

Undergraduate Admissions Statistics

2018 cycle

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

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Notes for information

- These statistics refer to applications made from September 2017 onwards for admission to courses starting in October 2018 or by deferred entry to courses starting in October 2019. Applicants holding a deferred offer from previous admissions rounds are not included. Please note that the statistics also exclude 237 applicants through UCAS who did not submit a Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ) in addition to a UCAS application, as required to complete their submission to the University.
- The term 'Home' refers to applicants who have indicated in their UCAS application that they are permanently resident in the UK. For more information about the UCAS application process please see: www.ucas.com/ucas-undergraduate-apply-and-track.
- Offer figures refer to applicants who received a conditional or unconditional offer of a place.
- Acceptance figures include only those applicants who received an unconditional firm offer of a place. It excludes those made conditional offers who were unsuccessful at confirmation.
- Success rate figures show the proportion of applicants accepted at confirmation.
- Percentages throughout have been rounded to one decimal place, so values given may not always add up to 100.
- Please note that the statistics are not intended for use in the University's return to the Office for Students (OfS), as they
 are calculated on a different basis.
- Equivalent tables for the previous application cycle may be found in: www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/ug_admissions_statistics_2017_cycle_4.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 18,378 (17,189), an increase of 6.9%.
- The total number of offers is 4,559 (4,485), an increase of 1.6%.
- The total number of acceptances is 3,465 (*3,497*), a decrease of 0.9%.
- The male:female ratio of accepted students is 51:49 (52:48).
- For applications from Home students attending UK schools/colleges the proportions of acceptances by school/college type are:
 - Maintained 65.2% (64.1%) Independent 34.8% (35.9%)

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

- Of those accepted, 96.6% (96.5%*) achieved the equivalent of A*AA or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.
- The number of **unsuccessful** applicants who went on to achieve the equivalent of A*AA or better counting **only** their best three A Levels excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking is 4,128 (*3,938**).

Table 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by HE participation neighbourhood (POLAR3 quintile)

- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR3 directory and who are in the lowest participation quintile is 4.4% (4.6%).
- The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the POLAR3 directory and who are in the lowest two participation quintiles is 12.2% (*11.5%*). In addition, 0.8% (*0.9%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the POLAR3 directory.

Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by OAC flag

• The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the OAC directory and who are in a flagged subgroup is 15.4% (*10.4%*). In addition, 0.2% (*0.6%*) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the OAC directory.

Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by IMD flag

• The proportion of those accepted whose home postcode has a matching value in the IMD directory and who are in a flagged decile is 11.0% (10.1%). In addition, 0.2% (0.6%) of those accepted had a home postcode with no match or value in the IMD directory.

Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances by ethnicity and gender

• The proportion of those accepted whose ethnicity is known and who declare they have an ethnic minority background or other is 23.5% (22.1%). In addition, 1.2% (0.9%) of those accepted chose not to declare their ethnicity.

Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances by disability

• The proportion of those accepted who declare they have a disability is 6.7% (6.4%).

* The coverage of table 3.1 has changed, to include Home students only, so last year's figures have been re-calculated here on the same basis for ease of comparison.

Table 1.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by type of school/college and gender 2018

		Appli	cations			Off	ers		Acceptances and success rates				
Type of school/college	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Male	Female	Totals	%	Success rate (%)
					Но	me applica	tions						
Maintained	4,217	3,684	7,901	43.0	1,089	1,152	2,241	49.2	796	833	1,629	47.0	20.6
Comprehensive School	2,320	1,928	4,248	23.1	549	567	1,116	24.5	383	406	789	22.8	18.6
Grammar School	1,082	984	2,066	11.2	340	357	697	15.3	275	274	549	15.8	26.6
Sixth Form College	532	546	1,078	5.9	153	183	336	7.4	105	124	229	6.6	21.2
FE and Tertiary Colleges	283	226	509	2.8	47	45	92	2.0	33	29	62	1.8	12.2
Independent	1,693	1,468	3,161	17.2	528	514	1,042	22.9	453	418	871	25.1	27.6
Other and Overseas	317	374	691	3.8	32	63	95	2.1	25	49	74	2.1	10.7
Subtotals	6,227	5,526	11,753	64.0	1,649	1,729	3,378	74.1	1,274	1,300	2,574	74.3	21.9
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Maintained	48	29	77	0.4	8	3	11	0.2	6	2	8	0.2	10.4
Independent	416	423	839	4.6	87	118	205	4.5	69	93	162	4.7	19.3
Other and Overseas	3,119	2,590	5,709	31.1	555	410	965	21.2	413	308	721	20.8	12.6
Subtotals	3,583	3,042	6,625	36.0	650	531	1,181	25.9	488	403	891	25.7	13.4
Totals	9,810	8,568	18,378	100.0	2,299	2,260	4,559	100.0	1,762	1,703	3,465	100.0	18.9

