

Undergraduate Admissions Statistics: 2010 entry

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Introduction

What's here

These tables are produced annually by the Undergraduate Admissions Office of the University of Oxford.

The data in the tables refers to candidates who applied in October 2009, irrespective of the year for which they were seeking admission. It does not include candidates holding deferred offers from the 2008 exercise.

Oxford is very competitive ...

More than 17,000 people applied to Oxford for 2010 entry. Oxford has around 3,200 places.

... And getting ever more so

Nearly 36,000 people a year achieve AAA at A-level nationally. The number of A grades at A-level has grown by over 70% in 10 years. Applications to Oxford have increased by 82% in the last 10 years.

[Source: UCAS; Department of Education; Oxford University data]

Oxford is committed to recruiting the best candidates, irrespective of their age, colour, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, nationality, national origin, parental status, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, social background or educational background.

Headline figures

- The total number of applicants in December 2009 was **17,144**. This was an increase of **12.2** per cent over the corresponding figure of **15,277** in December 2008 and was at that time the largest number ever recorded.
- The total number of **acceptances** was **3,154**. This 3,154 includes 130 places for deferred entry in October 2011.
- 12,333 applications (71.9%) came from those with UK nationality; 1,906 (11.1%) from those with EU (non-UK) nationality, and 2,905 (16.9%) from those with non-EU nationality.
- 2,664 (84.5%) of acceptances went to those with UK nationality; 190 (6.0%) to those with EU (non-UK) nationality, and 300 (9.5%) to those with non-EU nationality.

- *Of UK students attending maintained or independent schools or colleges in the UK, 55.4% of places went to applicants from the state (maintained) sector and 44.6% to applicants from the independent sector.*
- *For all candidates of all domiciles, 46.8% of places went to those from the state (maintained) sector, 40.5% to the independent sector, and 12.7% to ‘other’ (e.g. individual applicants and those applying from overseas).*

School type

Introduction

For 2010 entry, of *UK students attending maintained or independent schools or colleges in the UK*, **55.4%** of places went to applicants from the state (maintained) sector and **44.6%** to applicants from the independent sector:

UK domiciled applications and acceptances by maintained (ie state) and independent sector (as percentages):

	Applications 2010	Acceptances 2010
	Total (%)	Total (%)
Maintained sector	62.6	55.4
Independent	37.4	44.6
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

For all candidates, **46.8%** of places went to those from the state (maintained) sector, **40.5%** to the independent sector, and **12.7%** to 'other' (e.g. individual applicants and those applying from overseas).

All domiciles:	Applications 2010	Acceptances 2010
Maintained sector	45.2	46.8
Independent	30.5	40.5
Other	24.3	12.7
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Statistics on the national context for Oxford's application numbers

- Nationally, although independent schools educate just 7% of the total UK school population, they account for 15% of all A-level entries, 30% of all A grades, and 33% of all those getting AAA.
[Source: Harris report]
- On average over 2007-9, 13.5% of state school students getting AAA or better (excluding General Studies) applied for courses Oxford doesn't offer.
[Source: UCAS]

Additional statistics on Oxford's acceptance numbers

- **State applicants' success rate is affected by subject choice:** state school students apply disproportionately for the most oversubscribed subjects. **41%** of *all* state school applications in 2009 were for the five most oversubscribed subjects at Oxford. This compared to just 33% of independent school applications.
(The five most oversubscribed subjects, based on the course with over 70 places

with the highest applicant to places ratio, were: Economics & Management, Medicine, Maths, Law, and English)

- State students also apply in disproportionately low numbers for the least oversubscribed subjects: 15% of all independent school applications were for Oxford's five least oversubscribed subjects, compared to just 12% of all state school applications.
(The five least oversubscribed subjects, based on the courses with over 70 places with the lowest applicant to places ratio, were: Classics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Engineering)

More detailed breakdowns by school type

UK domiciled applications and acceptances by type of school/college in detail, 2010 entry

	Applications 2010		Acceptances 2010	
	Total	%	Total	%
Comprehensive	3,393	27.5	620	23.3
Grammar	2,053	16.6	472	17.7
Sixth Form Colleges	1,438	11.7	271	10.2
FE Institutions (1)	579	4.7	77	2.9
Other Maintained (2)	121	1.0	22	0.8
Maintained sector	7,584	61.5	1,462	54.9
Independent	4,528	36.7	1,178	44.2
Other UK Institutions (3)	74	0.6	13	0.5
Overseas Schools	55	0.4	6	0.2
Individuals	92	0.7	5	0.2
All other category	221	1.8	24	0.9
Total	12,333	100.0	2,664	100.0

All domiciles: applications and acceptances by type of school/college in detail

	Applications 2010		Acceptances 2010	
	Total	%	Total	%
Comprehensive	3,440	20.1	625	19.8
Grammar	2,069	12.1	472	15.0
Sixth Form Colleges	1,467	8.6	273	8.7
FE Institutions (1)	645	3.8	83	2.6
Other Maintained (2)	123	0.7	22	0.7
Maintained sector	7,744	45.2	1,475	46.8
Independent	5,229	30.5	12,77	40.5
Other UK Institutions (3)	101	0.6	13	0.4
Overseas Schools	1,780	10.4	206	6.5
Individuals	2,290	13.4	183	5.8
All other category	4,171	24.3	402	12.7
Total	17,144	100.0	3,154	100.0

Equivalent table from last year, for comparison:

	Applications 2009		Acceptances 2009	
	Total	%	Total	%
Comprehensive	2,976	19.5	626	19.6
Grammar	1693	11.1	455	14.2
Sixth Form Colleges	1301	8.5	299	9.3
FE Institutions (1)	615	4.0	78	2.4
Other Maintained (2)	88	0.6	24	0.7
Maintained sector	6,673	43.7	1,482	46.3
Independent	4,826	31.6	1,349	42.1
Other UK Institutions (3)	108	0.7	15	0.5
Overseas Schools	1473	9.6	164	5.1
Individuals	2197	14.4	192	6.0
All other category	3,778	24.7	371	11.6
Total	15,277	100.0	3,202	100.0

1. FE Institutions comprise tertiary colleges and all types of further education colleges.
2. The 'Other maintained' category comprises other secondary schools, special schools and city technology colleges
3. 'Other UK Institutions' mainly comprises language schools and HE Institutions, but also includes a few other UK institutions that are not classified as either maintained or independent

Table showing success rates (the percentage of all applicants that are accepted) by school type

Success rate by type of school/college: all domiciles

	Success rate 2010	Success rate 2009
	All %	%
Comprehensive	18.2	21.0
Grammar	22.8	26.9
Sixth Form Colleges	18.6	23.0
FE Institutions (1)	12.9	12.7
Other Maintained (2)	17.9	27.3
Maintained sector	19.0	22.2
Independent	24.4	28.0
Other UK Institutions (3)	12.9	13.9
Overseas Schools	11.6	11.1
Individuals	8.0	8.7
All other category	9.6	9.8
Total	18.4	21.0

Courses and school type

The table below shows, for each course, applications and acceptances by school type. It also shows success rates by course and by school type.

