

University of Leicester Student Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Data

Participation of students at the University of Leicester 2024/25

The University of Leicester is clear in its commitment to developing a culture of dignity, respect and inclusion, and creating an environment where difference is valued and respected. The University seeks to provide a positive working and learning environment, free from discrimination, harassment, or victimisation.

Under the Equality Act 2010 we are legally required to produce and publish diversity monitoring information annually. For students at the University, we collect data related to age, disability, sex, ethnicity, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

The Specific duties of the Equality Act 2010 require public bodies to:

- Publish information relating to employees who share protected characteristics
- Publish information relating to people who are affected by the public body's policies and practices (e.g. students)

Collecting diversity data from students allows us to:

- Further understand our student demographic, and support all students. It will allow us to identify specific issues and barriers, and take targeted action.
- Assess the impact of proposed policies and initiatives on different student groups to support decision making.

The data is used to inform the University's actions to create a more inclusive environment, based on statistical evidence. Diversity monitoring information has previously helped us to identify and make positive changes to improve the experiences of some student groups. Examples include facilities on campus such as prayer spaces and events for particular student groups.

Our Commitments to Access and Participation

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equity of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education. The plans include: the provider's ambition for change, what it plans to do to achieve that change, the targets it has set, and the investment it will make to deliver the plan.

You can find our Access and Participation Plan, Impact Report and the Office for Students Fee summary on our [Access and Participation webpage](#). These detail our expected fee income from Home/EU students and our ambition and strategy to widen participation for the 2020/21-2024/25 academic years.

Key

UG- Undergraduate

UoL- University of Leicester

Data Note

- Data for 2024/25 academic year alongside previous years (2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20).
- Percentages provided in the report have been rounded to one decimal place.
- Note: the population of this dataset excludes students that are suspended, dormant or withdrawn on 1st December 2024.
- Dalian students studying at Dalian (China) for all 4 years of their course have been excluded. These students were included in the previous year (2019/20) shown in this report (341 students)
- Please note that where figures are given for the UK, these are for UK HEI's (Higher Education Institutions) for the Academic Year 2022/23 which are the latest available from Heidi Plus (HESA UK HEI figures). To view further national data please see [Advanced HE's 2024 Equality in Higher Education: Student Data Dashboards \(Published: 19/11/2025\)](#). The 2024 report is the first publication by Advance HE that uses a new interactive Tableau dashboards layout.

1. Age

Table 1.1 All UoL students by age group, 2019/20 to 2024/25

Age	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
17 and Under	1.0%	218	1.0%	194	0.8%	148	0.7%	128	0.8%	138	1.0%	188
18-21	67.6%	14179	66.7%	12590	59.7%	11406	55.9%	10382	62.2%	10121	59.4%	10822
22-29	18.9%	3969	19.6%	3705	26.5%	5064	28.6%	5316	21.9%	3567	23.9%	4356
30-39	7.4%	1547	7.7%	1461	8.0%	1523	9.0%	1679	8.8%	1424	9.1%	1655
40-49	3.4%	714	3.3%	614	3.3%	633	3.8%	712	4.3%	703	4.5%	828
50-59	1.3%	268	1.3%	246	1.4%	259	1.5%	276	1.5%	243	1.6%	288
60-69	0.3%	58	0.3%	58	0.3%	60	0.4%	65	0.4%	58	0.4%	65
70 and Over	0.1%	14	0.1%	14	0.0%	8	0.1%	10	0.0%	6	0.1%	10
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19101	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

- In the academic year 2024/25, 68.6% of the UoL student population were classified as ≤ 21 , an increase of 0.9 percentage points from 2023/24. This remains above the national picture in the sector for 2023/24, in which 46.7% of students studying in UK higher education were classified as ≤ 21 (Advance HE, 2024 Report).
- Since 2019/20 the proportion of UoL student's ≤ 21 has fluctuated each year. The vast majority of students at UoL are in the 18-21 age group (Table 1.1, Graph 1.1).