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

The terms 'Maintained' and 'Independent' refer to UK schools/colleges, so figures provided in the lower half of the table against the 'Maintained' and 'Independent' labels refer to applicants permanently resident outside the UK applying following education in UK schools/colleges. The 'Other and Overseas' category consists largely of applicants at schools and colleges outside the UK, but includes applicants from a variety of non-school/college institutions within the UK. Academies in England are counted within the Comprehensive School category if their admissions policy is non-selective, or the Grammar School category if their admissions policy is selective.

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

Maintained**65.2%** (64.1% in the previous cycle)Independent**34.8%** (35.9% 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 (2016-2018)

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

Type of school/college	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
Maintained	2,282	1,380	1,165
Comprehensive School	1,755	1,015	835
Grammar School	227	200	185
Sixth Form College	80	65	61
FE and Tertiary Colleges	220	100	84
Independent	543	398	372
Totals	2,825	1,778	1,537

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.

Table 2.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by UK region 2018

	Appli	cations	Of	fers	Acceptances and success rates				
Region of domicile	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)		
Northern Ireland	151	1.3	42	1.2	32	1.2	21.2		
North East	297	2.5	81	2.4	62	2.4	20.9		
Wales	308	2.6	80	2.4	64	2.5	20.8		
Scotland	319	2.7	62	1.8	49	1.9	15.4		
West Midlands	710	6.0	200	5.9	151	5.9	21.3		
East Midlands	720	6.1	215	6.4	152	5.9	21.1		
Yorkshire & The Humber	737	6.3	216	6.4	154	6.0	20.9		
South West	757	6.4	236	7.0	177	6.9	23.4		
North West	849	7.2	244	7.2	182	7.1	21.4		
Eastern	1,504	12.8	440	13.0	326	12.7	21.7		
South East	2,233	19.0	676	20.0	539	20.9	24.1		
Greater London	3,168	27.0	886	26.2	686	26.7	21.7		
Totals	11,753	100.0	3,378	100.0	2,574	100.0	21.9		

This table counts Home applications only.

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



Number of applications to Cambridge by region 2018

Success rate by region 2018



Table 2.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by country 2018

	Applie	cations	Off	ers	Acce	Acceptances and success rates				
Country of domicile	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)			
China	890	13.4	210	17.8	157	17.6	17.6			
Hong Kong	568	8.6	101	8.6	80	9.0	14.1			
Singapore	503	7.6	122	10.3	95	10.7	18.9			
United States of America	308	4.6	53	4.5	27	3.0	8.8			
France	264	4.0	32	2.7	30	3.4	11.4			
India	254	3.8	36	3.0	19	2.1	7.5			
Germany	251	3.8	46	3.9	35	3.9	13.9			
Malaysia	235	3.5	37	3.1	30	3.4	12.8			
Italy	205	3.1	27	2.3	19	2.1	9.3			
Poland	191	2.9	30	2.5	23	2.6	12.0			
Spain	156	2.4	18	1.5	15	1.7	9.6			
Ireland	155	2.3	15	1.3	10	1.1	6.5			
Romania	139	2.1	35	3.0	22	2.5	15.8			
Canada	130	2.0	14	1.2	9	1.0	6.9			
Cyprus (European Union)	121	1.8	24	2.0	15	1.7	12.4			
Switzerland	120	1.8	16	1.4	12	1.3	10.0			
Hungary	117	1.8	41	3.5	36	4.0	30.8			
Korea (South)	117	1.8	28	2.4	22	2.5	18.8			
Australia	112	1.7	22	1.9	16	1.8	14.3			
Pakistan	97	1.5	11	0.9	9	1.0	9.3			
Netherlands	87	1.3	10	0.8	10	1.1	11.5			
Bulgaria	83	1.3	12	1.0	10	1.1	12.0			
Belgium	75	1.1	9	0.8	7	0.8	9.3			
Sweden	73	1.1	10	0.8	7	0.8	9.6			
Lithuania	67	1.0	14	1.2	13	1.5	19.4			
Other EU	415	6.3	89	7.5	79	8.9	19.0			
Other International	892	13.5	119	10.1	84	9.4	9.4			
Totals	6,625	100.0	1,181	100.0	891	100.0	13.4			

This table counts applications from outside the UK only.

