

University of Oxford

Admissions Statistics 2001 entry



- The total number of applicants in December 2000 was 9,548, including 4,907 men and 4,641 women.
- 8,487 applied for entry in October 2001, and 1,061 for deferred entry in October 2002.
- The total number of acceptances was 3,265, of these 1,702 (52.1%) were men and 1,563 (47.9%) were women. This 3,265 includes 339 places for entry in October 2002.
- For candidates applying through UK schools and colleges the acceptances by type of school were 53.2% from the maintained sector and 46.8% from the independent sector.

The tables in this supplement are produced annually by the Oxford Colleges Admissions Office. Candidates are either considered for conditional offers on the basis of forthcoming examinations (Pre Q), or on the basis of school leaving qualifications, which have already been completed (Post Q).

The data in the tables refers to candidates who applied in October 2000, irrespective of the year for which they were seeking admission. It does not include candidates holding deferred offers from the 1999 exercise. Graduates of other universities and candidates who applied through UCAS but did not complete an Oxford application form are also excluded from the data.

From tables 3 and 4 it can be seen that most successful applicants to Oxford (96%) achieve A-level scores of AAB or better with an A grade in the subject equivalent to the subject they propose to study at Oxford. At the same time, Oxford's admissions procedures permit flexibility as the emphasis is on potential rather than achievement. In the vast majority of cases, this potential is reflected in the high A-level grades achieved. Each year, however, a number of candidates are admitted with lower grades because of special circumstances, such as illness, which might have affected their performance. Mature students may also be admitted with lower grades.

College figures were published for the first time last year. In Table 9 three year averages are given as proportions vary from year to year. All Oxford Colleges are committed to recruiting the brightest and best candidates, irrespective of their social, educational, or regional background.



Table 1 Type of school and application route

Year of application(October)	2000		2000		1999		1998	
	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Applications								
Maintained	4,205	192	4,397	46.0	4,378	46.9	4,177	44.4
Independent	3,233	440	3,673	38.5	3,474	37.2	3,788	40.3
Others	1,049	429	1,478	15.5	1,488	15.9	1,440	15.3
Total	8,487	1,061	9,548	100.0	9,340	100.0	9,405	100.0

Year of application(October)	2000		2000		1999		1998	
	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Acceptances								
Maintained	1,488	87	1,575	48.2	1,519	47.2	1,445	44.6
Independent	1,179	209	1,388	42.5	1,410	43.8	1,535	47.4
Others	187	115	302	9.3	292	9.0	259	8.0
Total	2,854	411	3,265	100.0	3,221	100.0	3,239	100.0

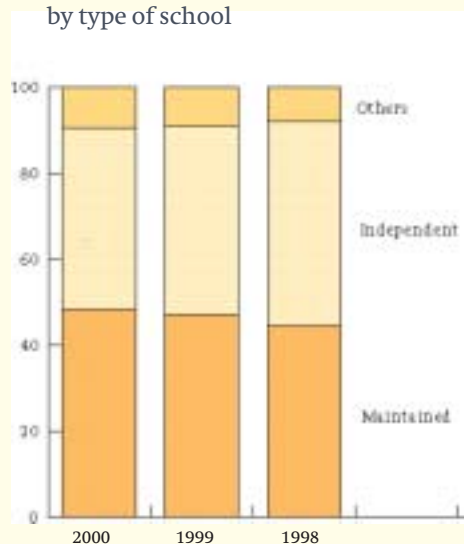
Table 1a Success rate by type of school

Year of application(October)	2000	1999	1998
	%	%	%
Maintained	35.8	34.7	34.6
Independent	37.8	40.6	40.5
Others	20.4	19.6	18.0
Total:	34.2	34.5	34.4

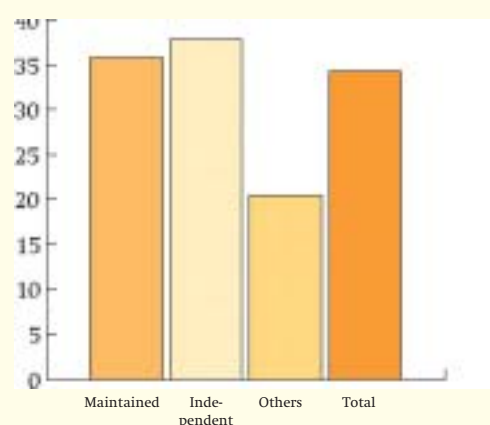
Table 1b Success rate by application route

