

ANNUAL ADMISSIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

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Foreword

Oxford is one of the world's great universities. Indeed we have been ranked the best university in the world by the Times Higher Education Global Ranking for the past two years. Partly for this reason and partly, I expect, because of its place in English history for almost 900 years, Oxford has come to be used as a symbol in vigorous arguments about the United Kingdom; debates about the nature of British society, about class, opportunity, and equality.

In these debates emotion often trumps evidence, the facts are often overlooked. That is why it is so important that we set the facts out clearly, whether or not they reflect well on us. This Annual Admissions Report, our first, aims to do just that.



The answers to many of the questions so often asked of Oxford are contained in the pages that follow: How diverse is the University? How well do students from state schools, from the regions of the UK, from ethnic minorities, from deprived backgrounds, fare in the admissions process? How does a university composed of so many different colleges and departments build a coherent system which admits students fairly, transparently, and based on academic merit, regardless of background?

As this Admissions Report makes clear, Oxford reflects the inequalities – socio-economic, ethnic and regional – that exist in British society. The picture that emerges from the statistics is of a university which is changing; evolving fast for an institution of its age and standing, but perhaps too slowly to meet public expectations. It is a picture of progress on a great many fronts, but with work remaining to be done.

There are aspects of Oxford which the statistics alone cannot reveal but which are as important as any data. By showing clearly who comes to Oxford as an undergraduate today, I hope that this report will help us find common ground on one central tenet: it is profoundly in the interests of the country, and of generations of students to come, that Oxford remains one of the top universities in the world – a university for exceptional, academically motivated students from all backgrounds. We are committed to that ideal and we hope that those who read this report, whether they are parents, teachers or commentators, will join us in this endeavour by encouraging the smartest students they know to apply to study at the University of Oxford.

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Vice-Chancellor

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About this report

This report presents undergraduate admissions statistics for the University of Oxford over five admissions years between 2013 and 2017, broken down into chapters covering the following areas: overall numbers, domicile, nation and region, disadvantage, school type, gender, ethnicity and disability.

The report includes information for Oxford's colleges and largest courses, aggregated for the three admissions years 2015 to 2017. Aggregation has been used as small yearly figures are likely to provide a misleading picture. Nonetheless, some figures remain so small that a handful of decisions can appear to create large swings which have limited statistical value. This health warning applies even more strongly to single-year statistics for colleges and courses. The full data are available to view online: ox.ac.uk/adstats

The report also provides some national context for Oxford's data, primarily based on figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). This includes information on the numbers of students achieving Oxford's minimum standard offer: three A grades or better at A-level and equivalent Scottish qualifications. It also compares Oxford's data with the higher education sector as a whole and the Russell Group of leading universities.

A summary of Oxford's admissions process can be found on page 38.

Key points

The number of students applying to study at Oxford has been rising year on year, but the number of undergraduate places available has remained steady at around 3,200. In 2017, almost four-fifths of those places (2,547) went to students living in the UK.

Between 2013 and 2017, within the total group of UK-domiciled undergraduates admitted:

- The proportion from state schools rose from 56.8%¹ to 58.2%.
- The proportion identifying as Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) rose from 13.9% to 17.9%.
- The proportion from socio-economically disadvantaged areas rose from 6.8% to 10.6%.
- The proportion from areas of low progression to higher education rose from 9.5% to 12.9%.
- The proportion declaring a disability rose from 5.6% to 7.7%.
- The mix of men and women has fluctuated, with men outnumbering women in most years but more women admitted than men in 2017.

^{1.} Percentages in this report have been rounded to one decimal place.

1. Overall numbers, including domicile

This section presents information on Oxford's overall numbers, as well as the domicile of Oxford's applicants, offer holders and admitted students.

OVERALL NUMBERS

- The total number of undergraduate places available annually at Oxford has remained broadly steady for many years, at around 3,200 each year.
- Overall application numbers have risen annually, and by 15.8% since 2013.

Table 1.1: Overall applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, all domiciles, 2013–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| 2017 | 19,938 | 3,771 | 3,270 |
| 2016 | 19,144 | 3,751 | 3,262 |
| 2015 | 18,377 | 3,663 | 3,216 |
| 2014 | 17,484 | 3,565 | 3,161 |
| 2013 | 17,216 | 3,544 | 3,201 |

Table 1.2: Courses with the highest number of applicants per place (all domiciles, three-year total 2015–2017)²

| COURSE | NUMBER OF APPLICANTS PER PLACE |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Economics & Management | 14.2 |
| Computer Science | 12.3 |
| Medicine | 10.2 |
| Biomedical Sciences | 9.1 |
| History & Politics | 7.9 |

| COURSE | NUMBER OF APPLICANTS PER PLACE |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| PPE* | 7.5 |
| Law** | 7.4 |
| Mathematics | 7.0 |
| Physics | 6.2 |
| Biochemistry | 5.8 |
| | |

*Philosophy, Politics and Economics **Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

Note: This table contains aggregated figures for the period 2015-2017.
Aggregated figures for this period will appear throughout the report, most often where tables refer to data by course or by college.

A-level grade profile of UK-domiciled students applying to, receiving offers from and being admitted to Oxford (2017 UK intake)

- While three A grades is Oxford's minimum standard offer for candidates taking
 A-levels, many courses particularly in the sciences require at least one A* grade.
- More than half of applicants and almost 90% of admitted students achieve A*AA or better at A-level.
- More than 40% of admitted students achieve three A* grades or better at A-level.



[^]A-level bands are based on results data obtained from UCAS and include results from the 2017 and 2016 examination rounds. Excludes General Studies and Critical Thinking, and candidates with fewer than three A-level results.

BREAKDOWN BY DOMICILE

- The largest increase in applications has been from students outside the EU.
- UK-domiciled applicants are substantially more likely to receive an offer of a place to study at Oxford than students from outside the UK.
- The proportion of UK students has fallen from 82.6% to 77.9% since 2013.
- Oxford does not operate quotas or targets around the nationality or domicile of students admitted to the University. The exception is Medicine, which is subject to a government restriction on the number of students with international fee status who can be admitted each year.
- The highest number of overseas applications and admitted students was from the People's Republic of China.

Table 1.3: Overall applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by area of domicile, 2013–2017

| UK STUDENTS | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL APPLICANTS | PROPORTION OF TOTAL STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|-------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 12,583 | 2,928 | 2,547 | 63.1% | 77.9% |
| 2016 | 12,193 | 2,989 | 2,630 | 63.7% | 80.6% |
| 2015 | 11,729 | 2,891 | 2,599 | 63.8% | 80.8% |
| 2014 | 11,418 | 2,872 | 2,585 | 65.3% | 81.8% |
| 2013 | 11,556 | 2,863 | 2,645 | 67.1% | 82.6% |

| EU STUDENTS | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL APPLICANTS | PROPORTION OF TOTAL STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|-------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 2,431 | 302 | 273 | 12.2% | 8.3% |
| 2016 | 2,417 | 263 | 234 | 12.6% | 7.2% |
| 2015 | 2,169 | 237 | 217 | 11.8% | 6.7% |
| 2014 | 1,953 | 226 | 199 | 11.2% | 6.3% |
| 2013 | 1,950 | 204 | 180 | 11.3% | 5.6% |

| NON-EU STUDENTS | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL APPLICANTS | PROPORTION OF TOTAL STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 4,924 | 541 | 450 | 24.7% | 13.8% |
| 2016 | 4,534 | 499 | 398 | 23.7% | 12.2% |
| 2015 | 4,479 | 535 | 400 | 24.4% | 12.4% |
| 2014 | 4,113 | 467 | 377 | 23.5% | 11.9% |
| 2013 | 3,710 | 477 | 376 | 21.5% | 11.7% |

Table 1.4: Countries with the highest number of applications and students admitted to Oxford, three-year total 2015–2017

| COUNTRY OF DOMICILE | APPLICATIONS |
|---------------------|--------------|
| UK | 36,505 |
| PR China | 2,644 |
| USA | 1,781 |
| Singapore | 1,381 |
| Germany | 1,111 |
| Hong Kong | 1,102 |
| India | 830 |
| France | 711 |
| Poland | 706 |
| Malaysia | 699 |
| Italy | 696 |

| COUNTRY OF DOMICILE | STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| UK | 7,776 |
| PR China | 267 |
| Singapore | 207 |
| USA | 136 |
| Hong Kong | 135 |
| Germany | 116 |
| Romania | 94 |
| Poland | 87 |
| France | 64 |
| Australia | 59 |
| Italy | 55 |

CONTEXT

UK universities by domicile of students

All UK universities (2015 intake)*

| | UK 84.4% | | EU NON-EU .3% 10.4% |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| Russell Group (2015 intake)* | | | |
| | UK 77.1% | EU 6.5% | NON-EU 16.4% |
| Oxford University (2017 intake) | | | |
| | UK 77.9% | EU 8.3% | NON-EU 13.8% |

^{*}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. Excludes those of unknown domicile. See page 39 for full citation.

2. Nation and region

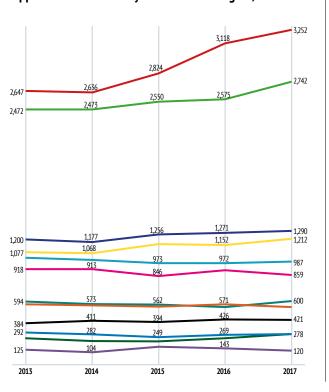
This section breaks down Oxford's UK-domiciled undergraduate student total to show the regional distribution of the University's applicants, offer holders and admitted students.

- The regional distribution of admissions to Oxford reflects population size, achievement in school, and application numbers.
- London and the South East made up 46.7% of UK applications between 2015 and 2017, and 47.9% of students admitted; the rest of the UK made up 53.3% of applications and 52.1% of students admitted.

