

Student EDI data public report – data and visualisations

1. Notes and Definitions

Entrant student data are presented for intake years 2020/21 to 2024/25 for gender, disability, age and ethnicity. Outcome data (exit qualification) are presented for students entering the University from 2016/17 to 2020/21 for undergraduate students, 2017/18 to 2021/22 for postgraduate taught students and 2015/16 to 2019/20 for postgraduate research students. 1st/2.1 data is given for exit years 2019/20 to 2023/24. All fully matriculated University of Edinburgh students are included in this report, including those studying on distance learning programmes, and all visiting students, unless otherwise specified. Credit bearing Continuing Professional Development programmes are also included. Both Home and International students are included.

In line with current HESA practice, ethnicity categories are grouped in accordance with the UK Census ethnicity coding. The ethnic category groupings used are:

- **White** includes white, white - Scottish, Irish Traveller, Gypsy or Traveller, plus other white background.
- **Black** includes black or black British - Caribbean, black or black British - African, and other black background.
- **Asian** includes Asian or Asian British - Indian, Asian or Asian British - Pakistani, Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi, Chinese, and other Asian background.
- **Mixed** includes mixed - white and black Caribbean, mixed - white and black African, mixed - white and Asian, other mixed background.
- **Other** includes Arab and other ethnic background.

Where unknown values relating to ethnicity or country of domicile are present in the data, these have been excluded. Where unknown values relating to disability are present in the data, these values have been included in the “no known disability” category. Where unknown values relating to gender are present, these values have been included in the “other” category.

‘UK’ domicile on programme entry for this report has been defined as Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, i.e. not including UK overseas territories and Channel Islands or Isle of Man.

Intake figures are based on undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research postgraduate populations. All figures are headcounts and represent all students studying at the University, including part-time, visiting and distance learning students. Unless otherwise specified, all entrants who became fully matriculated are included in the intake data, including those who subsequently withdrew in the initial weeks of the programme. Outcome figures do not include those students who withdrew within five weeks of the first year of their programme. Population figures do not include any students who withdrew within five weeks of Semester 1 of the academic year.

We look at the percentage of ‘successful outcomes’ in terms of the entry year of the student. Considering entry cohorts allows us to compare a population that progressed initially under the same broad circumstances, whether or not they progressed to or completed their final intended qualification on entry. This approach requires a passage of time until most of the cohort have an outcome. We also look at undergraduate exit awards in terms of the percentage achieving a 1st/2.1, this time in terms of the exit award year; this allows another perspective and a focus on the most recent session outcomes, but in the shared circumstances of Honours year study, rather than the shared circumstances of an entry cohort. Note that successful outcomes include successful

completion in the case of visiting or non-graduating students, as well as academic awards for others which include Cert HE, Dip HE, and degrees.

The 2023 Marking and Assessment Boycott meant a significant number of students in the 2022/23 academic session received their final award later in the year than would normally be the case. As a result this created a technical issue in an automated process within the University's student record data and number of students were categorised as having received an award in a later academic session than they completed their final assessments and would be considered to have completed their studies. This issue was not identified until after the 2022/23 round of reporting.

To address the discrepancy, the reports from 2023/24 onwards use a different method to identify the academic session in which a student received an award. As a result, figures in 2023/24 report onwards which relate to past cohorts may vary from those in reports published prior.

Aligning with HESA reporting methodology, presented headcount figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Percentages are rounded to one decimal place and are based on the non-rounded underlying figures. Where the percentage calculation has an underlying denominator headcount of 23 or less, calculation outputs are suppressed; we also suppress where a percentage calculation has an underlying numerator of 10 or less; in both cases this is to reduce risk of student reidentification.

Key Abbreviations

UG Undergraduate

PGT Taught postgraduate

PGR Research postgraduate

2. Student headcounts

2.1. Entrants by level of study

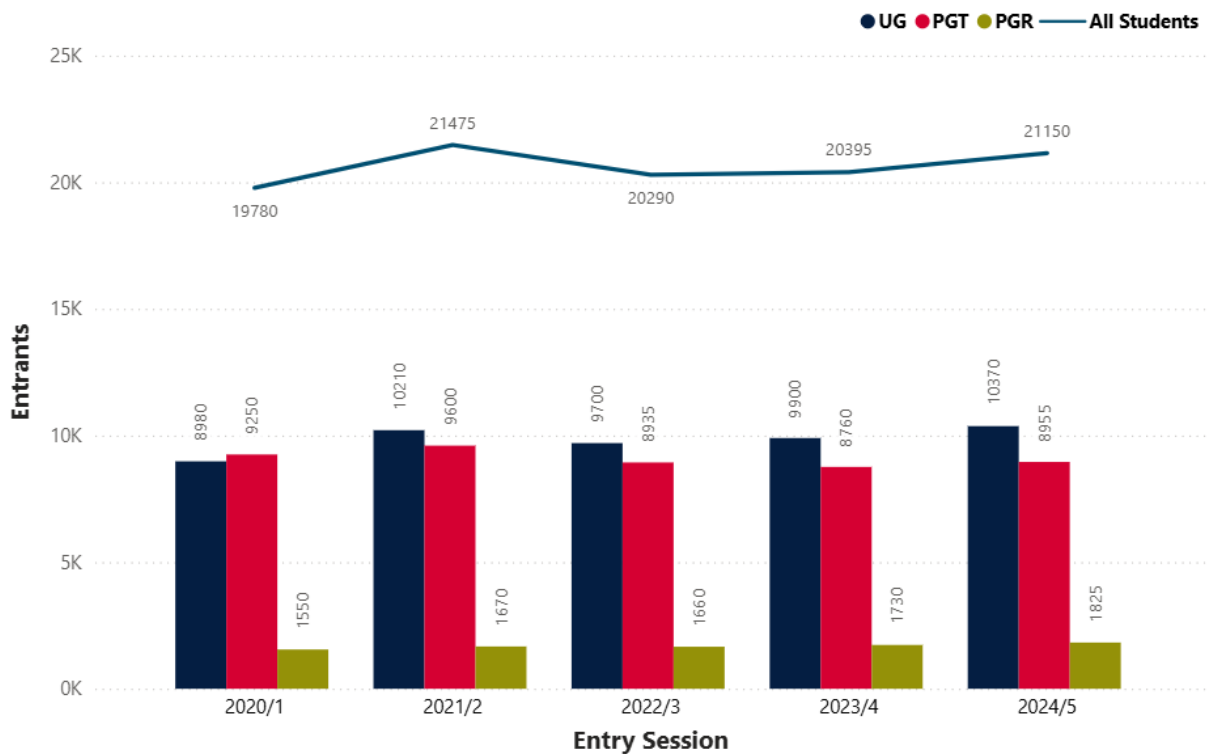


Figure ST2.1: Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these figures.

2.2. Student population by level of study

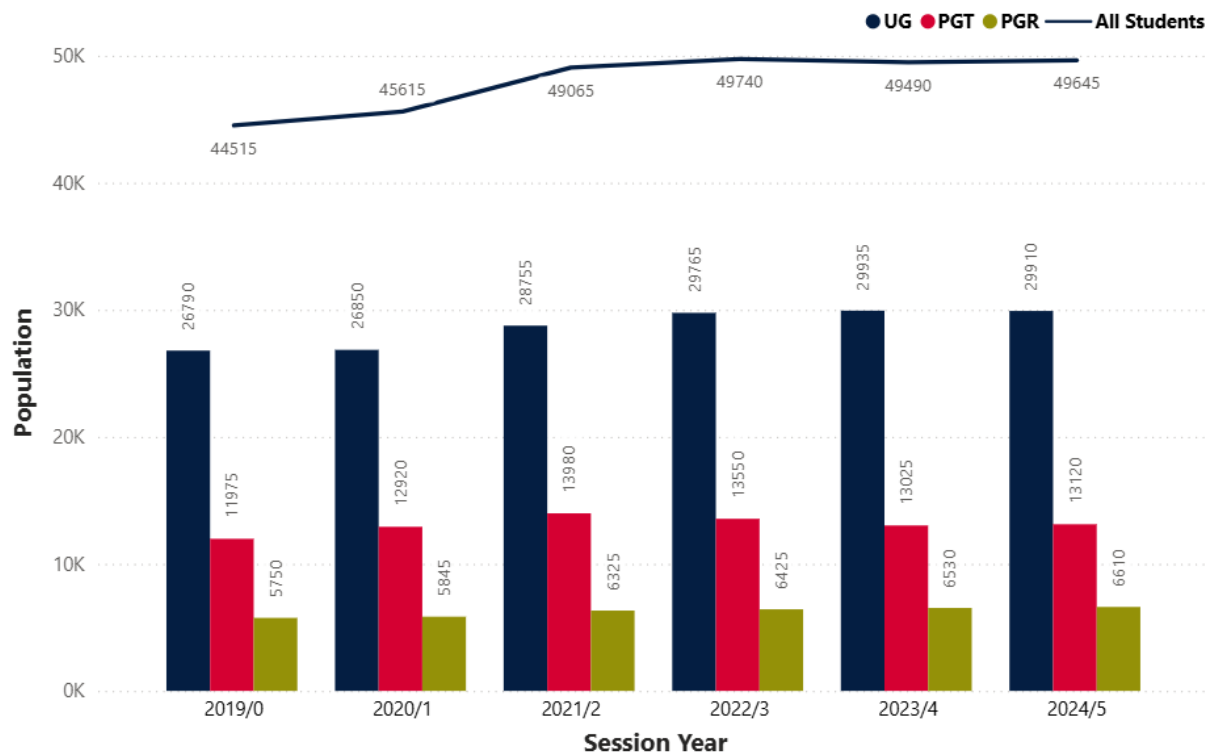


Figure ST2.2: Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of semester 1 are not included in these figures.

3. Ethnicity

3.1 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - UG Entrants (UK Domicile)