Year of application(October)	2000	1999	1998
	%	%	%
Pre Q	33.6	33.9	33.8
Post Q	38.7	39.4	39.0
Total	34.2	34.5	34.4

Acceptances (per cent) by type of school



Success rates (per cent) by type of school, year of application: 2000



Success rates (per cent) by application route, year of application: 2000

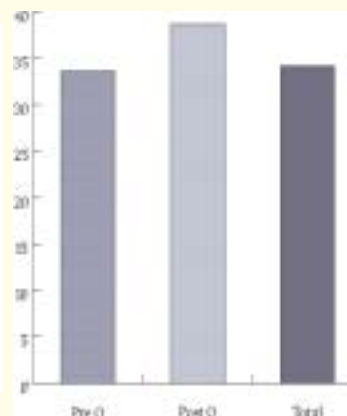
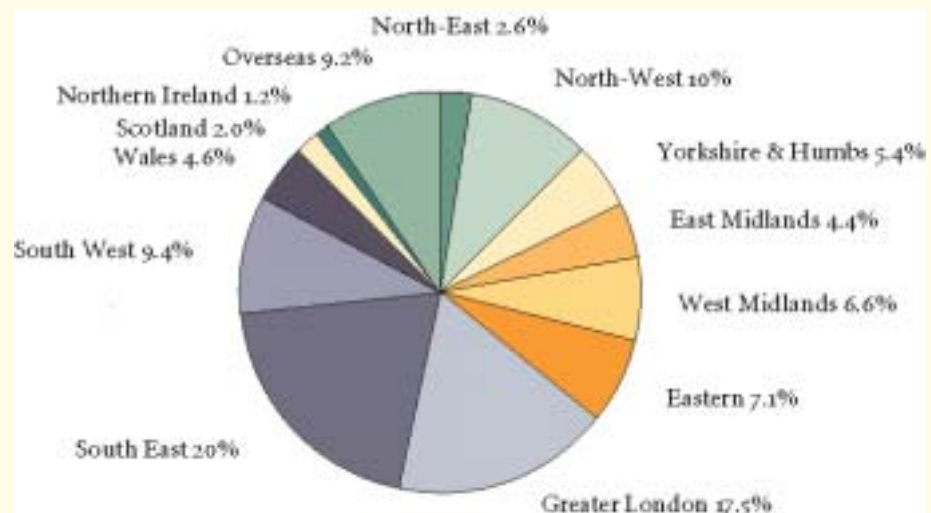


Table 2

Number and percentage of applications and acceptances of candidates by region of domicile for 2001 entry

Region of school	Applications		Acceptances		Total number of candidates accepted through UCAS 2000	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
North-East	173	1.8	83	2.6	10,420	3.3
North-West	819	8.6	326	10.0	31,597	10.1
Yorkshire & Humbs	430	4.5	176	5.4	20,564	6.6
East Midlands	347	3.6	143	4.4	17,802	5.7
West Midlands	648	6.8	216	6.6	23,572	7.6
Eastern	664	7.0	231	7.1	23,404	7.5
Greater London	1,580	16.6	573	17.5	42,680	13.7
South East	1,692	17.7	653	20.0	39,932	12.8
South West	874	9.2	308	9.4	23,265	7.5
Wales	462	4.8	151	4.6	13,325	4.3
Scotland	195	2.0	65	2.0	24,876	8.0
Northern Ireland	113	1.2	39	1.2	10,372	3.3
Overseas	1,551	16.2	301	9.2	29,826	9.6
TOTAL	9,548	100.0	3,265	100.0	311,635	100.0

Oxford University acceptances by region (per cent)



Total acceptances of University places through UCAS by region (per cent)