Graph 1.1 All UoL students by age group, 2019/20 to 2024/25

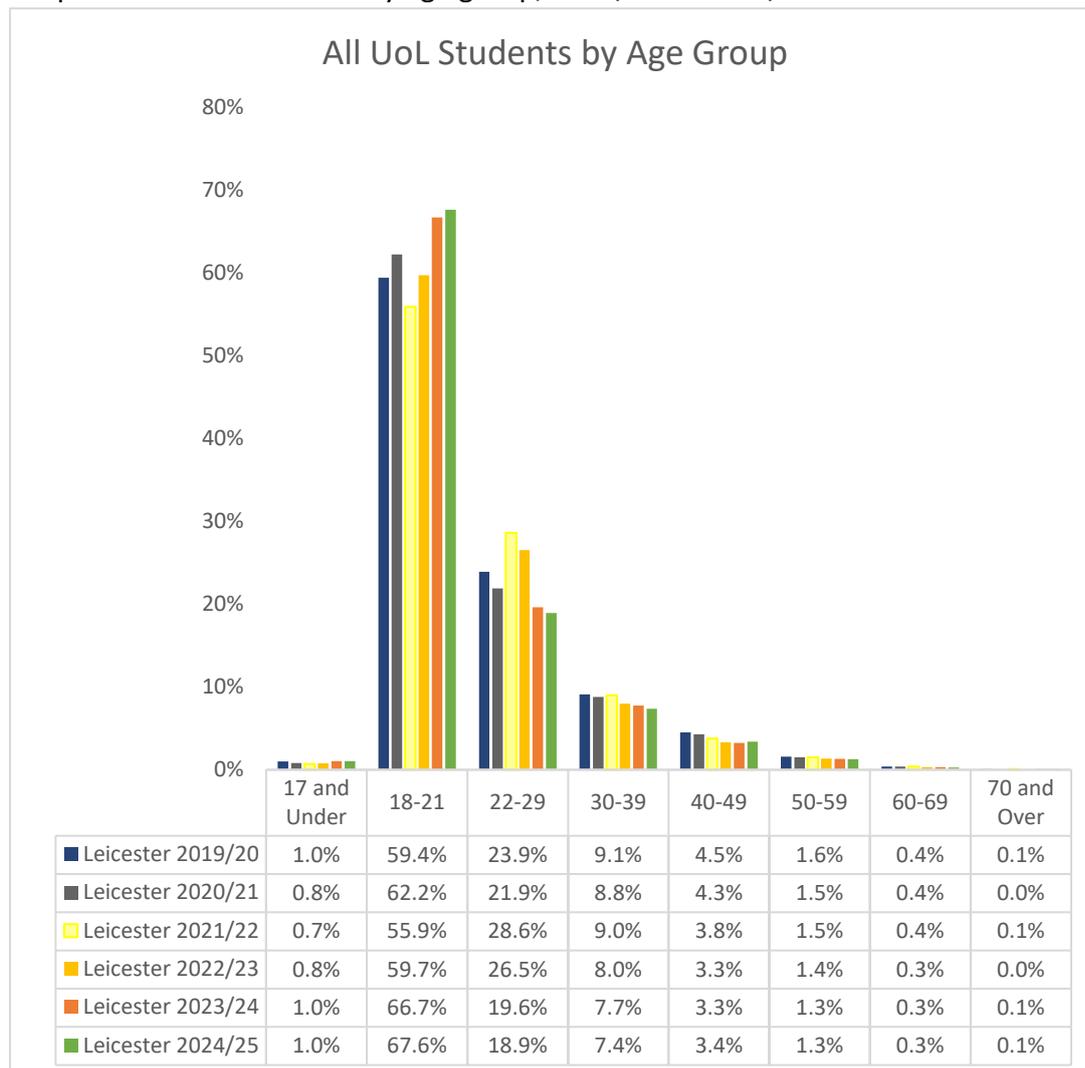


Table 1.2 All UG by age group, 2019/20 to 2024/5

Age	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Young (≤21 on entry)	86.3%	13667	89.5%	12391	89.0%	11110	87.6%	9988	87.9%	9878	88.9%	10514
Mature	13.7%	2178	10.5%	1449	11.0%	1379	12.4%	1414	12.1%	1357	11.1%	1313
Total	100%	15845	100%	13840	100%	12489	100%	11402	100%	11235	100%	11827

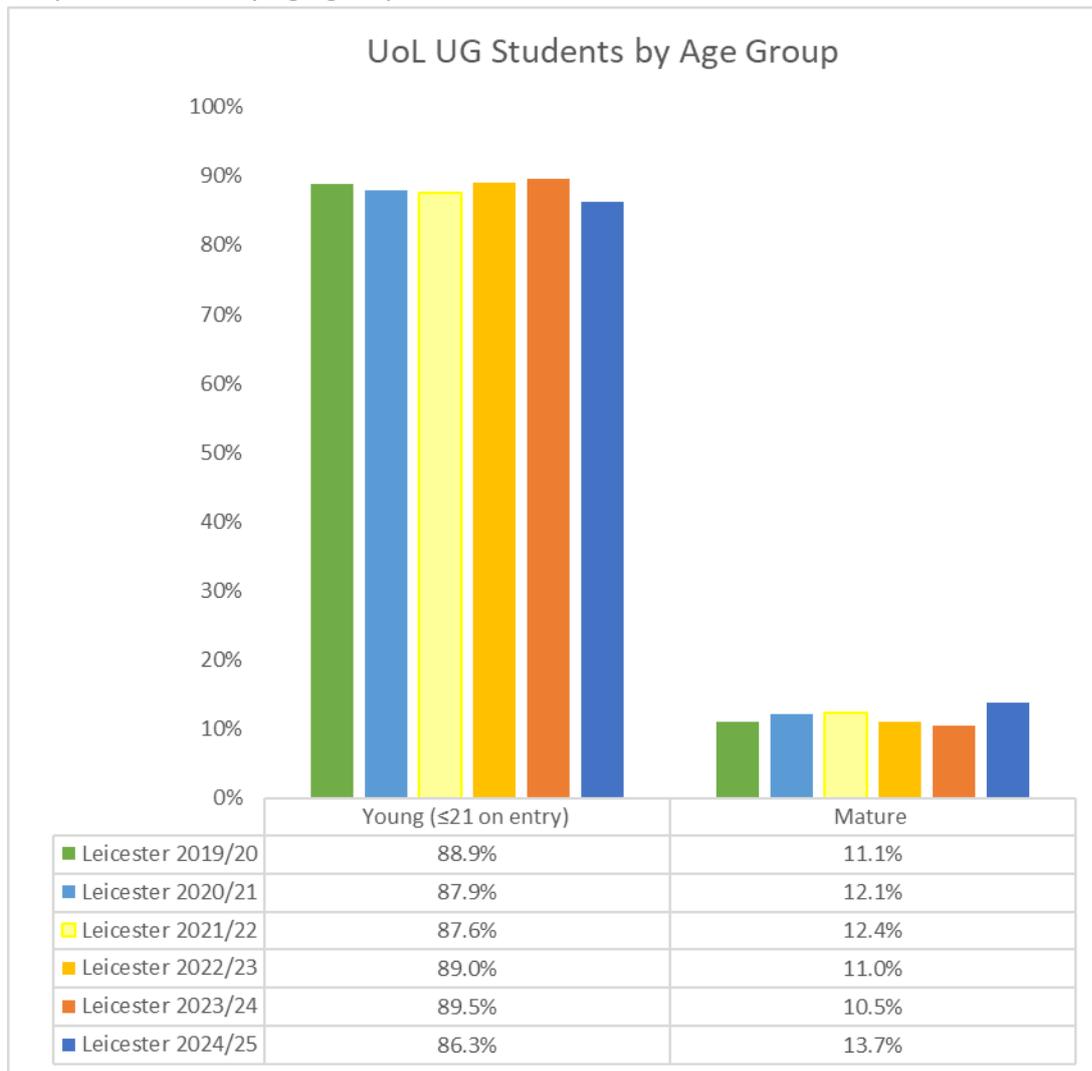
Table 1.3 All UoL UG new entrants by age group, 2019/20 to 2024/25

Age	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#
Young (≤21 on entry)	86%	4958	90%	4748	91.9%	4333	88.7%	3424	87.7%	3394
Mature	14%	779	10%	538	8.1%	382	11.3%	435	12.3%	475
Total	100%	5737	100%	5286	100%	4715	100%	3859	100%	3869

*Young is defined as ≤21. Numbers provided for years were for all students recorded as UG course group and included new entrants and returners.

