



Access Applicants to Higher Education, 2008 entry

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Introduction

This report investigates applicants and accepted applicants holding an Access qualification in the UCAS 2008 cycle (applicants for 2008-09 academic year). A range of applicant characteristics are analysed, including age, gender, ethnicity, Index of Multiple Deprivation decile, and socio-economic status. The report also details separately some tables based on applicants through UCAS to courses that were formerly recruited through the Nursing and Midwifery Admission Service (NMAS), since a large number of Access applicants applied to these courses. Applicants may be double counted if they applied to both UCAS courses and UCAS courses that formerly recruited through NMAS.

UCAS data includes applicants to full-time degree, foundation degree, DipHE, HND or HNC courses at UCAS member institutions. There were 309 member institutions in the UCAS scheme in 2008 entry cycle (applicants for 2008-09 academic year). Only applicants with an area of permanent residence of England or Wales are included in this report as Scotland and Ireland have alternative Access schemes. UCAS Access applicants are defined as any applicant who held an Access qualification, regardless of other qualifications held - UCAS does not distinguish between QAA recognised Access qualifications and other Access qualifications.

All tables in this report are based on UCAS applicant or accepted applicant data unless otherwise stated. NB For the purposes of this report, mature applicants are defined as those aged 21 or above.

1) Overview

Table 1A shows the number, and proportion, of applicants and accepted applicants who held an Access qualification. 21,407 applicants held an Access qualification in 2008, representing 4.9% of all UCAS applicants. Overall, 67.6% of applicants with an Access qualification were accepted compared with 87.1% of applicants without an Access qualification.

TABLE 1A – UCAS applicants and accepted applicants by qualifications held, 2008

Qualification held	Applicants	%	Accepted applicants	%
Access only	15,105	3.5%	9,875	2.8%
Access and other	6,300	1.5%	4,595	1.3%
<i>Access subtotal</i>	21,405	4.9%	14,470	4.2%
Other	411,675	95.1%	333,750	95.8%
Total	433,085	100.0%	348,220	100.0%

Table 1B shows the equivalent picture for courses through UCAS that were formerly recruited through NMAS. The proportion of Access applicants who were accepted to former NMAS courses was 53.5%, compared with 60.9% of non-Access applicants.

TABLE 1B – UCAS applicants to courses formerly recruited through NMAS and applicants accepted to courses formerly recruited through NMAS by qualification held, 2008

Qualification held	Applicants	%	Accepted applicants	%
Access only	3,320	14.2%	1,760	12.6%
Access and other	830	3.5%	465	3.3%
<i>Access subtotal</i>	4,150	17.7%	2,220	15.9%
Other	19,310	82.3%	11,765	84.1%
Total	27,610	100.0%	13,985	100.0%

2) Age and gender profile

Table 2A illustrates the difference in the age profile of Access applicants compared with that of non-Access applicants. Half (50.8%) of all Access applicants were aged between 21 and 29 years. Only 12.5% of Access applicants were aged under 21. In contrast, 78.8% of non-Access applicants were aged under 21. Access applicants accounted for 17.7% of all mature UCAS applicants in England and Wales.

TABLE 2A - Applicants and accepted applicants by age, 2008

Age	Applicants					Accepted applicants				
	Access	%	Other	%	Total	Access	%	Other	%	Total
Under 21	2,670	12.5%	324,530	78.8%	327,200	1,820	12.6%	274,050	82.1%	275,870
21-24	6,310	29.5%	43,990	10.7%	50,300	4,305	29.8%	31,330	9.4%	35,635
25-29	4,550	21.3%	17,915	4.4%	22,465	3,090	21.4%	11,725	3.5%	14,820
30-34	2,905	13.6%	8,885	2.2%	11,790	1,895	13.1%	5,730	1.7%	7,625
35-39	2,355	11.0%	6,750	1.6%	9,105	1,590	11.0%	4,350	1.3%	5,945
40 or over	2,615	12.2%	9,605	2.3%	12,220	1,765	12.2%	6,565	2.0%	8,325
Total	21,405	100.0%	411,675	100.0%	433,085	14,470	100.0%	333,750	100.0%	348,220

Table 2B gives the gender profile of Access applicants by age. 71.6% of Access applicants were female. Female Access applicants dominate each of the age ranges shown in table 2B, increasingly so in the older age bandings. Table 2C provides the same data for accepted applicants.

