northern Ireland	21,030	2.9	14,050	2.6
Wales	25,200	3.5	20,510	3.9
East Midlands	36,085	5.0	29,220	5.5
South West	44,205	6.2	35,355	6.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	44,780	6.2	35,985	6.8
Eastern	49,730	6.9	40,355	7.6
Scotland	51,295	7.1	34,775	6.5
West Midlands	52,380	7.3	41,980	7.9
North West	66,550	9.3	52,990	10.0
South East	76,005	10.6	61,260	11.5
Greater London	103,750	14.4	80,400	15.1
Unknown UK	90	0.0	90	0.0
Overseas (outside UK)	126,455	17.6	68,550	12.9
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>718,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>532,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

\* This table reproduces publicly available figures from UCAS, which have been rounded to the nearest five applicants, so the values of the individual categories may not add up exactly to the given totals.

**Table 2.3 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2015**

Country of domicile	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
China	579	9.3	106	10.3	76	9.7	13.1
Singapore	494	7.9	126	12.2	96	12.3	19.4
Hong Kong	421	6.7	103	10.0	87	11.1	20.7
United States of America	323	5.2	51	4.9	23	2.9	7.1
Malaysia	295	4.7	43	4.2	36	4.6	12.2
Germany	272	4.4	45	4.4	34	4.3	12.5
France	253	4.0	29	2.8	25	3.2	9.9
Italy	222	3.6	20	1.9	16	2.0	7.2
Poland	208	3.3	31	3.0	21	2.7	10.1
Canada	193	3.1	12	1.2	10	1.3	5.2
India	161	2.6	16	1.5	11	1.4	6.8
Romania	147	2.4	41	4.0	31	4.0	21.1
Ireland	145	2.3	10	1.0	10	1.3	6.9
Spain	144	2.3	25	2.4	16	2.0	11.1
Pakistan	129	2.1	9	0.9	5	0.6	3.9
Australia	113	1.8	26	2.5	24	3.1	21.2
Korea (South)	105	1.7	18	1.7	13	1.7	12.4
Switzerland	101	1.6	25	2.4	19	2.4	18.8
Hungary	98	1.6	28	2.7	23	2.9	23.5
Netherlands	90	1.4	14	1.4	12	1.5	13.3
Sweden	89	1.4	12	1.2	9	1.2	10.1
Greece	85	1.4	15	1.5	12	1.5	14.1
Cyprus (European Union)	83	1.3	21	2.0	20	2.6	24.1
Bulgaria	80	1.3	13	1.3	11	1.4	13.8
Belgium	76	1.2	7	0.7	4	0.5	5.3
Other EU	415	6.6	72	7.0	63	8.1	15.2
Other International	931	14.9	116	11.2	75	9.6	8.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,252</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>

This table lists the top 25 countries outside the UK submitting applications to Cambridge. The countries listed are based on applicants' Area of Permanent Residence (APR) code. Countries submitting fewer applications than those in the top 25 are aggregated as 'Other EU' or 'Other International' at the bottom of the table.



**Table 2.4 Applications and acceptances nationally by country 2015 [Source: UCAS]**

Country of domicile	Applications		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
China	12,980	10.3	7,350	10.7
Malaysia	6,780	5.4	3,970	5.8
Hong Kong	6,770	5.4	3,945	5.8
Ireland	5,815	4.6	2,085	3.0
France	5,250	4.2	3,045	4.4
Italy	4,790	3.8	2,630	3.8
India	4,305	3.4	1,655	2.4
Singapore	4,185	3.3	1,950	2.8
United States of America	3,985	3.2	1,480	2.2
Romania	3,585	2.8	2,450	3.6
Germany	3,410	2.7	1,760	2.6
Cyprus (European Union)	3,345	2.6	2,520	3.7
Poland	3,040	2.4	1,655	2.4
Spain	3,000	2.4	1,800	2.6
Canada	2,500	2.0	1,170	1.7
Greece	2,455	1.9	1,610	2.3
Bulgaria	2,315	1.8	1,680	2.5
Nigeria	2,290	1.8	1,230	1.8
Norway	2,165	1.7	1,420	2.1
Pakistan	1,955	1.5	675	1.0
Lithuania	1,850	1.5	1,155	1.7
Korea (South)	1,565	1.2	780	1.1
Sweden	1,545	1.2	750	1.1
United Arab Emirates	1,505	1.2	765	1.1
Russia	1,345	1.1	930	1.4
Other EU	10,305	8.1	6,160	9.0
Other International	23,420	18.5	11,930	17.4
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>126,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>68,550</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. Countries submitting fewer applications than those in the top 25 are aggregated as 'Other EU' or 'Other International' at the bottom of the table.

\* This table is derived from publically available figures from UCAS, which have been rounded to the nearest five applicants.

# 3 Applications, offers and acceptances by UCAS tariff score

**Table 3.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UCAS tariff score and gender 2015**

Applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2015 admissions cycle

UCAS Tariff Score/A Level Grades	Applications						Offers						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
420 A*A*A*	2,119	37.6	1,198	26.7	3,317	32.8	1,060	64.8	720	47.0	1,780	56.2	950	70.7	662	52.0	1,612	61.6
400 A*A*A	1,255	22.3	1,025	22.8	2,280	22.5	344	21.0	395	25.8	739	23.3	265	19.7	351	27.6	616	23.5
380 A*A*B	66	1.2	58	1.3	124	1.2	11	0.7	10	0.7	21	0.7	5	0.4	8	0.6	13	0.5
380 A*AA	976	17.3	933	20.8	1,909	18.8	145	8.9	253	16.5	398	12.6	105	7.8	209	16.4	314	12.0
360	619	11.0	652	14.5	1,271	12.5	46	2.8	111	7.3	157	5.0	16	1.2	41	3.2	57	2.2
340	285	5.1	305	6.8	590	5.8	22	1.3	29	1.9	51	1.6	2	0.1	2	0.2	4	0.2
320	165	2.9	172	3.8	337	3.3	6	0.4	9	0.6	15	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
300	75	1.3	81	1.8	156	1.5	1	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
280	34	0.6	31	0.7	65	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
260	25	0.4	24	0.5	49	0.5	0	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
240	11	0.2	5	0.1	16	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
220	1	0.0	3	0.1	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
200	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
180	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
160	2	0.0	2	0.0	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
140	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
120	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>Totals</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,493</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,128</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,166</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,616</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/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff).

**Table 3.2 UK domiciled acceptances nationally by UCAS tariff score and gender 2015 [Source: UCAS]**

Applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2015 admissions cycle

UCAS Tariff Score/A Level Grades	Applications						Acceptances					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total*	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total*	%
420 A*A*A*	3,310	4.5	2,220	2.2	5,530	3.2	3,075	4.8	2,075	2.4	5,150	3.4
400 A*A*A	3,425	4.7	3,650	3.7	7,075	4.1	3,150	4.9	3,375	3.9	6,525	4.3
380 A*AA/A*A*B	4,845	6.6	6,045	6.1	10,890	6.3	4,455	6.9	5,605	6.4	10,060	6.6
360	5,880	8.0	8,180	8.2	14,060	8.2	5,380	8.4	7,570	8.7	12,950	8.5
340	6,235	8.5	9,300	9.4	15,535	9.0	5,710	8.9	8,595	9.8	14,305	9.4
320	7,035	9.6	10,710	10.8	17,745	10.3	6,430	10.0	9,785	11.2	16,215	10.7
300	7,495	10.2	11,555	11.6	19,050	11.0	6,840	10.7	10,480	12.0	17,325	11.4
280	7,380	10.1	11,480	11.6	18,860	10.9	6,480	10.1	10,120	11.6	16,600	10.9
260	7,230	9.9	10,630	10.7	17,860	10.4	6,190	9.6	9,190	10.5	15,375	10.1
240	6,470	8.8	9,225	9.3	15,690	9.1	5,465	8.5	7,770	8.9	13,240	8.7
220	5,265	7.2	7,035	7.1	12,300	7.1	4,375	6.8	5,800	6.6	10,170	6.7
200	3,915	5.3	4,740	4.8	8,655	5.0	3,195	5.0	3,800	4.3	7,000	4.6
180	2,635	3.6	2,660	2.7	5,295	3.1	2,025	3.2	2,040	2.3	4,065	2.7
160	1,380	1.9	1,275	1.3	2,650	1.5	1,000	1.6	920	1.1	1,920	1.3
140	550	0.8	460	0.5	1,010	0.6	360	0.6	305	0.3	665	0.4
120	150	0.2	100	0.1	250	0.1	85	0.1	60	0.1	145	0.1
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>73,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99,260</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>172,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64,215</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>87,490</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>151,705</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/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff).