- The vast majority of UoL's UG students, are, as expected, ≤21 (Table 1.2).
- In 2024/25, there was an increase in the proportion of UoL students classified as over 21 (mature) at UG level, compared with the preceding year 2023/24 (from 10.5% to 13.7%). This is an increase in the proportion of students who were classified aged over 21 (mature) in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 (Table 1.2).
- In 2022/23, nationally the proportion of first degree UG students classified as ≤21 was 66.8% (Advance HE, 2024 Report). This is lower than the proportion at UoL which in 2024/25 is 86.3%, while in previous years (2019/20 – 2023/24) was above 89.0% (Table 1.3).
- The proportion of new entrant UoL mature students (aged 21 and over) in 2024/25 was 14%, a 4 percentage points increase from 2023/24.

Graph 1.2 All UG by age group, 2019/20 to 2024/25



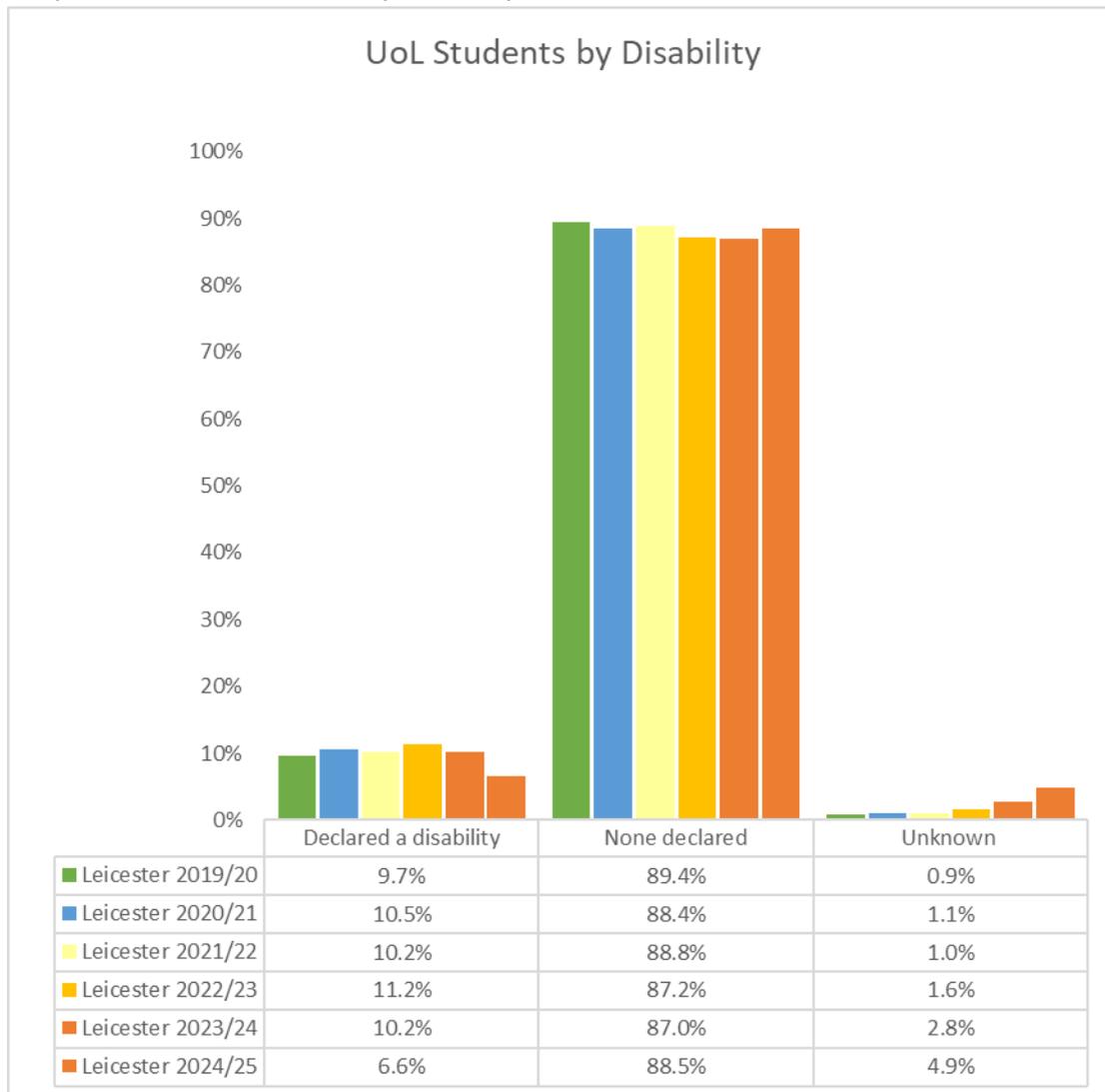
2. Disability

Table 2.1 All UoL students by disability, 2019/20 to 2024/25

Disability	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Declared a disability	6.6%	1382	10.2%	1922	11.2%	2148	10.2%	1896	10.5%	1713	9.7%	1761
None declared	88.5%	18563	87.0%	16427	87.2%	16647	88.8%	16489	88.4%	14373	89.4%	16283
Unknown	4.9%	1022	2.8%	533	1.6%	306	1.0%	183	1.1%	174	0.9%	168
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19101	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

- In 2024/25, 6.6% of UoL's students declared a disability, this is a decrease of 3.6 percentage points from 10.2% in 2023/24 (see Table 2.1, Graph 2.1), this is also lower than the national picture.
- The proportion of students whose disability status is 'unknown' increased by 2.1% from 2.8% in 2023/24 to 4.9% in 2024/25.