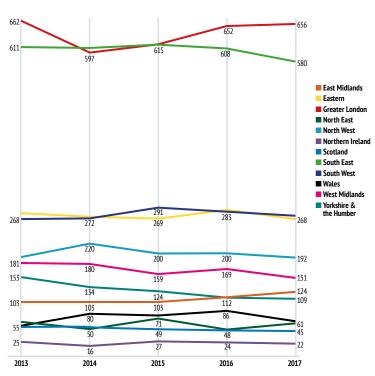
Table 2.1: Applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by UK nation and region, three-year total 2015–2017

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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | APPLICATIONS ³ | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK APPLICANTS | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED | REGION'S SHARE OF UK POPULATION ⁴ |
| North East | 733 | 204 | 181 | 2.0% | 2.3% | 4.1% |
| North West | 2,932 | 677 | 592 | 8.0% | 7.6% | 11.1% |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 1,709 | 402 | 345 | 4.7% | 4.4% | 8.4% |
| East Midlands | 1,661 | 384 | 339 | 4.6% | 4.4% | 7.2% |
| West Midlands | 2,610 | 557 | 479 | 7.1% | 6.2% | 8.9% |
| Eastern | 3,521 | 913 | 824 | 9.6% | 10.6% | 9.3% |
| Greater London | 9,194 | 2,205 | 1,923 | 25.2% | 24.7% | 12.9% |
| South East | 7,867 | 1,996 | 1,802 | 21.6% | 23.2% | 13.7% |
| South West | 3,817 | 964 | 848 | 10.5% | 10.9% | 8.4% |
| Wales | 1,241 | 271 | 228 | 3.4% | 2.9% | 4.8% |
| Northern Ireland | 421 | 81 | 73 | 1.2% | 0.9% | 2.9% |
| Scotland | 798 | 154 | 142 | 2.2% | 1.8% | 8.4% |
| Total | 36,504 | 8,808 | 7,776 | | | |

Applications to Oxford by UK nation and region, 2013-2017



Students admitted to Oxford by UK nation and region, 2013-2017

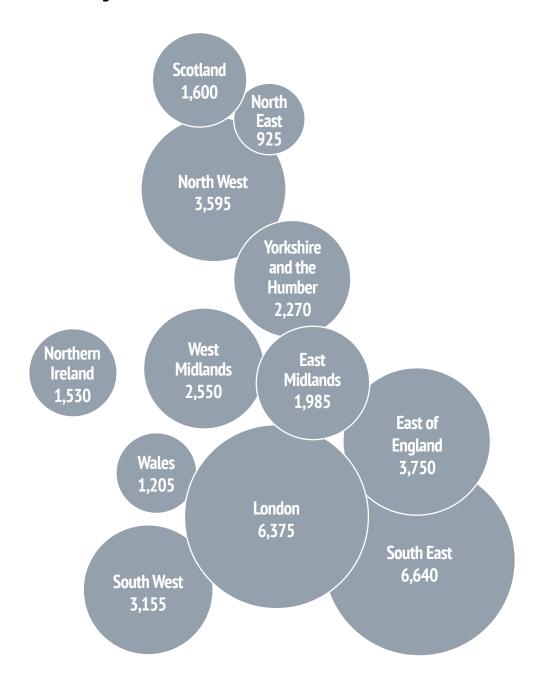


^{3.} One application was submitted from a student whose UK region was not known. This application has been excluded.

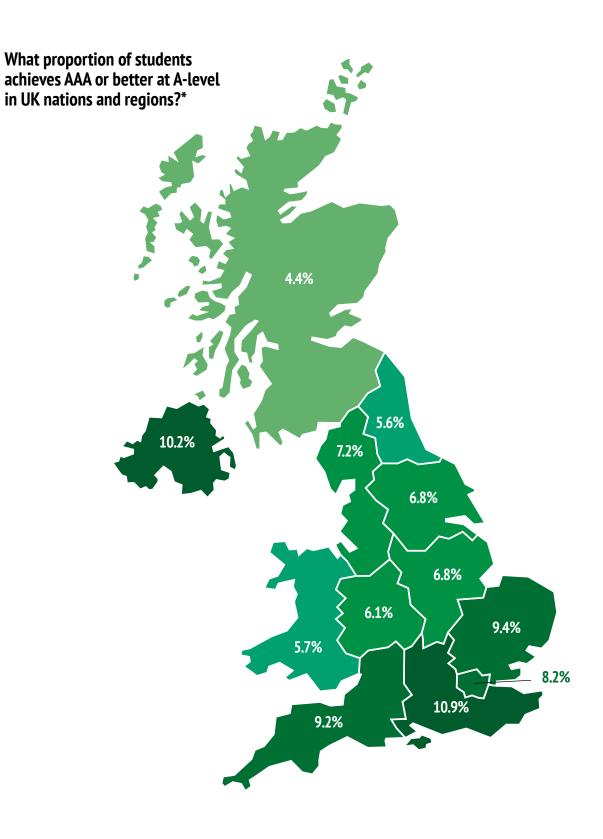
^{4. 2011} UK census. Sources: Office for National Statistics, National Records of Scotland, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

CONTEXT

Number of students achieving AAA or better at A-level, broken down by UK nation and region*



^{*}First-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. Includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.



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3. Disadvantage

This section focuses on the backgrounds of UK-domiciled students who apply to Oxford, are made offers, and are admitted. The figures relate to differing levels of socio-economic advantage and progression to higher education across the UK, and are derived from the ACORN and POLAR⁵ demographic systems.

ACORN is a postcode-based tool that categorises the UK's population by level of socio-economic advantage. POLAR is a similar tool that measures how likely young people are to participate in higher education based on where they live. The ACORN and POLAR systems are widely recognised measures used by the regulator to set admissions targets for universities including Oxford.

These systems are explained in more detail in the glossary to this report.

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL DATA

The tables below show the number of applications, offers and students admitted from the two most socio-economically disadvantaged groups (ACORN categories 4 and 5⁶) and the two groups of young people least likely to progress to higher education (POLAR quintiles 1 and 2).

 In 2017, 10.6% of UK students admitted to Oxford came from the two most socioeconomically disadvantaged groups (ACORN categories 4 and 56). This is an increase of almost four percentage points from 2013.

Table 3.1: Socio-economic disadvantage: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from ACORN categories 4 and 56, 2013–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | ACORN 4 AND 5 PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
|------|--------------|--------|-------------------|---|
| 2017 | 1,660 | 349 | 269 | 10.6% |
| 2016 | 1,351 | 272 | 216 | 8.2% |
| 2015 | 1,351 | 252 | 221 | 8.6% |
| 2014 | 1,286 | 288 | 241 | 9.3% |
| 2013 | 1,070 | 204 | 179 | 6.8% |

• In 2017, 12.9% of UK students admitted to Oxford were from the two groups with lowest progression to higher education (POLAR quintiles 1 and 2). This is an increase of more than three percentage points from 2013.

Table 3.2: Areas of low progression to higher education: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from POLAR quintiles 1 and 2, 2013–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | POLAR 1 AND 2 PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
|------|--------------|--------|-------------------|---|
| 2017 | 1,702 | 405 | 324 | 12.9% |
| 2016 | 1,499 | 352 | 299 | 11.4% |
| 2015 | 1,459 | 322 | 279 | 10.8% |
| 2014 | 1,446 | 312 | 262 | 10.2% |
| 2013 | 1,319 | 274 | 251 | 9.5% |

^{5.} POLAR classification is periodically reviewed; POLAR3 classification is used throughout this report.

^{6.} This data includes ACORN Category 4 – Financially Stretched (excluding Type 34 – Student flats and halls of residence) and ACORN Category 5 – Urban Adversity

^{7.} Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

from areas with lower

CONTEXT

Breakdown of students who achieve AAA or better at A-level by socio-economic group (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*

89.0%

live in more advantaged areas (other ACORN categories)

Live in less advantaged areas (ACORN categories)

Live in less advantaged areas (ACORN categories)

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)**

89.4%

live in more advantaged areas (other ACORN categories)

10.6%

live in less advantaged areas (ACORN categories)

categories 4 and 5)

Breakdown of students who achieve AAA or better at A-level, by areas with different likelihood of progression to higher education (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*

from areas with greater likelihood of progression to higher education (other POLAR quintiles)

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)**

87.1%
from areas with greater likelihood of progression to higher education (other POLAR quintiles)

13.6%
likelihood of progression to higher education (POLAR quintiles)

from areas with lower likelihood of progression to higher education (other POLAR quintiles)

12.9%

12.9%

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^{*}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16.AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. Excludes those whose ACORN status is not known. Excludes Type 34 from ACORN category 4 – Type 34 appears in other ACORN categories. See page 39 for full citation.

^{*}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16.AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. Excludes those whose POLAR status is not known. See page 39 for full citation.

^{**}Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

DATA BY COURSE

These tables include figures for Oxford's 25 largest courses by total number of places, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

Socio-economic disadvantage

• UK-domiciled students from less advantaged areas (ACORN categories 4 and 56) made up between 5.2% and 15.8% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.

Table 3.3: Socio-economic disadvantage: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from ACORN categories 4 and 56 by course, three-year total 2015-2017

| | ACORN 4 AND 5 | | | | OTHER | ACORN 4 AND 5 PROPORTION OF | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
| Biochemistry | 122 | 28 | 22 | 897 | 235 | 220 | 9.1% |
| Biological Sciences | 105 | 41 | 28 | 997 | 319 | 264 | 9.6% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 67 | 11 | 9 | 470 | 91 | 74 | 10.8% |
| Chemistry | 139 | 43 | 33 | 1,253 | 484 | 415 | 7.4% |
| Classics | 41 | 19 | 16 | 720 | 313 | 290 | 5.2% |
| Computer Science | 103 | 7 | 6 | 430 | 39 | 32 | 15.8% |
| Earth Sciences | 18 | 8 | 6 | 222 | 95 | 76 | 7.3% |
| Economics & Management | 170 | 27 | 20 | 1,475 | 185 | 166 | 10.8% |
| Engineering Science | 176 | 38 | 31 | 1,172 | 350 | 303 | 9.3% |
| English | 268 | 68 | 57 | 2,175 | 630 | 578 | 9.0% |
| Experimental Psychology | 57 | 22 | 14 | 380 | 116 | 90 | 13.5% |
| Geography | 66 | 22 | 15 | 845 | 243 | 190 | 7.3% |
| History | 207 | 71 | 57 | 2,417 | 619 | 567 | 9.1% |
| History & Politics | 88 | 12 | 11 | 624 | 107 | 92 | 10.7% |
| Law* | 436 | 72 | 55 | 2,224 | 463 | 403 | 12.0% |
| Materials Science | 26 | 7 | 7 | 225 | 86 | 73 | 8.8% |
| Mathematics | 376 | 37 | 32 | 2,281 | 373 | 348 | 8.4% |
| Medicine | 528 | 36 | 33 | 2,358 | 422 | 390 | 7.8% |
| Modern Languages | 97 | 41 | 34 | 1,149 | 452 | 407 | 7.7% |
| Music | 37 | 17 | 14 | 432 | 203 | 178 | 7.3% |
| Oriental Studies | 54 | 16 | 11 | 279 | 107 | 88 | 11.1% |
| Physics | 369 | 55 | 52 | 2,215 | 365 | 353 | 12.8% |
| PPE** | 261 | 54 | 45 | 2,184 | 502 | 468 | 8.8% |
| PPL*** | 35 | 6 | 5 | 186 | 59 | 48 | 9.4% |
| Theology and Religion | 28 | 13 | 9 | 233 | 96 | 77 | 10.5% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

^{6.} This data includes ACORN Category 4 – Financially Stretched (excluding Type 34 – Student flats and halls of residence) and ACORN Category 5 – Urban Adversity. 7. Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

Areas of low progression to higher education

• UK-domiciled students from areas with low progression to higher education (POLAR quintiles 1 and 2) made up between 5.2% and 19.5% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.