\* This table reproduces figures from UCAS, which have been rounded to the nearest five applicants, so the values of the individual categories may not add up exactly to the given totals.

# 4 Applications, offers and acceptances by subject

**Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2015**

Degree programme	Applications		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>							
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	59	0.4	25	0.6	20	0.6	33.9
Architecture	384	2.3	60	1.4	49	1.4	12.8
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	121	0.7	50	1.2	43	1.2	35.5
Classics	136	0.8	89	2.1	74	2.1	54.4
Classics (4 years)	45	0.3	20	0.5	15	0.4	33.3
Economics	1,136	6.9	186	4.4	160	4.6	14.1
Education	80	0.5	43	1.0	31	0.9	38.8
English	714	4.3	227	5.3	197	5.7	27.6
Geography	345	2.1	127	3.0	108	3.1	31.3
History	625	3.8	224	5.3	197	5.7	31.5
History of Art	101	0.6	29	0.7	23	0.7	22.8
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	1,012	6.2	248	5.8	208	6.0	20.6
Land Economy	246	1.5	69	1.6	50	1.4	20.3
Law	1,015	6.2	257	6.0	208	6.0	20.5
Linguistics	88	0.5	31	0.7	27	0.8	30.7
Modern & Medieval Languages	387	2.4	186	4.4	173	5.0	44.7
Music	151	0.9	69	1.6	63	1.8	41.7
Philosophy	203	1.2	51	1.2	46	1.3	22.7
Theology & Religious Studies	87	0.5	48	1.1	41	1.2	47.1
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>6,935</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>25.0</b>
<b>Sciences</b>							
Computer Science	642	3.9	117	2.8	91	2.6	14.2
Engineering	2,089	12.7	378	8.9	312	9.0	14.9
Mathematics	1,308	8.0	527	12.4	247	7.2	18.9
Medicine	1,300	7.9	284	6.7	265	7.7	20.4
Medicine Graduate Course	478	2.9	26	0.6	24	0.7	5.0
Natural Sciences	3,036	18.5	719	16.9	652	18.9	21.5
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	392	2.4	85	2.0	61	1.8	15.6
Veterinary Medicine	251	1.5	78	1.8	64	1.9	25.5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>9,496</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</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.

**Table 4.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2015**

Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences</b>												
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	19	32.2	40	67.8	9	36.0	16	64.0	9	45.0	11	55.0
Architecture	150	39.1	234	60.9	20	33.3	40	66.7	16	32.7	33	67.3
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	47	38.8	74	61.2	20	40.0	30	60.0	17	39.5	26	60.5
Classics	64	47.1	72	52.9	37	41.6	52	58.4	29	39.2	45	60.8
Classics (4 years)	12	26.7	33	73.3	4	20.0	16	80.0	2	13.3	13	86.7
Economics	744	65.5	392	34.5	125	67.2	61	32.8	111	69.4	49	30.6
Education	16	20.0	64	80.0	3	7.0	40	93.0	3	9.7	28	90.3
English	185	25.9	529	74.1	63	27.8	164	72.2	54	27.4	143	72.6
Geography	128	37.1	217	62.9	41	32.3	86	67.7	33	30.6	75	69.4
History	308	49.3	317	50.7	103	46.0	121	54.0	90	45.7	107	54.3
History of Art	15	14.9	86	85.1	1	3.4	28	96.6	1	4.3	22	95.7
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	305	30.1	707	69.9	89	35.9	159	64.1	77	37.0	131	63.0
Land Economy	132	53.7	114	46.3	33	47.8	36	52.2	25	50.0	25	50.0
Law	444	43.7	571	56.3	108	42.0	149	58.0	94	45.2	114	54.8
Linguistics	28	31.8	60	68.2	10	32.3	21	67.7	8	29.6	19	70.4
Modern & Medieval Languages	121	31.3	266	68.7	54	29.0	132	71.0	53	30.6	120	69.4
Music	84	55.6	67	44.4	44	63.8	25	36.2	38	60.3	25	39.7
Philosophy	117	57.6	86	42.4	24	47.1	27	52.9	21	45.7	25	54.3
Theology & Religious Studies	36	41.4	51	58.6	19	39.6	29	60.4	15	36.6	26	63.4
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>59.8</b>