TABLE 2B – Applicants by age and gender, 2008

Age	Access						Other					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Under 21	1,015	16.7%	1,660	10.8%	2,670	12.5%	146,825	79.5%	177,705	78.2%	324,530	78.8%
21-24	2,215	36.5%	4,095	26.7%	6,310	29.5%	21,050	11.4%	22,940	10.1%	43,990	10.7%
25-29	1,215	20.0%	3,335	21.8%	4,550	21.3%	7,705	4.2%	10,210	4.5%	17,915	4.4%
30-34	650	10.7%	2,260	14.7%	2,905	13.6%	3,515	1.9%	5,365	2.4%	8,885	2.2%
35-39	450	7.4%	1,905	12.4%	2,355	11.0%	2,390	1.3%	4,360	1.9%	6,750	1.6%
40 or over	530	8.8%	2,080	13.6%	2,615	12.2%	3,080	1.7%	6,525	2.9%	9,605	2.3%
Total	6,075	100.0%	15,330	100.0%	21,405	100.0%	184,570	100.0%	227,105	100.0%	411,675	100.0%

TABLE 2C – Accepted applicants by age and gender, 2008

Age	Access						Other					
	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
Under 21	715	16.3%	1,110	11.0%	1,820	12.6%	125,755	82.0%	148,290	82.2%	274,050	82.1%
21-24	1,620	37.1%	2,685	26.6%	4,305	29.8%	16,050	10.5%	15,280	8.5%	31,330	9.4%
25-29	895	20.5%	2,200	21.8%	3,090	21.4%	5,420	3.5%	6,305	3.5%	11,725	3.5%
30-34	455	10.4%	1,440	14.3%	1,895	13.1%	2,400	1.6%	3,330	1.8%	5,730	1.7%
35-39	325	7.4%	1,270	12.6%	1,590	11.0%	1,610	1.0%	2,745	1.5%	4,350	1.3%
40 or over	360	8.3%	1,405	13.9%	1,765	12.2%	2,135	1.4%	4,430	2.5%	6,565	2.0%
Total	4,365	100.0%	10,105	100.0%	14,470	100.0%	153,370	100.0%	180,380	100.0%	333,750	100.0%

3) Ethnic origin

Ethnic origin data is requested from UK domiciled applicants through the UCAS application process, although provision of the information is not compulsory.

Tables 3A provide the proportional ethnic breakdown of Access applicants compared with non-Access applicants by gender. A higher proportion of Access applicants (33.9%) were from non-white backgrounds compared to their non-Access (22.3%) counterparts. The proportion of Access applicants from a Black background was nearly three times higher than the non-Access applicant proportion. There was a lower proportion of white male Access applicants (59.3%) compared to white female Access applicants (68.9%) and a much higher proportion of Asian male applicants (11.8%) compared to Asian female Access applicants (5.7%).