The figures are given as three-year averages, because numbers vary from year to year, so a single year can give a misleading picture.

The table gives figures for applicants of all domiciles.

Three-year average of applications and acceptances by course and type of school/college, 2008-10: all domiciles

	Maintained			Independent			Other		
	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>
ARTS									
Ancient & Modern History	31	7	21.3	37	11	29.1	9	1	14.8
Archaeology and Anthropology	25	7	29.7	32	11	35.4	22	5	24.2
Classical Archaeology and Ancient History	42	12	27.8	30	6	20.0	14	3	22.0
Classics	65	23	35.4	183	87	47.4	28	9	32.1
Classics and English	9	2	19.2	15	3	21.7	6	1	11.8
Classics and Modern Languages	9	3	29.6	18	8	43.4	4	0	0.0
Economics and Management	283	34	12.0	356	38	10.7	501	17	3.4
English	627	117	18.7	426	100	23.6	128	12	9.4
English and Modern Languages	85	14	16.5	39	10	25.4	27	1	5.0
European and Middle Eastern Languages	17	5	29.4	25	7	27.0	10	1	6.9
Fine Art	90	11	11.9	38	6	16.7	34	5	15.7
Geography	144	34	23.4	160	46	28.8	22	3	12.1
History	435	112	25.8	393	104	26.5	80	18	22.5
History and Economics	18	3	18.9	24	6	26.8	28	2	7.2
History and English	50	6	12.0	13	2	12.5	16	0	2.1

	Maintained			Independent			Other		
	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Succ ess rate (%)</i>
History and Modern Languages	53	8	15.1	33	8	25.3	9	0	0.0
History and Politics	133	23	17.1	75	15	20.1	83	9	10.9
History of Art	24	5	21.1	29	7	24.4	26	1	5.2
Law	543	97	17.9	211	52	24.6	350	45	12.9
Law with Law Studies in Europe	125	16	12.8	51	11	21.6	114	4	3.5
Mathematics and Philosophy	48	10	20.0	26	8	30.8	19	3	16.1
Modern Languages	240	74	30.9	283	89	31.5	43	12	28.9
Modern Languages and Linguistics	38	10	27.4	23	8	35.3	13	3	20.5
Music	88	28	31.3	86	38	43.9	11	1	9.1
Oriental Studies	61	16	26.2	52	19	36.3	43	6	14.8
Philosophy and Modern Languages	26	7	25.6	34	8	22.3	19	4	22.8
Philosophy and Theology	43	11	26.6	45	12	26.1	11	2	18.2
PPE	39	7	16.9	35	6	16.3	29	4	13.6
Physics and Philosophy	451	98	21.7	401	93	23.3	611	52	8.5
Theology	45	15	34.3	59	24	40.1	12	3	27.8
Theology & Oriental Studies	4	0	0.0	2	2	100.0	1	0	0.0
TOTAL ARTS	3,889	813	20.9	3,233	845	26.1	2,319	229	9.9
SCIENCES									
Biochemistry	128	49	38.0	79	33	41.9	75	13	17.3
Biological Sciences	164	59	35.8	110	38	35.0	76	13	17.5
Chemistry	274	99	36.0	168	76	45.3	67	15	22.5
Computer Science	69	11	15.4	19	3	17.9	40	5	12.5
Earth Sciences	53	23	42.7	25	10	38.5	19	2	10.5
Engineering Science	232	63	27.2	236	68	28.8	259	17	6.6
Engineering Economics and Management	15	2	15.6	22	5	23.1	82	4	5.3

	Maintained			Independent			Other		
	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Success rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Success rate (%)</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Acc</i>	<i>Success rate (%)</i>
Experimental Psychology	121	33	26.8	62	16	25.2	56	5	8.9
Human Sciences	37	11	30.0	30	10	33.3	33	8	23.0
Materials Science and MEM	23	13	56.5	44	13	29.5	46	5	10.9
Mathematics	601	96	16.0	249	61	24.7	85	16	18.4
Mathematics and Computer Science	42	12	27.6	16	6	36.7	20	5	23.0
Mathematics and Statistics	55	6	11.4	44	7	15.8	69	11	15.5
Medicine	593	84	14.1	352	66	18.6	303	6	2.0
Physics	469	102	21.7	198	51	25.6	92	19	21.0
Physiological Sciences	43	14	31.8	28	9	30.6	7	1	14.3
PPP	58	11	19.4	44	14	32.8	72	6	7.9
TOTAL SCIENCES	2,977	685	23.0	1725	486	28.2	1,401	150	10.7
TOTAL	6,867	1,499	21.8	4,957	1,330	26.8	3,720	379	10.2

The figures for applications and acceptances are given to the nearest whole number. However, success rates have been calculated using non-rounded figures.

Colleges and school type

The table below shows, for each college,

- The percentage of applications to that college which came from the maintained (state) sector out of all applications from the maintained and independent sector; and
- The percentage of acceptances by that college that went to maintained sector out of all offers to the maintained and independent sector.

Three-year averages are also given because proportions vary from year to year, so a single year can give a misleading picture.

The table gives figures for UK-domiciled applicants only.

UK domiciled applications and acceptances by college

	Applications, offers and acceptances for 2010		Three year average of applications, offers and acceptances 2008-10	
	Applications from maintained (%)	Acceptances for maintained %	Applications from maintained (%)	Acceptances for maintained %
Balliol	70.6	62.4	68.2	63.2
Brasenose	54.5	54.3	50.7	47.0
Christ Church	61.2	48.6	56.7	46.5
Corpus Christi	68.8	59.3	62.1	55.6
Exeter	52.3	46.8	53.3	51.9
Harris Manchester (1)	73.8	58.3	84.2	63.2
Hertford	69.0	58.9	68.9	60.8
Jesus	69.5	61.7	70.1	60.3
Keble	63.3	54.8	64.9	56.8
Lady Margaret Hall	60.0	50.9	58.1	51.0
Lincoln	59.1	54.3	57.9	50.2
Magdalen	65.3	55.4	64.2	53.8
Mansfield	77.9	66.7	75.2	63.7
Merton	70.3	67.1	67.8	65.9
New	55.4	47.1	54.5	49.2
Oriel	56.9	53.8	56.2	55.1
Pembroke	50.3	54.3	46.7	53.7
Queen's	59.2	60.2	58.4	57.4
Somerville	67.9	51.7	62.1	56.8
St Anne's	70.9	62.0	67.7	58.9
St Catherine's	67.1	63.8	63.7	57.2
St Edmund Hall	53.5	53.1	47.6	51.2
St Hilda's	67.3	52.7	64.6	53.5
St Hugh's	65.7	59.1	63.0	57.7
St John's	71.5	56.0	68.3	58.8

