

# University of Oxford

## Admissions Statistics 2003 entry



- The total number of applicants in December 2002 was 11,793, made up of 5,873 men and 5,920 women. This was an increase of 6% over the corresponding figure of 11,097 in December 2001 and the largest number ever recorded.
- 10,610 candidates applied for entry in October 2003, and 1,183 for deferred entry in October 2004.
- The total number of acceptances was 3,281. Of these 1,681 (51.2%) were men and 1,600 (48.8%) were women. This 3,281 includes 329 places for entry in October 2004.

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 2002, irrespective of the year for which they were seeking admission. It does not include candidates holding deferred offers from the 2001 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 (98.5%) 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)	2002		2002		2001		2000	
	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Maintained	5,350	258	5,608	47.6	5,454	49.1	4,397	46.0
Independent	3,803	454	4,257	36.1	3,918	35.3	3,673	38.5
Others	1,468	460	1,928	16.3	1,725	15.6	1,478	15.5
Total	10,621	1,172	11,793	100.0	11,097	100.0	9,548	100.0

Year of application (October)	2002		2002		2001		2000	
	Pre Q	Post Q	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Maintained	1,441	98	1,539	46.9	1,671	49.3	1,575	48.2
Independent	1,249	191	1,440	43.9	1,406	41.4	1,388	42.5
Others	183	119	302	9.2	316	9.2	302	9.3
Total	2,873	408	3,281	100.0	3,393	100.0	3,265	100.0

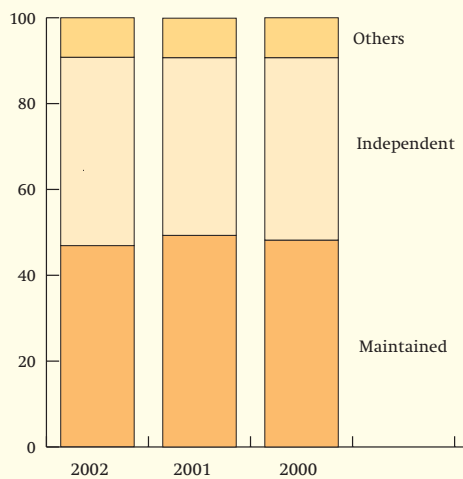
Table 1a Success rate by type of school

Year of application (October)	2002	2001	2000
	%	%	%
Maintained	27.4	30.6	35.8
Independent	33.8	35.9	37.8
Others	15.7	18.3	20.4
Total:	27.8	30.6	34.2

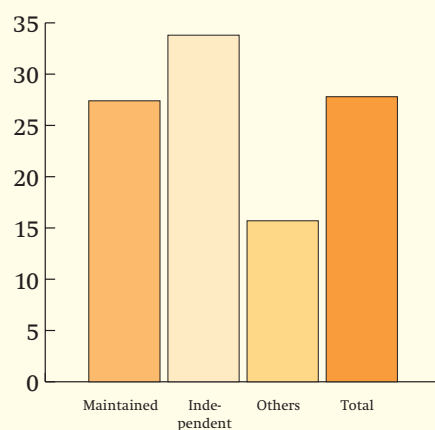
Table 1b Success rate by application route

Year of application (October)	2002	2001	2000
	%	%	%
Pre Q	27.1	29.8	33.6
Post Q	34.8	37.4	38.7
Total	27.8	30.6	34.2