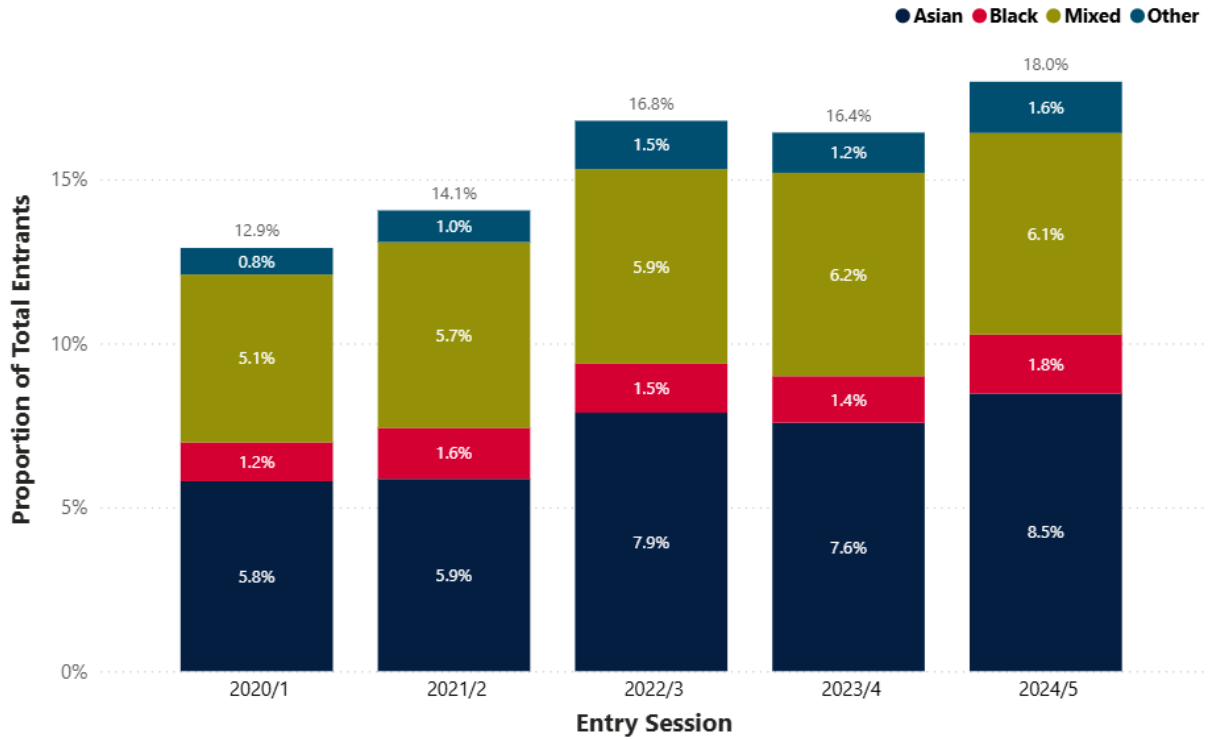


Figure ST3.1: 2024/5 - BAME: 850; white: 3880; unknown: 115

3.2 Ethnicity BAME breakdown UG Entrants (Non-UK Domicile)

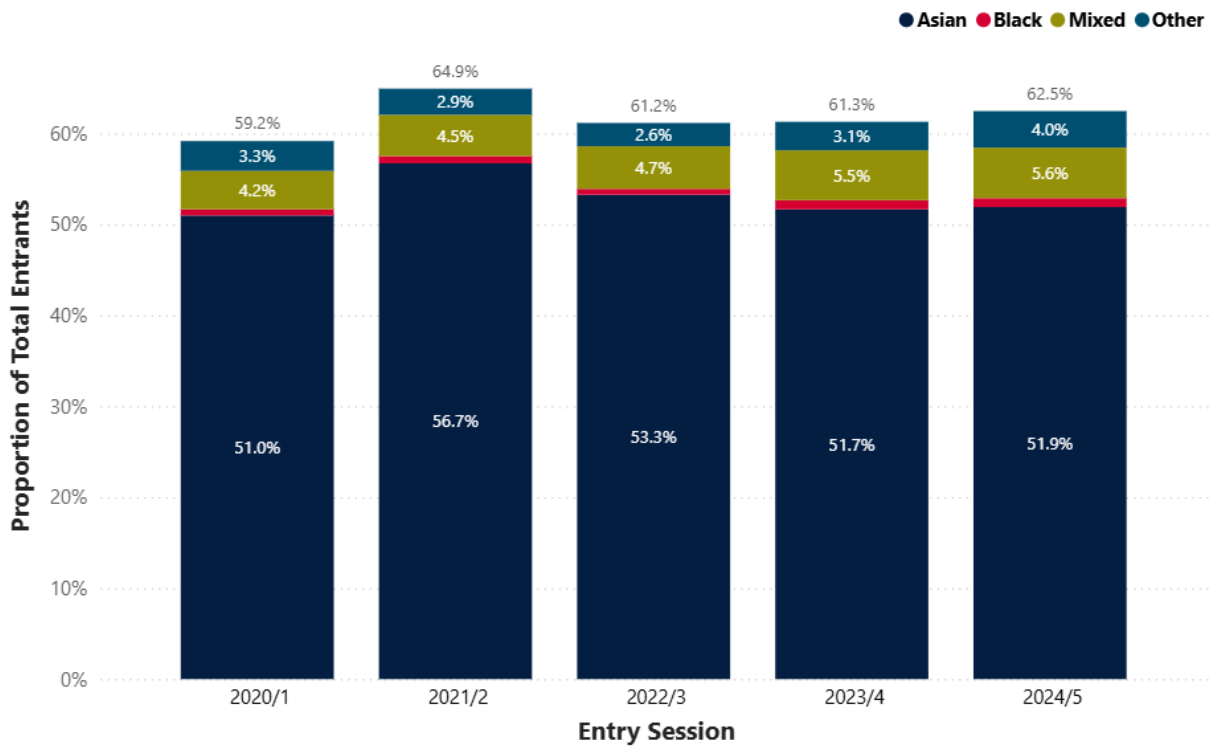


Figure ST3.2: 2024/5 - BAME: 3315; white: 1990; unknown: 240

3.3 UG Entrants excluding visiting / non-graduating (Non-UK Domicile)

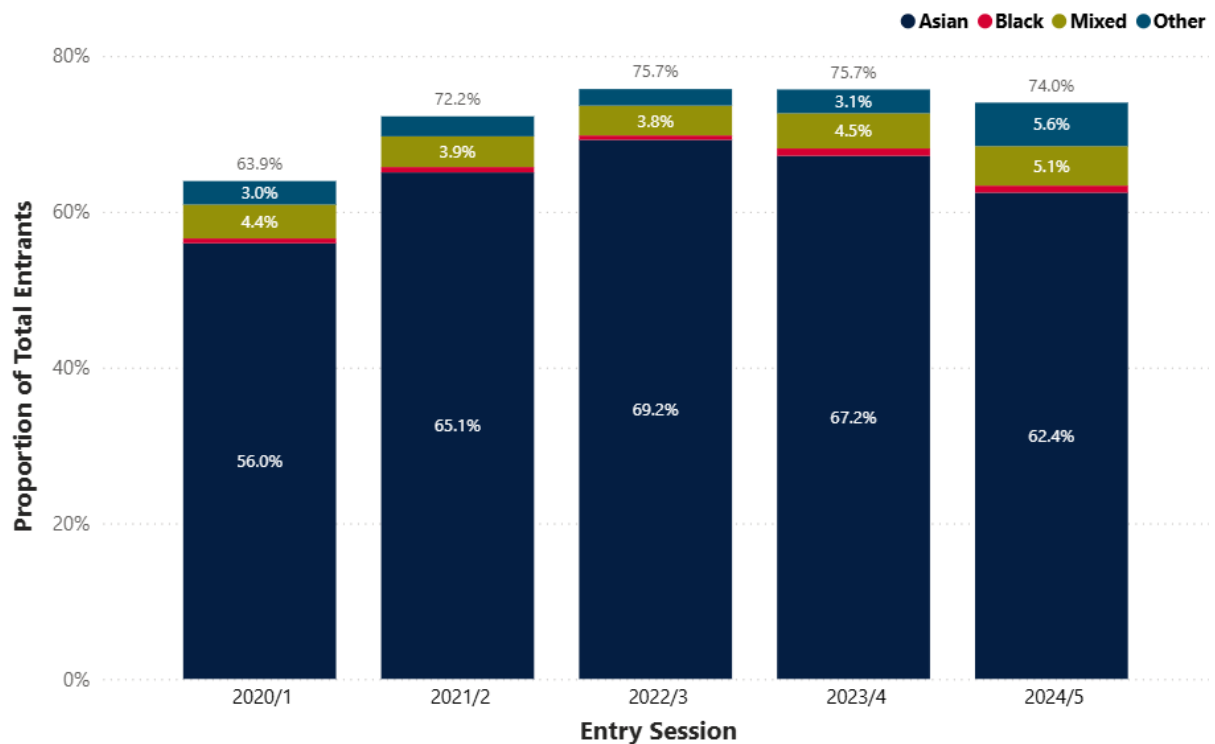


Figure ST3.3: 2024/5 - BAME: 1550; white: 545; unknown: 115

3.4 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGT Entrants (UK Domicile)

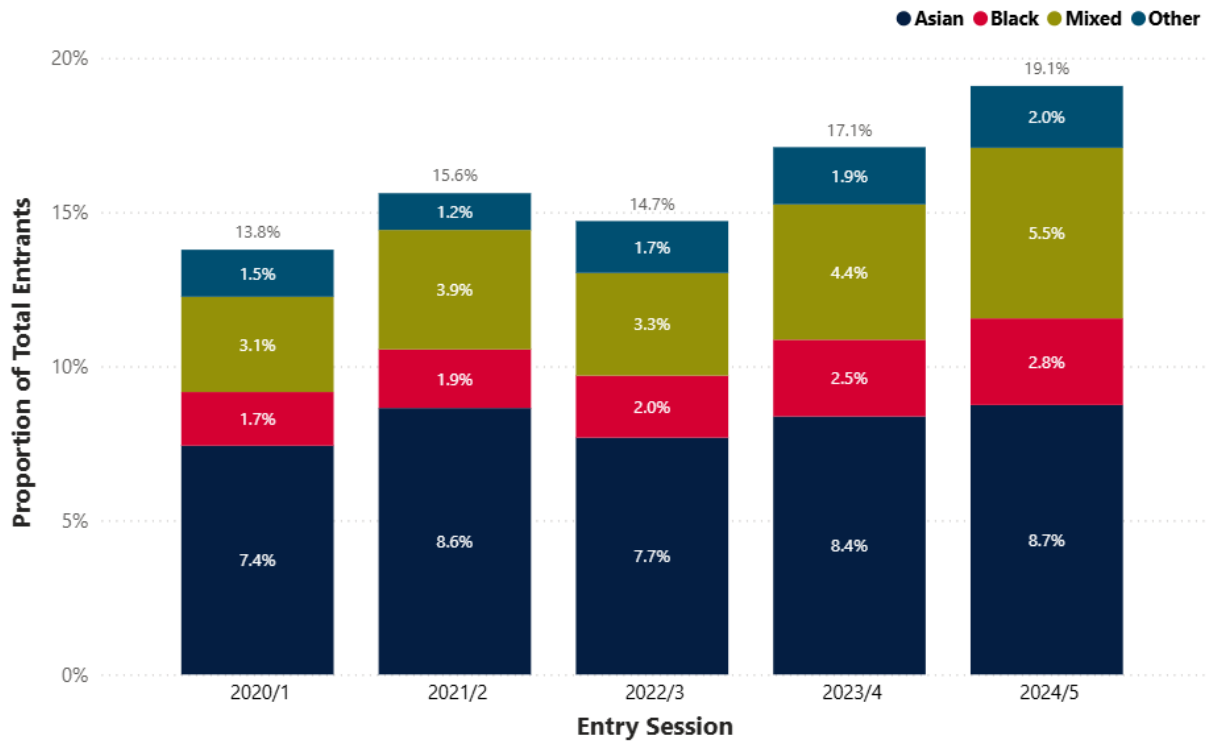


Figure ST3.4: 2024/5 - BAME: 430; white: 1815; unknown: 70

3.5 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGT Entrants (Non-UK Domicile)

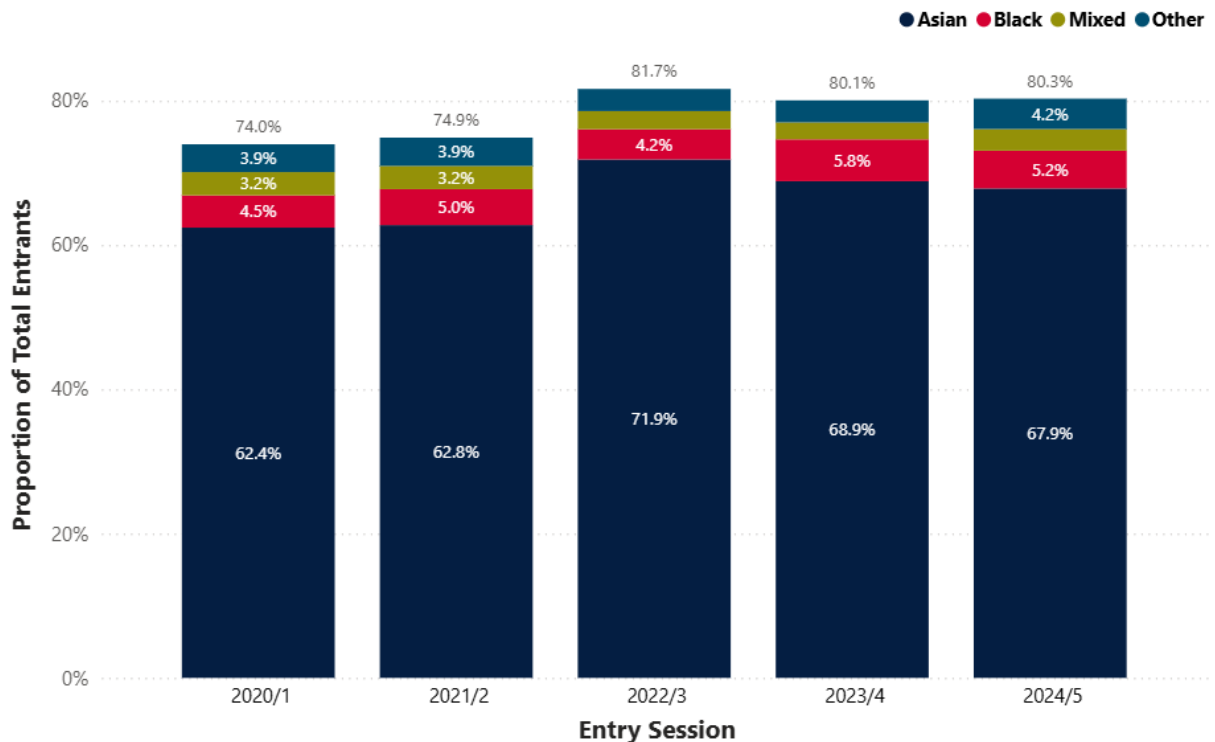


Figure ST3.5: 2024/5 - BAME: 5220; white: 1280; unknown: 215

Due to a change in the University's data collection practices, non-UK domiciled students were not asked for their ethnicity when matriculating in 2020/1 and 2021/2. This data was later collected

retroactively during registration for returning years, and has now been reinstated for 2022/3 entrants onwards. As fewer PGT students return for a second year, the PGT non-UK domiciled cohort is disproportionately impacted.