Table 3.4: Areas of low progression to higher education: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from POLAR quintiles 1 and 2 by course, three-year total 2015–2017

| | POLAR 1 AND 2 | | | | OTHER | POLAR 1 AND 2 PROPORTION OF | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
| Biochemistry | 138 | 38 | 31 | 876 | 224 | 210 | 12.9% |
| Biological Sciences | 140 | 47 | 38 | 958 | 312 | 253 | 13.1% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 98 | 21 | 16 | 436 | 80 | 66 | 19.5% |
| Chemistry | 170 | 65 | 54 | 1,214 | 459 | 392 | 12.1% |
| Classics | 50 | 27 | 23 | 708 | 305 | 283 | 7.5% |
| Computer Science | 97 | 9 | 6 | 431 | 37 | 32 | 15.8% |
| Earth Sciences | 31 | 16 | 12 | 206 | 86 | 69 | 14.8% |
| Economics & Management | 157 | 23 | 18 | 1,475 | 187 | 166 | 9.8% |
| Engineering Science | 140 | 31 | 27 | 1,197 | 355 | 306 | 8.1% |
| English | 300 | 87 | 76 | 2,133 | 610 | 558 | 12.0% |
| Experimental Psychology | 60 | 23 | 14 | 374 | 114 | 89 | 13.6% |
| Geography | 71 | 19 | 12 | 834 | 245 | 192 | 5.9% |
| History | 254 | 74 | 65 | 2,356 | 613 | 557 | 10.5% |
| History & Politics | 90 | 14 | 11 | 615 | 105 | 92 | 10.7% |
| Law* | 464 | 81 | 63 | 2,171 | 449 | 390 | 13.9% |
| Materials Science | 33 | 12 | 7 | 217 | 80 | 72 | 8.9% |
| Mathematics | 409 | 61 | 54 | 2,240 | 348 | 325 | 14.2% |
| Medicine | 448 | 53 | 49 | 2,410 | 404 | 373 | 11.6% |
| Modern Languages | 129 | 56 | 45 | 1,112 | 435 | 395 | 10.2% |
| Music | 50 | 24 | 20 | 419 | 196 | 172 | 10.4% |
| Oriental Studies | 37 | 7 | 5 | 291 | 114 | 92 | 5.2% |
| Physics | 427 | 77 | 72 | 2,141 | 342 | 332 | 17.8% |
| PPE** | 268 | 59 | 50 | 2,163 | 496 | 462 | 9.8% |
| PPL*** | 28 | 6 | 5 | 189 | 58 | 48 | 9.4% |
| Theology and Religion | 32 | 15 | 12 | 229 | 94 | 74 | 14.0% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

^{7.} Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

DATA BY OXFORD COLLEGE

The following tables – and similar tables throughout this report – include figures for 29 of Oxford's undergraduate-admitting colleges, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

Note: Oxford's colleges vary in size and subject provision, admitting between around 50 and 120 UK-domiciled students each year. Permanent Private Halls (which have a different status to colleges and generally admit small numbers of students for a limited range of courses) and Harris Manchester College (which admits only mature students) have been excluded. Application numbers to individual colleges vary year on year, as does the prior academic achievement of those applicants, which can lead to fluctuations in admissions figures between colleges and among particular groups of students. Applicants to a particular college may be reallocated and eventually admitted to another college as part of Oxford's admissions process. An explanation of this system appears on page 38.

Socio-economic disadvantage

• From 2015 to 2017, the proportion of admitted students from less advantaged areas (ACORN categories 4 and 56) ranged by college from 5.9% to 12.9%.

Table 3.5: Socio-economic disadvantage: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from ACORN categories 4 and 5° by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | A | CORN 4 AND ! | 5 | | OTHER | ACORN 4 AND 5 PROPORTION OF | |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | ACORN 4 AND 5 PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
| Balliol College | 190 | 29 | 22 | 1,361 | 256 | 227 | 8.8% |
| Brasenose College | 195 | 23 | 20 | 2,317 | 271 | 248 | 7.5% |
| Christ Church | 173 | 35 | 31 | 1,179 | 319 | 284 | 9.8% |
| Corpus Christi College | 92 | 16 | 14 | 573 | 179 | 160 | 8.0% |
| Exeter College | 97 | 16 | 13 | 776 | 236 | 209 | 5.9% |
| Hertford College | 162 | 32 | 27 | 1,212 | 298 | 263 | 9.3% |
| Jesus College | 120 | 37 | 27 | 962 | 242 | 218 | 11.0% |
| Keble College | 225 | 26 | 20 | 1,800 | 335 | 295 | 6.3% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 160 | 40 | 34 | 940 | 302 | 259 | 11.6% |
| Lincoln College | 110 | 21 | 16 | 871 | 234 | 216 | 6.9% |
| Magdalen College | 178 | 32 | 26 | 1,151 | 276 | 246 | 9.6% |
| Mansfield College | 105 | 32 | 22 | 574 | 177 | 149 | 12.9% |
| Merton College | 138 | 22 | 18 | 940 | 200 | 183 | 9.0% |
| New College | 125 | 25 | 23 | 1,418 | 325 | 303 | 7.1% |
| Oriel College | 123 | 23 | 22 | 869 | 211 | 193 | 10.2% |
| Pembroke College | 135 | 33 | 23 | 1,070 | 261 | 230 | 9.1% |
| Somerville College | 112 | 28 | 22 | 852 | 278 | 240 | 8.4% |
| St Anne's College | 132 | 26 | 22 | 823 | 301 | 264 | 7.7% |
| St Catherine's College | 195 | 36 | 29 | 1,315 | 355 | 309 | 8.6% |
| St Edmund Hall | 93 | 23 | 19 | 889 | 273 | 244 | 7.2% |
| St Hilda's College | 129 | 36 | 27 | 634 | 263 | 222 | 10.8% |
| St Hugh's College | 137 | 30 | 22 | 800 | 278 | 243 | 8.3% |
| St John's College | 299 | 38 | 33 | 1,628 | 270 | 236 | 12.3% |
| St Peter's College | 105 | 29 | 25 | 801 | 238 | 211 | 10.6% |
| The Queen's College | 102 | 25 | 16 | 887 | 237 | 218 | 6.8% |
| Trinity College | 82 | 16 | 12 | 802 | 205 | 187 | 6.0% |
| University College | 163 | 38 | 31 | 1,025 | 263 | 237 | 11.6% |
| Wadham College | 209 | 40 | 32 | 1,322 | 313 | 285 | 10.1% |
| Worcester College | 172 | 35 | 29 | 1,746 | 312 | 292 | 9.0% |
| University total (2015-17) ⁸ | 4,362 | 873 | 706 | 31,905 | 7,894 | 7,032 | 9.1% |

^{6.} This data includes ACORN Category 4 - Financially Stretched (excluding Type 34 - Student flats and halls of residence) and ACORN Category 5 - Urban Adversity.

^{7.} Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

^{8.} Total includes Permanent Private Halls and Harris Manchester College.

Areas of low progression to higher education

• From 2015 to 2017, the proportion of admitted students from areas with low progression to higher education (POLAR quintiles 1 and 2) ranged by college from 7.0% to 19.2%.

Table 3.6: Areas of low progression to higher education: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted from POLAR quintiles 1 and 2 by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | P | OLAR 1 AND 2 | 2 | | OTHER | | POLAR 1 AND 2 PROPORTION OF |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|----------|---|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | POLAR 1 AND 2 PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁷ |
| Balliol College | 197 | 38 | 31 | 1,344 | 247 | 218 | 12.4% |
| Brasenose College | 259 | 31 | 30 | 2,240 | 261 | 236 | 11.3% |
| Christ Church | 172 | 35 | 29 | 1,166 | 319 | 286 | 9.2% |
| Corpus Christi College | 98 | 24 | 20 | 563 | 169 | 152 | 11.6% |
| Exeter College | 91 | 31 | 23 | 778 | 220 | 198 | 10.4% |
| Hertford College | 177 | 43 | 40 | 1,187 | 285 | 248 | 13.9% |
| Jesus College | 142 | 37 | 33 | 934 | 242 | 212 | 13.5% |
| Keble College | 254 | 44 | 32 | 1,758 | 316 | 282 | 10.2% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 165 | 49 | 40 | 928 | 292 | 253 | 13.7% |
| Lincoln College | 116 | 27 | 24 | 859 | 225 | 206 | 10.4% |
| Magdalen College | 186 | 29 | 24 | 1,133 | 277 | 247 | 8.9% |
| Mansfield College | 121 | 36 | 29 | 557 | 173 | 142 | 17.0% |
| Merton College | 163 | 24 | 22 | 913 | 198 | 179 | 10.9% |
| New College | 150 | 41 | 38 | 1,386 | 308 | 287 | 11.7% |
| Oriel College | 110 | 26 | 23 | 878 | 208 | 192 | 10.7% |
| Pembroke College | 125 | 29 | 21 | 1,068 | 260 | 230 | 8.4% |
| Somerville College | 129 | 34 | 29 | 829 | 271 | 232 | 11.1% |
| St Anne's College | 150 | 45 | 36 | 798 | 281 | 249 | 12.6% |
| St Catherine's College | 211 | 51 | 39 | 1,291 | 338 | 297 | 11.6% |
| St Edmund Hall | 113 | 31 | 26 | 865 | 264 | 236 | 9.9% |
| St Hilda's College | 126 | 43 | 34 | 635 | 253 | 212 | 13.8% |
| St Hugh's College | 149 | 62 | 51 | 785 | 246 | 214 | 19.2% |
| St John's College | 306 | 42 | 37 | 1,606 | 265 | 231 | 13.8% |
| St Peter's College | 101 | 34 | 26 | 799 | 231 | 208 | 11.1% |
| The Queen's College | 106 | 25 | 19 | 876 | 237 | 215 | 8.1% |
| Trinity College | 98 | 22 | 14 | 776 | 199 | 185 | 7.0% |
| University College | 147 | 28 | 25 | 1,028 | 273 | 243 | 9.3% |
| Wadham College | 192 | 50 | 44 | 1,328 | 301 | 271 | 14.0% |
| Worcester College | 234 | 46 | 45 | 1,676 | 301 | 276 | 14.0% |
| University total (2015-17) ⁸ | 4,660 | 1,079 | 902 | 31,375 | 7,653 | 6,807 | 11.7% |

^{7.} Excluding students whose ACORN/POLAR status is not known.

^{8.} Total includes Permanent Private Halls and Harris Manchester College.

4. School type

This section shows the number of UK-domiciled students applying to, receiving offers from and admitted to Oxford by the type of school they attended: state or independent.

UK-domiciled students applying from other types of school have been excluded from the tables below. This is because the group is small, constituting only 4.3% of applications (1,588) between 2015 and 2017, and includes students from overseas or unknown schools, making it difficult to draw reliable conclusions from the numbers.