Acceptances (per cent) by type of school



Success rates (per cent) by type of school, year of application: 2002



Success rates (per cent) by application route, year of application: 2002

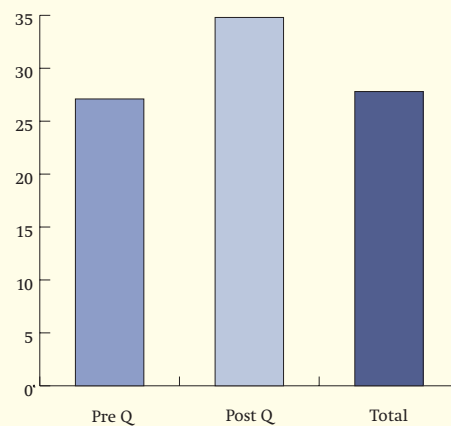
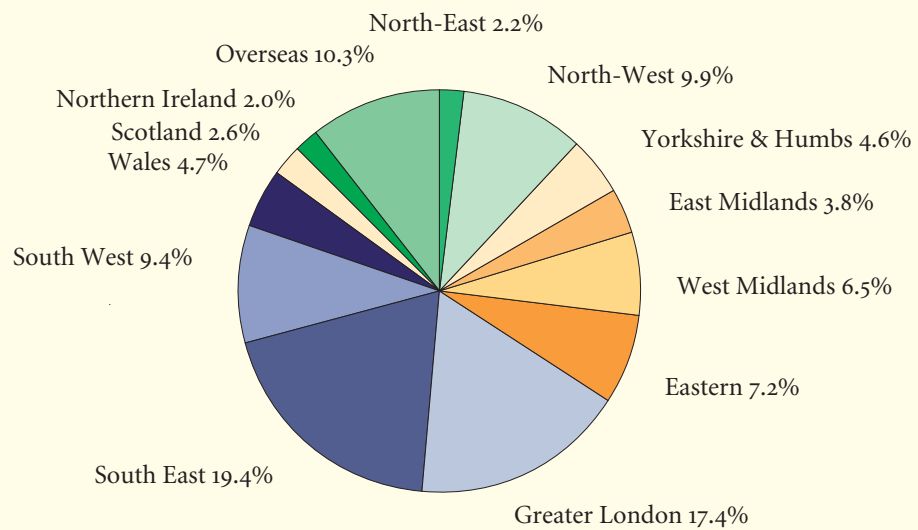


Table 2

Number and percentage of applications and acceptances of candidates by region of domicile for 2003 entry

Region of school					Total number of candidates accepted through UCAS 2002	
	Applications		Acceptances		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
North-East	240	2.0	71	2.2	11,416	3.3
North-West	1012	8.6	324	9.9	34,615	10.1
Yorkshire & Humbs	514	4.4	151	4.6	22,516	6.5
East Midlands	431	3.7	125	3.8	20,073	5.8
West Midlands	782	6.6	212	6.5	26,251	7.6
Eastern	785	6.7	237	7.2	25,814	7.5
Greater London	1,820	15.4	573	17.4	47,352	13.7
South East	2,062	17.5	635	19.4	42,746	12.4
South West	1,149	9.7	308	9.4	25,391	7.4
Wales	518	4.4	154	4.7	14,805	4.3
Scotland	262	2.2	84	2.6	26,607	7.7
Northern Ireland	177	1.5	67	2.0	11,692	3.4
Overseas	2,041	17.3	340	10.3	35,121	10.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>344,399</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Oxford University acceptances by region (per cent)