	Applications, offers and acceptances for 2010		Three year average of applications, offers and acceptances 2008-10	
	Applications from maintained (%)	Acceptances for maintained %	Applications from maintained (%)	Acceptances for maintained %
St Peter's	55.2	41.7	52.2	48.4
Trinity	50.2	47.2	50.9	44.7
University	59.6	45.2	55.1	48.8
Wadham	73.4	62.4	70.3	60.6
Worcester	55.5	59.6	53.8	58.7
Average	62.6	55.6	60.5	55.1

1. For mature students, aged 21 or over

Nationality and domicile

- For entry 2010, 12,333 applications (71.9%) came from those with UK nationality; 1,906 (11.1%) from those with EU (non-UK) nationality, and 2,905 (16.9%) from those with non-EU nationality.
- For entry 2010, 2,664 (84.5%) of acceptances went to those with UK nationality; 190 (6.0%) to those with EU (non-UK) nationality, and 300 (9.5%) to those with non-EU nationality.
- Applications from international students have more than doubled over the past ten years.
- Oxford's total student body, including postgraduates, has students from over 145 countries and territories.
- Over a third of Oxford's total student body (undergraduates and postgraduates across all year groups) - more than 7,500 students out of 20,000 - are citizens of foreign countries: 15% of undergraduates (across all year groups) and 61% of graduate students.
- 40% of Oxford's academic staff are citizens of foreign countries, coming from almost 100 different countries and territories.

Applications and acceptances by domicile

	2010			2009		
	Applicat ions	Accepta nces	Success rate (%)	Applicat ions	Accepta nces	Success rate (%)
UK	12,333	2,664	21.6	10,893	2,729	25.1
EU, not UK	1,906	190	10.0	1,696	181	10.7
Outside EU	2,905	300	10.3	2,690	292	10.9
Grand Total	17,144	3,154	18.4	15,279	3,202	21.0

Candidates outside the UK

The tables below give information about candidates outside of the UK; both those within the EU, and those outside the EU.

Figures are given by both nationality and domicile.

Non-EU applications, offers and acceptances by Nationality & Domicile for October 2010

	Nationality			Domicile		
	Apps	Acceptances		Apps	Acceptances	
		No	SR %		No	SR %
China	583	83	14.2	457	74	16.2
United States	528	77	14.6	430	48	11.2
Singapore	240	43	17.9	289	52	18.0
Hong Kong	126	18	14.3	264	26	9.8
Pakistan	192	7	3.6	138	7	5.1
India	227	16	7.0	132	6	4.5
Canada	196	18	9.2	119	7	5.9
Malaysia	139	14	10.1	119	9	7.6
South Korea	171	17	9.9	113	14	12.4
Switzerland	41	6	14.6	71	9	12.7
Australia	123	26	21.1	64	7	10.9
Norway	49	8	16.3	45	4	8.9
Thailand	41	9	22.0	41	9	22.0
Russia	80	10	12.5	38	2	5.3
United Arab Emirates	7	0	0.0	34	0	0.0
Vietnam	38	4	10.5	32	2	6.3
Nigeria	64	6	9.4	28	3	10.7
South Africa	47	5	10.6	22	0	0.0
Turkey	33	2	6.1	20	1	5.0
New Zealand	53	6	11.3	19	0	0.0
Sub-total	2,978	375	12.6	2,475	280	11.3
Others	670	53	7.9	430	20	4.7
TOTAL	3,648	428	10.7	2,905	300	10.3

Listed using top 20 countries by domicile

EU applications, offers and acceptances by Nationality & Domicile for October 2010

	Nationality			Domicile		
	Apps	Acceptances		Apps	Acceptances	
		No	SR %		No	SR %
Austria	40	4	10.0	36	4	11.1
Belgium	40	3	7.5	71	8	11.3
Bulgaria	68	11	16.2	56	10	17.9
Cyprus	16	0	0.0	21	3	14.3
Czech Republic	42	1	2.4	36	1	2.8
Denmark	36	6	16.7	25	6	24.0
Estonia	14	0	0.0	11	0	0.0
Finland	29	3	10.3	28	3	10.7
France	194	24	12.4	154	17	11.0
Germany	407	55	13.5	389	46	11.8
Greece	62	6	9.7	50	2	4.0
Hungary	41	3	7.3	34	1	2.9
Italy	197	10	5.1	175	11	6.3
Latvia	13	0	0.0	7	0	0.0
Lithuania	32	5	15.6	23	3	13.0
Luxembourg	6	0	0.0	15	0	0.0
Malta	3	0	0.0	4	0	0.0
Netherlands	111	20	18.0	86	12	14.0
Poland	232	27	11.6	196	21	10.7
Portugal	39	0	0.0	30	2	6.7
Republic of Ireland	242	34	14.0	134	9	6.7
Romania	80	10	12.5	65	8	12.3
Slovakia	35	3	8.6	36	3	8.3
Slovenia	6	2	33.3	5	1	20.0
Spain	88	6	6.8	89	8	9.0
Sweden	131	12	9.2	130	11	8.5
TOTAL	2,204	245	11.1	1,906	190	10.0

UK region of domicile

Candidates within the UK

The table and figures below give regional information about candidates domiciled in the UK.

Applications and acceptances by region of domicile for entry 2010

Region	Applications for entry 2010		Acceptances for entry 2010		Total number of candidates accepted through UCAS 2009	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
North-East	265	1.5	60	1.9	15,382	3.3
North-West	1,097	6.4	196	6.2	50,883	10.8
Yorkshire & Humbs	638	3.7	134	4.2	32,764	6.9
East Midlands	599	3.5	114	3.6	27,032	5.7
West Midlands	947	5.5	197	6.2	37,380	7.9
Eastern	1048	6.1	239	7.6	36,661	7.8
Greater London	2,717	15.8	616	19.5	65,333	13.8
South East	2,705	15.8	645	20.5	55,571	11.8
South West	1,422	8.3	309	9.8	33,280	7.0
Wales	436	2.5	74	2.3	19,315	4.1
Scotland	305	1.8	53	1.7	29,217	6.2
Northern Ireland	154	0.9	27	0.9	13,555	2.9
Overseas	4,811	28.1	490	15.5	56,534	12.0
TOTAL	17,144	100.0	3,154	100.0	472,907	100

Courses

Applications and acceptances by course, 2010 entry: all domiciles

The table below shows the number of applications and acceptances for each course for 2010 entry, the success rate (the proportion of applicants who got a place), and the number of applicants per place available. The table is repeated below, organised by success rate.