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL DATA

- The proportion of students admitted to Oxford from the UK state sector has risen for the
 past two years, reaching 58.2% in 2017. This is the highest figure since the University
 began recording detailed admissions statistics.
- The proportion of UK students admitted from the independent sector has decreased in each of the past two years.

Table 4.1: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by school type, 2013–2017

| | STATE | | | " | NDEPENDENT | STATE PROPORTION OF TOTAL | |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁹ |
| 2017 | 7,765 | 1,683 | 1,431 | 4,242 | 1,148 | 1,029 | 58.2% |
| 2016 | 7,454 | 1,718 | 1,483 | 4,213 | 1,188 | 1,075 | 58.0% |
| 2015 | 7,027 | 1,596 | 1,404 | 4,216 | 1,219 | 1,122 | 55.6% |
| 2014 | 6,881 | 1,611 | 1,423 | 4,084 | 1,196 | 1,105 | 56.3% |
| 2013 | 6,974 | 1,612 | 1,464 | 4,125 | 1,178 | 1,115 | 56.8% |

CONTEXT

Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level by school type (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*

| 72.6% | 27.4% |
|-------|-------------------|
| State | Independent/other |

Breakdown of students achieving A*A*A or better at A-level by school type (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*

| 69.8% | 30.2% |
|-------|-------------------|
| State | Independent/other |

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)9

| 58.2% | 41.8% |
|-------|-------------|
| State | Independent |

*Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16.AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. Excludes unknown school type. See page 39 for full citation.

^{9.} Excluding students whose education cannot be classified as either state or independent.

DATA BY COURSE

This table includes figures for Oxford's 25 largest courses by total number of places, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

- State-educated UK students represented between 28.9% and 77.8% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.
- Some courses attract more applications per available place than others, and UK state students apply disproportionately for the most oversubscribed subjects.
- On average, 35% of state applications between 2015 and 2017 were for five of the most oversubscribed subjects at Oxford (Economics & Management, Medicine, PPE**; Law*, and Mathematics), compared with 29.8% of independent applications.
- In contrast, 21% of independent applications were for five of the least oversubscribed subjects (Classics, Music, Modern Languages, Chemistry, and English), compared with 16% of state applications.

Table 4.2: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by school type and course, three-year total 2015–2017

| | STATE | | | " | NDEPENDENT | - | STATE PROPORTION OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁹ |
| Biochemistry | 680 | 162 | 149 | 323 | 100 | 93 | 61.6% |
| Biological Sciences | 683 | 214 | 168 | 392 | 136 | 116 | 59.2% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 372 | 62 | 49 | 150 | 36 | 31 | 61.3% |
| Chemistry | 916 | 317 | 263 | 453 | 206 | 182 | 59.1% |
| Classics | 237 | 102 | 86 | 499 | 221 | 212 | 28.9% |
| Computer Science | 415 | 34 | 28 | 101 | 10 | 8 | 77.8% |
| Earth Sciences | 168 | 75 | 60 | 67 | 29 | 23 | 72.3% |
| Economics & Management | 874 | 106 | 95 | 721 | 105 | 90 | 51.4% |
| Engineering Science | 799 | 209 | 173 | 534 | 175 | 157 | 52.4% |
| English | 1,439 | 391 | 349 | 903 | 280 | 260 | 57.3% |
| Experimental Psychology | 280 | 87 | 61 | 141 | 46 | 39 | 61.0% |
| Geography | 463 | 138 | 102 | 445 | 127 | 103 | 49.8% |
| History | 1,406 | 366 | 314 | 1,166 | 308 | 293 | 51.7% |
| History & Politics | 481 | 79 | 66 | 208 | 38 | 34 | 66.0% |
| Law* | 1,819 | 361 | 310 | 617 | 148 | 126 | 71.1% |
| Materials Science | 129 | 51 | 42 | 119 | 41 | 37 | 53.2% |
| Mathematics | 2,112 | 294 | 270 | 525 | 114 | 108 | 71.4% |
| Medicine | 1,834 | 285 | 258 | 922 | 171 | 163 | 61.3% |
| Modern Languages | 643 | 261 | 226 | 591 | 225 | 208 | 52.1% |
| Music | 251 | 106 | 90 | 208 | 109 | 97 | 48.1% |
| Oriental Studies | 180 | 68 | 54 | 132 | 51 | 42 | 56.3% |
| Physics | 1,933 | 277 | 264 | 613 | 137 | 135 | 66.2% |
| PPE** | 1,396 | 319 | 288 | 907 | 224 | 215 | 57.3% |
| PPL*** | 103 | 29 | 23 | 105 | 37 | 31 | 42.6% |
| Theology and Religion | 86 | 35 | 29 | 150 | 64 | 49 | 37.2% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

^{9.} Excluding students whose education cannot be classified as either state or independent.

DATA BY OXFORD COLLEGE

This table includes figures for 29 of Oxford's undergraduate-admitting colleges, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

- Individual colleges receive varying numbers and proportions of applicants from the state and independent sectors. For some colleges, this split is close to 50:50, while others receive several times more applications from state-educated students.
- The state-educated share of UK students admitted to Oxford ranged by college from 41.1% to 88.2% from 2015 to 2017.

Table 4.3: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by school type and college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | STATE | | | 1 | NDEPENDENT | STATE PROPORTION OF TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ⁹ |
| Balliol College | 1,025 | 182 | 158 | 478 | 99 | 87 | 64.5% |
| Brasenose College | 1,511 | 177 | 158 | 934 | 112 | 105 | 60.1% |
| Christ Church | 756 | 176 | 153 | 518 | 168 | 152 | 50.2% |
| Corpus Christi College | 437 | 116 | 104 | 209 | 79 | 69 | 60.1% |
| Exeter College | 437 | 129 | 109 | 411 | 123 | 113 | 49.1% |
| Hertford College | 931 | 227 | 198 | 409 | 99 | 89 | 69.0% |
| Jesus College | 682 | 161 | 138 | 372 | 114 | 103 | 57.3% |
| Keble College | 1,177 | 181 | 154 | 799 | 177 | 158 | 49.4% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 702 | 203 | 171 | 355 | 129 | 114 | 60.0% |
| Lincoln College | 600 | 147 | 131 | 359 | 105 | 98 | 57.2% |
| Magdalen College | 817 | 150 | 125 | 447 | 150 | 140 | 47.2% |
| Mansfield College | 539 | 176 | 149 | 121 | 31 | 20 | 88.2% |
| Merton College | 735 | 135 | 118 | 322 | 83 | 79 | 59.9% |
| New College | 848 | 187 | 171 | 643 | 158 | 150 | 53.3% |
| Oriel College | 583 | 142 | 131 | 382 | 87 | 80 | 62.1% |
| Pembroke College | 626 | 151 | 128 | 542 | 138 | 121 | 51.4% |
| Somerville College | 611 | 177 | 146 | 329 | 124 | 111 | 56.8% |
| St Anne's College | 678 | 200 | 171 | 244 | 119 | 110 | 60.9% |
| St Catherine's College | 993 | 235 | 199 | 470 | 148 | 131 | 60.3% |
| St Edmund Hall | 490 | 152 | 131 | 433 | 136 | 125 | 51.2% |
| St Hilda's College | 519 | 174 | 143 | 208 | 114 | 96 | 59.8% |
| St Hugh's College | 562 | 166 | 138 | 319 | 128 | 117 | 54.1% |
| St John's College | 1,372 | 184 | 157 | 504 | 122 | 110 | 58.8% |
| St Peter's College | 496 | 133 | 115 | 391 | 129 | 116 | 49.8% |
| The Queen's College | 513 | 129 | 112 | 444 | 128 | 116 | 49.1% |
| Trinity College | 457 | 98 | 81 | 404 | 121 | 116 | 41.1% |
| University College | 685 | 180 | 157 | 450 | 118 | 107 | 59.5% |
| Wadham College | 1,137 | 242 | 213 | 353 | 105 | 99 | 68.3% |
| Worcester College | 1,146 | 210 | 191 | 742 | 134 | 128 | 59.9% |
| University total (2015–17)8 | 22,246 | 4,997 | 4,318 | 12,671 | 3,555 | 3,226 | 57.2% |

 $^{{\}bf 8.} \, {\bf Total} \, \, {\bf includes} \, {\bf Permanent} \, \, {\bf Private} \, \, {\bf Halls} \, \, {\bf and} \, \, {\bf Harris} \, \, {\bf Manchester} \, \, {\bf College}.$

^{9.} Excluding students whose education cannot be classified as either state or independent.

5. Gender

This section breaks down Oxford's group of UK-domiciled applicants, offer holders and admitted students by gender declared on application¹⁰.

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL DATA

- The female proportion of UK-domiciled undergraduate students admitted to Oxford has ranged over the past five admissions years from 46.5% to 50.1%.
- In 2017, Oxford admitted more UK-domiciled female undergraduates than male.

Table 5.1: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by gender, 2013–2017

| | FEMALE | | | | MALE | FEMALE PROPORTION OF TOTAL | |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED |
| 2017 | 6,139 | 1,502 | 1,275 | 6,444 | 1,426 | 1,272 | 50.1% |
| 2016 | 6,007 | 1,476 | 1,283 | 6,186 | 1,513 | 1,347 | 48.8% |
| 2015 | 5,746 | 1,402 | 1,234 | 5,983 | 1,489 | 1,365 | 47.5% |
| 2014 | 5,528 | 1,364 | 1,201 | 5,890 | 1,508 | 1,384 | 46.5% |
| 2013 | 5,665 | 1,397 | 1,281 | 5,891 | 1,466 | 1,364 | 48.4% |

CONTEXT

Breakdown of students at UK universities by gender (2015 UK intake)*

All UK universities

| 56.7% female | 43.3% male | other* |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Russell Group | | |
| 54.9% female | 45.1% male | other* |

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)



Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level by gender (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*



^{*}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

Other gender: percentages are too small to represent in diagram.

^{10.} This report uses the binary male/female options from the UCAS application, which may not reflect the gender identity of all applicants.

DATA BY COURSE

This table includes figures for Oxford's 25 largest courses by total number of places, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

• The female-to-male ratio of applications varies by course. This is reflected in the wide variations by course in the proportion of UK-domiciled female students admitted. This proportion ranged from 7.9% to 80.8% between 2015 and 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.