3.6 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGR Entrants (UK Domicile)

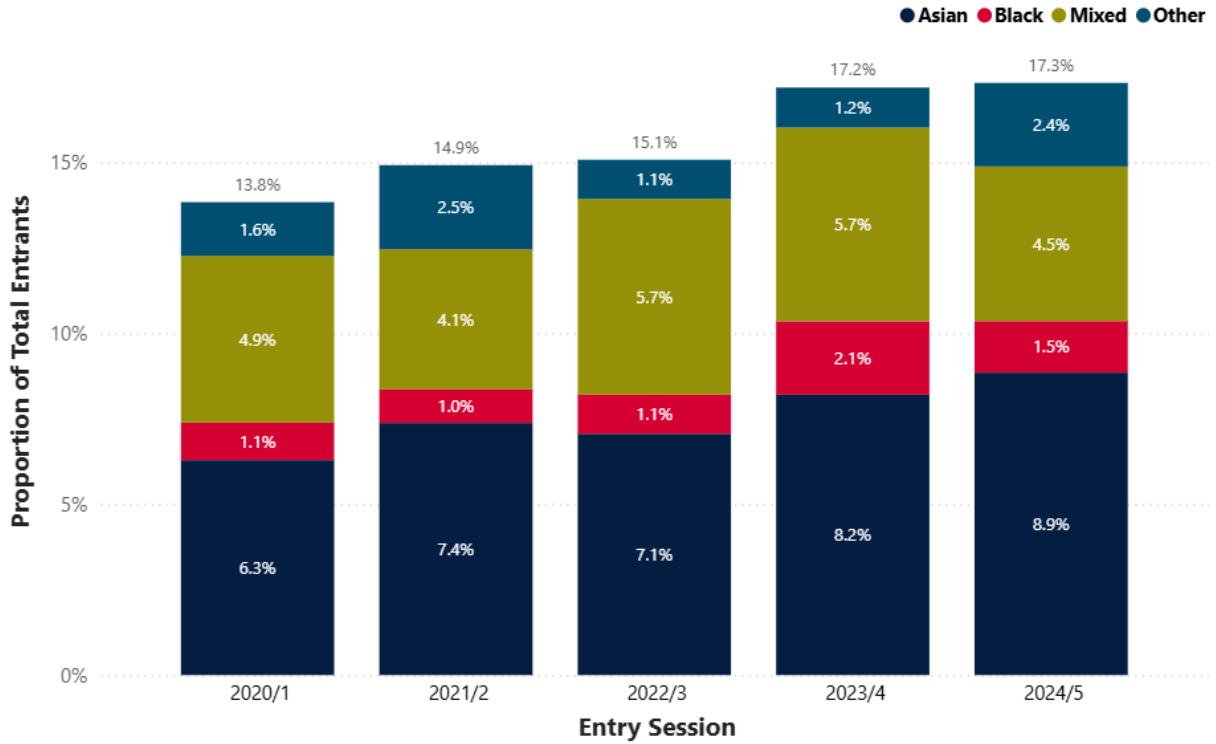


Figure ST3.6: 2024/5 - BAME: 90; white: 440; unknown: 25

3.7 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGR Entrants (Non-UK Domicile)

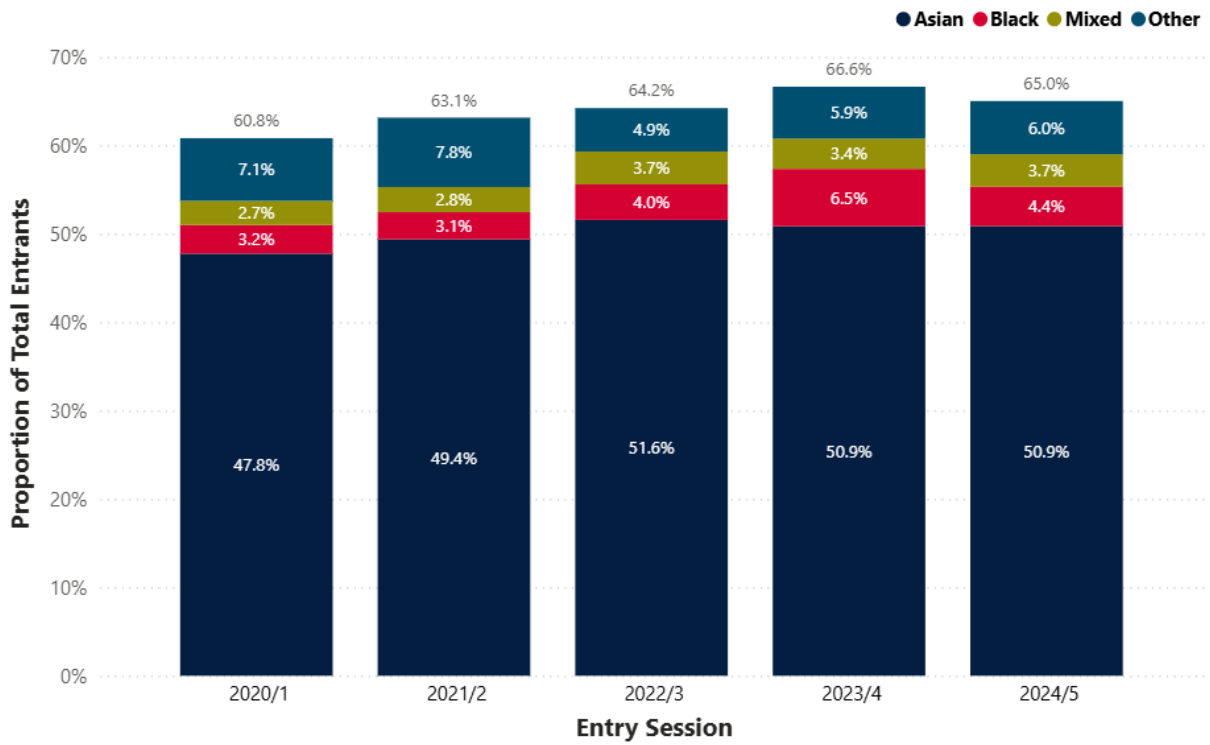


Figure ST3.7: 2024/5 - BAME: 775; white: 420; unknown: 75

3.8 Ethnicity (Broad) - UG Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

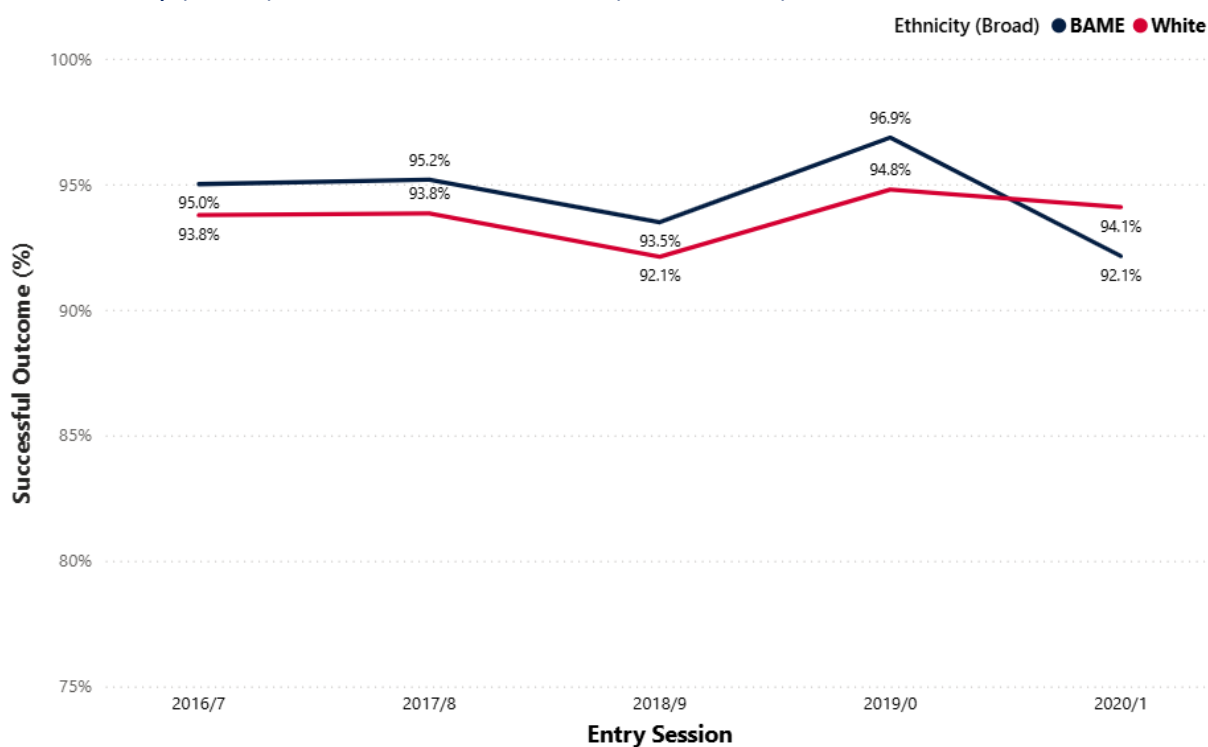


Figure ST3.8: 2020/1 - BAME: 585; white: 3945; unknown: 170. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.9 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - UG Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2016/7	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0	2020/1
Asian	95.1%	96.6%	94.8%	97.9%	93.2%
Black	100.0%	97.0%	96.4%	92.5%	88.7%
Mixed	93.5%	93.5%	91.6%	97.8%	91.4%
Other	95.8%	95.6%	92.6%	89.7%	94.3%
White	93.8%	93.8%	92.1%	94.8%	94.1%

Figure ST3.9: 2020/1 - Asian: 265; black: 55; mixed: 230; other: 35; white: 3945; unknown: 170. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.10 Ethnicity (Broad) - UG %1st/2.1 (UK Domicile)

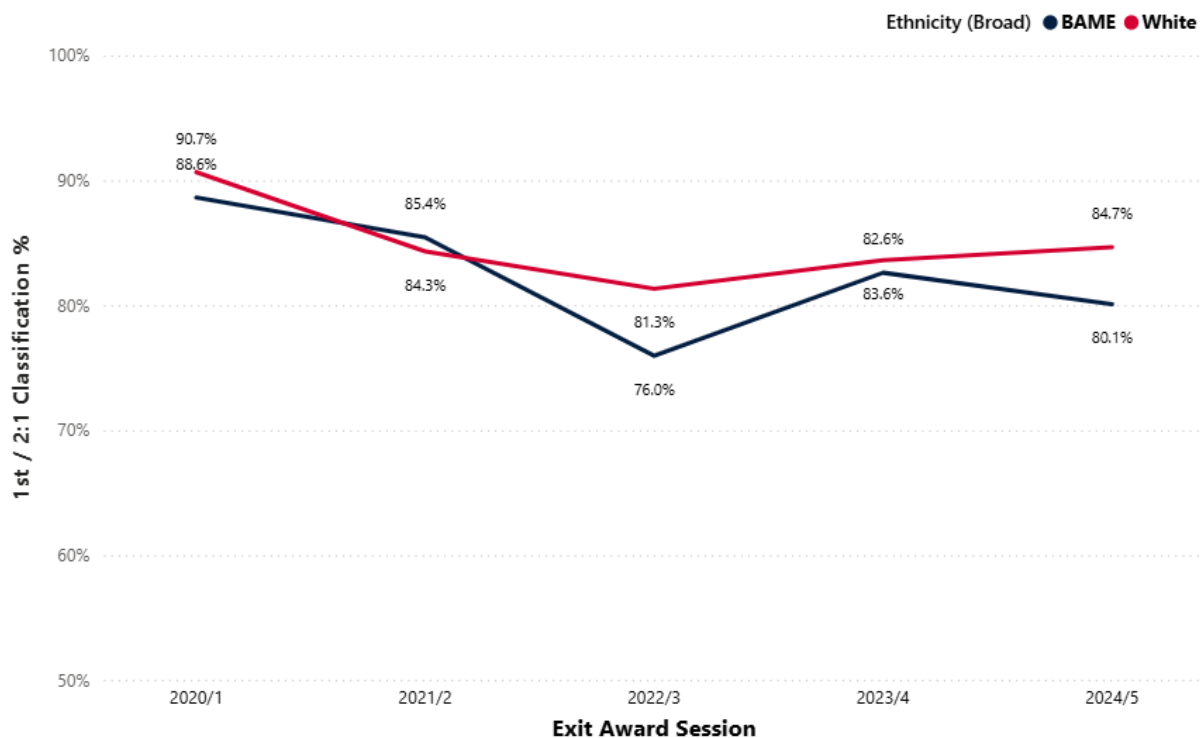


Figure ST3.10: 2024/5 - BAME: 520; white: 3325; unknown: 130. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.11. Ethnicity BAME breakdown - UG %1st/2.1 (UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2020/1	2021/2	2022/3	2023/4	2024/5	Total
Asian	86.2%	83.0%	76.1%	83.0%	75.6%	80.4%
Black	80.0%	74.4%	59.2%	71.0%	73.1%	70.6%
Mixed	91.5%	91.1%	80.7%	84.2%	84.0%	85.9%
Other	93.3%		74.2%		87.9%	84.3%
White	90.7%	84.3%	81.3%	83.6%	84.7%	84.9%

Figure ST3.11: 2024/5 - Asian: 195; black: 70; mixed: 245; other: 35; white: 3325; unknown: 130. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Values are suppressed for ethnicity groups with fewer than 23 students in that cohort.

3.12 Ethnicity (Broad) UG Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

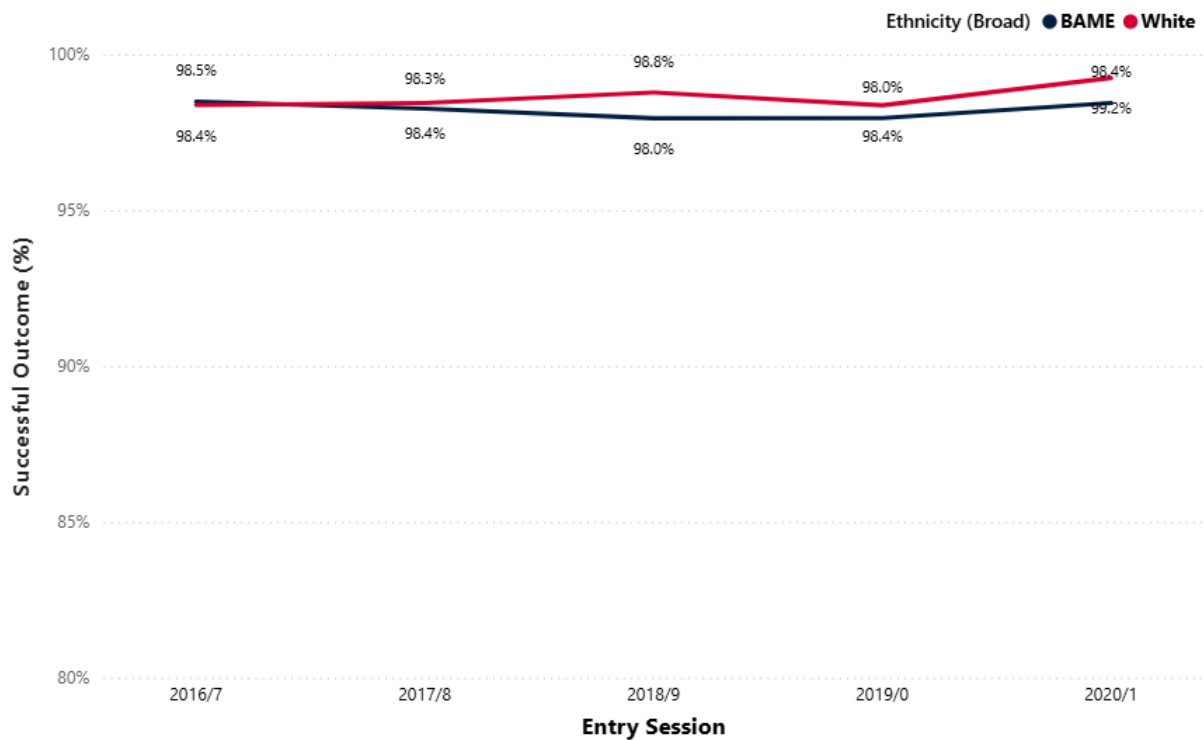


Figure ST3.12: 2020/1 - BAME: 1735; white: 1195; unknown: 1345. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Due to a change in the University's data collection practices, non-UK domiciled students were not asked for their ethnicity when matriculating in 2020/1 and 2021/2 resulting in an increased number of unknown values. This data collection reinstated for 2022/3 entrants onwards.