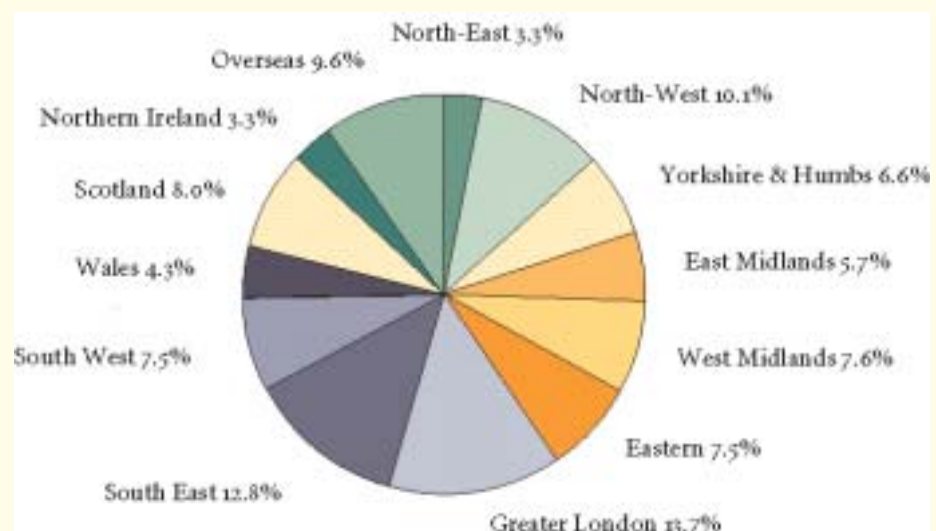


Table 3

A-Level scores of Post Q acceptances and scores required by Pre Q candidates holding offers for 2001 entry

UCAS Score	Scores of Post Q Acceptances	Scores required by Pre Q Candidates holding offers
30 and over	279	872
28	38	2,008
26	14	42
24	3	14
22	0	0
20	1	0
18	0	0
16	0	0
14	1	6
12	0	0
10	0	0
Below 10	0	0
Total	336	2,942
2(EE)	0	12
Two As	3	85
Total:	Post Q 339	Pre Q 3,039
Other Quals/Offers	69	276
Total:	408	3,315

The A level scoring system is as follows:

A level grade:

A = 10

B = 8

C = 6

D = 4

E = 2

AS level grade:

A = 5

B = 4

C = 3

D = 2

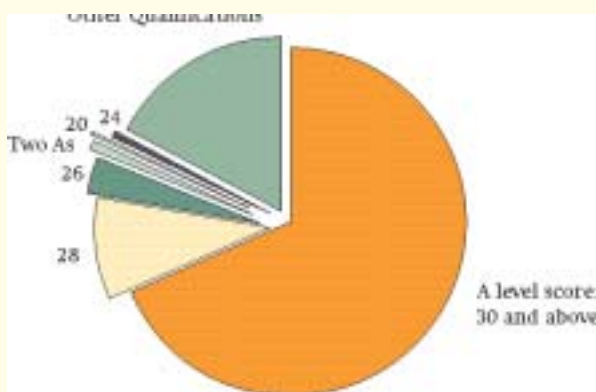
E = 1

Table 3a

Details of other Pre Q qualifications

Type of Qualification	no of candidates
International Baccalaureate	79
Scottish (CSYS, Advanced Highers or Highers)	42
French Baccalaureate	8
Abitur	22
European Baccalaureate	11
Irish Highers	5
Other	109
Total	276