TABLE 3A – Applicants by qualification, gender and ethnicity*, 2008

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	705	870	1,575	21,260	21,595	42,855	44,430
Black	1,285	2,860	4,145	11,160	14,895	26,050	30,195
Mixed	275	725	1,000	5,860	7,665	13,525	14,525
Other	165	265	430	2,040	2,495	4,535	4,965
White	3,535	10,435	13,970	133,355	170,115	303,465	317,435
Total	5,965	15,155	21,120	173,670	216,760	390,430	411,550

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	11.8%	5.7%	7.5%	12.2%	10.0%	11.0%	10.8%
Black	21.5%	18.9%	19.6%	6.4%	6.9%	6.7%	7.3%
Mixed	4.6%	4.8%	4.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Other	2.7%	1.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
White	59.3%	68.9%	66.1%	76.8%	78.5%	77.7%	77.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Excluding applicants with unknown ethnicity

TABLE 3B – Accepted applicants by qualification, gender and ethnicity*, 2008

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	485	585	1,075	17,280	17,255	34,540	35,610
Black	840	1,605	2,445	8,160	10,220	18,380	20,825
Mixed	200	465	665	4,720	5,955	10,680	11,345
Other	115	160	275	1,560	1,880	3,440	3,715
White	2,650	7,175	9,830	111,525	135,540	247,065	256,895
Total	4,290	10,000	14,290	143,250	170,850	314,100	328,390

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	11.2%	5.8%	7.4%	11.3%	9.6%	10.3%	10.2%
Black	19.2%	15.9%	16.9%	5.3%	5.7%	5.5%	6.0%
Mixed	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	3.1%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
Other	2.6%	1.6%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%
White	60.8%	71.0%	67.9%	72.7%	75.1%	74.0%	73.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Excluding applicants with unknown ethnicity

Table 3C shows the ethnic breakdown for NMAS Access accepted applicants. A higher proportion of Access former NMAS accepted applicants (37.5%) are from an ethnic minority background compared to non-Access former NMAS accepted applicants (18.8%). The proportion of applicants from a Black background are nearly three times greater for Access former NMAS accepted applicants compared to non-Access former NMAS accepted applicants.

TABLE 3C – applicants accepted to courses formerly recruited through NMAS by ethnicity*, 2008

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	5	65	70	75	425	500	570
Black	60	605	660	175	1,070	1,240	1,905
Mixed	5	75	80	30	245	275	355
Other	0	15	20	10	60	70	90
White	105	1,275	1,380	890	8,100	8,990	10,370
Grand Total	175	2,035	2,210	1,180	9,900	11,080	13,290

Ethnic Group	Access			Other			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	1.7%	3.3%	3.2%	6.3%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%
Black	33.1%	29.6%	29.9%	14.7%	10.8%	11.2%	14.3%
Mixed	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Other	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
White	61.1%	62.6%	62.5%	75.6%	81.8%	81.2%	78.1%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

*Excluding applicants with unknown ethnicity

4) Socio-economic status

For the 2008 application cycle UCAS derived socio-economic status from the occupation of the highest-earning family member of the household in which the applicant lived. If the applicant was not in full-time education, their socio-economic status was derived from their own occupation. A simplified version of the National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) has been applied to the data employing the Standard Occupation Classification 2000 (SOC2000) for coding occupations.

From Table 4A, there were 12.7% fewer applicants from Higher managerial and professional occupations with Access qualifications (7.7%) compared to those without Access qualifications (20.4%). There were more applicants from a Semi-routine occupation background with an Access qualification (30.7%) than their non-Access (17.0%) counterparts, a 13.7% proportional difference in this category. As these differences may be due to the majority of Access applicants being over the age of 21 and therefore having a socio-economic status derived from their own occupation, rather than that of a parent, Table 4B shows the socio-economic status of mature applicants (applicants those aged 21 years or over) and accepted mature applicants only. From Table 4B it can be seen that for the semi-routine occupations category there were proportionally more mature Access applicants (31.7%) compared to non-Access applicants (26.8%). Also, there were only 3.7% fewer mature applicants from the Higher managerial and professional occupations with Access qualifications (7.2%) compared to those without an Access qualification.

Note: Care should be taken when drawing conclusions from Socio-economic status data since there were a large proportion of applicants who did not supply occupational information. For Access applicants the proportion of applicants with an unknown Socio-economic status was 41.2% and for non-Access applicants 25.6%.