Graph 2.1 All UoL students by disability, 2019/20 to 2024/25



3. Ethnicity

Table 3.1 All UoL students by ethnicity (minority ethnic, white and not declared) 2019/20 to 2024/25

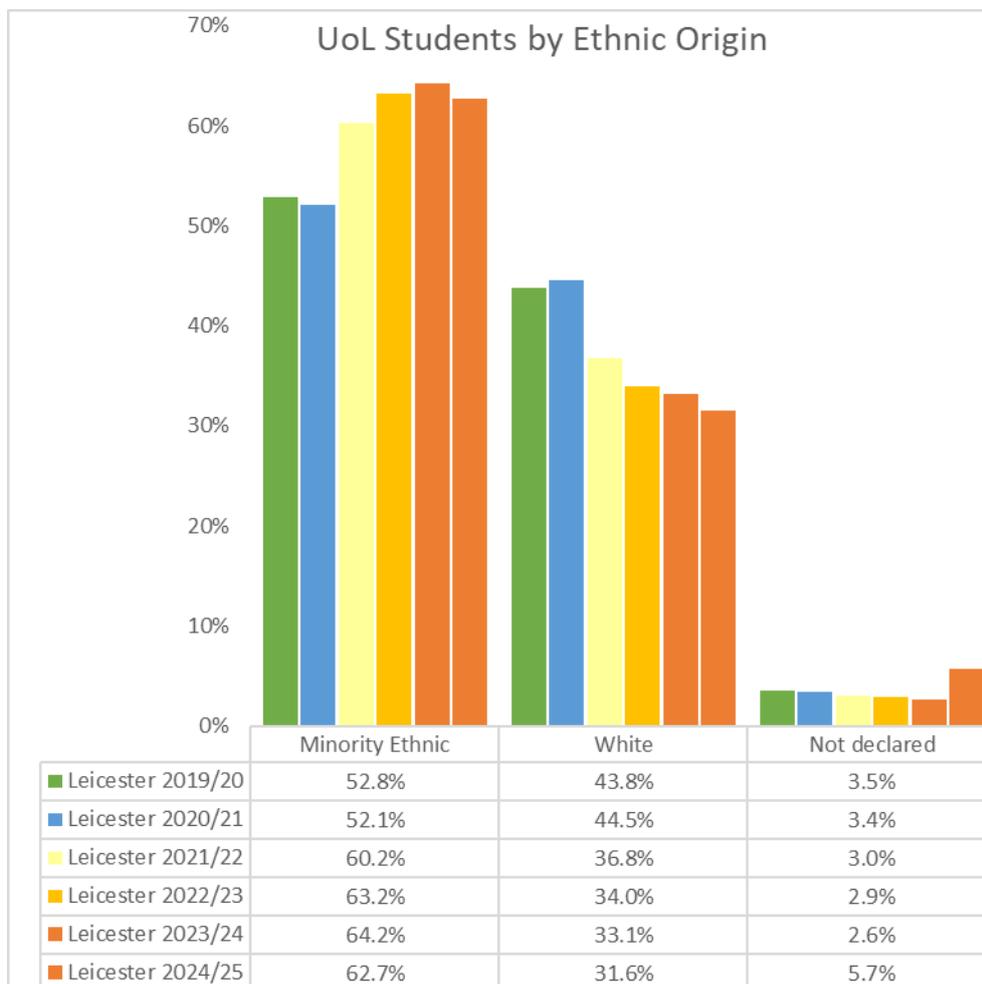
Ethnic Origin	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Minority Ethnic	62.7%	13152	64.2%	12126	63.2%	12073	60.2%	11170	52.1%	8469	52.8%	9613
White	31.6%	6616	33.1%	6256	34.0%	6489	36.8%	6829	44.5%	7237	43.8%	7972
Not declared	5.7%	1199	2.6%	500	2.9%	545	3.0%	569	3.4%	554	3.5%	627
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19107	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

- 2024/25 saw a decrease of 1.5 percentage points in the proportion of UoL students who identify as minority ethnic, from 64.2% in 2023 to 62.7% in 2024/25 (Table 3.1, Graph 3.1). This follows previous years of considerable growth of 11.4 percentage points from 2019/20 to 2023/24.
- 2024/25 has seen an increase in the proportion of UoL students who have not declared their ethnicity (from 2.6% in 2023/24 to 5.7% in 2024/25, a 3.1 percentage points increase). This follows previous years of a slight decrease in the proportion of UoL students who have not declared their ethnicity (from 3.5% in 2019/20 to 2.6% in 2023/24).

Table 3.2 Breakdown of UoL Students by ethnicity 2019/20 to 2024/25

Ethnic Origin	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Asian or Asian British	33.7%	7075	37.4%	7053	41.4%	7911	40.1%	7438	31.2%	5069	33.2%	6054
Black or Black British	17.9%	3745	16.9%	3188	13.4%	2563	12.1%	2247	12.7%	2073	11.9%	2164
White	31.6%	6616	33.1%	6256	34.0%	6489	36.8%	6829	44.5%	7237	43.8%	7972
Other and mixed	11.1%	2332	10.0%	1885	8.4%	1599	8.0%	1485	8.2%	1327	7.7%	1395
Not declared	5.7%	1199	2.6%	500	2.9%	545	3.0%	569	3.4%	554	3.5%	627
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19107	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

Graph 3.1 All UoL students by ethnicity (minority ethnic, white and not declared) 2019/20 to 2024/25