Distribution of scores of Post Q acceptances



Scores required by successful Pre Q candidates holding offers

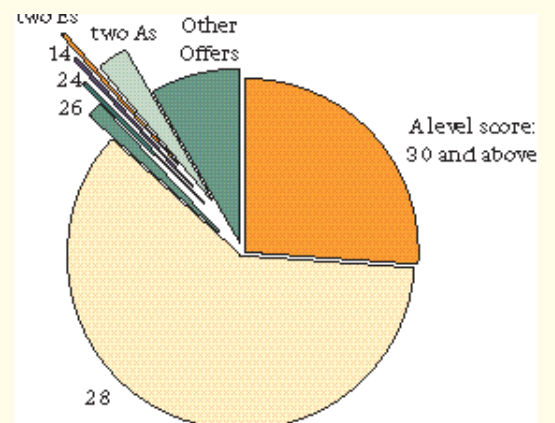


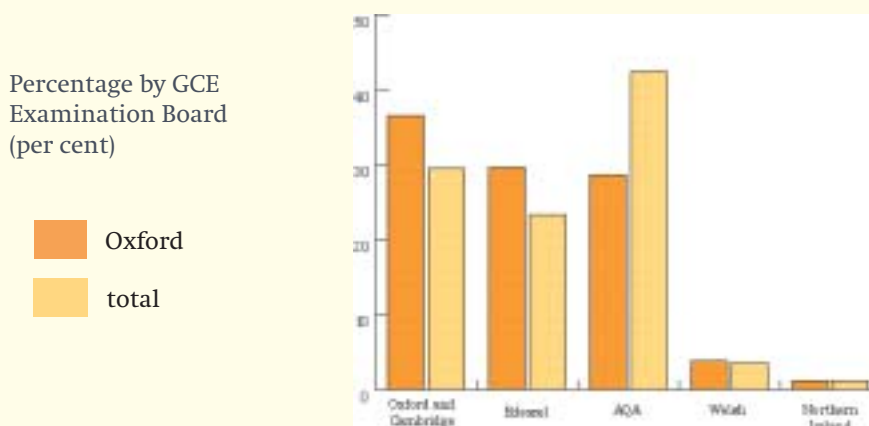
Table 4 2001 Entry by A-level score

The table below gives the A-level scores achieved by those students who entered Oxford in October 2001. 3,009 of the new entrants held qualifications in three A-level subjects. 341 had completed their A levels before they applied, the remaining 2,668 were offered places before taking A levels in the summer of 2001.

A-level Score	Post Q		Pre Q		Total 2001 entry	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AAA	264	77.4	2,126	79.7	2,390	79.4
30	59	17.3	429	16.1	488	16.2
28	13	3.8	92	3.4	105	3.5
26	4	1.1	15	0.6	19	0.6
24	1	0.3	5	0.2	6	0.2
22	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
20	0		1		1	
18	0		0		0	
16	0	0	0	0.04	0	0.03
14	0		0		0	
12	0		0		0	
Below 12	0		0		0	
	341	100.0	2,668	100.0	3,009	100.0

Table 5 Number and percentage of acceptances by GCE Examination Board¹

Examination Board	Acceptances		Total A level candidates 2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
Oxford and Cambridge	1,090	36.6	143,655	29.5
Edexcel	885	29.7	113,220	23.3
AQA ²	855	28.7	206,499	42.4
Welsh	116	3.9	17,498 ³	3.6
Northern Ireland	35	1.2	5,583	1.2
Total	2,981	100.0	486,455⁴	100.0
Scottish	40			
Others	244			



1 In Table 5 one Board is assigned to each candidate. Where candidates have taken A levels with more than one Board, they are assigned to the Board with which they took the majority of their subjects; and if candidates took the same number of A levels with each of several Boards, they are assigned to the Board first named on their form.

2 AQA incorporates the NEAB or Northern Board, and the AEB or Associated Board

3 Estimated figure - no final figure available

4 The overall decrease in the total number of A-level candidates from 570,025 in 2000 reflects the introduction of the new AS examinations

Table 6 Number of applications and acceptances per course (by year of application)