TABLE 4A – Socio-economic status* of applicants and accepted applicants by qualification, 2008

Socio-economic status	Applicants				Accepted Applicants			
	Access	%	Other	%	Access	%	Other	%
Higher managerial and professional occupations	970	7.7%	62,320	20.4%	710	8.2%	52,955	21.3%
Lower managerial and professional occupations	2,970	23.6%	91,605	29.9%	2,075	24.0%	74,925	30.1%
Intermediate occupations	2,160	17.2%	44,205	14.4%	1,490	17.2%	35,650	14.3%
Small employers and own account workers	820	6.5%	22,665	7.4%	615	7.1%	18,515	7.4%
Lower supervisory and technical occupations	500	4.0%	13,510	4.4%	340	4.0%	11,010	4.4%
Semi-routine occupations	3,861	30.7%	51,900	17.0%	2,510	29.0%	40,190	16.1%
Routine occupations	1,295	10.3%	19,930	6.5%	900	10.4%	15,860	6.4%
Unknown	8,830	-	105,545	-	5,830	-	84,645	-
Not known	750	-	9,220	-	475	-	6,735	-
Not stated	6,890	-	85,430	-	4,535	-	69,635	-
Retired	120	-	1,425	-	90	-	1,175	-
Unemployed	1,065	-	9,470	-	725	-	7,100	-
Total	21,405		411,675		14,470		333,750	

*Percentages are based on applicants with known socio-economic status only

TABLE 4B – Socio-economic status* of mature applicants and accepted applicants by qualification held, 2008

Socio-economic status	Applicants				Accepted Applicants			
	Access	%	Other	%	Access	%	Other	%
Higher managerial and professional occupations	785	7.2%	5,375	10.9%	580	7.8%	3,450	11.0%
Lower managerial and professional occupations	2,470	22.8%	13,620	27.7%	1,730	23.2%	8,590	27.3%
Intermediate occupations	1,940	17.9%	9,060	18.5%	1,325	17.8%	5,820	18.5%
Small employers and own account workers	675	6.2%	2,630	5.4%	510	6.9%	1,840	5.9%
Lower supervisory and technical occupations	420	3.9%	1,410	2.9%	290	3.9%	1,005	3.2%
Semi-routine occupations	3,440	31.7%	13,150	26.8%	2,220	29.9%	8,085	25.7%
Routine occupations	1,125	10.3%	3,840	7.8%	785	10.5%	2,625	8.4%
Unknown	7,885	-	38,065	-	5,205	-	28,290	-
Not known	695	-	3,680	-	435	-	2,140	-
Not stated	6,125	-	30,315	-	4,040	-	23,415	-
Retired	105	-	460	-	80	-	360	-
Unemployed	960	-	3,610	-	650	-	2,375	-
Total	18,735		87,145		12,645		59,705	

*Percentages are based on applicants with known socio-economic status only

5) Subject group

Table 5A gives the preferred subject group of Access and non-Access applicants, together with a percentage breakdown. The most popular subject group for Access applicants was Subjects allied to medicine, with 28.7% of Access applicants applying for this area. Access applicants accounted for 16.1% of all applicants to this subject group. The second most popular subject group for Access applicants was Social studies with 16.6%.

As applicants can apply for up to six courses which can be across different subject groups, table 5A uses the overall preferred subject group. Where applicants apply to subjects in more than one group, the group listed most frequently on the application form is counted (preferred subject). For some subject groups, such as Physical sciences, this can create the impression that there are more people accepted than applied. Where a preferred subject group cannot be established, the applicant is categorised as belonging to the 'No preferred subject group'.