Applications and acceptances by course, 2010 entry: all domiciles

	Applications	Acceptances	Success rate (%)	Applicants per place
ARTS				
Ancient & Modern History	84	23	27.4	3.7
Archaeology and Anthropology	83	26	31.3	3.2
Classical Arch & Ancient History	82	22	26.8	3.7
Classics	294	122	41.5	2.4
Classics & English	34	6	17.6	5.7
Classics & Modern Languages	31	9	29.0	3.4
Economics & Management	1,169	89	7.6	13.1
English	1,307	224	17.1	5.8
English & Modern Languages	158	24	15.2	6.6
European & Middle Eastern Languages	56	16	28.6	3.5
Fine Art	156	25	16.0	6.2
Geography	389	86	22.1	4.5
History	1,035	224	21.6	4.6
History & Economics	73	14	19.2	5.2
History & English	85	9	10.6	9.4
History & Modern Languages	119	18	15.1	6.6
History & Politics	344	45	13.1	7.6
History of Art	88	14	15.9	6.3
Law	1,153	192	16.7	6.0
Law/LSE	345	31	9.0	11.1
Mathematics & Philosophy	104	16	15.4	6.5
Modern Languages	584	170	29.1	3.4
Modern Languages & Linguistics	73	24	32.9	3.0

	Applications	Acceptances	Success rate (%)	Applicants per place
Music	210	67	31.9	3.1
Oriental Studies	151	40	26.5	3.8
Philosophy & Modern Languages	88	18	20.5	4.9
Philosophy & Theology	86	21	24.4	4.1
Physics & Philosophy	126	17	13.5	7.4
PPE	1,668	238	14.3	7.0
Theology	112	45	40.2	2.5
Theology & Oriental Studies	7	2	28.6	3.5
TOTAL ARTS	10,294	1,877	18.2	5.5
SCIENCES				
Biochemistry	329	91	27.7	3.6
Biological Sciences	382	107	28.0	3.6
Chemistry	573	181	31.6	3.2
Computer Science	148	19	12.8	7.8
Earth Sciences	123	35	28.5	3.5
Engineering Science	757	150	19.8	5.0
EEM	125	10	8.0	12.5
Experimental Psychology	270	50	18.5	5.4
Human Sciences	106	25	23.6	4.2
Materials Science (inc. MEM)	125	31	24.8	4.0
Mathematics	1,046	173	16.5	6.0
Mathematics & Computer Science	91	20	22.0	4.6
Mathematics & Statistics	194	22	11.3	8.8
Medicine	1,469	154	10.5	9.5
Physics	841	162	19.3	5.2
Physiological Sciences	95	24	25.3	4.0
PPP	176	23	13.1	7.7
TOTAL SCIENCES	6,850	12,77	18.6	5.4
TOTAL	17,144	3,154	18.4	5.4

The five large courses (over 70 places) with the **lowest success rates** (i.e. the highest number of applicants competing for each place available) are (lowest success rate first): Economics & Management; Medicine; Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Law; Mathematics

The five large courses (over 70 places) with the **highest success rates** (i.e. the lowest number of applicants competing for each place available) are (highest success rate first): Classics; Chemistry; Modern Languages; Biological Sciences; Biochemistry

Sorted by success rate

The table below shows the same data sorted by success rate, with the highest success rate (ie the lowest number of applicants per place) first.

Applications and acceptances by course, 2010 entry: all domiciles

	Applications	Acceptances	Success rate (%)	Applicants per place
Classics	294	122	41.5	2.4
Theology	112	45	40.2	2.5
Modern Languages & Linguistics	73	24	32.9	3.0
Music	210	67	31.9	3.1
Chemistry	573	181	31.6	3.2
Archaeology and Anthropology	83	26	31.3	3.2
Modern Languages	584	170	29.1	3.4
Classics & Modern Languages	31	9	29.0	3.4
European & Middle Eastern Languages	56	16	28.6	3.5
Theology & Oriental Studies	7	2	28.6	3.5
Earth Sciences	123	35	28.5	3.5
Biological Sciences	382	107	28.0	3.6
Biochemistry	329	91	27.7	3.6
Ancient & Modern History	84	23	27.4	3.7
Classical Arch & Ancient History	82	22	26.8	3.7
Oriental Studies	151	40	26.5	3.8
Physiological Sciences	95	24	25.3	4.0
Materials Science (inc. MEM)	125	31	24.8	4.0
Philosophy & Theology	86	21	24.4	4.1
Human Sciences	106	25	23.6	4.2
Geography	389	86	22.1	4.5
Mathematics & Computer Science	91	20	22.0	4.6
History	1,035	224	21.6	4.6
Philosophy & Modern Languages	88	18	20.5	4.9
Engineering Science	757	150	19.8	5.0
Physics	841	162	19.3	5.2
History & Economics	73	14	19.2	5.2
Experimental Psychology	270	50	18.5	5.4
Classics & English	34	6	17.6	5.7

	Applications	Acceptances	Success rate (%)	Applicants per place
English	1,307	224	17.1	5.8
Mathematics	1,046	173	16.5	6.0
Law	1,153	192	16.7	6.0
Fine Art	156	25	16.0	6.2
History of Art	88	14	15.9	6.3
Mathematics & Philosophy	104	16	15.4	6.5
English & Modern Languages	158	24	15.2	6.6
History & Modern Languages	119	18	15.1	6.6
PPE	1,668	238	14.3	7.0
Physics & Philosophy	126	17	13.5	7.4
History & Politics	344	45	13.1	7.6
PPP	176	23	13.1	7.7
Computer Science	148	19	12.8	7.8
Mathematics & Statistics	194	22	11.3	8.8
History & English	85	9	10.6	9.4
Medicine	1,469	154	10.5	9.5
Law/LSE	345	31	9.0	11.1
EEM	125	10	8.0	12.5
Economics & Management	1,169	89	7.6	13.1
TOTAL	17,144	3,154	18.4	5.4

Shortlisting for interview

The table below shows the proportion of applicants for each course that were shortlisted for interview over the last four years.