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

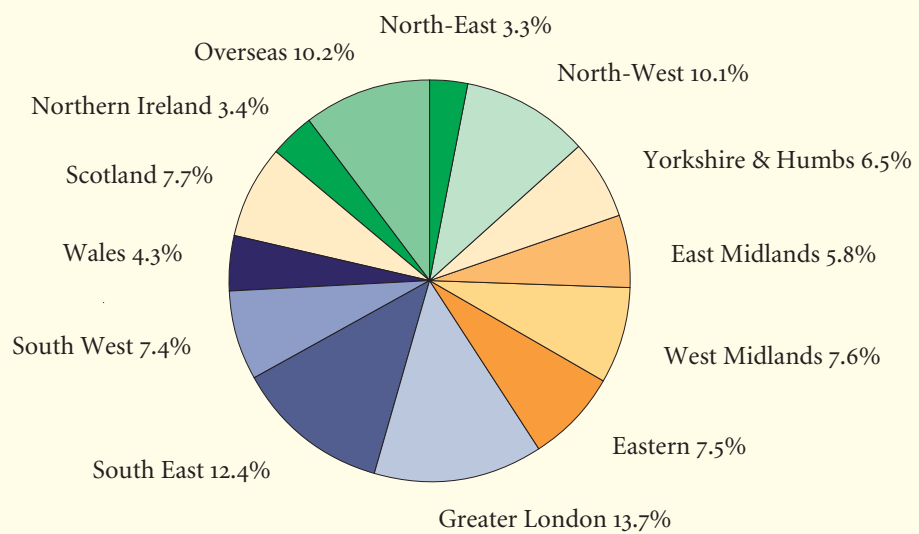


Table 3

A-Level scores of Post Q acceptances and scores required by Pre Q candidates holding offers for 2003 entry

Scores of

Scores required		
UCAS	Post Q	by Pre Q Candidates
Score	Acceptances	holding offers
30 and over	279	1,550
28	26	1,276
26	9	10
24	2	5
22	1	0
20	0	0
18	0	0
16	0	0
14	0	8
12	0	0
10	0	0
Below 10	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2,849</b>
2(EE)	0	7
Two As	6	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>Post Q 323</b>	<b>Pre Q 2,914</b>
Other Quals/Offer	75	346
<b>Total</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>3,260</b>

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

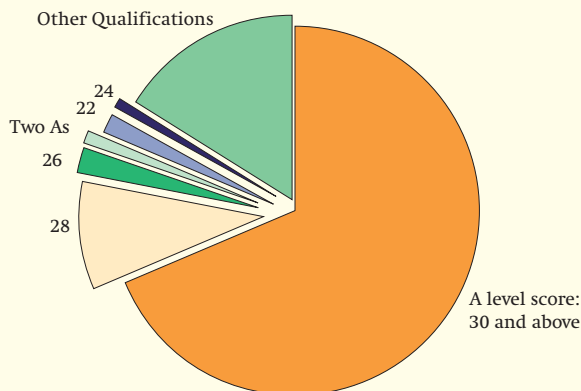
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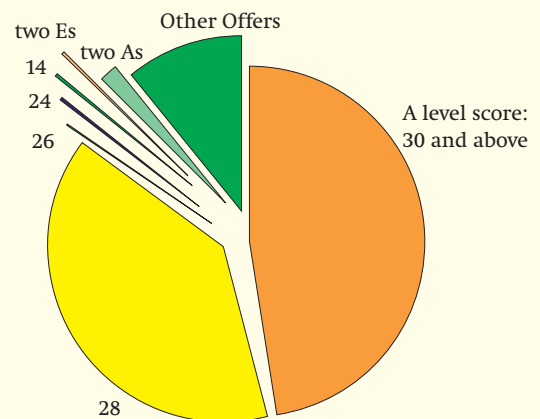
Details of other Pre Q qualifications

Type of Qualification	no of candidates
International Bacculaureate	99
Scottish (Advanced Highers or Highers)	66
French Bacculaureate	8
Abitur	10
European Bacculaureate	9
Irish Highers	9
Other	145
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>