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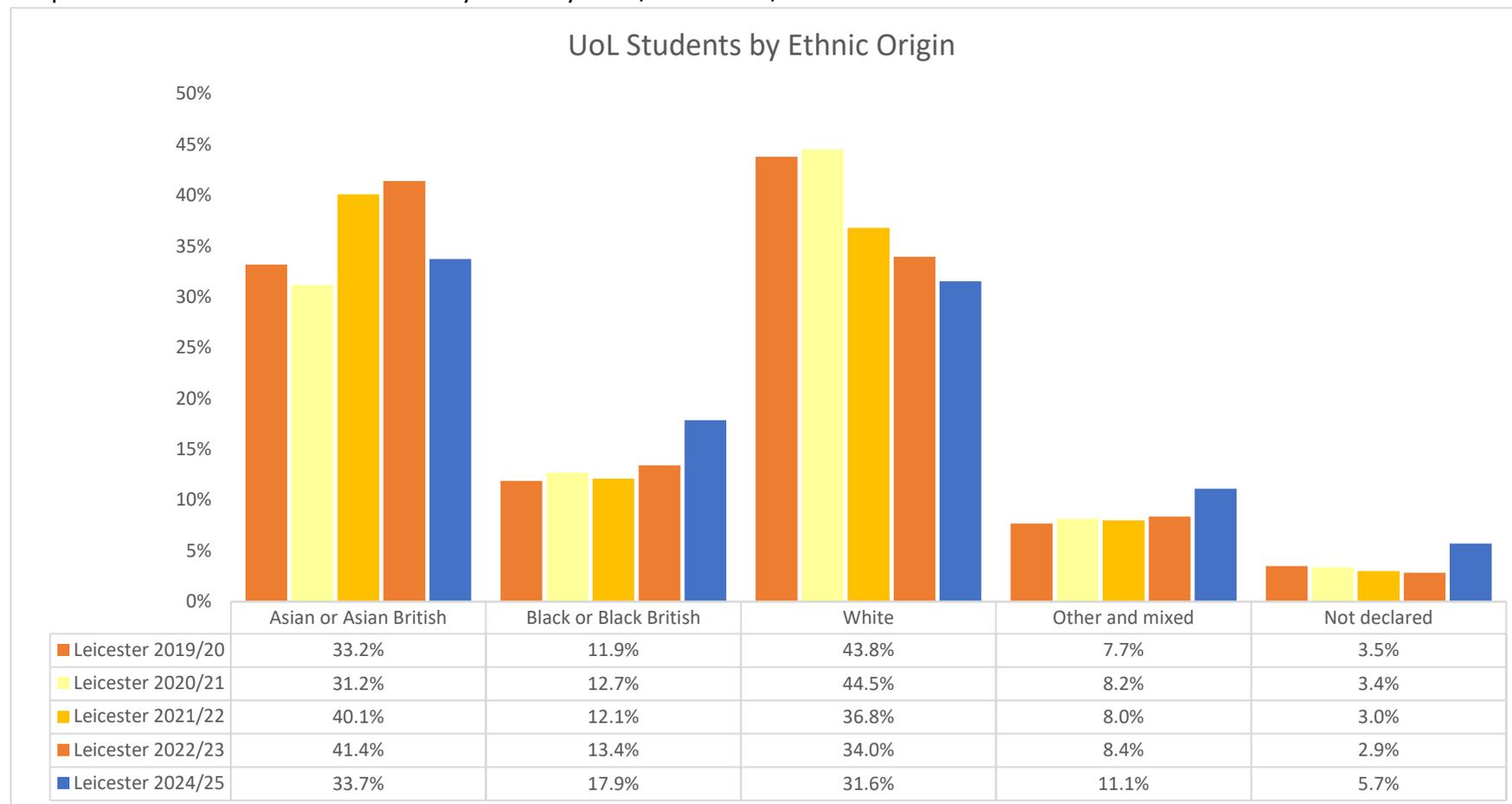


Table 3.3 Detailed ethnicity breakdown of UoL Students who identify as Minority Ethnic 2019/20 to 2024/25

Ethnic Origin	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Arab	8.4%	1102	6.6%	795	5.0%	601	4.7%	565	4.2%	473	6.2%	526
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	2.6%	336	2.8%	341	2.4%	297	2.4%	284	2.1%	230	2.5%	215
Asian or Asian British - Indian	29.2%	3838	30.9%	3747	39.1%	4739	35.4%	4264	20.9%	2329	23.1%	1958
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	7.8%	1031	8.4%	1020	7.7%	929	7.0%	845	6.3%	699	7.3%	615
Black or Black British - African	24.1%	3172	22.1%	2676	17.3%	2101	14.9%	1792	14.4%	1610	19.3%	1635
Black or Black British - Caribbean	3.0%	393	2.8%	343	2.4%	295	2.4%	293	2.9%	322	4.4%	373
Chinese	6.2%	815	8.0%	971	9.0%	1090	10.7%	1287	10.3%	1150	30.3%	2568
Mixed - White and Asian	2.4%	321	2.3%	278	2.1%	253	1.8%	214	2.0%	227	2.6%	224
Mixed - White and Black African	1.1%	151	1.0%	120	0.8%	94	0.7%	90	0.7%	80	1.1%	90
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1.3%	169	1.4%	168	1.3%	154	1.3%	151	1.3%	146	1.9%	164
Other Asian background	8.0%	1055	8.0%	974	7.1%	856	6.3%	758	5.9%	661	8.2%	698
Other Black background	1.4%	180	1.4%	169	1.4%	167	1.3%	162	1.3%	141	1.8%	156
Other ethnic background	2.0%	259	1.8%	220	1.6%	194	1.6%	195	1.5%	168	1.8%	149
Other mixed background	2.5%	330	2.5%	304	2.4%	285	2.2%	268	2.1%	233	2.9%	242
Minority Ethnic Only	100%	13152	100%	12126	99%	12055	93%	11168	76%	8469	114%	9613

- In 2024/25, the majority of UoL students identified as either Asian or Asian British (33.7%) or White (31.6%) (Table 3.2).
- Since 2022/23, the proportion of Asian or Asian British UoL students has decreased by 3.7 percentage points to 33.7% in 2024/25, from 37.4% in 2023/24 (Table 3.2, Graph 3.2).
- Of the total UoL minority ethnic students in 2024/25, the largest ethnic group were Indian, at 29.2%. This is a decrease of 1.7 percentage points from 30.9% in 2023/24 (Table 3.3).
- 17.9% of all UoL students in 2024/25 identified as Black or Black British, an increase from 16.9% in 2023/24 (Table 3.2). Of these students, most identified as being from a Black African background (24.1%) (Table 3.3). Black Caribbean students continue to be less represented, constituting 3.0% of minority ethnic students overall at UoL in 2024/25, which is an increase from 2.8% in 2023/24 (Table 3.3).
- Nationally, in 2022/23, 43.0% of minority ethnic UK domiciled students were Asian, of which the majority were Pakistani (14.3%) and Indian (13.0%). 6.8% of minority ethnic students were Bangladeshi and 8.9% were from other Asian backgrounds. 29.2% were Black, most of whom were from a Black African background (22.7%). Black Caribbean students were much less represented and constituted 5.0% of

minority ethnic UK domiciled students overall. 16.8% of minority ethnic UK domiciled students were from a mixed background, 3.2% were Chinese, and 7.8% identified as other ethnic background (Advance HE, 2024 Report).

