

University of Oxford

Admissions Statistics 2002 entry



- The total number of applicants in December 2001 was 11,097, made up of 5,565 men and 5,532 women. This was an increase of 16% over the corresponding figure of 9,548 in December 2000.
- 9,832 candidates applied for entry in October 2002, and 1,265 for deferred entry in October 2003.
- The total number of acceptances was 3,393. Of these 1,744 (51.4%) were men and 1,649 (48.6%) were women. This 3,393 includes 372 places for entry in October 2003.
- For candidates applying through UK schools and colleges the acceptances by type of school were 54.3% from the maintained sector and 45.7% 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 2001, irrespective of the year for which they were seeking admission. It does not include candidates holding deferred offers from the 2000 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 (98%) 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 are published again for the second time. 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 marital status, race, ethnic origins, colour, religion or social background.



Table 1 Type of school and application route

Year of application(October)	2001		2001		2000		1999	
Applications	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Maintained	5,200	254	5,454	49.1	4,397	46.0	4,378	46.9
Independent	3,450	468	3,918	35.3	3,673	38.5	3,474	37.2
Others	1,338	387	1,725	15.6	1,478	15.5	1,488	15.9
Total	9,988	1,109	11,097	100.0	9,548	100.0	9,340	100.0

Year of application(October)	2001		2001		2000		1999	
Acceptances	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Maintained	1,572	99	1,671	49.3	1,575	48.2	1,519	47.2
Independent	1,198	208	1,406	41.4	1,388	42.5	1,410	43.8
Others	208	108	316	9.3	302	9.3	292	9.0
Total	2,978	415	3,393	100.0	3,265	100.0	3,221	100.0

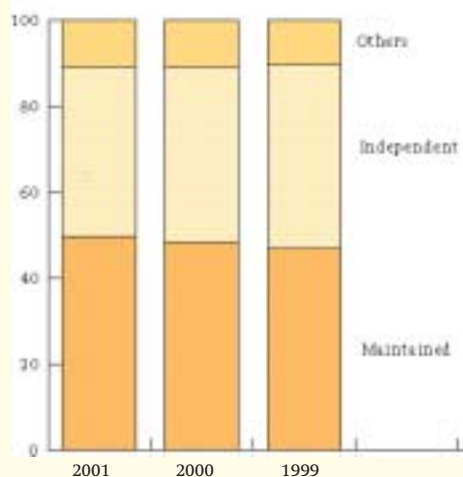
Table 1a Success rate by type of school

Year of application(October)	2001	2000	1999
	%	%	%
Maintained	30.6	35.8	34.7
Independent	35.9	37.8	40.6
Others	18.3	20.4	19.6
Total:	30.6	34.2	34.5

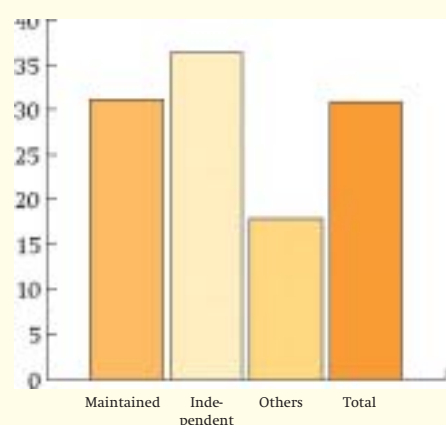
Table 1b Success rate by application route

Year of application(October)	2001	2000	1999
	%	%	%
Pre Q	29.8	33.6	33.9
Post Q	37.4	38.7	39.4
Total	30.6	34.2	34.5