3.13 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - UG Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2016/7	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0	2020/1
Asian	98.5%	98.6%	98.4%	98.3%	98.3%
Black	93.1%	98.1%	95.5%	97.7%	
Mixed	99.1%	97.4%	97.7%	95.6%	99.2%
Other	99.3%	94.4%	93.4%	97.5%	99.0%
White	98.4%	98.4%	98.8%	98.4%	99.2%

Figure ST3.13: 2020/1 - Asian: 1495; black: 20; mixed: 125; other: 95; white: 1195; unknown: 1345. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Due to a change in the University's data collection practices, non-UK domiciled students were not asked for their ethnicity when matriculating in 2020/1 and 2021/2 resulting in an increased number of unknown values. This data collection reinstated for 2022/3 entrants onwards.

3.14 Ethnicity (Broad) UG %1st/2.1 (Non-UK Domicile)

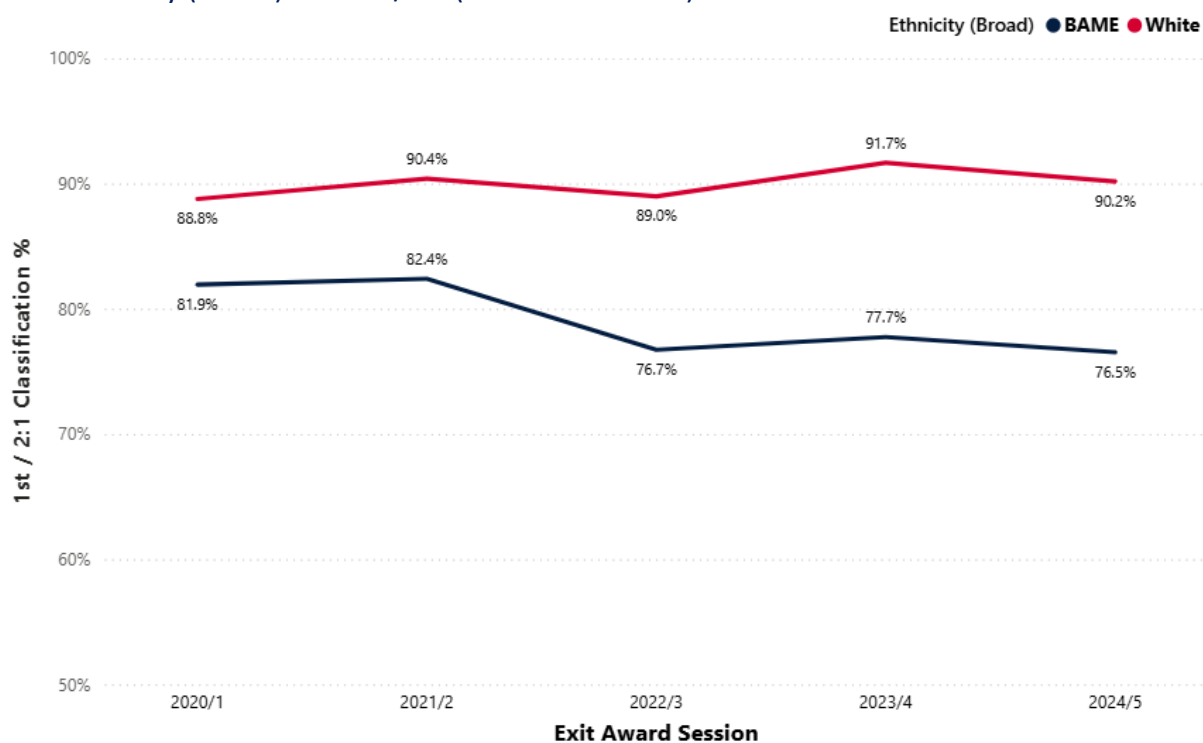


Figure ST3.14: 2024/5 - BAME: 1480; white: 660; unknown: 105. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.15 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - UG %1st/2.1 (Non-UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2020/1	2021/2	2022/3	2023/4	2024/5	Total
Asian	83.3%	80.0%	76.3%	77.4%	75.7%	77.8%
Black	85.7%	81.6%	72.7%			77.3%
Mixed	72.6%	91.7%	84.4%	84.2%	85.9%	84.3%
Other	74.3%	91.3%	76.2%	82.4%	82.7%	82.2%
White	88.8%	90.4%	89.0%	91.7%	90.2%	90.0%

Figure ST3.15: 2024/5 - Asian: 1335; black: 15; mixed: 80; other: 50; white: 660; Unknown: 105. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Values are suppressed for ethnicity groups with fewer than 23 students in that cohort.

3.16 Ethnicity (Broad) PGT Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

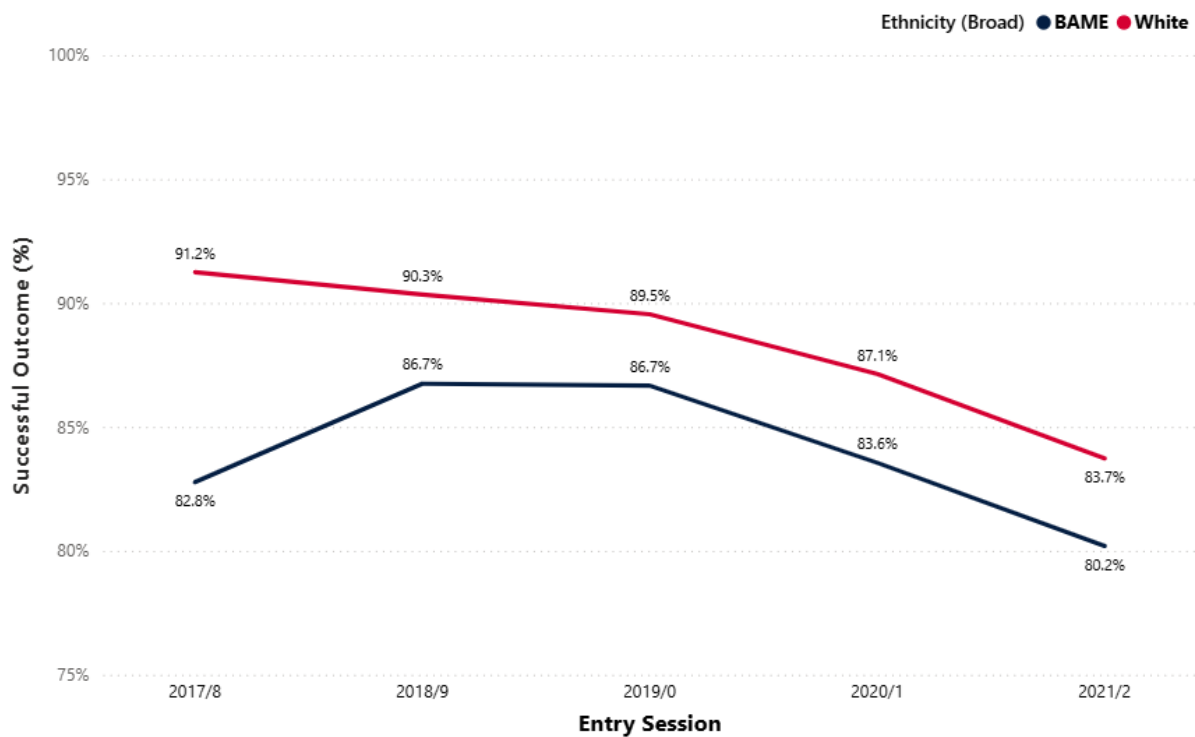


Figure ST3.16: 2021/2 - BAME: 415; White: 2230; Unknown: 80. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.17 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGT Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
Asian	86.0%	87.8%	85.4%	82.2%	81.0%
Black	72.5%	77.1%	84.1%	74.5%	73.5%
Mixed	87.7%	91.9%	93.2%	88.4%	84.6%
Other	73.3%	81.8%	81.6%	90.5%	70.0%
White	91.2%	90.3%	89.5%	87.1%	83.7%

Figure ST3.17: 2021/2 - Asian: 230; black: 50; mixed: 105; other: 30; white: 2235; unknown: 80. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.18 Ethnicity (Broad) PGT Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

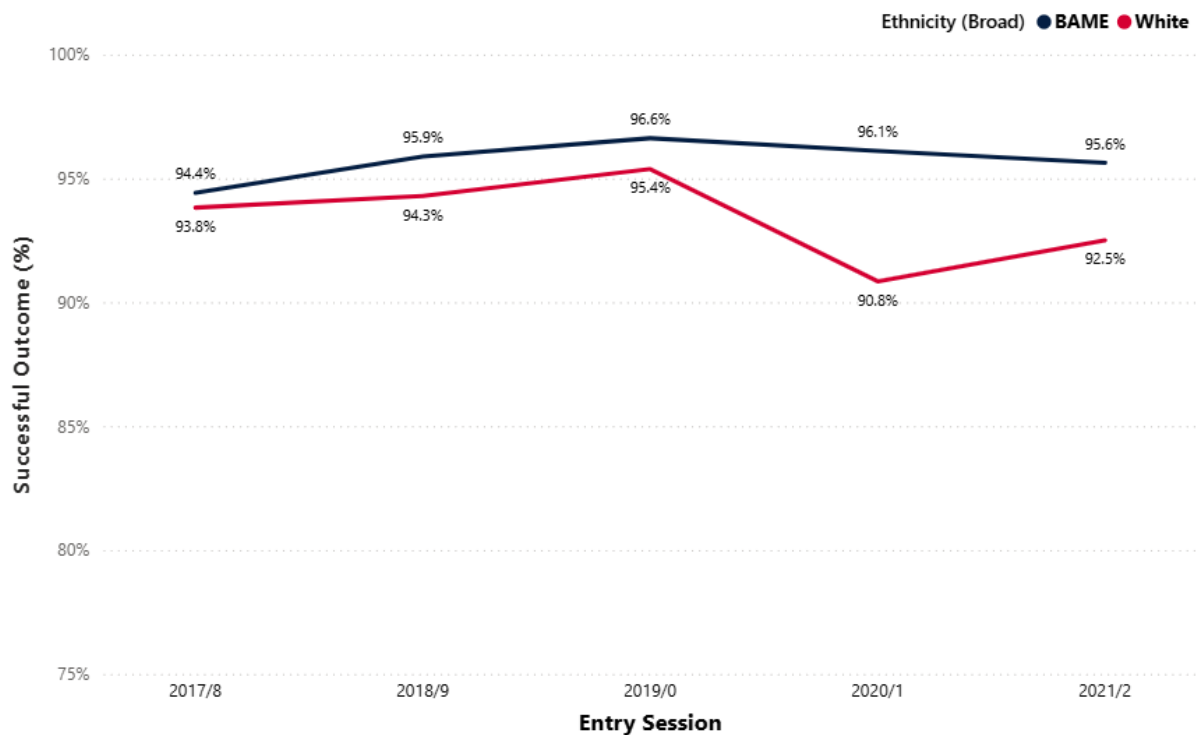


Figure ST3.18: 2021/2 - BAME: 4160; white: 1390; unknown: 1310. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.19 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGT Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
Asian	96.4%	97.3%	97.9%	97.3%	97.4%
Black	78.9%	86.4%	82.0%	85.1%	80.1%
Mixed	94.4%	92.5%	92.9%	91.4%	89.4%
Other	88.9%	90.5%	92.8%	92.9%	91.2%
White	93.8%	94.3%	95.4%	90.8%	92.5%

Figure ST3.1: 2021/2 - Asian: 3495; black: 270; mixed: 180; other: 215; white: 1390; unknown: 1310. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.20 Ethnicity (Broad) - PGR Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

