| **Dimension** | **Lancaster 2021****% Applicants: % Passed Gen Ability tests: % Acceptances[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **UK wide 2021 Clearing House information** **% Applicants: % Shortlisted: % Acceptances** |
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|  | **Full time[[2]](#footnote-2)** |  |
| **Gender: female** | 80: 80: 83 | 83: 85: 86 |
| **Dependants - yes** | 10: 6: 3 | 11: 8: 6 |
| **Sexual orientation – not heterosexual** | 16: 21: 32 | 17: 18: 19 |
| **Single****Married/civil partner/cohabiting****Divorced/separated** | 67: 63: 7031: 36: 302: 0: 0 | 65: 63: 6332: 34: 342: 1: 1 |
| **Age: 20-24 years** | 27: 30: 35 | 23: 16: 18 |
| **25 – 29 years** | 48: 53: 48 | 52: 60: 62 |
| **30 – 34 years** | 16: 12: 13 | 15: 15: 15 |
| **35 – 39 years** | 4: 5: 5 | 5: 5: 3 |
| **40 – 44 years** | 3: 0: 0 | 3: 2: 1 |
| **45 years +** | 3: 1: 0 | 2: 1: 1 |
| **Disability – total declared** | 15: 19: 25 | 13: 15: 14 |
| **Disability type**DyslexiaMental health disabilityDeaf/hearing impairmentUnseen disability e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, asthma2 or more disabilitiesOther disability  | 3: 5: 54: 5: 80: 0: 33: 4: 52: 4: 32: 2: 3 | 4: 5: 42: 2: 20: 0: 03: 3: 32: 2: 22: 2: 2 |
| **Socio economic background[[3]](#footnote-3)** Prefer not to say[[4]](#footnote-4)Quintile 1Quintile 2Quintile 3Quintile 4Quintile 5 | 16: 15: 1311: 7: 814: 14: 2018: 12: 1521: 20: 1322: 32: 33 | 19: 17: 149: 7: 713: 13: 1316: 14: 1520: 21: 2224: 29: 30 |
| **Religion: total with a religion** | 33: 29: 35 | 30: 28: 29 |
| **Religion:** ChristianBuddhistHinduJewishMuslimSikhOther | 19: 18: 181: 0: 02: 0: 01: 1: 08: 3: 81: 1: 02: 5: 5 | 19: 18: 191: 1: 11: 1: 11: 1: 16: 4: 41: 1: 12: 2: 1 |
| **Ethnicity:**Total White Total AsianTotal BlackMixedOther (Chinese, Middle Eastern/North African) | 76: 84: 7511: 5: 105: 1: 35: 6: 53: 1: 3 | 75: 80: 769: 7: 86: 5: 65: 5: 63: 3: 3 |

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 2021 than acceptances for all UK wide courses:

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| **Characteristic** | **National pattern** |
|  |  |
| Lower socio-economic status, specifically quintile 2  | Advantage for higher socio-economic status, i.e. quintiles 4 & 5  |
| Religion in general, and specifically Muslim | No advantage |
| Age: 20-24 | No advantage |
| Disability in general | No advantage |
| Mental health difficulty | No advantage |
| Deaf/hearing impairment | No advantage |
| Sexuality - Not heterosexual | 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**  |
| Asian ethnicity | For Asian candidates, a disadvantage occurred at screening. The figures show that 66 Asian candidates applied, with 6 attending the selection event and 4 accepting offers.  |
| Black ethnicity | For Black candidates, the disadvantage was also at screening (n=28:1:1) |
| Mixed ethnicity | For Mixed ethnic candidates the disadvantage was at screening and the selections event (n=27:7:2) |
| Lower socio-economic status, specifically quintile 1 | Disadvantage at screening stage for FT applicants, but advantage for PT applicants at screening |
| Muslim religion | For Muslim candidates, the disadvantage occurred at the screening stage. Figures show that 47 Muslims applied, with 3 attending the selections event and 3 accepting offers. |

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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)