Acceptances (per cent)
by type of school



Success rates (per cent)
by type of school,
year of application: 2001



Success rates (per cent) by
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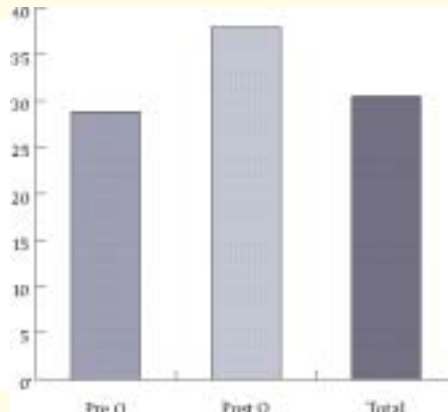
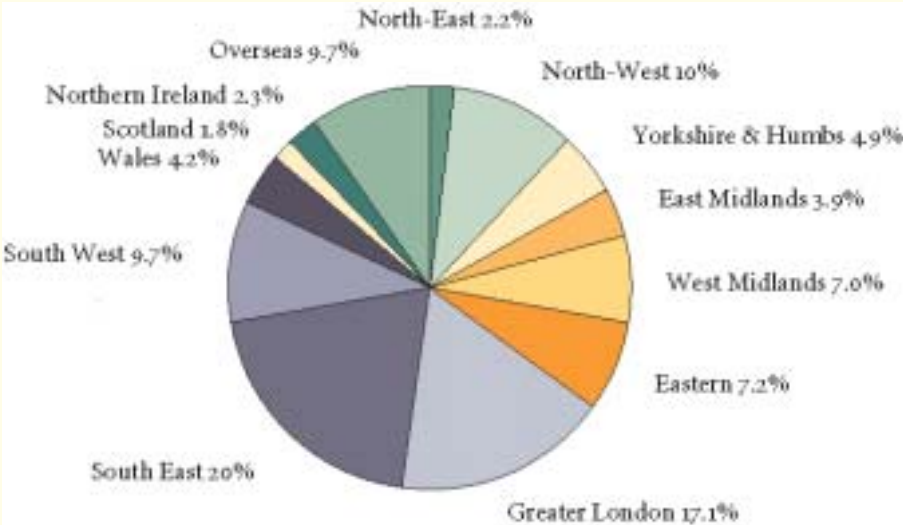


Table 2 Number and percentage of applications and acceptances
of candidates by region of domicile for 2002 entry

Region of school	Total number of candidates accepted through UCAS 2001					
	Applications		Acceptances			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
North-East	236	2.1	76	2.2	10,988	3.3
North-West	987	8.9	340	10.0	33,273	10.1
Yorkshire & Humbs	481	4.3	168	4.9	21,960	6.7
East Midlands	421	3.8	132	3.9	19,323	5.9
West Midlands	782	7.1	237	7.0	25,776	7.8
Eastern	744	6.7	243	7.2	24,982	7.6
Greater London	1,736	15.7	580	17.1	45,410	13.8
South East	1,952	17.6	677	20.0	41,241	12.5
South West	1,078	9.7	328	9.7	24,164	7.3
Wales	468	4.2	143	4.2	14,029	4.3
Scotland	223	2.0	62	1.8	25,803	7.8
Northern Ireland	171	1.5	78	2.3	11,108	3.4
Overseas	1,818	16.4	329	9.7	31,161	9.5
TOTAL	11,097	100.0	3,393	100.0	329,218	100.0

Oxford University
acceptances
by region (per cent)



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

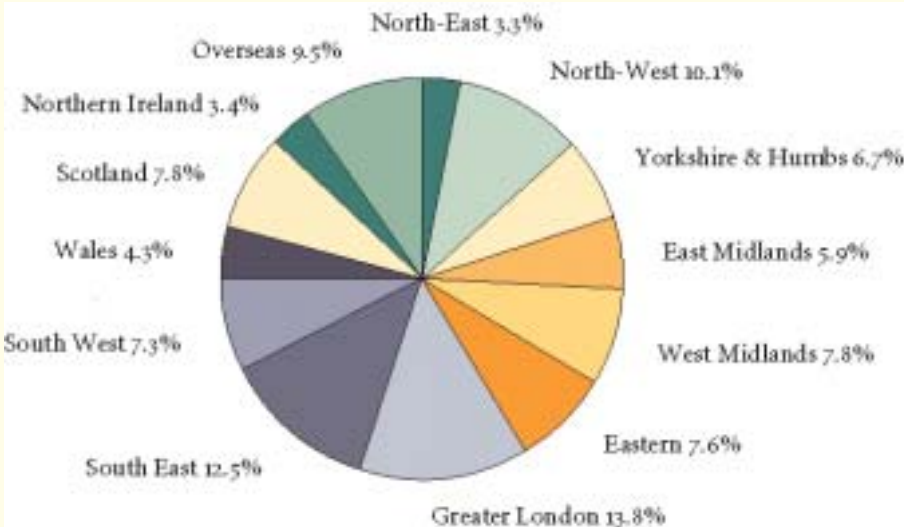


Table 3 A-Level scores of Post Q acceptances and scores required by Pre Q candidates holding offers for 2002 entry

Scores of

Scores required		
UCAS	Post Q	by Pre Q Candidates
Score	Acceptances	holding offers
30 and over	268	1,204
28	37	1,833
26	9	28
24	4	8
22	6	0
20	0	0
18	0	0
16	0	0
14	0	7
12	0	0
10	0	0
Below 10	0	0
Total	324	3,080
2(Ee)	0	6
Two As	4	75
Total:	Post Q 328	Pre Q 3,161
Other Quals/Offer	62	283
Total:	390	3,444