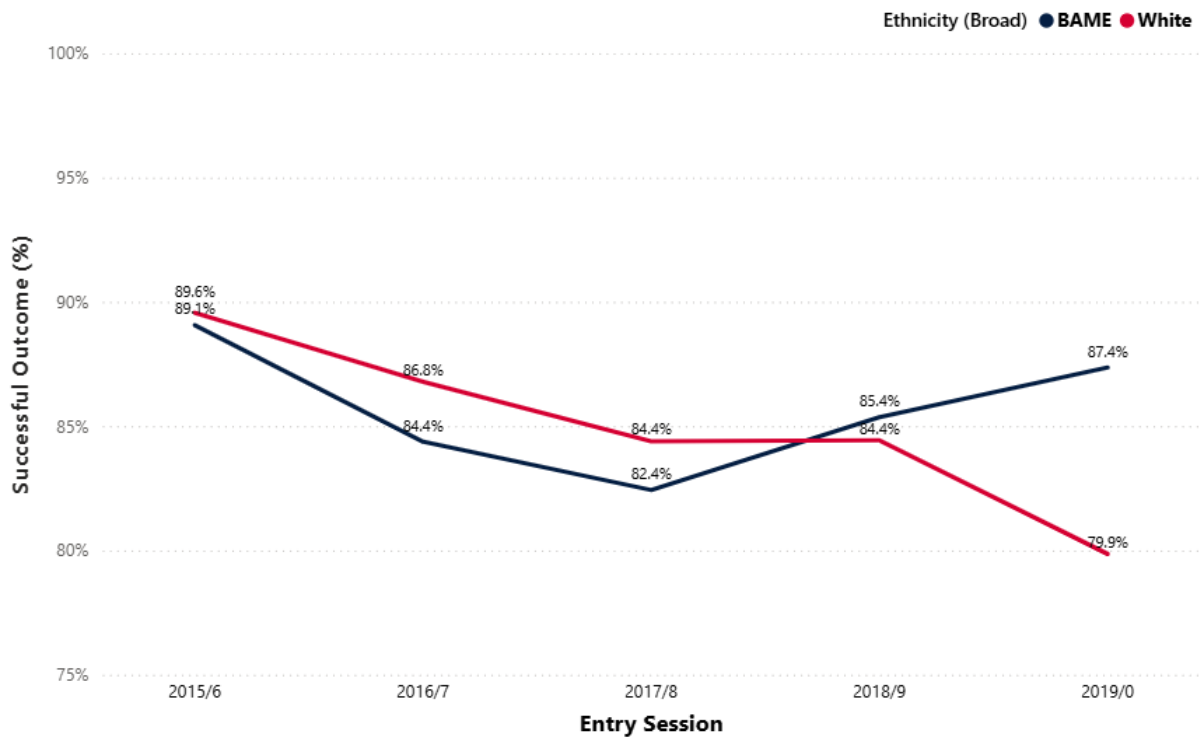


Figure ST3.20: 2019/0 - BAME: 85; white: 555; unknown: 45. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.21 Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGR Successful outcome (UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2015/6	2016/7	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0
Asian	86.7%	82.1%	84.4%	84.8%	87.5%
Mixed	91.3%		81.5%	86.7%	83.9%
White	89.6%	86.8%	84.4%	84.4%	79.9%

Figure ST3.21: 2018/9 - Asian: 40; black: 10; mixed: 30; other: 5; white: 555; unknown: 45. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Values are suppressed for ethnicity groups with fewer than 23 students in that cohort.

3.22 Ethnicity (Broad) - PGR Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

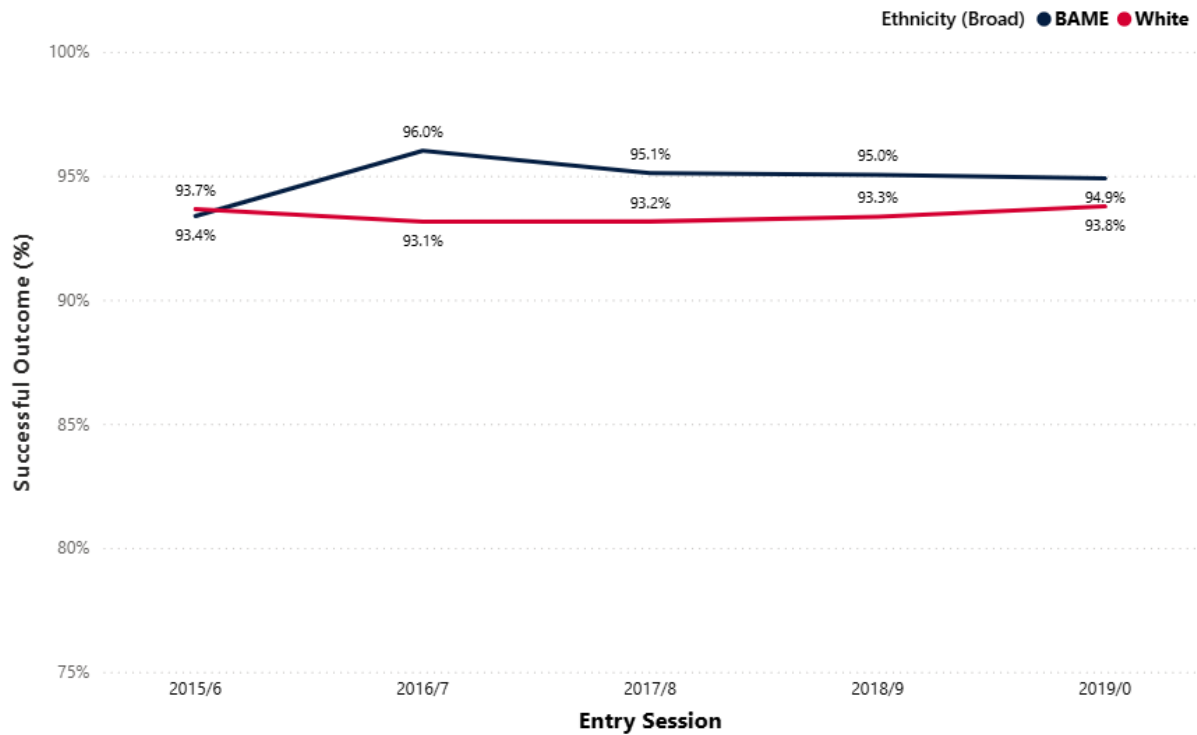


Figure ST3.22: 2019/0 - BAME: 470; white: 400; unknown: 95. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

3.23. Ethnicity BAME breakdown - PGR Successful outcome (Non-UK Domicile)

Ethnicity	2015/6	2016/7	2017/8	2018/9	2019/0
Asian	93.6%	96.2%	93.7%	96.1%	95.6%
Black	100.0%				
Mixed	89.5%	94.6%	97.9%	93.5%	91.2%
Other	92.1%	96.6%	98.6%	94.1%	92.9%
White	93.7%	93.1%	93.2%	93.3%	93.8%

Figure ST3.23: 2019/0 - Asian: 365; black: 15; mixed: 35; other: 55; white: 400; unknown: 95. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Values are suppressed for ethnicity groups with fewer than 23 students in that cohort.

4. Gender

4.1 Gender Female (%) – Entrants by Level of Study

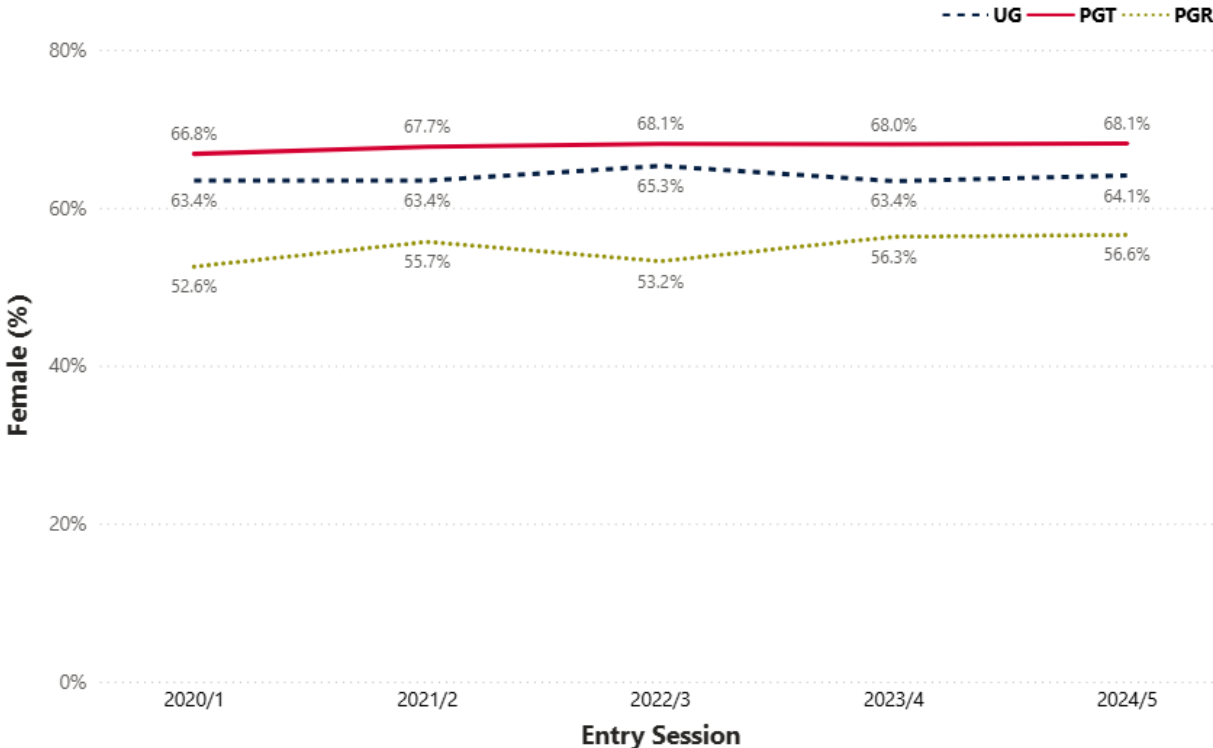


Figure ST4.1: UG 2024/5 - Female: 6565; Male: 3680; Other: 150. PGT 2024/5 - Female: 6090; Male: 2850; Other: 95. PGR 2024/5 - Female: 1025; Male: 785; Other: 20. Female entrants are expressed as a percentage of all entrants who declared their gender as either “female”, “male”, or “other”.

4.2 Gender - UG Successful outcome (%)

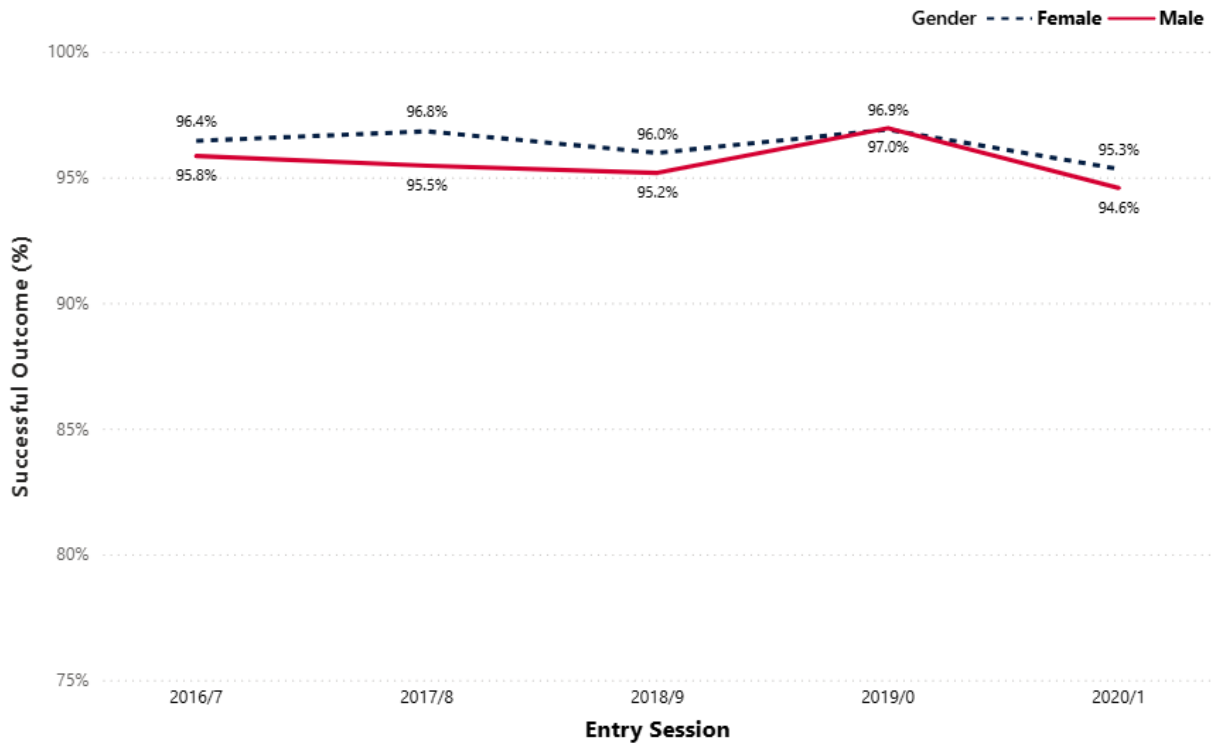


Figure ST4.2: 2020/1- Female: 5675; Male: 3265; Other: 45. Due to the small number of students who declared their gender as “other”, outcomes data for this group is suppressed. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