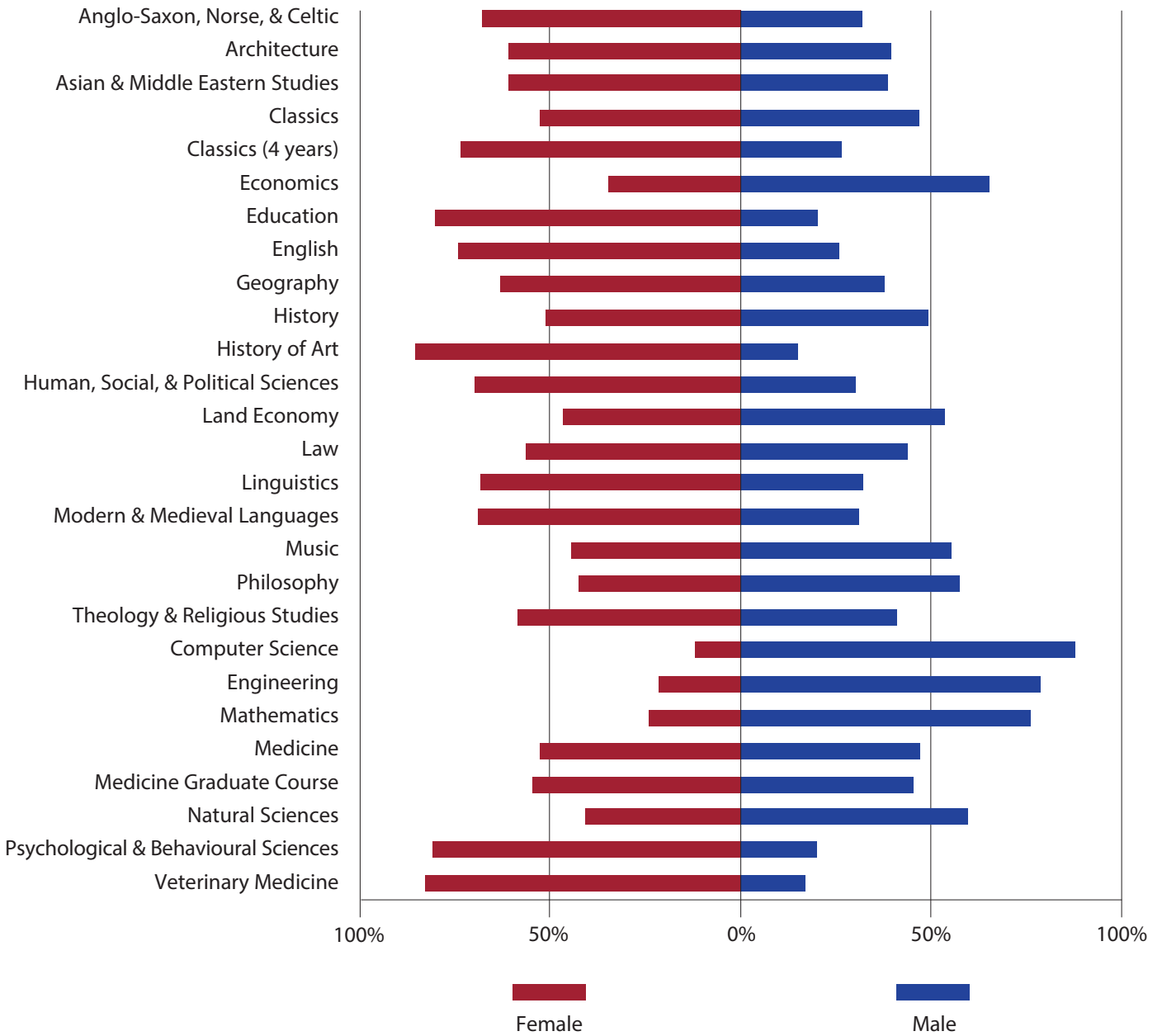
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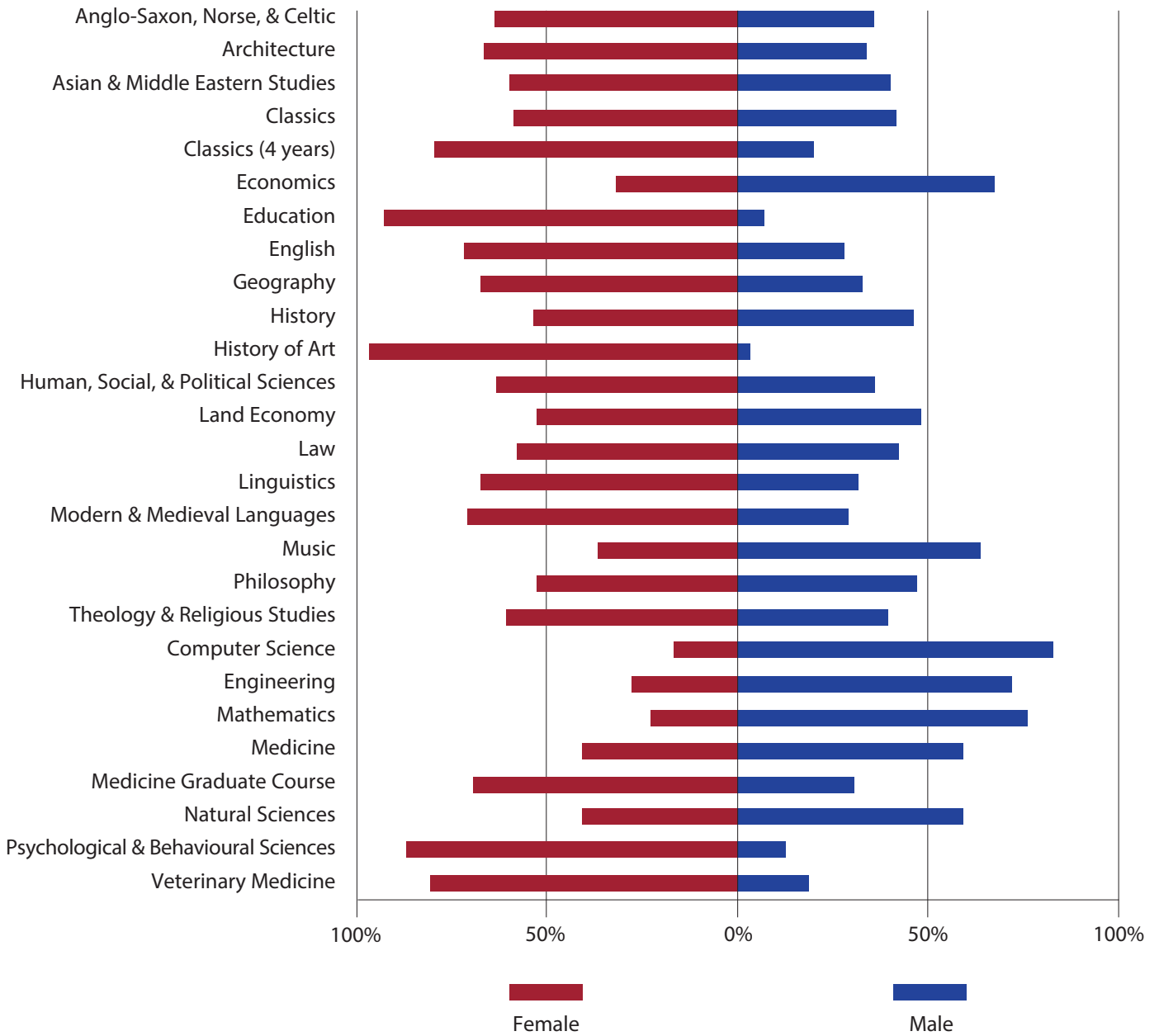
Degree programme	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
<b>Sciences</b>												
Computer Science	561	87.4	81	12.6	97	82.9	20	17.1	75	82.4	16	17.6
Engineering	1,643	78.7	446	21.3	271	71.7	107	28.3	229	73.4	83	26.6
Mathematics	992	75.8	316	24.2	400	75.9	127	24.1	211	85.4	36	14.6
Medicine	611	47.0	689	53.0	167	58.8	117	41.2	159	60.0	106	40.0
Medicine Graduate Course	218	45.6	260	54.4	8	30.8	18	69.2	8	33.3	16	66.7
Natural Sciences	1,805	59.5	1,231	40.5	424	59.0	295	41.0	392	60.1	260	39.9
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	78	19.9	314	80.1	11	12.9	74	87.1	7	11.5	54	88.5
Veterinary Medicine	43	17.1	208	82.9	15	19.2	63	80.8	11	17.2	53	82.8
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>3,545</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>36.4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,906</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>7,525</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>48.2</b>