Table 3.4 Home UoL students by ethnicity (minority ethnic, white and not declared) 2019/20 to 2024/25

Home												
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Minority Ethnic	57.4%	8895	58.6%	7999	54.2%	6709	50.4%	5788	46.2%	5191	43.7%	5022
White	37.3%	5785	40.3%	5497	44.6%	5522	48.3%	5552	52.6%	5909	55.1%	6333
Not declared	5.3%	827	1.1%	147	1.3%	156	1.3%	149	1.2%	131	1.3%	144
Total	100%	15507	100%	13643	100%	12387	100%	11489	100%	11231	100%	11499

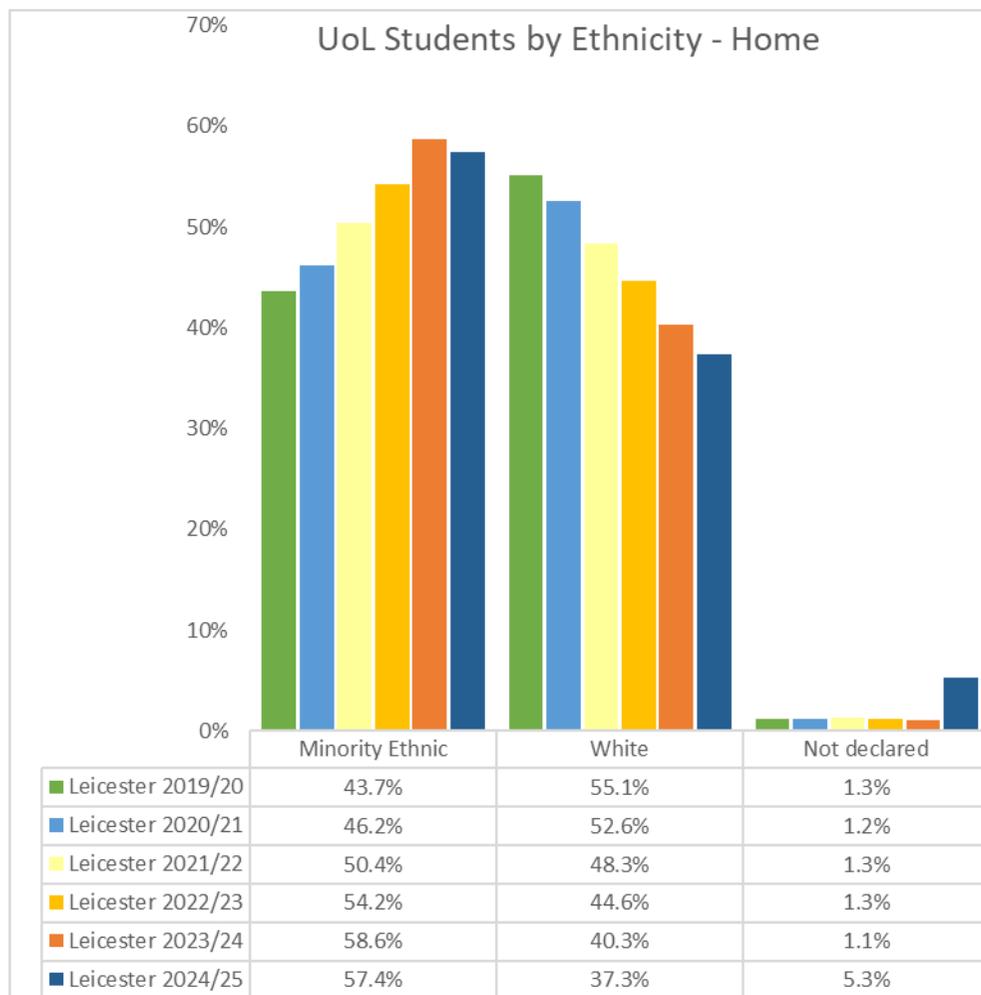
- 2024/25 has seen a decrease in the proportion of UK-domiciled UoL students who identified as minority ethnic to 57.4%, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from 58.6% in 2023/24 (Table 3.4, Graph 3.3). This follows from a previous period of considerable growth from 2019/20 to 2023/24, which saw an overall increase of 14.9 percentage points.
- In 2022/23, 28.2% of the UK domiciled student population identified as minority ethnic (Advance HE, 2024 Report). UoL continues to have a significantly higher proportion of minority ethnic students than the sector average.
- In 2024/25 there has been a notable increase of 4.2 percentage points in the proportion of UK-domiciled UoL students who have not declared their ethnicity, from 1.1% in 2023/24 to 5.3% in 2024/25.
- 2024/25 has seen a decrease in the proportion of international UoL students who identified as minority ethnic (Table 3.5), with a decrease of 1.6 percentage points from 79.6% in 2023/24 to 78.0% in 2024/25. This follows from a previous period of steady consistent growth from 2019/20 to 2023/24, which saw an overall increase of 12.2 percentage points.
- In 2024/25, 37.3% of UK domiciled UoL students identified as White, and 29.3% as Asian or Asian British (Table 3.6).

Table 3.5 International UoL students by ethnicity (minority ethnic, white and not declared) 2019/20 to 2024/25

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International													
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25		Leicester 2023/24		Leicester 2022/23		Leicester 2021/22		Leicester 2020/21		Leicester 2019/20		
		#											
Minority Ethnic	78.0%	4257	79.6%	4127	79.6%	5346	76.0%	5380	68.1%	3721	67.4%	4147	
White	15.2%	830	14.6%	759	14.6%	984	18.1%	1279	24.1%	1317	24.9%	1532	
Not declared	6.8%	372	5.8%	301	5.8%	389	5.9%	420	7.7%	423	7.7%	472	
Total	100%	5459	100%	5187	100%	6719	100%	7079	100%	5461	100%	6151	

Graph 3.3 Home UoL students by ethnicity (minority ethnic, white and not declared) 2019/20 to 2024/25