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 3.1 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by A Level profile and gender 2018

A Level			Applic	ations					Offe	ers					Accept	ances		
Grades	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
							Arts, Hu	manities	and Soci	al Scien	ces							
A*A*A*	344	6.6	344	7.5	688	7.0	196	13.7	225	15.0	421	14.3	195	17.9	222	19.7	417	18.8
A*A*A	352	6.8	484	10.5	836	8.5	126	8.8	237	15.8	363	12.4	120	11.0	228	20.2	348	15.7
A*A*B	36	0.7	63	1.4	99	1.0	10	0.7	22	1.5	32	1.1	8	0.7	15	1.3	23	1.0
A*A*C	3	0.1	4	0.1	7	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
A*AA	299	5.7	532	11.5	831	8.5	90	6.3	204	13.6	294	10.0	85	7.8	187	16.6	272	12.3
A*AB	99	1.9	207	4.5	306	3.1	24	1.7	63	4.2	87	3.0	7	0.6	25	2.2	32	1.4
AAA	159	3.1	249	5.4	408	4.2	40	2.8	72	4.8	112	3.8	11	1.0	22	2.0	33	1.5
<aaa< td=""><td>397</td><td>7.6</td><td>758</td><td>16.4</td><td>1,155</td><td>11.8</td><td>48</td><td>3.4</td><td>107</td><td>7.1</td><td>155</td><td>5.3</td><td>1</td><td>0.1</td><td>6</td><td>0.5</td><td>7</td><td>0.3</td></aaa<>	397	7.6	758	16.4	1,155	11.8	48	3.4	107	7.1	155	5.3	1	0.1	6	0.5	7	0.3
Subtotals	1,689	32.4	2,641	57.3	4,330	44.1	536	37.4	930	61.8	1,466	49.9	428	39.3	705	62.5	1,133	51.1
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A*A*A*	1,275	24.5	542	11.8	1,817	18.5	646	45.1	339	22.5	985	33.5	567	52.1	292	25.9	859	38.7
A*A*A	673	12.9	353	7.7	1,026	10.5	149	10.4	117	7.8	266	9.1	81	7.4	93	8.2	174	7.8
A*A*B	34	0.7	14	0.3	48	0.5	5	0.3	2	0.1	7	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
A*A*C	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0
A*AA	565	10.8	347	7.5	912	9.3	60	4.2	65	4.3	125	4.3	10	0.9	35	3.1	45	2.0
A*AB	115	2.2	85	1.8	200	2.0	5	0.3	10	0.7	15	0.5	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.0
AAA	278	5.3	200	4.3	478	4.9	14	1.0	21	1.4	35	1.2	1	0.1	2	0.2	3	0.1
<aaa< td=""><td>578</td><td>11.1</td><td>424</td><td>9.2</td><td>1,002</td><td>10.2</td><td>16</td><td>1.1</td><td>19</td><td>1.3</td><td>35</td><td>1.2</td><td>0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0</td><td>0.0</td></aaa<>	578	11.1	424	9.2	1,002	10.2	16	1.1	19	1.3	35	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Subtotals	3,521	67.6	1,967	42.7	5,488	55.9	896	62.6	574	38.2	1,470	50.1	661	60.7	423	37.5	1,084	48.9
Totals	5,210	100.0	4,608	100.0	9,818	100.0	1,432	100.0	1,504	100.0	2,936	100.0	1,089	100.0	1,128	100.0	2,217	100.0

This table counts Home applicants achieving three or more A Levels by the end of the 2018 admissions cycle only.