TABLE 5A – Applicants by preferred subject group, 2008

Subject Group	Qualification					
	Access	%	Other	%	Total	%
A Medicine and dentistry	335	1.6%	15,000	3.6%	15,335	3.5%
B Subjects allied to medicine	6,135	28.7%	32,055	7.8%	38,190	8.8%
C Biological sciences	1,460	6.8%	30,115	7.3%	31,575	7.3%
D Veterinary sciences, agriculture and related subjects	80	0.4%	4,385	1.1%	4,460	1.0%
F Physical sciences	310	1.4%	12,990	3.2%	13,300	3.1%
G Mathematical and computer sciences	625	2.9%	19,235	4.7%	19,865	4.6%
H Engineering	255	1.2%	13,070	3.2%	13,325	3.1%
J Technologies	40	0.2%	1,555	0.4%	1,595	0.4%
K Architecture, building and planning	120	0.6%	7,380	1.8%	7,500	1.7%
L Social Studies	3,550	16.6%	28,295	6.9%	31,850	7.4%
M Law	995	4.6%	15,585	3.8%	16,575	3.8%
N Business and administrative studies	1,145	5.3%	38,800	9.4%	39,945	9.2%
P Mass communications and documentation	205	1.0%	8,585	2.1%	8,795	2.0%
Q Linguistics, Classics and related studies	355	1.6%	12,190	3.0%	12,540	2.9%
R European languages, literature and related studies	20	0.1%	4,015	1.0%	4,035	0.9%
T Non-European languages and related studies	40	0.2%	990	0.2%	1,035	0.2%
V Historical and philosophical studies	400	1.9%	13,475	3.3%	13,875	3.2%
W Creative arts and design	1,055	4.9%	51,655	12.5%	52,710	12.2%
X Education	1,325	6.2%	15,260	3.7%	16,585	3.8%
Z No preferred subject group	1,830	8.6%	58,285	14.2%	60,120	13.9%

Subject Group	Qualification					
	Access	%	Other	%	Total	%
1 Combined sciences	70	0.3%	2,225	0.5%	2,295	0.5%
2 Combined social sciences	95	0.4%	2,130	0.5%	2,225	0.5%
3 Combined arts	355	1.6%	8,250	2.0%	8,605	2.0%
4 Sciences combined with social sciences or arts	370	1.7%	8,770	2.1%	9,135	2.1%
5 Social sciences combined with arts	185	0.9%	6,195	1.5%	6,375	1.5%
6 General, other combined and unknown	55	0.2%	1,190	0.3%	1,245	0.3%
Grand Total	21,405	100.0%	411,675	100.0%	433,085	100.0%

The subject group of the course onto which applicants were accepted is shown in Table 5B. Over a fifth of accepted Access applicants gained a place on a course within the Subjects allied to medicine group - Access applicants accounted for 13.5% of all accepted applicants in this group. Other subject groups for which large proportions of Access applicants were accepted were social studies, biological sciences and education.