Table 5.2: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by gender and course, three-year total 2015-2017

| | | FEMALE | | | MALE | | FEMALE PROPORTION OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED |
| Biochemistry | 609 | 139 | 125 | 416 | 126 | 119 | 51.2% |
| Biological Sciences | 653 | 209 | 167 | 457 | 153 | 127 | 56.8% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 395 | 77 | 63 | 148 | 26 | 21 | 75.0% |
| Chemistry | 600 | 221 | 178 | 794 | 306 | 270 | 39.7% |
| Classics | 386 | 175 | 153 | 383 | 160 | 156 | 49.5% |
| Computer Science | 83 | 3 | 3 | 454 | 43 | 35 | 7.9% |
| Earth Sciences | 102 | 48 | 39 | 140 | 57 | 45 | 46.4% |
| Economics & Management | 478 | 65 | 53 | 1,173 | 148 | 134 | 28.3% |
| Engineering Science | 278 | 77 | 58 | 1,078 | 312 | 277 | 17.3% |
| English | 1,788 | 489 | 445 | 668 | 211 | 192 | 69.9% |
| Experimental Psychology | 356 | 112 | 84 | 84 | 26 | 20 | 80.8% |
| Geography | 555 | 151 | 110 | 364 | 116 | 97 | 53.1% |
| History | 1,342 | 370 | 334 | 1,304 | 322 | 291 | 53.4% |
| History & Politics | 294 | 46 | 40 | 426 | 74 | 63 | 38.8% |
| Law* | 1,629 | 312 | 267 | 1,051 | 224 | 192 | 58.2% |
| Materials Science | 64 | 29 | 23 | 187 | 64 | 57 | 28.8% |
| Mathematics | 833 | 113 | 102 | 1,843 | 301 | 282 | 26.6% |
| Medicine | 1,727 | 266 | 246 | 1,170 | 195 | 180 | 57.7% |
| Modern Languages | 841 | 323 | 291 | 414 | 172 | 152 | 65.7% |
| Music | 250 | 108 | 90 | 224 | 113 | 103 | 46.6% |
| Oriental Studies | 209 | 75 | 61 | 130 | 50 | 39 | 61.0% |
| Physics | 629 | 87 | 80 | 1,969 | 334 | 326 | 19.7% |
| PPE** | 811 | 192 | 181 | 1,651 | 368 | 336 | 35.0% |
| PPL*** | 146 | 38 | 32 | 78 | 28 | 22 | 59.3% |
| Theology and Religion | 119 | 47 | 39 | 144 | 62 | 47 | 45.3% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics ***Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

DATA BY OXFORD COLLEGE

This table includes figures for 29 of Oxford's undergraduate-admitting colleges, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

• From 2015 to 2017, the proportion of UK-domiciled female students admitted to Oxford ranged by college from 39.6% to 55.2%.

Table 5.3: UK applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by gender and college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | | FEMALE | | MALE | | FEMALE PROPORTION OF TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED |
| Balliol College | 701 | 114 | 99 | 864 | 173 | 152 | 39.4% |
| Brasenose College | 1,393 | 150 | 135 | 1,129 | 145 | 134 | 50.2% |
| Christ Church | 667 | 178 | 152 | 696 | 178 | 165 | 47.9% |
| Corpus Christi College | 327 | 87 | 78 | 341 | 110 | 97 | 44.6% |
| Exeter College | 441 | 129 | 113 | 441 | 126 | 112 | 50.2% |
| Hertford College | 711 | 190 | 160 | 673 | 142 | 132 | 54.8% |
| Jesus College | 494 | 129 | 111 | 593 | 152 | 136 | 44.9% |
| Keble College | 932 | 175 | 153 | 1,106 | 189 | 165 | 48.1% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 623 | 179 | 150 | 487 | 164 | 144 | 51.0% |
| Lincoln College | 485 | 132 | 120 | 499 | 123 | 112 | 51.7% |
| Magdalen College | 646 | 137 | 119 | 692 | 173 | 155 | 43.4% |
| Mansfield College | 331 | 116 | 91 | 352 | 93 | 80 | 53.2% |
| Merton College | 498 | 114 | 104 | 583 | 108 | 97 | 51.7% |
| New College | 743 | 151 | 136 | 811 | 200 | 191 | 41.6% |
| Oriel College | 472 | 117 | 105 | 527 | 118 | 111 | 48.6% |
| Pembroke College | 587 | 165 | 137 | 624 | 129 | 116 | 54.2% |
| Somerville College | 480 | 159 | 132 | 492 | 150 | 133 | 49.8% |
| St Anne's College | 463 | 186 | 159 | 497 | 144 | 130 | 55.0% |
| St Catherine's College | 679 | 180 | 153 | 844 | 212 | 186 | 45.1% |
| St Edmund Hall | 438 | 124 | 112 | 550 | 174 | 153 | 42.3% |
| St Hilda's College | 411 | 164 | 138 | 358 | 138 | 114 | 54.8% |
| St Hugh's College | 464 | 153 | 129 | 477 | 156 | 137 | 48.5% |
| St John's College | 870 | 162 | 139 | 1,074 | 148 | 132 | 51.3% |
| St Peter's College | 422 | 128 | 111 | 490 | 140 | 126 | 46.8% |
| The Queen's College | 553 | 145 | 124 | 443 | 118 | 110 | 53.0% |
| Trinity College | 417 | 112 | 97 | 472 | 109 | 102 | 48.7% |
| University College | 604 | 134 | 119 | 594 | 168 | 149 | 44.4% |
| Wadham College | 848 | 188 | 164 | 692 | 165 | 153 | 51.7% |
| Worcester College | 975 | 174 | 158 | 952 | 174 | 164 | 49.1% |
| University total (2015–17)8 | 17,892 | 4,380 | 3,792 | 18,613 | 4,428 | 3,984 | 48.8% |

6. Ethnicity

This section sets out what is known about the ethnicity of UK-domiciled applicants to Oxford. Just over 6% of UK-domiciled applicants (2,250 students between 2013 and 2017) choose not to declare their ethnicity in their UCAS application. It is therefore not possible to make any statements in relation to their ethnicity and admissions status, and for that reason they have not been included in the tables below.

UK-domiciled Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) students include those who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as Black (including African, Caribbean and other Black background), Asian (including Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani, Chinese and other Asian background), Mixed Heritage (including White & Asian, White & Black African, White & Black Caribbean and other Mixed background), Arab or any other ethnicity.

CONTEXT

The following graphics provide context for Oxford's figures, showing the BME share of the England and Wales population, the A-level achievement of BME students, and the proportion of BME students in different parts of the UK university sector.

Note: Figures for the 2015/16 academic year (2015 intake) are the most recent available from HESA and have therefore been used in these graphics. The most recent figures available for Oxford are for the 2017/18 academic year (2017 intake).

England and Wales population now aged 17-24*

| White | ВМЕ |
|-------|-------|
| 81.7% | 18.3% |

Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level by ethnicity (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)**



Breakdown of students at UK universities by ethnicity (2015 UK intake)**

All UK universities

| White students 75.3% | BME students 24.7% |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Russell Group | |
| White students 79.5% | BME students 20.5% |
| Russell Group outside London | |
| White students 83.5% | BME students 16.5% |

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)***

| White students | BME students |
|----------------|--------------|
| 82.1% | 17.9% |

^{*2011} UK census. Source: Office for National Statistics.

^{**}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16.AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

^{***}Excluding students whose ethnicity status is not declared.

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL DATA

BME students

- The number of UK-domiciled BME applicants to Oxford has increased since 2013, as have the numbers of students receiving offers and being admitted.
- The proportion of UK-domiciled students admitted to Oxford who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as BME has risen from 13.9% in 2013 to 17.9% in 2017.

Table 6.1: UK-domiciled BME students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, 2013-2017

| | BME STUDENTS | | | WI | BME PROPORTION OF TOTAL | | |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
| 2017 | 2,899 | 519 | 446 | 8,908 | 2,311 | 2,044 | 17.9% |
| 2016 | 2,547 | 492 | 411 | 8,901 | 2,425 | 2,178 | 15.9% |
| 2015 | 2,332 | 407 | 367 | 8,668 | 2,391 | 2,169 | 14.5% |
| 2014 | 2,131 | 395 | 345 | 8,634 | 2,412 | 2,201 | 13.6% |
| 2013 | 2,101 | 396 | 360 | 8,783 | 2,392 | 2,234 | 13.9% |

Asian students

- Since 2014, applications from UK-domiciled Asian students have been increasing annually, as have offers received and students admitted.
- The proportion of UK-domiciled students admitted to Oxford who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as Asian has risen from 6.7% in 2013 to 8.3% in 2017.

Table 6.2: UK-domiciled Asian students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, 2013-2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| 2017 | 1,539 | 241 | 206 | 8.3% |
| 2016 | 1,326 | 227 | 188 | 7.3% |
| 2015 | 1,278 | 175 | 162 | 6.4% |
| 2014 | 1,131 | 166 | 153 | 6.0% |
| 2013 | 1,186 | 191 | 174 | 6.7% |

| 87.7% | 12.3% |
|--|-------|
| White/other BME | Asian |
| Breakdown of students at non-London Russell Group universities (2015 UK intake)* | |
| 91.5% | 8.5% |
| White/other BME | Asian |
| Oxford University (2017 UK intake) ¹¹ | |
| 91.7% | 8.3% |
| White/other BME | Asian |

Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16.AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

Bangladeshi and Pakistani students

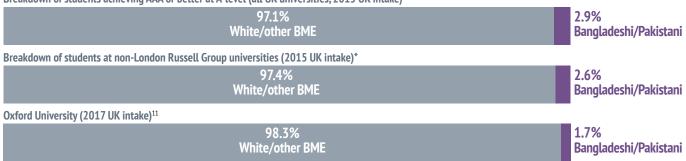
- Since 2013, the numbers of UK-domiciled Bangladeshi and Pakistani students applying to Oxford, being made offers and being admitted have risen substantially.
- The proportion of UK-domiciled students admitted to Oxford who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as Bangladeshi or Pakistani has risen from 0.6% in 2013 to 1.7% in 2017.

Table 6.3: UK-domiciled Bangladeshi and Pakistani students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, 2013–2017

Note: Within the British Asian group, Bangladeshi and Pakistani students are considered underrepresented at highly selective universities, hence their inclusion as a separate group at University level in this report.

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| 2017 | 384 | 55 | 43 | 1.7% |
| 2016 | 299 | 48 | 36 | 1.4% |
| 2015 | 283 | 22 | 19 | 0.7% |
| 2014 | 229 | 21 | 20 | 0.8% |
| 2013 | 245 | 20 | 16 | 0.6% |

Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*



*Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications See page 39 for full citation.

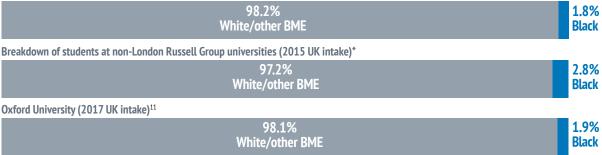
Black students

- The numbers of UK-domiciled Black students applying to Oxford, receiving offers and being admitted have increased from 2013 to 2017.
- The proportion of UK-domiciled students admitted to Oxford who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as Black has risen from 1.1% in 2013 to 1.9% in 2017.