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

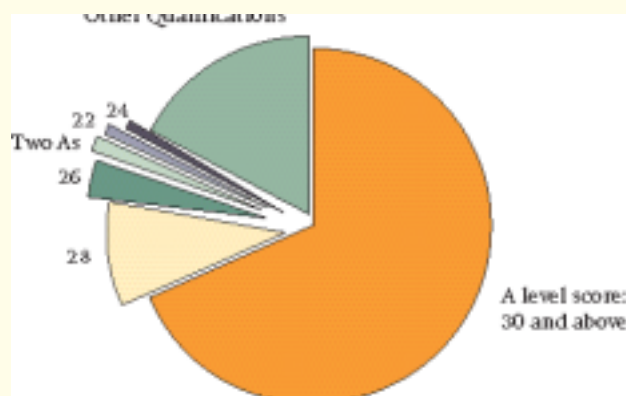
D = 2

E = 1

Table 3a Details of other Pre Q qualifications

Type of Qualification	no of candidates
International Baccalaureate	97
Scottish (CSYS, Advanced Highers or Highers)	46
French Baccalaureate	9
Abitur	10
European Baccalaureate	8
Irish Highers	6
Other	107
Total	283

Distribution of scores of Post Q acceptances



Scores required by successful Pre Q candidates holding offers

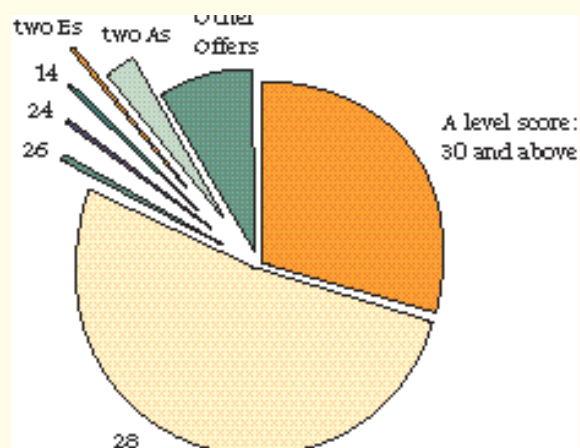


Table 4 2002 Entry by A-level score

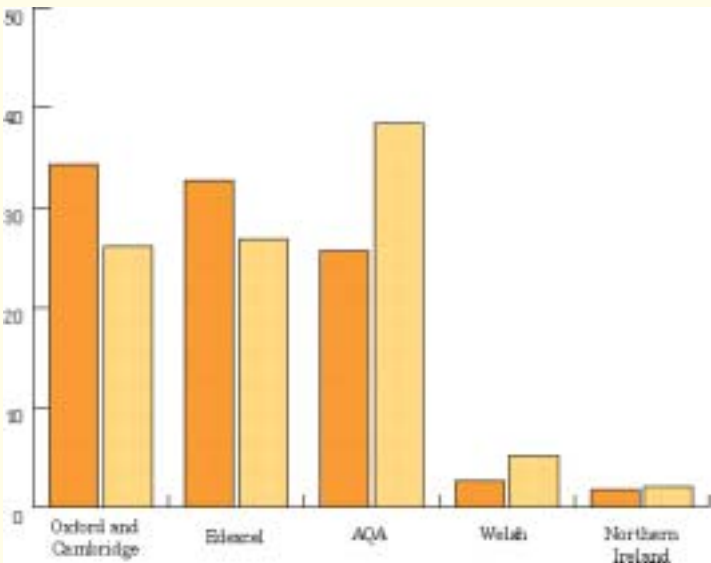
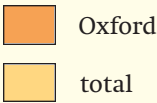
The table below gives the A-level scores achieved by those students who entered Oxford in October 2002. 3,139 of the new entrants held qualifications in three A-level subjects. 358 had completed their A levels before they applied, the remaining 2,781 were offered places before taking A levels in the summer of 2002.

		Post Q		Pre Q		Total 2001 entry	
A-level Score		Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AAA	30	270	75.4	2,436	87.6	2,706	86.2
	28	67	18.7	305	11.0	372	11.9
	26	13	3.6	33	1.2	46	1.5
	24	4	1.1	4	0.1	8	0.2
	22	4	1.1	0	0	4	0.1
	20	0	0	1	0.03	1	0.03
	18	0	0	0	0.07	0	0.06
	16	0		0		0	
	14	0		1		1	
	12	0		1		1	
	Below 12	0		0		0	
		358	100.0	2,781	100.0	3,139	100.0

Table 5 Number and percentage of acceptances by GCE Examination Board¹

		Total A level			
		Acceptances		candidates 2002	
Examination Board	No.	%	No.	%	
Oxford and Cambridge	1,097	35.2	128,835	26.6	
Edexcel	1,065	34.2	130,476	27.0	
AQA	795	25.5	185,156	38.2	
Welsh	107	3.4	30,979	6.4	
Northern Ireland	50	1.6	8,628	1.8	
Total	3,114	100.0	484,074	100.0	
Scottish	38				
Others	241				

Percentage by GCE Examination Board (per cent)



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.