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

Table 4.1 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject 2018

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

	Applic	ations	01	ffers	Acceptance	ces and su	ccess rates
							Success
Degree programme	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	rate (%)
	Arts, Hum	nanities an	d Social Sci	iences			
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	47	0.3	26	0.6	17	0.5	36.2
Archaeology	51	0.3	33	0.7	18	0.5	35.3
Architecture	438	2.4	58	1.3	35	1.0	8.0
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	133	0.7	67	1.5	47	1.4	35.3
Classics	141	0.8	76	1.7	63	1.8	44.7
Classics (4 years)	54	0.3	32	0.7	20	0.6	37.0
Economics	1,094	6.0	187	4.1	167	4.8	15.3
Education	112	0.6	50	1.1	34	1.0	30.4
English	780	4.2	235	5.2	187	5.4	24.0
Geography	241	1.3	117	2.6	95	2.7	39.4
History	576	3.1	214	4.7	176	5.1	30.6
History & Modern Languages	78	0.4	27	0.6	23	0.7	29.5
History & Politics	210	1.1	58	1.3	44	1.3	21.0
History of Art	120	0.7	35	0.8	30	0.9	25.0
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	951	5.2	213	4.7	167	4.8	17.6
Land Economy	312	1.7	73	1.6	58	1.7	18.6
Law	1,357	7.4	269	5.9	202	5.8	14.9
Linguistics	112	0.6	45	1.0	31	0.9	27.7
Modern & Medieval Languages	408	2.2	191	4.2	158	4.6	38.7
Music	157	0.9	81	1.8	63	1.8	40.1
Philosophy	275	1.5	55	1.2	46	1.3	16.7
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	99	0.5	49	1.1	35	1.0	35.4
Subtotals	7,746	42.1	2,191	48.1	1,716	49.5	22.2
		Scien	ces				1
Computer Science	1,157	6.3	167	3.7	133	3.8	11.5
Engineering	2,299	12.5	410	9.0	330	9.5	14.4
Mathematics	1,597	8.7	535	11.7	234	6.8	14.7
Medicine	1,474	8.0	305	6.7	265	7.6	18.0
Medicine Graduate Course	477	2.6	50	1.1	36	1.0	7.5
Natural Sciences	2,810	15.3	718	15.7	611	17.6	21.7
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	461	2.5	95	2.1	69	2.0	15.0
Veterinary Medicine	357	1.9	88	1.9	71	2.0	19.9
Subtotals	10,632	57.9	2,368	51.9	1,749	50.5	16.5
Totals	18,378	100.0	4,559	100.0	3,465	100.0	18.9

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

Table 4.2 Applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by subject and gender 2018

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

		Appli	cations			Off	ers		Acceptances			
Degree programme	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
			Arts	, Humaniti	es and Socia	l Sciences						
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	21	44.7	26	55.3	10	38.5	16	61.5	9	52.9	8	47.1
Archaeology	14	27.5	37	72.5	8	24.2	25	75.8	7	38.9	11	61.1
Architecture	167	38.1	271	61.9	16	27.6	42	72.4	8	22.9	27	77.1
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	45	33.8	88	66.2	24	35.8	43	64.2	17	36.2	30	63.8
Classics	59	41.8	82	58.2	31	40.8	45	59.2	27	42.9	36	57.1
Classics (4 years)	15	27.8	39	72.2	7	21.9	25	78.1	4	20.0	16	80.0
Economics	707	64.6	387	35.4	127	67.9	60	32.1	115	68.9	52	31.1
Education	19	17.0	93	83.0	8	16.0	42	84.0	7	20.6	27	79.4
English	174	22.3	606	77.7	64	27.2	171	72.8	53	28.3	134	71.7
Geography	80	33.2	161	66.8	38	32.5	79	67.5	31	32.6	64	67.4
History	269	46.7	307	53.3	96	44.9	118	55.1	81	46.0	95	54.0
History & Modern Languages	29	37.2	49	62.8	7	25.9	20	74.1	7	30.4	16	69.6
History & Politics	104	49.5	106	50.5	30	51.7	28	48.3	22	50.0	22	50.0
History of Art	23	19.2	97	80.8	7	20.0	28	80.0	7	23.3	23	76.7
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	309	32.5	642	67.5	75	35.2	138	64.8	59	35.3	108	64.7
Land Economy	173	55.4	139	44.6	38	52.1	35	47.9	32	55.2	26	44.8
Law	565	41.6	792	58.4	111	41.3	158	58.7	87	43.1	115	56.9
Linguistics	25	22.3	87	77.7	14	31.1	31	68.9	9	29.0	22	71.0
Modern & Medieval Languages	123	30.1	285	69.9	45	23.6	146	76.4	36	22.8	122	77.2
Music	79	50.3	78	49.7	47	58.0	34	42.0	37	58.7	26	41.3
Philosophy	167	60.7	108	39.3	26	47.3	29	52.7	21	45.7	25	54.3
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	38	38.4	61	61.6	18	36.7	31	63.3	13	37.1	22	62.9
Subtotals	3,205	41.4	4,541	58.6	847	38.7	1,344	61.3	689	40.2	1,027	59.8