TABLE 5B – Accepted Applicants by subject group, 2008

Subject Group	Qualification					
	Access	%	Other	%	Total	%
A Medicine and dentistry	100	0.7%	6,975	2.1%	7,075	2.0%
B Subjects allied to medicine	3,140	21.7%	20,190	6.0%	23,330	6.7%
C Biological sciences	1,325	9.1%	28,635	8.6%	29,960	8.6%
D Veterinary sciences, agriculture and related subjects	65	0.4%	3,845	1.2%	3,910	1.1%
F Physical sciences	310	2.2%	13,240	4.0%	13,550	3.9%
G Mathematical and computer sciences	475	3.3%	19,750	5.9%	20,225	5.8%
H Engineering	230	1.6%	13,500	4.0%	13,730	3.9%
J Technologies	45	0.3%	2,295	0.7%	2,345	0.7%
K Architecture, building and planning	105	0.7%	7,130	2.1%	7,235	2.1%
L Social Studies	2,440	16.9%	25,090	7.5%	27,530	7.9%
M Law	825	5.7%	15,125	4.5%	15,945	4.6%
N Business and administrative studies	875	6.1%	37,225	11.2%	38,105	10.9%
P Mass communications and documentation	185	1.3%	8,485	2.5%	8,670	2.5%
Q Linguistics, Classics and related studies	350	2.4%	10,820	3.2%	11,165	3.2%
R European languages, literature and related studies	15	0.1%	3,740	1.1%	3,755	1.1%
T Non-European languages and related studies	60	0.4%	1,315	0.4%	1,375	0.4%
V Historical and philosophical studies	370	2.6%	12,425	3.7%	12,795	3.7%
W Creative arts and design	805	5.6%	41,900	12.6%	42,705	12.3%
X Education	955	6.6%	12,930	3.9%	13,885	4.0%
1 Combined sciences	180	1.2%	5,570	1.7%	5,750	1.7%
2 Combined social sciences	175	1.2%	4,090	1.2%	4,270	1.2%
3 Combined arts	405	2.8%	10,785	3.2%	11,190	3.2%
4 Sciences combined with social sciences or arts	635	4.4%	15,680	4.7%	16,315	4.7%
5 Social sciences combined with arts	265	1.8%	8,820	2.6%	9,085	2.6%
6 General, other combined and unknown	135	0.9%	4,180	1.3%	4,320	1.2%
Grand Total	14,470	100.0%	333,750	100.0%	348,220	100.0%

6) IMD profile

Tables 6A and 6B compare the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) profile of Access applicants against non-Access applicants. These have been appended to UCAS data using home postcodes to identify Lower Layer Super Output Areas (February 2008 National Statistics Postcode Directory), IMD rankings for England were allocated using the 2007 IMD (Source: Department of Communities and Local Government) and IMD rankings for Wales were allocated using the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2008 (Source: Local Government Data Unit Wales). IMD decile 1 denotes those living in the most deprived areas.

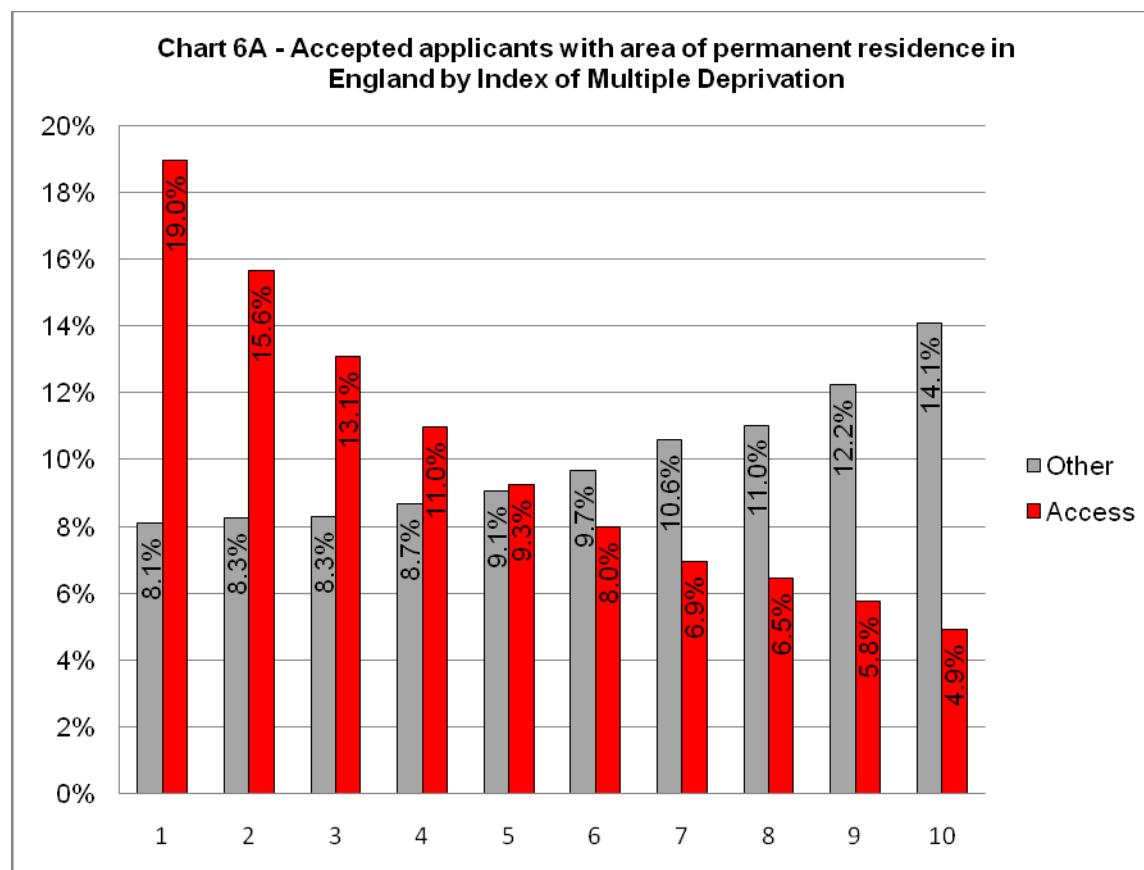
For both England and Wales, there were lower proportions of Access applicants within the least deprived areas and higher proportions within the most deprived areas than their non-Access counterparts.