Applicants shortlisted for interview by course, 2007–10

	% shortlisted 2010	% shortlisted 2009	% shortlisted 2008	% shortlisted 2007
ARTS				
Ancient & Modern History	73.2	76.8	74.7	81.7
Archaeology/Anthropology	88.0	93.0	85.9	87.5
Class Arch & Anc History	92.6	93.7	96.2	95.6
Classics	96.6	98.9	99.6	98.8
Classics & English	82.4	100.0	90.9	94.9
Classics & Mod Langs	96.8	92.3	91.7	100.0
Economics & Management	34.0	53.0	69.2	72.7
English	66.4	70.8	76.9	77.9
English & Mod Langs	65.8	73.0	86.2	93.0
European & Mid East Langs	84.2	78.0	80.9	97.4

	% shortlisted 2010	% shortlisted 2009	% shortlisted 2008	% shortlisted 2007
Fine Art	32.9	34.8	20.0	34.4
Geography	96.1	94.5	95.6	96.0
History	73.1	74.9	79.9	85.9
History & Economics	56.8	64.9	68.4	79.5
History & English	68.5	70.5	78.8	76.2
History & Mod Langs	71.4	68.4	79.5	87.3
History & Politics	63.2	69.2	72.5	73.4
History of Art	47.7	57.9	69.6	69.9
Law	53.0	49.9	60.1	52.0
Law/LSE	46.6	50.2	63.0	50.9
Mathematics & Philosophy	56.2	71.3	74.7	92.6
Modern Languages	90.2	91.1	92.4	96.4
Mod Langs & Linguistics	85.9	84.9	95.8	93.4
Music	90.4	94.8	93.9	92.0
Oriental Studies	81.5	84.2	90.0	88.5
Philosophy & Mod Langs	85.4	89.0	78.2	89.1
Philosophy & Theology	78.2	80.7	84.5	83.3
Physics & Philosophy	43.8	56.3	52.0	70.9
PPE	48.6	59.7	77.4	71.0
Theology	88.2	81.8	88.7	83.3
Theology & Oriental Studies	85.7			
ARTS OVERALL	62.5	67.7	76.3	76.5
SCIENCES				
Biochemistry	94.8	96.8	98.0	99.6
Biological Sciences	82.7	91.3	92.4	95.0
Chemistry	97.2	96.0	96.0	94.7
Computer Science	52.4	44.0	83.5	86.6
Engineering Science	61.7	79.2	79.0	79.4
EEM	46.0	74.6	68.1	74.2
Experimental Psychology	55.1	80.7	78.4	69.8
Geology	92.6	98.6	95.9	98.5
Human Sciences	92.5	94.6	93.6	97.0
Materials Science	75.2	80.0	84.8	84.7
Mathematics	59.8	65.3	77.6	93.8
Mathematics & Statistics	72.0	69.9	75.9	92.3
Maths & Computer Science	72.5	69.2	88.2	88.5
Medicine	31.4	36.8	44.2	39.4
Physics	51.2	55.7	62.1	65.3
Physiological Science	85.3	87.3	98.4	90.2
PPP	59.8	73.7	78.0	67.9
SCIENCE OVERALL	60.6	67.0	73.7	75.1
OVERALL	61.7	67.4	75.3	75.9

College choice

Oxford has 30 colleges that admit undergraduate students. They all admit both men and women. Most colleges offer most courses.

Applicants to Oxford do not need to name a college of preference but can choose to do so. Colleges work co-operatively to try and ensure all applicants for a particular subject, across all colleges, can be compared against one another, in order that the very best people get Oxford places. As a result, **over 25% of successful candidates for 2010 entry are at a college other than the college they named as their preference.**

This table shows this and breaks it down by application route:

Acceptances by college choice, 2010 entry

	Pre Q	Post Q	Graduate	Total
Accepted by first choice college	2,060	266	17	2,343
Accepted by college other than first choice	691	114	6	811
Total	2,751	380	23	3,154

Open applications

Applicants to Oxford do not need to name a college of preference. They have the option of making an open application, and then a computer algorithm assigns them a nominal 'college of preference'. When considering candidates, tutors do not know whether or not the candidates chose to name a college of preference.

A total of 2,906 candidates submitted open applications for entry 2010. All colleges received some allocated candidates.

The table below shows the number of open applications by course.

Subject	Open applications
Economics & Management	343
Medicine	332
PPE	286
Law	242
Engineering	179
Mathematics	160
English	120
Physics	107
Other subjects	1,137
Total	2,906

Qualifications

The majority of applicants for undergraduate courses apply with A-levels, but Oxford accepts a range of different qualifications.

A prediction of AAA at A level (excluding General Studies), or equivalent, makes someone a potential candidate for Oxford. However, around 36,000 people a year achieve AAA excluding General Studies, and Oxford only has around 3,200 places.

Almost all conditional offers for Oxford places are set at AAA. In some circumstances candidates who miss their conditional offer may be accepted anyway if there were extenuating circumstances such as illness.

The table below shows the A-level grades of accepted candidates for 2010 entry.

Acceptances for 2010 entry: A-levels

A-level grades achieved	No	%
A*A*A*	866	38.0
A*A*A	613	26.9
A*AA	523	23.0
AAA	240	10.5
Not just As and A*s (incl A*A*B etc)	34	1.5
Total	2,276	100

NB: The data above is based on the best three A-levels sat by candidates in June 2010, and only candidates who sat 3 A-levels in June 2010 (and so were able to obtain 3A*) are included in the table.

The table below shows the numbers of offers made to, and final acceptances for, candidates not taking A levels.

Acceptances for 2010 entry

Type of qualification	Offers	Acceptances
A-levels	2,498	2,313
A-level/Pre-U combination	74	69
Pre-U	9	9
International Baccalaureate	197	138
Scottish (Advanced Highers or Highers)	36	32
Singaporean SIPCAL	25	18
US APTs or SATs	20	13
German Abitur	18	17
Polish Matura	14	10
Type of qualification	Offers	Acceptances

French Baccalaureate	12	12
Irish Leaving Certificate	8	7
European Baccalaureate	7	7
Dutch VWO	7	6
Other	81	61
Total	3,006	2,712

Success by application route, 2010 entry: all domiciles

The tables below show the number of applications and acceptances by application route. 'Pre Q' (pre-qualification) refers to candidates applying before their final school/college examination results are known. 'Post Q' (post-qualification) refers to candidates applying after their final school/college examination results are known. 'Graduate' refers to candidates who are applying having already graduated from a first undergraduate degree.