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

### Applications by subject and gender 2015

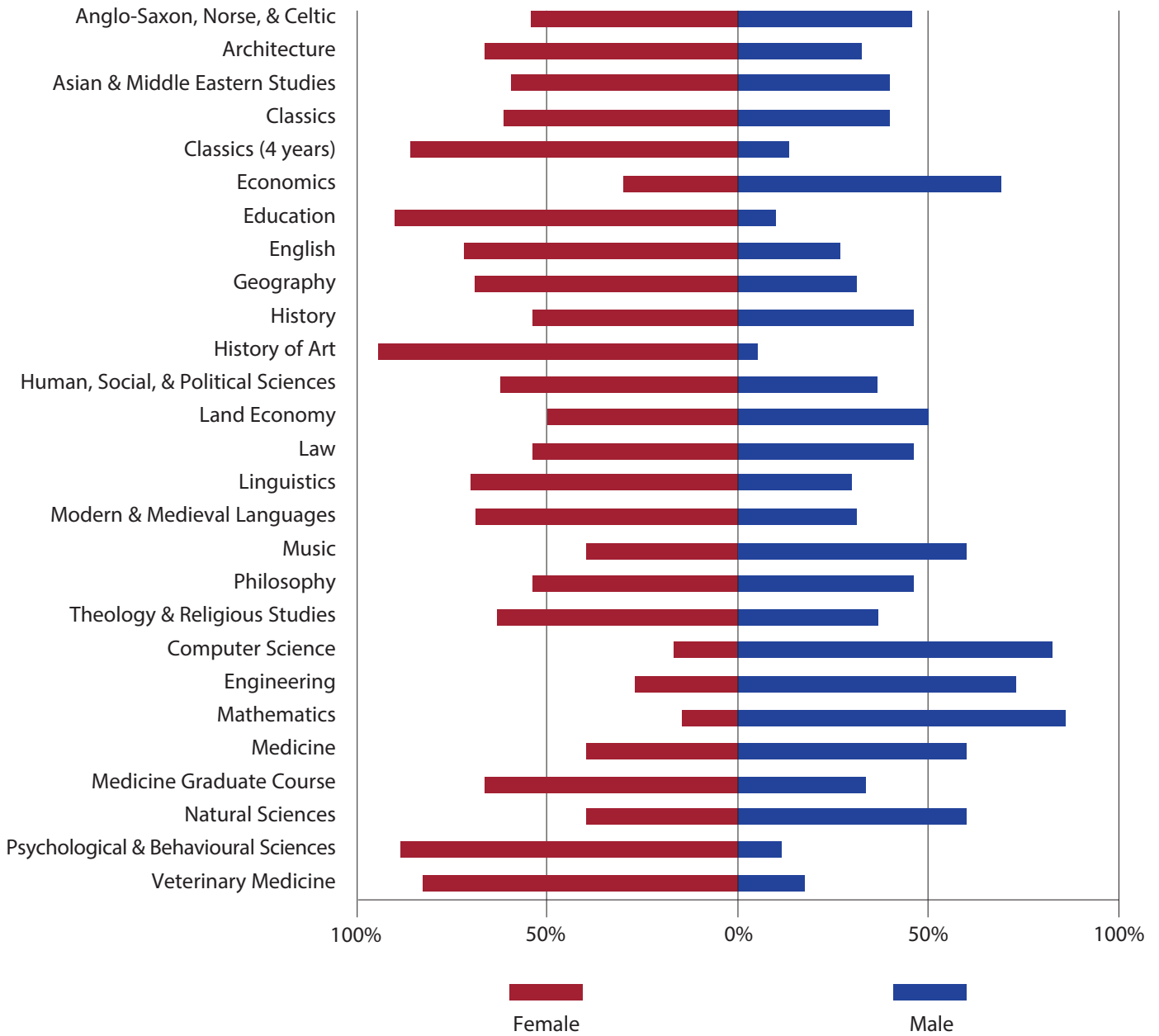


Offers by subject and gender 2015





### Acceptances by subject and gender 2015



**Table 4.3 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and school type 2015**

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	25	15	19	11	8	6	8	8	4
Architecture	114	55	215	27	17	16	22	15	12
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	40	35	46	18	16	16	17	13	13
Classics	28	90	18	19	58	12	14	48	12
Classics (4 years)	28	6	11	14	3	3	10	3	2
Economics	304	170	662	62	42	82	57	38	65
Education	25	12	43	15	11	17	12	8	11
English	382	199	133	126	78	23	105	72	20
Geography	192	97	56	71	38	18	63	32	13
History	320	186	119	121	74	29	103	71	23
History of Art	20	37	44	5	15	9	4	13	6
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	331	165	516	126	47	75	103	38	67
Land Economy	50	49	147	16	11	42	13	7	30
Law	310	75	630	99	29	129	72	27	109
Linguistics	37	8	43	18	1	12	16	1	10
Modern & Medieval Languages	199	131	57	102	68	16	93	66	14
Music	78	54	19	31	34	4	27	32	4
Philosophy	91	56	56	27	15	9	24	15	7
Theology & Religious Studies	33	40	14	17	25	6	14	22	5
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>427</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	218	53	371	39	22	56	33	18	40
Engineering	703	277	1,109	147	77	154	126	68	118
Mathematics	720	116	472	289	80	158	113	49	85
Medicine	464	214	622	144	93	47	135	88	42
Medicine Graduate Course†	16	5	457	0	1	25	0	1	23
Natural Sciences	1,268	514	1,254	330	170	219	307	169	176
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	160	39	193	39	17	29	32	13	16
Veterinary Medicine	119	39	93	51	17	10	43	13	8
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>3,668</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>508</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>935</b>

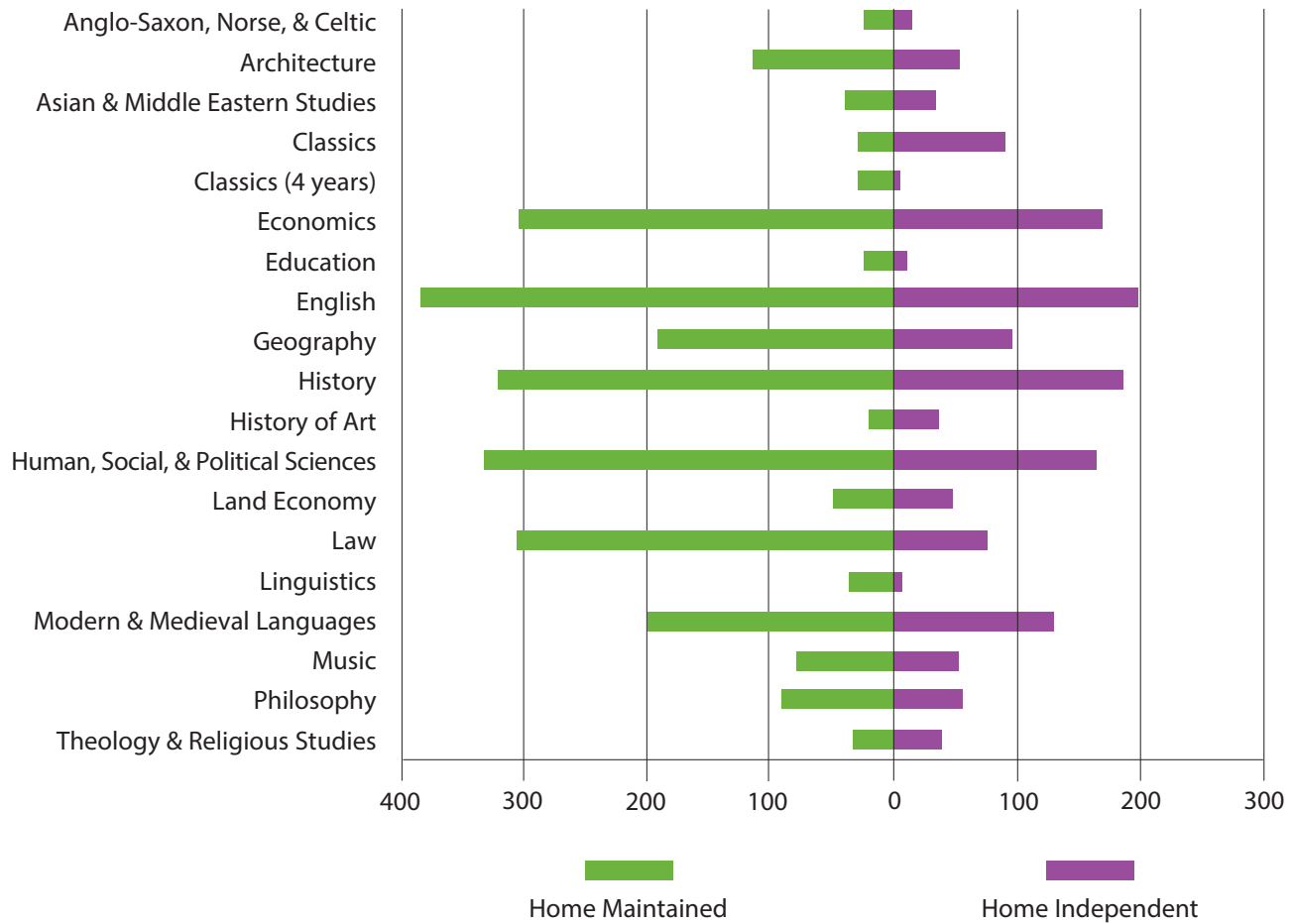
Mathematics includes those applying for Mathematics and Mathematics with Physics. The courses in Chemical Engineering, Management Studies and Manufacturing Engineering can be taken only after Part I in another subject. Applications and acceptances for these courses are recorded under the first year subjects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

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

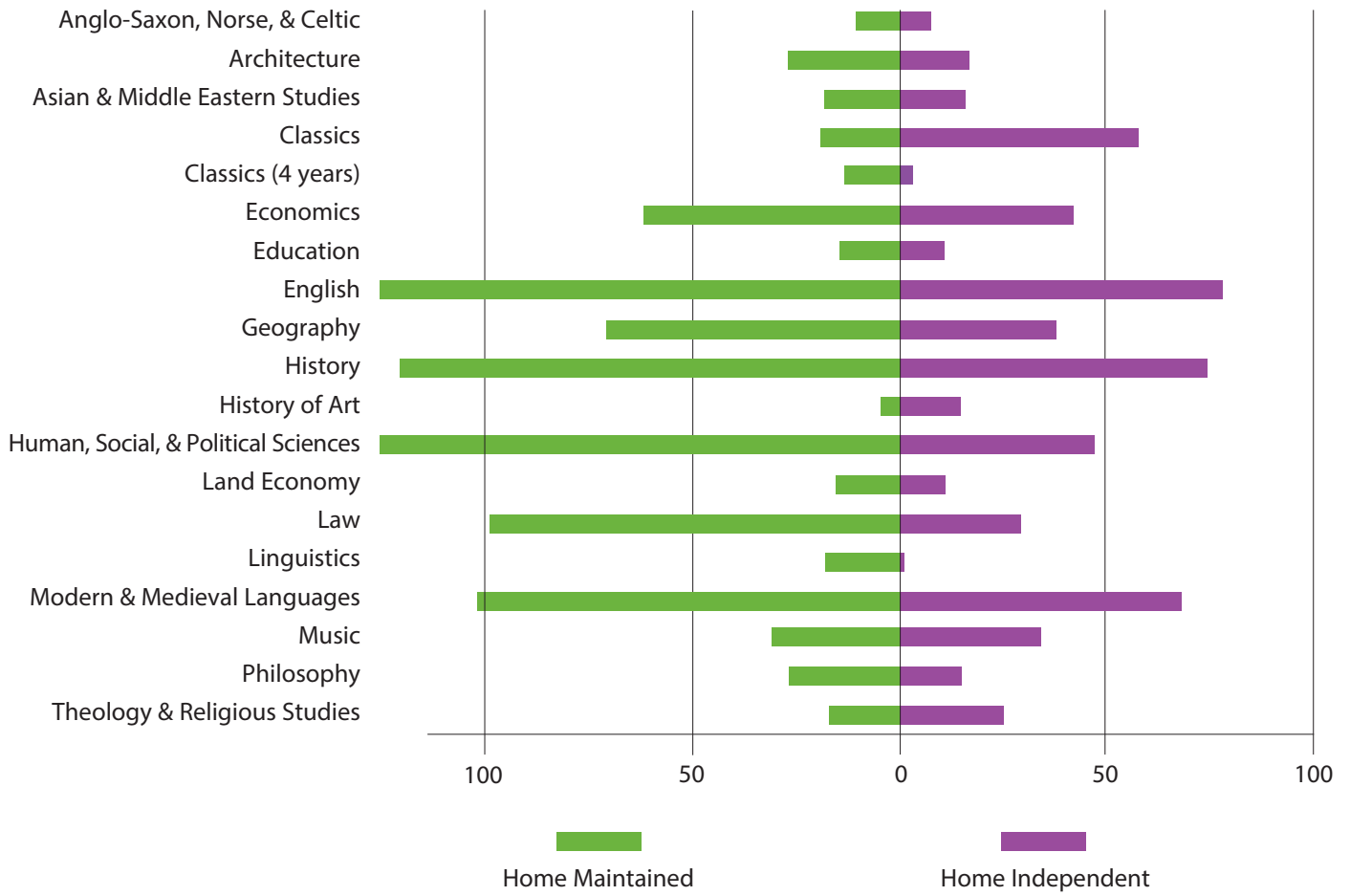
† While most applicants for the Medicine Graduate Course apply to Cambridge for entry directly following study at an HE institution, some applicants undertake further science A Level study at UK schools or colleges and are categorised accordingly above. Such applicants are recorded in this table for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