Charts 6A and 6B graphically illustrate the difference in IMD deciles between Access and non-Access accepted applicants for those with areas of permanent residence in England and Wales.

TABLE 6A – Applicants and accepted applicants with an area of permanent residence in England by IMD decile*, 2008

IMD decile	Applicants				Accepted Applicants			
	Access	%	Other	%	Access	%	Other	%
1	3,795	19.3%	32,510	8.5%	2,525	19.0%	25,010	8.1%
2	3,195	16.3%	33,035	8.6%	2,085	15.6%	25,550	8.3%
3	2,675	13.6%	32,895	8.6%	1,745	13.1%	25,670	8.3%
4	2,135	10.9%	33,895	8.9%	1,460	11.0%	26,805	8.7%
5	1,820	9.3%	34,975	9.2%	1,235	9.3%	28,020	9.1%
6	1,510	7.7%	36,970	9.7%	1,060	8.0%	29,930	9.7%
7	1,320	6.7%	39,900	10.4%	925	6.9%	32,790	10.6%
8	1,210	6.2%	41,155	10.8%	860	6.5%	34,125	11.0%
9	1,060	5.4%	45,295	11.9%	770	5.8%	37,835	12.2%
10	915	4.6%	51,370	13.4%	655	4.9%	43,630	14.1%
Unknown	480	-	8,330	-	315	-	6,725	-
Total	20,115		390,335		13,630		316,095	