	PreQ			Post Q			Graduate		
	App	Acc	SR%	App	Acc	SR%	App	Acc	SR %
Maintained sector	7,249	1,379	19.0	440	92	20.9	55	4	7.3
Independent	4,552	1,093	24.0	652	182	27.9	25	2	8.0
Others #	3,207	279	8.7	720	106	14.7	244	17	7.0
Total	15,008	2,751	18.3	1812	380	21.0	324	23	7.1

Last year's figures for comparison:

Success by application route, 2009 entry: all domiciles

	PreQ			Post Q			Graduate		
	App	Acc	SR%	App	Acc	SR%	App	Acc	SR%
Maintained sector	6,162	1,359	22.1	470	118	25.1	42	5	11.9
Independent	4,152	1,127	27.1	643	218	33.9	31	4	12.9
Others #	2,861	268	9.4	699	79	11.3	217	24	11.1
Total	13,175	2,754	20.9	1,812	415	22.9	290	33	11.4

Ethnic origin

All Oxford colleges are committed to recruiting the best candidates, irrespective of their age, colour, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, nationality, national origin, parental status, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, social background or educational background.

The University's race equality policy can be found here:
www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/policy/race.shtml

Tutors do not have information on ethnicity during the selection process.

Context for these figures

These figures only show ethnic origin for UK undergraduate students for the 2010 year of entry.

The percentage of all students (undergraduates and postgraduates) across all years, of all nationalities, who are BME (Black and minority ethnic) is **19%**.

Students do not have to name their ethnic origin if they prefer not to. The table below only includes those who did name their ethnic origin.

Applications, acceptances and success rate of UK undergraduate students by known ethnic origin, 2010 entry

	Applications		Acceptances		Success rate
	No	%	No	%	(%)
Bangladeshi	53	0.5	4	0.2	7.5
Chinese	214	1.9	27	1.0	12.6
Indian	480	4.2	78	3.0	16.3
Pakistani	208	1.8	19	0.7	9.1
Other Asian	201	1.7	30	1.1	14.9
Black Caribbean	40	0.3	7	0.3	17.5
Black African	179	1.5	12	0.5	6.7
Black Other	8	0.1	1	0.0	12.5
White & Black Caribbean	60	0.5	10	0.4	16.7
White & Black African	36	0.3	9	0.3	25.0
White & Asian	310	2.7	74	2.8	23.9
Other mixed	135	1.2	33	1.3	24.4
White	9,532	82.4	2,298	87.8	24.1
Other	110	1.0	15	0.6	13.6
Total	11,566	100.0	2,617	100.0	22.6

Contextual statistics for these figures

The national picture for school attainment

In 2007, around 23% of all white students gained AAA, and a similar proportion of BME students overall gained AAA. Among Black students, 9.6% gained AAA.

In numbers: nearly 26,000 white students got three As or better at A-level excluding General Studies in 2007, compared to nearly 4,650 BME students, of whom 353 were Black.

[Source: Cambridge Assessments and UCAS data]

The national picture for applications to Oxford

Those BME students gaining top grades are more likely to apply to Oxford than their white peers: In 2009, more than 29,000 white students got three As or better at A-level excluding General Studies and around **28.4%** of them applied to Oxford; nearly 5,800 BME students got three As or better at A-level excluding General Studies and more than **30%** of them applied to Oxford; 452 Black students got three As or better at A-level excluding General Studies, and nearly **half** of them applied to Oxford.

[Source: UCAS and Oxford University data]

Oxford is attracting a higher proportion of AAA applicants of BME ethnicity than the sector as a whole: of the students who got AAA or better at A-level (excluding General Studies) applying through UCAS in 2009, **16.1%** came from ethnic minority backgrounds. The proportion of UK students applying to Oxford from stated BME backgrounds was **17.1%** in the same year.

[Source: UCAS and Oxford University data]

Success rate

As the table above shows, some ethnic groups had a lower success rate in entry 2010 than the average. Statistics show that BME applicants' success rate is affected by subject choice - BME students apply disproportionately for the most oversubscribed courses:

- In 2009, Oxford's three most oversubscribed large (over 70 places) courses (Economics & Management, Medicine and Mathematics) accounted for 43% of *all* BME applicants – compared to just 17% of all white applicants.
- Oxford's three most oversubscribed large (over 70 places) courses (Economics & Management, Medicine and Mathematics) accounted for 44% of *all* Black applicants – compared to just 17% of all white applicants.
- Subject breakdown:
28.8% of all Black applicants for 2009 entry applied for Medicine, compared to just 7% of all white applicants.
10.4% of all Black applicants for 2009 entry applied for Economics & Management, compared to just 3.6% of all white applicants.

Gender

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The table below shows applications, acceptances and success rate by course and gender for 2010 entry.

Applications and acceptances by course and gender, 2010 entry: all domiciles

	Applications			Acceptances			Success rate (%)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
ARTS									
Ancient & Modern History	49	35	84	11	12	23	22.4	34.3	27.4
Archaeology and Anthropology	36	47	83	11	15	26	30.6	31.9	31.3
Classical Arch & Ancient History	40	42	82	10	12	22	25.0	28.6	26.8
Classics	147	147	294	68	54	122	46.3	36.7	41.5
Classics & English	12	22	34	4	2	6	33.3	9.1	17.6
Classics & Modern Languages	10	21	31	2	7	9	20.0	33.3	29.0
Economics & Management	739	430	1169	71	18	89	9.6	4.2	7.6
English	421	886	1,307	85	139	224	20.2	15.7	17.1
English & Modern Languages	32	126	158	3	21	24	9.4	16.7	15.2
European & Middle Eastern Languages	25	31	56	9	7	16	36.0	22.6	28.6
Fine Art	44	112	156	14	11	25	31.8	9.8	16.0
Geography	179	210	389	38	48	86	21.2	22.9	22.1
History	544	491	1,035	114	110	224	21.0	22.4	21.6
History & Economics	51	22	73	11	3	14	21.6	13.6	19.2
History & English	30	55	85	3	6	9	10.0	10.9	10.6