Distribution of scores of Post Q acceptances



Scores required by successful Pre Q candidates holding offers



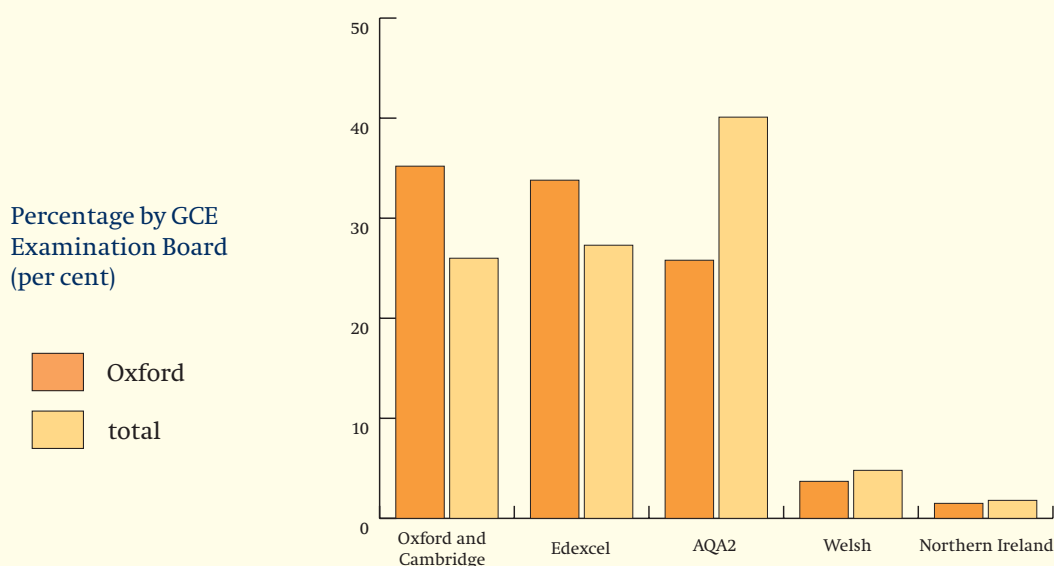
**Table 4 2003 Entry by A-level score**

The table below gives the A-level scores achieved by those students who entered Oxford in October 2003. 3,011 of the new entrants held qualifications in three A-level subjects. 352 had completed their A levels before they applied, the remaining 2,659 were offered places before taking A levels in the summer of 2003.

A-level Score	Post Q		Pre Q		Total 2003 entry	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AAA 30	289	82.0	2,414	90.8	2,703	89.8
28	44	12.5	221	8.3	265	8.8
26	13	3.7	21	0.8	34	1.1
24	2	0.6	3	0.1	5	0.2
22	1	0.3	0	0	1	0.03
20	2	0.6	0	0	2	0.07
18	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.03
16	0		0			
14	1		0			
12	0		0			
Below 12	0		0			
	352	100.0	2,659	100.0	3,011	100.0

**Table 5 Number and percentage of acceptances by GCE Examination Board<sup>1</sup>**

Examination Board	Acceptances		Total A level candidates 2003	
	No.	%	No.	%
OCR	1,046	35.2	128,835 <sup>2</sup>	26.0
Edexcel	1,005	33.8	135,289	27.3
AQA	768	25.8	198,491	40.1
Welsh (WJEC)	111	3.7	24,011	4.8
Northern Ireland (CCEA)	45	1.5	8,968	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>495,594</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Scottish	49			
Others	257			



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The figure for OCR is the 2002 total. The 2003 total is not available.