	Applications		Acceptances		Success Rate %	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
Arts						
Ancient & Modern History	54	53	17	15	31.5	28.3
Archaeology and Anthropology	52	69	21	30	40.4	43.5
Classical Archaeology & Ancient History	60		14		23.3	
Classics	175	196	118	127	67.4	64.8
Classics & English	31	36	11	11	35.5	30.6
Classics & Modern Languages	37	17	13	9	35.1	52.9
Economics and Management	495	502	88	80	17.8	15.9
English	854	928	249	254	29.2	27.4
English & Modern Languages	102	111	28	29	27.5	26.1
European & Middle Eastern Languages	13	12	6	5	46.2	41.7
Fine Art	104	103	17	19	16.3	18.4
Geography	246	239	97	93	39.4	38.9
Law	805	839	241	229	29.9	27.3
Law with Law Studies in Europe	214	246	26	27	12.1	11.0
Mathematics & Philosophy	71	70	31	25	43.7	35.7
Modern History	735	690	253	287	34.4	41.6
Modern History & Economics	57	58	8	12	14.0	20.7
Modern History & English	66	64	12	15	18.2	23.4
Modern History & Modern Languages	87	77	25	24	28.7	31.2
Modern History & Politics	189	198	37	45	19.6	22.7
Modern Languages	432	397	203	206	47.0	51.9
Modern Languages & Linguistics	11		3		27.3	
Music	114	89	60	49	52.6	55.1
Oriental Studies	60	69	35	28	58.3	40.6
Philosophy & Modern Languages	48	53	21	23	43.8	43.4
Philosophy & Theology	65	50	19	24	29.2	48.0
Physics & Philosophy	48	46	10	16	20.8	34.8
PPE	880	878	264	252	30.0	28.7
Theology	92	66	47	42	51.1	63.6
Total Arts	6,197	6,156	1,974	1,976	31.9	32.1
Sciences						
Biochemistry	202	157	93	91	46.0	58.0
Biological Sciences	229	203	108	93	47.2	45.8
Chemistry	261	254	174	183	66.7	72.0
Computer Science	131	105	27	22	20.6	21.0
Earth Sciences (Geology)	51	74	26	30	51.0	40.5
Engineering Science	315	263	135	134	42.9	51.0
Engineering & Computer Science	60	55	14	13	23.3	23.6
Engineering/Econ/& Management	60	82	18	25	30.0	30.5
Engineering and Materials	13	6	4	0	30.8	0.0
Experimental Psychology	172	172	43	37	25.0	21.5
Human Sciences	121	132	40	39	33.1	29.5
Materials Science & MEM	36	32	24	19	66.7	59.4
Mathematics	447	479	185	193	41.4	40.3
Mathematics & Computer Science	87	74	28	28	32.2	37.8
Medicine	563	532	148	117	26.3	22.0
Physics	371	362	166	168	44.7	46.4
Physiological Sciences	33	32	16	13	48.5	40.6
PPP	199	170	42	40	21.1	23.5
Total Sciences	3,351	3,184	1,291	1,245	38.5	39.1
TOTAL	9,548	9,340	3,265	3,221	34.2	34.5

Table 7 Acceptances by College choice for 2001 entry

Accepted by	Pre Q		Post Q		Total	
	male	female	male	female	male	female
1st Choice	1,225	1,150	168	157	1,393	1,307
2nd Choice	103	88	17	10	120	98
3rd Choice	32	26	5	4	37	30
Other	129	101	23	27	152	128
TOTAL	1,489	1,365	213	198	1,702	1,563

Table 8 Open applications

Subject	number of open applicants
Economics and Management	115
Law	108
PPE	94
Medicine	93
English	45
Engineering	41
Physics	39
Modern History	31
Other subjects	443
Total	1,009

Candidates are given the opportunity of applying to Oxford without having to name a college of preference. A total of 1009 candidates submitted open applications. A college of preference was allocated by the Admissions Office computer which took into account the application patterns produced by the candidates who had named a college. 163 of the 1,009 who submitted open applications gained places, which is a success rate of 16.2 per cent. All colleges received some allocated candidates, the numbers ranging from 6 to 122.

Table 9 Applications and offers by College average 1999–2001 and for 2001 entry¹

	Applications and offers in 2001		3-year average of applications and offers			Applications and offers in 2001		3-year average of applications and offers	
	Applications for maintained (per cent)	Offers for maintained (per cent)	Applications for maintained (per cent)	Offers for maintained (per cent)		Applications for maintained (per cent)	Offers for maintained (per cent)	Applications for maintained (per cent)	Offers for maintained (per cent)
Balliol	49.6	52.7	52.5	51.1	Pembroke	45.0	54.5	43.6	47.5
Brasenose	39.8	44.0	40.0	41.5	Queen's	49.5	56.8	53.1	56.4
Christ Church	43.0	38.9	46.6	43.0	St Anne's	53.0	60.7	54.2	56.6
Corpus Christi	57.3	51.6	60.0	55.8	St Catherine's	58.9	57.1	60.0	56.8
Exeter	50.9	55.6	55.7	53.1	St Edmund Hall	40.1	48.5	42.4	44.8
Harris Manchester ²	100.0	85.7	100.0	95.2	St Hilda's	62	59.8	60.5	57.2
Hertford	69.3	67.2	65.2	61.1	St Hugh's	62.9	63.9	59.8	54.3
Jesus	66.6	58.3	64.1	59.5	St John's	67.0	66.4	65.6	64.3
Keble	58.4	60.0	60.8	59.7	St Peter's	49.6	52.8	46.9	50.0
Lady Margaret Hall	45.9	41.2	47.3	45.5	Somerville	54.6	61.3	55.1	57.6
Lincoln	51.5	57.0	49.0	50.0	Trinity	47.1	53.6	42.7	46.6
Magdalen	56.2	51.9	53.9	49.1	University	45.5	42.6	48.7	45.8
Mansfield	71.4	67.1	66.1	68.3	Wadham	71.2	67.5	71.1	65.5
Merton	61.0	53.6	65.0	56.1	Worcester	40.9	47.8	40.0	44.0
New	54.0	49.1	54.1	49.3	Average	54.5	54.8	54.2	52.8
Oriel	46.1	44.6	45.1	42.6					