	Applications			Acceptances			Success rate (%)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
History & Modern Languages	35	84	119	7	11	18	20.0	13.1	15.1
History & Politics	214	130	344	27	18	45	12.6	13.8	13.1
History of Art	14	74	88	4	10	14	28.6	13.5	15.9
Law	539	614	1,153	91	101	192	16.9	16.4	16.7
Law/LSE	116	229	345	14	17	31	12.1	7.4	9.0
Mathematics & Philosophy	54	50	104	9	7	16	16.7	14.0	15.4
Modern Languages	197	387	584	76	94	170	38.6	24.3	29.1
Modern Languages & Linguistics	22	51	73	6	18	24	27.3	35.3	32.9
Music	89	121	210	38	29	67	42.7	24.0	31.9
Oriental Studies	60	91	151	20	20	40	33.3	22.0	26.5
Philosophy & Modern Languages	41	47	88	9	9	18	22.0	19.1	20.5
Philosophy & Theology	49	37	86	13	8	21	26.5	21.6	24.4
Physics & Philosophy	80	46	126	10	7	17	12.5	15.2	13.5
PPE	1,035	633	1,668	167	71	238	16.1	11.2	14.3
Theology	60	52	112	24	21	45	40.0	40.4	40.2
Theology & Oriental Studies	4	3	7	2	0	2	50.0	0.0	28.6
TOTAL ARTS	4,968	5,326	10,294	971	906	1,877	19.5	17.0	18.2
SCIENCES									
Biochemistry	151	178	329	51	40	91	33.8	22.5	27.7
Biological Sciences	145	237	382	44	63	107	30.3	26.6	28.0
Chemistry	327	246	573	99	82	181	30.3	33.3	31.6
Computer Science	124	24	148	17	2	19	13.7	8.3	12.8
Earth Sciences	69	54	123	22	13	35	31.9	24.1	28.5
Engineering Science	582	175	757	116	34	150	19.9	19.4	19.8
EEM	98	27	125	9	1	10	9.2	3.7	8.0
Experimental Psychology	76	194	270	14	36	50	18.4	18.6	18.5
Human Sciences	29	77	106	6	19	25	20.7	24.7	23.6

	Applications			Acceptances			Success rate (%)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Materials Science (inc MEM)	90	35	125	23	8	31	25.6	22.9	24.8
Mathematics	652	394	1046	121	52	173	18.6	13.2	16.5
Mathematics & Computer Science	81	10	91	18	2	20	22.2	20.0	22.0
Mathematics & Statistics	110	84	194	14	8	22	12.7	9.5	11.3
Medicine	684	785	1,469	82	72	154	12.0	9.2	10.5
Physics	654	187	841	140	22	162	21.4	11.8	19.3
Physiological Sciences	30	65	95	8	16	24	26.7	24.6	25.3
PPP	46	130	176	8	15	23	17.4	11.5	13.1
TOTAL SCIENCES	3,948	2,902	6,850	792	485	1,277	20.1	16.7	18.6
TOTAL	8,916	8,228	17,144	1,763	1,391	3,154	19.8	16.9	18.4

The table below shows applications and acceptances for UK domiciled candidates by school type and gender for 2010 entry.

UK domiciled applications and acceptances by type of school/college and gender, 2010 entry

	Applications 2010				Acceptances 2010			
	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%
Comprehensive	1,731	1662	3,393	27.5	323	297	620	23.3
Grammar	1,059	994	2,053	16.6	273	199	472	17.7
Sixth Form Colleges	734	704	1,438	11.7	146	125	271	10.2
FE Institutions (1)	301	278	579	4.7	40	37	77	2.9
Other Maintained (2)	84	37	121	1.0	14	8	22	0.8
Maintained sector	3,909	3,675	7,584	61.5	796	666	1,462	54.9
Independent	2,436	2,092	4,528	36.7	675	503	1,178	44.2
Other UK Institutions (3)	29	45	74	0.6	6	7	13	0.5
Overseas Schools	22	33	55	0.4	2	4	6	0.2
Individuals	43	49	92	0.7	2	3	5	0.2
All other category	94	127	221	1.8	10	14	24	0.9
Total	6,439	5,894	12,333	100.0	1,481	1,183	2,664	100.0

The table below shows applications and acceptances for candidates of all domiciles by school type and gender for 2010 entry.

Applications and acceptances by type of school/college and gender: all domiciles

	Applications 2010				Acceptances 2010			
	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%
Comprehensive	1,758	1,682	3,440	22.5	326	299	625	19.5
Grammar	1,071	998	2,069	13.5	273	199	472	14.7
Sixth Form Colleges	749	718	1,467	9.6	148	125	273	8.5
FE Institutions (1)	332	313	645	4.2	41	42	83	2.6
Other Maintained (2)	86	37	123	0.8	14	8	22	0.7
Maintained sector	3,996	3,748	7,744	45.2	802	673	1,475	46.8
Independent	2,813	2,416	5,229	30.5	740	537	1,277	40.5
Other UK Institutions (3)	47	54	101	0.7	6	7	13	0.4
Overseas Schools	901	879	1780	11.7	108	98	206	6.4
Individuals	1,159	1,131	2,290	15.0	107	76	183	5.7
All other category	2,107	2,064	4,171	24.3	221	181	402	12.7
Total	8,916	8,228	17,144	100.0	1,763	1,391	3,154	100.0

Last year's figures for comparison:

	Applications 2009				Acceptances 2009			
	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%
Comprehensive	1,476	1,500	2,976	19.5	347	279	626	19.6
Grammar	863	830	1,693	11.1	236	219	455	14.2
Sixth Form Colleges	605	696	1,301	8.5	154	145	299	9.3
FE Institutions (1)	314	301	615	4.0	40	38	78	2.4
Other Maintained (2)	62	26	88	0.6	15	9	24	0.7
Maintained sector	3,320	3,353	6,673	43.7	792	690	1,482	46.3
Independent	2,589	2,237	4,826	31.6	733	616	1,349	42.1
Other UK Institutions (3)	48	60	108	0.7	3	12	15	0.5

	Applications 2009				Acceptances 2009			
	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%
Overseas Schools	746	727	1473	9.6	83	81	164	5.1
Individuals	1,069	1,128	2,197	14.4	99	93	192	6.0
All other category	1,863	1,915	3,778	24.7	185	186	371	11.6
Total	7,772	7,505	15,277	100.0	1,710	1,492	3,202	100.0

1. FE Institutions comprise tertiary colleges and all types of further education colleges.
2. The 'Other maintained' category comprises other secondary schools, special schools and city technology colleges
3. 'Other UK Institutions' mainly comprises language schools and HE Institutions, but also includes a few other UK institutions that are not classified as either maintained or independent

Success rate by type of school/college and gender: all domiciles

	Success rate 2010			Success rate 2009		
	M (%)	F (%)	All (%)	M (%)	F (%)	All (%)
Comprehensive	18.5	17.8	18.2	23.5	18.6	21.0
Grammar	25.5	19.9	22.8	27.3	26.4	26.9
Sixth Form Colleges	19.8	17.4	18.6	25.5	20.8	23.0
FE Institutions	12.3	13.4	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.7
Other Maintained	16.3	21.6	17.9	24.2	34.6	27.3
Maintained sector	20.1	18.0	19.0	23.9	20.6	22.2
Independent	26.3	22.2	24.4	28.3	27.5	28.0
Other UK Institutions	12.8	13.0	12.9	6.3	20.0	13.9
Overseas Schools	12.0	11.1	11.6	11.1	11.1	11.1
Individuals	9.2	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.2	8.7
All other category	10.5	8.8	9.6	9.9	9.7	9.8
Total	19.8	16.9	18.4	22.0	19.9	21.0

Disability

All Oxford colleges are committed to recruiting the best candidates, irrespective of their age, colour, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, nationality, national origin, parental status, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, social background or educational background.