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

	Applications		Acceptances		% Success rate	
	Applications		Acceptances		Applications	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>Arts</b>						
Ancient & Modern History	80	93	21	22	26.3	23.7
Archaeology and Anthropology	56	66	20	25	35.7	37.9
Classical Archaeology & Ancient History	85	90	19	24	22.4	26.7
Classics	228	213	114	123	50.0	57.7
Classics & English	34	29	12	4	35.3	13.8
Classics & Modern Languages	33	23	18	12	54.5	52.2
Economics and Management	563	546	89	97	15.8	17.8
English	1088	1021	265	265	24.4	26.0
English & Modern Languages	117	143	23	25	19.7	17.5
European & Middle Eastern Languages	17	4	6	3	35.3	75.0
Fine Art	132	134	18	20	13.6	14.9
Geography	302	278	83	102	27.5	36.7
Law	1106	1044	222	253	20.1	24.2
Law with Law Studies in Europe	240	263	32	26	13.3	9.9
Mathematics & Philosophy	63	57	24	25	38.1	43.9
Modern History	875	743	270	248	30.9	33.4
Modern History & Economics	49	54	5	11	10.2	20.4
Modern History & English	97	105	15	13	15.5	12.4
Modern History & Modern Languages	86	108	24	27	27.9	25.0
Modern History & Politics	279	223	54	46	19.4	20.6
Modern Languages	453	376	167	175	36.9	46.5
Modern Languages & Linguistics	58	51	26	13	44.8	25.5
Music	148	131	61	55	41.2	42.0
Oriental Studies	107	99	44	45	41.1	45.5
Philosophy & Modern Languages	50	65	13	23	26.0	35.4
Philosophy & Theology	88	88	26	32	29.5	36.4
Physics & Philosophy	50	55	13	18	26.0	32.7
PPE	1009	1026	255	273	25.3	26.6
Theology	96	80	46	46	47.9	57.5
<b>Total Arts</b>	<b>7589</b>	<b>7208</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>2051</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>
<b>Sciences</b>						
Biochemistry	243	237	99	90	40.7	38.0
Biological Sciences	247	278	95	109	38.5	39.2
Chemistry	323	292	171	179	52.9	61.3
Computer Science	127	157	34	32	26.8	20.4
Earth Sciences (Geology)	69	51	30	23	43.5	45.1
Engineering Science	356	347	131	132	36.8	38.0
Engineering & Computer Science	36	53	5	14	13.9	26.4
Engineering/Econ/& Management	87	94	20	21	23.0	22.3
Engineering and Materials	8	12	1	6	12.5	50.0
Experimental Psychology	217	195	39	51	18.0	26.2
Human Sciences	108	107	42	39	38.9	36.4
Materials Science & MEM	46	49	22	24	47.8	49.0
Mathematics	459	377	170	172	37.0	45.6
Mathematics & Computer Science	75	80	25	30	33.3	37.5
Mathematics & Statistics	80	57	26	25	32.5	43.9
Medicine	919	785	158	157	17.2	20.0
Physics	532	458	168	181	31.6	39.5
Physiological Sciences	62	60	17	20	27.4	33.3
PPP	210	200	43	37	20.5	18.5
<b>Total Sciences</b>	<b>4204</b>	<b>3889</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>34.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11793</b>	<b>11097</b>	<b>3281</b>	<b>3393</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>30.6</b>

Table 7 Acceptances by College choice for 2003 entry

Accepted by	Pre Q		Post Q		Total	
	male	female	male	female	male	female
1st Choice	1,208	1,144	188	142	1,396	1,286
2nd Choice	96	116	18	8	114	124
3rd Choice	29	35	5	3	34	38
Other	117	128	20	24	137	152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>1,600</b>

Table 8 Open applications

Subject	number of open applicants
Medicine	172
Law	157
Economics and Management	123
PPE	120
English	67
Physics	61
Engineering	54
Modern History and Politics	37
Other subjects	567
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,358</b>

Candidates are given the opportunity of applying to Oxford without having to name a college of preference. A total of 1,358 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. 173 of the 1,358 who submitted open applications gained places, which is a success rate of 12.7 per cent. All colleges except one received some allocated candidates. Four colleges received over 100 allocated candidates with one of these receiving 175.

Table 9 Applications and offers by College average 2001–2003 and for 2003 entry<sup>1</sup>

	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	62.2	50.0	58.3	51.2	Pembroke	48.1	58.8	46.4	54.6
Brasenose	47.2	47.2	42.6	46.8	Queen's	53.5	56.2	50.8	52.7
Christ Church	48.7	49.6	47.4	45.1	St Anne's	58.1	59.0	57.3	61.1
Corpus Christi	56.6	52.1	58.0	53.7	St Catherine's	56.3	51.2	57.8	54.5
Exeter	49.5	54.1	50.7	52.5	St Edmund Hall	46.9	43.8	44.4	45.3
Harris Manchester <sup>2</sup>	100.0	72.7	100.0	83.3	St Hilda's	53.3	65.0	58.7	59.7
Hertford	69.2	57.1	71.5	65.0	St Hugh's	55.8	50.4	60.1	59.3
Jesus	67.8	61.1	67.5	60.1	St John's	76.1	68.8	75.1	70.0
Keble	60.1	57.9	60.8	59.0	St Peter's	52.0	45.9	50.2	50.1
Lady Margaret Hall	51.7	45.8	49.8	46.1	Somerville	58.2	65.4	56.3	63.5
Lincoln	51.1	56.7	55.4	59.2	Trinity	48.6	44.3	48.4	49.8
Magdalen	57.6	48.6	57.2	50.7	University	48.6	46.9	46.9	46.4
Mansfield	75.6	70.1	76.3	70.9	Wadham	73.3	69.7	73.4	70.0
Merton	56.8	48.4	58.6	51.6	Worcester	45.9	41.5	45.5	45.8
New	57.0	55.2	54.8	53.3	<b>Average</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>54.9</b>
Oriel	46.9	46.7	48.2	46.8					