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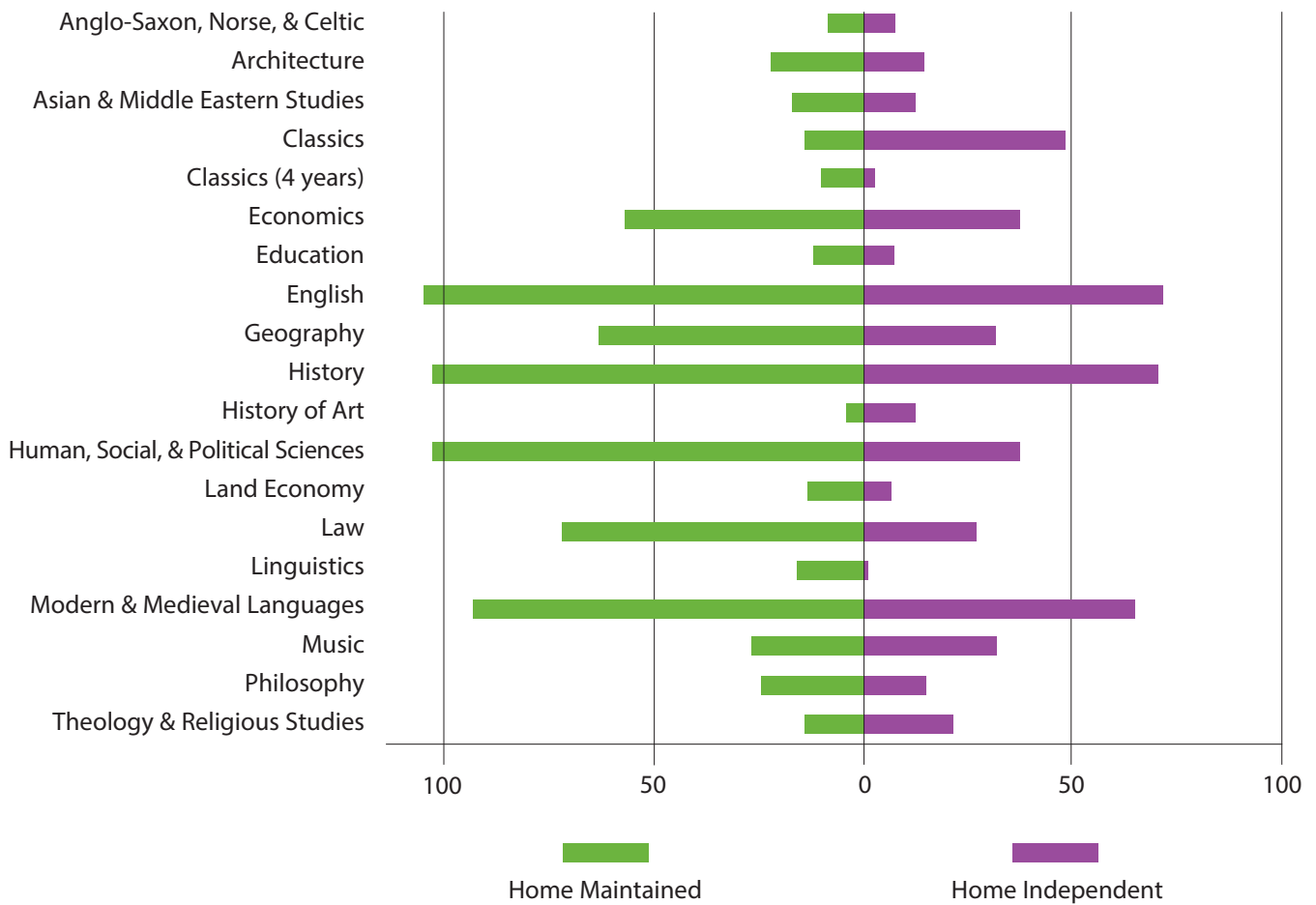
Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2015



### Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2015

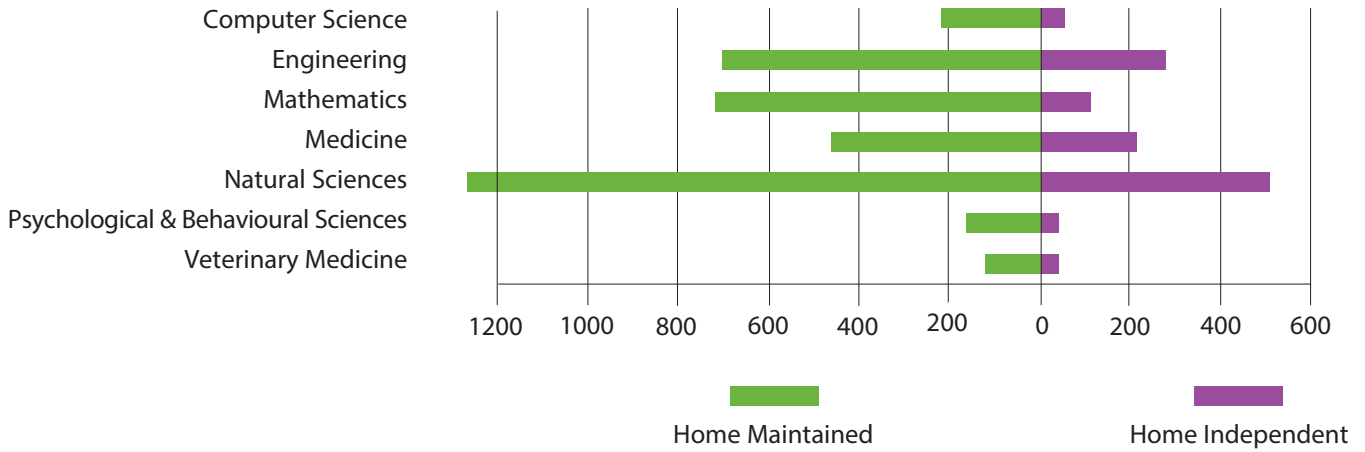


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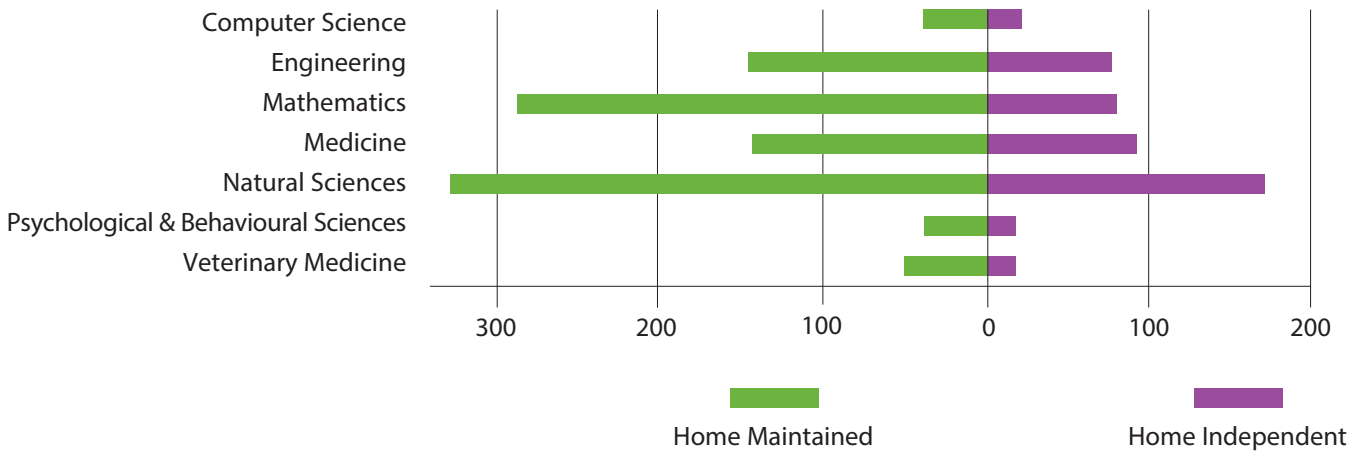


# Sciences

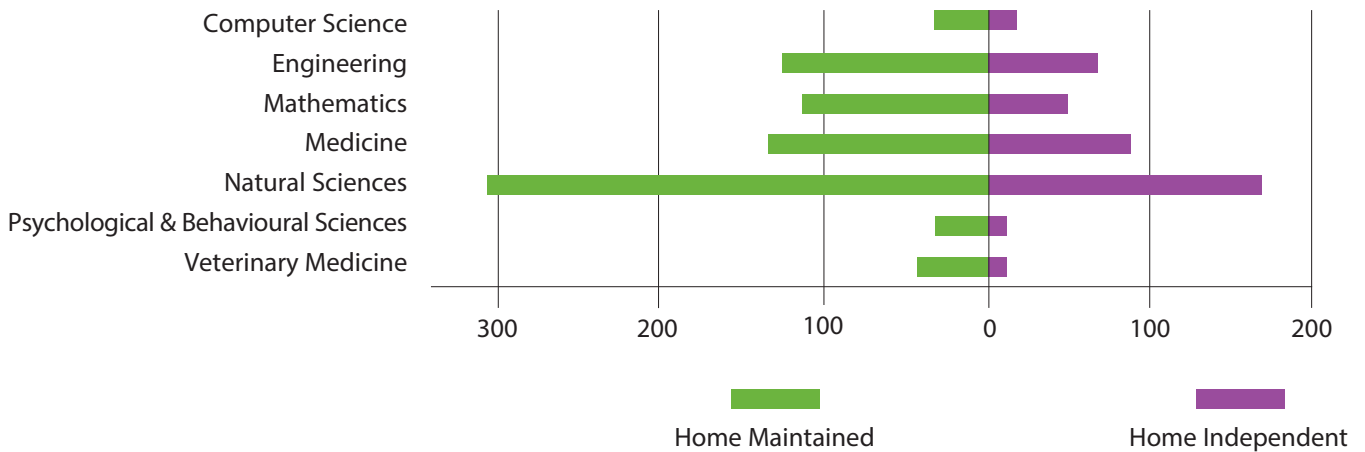
**Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2015**



**Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2015**



**Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2015**



# 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 2015**

College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	503	75.5	121	66.1	99	64.6
Churchill	380	77.1	131	70.2	87	69.0
Clare	562	68.3	128	67.2	106	65.1
Corpus Christi	315	69.5	93	65.6	76	59.2
Downing	405	71.6	104	66.3	96	62.5
Emmanuel	533	68.3	137	58.4	120	53.3
Fitzwilliam	278	70.1	133	69.2	114	70.2
Girton	224	80.4	121	76.0	98	67.3
Gonville and Caius	467	59.1	150	58.7	133	56.4
Homerton	227	79.3	122	65.6	106	67.0
Hughes Hall*	25	84.0	10	80.0	7	85.7
Jesus	507	60.2	132	59.1	127	58.3
King's	575	84.9	114	75.4	89	73.0
Lucy Cavendish*	36	83.3	9	88.9	7	100.0
Magdalene	223	57.8	117	52.1	87	50.6
Murray Edwards	109	80.7	99	69.7	75	65.3
Newnham	124	71.8	101	65.3	75	61.3
Pembroke	494	66.0	120	61.7	102	58.8
Peterhouse	163	71.2	71	64.8	54	55.6
Queens'	389	68.1	153	66.0	121	64.5
Robinson	198	69.2	109	51.4	91	48.4
St Catharine's	446	65.5	120	67.5	106	64.2
St Edmund's*	26	88.5	11	81.8	6	83.3
St John's	508	65.4	156	59.6	134	56.7
Selwyn	316	61.4	112	67.9	102	71.6
Sidney Sussex	284	69.4	106	66.0	84	64.3
Trinity	385	68.1	142	60.6	120	60.0
Trinity Hall	275	69.1	91	67.0	82	65.9
Wolfson*	35	85.7	11	72.7	10	70.0
Open offers	-	-	7	100.0	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,012</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>62.3</b>

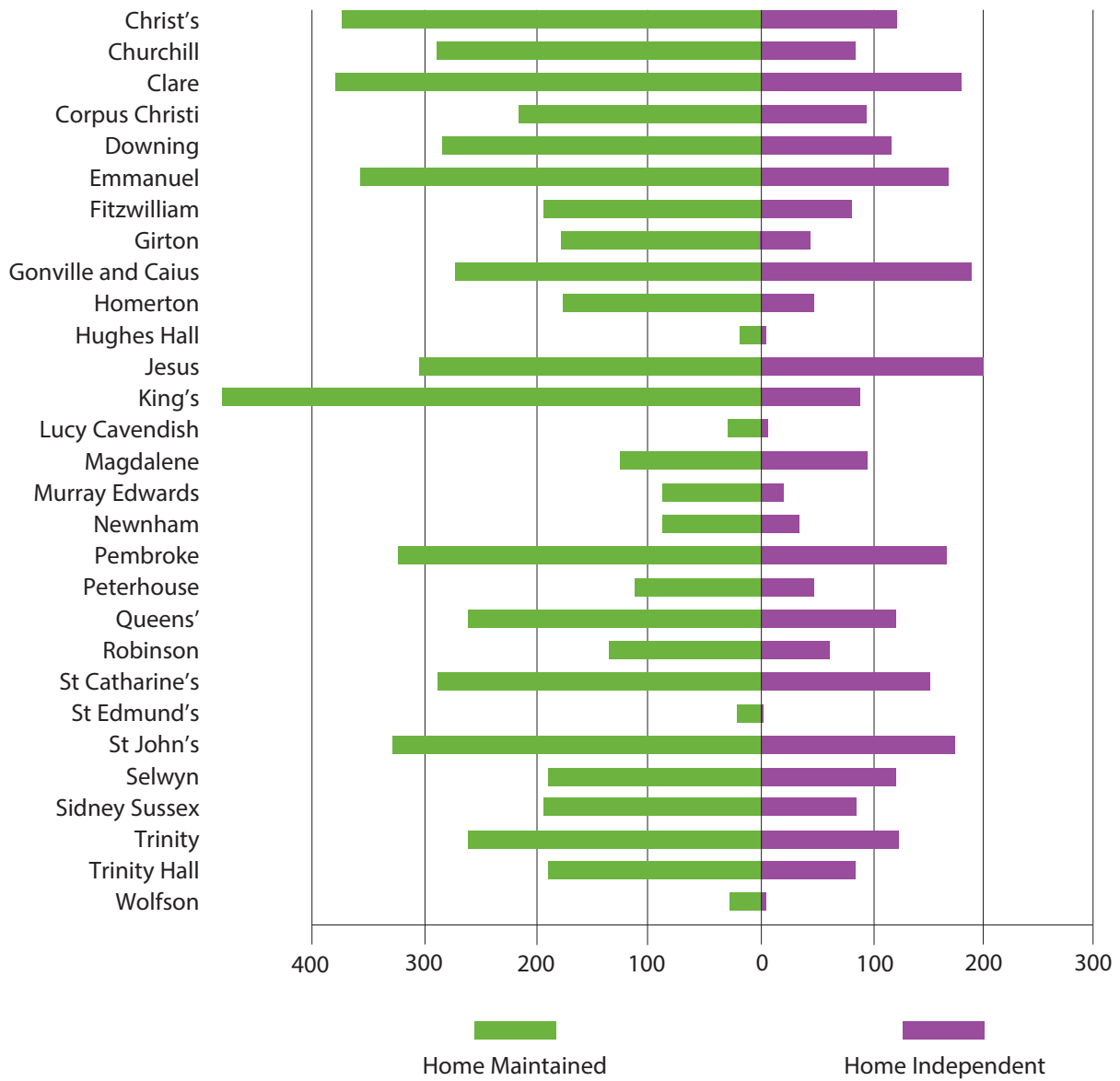
The College of application in the data above is defined as the applicant's first choice College (or, in the case of an open applicant, the College to which the applicant was allocated) regardless of subsequent transfers through the pools.