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

	% Success rate					
	Applications		Acceptances		Applications	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Arts						
Ancient & Modern History	93	54	22	17	23.7	31.5
Archaeology and Anthropology	66	52	25	21	37.9	40.4
Classical Archaeology & Ancient History	90	60	24	14	26.7	23.3
Classics	213	175	123	118	57.7	67.4
Classics & English	29	31	4	11	13.8	35.5
Classics & Modern Languages	23	37	12	13	52.2	35.1
Economics and Management	546	495	97	88	17.8	17.8
English	1021	854	265	249	26.0	29.2
English & Modern Languages	143	102	25	28	17.5	27.5
European & Middle Eastern Languages	4	13	3	6	75.0	46.2
Fine Art	134	104	20	17	14.9	16.3
Geography	278	246	102	97	36.7	39.4
Law	1044	805	253	241	24.2	29.9
Law with Law Studies in Europe	263	214	26	26	9.9	12.1
Mathematics & Philosophy	57	71	25	31	43.9	43.7
Modern History	743	735	248	253	33.4	34.4
Modern History & Economics	54	57	11	8	20.4	14.0
Modern History & English	105	66	13	12	12.4	18.2
Modern History & Modern Languages	108	87	27	25	25.0	28.7
Modern History & Politics	223	189	46	37	20.6	19.6
Modern Languages	376	432	175	203	46.5	47.0
Modern Languages & Linguistics	51	11	13	3	25.5	27.3
Music	131	114	55	60	42.0	52.6
Oriental Studies	99	60	45	35	45.5	58.3
Philosophy & Modern Languages	65	48	23	21	35.4	43.8
Philosophy & Theology	88	65	32	19	36.4	29.2
Physics & Philosophy	55	48	18	10	32.7	20.8
PPE	1026	880	273	264	26.6	30.0
Theology	80	92	46	47	57.5	51.1
Total Arts	7208	6197	2051	1974	28.5	31.9
Sciences						
Biochemistry	237	202	90	93	38.0	46.0
Biological Sciences	278	229	109	108	39.2	47.2
Chemistry	292	261	179	174	61.3	66.7
Computer Science	157	131	32	27	20.4	20.6
Earth Sciences (Geology)	51	51	23	26	45.1	51.0
Engineering Science	347	315	132	135	38.0	42.9
Engineering & Computer Science	53	60	14	14	26.4	23.3
Engineering/Econ/& Management	94	60	21	18	22.3	30.0
Engineering and Materials	12	13	6	4	50.0	30.8
Experimental Psychology	195	172	51	43	26.2	25.0
Human Sciences	107	121	39	40	36.4	33.1
Materials Science & MEM	49	36	24	24	49.0	66.7
Mathematics	377	447	172	185	45.6	41.4
Mathematics & Computer Science	80	87	30	28	37.5	32.2
Mathematics & Statistics	57		25		43.9	
Medicine	785	563	157	148	20.0	26.3
Physics	458	371	181	166	39.5	44.7
Physiological Sciences	60	33	20	16	33.3	48.5
PPP	200	199	37	42	18.5	21.1
Total Sciences	3889	3351	1342	1291	34.5	38.5
TOTAL	11097	9548	3393	3265	30.6	34.2

Table 7 Acceptances by College choice for 2002 entry

Accepted by	Pre Q		Post Q		Total	
	male	female	male	female	male	female
1st Choice	1,240	1,201	195	149	1,435	1,350
2nd Choice	114	118	11	13	125	131
3rd Choice	40	33	2	7	42	40
Other	122	110	20	18	142	128
	1,516	1,462	228	187	1,744	1,649
TOTAL	2,978		415		3,393	

Table 8 Open applications

Subject	number of open applicants
Economics and Management	126
PPE	126
Law	125
Medicine	117
English	75
Engineering	55
Computer Science	43
Law/LSE	37
Other subjects	529
Total	1,233

Candidates are given the opportunity of applying to Oxford without having to name a college of preference. A total of 1,233 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. 161 of the 1,233 who submitted open applications gained places, which is a success rate of 13.1 per cent. All colleges received some allocated candidates, the numbers ranging from 2 to 170.