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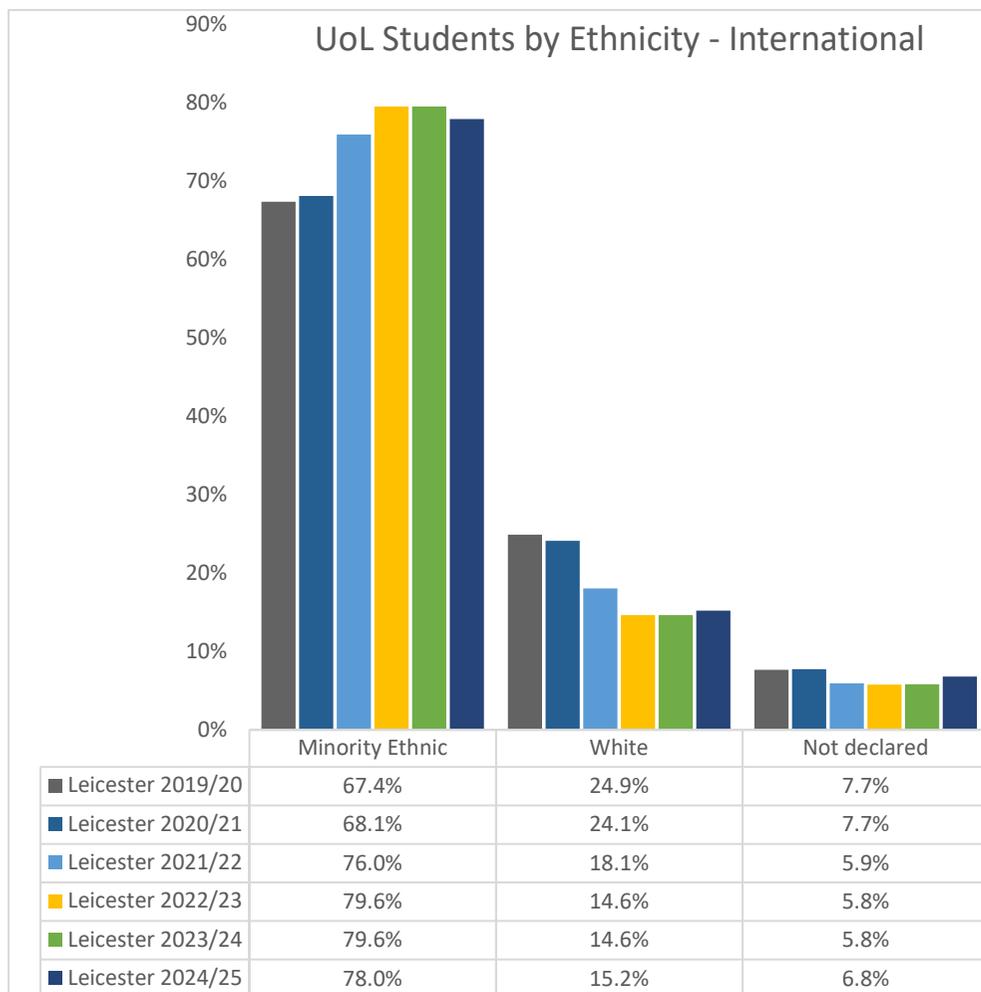


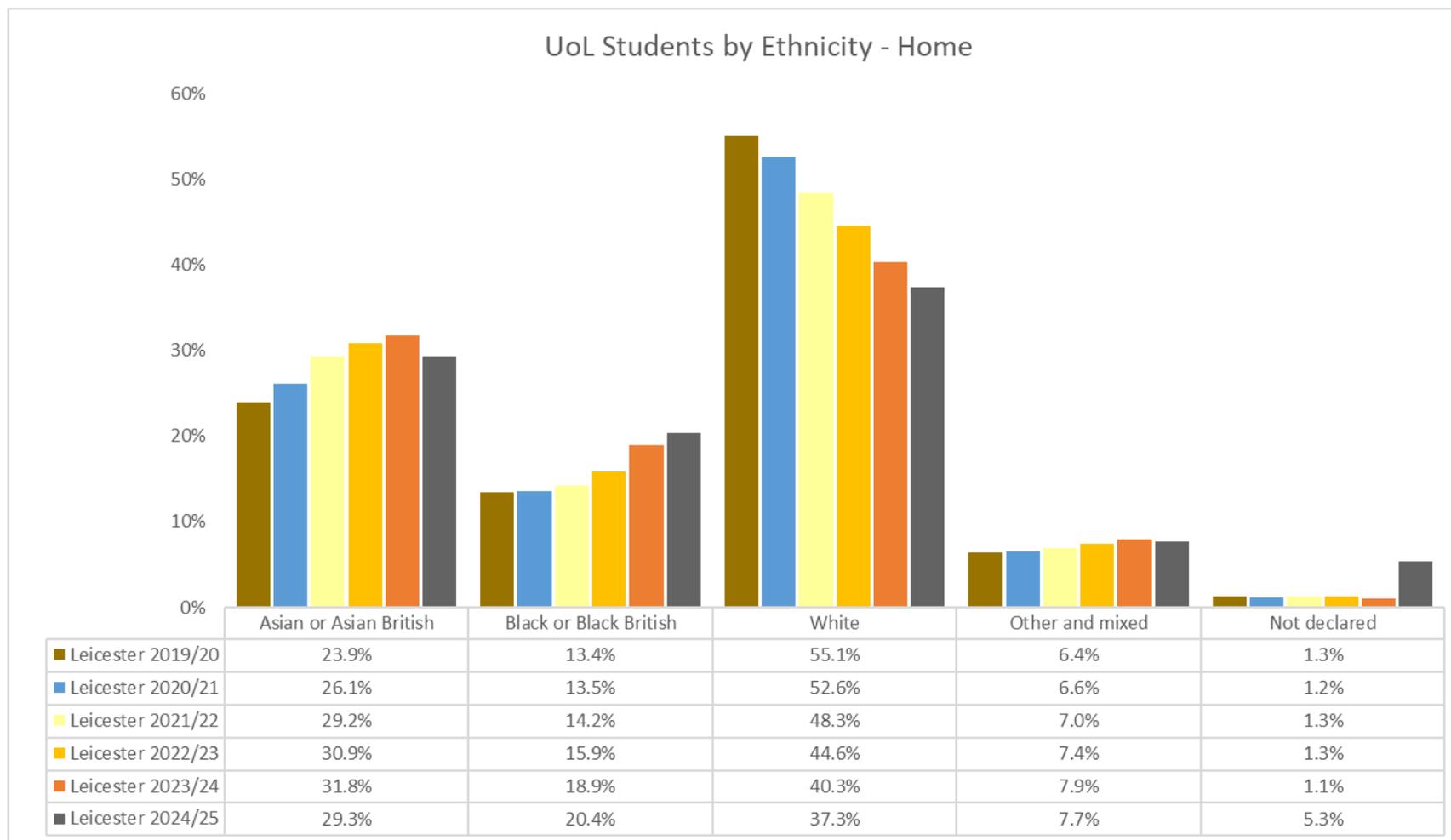
Table 3.6 Breakdown of UK Domicile UoL Students by ethnicity 2019/20 to 2024/25