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.

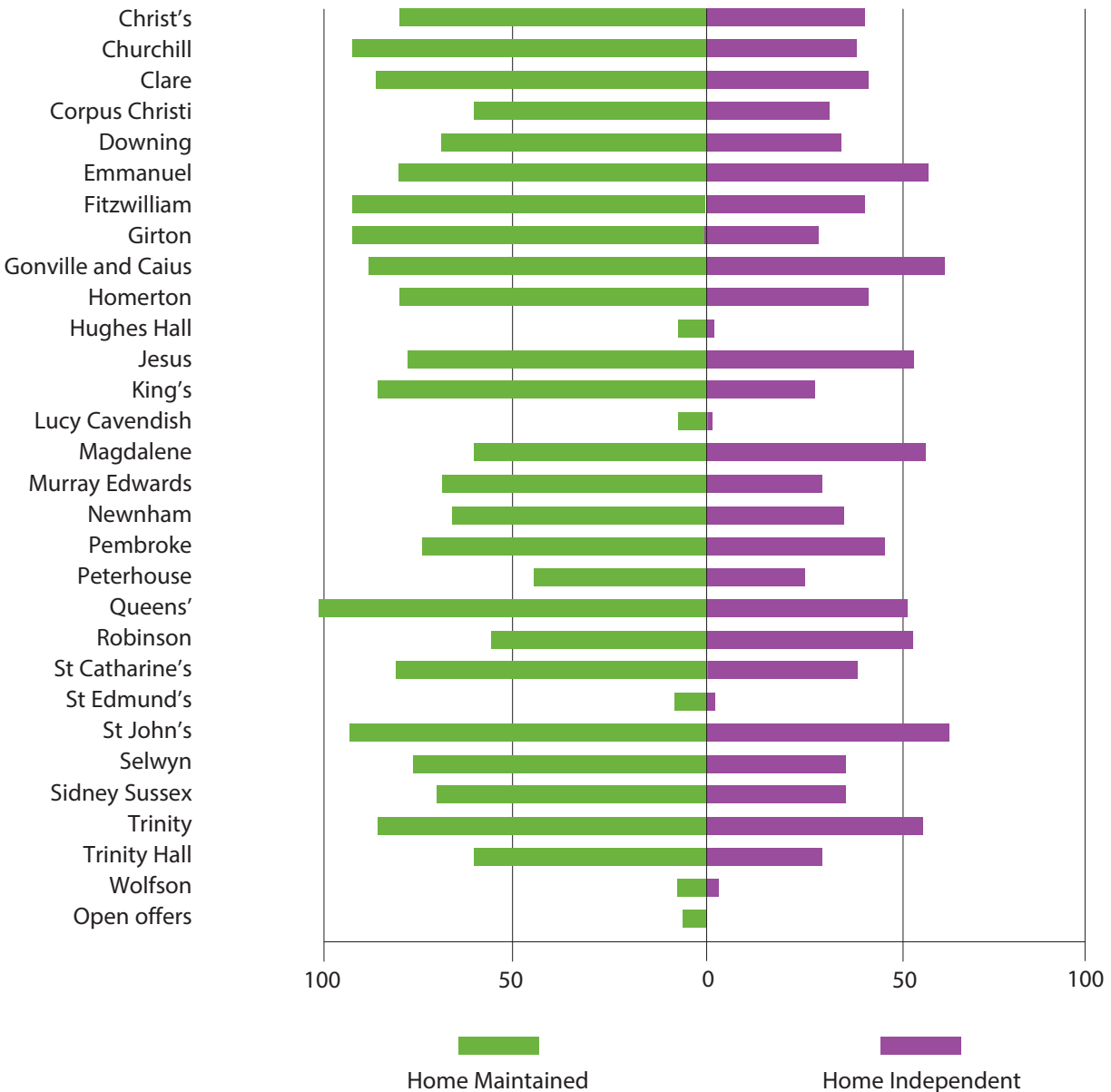
\* The majority of applicants to the four Mature Colleges apply from institutions other than UK schools and colleges, or independently of a school or college. Relevant applications and acceptances are counted in this table, but differences of one or two applicants can have a disproportionate effect on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



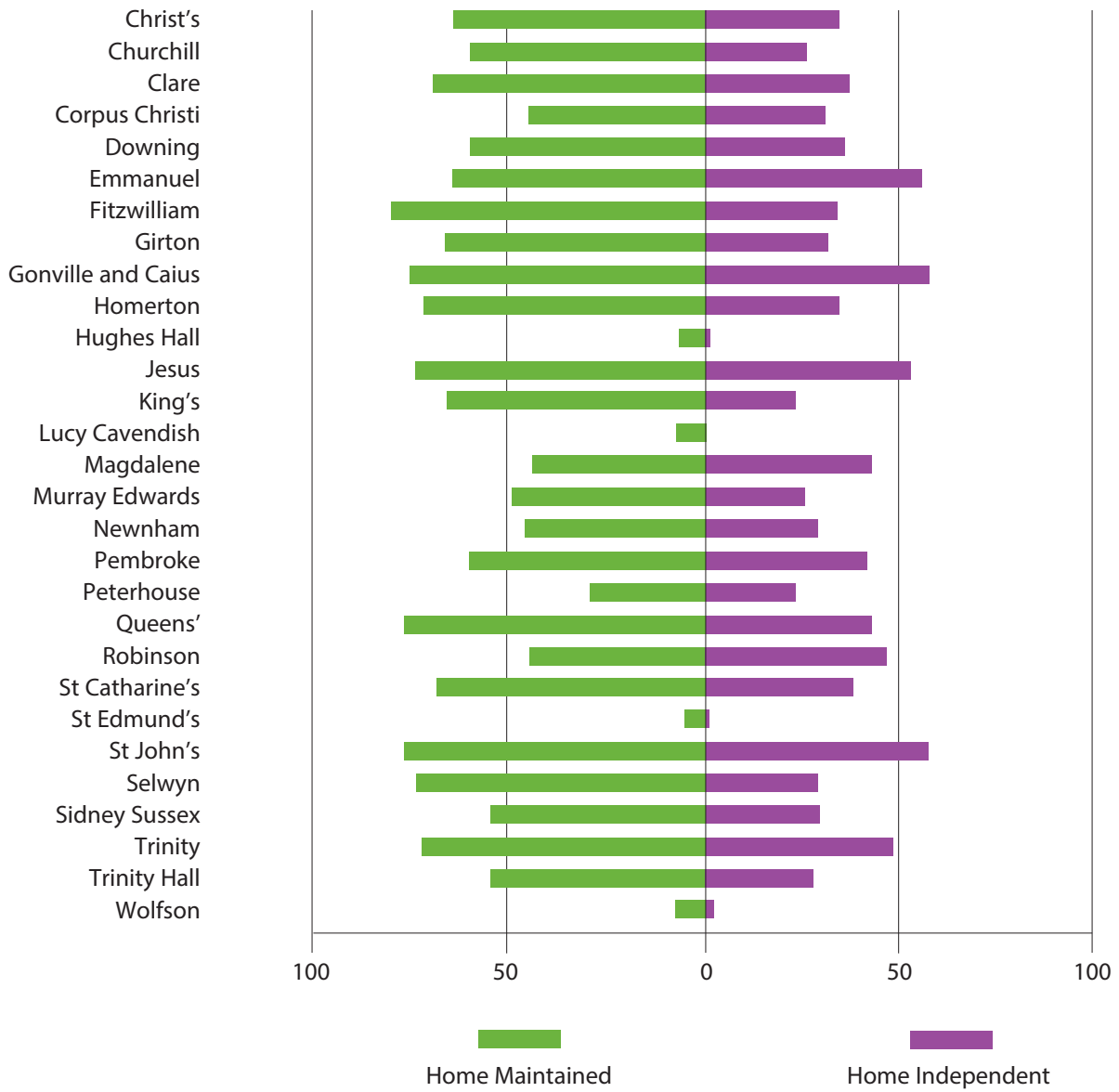
### Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2015