¹ The figures relate to applicants from a school or college in the UK, but exclude international students from outside the UK

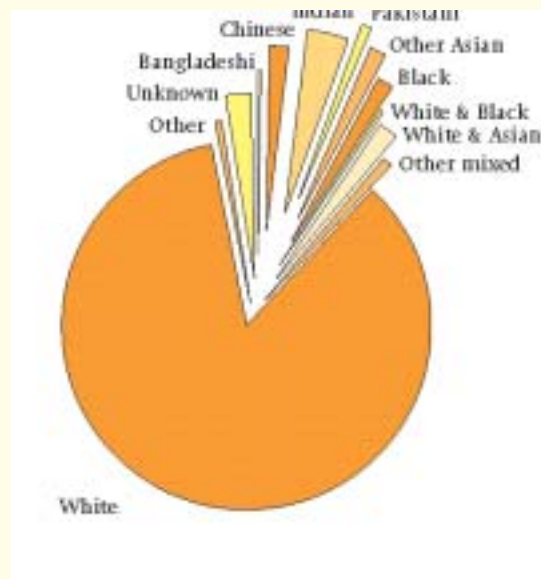
² For mature students, aged 21 or over, only

Table 10 Number and percentage of home applications and number of acceptances and percentage success rates and A-level scores for 2001 entry by ethnic origin

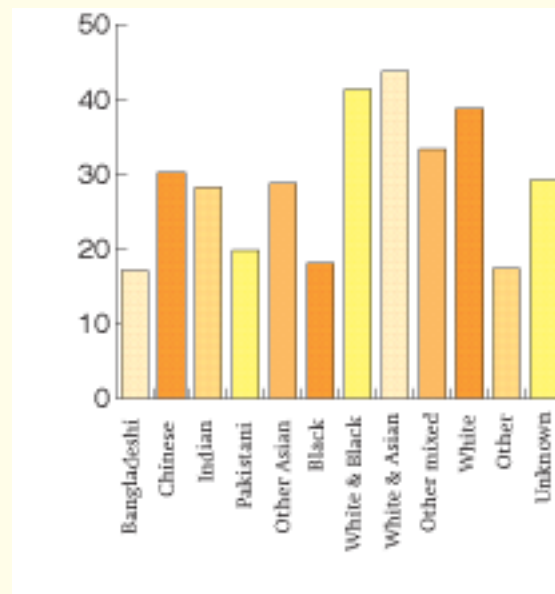
	Applications		Acceptances		
	No.	%	No.	Success Rate %	A-level Scores
	Bangladeshi	35	0.4	6	17.1
Chinese	136	1.7	41	30.1	29.7
Indian	281	3.5	79	28.1	29.4
Pakistani	76	0.9	15	19.7	29.7
Other Asian	108	1.4	31	28.7	29.6
Black	100	1.3	18	18.0	29.3
White & Black	34	0.4	14	41.2	28.6
White & Asian	142	1.8	62	43.7	29.3
Other mixed	60	0.8	20	33.3	29.2
White	6,768	84.9	2,618	38.7	29.5
Other	52	0.7	9	17.3	29.3
Unknown	182	2.3	53	29.1	29.2
Total	7,974	100.0	2,966	37.2	29.5

Source UCAS

Percentage of acceptances by ethnic origin



Success rates in per cent by ethnic origin



NB: Total national figures of acceptances by ethnic origin for 2001 entry were not available at the time of going to press