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	Applications				Offers				Acceptances			
Degree programme	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sciences												
Computer Science	949	82.0	208	18.0	128	76.6	39	23.4	103	77.4	30	22.6
Engineering	1,772	77.1	527	22.9	295	72.0	115	28.0	245	74.2	85	25.8
Mathematics	1,217	76.2	380	23.8	407	76.1	128	23.9	199	85.0	35	15.0
Medicine	675	45.8	799	54.2	161	52.8	144	47.2	139	52.5	126	47.5
Medicine Graduate Course	190	39.8	287	60.2	15	30.0	35	70.0	9	25.0	27	75.0
Natural Sciences	1,651	58.8	1,159	41.2	416	57.9	302	42.1	352	57.6	259	42.4
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	80	17.4	381	82.6	14	14.7	81	85.3	12	17.4	57	82.6
Veterinary Medicine	71	19.9	286	80.1	16	18.2	72	81.8	14	19.7	57	80.3
Subtotals	6,605	62.1	4,027	37.9	1,452	61.3	916	38.7	1,073	61.3	676	38.7
Totals	9,810	53.4	8,568	46.6	2,299	50.4	2,260	49.6	1,762	50.9	1,703	49.1

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



Applications by subject and gender 2018



Offers by subject and gender 2018

Architecture Asian & Middle Eastern Studies Classics (4 years) Economics Education Geography History & Modern Languages **History & Politics** History of Art Human, Social, & Political Sciences Land Economy Linguistics Modern & Medieval Languages Philosophy Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion **Computer Science** Engineering Mathematics Medicine Graduate Course Natural Sciences **Psychological & Behavioural Sciences** Veterinary Medicine

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Acceptances by subject and gender 2018

Classics (4 years) Economics Education Geography History & Modern Languages **History & Politics** History of Art Human, Social, & Political Sciences Land Economy Linguistics Modern & Medieval Languages Philosophy Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion **Computer Science** Engineering Mathematics Medicine Graduate Course Natural Sciences Psychological & Behavioural Sciences Veterinary Medicine

Table 4.3 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by subject 2018

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

Degree programme	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
	Arts, Humar	nities and Socia	l Scienc	es		1
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	33	72.7	21	71.4	13	76.9
Archaeology	36	75.0	28	67.9	15	80.0
Architecture	226	74.8	39	69.2	23	56.5
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	101	56.4	58	65.5	39	53.8
Classics	119	21.8	66	25.8	57	22.8
Classics (4 years)	43	86.0	29	89.7	19	94.7
Economics	539	64.2	112	59.8	102	57.8
Education	60	63.3	37	62.2	25	56.0
English	673	65.7	216	66.7	173	64.2
Geography	205	60.0	110	70.9	88	67.0
History	512	65.6	193	64.2	160	60.0
History & Modern Languages	63	65.1	24	75.0	20	75.0
History & Politics	162	71.0	47	83.0	36	80.6
History of Art	73	39.7	26	50.0	22	54.5
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	591	64.6	154	72.7	116	74.1
Land Economy	138	50.7	34	52.9	28	57.1
Law	689	81.0	155	74.8	109	73.4
Linguistics	71	73.2	30	63.3	23	56.5
Modern & Medieval Languages	364	56.6	175	62.9	146	61.6
Music	132	59.8	74	62.2	56	66.1
Philosophy	204	53.9	46	65.2	39	61.5
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	87	54.0	45	51.1	31	35.5
Subtotals	5,121	64.7	1,719	65.3	1,340	62.6
		Sciences				
Computer Science	602	79.2	84	76.2	64	68.8
Engineering	1,224	74.8	243	68.7	201	67.7
Mathematics	1,025	86.0	360	80.0	141	73.8
Medicine	853	72.2	252	69.0	215	67.9
Medicine Graduate Course*	20	60.0	3	100.0	2	100.0
Natural Sciences	1,699	75.2	484	67.4	433	65.8
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	283	79.2	71	66.2	50	64.0
Veterinary Medicine	235	77.9	67	74.6	54	75.9
Subtotals	5,941	77.2	1,564	71.5	1,160	68.1
Totals	11,062	71.4	3,283	68.3	2,500	65.2

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

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

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

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences







Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2018



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2018

Sciences



Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2018



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2018



Table 5.1 Proportion of Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge from the maintained sector by College 2018

