

Geography Admissions Report 2024

A. Profile of applicants

There were 379 applications, which was a 31% increase on last year. 369 applications were for entry in 2025 and 10 for entry in 2026. This year, like last year, there were four gender options to select: “Man”, “Woman”, “I use another term”, and “I prefer not to say”. Six applicants chose either “I use another term” or “I prefer not to say”. In the tables below, totals refer to all applicants but only the numbers for “Man” and “Woman” are represented in order to protect the identity of individuals in categories with low numbers. In 2022 and previous years, applicants could only select “Male” and “Female” (which have been represented alongside “Man” and “Woman” below).

Table 1: Total applications

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Woman	227	169	179	191	292	282	333
Man	146	116	154	142	163	165	205
Total	379	289	333	333	455	447	538

Table 2: Applications by gender and school type

	Woman	Man	Total	% of total applicants from this school type (2023 figures in brackets)
State	124	55	181	47.6% (54.3%)
Independent	46	56	104	27.4% (26.9%)
Overseas	57	35	94	24.7% (18.7%)

B. Admissions Process

The admissions panel drew up an initial shortlist of 181 applicants based primarily on contextualised GCSE (cGCSE) scores where these were available. 23 applicants in the most disadvantaged group who were predicted to obtain the required offer were shortlisted irrespective of their cGCSE score.

College tutors were then asked to nominate applicants for rescue paying particular attention to:

- i) Mitigating circumstances
- ii) Applicants who did not have a cGCSE score
- iii) Contextual information regarding GCSE results (where available)
- iv) Applicants in the next most disadvantaged group
- v) Contextual measures

Oxford uses a range of contextual measures related to an applicant’s school and home postcode. More information can be found on the University website at ox.ac.uk/context.

There were 249 applicants on the final centrally agreed shortlist. College tutors were then asked to identify (2 x quota of offer places) applicants to retain for interview. The remainder of the shortlisted applicants were reallocated across colleges. College tutors were free to choose to retain for interview more than this number, but any such applicants were considered to be in excess of the 3x quota place and not included in the reallocation process. In line with university policy, all interviews were conducted online.

C. Outcomes

The outcomes of the Admissions process are tabulated below.

Table 3: Outcomes

	Overall			State			Independent			Overseas		
	Overall	Woman	Man	Overall	Woman	Man	Overall	Woman	Man	Overall	Woman	Man
Total applicants	379	227	146	181	124	55	104	46	56	94	57	35
Offers for 2024	84	51	32	53	35	18	20	8	11	11	8	3
Offers for 2025	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Open offers	13	9	4	5	4	1	6	3	3	2	2	0
Rejected after interview	159	93	63	85	58	25	49	22	27	25	13	11
Deselected	122	74	46	38	27	11	28	13	14	56	34	21
Success rate as % of all applicants in each category (includes deferred and open offers)	25.9%	26.4%	25.3%	32%	31.5%	26%	26%	23.9%	26.8%	13.8%	17.5%	8.6%
2023 figures	34%	38%	28%	40%	46%	32%	33%	43%	19%	17%	11%	28%
Success rate change v 2023	-8.1%	-11.6%	-2.7%	-8%	-14.5%	-6%	-7%	-19.1%	+7.8%	-3.2%	+6.5%	-19.4%

Table 4: Outcomes for disadvantaged candidates

	Two most disadvantaged groups			Most disadvantaged group		
	Overall	Woman	Man	Overall	Woman	Man
Total applicants	89	61	27	29	21	8
Offers 2025	26	17	9	9	7	2
Offers 2026	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open offers	2	2	0	0	0	0
Rejected after interview	44	30	13	15	11	5
Deselected	17	12	5	5	4	1
Success rate as % of all applicants in each category (includes deferred and open offers)	31.5%	31.1%	33.3%	31%	33.3%	25%