Table 6.4: UK-domiciled Black students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, 2013–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| 2017 | 396 | 65 | 48 | 1.9% |
| 2016 | 328 | 54 | 34 | 1.3% |
| 2015 | 281 | 49 | 38 | 1.5% |
| 2014 | 260 | 44 | 27 | 1.1% |
| 2013 | 218 | 32 | 29 | 1.1% |

Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*



*Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

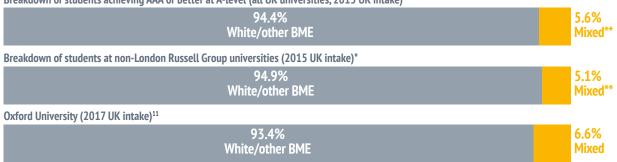
Mixed Heritage students

- The number of UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage applicants to Oxford has risen since 2013, as have the numbers of students receiving offers and being admitted.
- The proportion of UK-domiciled students admitted to Oxford who indicate in their UCAS application that they identify as Mixed Heritage has risen from 5.5% in 2013 to 6.6% in 2017.

Table 6.5: UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted, 2013–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| 2017 | 768 | 180 | 164 | 6.6% |
| 2016 | 733 | 186 | 167 | 6.5% |
| 2015 | 645 | 169 | 153 | 6.0% |
| 2014 | 605 | 163 | 145 | 5.7% |
| 2013 | 584 | 155 | 143 | 5.5% |

Breakdown of students achieving AAA or better at A-level (all UK universities, 2015 UK intake)*



^{*}Most recent available national data covers 2015 intake: defined as first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. AAA+ pool includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

^{**}National data does not include Mixed ethnicity as a separate category; it only provides other including Mixed where other includes all ethnicities that do not fall into any subcategories of White, Asian or Black ethnic groups.

DATA BY COURSE

The following tables include figures for Oxford's 25 largest courses by total number of places, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

BME students

- In general, students from BME backgrounds are more likely to apply for the most competitive courses than White students.
- For example, between 2015 and 2017, 41% of applications from UK-domiciled Black students, and 28% of total UK-domiciled BME applications, were for two courses: Medicine and Law*.
- By comparison, these courses attracted around 12% of applications from UK-domiciled White students.
- UK-domiciled BME students made up between 3.6% and 32.1% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.
- Application numbers vary widely between courses, both in the broad BME group and within individual ethnic groups.
- Applications from UK-domiciled BME students ranged from 27 to 1,351 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.

Table 6.6: UK-domiciled BME students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by course, three-year total 2015–2017

| | В | ME STUDENT | S | w | HITE STUDEN | TS | PME DRODORTION OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|--|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | BME PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
| Biochemistry | 180 | 33 | 29 | 798 | 226 | 211 | 12.1% |
| Biological Sciences | 130 | 34 | 23 | 929 | 322 | 269 | 7.9% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 106 | 9 | 9 | 418 | 91 | 74 | 10.8% |
| Chemistry | 241 | 86 | 70 | 1,103 | 429 | 371 | 15.9% |
| Classics | 100 | 46 | 40 | 593 | 280 | 261 | 13.3% |
| Computer Science | 163 | 11 | 9 | 351 | 33 | 28 | 24.3% |
| Earth Sciences | 27 | 5 | 3 | 206 | 100 | 81 | 3.6% |
| Economics & Management | 566 | 60 | 52 | 986 | 148 | 134 | 28.0% |
| Engineering Science | 369 | 86 | 71 | 923 | 296 | 260 | 21.5% |
| English | 325 | 92 | 84 | 1,959 | 585 | 539 | 13.5% |
| Experimental Psychology | 86 | 22 | 14 | 336 | 111 | 88 | 13.7% |
| Geography | 104 | 22 | 13 | 746 | 233 | 187 | 6.5% |
| History | 288 | 90 | 78 | 2,140 | 580 | 531 | 12.8% |
| History & Politics | 90 | 16 | 15 | 578 | 99 | 85 | 15.0% |
| Law* | 812 | 129 | 103 | 1,736 | 394 | 349 | 22.8% |
| Materials Science | 46 | 14 | 13 | 191 | 74 | 63 | 17.1% |
| Mathematics | 573 | 72 | 70 | 1,985 | 336 | 308 | 18.5% |
| Medicine | 1,352 | 142 | 134 | 1,396 | 308 | 284 | 32.1% |
| Modern Languages | 159 | 66 | 53 | 1,019 | 410 | 377 | 12.3% |
| Music | 47 | 21 | 19 | 393 | 191 | 168 | 10.2% |
| Oriental Studies | 79 | 20 | 17 | 234 | 96 | 78 | 17.9% |
| Physics | 501 | 71 | 68 | 1,991 | 345 | 334 | 16.9% |
| PPE** | 568 | 88 | 79 | 1,661 | 449 | 424 | 15.7% |
| PPL*** | 45 | 12 | 9 | 164 | 51 | 44 | 17.0% |
| Theology and Religion | 28 | 12 | 8 | 215 | 92 | 77 | 9.4% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Asian students

- UK-domiciled Asian students made up between 1.2% and 19.4% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.
- Almost half of applications from UK-domiciled Asian students from 2015 to 2017 were for four highly competitive courses: Medicine, Law*, Economics & Management, and Mathematics.

Table 6.7: UK-domiciled Asian students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by course, three-year total 2015-2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| Biochemistry | 92 | 14 | 12 | 5.0% |
| Biological Sciences | 53 | 12 | 8 | 2.7% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 61 | 3 | 3 | 3.6% |
| Chemistry | 134 | 47 | 36 | 8.2% |
| Classics | 41 | 14 | 12 | 4.0% |
| Computer Science | 103 | 6 | 6 | 16.2% |
| Earth Sciences | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1.2% |
| Economics & Management | 387 | 42 | 36 | 19.4% |
| Engineering Science | 223 | 53 | 45 | 13.6% |
| English | 118 | 30 | 27 | 4.3% |
| Experimental Psychology | 38 | 10 | 6 | 5.9% |
| Geography | 38 | 8 | 4 | 2.0% |
| History | 110 | 32 | 26 | 4.3% |
| History & Politics | 41 | 3 | 3 | 3.0% |
| Law* | 399 | 68 | 56 | 12.4% |
| Materials Science | 29 | 8 | 7 | 9.2% |
| Mathematics | 380 | 49 | 47 | 12.4% |
| Medicine | 831 | 75 | 70 | 16.7% |
| Modern Languages | 46 | 18 | 16 | 3.7% |
| Music | 17 | 5 | 5 | 2.7% |
| Oriental Studies | 30 | 9 | 7 | 7.4% |
| Physics | 278 | 42 | 40 | 10.0% |
| PPE** | 299 | 38 | 36 | 7.2% |
| PPL*** | 22 | 4 | 3 | 5.7% |
| Theology and Religion | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4.7% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Black students

- UK-domiciled Black students comprised up to 4.3% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.
- 40.6% of applications from UK-domiciled Black students from 2015 to 2017 were for two highly competitive courses: Medicine and Law*. By comparison, these courses attracted around 12% of applications from UK-domiciled White students.
- Seven of Oxford's 25 largest courses received fewer than ten applications each from Black students from 2015 to 2017, and as a result admitted only very small numbers.

Table 6.8: UK-domiciled Black students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by course, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| Biochemistry | 17 | 5 | 4 | 1.7% |
| Biological Sciences | 10 | 4 | 3 | 1.0% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Chemistry | 21 | 6 | 3 | 0.7% |
| Classics | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1.3% |
| Computer Science | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Earth Sciences | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Economics & Management | 56 | 4 | 4 | 2.2% |
| Engineering Science | 51 | 8 | 5 | 1.5% |
| English | 30 | 9 | 6 | 1.0% |
| Experimental Psychology | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Geography | 13 | 2 | 1 | 0.5% |
| History | 28 | 9 | 8 | 1.3% |
| History & Politics | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1.0% |
| Law* | 194 | 22 | 11 | 2.8% |
| Materials Science | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2.6% |
| Mathematics | 45 | 4 | 4 | 1.1% |
| Medicine | 214 | 19 | 18 | 4.3% |
| Modern Languages | 17 | 7 | 3 | 0.7% |
| Music | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.5% |
| Oriental Studies | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3.2% |
| Physics | 44 | 6 | 6 | 1.5% |
| PPE** | 93 | 15 | 10 | 2.0% |
| PPL*** | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Theology and Religion | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Mixed Heritage students

• UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage students made up between 2.4% and 11.3% of UK intakes from 2015 to 2017 for Oxford's 25 largest courses.

Table 6.9: UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by course, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| Biochemistry | 58 | 12 | 12 | 5.0% |
| Biological Sciences | 60 | 18 | 12 | 4.1% |
| Biomedical Sciences | 33 | 6 | 6 | 7.2% |
| Chemistry | 77 | 29 | 28 | 6.3% |
| Classics | 47 | 25 | 23 | 7.6% |
| Computer Science | 28 | 4 | 3 | 8.1% |
| Earth Sciences | 13 | 4 | 2 | 2.4% |
| Economics & Management | 98 | 14 | 12 | 6.5% |
| Engineering Science | 68 | 22 | 18 | 5.4% |
| English | 149 | 47 | 45 | 7.2% |
| Experimental Psychology | 30 | 6 | 6 | 5.9% |
| Geography | 47 | 11 | 7 | 3.5% |
| History | 128 | 40 | 37 | 6.1% |
| History & Politics | 27 | 8 | 8 | 8.0% |
| Law* | 174 | 35 | 32 | 7.1% |
| Materials Science | 12 | 4 | 4 | 5.3% |
| Mathematics | 131 | 19 | 19 | 5.0% |
| Medicine | 212 | 36 | 35 | 8.4% |
| Modern Languages | 85 | 38 | 31 | 7.2% |
| Music | 27 | 15 | 13 | 7.0% |
| Oriental Studies | 34 | 7 | 7 | 7.4% |
| Physics | 153 | 22 | 21 | 5.2% |
| PPE** | 129 | 28 | 26 | 5.2% |
| PPL*** | 14 | 6 | 6 | 11.3% |
| Theology and Religion | 11 | 6 | 4 | 4.7% |

^{*}Including Law/Law with Studies in Europe

^{**}Philosophy, Politics and Economics

^{***}Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

DATA BY OXFORD COLLEGE

The following tables include figures for 29 of Oxford's undergraduate-admitting colleges, aggregated from 2015 to 2017.

BME students

• UK-domiciled BME students made up between 10.8% and 20.3% of colleges' UK intakes from 2015-2017.