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

College	Applications	% Maintained	Offers	% Maintained	Acceptances	% Maintained
Christ's	391	70.1	93	67.7	75	62.7
Churchill	473	81.6	154	71.4	90	62.2
Clare	531	65.2	152	68.4	120	65.0
Corpus Christi	283	71.4	88	64.8	66	62.1
Downing	491	61.1	137	64.2	104	61.5
Emmanuel	581	69.0	136	73.5	114	71.9
Fitzwilliam	450	79.8	140	70.0	107	71.0
Girton	315	80.3	144	72.9	109	70.6
Gonville and Caius	540	63.5	160	57.5	127	55.9
Homerton	343	83.1	159	64.2	119	63.9
Hughes Hall*	39	89.7	17	76.5	14	71.4
Jesus	790	67.1	146	70.5	133	71.4
King's	513	88.5	120	83.3	92	79.3
Lucy Cavendish*	42	78.6	11	81.8	6	100.0
Magdalene	234	67.5	89	70.8	72	68.1
Murray Edwards	185	83.8	128	71.1	82	68.3
Newnham	244	77.9	116	70.7	86	67.4
Pembroke	542	63.7	127	68.5	102	65.7
Peterhouse	246	67.1	75	61.3	57	66.7
Queens'	618	69.7	150	68.0	119	63.9
Robinson	286	70.6	120	50.8	92	41.3
St Catharine's	721	76.6	134	77.6	107	77.6
St Edmund's*	38	92.1	4	100.0	2	100.0
St John's	532	63.2	146	57.5	119	56.3
Selwyn	456	67.5	118	73.7	93	72.0
Sidney Sussex	292	67.5	106	65.1	83	59.0
Trinity	519	72.3	145	60.0	122	59.0
Trinity Hall	318	65.4	96	64.6	74	59.5
Wolfson*	49	87.8	16	81.3	14	78.6
Open offers	-	-	56	98.2	-	-
Totals	11,062	71.4	3,283	68.3	2,500	65.2

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

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

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



Number of Home applications from UK schools/colleges 2018



Number of Home offers from UK schools/colleges 2018

Home Maintained

Home Independent



Number of Home acceptances from UK schools/colleges 2018

Table 6.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by age* 2018

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

	Appli	cants	Of	fers	Acceptances and success rates				
Age	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)		
Under 18	698	3.8	119	2.6	90	2.6	12.9		
18	11,448	62.4	2,979	65.3	2,230	64.4	19.5		
19	3,929	21.4	1,034	22.7	818	23.6	20.8		
20	769	4.2	146	3.2	114	3.3	14.8		
21 and over	1,509	8.2	281	6.2	213	6.1	14.1		
Totals	18,353	100.0	4,559	100.0	3,465	100.0	18.9		

* 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 7.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by POLAR3 quintile 2018

	Appl	icants	Of	fers	Acceptances and success rates					
POLAR3 quintile	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)			
5	5,308	45.2	1,665	49.3	1,343	52.2	25.3			
4	2,702	23.0	761	22.5	574	22.3	21.2			
3	1,802	15.3	447	13.2	326	12.7	18.1			
2	1,137	9.7	302	8.9	199	7.7	17.5			
1	679	5.8	178	5.3	112	4.4	16.5			
Unknown	114	1.0	25	0.7	20	0.8	17.5			
Totals	11,742	100.0	3,378	100.0	2,574	100.0	21.9			

This table counts Home applicants only.

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 POLAR methodology is available at: **www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/polar-participation-of-local-areas/**.

Table 7.2 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by OAC flag 2018

	Appli	cants	Of	fers	Acceptances and success rates					
OAC flag	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)			
Flagged	2,528	21.5	570	16.9	395	15.3	15.6			
Unflagged	9,172	78.1	2,800	82.9	2,174	84.5	23.7			
Unknown	42	0.4	8	0.2	5	0.2	11.9			
Totals	11,742	100.0	3,378	100.0	2,574	100.0	21.9			

This table counts Home applicants only.

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

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

Table 7.3 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by IMD flag 2018

Applicants			Off	ers	Acceptances and success rates						
IMD flag	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)				
Flagged	1,739	14.8	426	12.6	282	11.0	16.2				
Unflagged	9,961	84.8	2,944	87.2	2,287	88.9	23.0				
Unknown	42	0.4	8	0.2	5	0.2	11.9				
Totals	11,742	100.0	3,378	100.0	2,574	100.0	21.9				

This table counts Home applicants only.

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

IMD (Indices of Multiple Deprivation) data provides information about the typical level of deprivation in an applicant's local area. Applicants are flagged if they live in a neighbourhood that is ranked within the most deprived 30% of areas within their UK country (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, or Wales). More information about IMD methodology in each UK country is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation (England) www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/deprivation (Northern Ireland) www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-multiple-deprivation-2016 (Scotland) www.gov.wales/welsh-index-multiple-deprivation (Wales)

Table 8.1 Home applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnicity and gender 2018

This table counts Home applicants only.