*Percentages are based on applicants with known IMD decile only

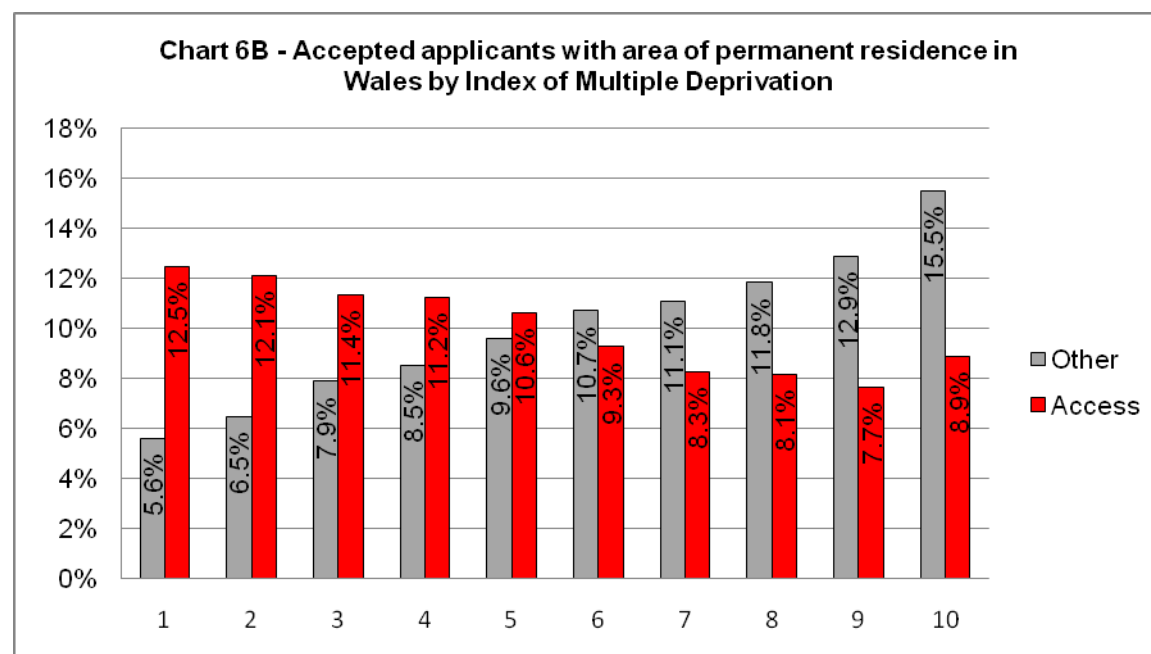


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TABLE 6B – Applicants and accepted applicants with an area of permanent residence in Wales by IMD decile*, 2008

IMD decile	Applicants				Accepted Applicants			
	Access	%	Other	%	Access	%	Other	%
1	170	13.7%	1,260	6.1%	100	12.5%	960	5.6%
2	150	12.1%	1,395	6.7%	100	12.1%	1,115	6.5%
3	145	11.7%	1,680	8.1%	90	11.4%	1,355	7.9%
4	145	11.6%	1,800	8.7%	90	11.2%	1,465	8.5%
5	125	10.2%	2,035	9.8%	85	10.6%	1,645	9.6%
6	120	9.4%	2,195	10.6%	75	9.3%	1,835	10.7%
7	105	8.4%	2,275	11.0%	65	8.3%	1,900	11.1%
8	100	8.0%	2,405	11.6%	65	8.1%	2,030	11.8%
9	95	7.5%	2,590	12.5%	60	7.7%	2,210	12.9%
10	95	7.4%	3,125	15.1%	70	8.9%	2,665	15.5%
Unknown	40	-	580	-	30	-	475	-
Total	1,290		21,340		840		17,655	

*Percentages are based on applicants with known IMD decile only



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7) Distance travelled

Data for distance travelled by an applicant is calculated as the direct distance between an applicant's home and the institution at which they were accepted. The location of an institution is derived from the postcode of the main campus published at www.ucas.com.

Table 7 gives the distance travelled to the accepting institution using grouped distance bands. This table clearly shows Access applicants on the whole attend an institution closer to their home than non-Access applicants. This may also be an effect of the older age profile of Access applicants – older applicants do generally study closer to home. Over three-quarters of Access accepted applicants travelled less than 25 miles from their home to their accepting institution. Just under 20% of non-Access applicants travelled 100 miles or more to their accepting institution, the equivalent figure for Access applicants 5.8%.

TABLE 7 – Distance travelled to institution by accepted applicants

Distance (miles)	Qualification		
	Access	Other	Total
>0 and <= 24	76.4%	43.1%	44.7%
>=25 and <= 49	11.3%	16.5%	16.3%
>=50 and <= 74	4.1%	11.6%	11.2%
>=75 and <= 99	2.3%	9.1%	8.8%
>=100 and <=124	1.8%	6.6%	6.3%
>=125 and <=149	1.0%	3.9%	3.8%
>=150 and <=174	1.0%	3.7%	3.6%
>=175	2.0%	5.5%	5.3%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%