4.3 Gender - UG % 1st/2.1

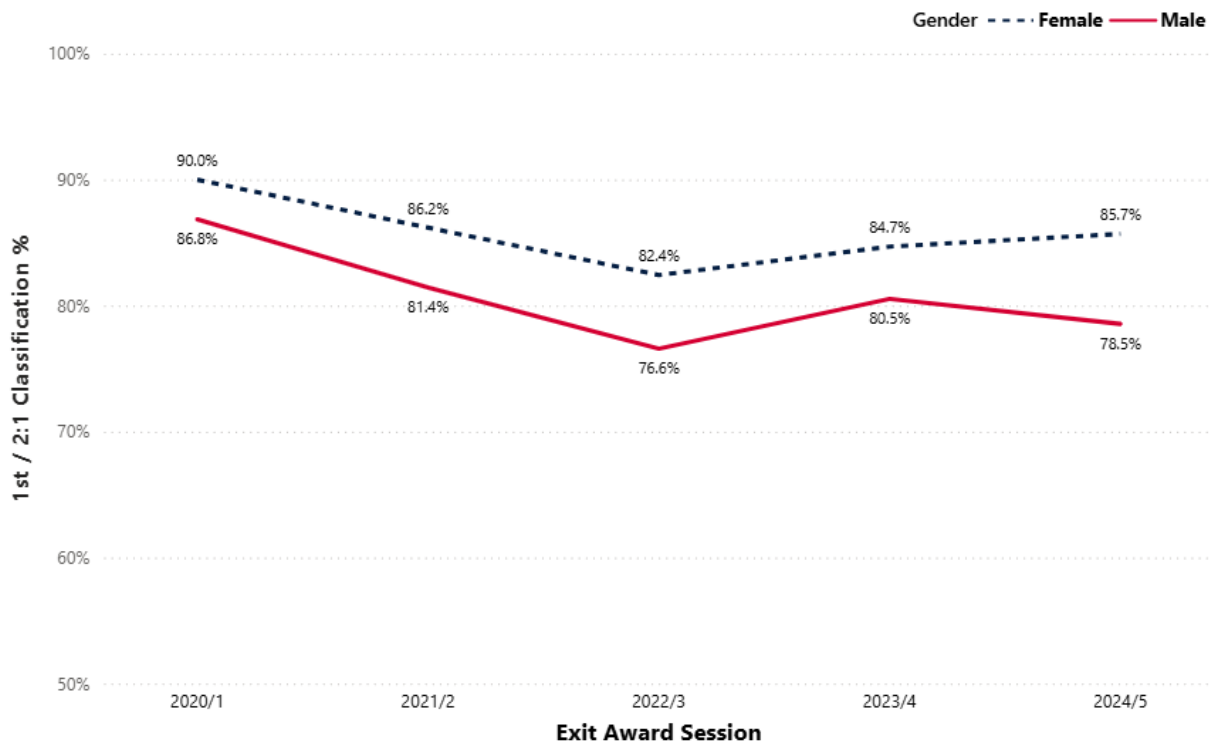


Figure ST4.3: 2024/5 - Female: 3765; Male: 2435; Other: 30. Due to the small number of students who declared their gender as "other", outcomes data for this group is suppressed. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

4.4 Gender - PGT Successful outcome (%)

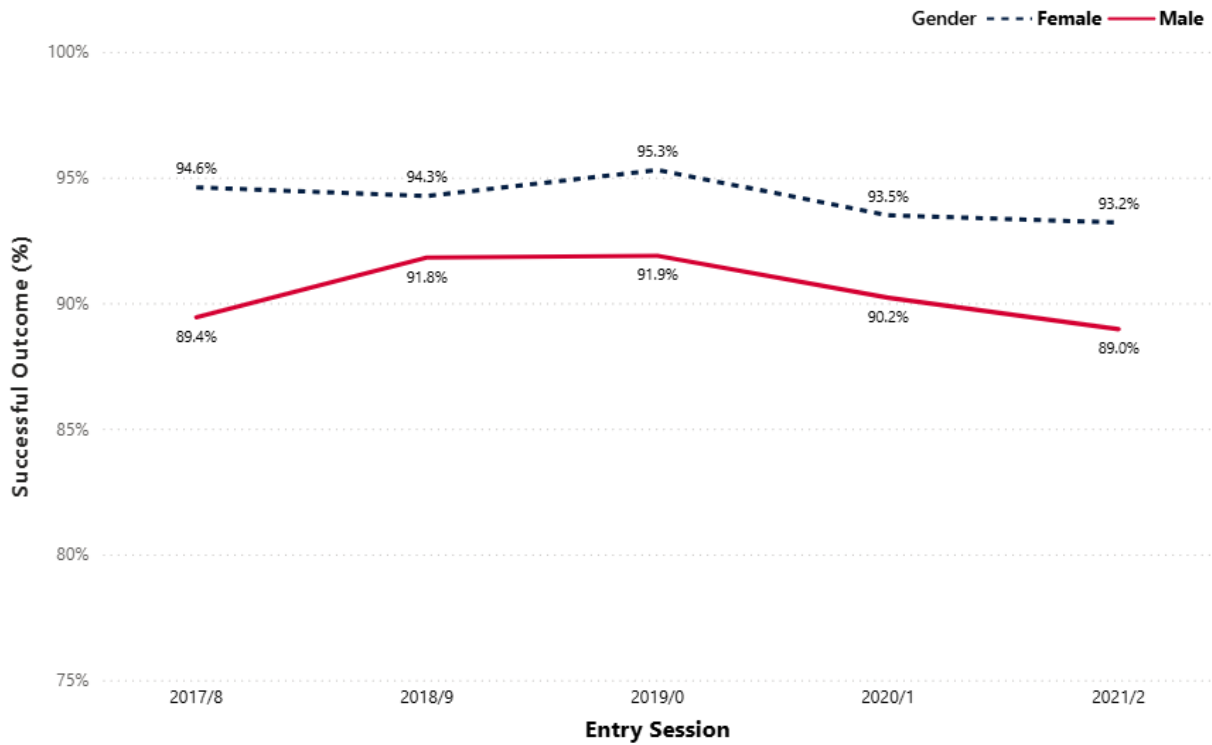


Figure ST4.4: 2021/2 - Female: 6460; Male: 3070; Other: 65. Due to the small number of students who declared their gender as "other", outcomes data for this group is suppressed. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

4.5 Gender - PGR Successful outcome (%)

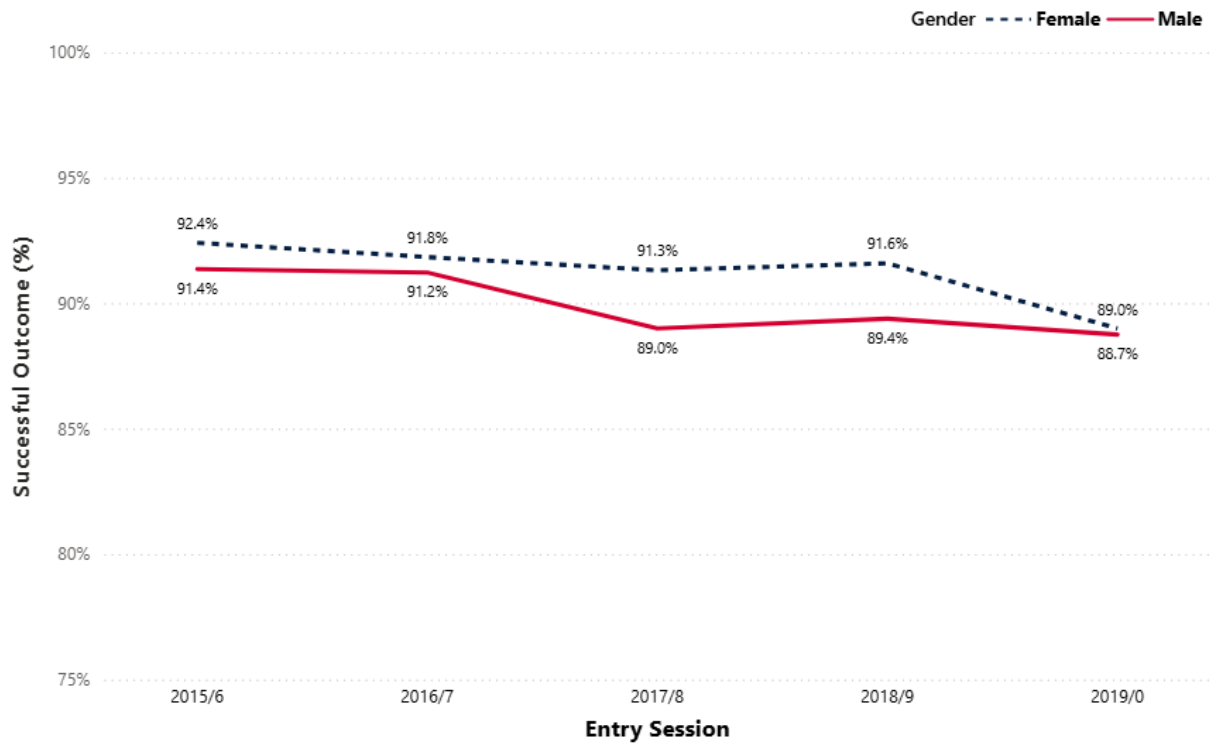


Figure ST4.5: 2019/0 - Female: 845; Male: 790; Other: 15. Due to the small number of students who declared their gender as "other", outcomes data for this group is suppressed. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

5. Age On Entry

5.1 Age groups - UG Entrants

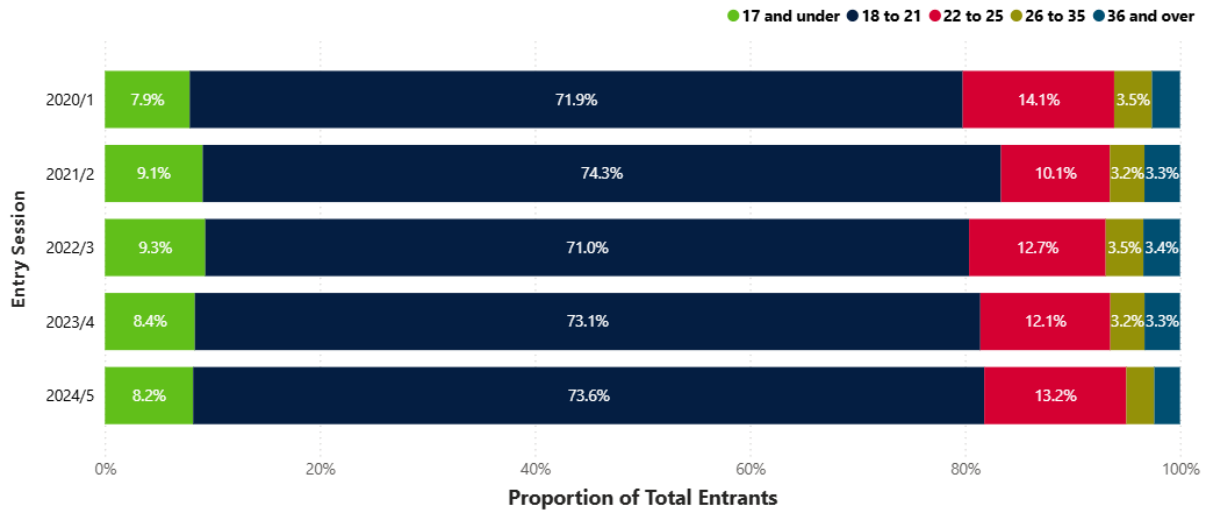


Figure ST5.1: 2024/5 - 17 and under: 855; 18 to 21: 7650; 22 to 25: 1375; 26 to 35: 270; 36 and over: 250.

5.2 Age groups - PGT Entrants

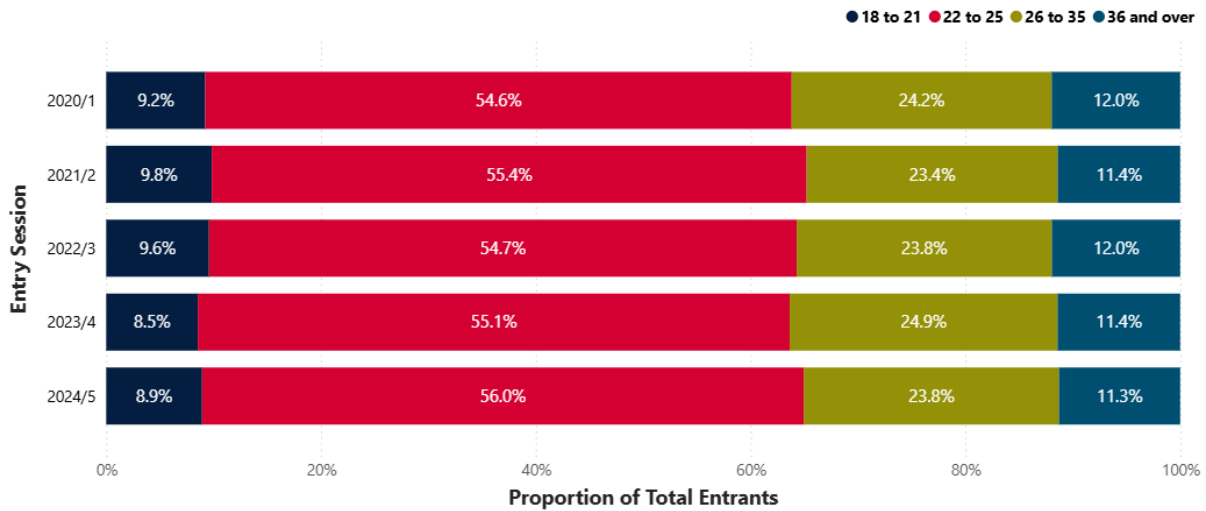


Figure ST5.2: 2024/5. No enrolled PGT students in the 17 and under age group. 18 to 21: 805; 22 to 25: 5060; 26 to 35: 2205; 36 and over: 1020.