		Appl	ications			Off	ers			Acceptan	ces and su	ccess rate	5
													Success
Ethnicity	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	rate (%)
Black or Black British – Caribbean	21	19	40	0.3	4	7	11	0.3	2	5	7	0.3	17.5
Black or Black British – African	157	243	400	3.4	23	51	74	2.2	19	34	53	2.1	13.3
Other Black background	8	19	27	0.2	1	3	4	0.1	0	1	1	0.0	3.7
Asian or Asian British – Indian	434	288	722	6.1	126	72	198	5.9	110	56	166	6.4	23.0
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani	148	108	256	2.2	34	20	54	1.6	26	9	35	1.4	13.7
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	89	70	159	1.4	12	11	23	0.7	10	9	19	0.7	11.9
Chinese	153	139	292	2.5	48	37	85	2.5	41	32	73	2.8	25.0
Other Asian background	194	153	347	3.0	41	26	67	2.0	33	20	53	2.1	15.3
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	38	38	76	0.6	8	10	18	0.5	4	4	8	0.3	10.5
Mixed – White and Black African	31	43	74	0.6	6	17	23	0.7	4	10	14	0.5	18.9
Mixed – White and Asian	202	187	389	3.3	59	63	122	3.6	49	45	94	3.7	24.2
Other mixed background	85	100	185	1.6	23	28	51	1.5	18	21	39	1.5	21.1
Arab	38	27	65	0.6	4	9	13	0.4	2	6	8	0.3	12.3
Other ethnic background	77	57	134	1.1	23	13	36	1.1	18	9	27	1.0	20.1
White	4,139	3,731	7,870	67.0	1,186	1,315	2,501	74.0	920	1,025	1,945	75.6	24.7
Gypsy or Traveller	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	409	296	705	6.0	51	47	98	2.9	18	14	32	1.2	4.5
Totals	6,223	5,519	11,742	100.0	1,649	1,729	3,378	100.0	1,274	1,300	2,574	100.0	21.9

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

Table 8.2 Home applications, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by ethnic group and subject 2018

This table counts Home applicants with known ethnicity only

			Appli	cations					Off	ers					Accept	ances		
Degree programme	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
					Arts, Hu	umaniti	es and 🛛	Social S	ciences	;								
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, & Celtic	<3	<3	<3	<3	32	3.0	<3	<3	<3	<3	22	4.3	<3	<3	<3	<3	15	6.3
Archaeology	<3	3	<3	<3	32	13.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	26	7.1	<3	<3	<3	<3	13	13.3
Architecture	11	35	21	6	149	32.9	<3	9	5	<3	22	43.6	<3	6	<3	<3	13	43.5
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies	<3	5	10	4	81	19.8	<3	<3	6	<3	49	15.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	37	7.5
Classics	<3	8	3	<3	94	11.3	<3	4	<3	<3	58	9.4	<3	4	<3	<3	51	10.5
Classics (4 years)	<3	<3	4	<3	39	13.3	<3	<3	3	<3	25	13.8	<3	<3	<3	<3	18	10.0
Economics	18	162	41	11	279	45.4	<3	39	9	<3	55	48.6	<3	39	7	<3	51	49.5
Education	3	3	9	3	47	27.7	<3	<3	5	<3	26	27.8	<3	<3	3	<3	18	28.0
English	20	52	34	5	530	17.3	7	18	17	3	172	20.7	3	13	14	3	145	18.5
Geography	3	24	12	<3	164	19.6	<3	13	3	<3	90	15.9	<3	8	<3	<3	74	12.9
History	8	32	37	6	394	17.4	4	16	16	3	150	20.6	4	14	13	<3	126	20.8
History & Modern Languages	<3	4	7	<3	47	23.0	<3	<3	<3	<3	19	17.4	<3	<3	<3	<3	16	20.0
History & Politics	5	8	6	<3	135	13.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	41	10.9	<3	<3	<3	<3	31	11.4
History of Art	<3	<3	6	<3	62	12.7	<3	<3	3	<3	21	19.2	<3	<3	3	<3	19	17.4
Human, Social, & Political Sciences	42	48	46	14	408	26.9	14	13	8	6	116	26.1	7	9	6	4	96	21.3
Land Economy	5	22	11	3	92	30.8	<3	6	<3	<3	23	30.3	<3	5	<3	<3	21	25.0
Law	77	105	47	17	452	35.2	14	16	13	<3	116	28.0	8	12	9	<3	86	25.9
Linguistics	3	8	6	<3	54	23.9	<3	<3	<3	<3	30	6.3	<3	<3	<3	<3	23	4.2
Modern & Medieval Languages	7	15	17	<3	299	12.1	5	11	10	<3	144	15.8	3	9	10	<3	121	16.0
Music	<3	8	9	<3	107	14.4	<3	3	3	<3	65	8.5	<3	<3	<3	<3	51	7.3
Philosophy	4	12	14	<3	153	17.3	<3	<3	7	<3	34	22.7	<3	<3	6	<3	31	20.5
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion	<3	3	6	5	65	19.8	<3	<3	3	3	35	20.5	<3	<3	<3	3	26	18.8
Subtotals	212	560	348	86	3,715	24.5	60	158	119	29	1,339	21.5	38	129	87	21	1,082	20.3