Table 6.10: UK-domiciled BME students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | BME STUDENTS | | WHITE STUDENTS | | | BME PROPORTION OF TOTAL | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
| Balliol College | 330 | 53 | 45 | 1,138 | 227 | 200 | 18.4% |
| Brasenose College | 441 | 47 | 43 | 1,930 | 236 | 218 | 16.5% |
| Christ Church | 309 | 69 | 57 | 953 | 275 | 250 | 18.6% |
| Corpus Christi College | 139 | 26 | 25 | 493 | 163 | 144 | 14.8% |
| Exeter College | 155 | 33 | 28 | 673 | 217 | 193 | 12.7% |
| Hertford College | 264 | 54 | 47 | 1,035 | 266 | 236 | 16.6% |
| Jesus College | 227 | 44 | 37 | 794 | 229 | 206 | 15.2% |
| Keble College | 458 | 68 | 63 | 1,458 | 284 | 248 | 20.3% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 268 | 66 | 57 | 776 | 265 | 229 | 19.9% |
| Lincoln College | 186 | 50 | 43 | 741 | 197 | 184 | 18.9% |
| Magdalen College | 283 | 41 | 33 | 963 | 261 | 238 | 12.2% |
| Mansfield College | 154 | 37 | 33 | 501 | 166 | 138 | 19.3% |
| Merton College | 194 | 36 | 32 | 823 | 180 | 165 | 16.2% |
| New College | 308 | 63 | 57 | 1,145 | 282 | 267 | 17.6% |
| Oriel College | 195 | 32 | 29 | 736 | 199 | 184 | 13.6% |
| Pembroke College | 255 | 47 | 40 | 881 | 239 | 208 | 16.1% |
| Somerville College | 218 | 56 | 48 | 701 | 246 | 212 | 18.5% |
| St Anne's College | 255 | 40 | 35 | 658 | 284 | 250 | 12.3% |
| St Catherine's College | 381 | 67 | 60 | 1,044 | 312 | 271 | 18.1% |
| St Edmund Hall | 210 | 32 | 28 | 721 | 256 | 231 | 10.8% |
| St Hilda's College | 188 | 50 | 41 | 541 | 243 | 208 | 16.5% |
| St Hugh's College | 229 | 55 | 39 | 661 | 250 | 225 | 14.8% |
| St John's College | 490 | 56 | 45 | 1,341 | 240 | 217 | 17.2% |
| St Peter's College | 208 | 43 | 33 | 648 | 220 | 200 | 14.2% |
| The Queen's College | 203 | 51 | 43 | 721 | 201 | 185 | 18.9% |
| Trinity College | 209 | 30 | 29 | 620 | 183 | 164 | 15.0% |
| University College | 256 | 50 | 44 | 873 | 242 | 220 | 16.7% |
| Wadham College | 350 | 55 | 49 | 1,096 | 289 | 262 | 15.8% |
| Worcester College | 318 | 41 | 37 | 1,484 | 293 | 275 | 11.9% |
| University total (2015-17)8 | 7,778 | 1,418 | 1,224 | 26,477 | 7,127 | 6,391 | 16.1% |

^{8.} Total includes Permanent Private Halls and Harris Manchester College.

^{11.} Excluding students whose ethnicity status is not declared.

Asian students

• UK-domiciled Asian students made up between 4.1% and 10.1% of colleges' UK intakes from 2015 to 2017.

Table 6.11: UK-domiciled Asian students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|---|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| Balliol College | 174 | 27 | 23 | 9.4% |
| Brasenose College | 236 | 18 | 17 | 6.5% |
| Christ Church | 171 | 30 | 27 | 8.8% |
| Corpus Christi College | 66 | 16 | 15 | 8.9% |
| Exeter College | 86 | 13 | 10 | 4.5% |
| Hertford College | 136 | 24 | 19 | 6.7% |
| Jesus College | 113 | 18 | 14 | 5.8% |
| Keble College | 263 | 32 | 31 | 10.0% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 157 | 31 | 27 | 9.4% |
| Lincoln College | 112 | 24 | 19 | 8.4% |
| Magdalen College | 144 | 24 | 19 | 7.0% |
| Mansfield College | 78 | 15 | 11 | 6.4% |
| Merton College | 91 | 16 | 14 | 7.1% |
| New College | 166 | 34 | 30 | 9.3% |
| Oriel College | 101 | 18 | 15 | 7.0% |
| Pembroke College | 142 | 22 | 19 | 7.7% |
| Somerville College | 120 | 23 | 18 | 6.9% |
| St Anne's College | 136 | 22 | 19 | 6.7% |
| St Catherine's College | 203 | 29 | 27 | 8.2% |
| St Edmund Hall | 124 | 22 | 19 | 7.3% |
| St Hilda's College | 97 | 20 | 17 | 6.8% |
| St Hugh's College | 125 | 18 | 15 | 5.7% |
| St John's College | 261 | 21 | 18 | 6.9% |
| St Peter's College | 113 | 15 | 12 | 5.2% |
| The Queen's College | 111 | 27 | 23 | 10.1% |
| Trinity College | 121 | 8 | 8 | 4.1% |
| University College | 136 | 26 | 23 | 8.7% |
| Wadham College | 155 | 22 | 19 | 6.1% |
| Worcester College | 160 | 16 | 16 | 5.1% |
| University total (2015–17) ⁸ | 4,143 | 643 | 556 | 7.3% |

^{8.} Total includes Permanent Private Halls and Harris Manchester College.

^{11.} Excluding students whose ethnicity status is not declared.

Black students

• UK-domiciled Black students made up between 0.6% and 3.5% of colleges' UK intakes from 2015 to 2017.

Table 6.12: UK-domiciled Black students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|---|--------------|--------|----------|--|
| Balliol College | 46 | 4 | 2 | 0.8% |
| Brasenose College | 33 | 4 | 3 | 1.1% |
| Christ Church | 37 | 8 | 3 | 1.0% |
| Corpus Christi College | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0.6% |
| Exeter College | 19 | 2 | 2 | 0.9% |
| Hertford College | 39 | 5 | 4 | 1.4% |
| Jesus College | 38 | 3 | 2 | 0.8% |
| Keble College | 66 | 10 | 6 | 1.9% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 34 | 6 | 5 | 1.7% |
| Lincoln College | 19 | 7 | 6 | 2.6% |
| Magdalen College | 29 | 4 | 2 | 0.7% |
| Mansfield College | 21 | 6 | 6 | 3.5% |
| Merton College | 24 | 7 | 6 | 3.0% |
| New College | 28 | 3 | 2 | 0.6% |
| Oriel College | 24 | 4 | 4 | 1.9% |
| Pembroke College | 34 | 10 | 7 | 2.8% |
| Somerville College | 30 | 8 | 6 | 2.3% |
| St Anne's College | 41 | 4 | 4 | 1.4% |
| St Catherine's College | 74 | 9 | 7 | 2.1% |
| St Edmund Hall | 16 | 3 | 3 | 1.2% |
| St Hilda's College | 36 | 5 | 4 | 1.6% |
| St Hugh's College | 34 | 9 | 4 | 1.5% |
| St John's College | 58 | 9 | 6 | 2.3% |
| St Peter's College | 24 | 8 | 6 | 2.6% |
| The Queen's College | 21 | 8 | 6 | 2.6% |
| Trinity College | 19 | 4 | 4 | 2.1% |
| University College | 35 | 5 | 2 | 0.8% |
| Wadham College | 52 | 6 | 4 | 1.3% |
| Worcester College | 42 | 4 | 2 | 0.6% |
| University total (2015-17) ⁸ | 1,005 | 168 | 120 | 1.6% |

^{8.} Total includes Permanent Private Halls and Harris Manchester College.

^{11.} Excluding students whose ethnicity status is not declared.

Mixed Heritage students

• UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage students made up between 2.3% and 8.5% of colleges' UK intakes from 2015 to 2017.

Table 6.13: UK-domiciled Mixed Heritage students: applications to Oxford, offers made and students admitted by college, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ACCEPTANCES | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED ¹¹ |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------|--|
| Balliol College | 89 | 20 | 18 | 7.3% |
| Brasenose College | 146 | 19 | 17 | 6.5% |
| Christ Church | 86 | 29 | 25 | 8.1% |
| Corpus Christi College | 50 | 7 | 7 | 4.1% |
| Exeter College | 42 | 17 | 16 | 7.2% |
| Hertford College | 74 | 23 | 23 | 8.1% |
| Jesus College | 64 | 21 | 19 | 7.8% |
| Keble College | 99 | 23 | 23 | 7.4% |
| Lady Margaret Hall | 67 | 28 | 24 | 8.4% |
| Lincoln College | 42 | 14 | 13 | 5.7% |
| Magdalen College | 86 | 12 | 11 | 4.1% |
| Mansfield College | 43 | 12 | 12 | 7.0% |
| Merton College | 67 | 10 | 9 | 4.6% |
| New College | 95 | 23 | 22 | 6.8% |
| Oriel College | 56 | 9 | 9 | 4.2% |
| Pembroke College | 60 | 12 | 11 | 4.4% |
| Somerville College | 51 | 22 | 22 | 8.5% |
| St Anne's College | 60 | 13 | 12 | 4.2% |
| St Catherine's College | 80 | 25 | 23 | 6.9% |
| St Edmund Hall | 59 | 7 | 6 | 2.3% |
| St Hilda's College | 37 | 20 | 16 | 6.4% |
| St Hugh's College | 58 | 27 | 19 | 7.2% |
| St John's College | 140 | 24 | 19 | 7.3% |
| St Peter's College | 58 | 19 | 14 | 6.0% |
| The Queen's College | 62 | 12 | 12 | 5.3% |
| Trinity College | 58 | 16 | 15 | 7.8% |
| University College | 68 | 18 | 18 | 6.8% |
| Wadham College | 125 | 22 | 21 | 6.8% |
| Worcester College | 103 | 19 | 17 | 5.4% |
| University total (2015–17) ⁸ | 2,146 | 535 | 484 | 6.4% |

^{11.} Excluding students whose ethnicity status is not declared.

7. Disability

This section sets out the number and proportion of UK-domiciled students who declare a disability on application to Oxford.

- The number of students declaring a disability on application, and the number of those students receiving offers and being admitted, has been increasing year on year since 2013.
- In 2017, 7.7% of admitted students had declared a disability on application, against 5.6% in 2013.