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

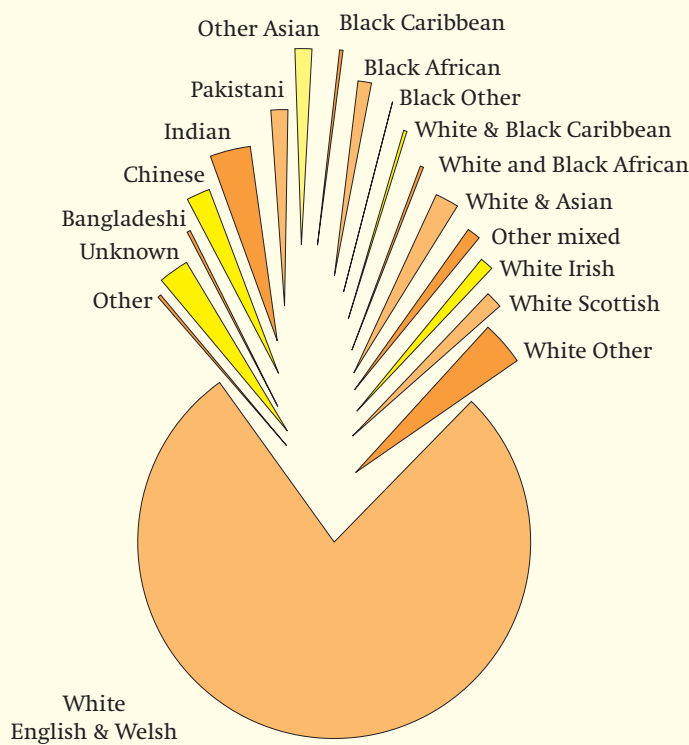
<sup>2</sup> For mature students, aged 21 or over, only

**Table 10** Number and percentage of home applications and number of acceptances and percentage success rates and A-level scores for 2003 entry by ethnic origin

	Applications		Acceptances		
	No.	%	No.	Success Rate %	A-level Scores
Bangladeshi	33	0.3	3	9.0	30.0
Chinese	166	1.7	52	31.3	30.0
Indian	339	3.5	78	23.0	29.9
Pakistani	129	1.3	24	18.6	29.8
Other Asian	147	1.5	34	23.1	29.9
Black Caribbean	21	0.2	4	19.0	29.3
Black African	107	1.1	15	14.0	29.6
Black other	13	0.1	2	15.4	30.0
White & Black Caribbean	30	0.3	9	30.0	29.6
White & Black African	19	0.2	5	26.3	28.5
White & Asian	188	1.9	69	36.7	29.7
Other mixed	95	1.0	29	30.5	29.6
White English & Welsh	7,532	77.5	2,347	31.2	29.8
White Irish	108	1.1	28	25.9	29.5
White Scottish	138	1.4	43	31.2	29.5
White other	362	3.7	115	31.8	29.8
Other	52	0.5	10	19.2	29.8
Unknown	244	2.5	73	29.9	29.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>29.8</b>

Source: UCAS

Percentage of applications by ethnic origin



Success rates in per cent by ethnic origin