Table 9 Applications and offers by College average 2000–2002 and for 2002 entry¹

	Applications and offers for 2002		3-year average of applications and offers			Applications and offers for 2002		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	60.9	50.8	56.8	53.1	Pembroke	45.9	51.1	44.4	50.3
Brasenose	40.2	49.2	41.9	45.8	Queen's	49.3	46.3	50.8	57.9
Christ Church	49.3	46.6	46.7	44.2	St Anne's	61.0	63.5	56.6	61.7
Corpus Christi	60.3	57.6	59.3	55.0	St Catherine's	58.0	54.9	60.2	56.0
Exeter	52.0	47.8	55.5	54.3	St Edmund Hall	45.6	43.5	43.6	44.8
Harris Manchester ²	100.0	91.7	100.0	93.0	St Hilda's	61.3	55.2	61.7	56.0
Hertford	75.9	70.8	70.0	66.5	St Hugh's	62.4	62.8	62.0	59.2
Jesus	68.1	61.2	66.3	58.6	St John's	79.6	74.4	72.5	70.3
Keble	63.3	59.1	62.0	61.4	St Peter's	49.1	50.8	49.3	51.6
Lady Margaret Hall	51.3	51.5	49.7	46.6	Somerville	55.4	63.8	56.6	61.5
Lincoln	62.7	63.8	55.3	56.0	Trinity	49.2	50.6	47.2	49.8
Magdalen	57.4	51.5	55.5	49.9	University	46.3	49.3	47.4	46.7
Mansfield	80.8	75.4	73.5	72.3	Wadham	75.4	72.5	73.5	68.8
Merton	58.9	52.5	60.6	55.6	Worcester	49.0	48.0	44.0	47.5
New	53.2	55.4	53.9	50.7	Average	59.1	57.4	57.5	56.3
Oriel	53.7	48.9	47.8	44.6					

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

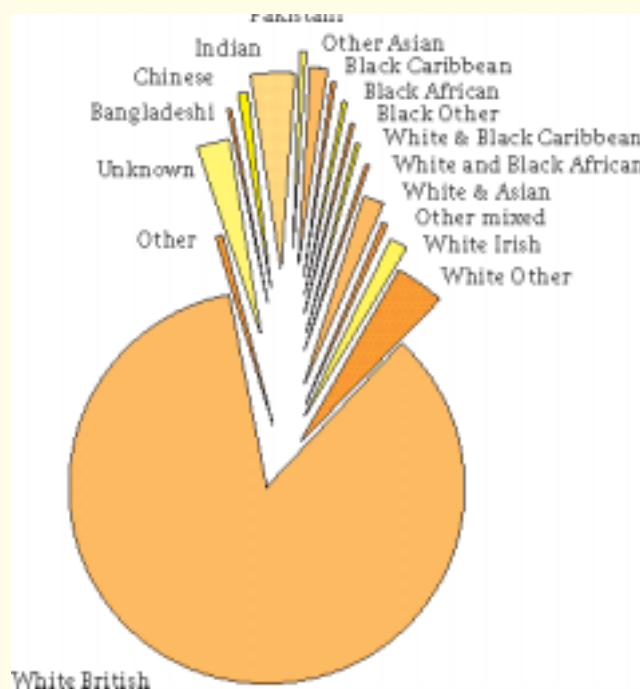
² For mature students, aged 21 or over, only

Table 10 Number and percentage of home applications and number of acceptances and percentage success rates and A-level scores for 2002 entry by ethnic origin

	Applications		Acceptances		
	No.	%	No.	Success Rate %	A-level Scores
Bangladeshi	33	0.4	9	27.3	29.3
Chinese	127	1.4	32	25.2	29.9
Indian	337	3.6	84	24.9	29.9
Pakistani	102	1.1	22	21.6	29.3
Other Asian	153	1.7	39	25.5	29.7
Black Caribbean	28	0.3	10	35.7	29.8
Black African	80	0.9	16	20.0	29.3
Black other	12	0.1	1	8.3	28.0
White & Black Caribbean	28	0.3	8	28.6	29.5
White & Black African	22	0.2	7	31.8	29.1
White & Asian	159	1.7	52	32.7	29.6
Other mixed	76	0.8	16	21.1	29.9
White British	7,413	80.0	2,574	34.7	29.7
White Irish	110	1.2	42	38.2	29.6
White other	323	3.5	96	29.7	29.7
Other	49	0.5	11	22.4	30.0
Unknown	214	2.3	63	29.4	29.8
Total	9,266	100.0	3,082	33.3	29.7

Source UCAS

Percentage of acceptances by ethnic origin



Success rates in per cent by ethnic origin