The University's disability policy and other information on disability services and support can be found here:

www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab/

The table below gives applications, acceptances and success rate by disability for entry 2010. It only includes those who declared a disability; not all disabled candidates declare their disability at this stage.

Applications, acceptances and success rate by disability, 2010 entry

Disability code	Disability type	Applications	Acceptances	Success rate (%)
B	Autistic disorder	48	15	31.3
C	Blind/partial sight	13	1	7.7
D	Deaf/partial hearing	19	4	21.1
E	Long standing illness	85	15	17.6
F	Mental health	59	9	15.3
G	Learning difficulty	390	64	16.4
H	Wheelchair/mobility	32	7	21.9
I	Other disability	123	18	14.6
J	Multiple disabilities	25	3	12.0
Total		794	136	17.1

Previous years

Please note that the categorisation has changed so direct comparison is not possible.

Applications, acceptances and success rate by disability, 2009 entry: all domiciles

Disability code	Applications		Acceptances		Success rate (%)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
1	305	289	81	68	26.6	23.5
2	21	20	3	5	14.3	25.0
3	19	27	9	6	47.4	22.2
4	12	15	1	3	8.3	20.0
5	34	17	5	7	14.7	41.2
6	31	19	11	6	35.5	31.6
7	54	62	11	15	20.4	24.2
8	12	9	2	2	16.7	22.2
9	71	79	17	14	23.9	17.7
Total	559	537	140	126	25.0	23.5

1. Specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia)
2. Blind or partially sighted
3. Deaf or hard of hearing
4. Wheelchair/mobility difficulties
5. Autistic spectrum disorder or Asperger's syndrome
6. Mental health difficulties
7. Disability that cannot be seen, e.g. diabetes, epilepsy or a heart condition
8. Two or more of the above
9. Disability, special need or medical condition that is not listed above

Stages of the selection system

The tables below show progression through the selection process: how many candidates applying were shortlisted for interview, how many of those interviewed were offered places, and how many of those offers translated into final acceptances.

Nearly 60% of all candidates applying to Oxford were shortlisted for interview. Decisions on invitation to interview are based on predicted A-level grades, achieved GCSE grades, personal statement and reference, and crucially, for many subjects, performance on pre-interview subject-specific aptitude tests.

Just over one-third of those interviewed received offers of a place at Oxford. Offers are made on the basis of the full range of information available on a candidate, comparing them to the whole field of candidates, not just on the basis of the interviews. Predicted and achieved grades, aptitude test scores and performance in at least two interviews are all fed in to the decision. Each candidate invited for interview will have at least two and up to four interviews, increasingly at two different colleges. More than 90% of offers at Oxford translate into acceptances of a place. Those with offers who do not end up at Oxford may not come for a variety of reasons, including missing the conditions of their offer or turning down the offer.

Progression by domicile, 2010 entry

This table shows the stages of progression through the admission process broken down by domicile.

	All domicile s	UK		EU-not UK		Non EU	
		No.	As %	No.	As %	No.	As %
Applications	17,144	12,333	71.9	1906	11.1	2,905	16.9
Short-listed	10,012	7,914	79.0	692	6.9	1,406	14.0
Offers	3,465	2,854	82.4	223	6.4	388	11.2
Final acceptances	3,154	2,664	84.5	190	6.0	300	9.5

491 of the 17,144 candidates withdrew their application at some point during the process and are only included in the Applications figure above. 342 of this 491 were UK, 64 were EU other than UK and 85 non EU.

UK domiciled progression by school sector, 2010 entry

This table shows the stages of progression through the admission process broken down by school type, for UK domiciled applicants.

	All	Maintained sector		Independent sector		Other	
		No.	As %	No.	As %	No.	As %
Applications	12,333	7,584	61.5	4,528	36.7	221	1.8
Short-listed	7,914	4,515	57.1	3,314	41.9	85	1.1
Offers	2,854	1,592	55.8	1,233	43.2	29	1.0
Final acceptances	2,664	1,462	54.9	1,178	44.2	24	0.9

342 of the 12,333 UK domiciled candidates withdrew their application at some stage during the process and are only included in the Applications figure above. 209 of this 342 were from the Maintained sector, 118 from the Independent sector and 15 from the 'Other' sector.

Contextual data

2010 marked the second year of the use of a flagging system for contextual data to decide which extra students to invite to interview. The aspects of contextual data looked at were the performance of the candidate's school at GCSE and A-level; home postcode; whether an applicant has been in care; and whether he or she has participated in Oxford's targeted summer schools or Young Ambassadors scheme.

No matter what contextual information there is on a candidate they will still need to be predicted 3 A grades at A-level and be within the top 80% in any pre-interview tests before they are invited to interview.

The University will 'flag' a candidate if they meet criteria in 3 out of the 5 aspects of contextual data **and** they are predicted 3 A grades at A-level **and** they achieve a basic threshold in any pre-interview tests. When a candidate is flagged it is **strongly recommended that they are invited to interview**.

Contextual information only comes into play in deciding which extra students are invited to interview. It plays no part in deciding who gets an offer, or what that offer is.

Shortlisting rates of candidates with contextual data flagging

No of flags	Applications ¹	Shortlisted	% Shortlisted	Accepts	Success rate (%)
1 out of 3	124	49	39.5	11	8.9
2 out of 4	114	69	60.5	16	14.0
3 or more out of 5	240	165	68.8	44	18.3
Total	478	283	59.2	71	14.9
All UK domiciled applicants	12,333	7,609	61.7	2,664	21.6

Last year's figures for comparison:

No of flags	Applications ¹	Shortlisted	% Shortlisted	Accepts	Success rate (%)
1 out of 3	154	99	64.3	16	10.4
2 out of 4	86	52	60.5	7	8.1
3 or more out of 5	198	143	72.2	38	19.2
Total	438	294	67.1	61	13.9
All UK domiciled applicants	10,893	6,721	61.7	2,729	25.1

¹ These applicants are not necessarily meeting the requirements to be predicted 3 As at A level and being within the top 80% in pre-interview tests.