| **Dimension** | **Lancaster 2023**  **% Applicants: % Passed Gen Ability tests: % Acceptances[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **UK wide 2023 Clearing House information**  **% Applicants: % Shortlisted: % Acceptances** |
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|  | **Full time[[2]](#footnote-2)** |  |
| **Gender: female** | 75: 78: 76 | 82: 84: 84 |
| **Dependants - yes** | 13: 8: 8 | 12: 8: 6 |
| **Sexual orientation – not heterosexual** | 28: 30: 26 | 25: 28: 29 |
| **Single**  **Married/civil partner/cohabiting**  **Divorced/separated** | 63: 63: 68  33: 35: 28  1: 1: 0 | 65: 64: 64  31: 33: 33  2: 2: 1 |
| **Age: 20-24 years** | 26: 27: 32 | 23: 17: 18 |
| **25 – 29 years** | 49: 50: 46 | 51: 60: 61 |
| **30 – 34 years** | 14: 15: 20 | 14: 14: 14 |
| **35 – 39 years** | 6: 4: 0 | 6: 5: 4 |
| **40 – 44 years** | 3: 2: 2 | 3: 3: 2 |
| **45 years +** | 3: 1: 0 | 2: 1: 1 |
| **Disability – total declared** | 17: 19: 20 | 17: 18: 19 |
| **Disability type**  Dyslexia  Mental health disability  Deaf/hearing impairment  Unseen disability e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, asthma  2 or more disabilities  Other disability | 3: 1: 2  4: 3: 2  1: 1: 0  3: 6: 4  3: 2: 2  3: 6: 10 | 4: 4: 5  3: 3: 4  0: 0: 0  3: 4: 4  3: 3: 3  2: 3: 3 |
| **Socio economic background[[3]](#footnote-3)**  Prefer not to say[[4]](#footnote-4)  Quintile 1  Quintile 2  Quintile 3  Quintile 4  Quintile 5 | 19: 15: 20  13: 12: 14  14: 12: 12  17: 18: 20  17: 16: 14  22: 26: 20 | 23: 21: 18  10: 9: 9  12: 11: 11  15: 15: 16  18: 18: 19  23: 26: 28 |
| **Religion: total with a religion** | 32: 29: 26 | 32: 29: 30 |
| **Religion:**  Christian  Buddhist  Hindu  Jewish  Muslim  Sikh  Other | 19: 19: 20  1: 1: 0  1: 1: 0  1: 0: 0  7: 5: 6  1: 0: 0  2: 2: 0 | 18: 17: 18  1: 1: 1  2: 2: 2  1: 1: 1  8: 6: 5  1: 1: 1  2: 2: 2 |
| **Ethnicity:**  Total White  Total Asian  Total Black  Mixed  Other (Chinese, Middle Eastern/North African) | 79: 84: 78  10: 9: 10  3: 1: 4  4: 3: 6  2: 1: 0 | 73: 76: 76  11: 9: 9  5: 5: 5  6: 6: 7  3: 3: 2 |

All % are rounded up

**Conclusions**

While the numbers are **very small**, those with the following characteristics were slightly, and disproportionately, **more** likely to accept a fulltime place at Lancaster in 2023 than acceptances for all UK wide courses:

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| **Characteristic** | **National pattern** |
|  |  |
| Lower socio-economic status, specifically quintiles 1 & 3 | Advantage for higher socio-economic status, i.e. quintiles 4 & 5 |
| Male | No advantage |
| Age: 20-24 | No advantage |
| ‘Other’ disability | No advantage |

Again, while the numbers are small, there appears to be some disadvantage at *specific stages of the selection process* for those with the following characteristics:

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| **Characteristic** | **Disadvantage occurring at this stage of the selection process** |
| Black ethnicity | For Black candidates, a disadvantage occurred at screening. The figures show that 22 Black candidates applied, with 2 attending the selection event and 2 accepting offers. |
| Dependants | For candidates with dependants, a disadvantage occurred at the screening stage (n = 84:14:4) |

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1. Acceptances, not offers made [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Part time data available but identifiable therefore not reported here [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The quintiles are from the POLAR3 data on participation rates in Higher Education. Applicants are asked to provide their postcode at age 17 which is matched with the POLAR data to give the HE participation rate for that area. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. "Prefer not to say" includes applicants who do not have an appropriate postcode e.g. from outside the UK. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)