Geography 2025-26 cycle admissions report

Note on the data in this report

The data used for the statistics in this report are a snapshot of the data available on 9 January 2026. Whilst it is not anticipated that there will be significant change between this date and the date on which candidates are notified of the outcome of their applications, small changes may be possible. As such, the statistics presented in this report may differ slightly from any statistics produced after final decisions are communicated.

Candidates that withdrew before final decisions were made, or that submitted their applications after the deadline at 6pm on 15th October 2025 that were not considered, are excluded from the statistics given in this report.

Admissions requirements

Information on the requirements to study Geography at Oxford can be found on the University website at https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/course-listing/geography and on the department website at https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply.html.

Application numbers

The table below shows information regarding the number of applicants, shortlisted applicants, and applicants made offers. It further shows the numbers by Gender ("Prefers not to say" and "Uses another term" have been combined due to low numbers), and by domicile ("UK" or "Non-UK").

	Man	**Woman**	**Prefers not to say/Uses another term**	**UK**	**Non-UK**	**Total**
Applicants	159	229	5	293	100	393
Shortlisted applicants	99	140	4	207	36	243
Applicants made offers	40	56	3	90	9	99

GCSE results

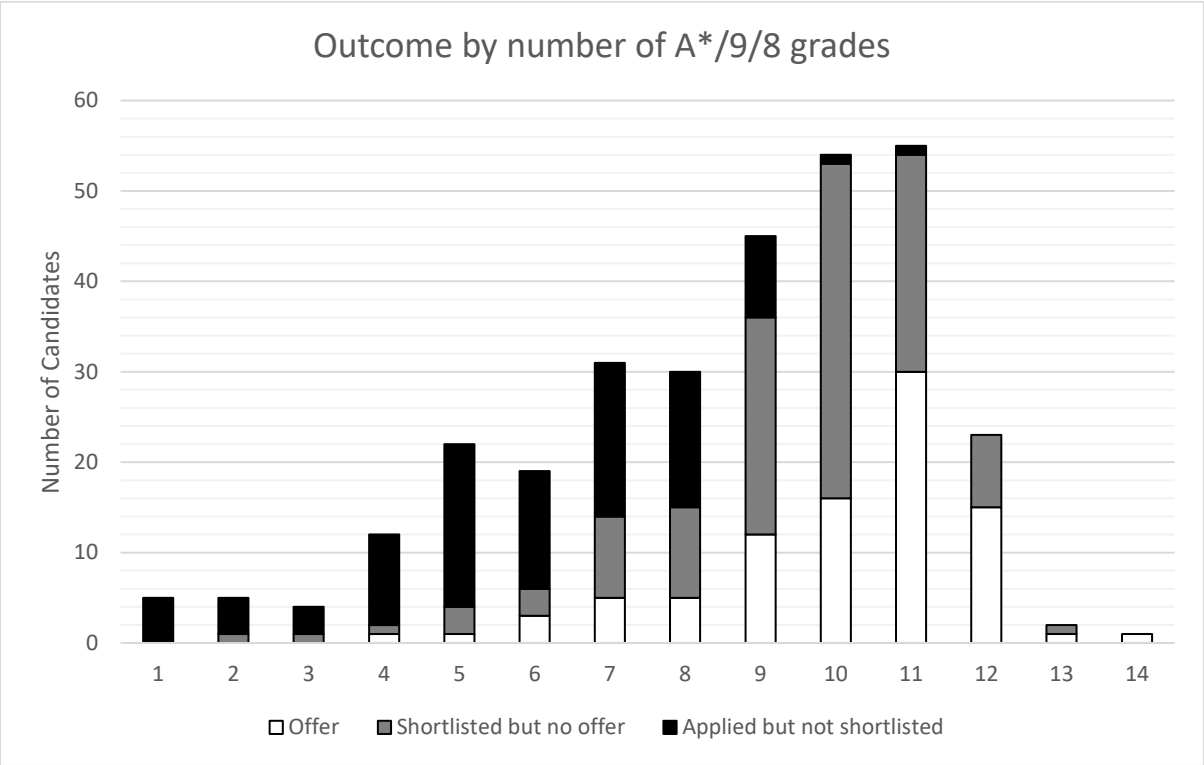
GCSEs (General Certificates in Secondary Education) are UK qualifications usually taken in Year 11 (when the applicant is 15-16). It is not required for applicants to have taken GCSEs, and we receive and consider many applications, particularly from outside the UK, that have not taken GCSEs. However, where these results are available, they are considered when making decisions.

In this section, "A*/9/8" refers to GCSE results of A* ***or*** 9 ***or*** 8 (the grading may depend on the exact qualification and when it was taken), and only includes applicants that have taken at least five GCSEs.

The average numbers of A*/9/8 grades for all applicants, shortlisted applicants, and applicants made offers, are listed in the table below.

	Average number of A*/9/8 grades
Applicants	7.5
Shortlisted Applicants	8.7
Applicants made offers	9.1

The chart below shows the outcome for applicants by their number of A*/9/8 grades.



Shortlisting decisions

Shortlisting decisions for Geography are made on the basis of all available information, without any set weighting granted to particular parts of the application. This includes the education/qualification history of the applicant, the Personal Statement, the Reference and predicted grades (if applicable).

Interviews

Not all candidates who apply to Oxford for geography are interviewed. We interview the equivalent of 3 candidates per place and reallocate candidates before interview to ensure that each college interviews three candidates for each place they have available.

At interview tutors are looking for a candidate's ability to deploy their knowledge in ways that show initiative and an awareness of the world around them. Interviews are not a test of knowledge but give candidates the opportunity to respond in a thoughtful way to unpredictable questions and ideas.

Final Decisions

We aim to let everyone know the outcome of their application in January. Post- A2-level candidates whose applications are successful will have their place confirmed. Pre- A2-level candidates who have been successful will be told the conditions that they will have to satisfy to take up their place in Oxford. Their place will be confirmed by their college in August, after school exam results are out.