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2015



### Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2015



# 6 Applicants, offers and acceptances by age

**Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age\* 2015**

Age	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Under 18	616	3.8	92	2.2	63	1.8	10.2
18	9,861	60.1	2,807	66.0	2,271	65.8	23.0
19	3,733	22.8	963	22.6	799	23.2	21.4
20	788	4.8	144	3.4	119	3.5	15.1
21	418	2.5	117	2.8	98	2.8	23.4
22	223	1.4	37	0.9	31	0.9	13.9
23	186	1.1	25	0.6	17	0.5	9.1
24	147	0.9	27	0.6	21	0.6	14.3
25-29	254	1.5	31	0.7	24	0.7	9.4
30-39	141	0.9	5	0.1	3	0.1	2.1
40 and over	40	0.2	5	0.1	3	0.1	7.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</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<sup>†</sup> 2015 [Source: UCAS]**

Age	Applicants		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
Under 18	12,105	1.7	6,250	1.2
18	321,495	44.7	258,280	48.5
19	141,280	19.7	110,850	20.8
20	59,025	8.2	42,525	8.0
21 and over	184,575	25.7	114,365	21.5
<b>Totals<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>718,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>532,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>†</sup> for details of the age calculation used by UCAS, please see [www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/definitions.pdf](http://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/definitions.pdf)

<sup>‡</sup> This table reproduces publicly available figures from UCAS, which have been rounded to the nearest five applicants, so the values of the individual categories may not add up exactly to the given totals.

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, offers and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR3 quintile)

**Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR3 quintile 2015**

POLAR3 quintile	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
5	4,604	48.3	1,670	53.9	1,429	55.5	31.0
4	2,194	23.0	675	21.8	567	22.0	25.8
3	1,404	14.7	414	13.4	331	12.9	23.6
2	819	8.6	211	6.8	156	6.1	19.0
1	449	4.7	110	3.5	75	2.9	16.7
Unknown	63	0.7	20	0.6	15	0.6	23.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,533</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.0</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. 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.

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 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by POLAR3 quintile 2015**  
[Source: UCAS]

POLAR3 quintile	Applicants		Acceptances and success rates	
	No.	%	No.	%
5	159,840	27.0	128,930	27.8
4	132,635	22.4	104,460	22.5
3	121,075	20.5	94,085	20.3
2	99,075	16.7	76,240	16.4
1	77,350	13.1	58,450	12.6
Unknown	2,045	0.3	1,550	0.3
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>592,025</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>463,715</b>	<b>100.0</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/).

## 8 Applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity

**Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic origin and gender 2015**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Offers				Acceptances and success rates				
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Success rate (%)
Black Caribbean	14	33	47	0.5	2	11	13	0.4	2	9	11	0.4	23.4
Black African	80	96	176	1.8	16	16	32	1.0	13	13	26	1.0	14.8
Black Other	4	5	9	0.1	0	2	2	0.1	0	1	1	0.0	11.1
Indian	314	195	509	5.3	117	55	172	5.5	102	46	148	5.8	29.1
Pakistani	84	43	127	1.3	13	8	21	0.7	12	7	19	0.7	15.0
Bangladeshi	50	35	85	0.9	13	8	21	0.7	11	8	19	0.7	22.4
Chinese	123	91	214	2.2	47	34	81	2.6	42	28	70	2.7	32.7
Asian Other	97	62	159	1.7	34	16	50	1.6	28	11	39	1.5	24.5
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	21	34	55	0.6	8	13	21	0.7	4	10	14	0.5	25.5
Mixed White and Black African	30	24	54	0.6	10	4	14	0.5	7	3	10	0.4	18.5
Mixed White and Asian	144	138	282	3.0	40	51	91	2.9	35	41	76	3.0	27.0
Mixed Other	71	70	141	1.5	21	29	50	1.6	17	22	39	1.5	27.7
Other	76	52	128	1.3	24	17	41	1.3	23	15	38	1.5	29.7
Unknown	286	199	485	5.1	43	32	75	2.4	16	8	24	0.9	4.9
White	3,887	3,175	7,062	74.1	1,181	1,235	2,416	77.9	983	1,056	2,039	79.2	28.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,281</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>9,533</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.0</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. 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 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by ethnic origin and gender 2015 [Source: UCAS]**

Ethnicity	Applicants				Acceptances			
	Male	Female	Total*	%	Male	Female	Total*	%
Black Caribbean	3,530	6,640	10,175	1.7	2,830	4,860	7,695	1.7
Black African	17,080	22,995	40,080	6.8	12,410	15,265	27,675	6.0
Black Other	1,140	1,605	2,745	0.5	895	1,185	2,080	0.4
Indian	8,925	9,550	18,475	3.1	7,385	7,735	15,120	3.3
Pakistani	9,985	10,935	20,920	3.5	7,905	8,450	16,355	3.5
Bangladeshi	4,190	4,550	8,740	1.5	3,485	3,790	7,275	1.6
Chinese	1,895	2,220	4,115	0.7	1,605	1,850	3,455	0.7
Asian Other	5,950	6,740	12,690	2.1	4,645	4,940	9,585	2.1
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	2,695	4,480	7,175	1.2	2,190	3,480	5,670	1.2
Mixed White and Black African	1,455	1,815	3,270	0.6	1,165	1,385	2,550	0.5
Mixed White and Asian	3,295	3,780	7,075	1.2	2,760	3,095	5,855	1.3
Mixed Other	2,680	4,015	6,700	1.1	2,100	3,155	5,255	1.1
Other	4,645	5,300	9,950	1.7	3,615	4,110	7,725	1.7
Unknown	3,935	3,735	7,670	1.3	3,240	3,010	6,250	1.3
White	179,420	252,835	432,255	73.0	145,730	195,445	341,175	73.6
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>250,830</b>	<b>341,195</b>	<b>592,025</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>201,960</b>	<b>261,755</b>	<b>463,715</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## 9 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

**Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2015**

Disability	Applicants		Offers		Acceptances and success rates		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	79	0.5	20	0.5	14	0.4	17.7
Blind or partially sighted	28	0.2	7	0.2	5	0.1	17.9
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	14	0.1	5	0.1	5	0.1	35.7
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	85	0.5	19	0.4	13	0.4	15.3
Mental health condition	150	0.9	27	0.6	19	0.6	12.7
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	364	2.2	101	2.4	83	2.4	22.8
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	29	0.2	7	0.2	3	0.1	10.3
Other disability or medical condition	120	0.7	31	0.7	25	0.7	20.8
Two or more of the above	51	0.3	16	0.4	11	0.3	21.6
No disability declared	15,487	94.4	4,020	94.5	3,271	94.8	21.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</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. 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 9.2 UK domiciled applicants and acceptances nationally by disability 2015**  
**[Source: UCAS]**

Disability	Applicants		Acceptances	
	No.	%	No.	%
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	3,850	0.5	3,110	0.6
Blind or partially sighted	735	0.1	545	0.1
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	1,220	0.2	915	0.2
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	5,610	0.8	4,135	0.8
Mental health condition	10,085	1.4	7,560	1.4
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	27,445	3.8	21,025	4.0
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	1,590	0.2	1,195	0.2
Other disability or medical condition	6,275	0.9	4,865	0.9
Two or more of the above	2,570	0.4	1,980	0.4
No disability declared	659,100	91.7	486,930	91.5
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>718,480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>532,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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# 10 The admissions process

**Table 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2015**

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	5,878	397	1,473	1,538	426	154	1,526	40
Home Independent	2,664	73	1,004	824	243	87	929	19
All Others*	6,000	1,419	1,299	994	228	99	911	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,542</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>83</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**.