Table 7.1: UK-domiciled students declaring a disability, 2013-2017

| | DISABILITY | | | NO KNOWN DISABILITY | | | PROPORTION DECLARING A DISABILITY OF TOTAL UK |
|------|--------------|--------|----------|---------------------|--------|----------|---|
| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | ADMITTED | STUDENTS ADMITTED |
| 2017 | 1,080 | 238 | 196 | 11,503 | 2,690 | 2,351 | 7.7% |
| 2016 | 930 | 225 | 190 | 11,263 | 2,764 | 2,440 | 7.2% |
| 2015 | 844 | 197 | 180 | 10,885 | 2,694 | 2,419 | 6.9% |
| 2014 | 775 | 176 | 155 | 10,643 | 2,696 | 2,430 | 6.0% |
| 2013 | 771 | 166 | 149 | 10,785 | 2,697 | 2,496 | 5.6% |

Table 7.2: UK-domiciled students declaring a disability by category of disability, three-year total 2015–2017

| | APPLICATIONS | OFFERS | STUDENTS ADMITTED | PROPORTION OF TOTAL UK STUDENTS ADMITTED |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Autistic disorder | 251 | 66 | 58 | 0.7% |
| Blind/partial sight | 40 | 12 | 11 | 0.1% |
| Deaf/partial hearing | 52 | 15 | 15 | 0.2% |
| Learning difficulty* | 1,140 | 237 | 210 | 2.7% |
| Longstanding illness | 281 | 69 | 59 | 0.8% |
| Mental health | 525 | 132 | 103 | 1.3% |
| Multiple disabilities | 153 | 38 | 34 | 0.4% |
| Other disability | 354 | 84 | 69 | 0.9% |
| Wheelchair/mobility | 58 | 7 | 7 | 0.1% |
| Total with declared disabilities | 2,854 | 660 | 566 | 7.3% |
| No declared disability | 33,651 | 8,148 | 7,210 | 92.7% |
| Total | 36,505 | 8,808 | 7,776 | 100.0% |

^{*}including dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD

CONTEXT

Breakdown of students at UK universities by disability status

All UK universities (2015 UK intake)*

| | 13.0% disability | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Russell Group (2015 UK intake)* | | |
| | | |

89.0% 11.0% no known disability disability

Oxford University (2017 UK intake)

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 92.3% | 7.7% |
| no known disability | disability |

Glossary

ACORN

ACORN is a postcode-based tool that categorises the UK's population by level of socio-economic advantage. ACORN uses a range of data – such as accommodation type, household income, population density and lifestyle habits – to produce estimates of the characteristics of each individual household and postcode. Category 4 is described as 'financially stretched'; category 5 as 'urban adversity'. Both groups are characterised by lower-than-average household incomes. ACORN categories 4 and 5 represent around 11% of UK students achieving three A grades or better at A-level at UK universities.*

Admitted

'Students admitted' refers to students who have been made an offer of a place at Oxford, met any conditions of that offer, and indicated that they intend to take up their place.

Applications

'Applications' refers to students who submit a UCAS application by the 15 October deadline, for an undergraduate course at Oxford.

Applications by college

In tables that feature application numbers by college, the figures include those applicants who indicated a college of preference on their application, and anyone who made an open application who was then allocated to that college. Applicants considered by one college may still receive an offer from another college.

Colleges

Oxford University is made up of over 30 colleges and halls. It is these colleges that admit undergraduate students to the University. All colleges have signed up to a Common Framework for Admissions which means the same application process for each course at every college. The colleges work together during the admissions process to ensure that the best applicants are successful, regardless of the college that initially considers their application.

Most colleges offer most courses but the exact mix – and the number of places on each course – does vary between colleges. For more information about colleges, please see ox.ac.uk/ugcolls.

Courses

'Courses' refers to Oxford's undergraduate degree programmes. Students apply for these courses through UCAS. Some of these courses are in single subjects (eg History or Geography), while others are joint courses combining two or more subjects (eg Mathematics and Computer Science). Most courses are three or four years long and lead to a BA Honours degree or a Master's degree (eg MEarthSci or MMath). For more information, please see ox.ac.uk/courses.

Disability

Data in this report refer to disabilities that students have declared on their UCAS application. Students may also declare disabilities at later stages of the application process, or at any point during their course. For more information about the support available to disabled students, please see ox.ac.uk/disability.

^{*}First-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. Includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

Disadvantage

Oxford uses various measures of disadvantage when considering applications, from various sources of available data. The main measures are:

- Educational disadvantage, which looks at the average performance of schools at GCSE and A-level.
- Socio-economic disadvantage, which looks at ACORN and POLAR data for the applicant's home postcode.

Oxford is also aware of students who have been in care, based on information provided in the UCAS application. For more information, please see ox.ac.uk/context.

Domicile

A student's domicile refers to their country of permanent residence, as provided on their UCAS application. This is not necessarily their nationality, but it is the country where they usually live.

For example, 'UK-domiciled students' includes students with non-British nationality who are permanently resident in the UK (not just here for the purposes of education). It does not include UK students who live permanently outside the UK.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity refers to the ethnic origin of UK students, as declared on the UCAS application. Our data includes only those applicants who have indicated their ethnicity, so it does not include those who choose not to say (around 6% of applicants). Ethnicity data is not available to universities during the admissions process: UCAS shares this data after all the admissions decisions have been made.

Gender

This report uses the binary female/male options from the UCAS application, which may not reflect the gender identity of all applicants. The University welcomes students who wish to take, or have taken, steps to change the gender identity they were assigned at birth, and those who do not identify with a permanent binary gender identity. For more information, please see www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/transgender.

Offers

Applications to Oxford are all considered together, and then shortlisted applicants are invited to interview. Around a third of those who are interviewed are then made an offer of a place. Most offers have conditions attached, such as achieving a particular set of grades at A-level, as specified for an applicant's chosen course. 'Offers' in this report includes all those students who receive an offer.

The number of offers for any particular college may be higher than their application numbers as students may be moved between colleges during the application process. This is to ensure that the best applicants are successful, regardless of the college that initially considers their application.

Open application

Applicants can indicate a college of preference when they complete their UCAS application or they can make an open application. Open applicants are then allocated to a college. After this allocation, colleges review all their applications in exactly the same way: they make no distinction between direct and open applicants.

POLAR

POLAR is a postcode-based tool that measures how likely young people are to participate in higher education based on where they live. POLAR quintiles are calculated by dividing the number of young people in local areas who enter higher education aged 18 or 19 by the overall young population in those areas. POLAR quintiles 1 and 2 represent around 13% of UK students achieving three A grades or better at A-level at UK universities.* The POLAR classification is continuously developed and updated. Data in this report are from POLAR3.

School type

Data on school type use the standard UCAS school type categories, as declared by schools and colleges. These school types are grouped as follows:

| School group | School sub-group | Notes |
|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| State | Academy | |
| | Comprehensive | |
| | FE Institutions | Tertiary Colleges and all types of Further Education College. |
| | Grammar | |
| | Sixth Form College | |
| | Other Maintained | Other Secondary Schools, Special Schools and City Technology Colleges. |
| Independent | Independent | |
| Other | Individual/Unknown | Those applicants who applied online through UCAS without |
| | | applying via a UCAS apply base (usually their school or college), |
| | | or those where their apply base's school type is unknown. |
| | Other UK Institutions | Mainly comprises Language Schools and HE Institutions, but |
| | | also includes a few other UK institutions that are not classified |
| | | as either State or Independent. |
| | Overseas Schools | |

UCAS cycle

When tables or text in this report refer to an individual year, that year relates to a UCAS 'cycle'. For example, data labelled '2017' refers to the UCAS cycle in which applications to Oxford were made by 15 October 2016, mostly for entry in October 2017 (a minority of applicants in this cycle will have chosen to defer entry until October 2018).

^{*}First-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students, academic year 2015/16. Includes equivalent Scottish qualifications. See page 39 for full citation.

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- Candidates apply to Oxford through UCAS. The Oxford deadline is 15 October.
- As part of their application, students can specify a college, but nearly a fifth of candidates make an 'open'
 application. Open applications are automatically allocated to a college with a lower number of direct
 applicants for the course, ensuring that candidates are distributed as equally as possible.
- Typically, Oxford aims to interview three candidates for every place. Shortlisting for interview is done to a
 centrally agreed set of criteria for each course and takes into account all the information from the UCAS
 form, including any factors that might provide context to past or predicted grades.
- During shortlisting, many courses reallocate candidates from one college to another. This ensures that the best candidates University-wide are selected for interview by an Oxford college, even if it is not the college to which they originally applied.
- Shortlisted candidates are interviewed in early December by the college to which they applied, or the one to which they were reallocated. Some courses, for example Medicine, only consider college preferences once the shortlisted candidates have been chosen.
- Candidates' interview performance adds to the information already gathered, and decisions are then made as to who should receive an offer. Again, this is discussed at course level to ensure the overall best candidates are selected. As a result of open applications and reallocations, around a third of successful candidates get an offer from a college they didn't initially select.
- Offers go out to candidates in January. The number of offers exceeds the number of places available, to allow for candidates who decline their offer, withdraw, or fail to meet their offer conditions.
- Competition for places is high for all Oxford undergraduate courses, but some courses have many more
 applicants per available place than others. This is one reason why offer and admission rates vary noticeably
 between courses.
- Success rates are also influenced by the fixed number of undergraduates admitted annually by each college, and by the courses offered at any given college. As some colleges receive far more direct applications than others, the reallocation process described above is used to move candidates between colleges and ensure fair chances regardless of where candidates originally applied.

Further information on this process and how to apply is available at www.ox.ac.uk/study.

Note on HESA data

Data

The data presented in Section 1 ('Overall numbers, including domicile') have been restricted to all first-year, first-degree undergraduate students in academic year 2015/16 in the UK. In all other sections, the data comprise all first-year, first-degree, UK-domiciled undergraduate students in academic year 2015/16 in the UK. NB: This includes students domiciled in Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man.

The AAA+ A-level pool comprises students who achieved at least AAA at GCE/VCE A-level (excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking), or at least AA at Scottish Advanced Higher and at least AAAAB at Scottish Higher. Students with equivalent qualifications, eg equivalent in IB points, are removed from this pool. When the AAA+ A-level pool is broken down into its constituent categories (A*AA, A*A*A, A*A*A*A), candidates obtaining at least AA at Scottish Advanced Higher and at least AAAAB at Scottish Higher are included in every category.

ACORN categories 4 and 5 presented here do not include Type 34 ('Student flats and halls of residence'), which falls within category 4. This type is included within the remaining ACORN categories.

The information available for school type is: state school, other school, unknown. It is assumed that 'other school' comprises predominantly independent schools.

The data provided for gender records the sex of the student, as opposed to the gender with which they identify. 'Other' is included for students whose sex aligns with terms such as intersex, androgyne, intergender, ambigender, gender fluid, polygender and gender queer. Further details are available here: https://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/students.

Students with unknown ACORN, POLAR, school type, domicile, region and ethnicity status are excluded from the relevant analyses.

'Russell Group excluding London universities' comprises the following subset of the Russell Group:

University of Birmingham University of Glasgow Queen's University Belfast University of Bristol University of Leeds University of Sheffield University of Cambridge University of Liverpool University of Southampton **Cardiff University** University of Manchester University of Warwick **Durham University Newcastle University** University of York University of Edinburgh University of Nottingham University of Exeter University of Oxford

Rounding Policy

The data presented adhere to HESA's rounding methodology:

- 0, 1, 2 are rounded to 0.
- All other numbers are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5.
- Percentages based on fewer than 22.5 individuals are suppressed.
- Averages based on 7 or fewer individuals are suppressed.

Source

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