5.3 Age groups - PGR Entrants

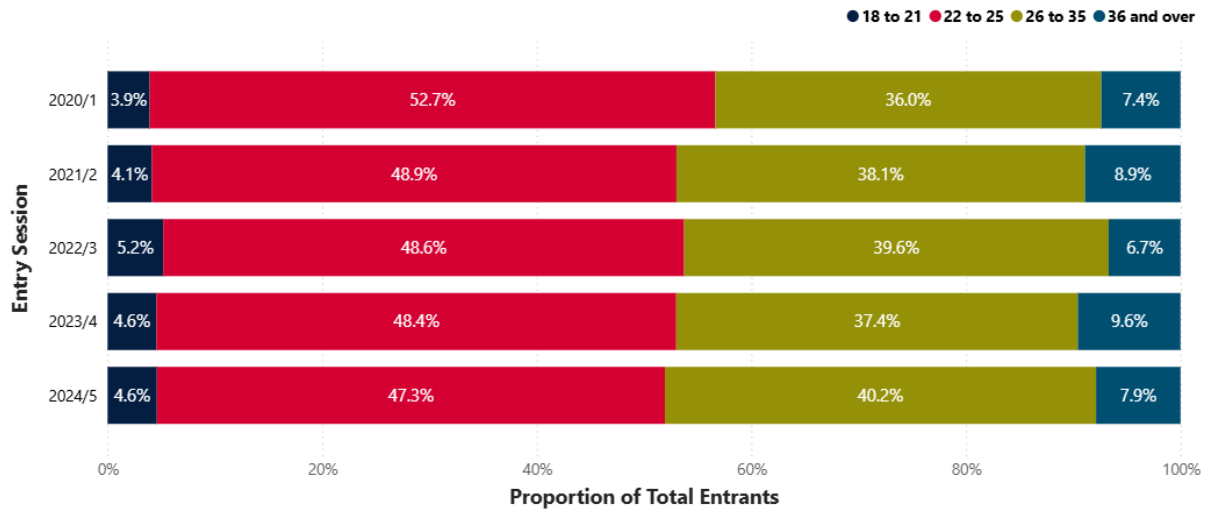


Figure ST5.3: 2024/5 No enrolled PGR students in the 17 and under age group. 18 to 21: 85; 22 to 25: 865; 26 to 35: 735; 36 and over: 145.

5.4 Age groups - UG Successful outcome

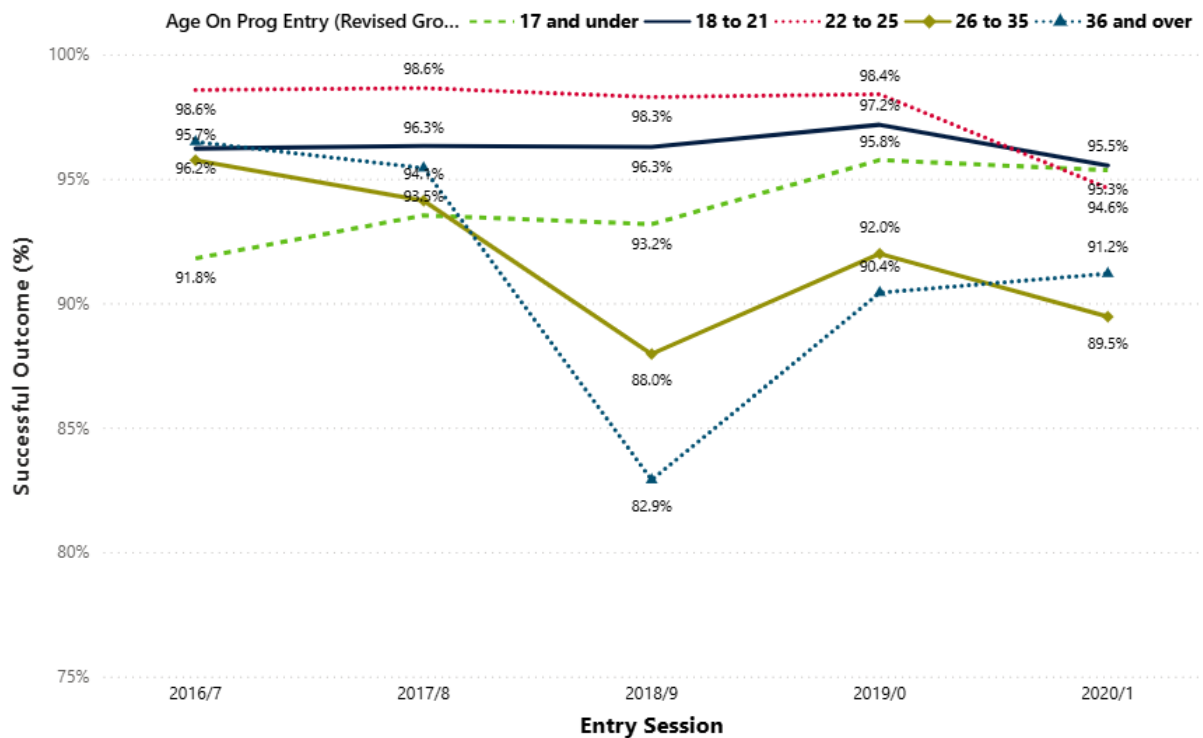


Figure ST5.4: 2019/0 - 17 and under: 710; 18 to 21: 6465; 22 to 25: 1265; 26 to 35: 315; 36 and over: 225. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

5.5 Age groups - UG %1st/2.1

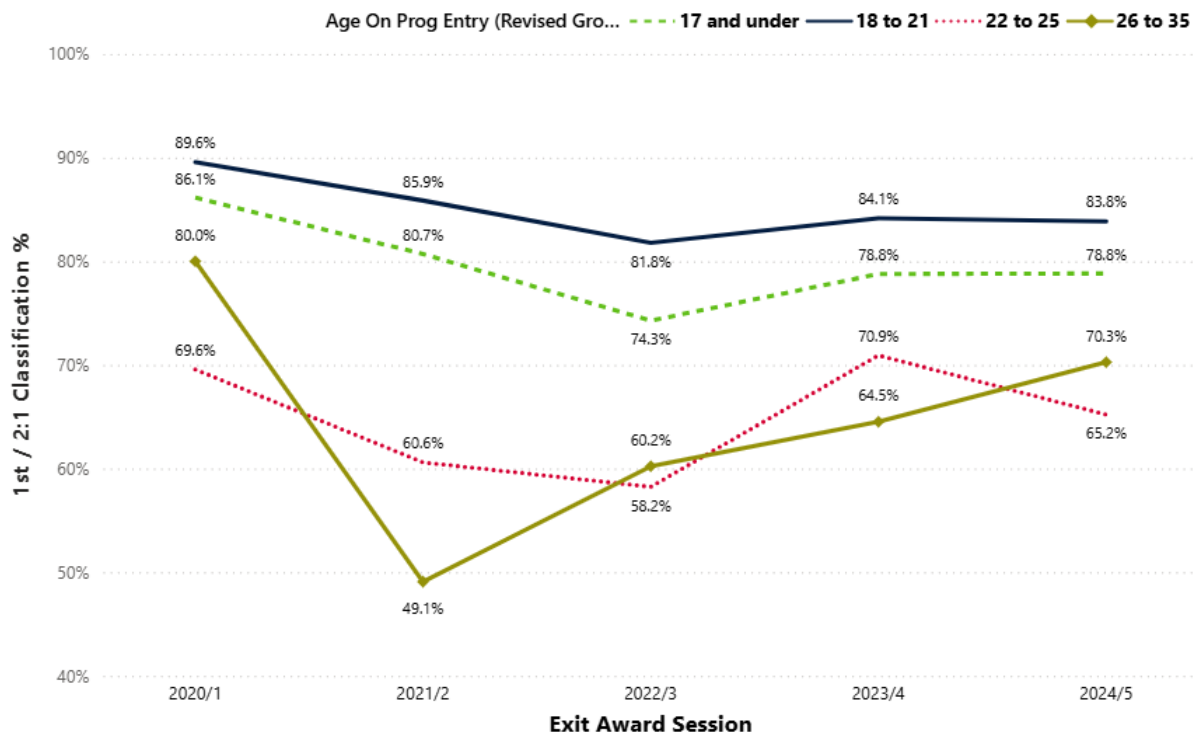


Figure ST5.5: 2024/5 - 17 and under: 700; 18 to 21: 5355; 22 to 25: 70; 26 to 35: 75; 36 and over: 30. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Figures for students aged 36 and over on entry are suppressed due to low numbers.

5.6 Age groups - PGT Successful outcome

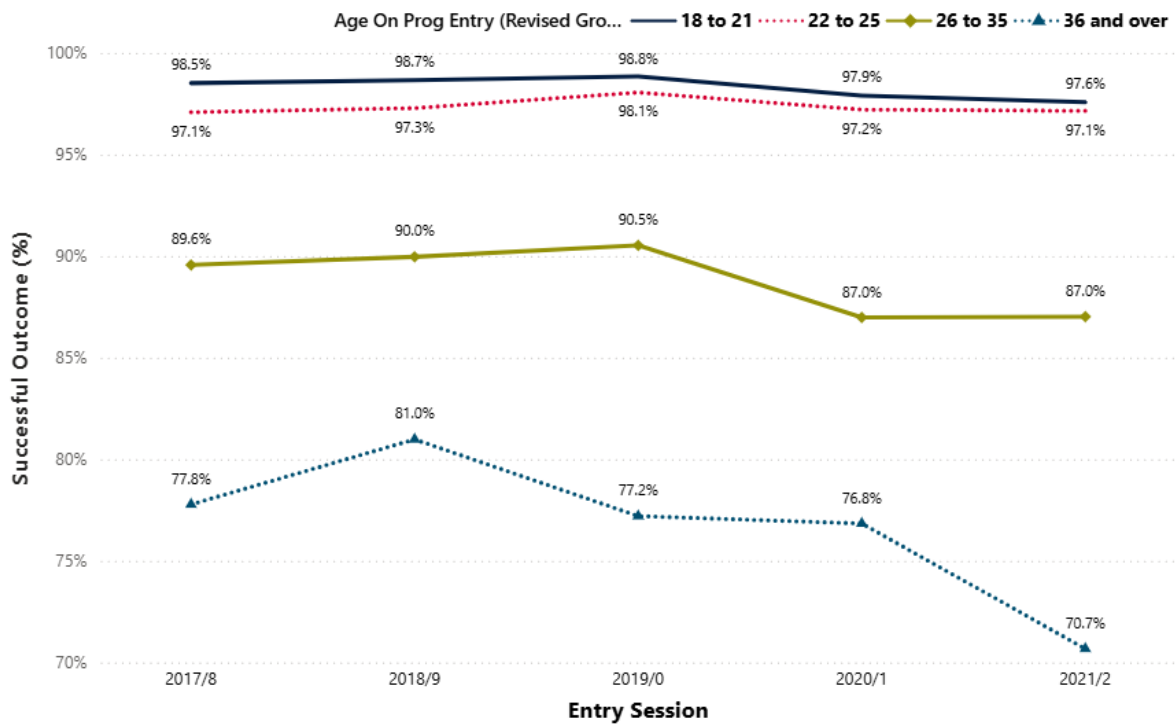


Figure ST5.6: 2021/2. No enrolled PGT students in the 17 and under age group; 18 to 21: 950; 22 to 25: 5335; 26 to 35: 2235; 36 and over: 1080. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations. Figures for students aged 17 and under on entry are suppressed due to low numbers.

5.7 Age groups – PGR Successful outcome

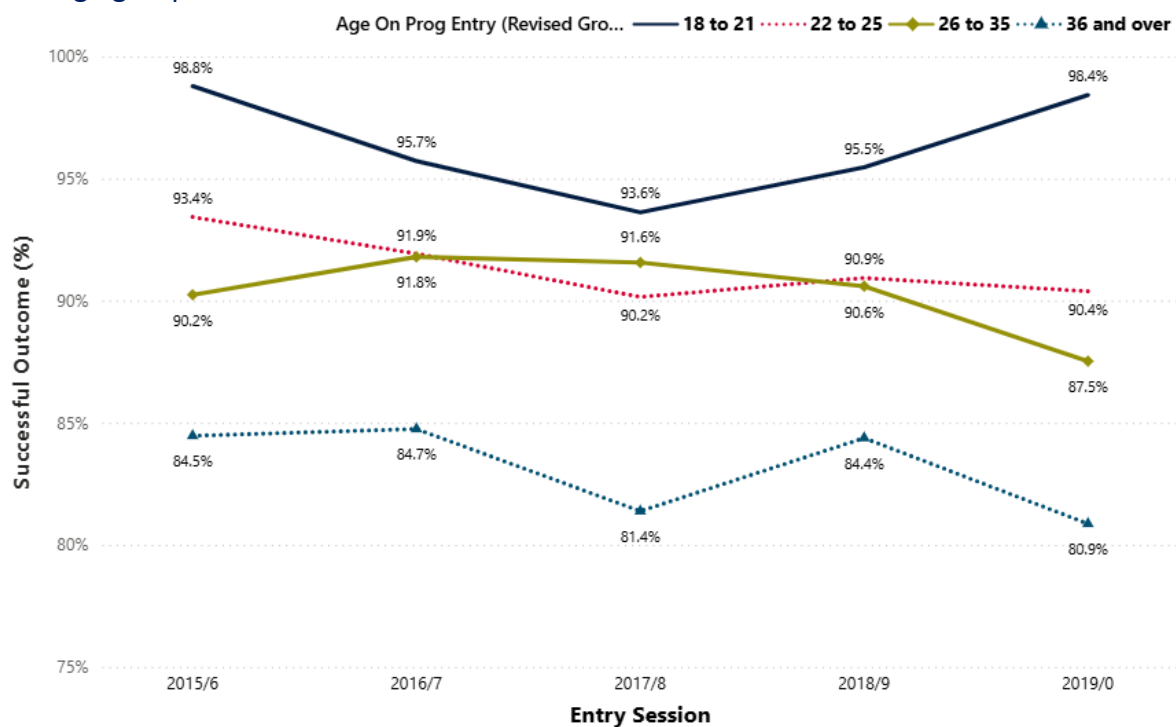


Figure ST5.7: 2019/0. No enrolled PGR students in the 17 and under age group. 18 to 21: 60; 22 to 25: 815; 26 to 35: 560; 36 and over: 115. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are

not included in these calculations. Figures for students aged 17 and under on entry are suppressed due to low numbers.