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	Applications				Offers					Acceptances								
Degree programme	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME	Black	Asian	Mixed	Other	White	% BME
Sciences																		
Computer Science	30	137	20	10	388	33.7	<3	8	<3	<3	70	12.5	<3	7	<3	<3	53	14.5
Engineering	61	257	70	28	753	35.6	5	54	9	5	165	30.7	5	50	9	4	129	34.5
Mathematics	18	158	57	14	745	24.9	3	52	29	4	257	25.5	<3	28	12	<3	98	29.5
Medicine	61	331	56	31	373	56.2	9	85	15	5	136	45.6	9	70	12	5	122	44.0
Medicine Graduate Course	35	79	30	13	198	44.2	<3	6	<3	<3	30	26.8	<3	5	<3	<3	20	33.3
Natural Sciences	36	203	115	15	1,261	22.6	4	56	31	5	380	20.2	3	51	28	4	344	20.0
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	14	37	20	<3	213	25.5	4	3	5	<3	58	17.1	<3	<3	<3	<3	45	8.2
Veterinary Medicine	<3	16	10	<3	230	10.5	<3	5	4	<3	66	12.0	<3	4	4	<3	52	13.3
Subtotals	256	1,218	378	113	4,161	32.1	29	269	95	20	1,162	26.2	23	217	68	14	863	27.2
Totals	468	1,778	726	199	7,876	28.7	89	427	214	49	2,501	23.8	61	346	155	35	1,945	23.5

This table groups applicants' declared ethnicity into broader categories, as illustrated below, and all raw figures less than three are suppressed (indicated as '<3').

Ethnic group
Black
Asian
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Ethnicity	Ethnic group
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	
Mixed – White and Black African	Mixed
Mixed – White and Asian	- Mixed
Other mixed background	
Arab	Other
Other ethnic background	
White	White
Gypsy or Traveller	Wince

The figures exclude a comparatively small number of applicants who chose not to declare their ethnicity, for reasons of space.

Table 9.1 Applicants, offers and acceptances to Cambridge by disability 2018

This table counts all applicants, regardless of domicile.

	Арр	licants	Ot	fers	Acceptances and success rates				
Disability	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Success rate (%)		
Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's Syndrome	144	0.8	41	0.9	26	0.8	18.1		
Blind or partially sighted	23	0.1	9	0.2	6	0.2	26.1		
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	24	0.1	6	0.1	5	0.1	20.8		
Long standing illness (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition)	109	0.6	33	0.7	27	0.8	24.8		
Mental health condition	277	1.5	57	1.3	38	1.1	13.7		
Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia)	420	2.3	105	2.3	82	2.4	19.5		
Physical impairment or mobility difficulties	28	0.2	8	0.2	5	0.1	17.9		
Other disability or medical condition	179	1.0	42	0.9	30	0.9	16.8		
Two or more of the above	89	0.5	19	0.4	13	0.4	14.6		
No disability declared	17,060	93.0	4,239	93.0	3,233	93.3	19.0		
Totals	18,353	100.0	4,559	100.0	3,465	100.0	18.9		

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 10.1 Progress of applicants through the admissions process 2018

This table counts all applications, regardless of domicile.

	Appli	cations		Offers			Accep	otances					
Type of school/college	Direct	Open	Winter Pooled	Direct	via Winter Pool	Summer Pooled	by Offering College	via Summer Pool					
Applications for entry in 2018													
Home Maintained	7,013	620	1,934	1,668	456	202	1,494	57					
Home Independent	2,918	95	989	782	197	87	804	14					
All Others*	5,667	1,343	1,177	969	210	86	878	16					
Subtotals	15,598	2,058	4,100	3,419	863	375	3,176	87					
		Applica	tions for de	ferred ent	ry in 2019			1					
Home Maintained	250	18	77	86	31	13	77	1					
Home Independent	145	3	44	53	10	6	53	0					
All Others*	266	40	98	46	51	3	70	1					
Subtotals	661	61	219	185	92	22	200	2					
Totals	16,259	2,119	4,319	3,604	955	397	3,376	89					

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

Applications:

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

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/decisions.

Offers:

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

Acceptances:

• 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**.