6. Disability

6.1 Declared Disability in Student Population by Level of Study

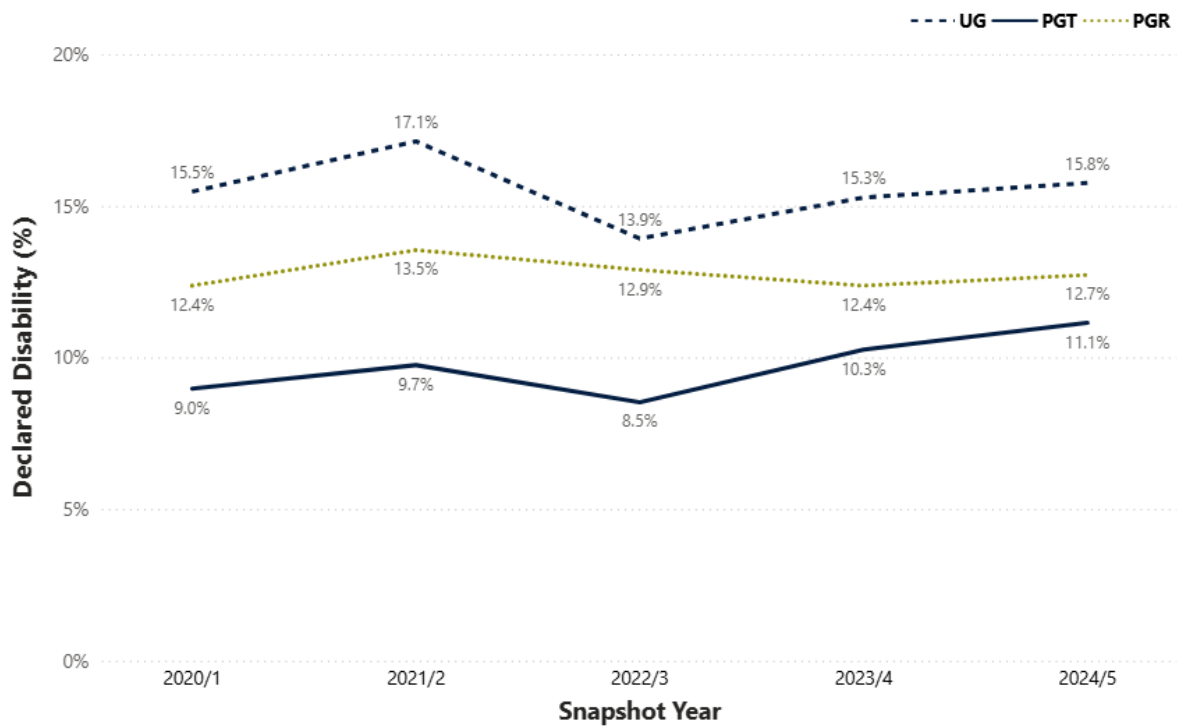


Figure ST6.1: UG 2024/5 - Disability disclosed: 4715; No known disability: 25200. PGT 2024/5 - Disability disclosed: 1460; No known disability: 11660. PGR 2024/5 - Disability disclosed: 840; No known disability: 5770. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of the academic year are not included in these calculations.

6.2 Disability - UG Successful outcome

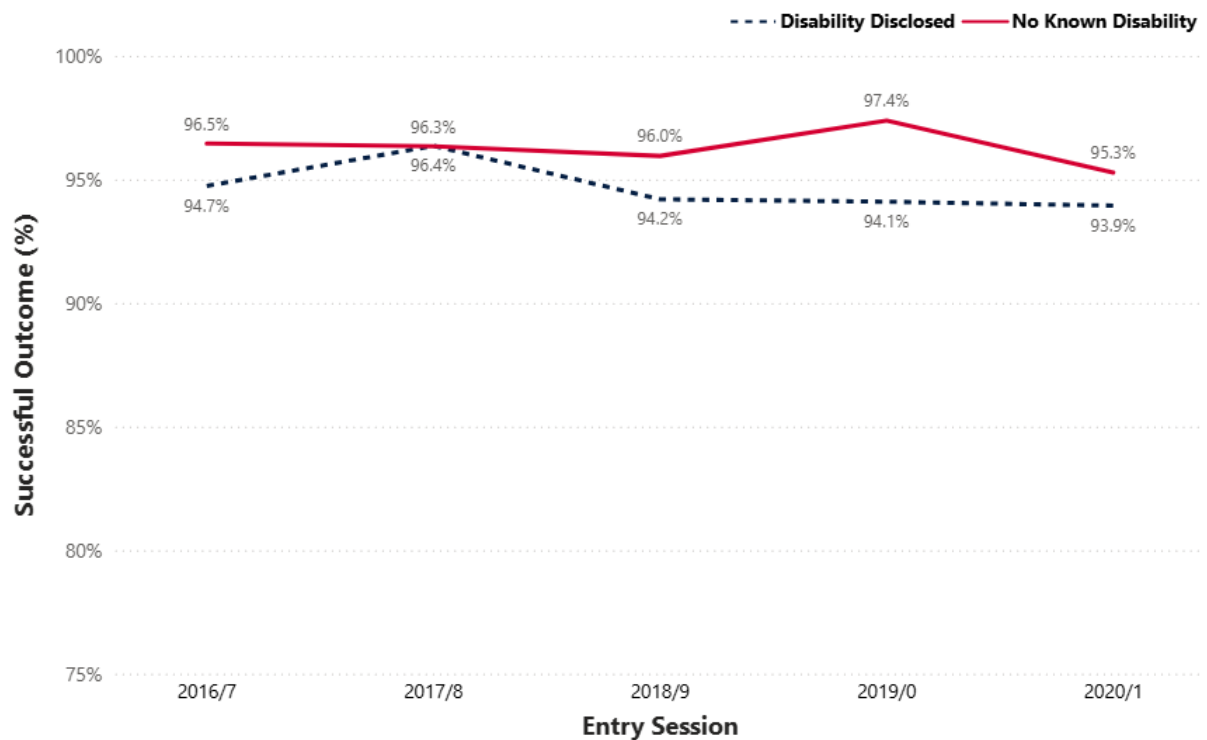


Figure ST6.2: 2019/0 - Disability disclosed: 1435; No known disability: 7545. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

6.3 Disability - UG %1st/2.1

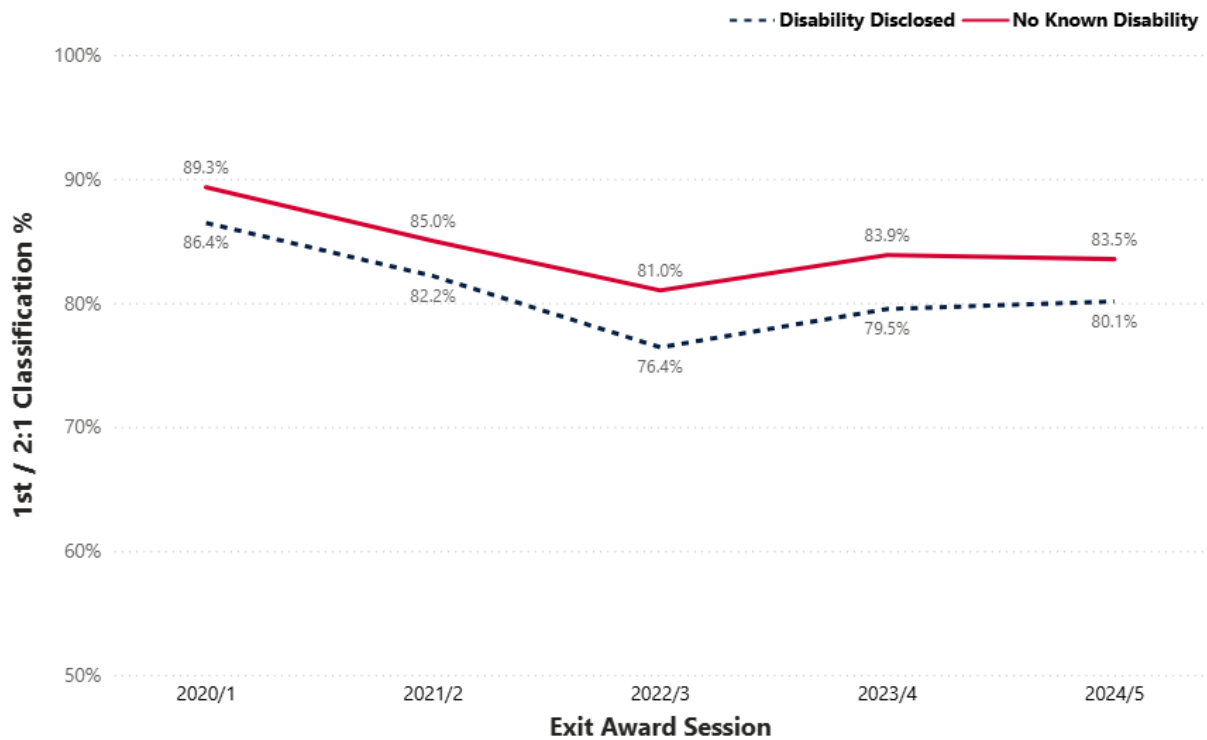


Figure ST6.3: 2024/5 - Disability disclosed: 1180; No known disability: 5045. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

6.4 Disability - PGT Successful outcome



Figure ST6.4: 2020/1 - Disability disclosed: 875; No known disability: 8720. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.

6.5 Disability - PGR Successful outcome

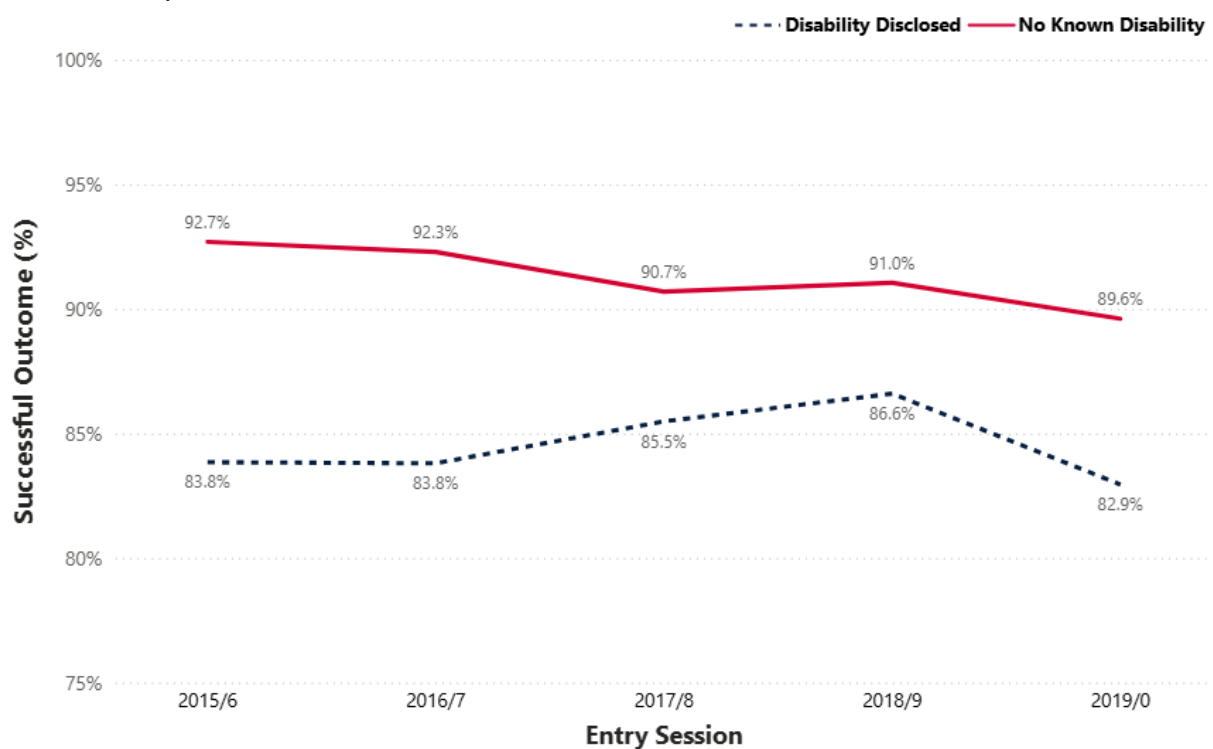


Figure ST6.5: PGR 2019/0 - Disability disclosed: 215; No known disability: 1435. Students who withdrew within the first 5 weeks of their first session are not included in these calculations.