Home												
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Asian or Asian British	29.3%	4551	31.8%	4337	30.9%	3824	29.2%	3360	26.1%	2931	23.9%	2745
Black or Black British	20.4%	3156	18.9%	2578	15.9%	1970	14.2%	1627	13.5%	1520	13.4%	1546
White	37.3%	5785	40.3%	5497	44.6%	5522	48.3%	5552	52.6%	5909	55.1%	6333
Other and mixed	7.7%	1188	7.9%	1084	7.4%	915	7.0%	801	6.6%	740	6.4%	731
Not declared	5.3%	827	1.1%	147	1.3%	156	1.3%	149	1.2%	131	1.3%	144
Total	100%	15507	100%	13643	100%	12387	100%	11489	100%	11231	100%	11499

Table 3.7 Breakdown of International UoL Students by ethnicity 2019/20 to 2024/25

International												
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Asian or Asian British	46.2%	2524	51.8%	2716	60.8%	4087	57.6%	4078	42.6%	2137	47.5%	2923
Black or Black British	10.8%	589	11.6%	610	8.8%	593	8.8%	620	11.0%	551	9.6%	588
White	15.2%	830	14.5%	759	14.6%	984	18.1%	1279	26.3%	1317	24.9%	1532
Other and mixed	21.0%	1144	15.3%	801	9.9%	666	9.6%	682	11.6%	583	10.3%	636
Not declared	6.8%	372	6.7%	353	5.8%	389	5.9%	420	8.4%	423	7.7%	472
Total	100%	5459	100%	5239	100%	6719	100%	7079	100%	5011	100%	6151

Graph 3.5 Breakdown of UK Domicile UoL Students by ethnicity 2019/20 to 2024/25



Graph 3.6 Breakdown of International UoL Students by ethnicity 2019/20 to 2024/25

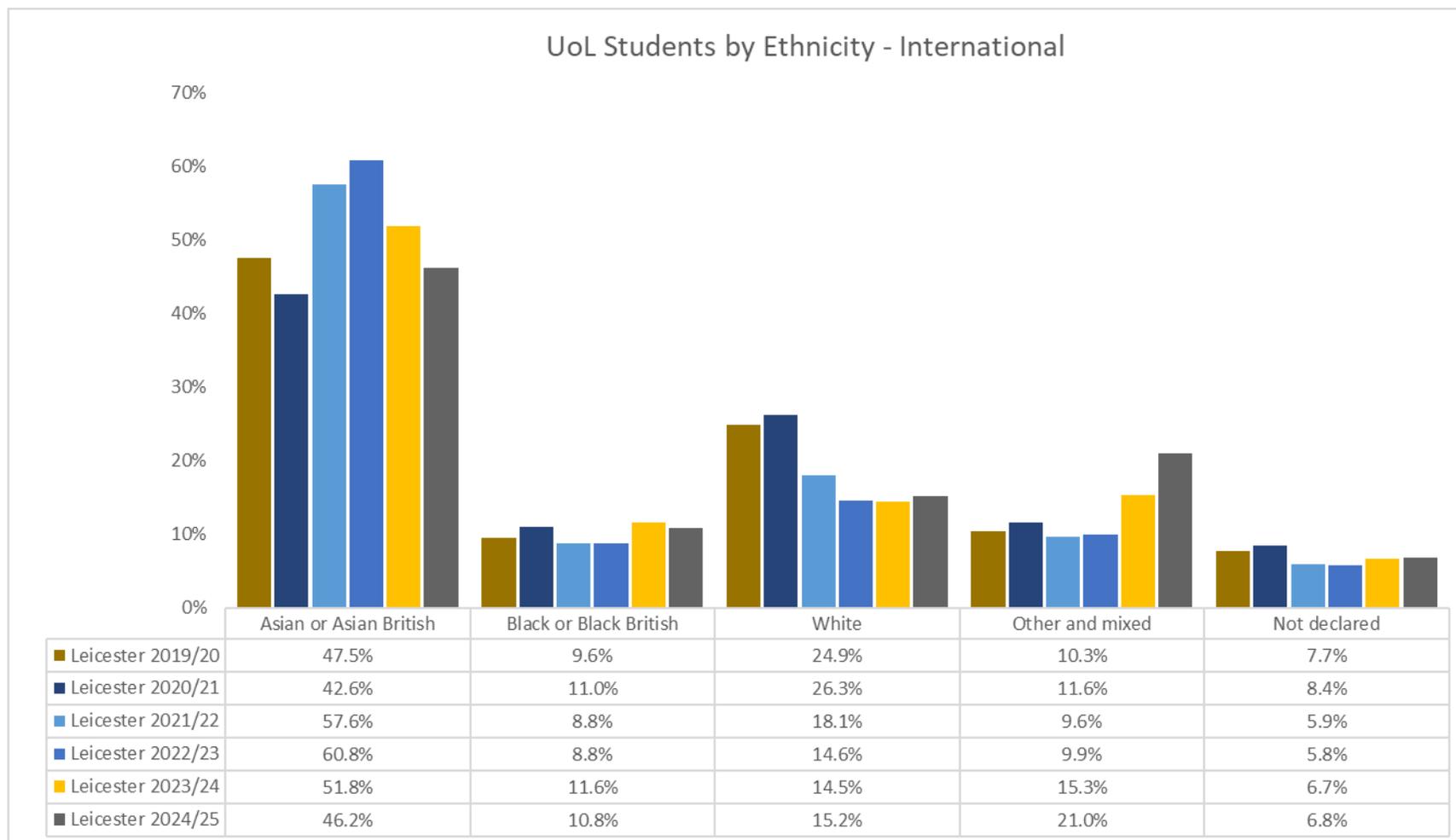


Table 3.8 Detailed ethnicity breakdown of Home UoL Students who identify as Minority Ethnic 2019/20 to 2024/25

Home												
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Arab	1.8%	160	1.9%	151	1.5%	117	1.6%	108	1.5%	86	1.4%	73
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	3.5%	307	3.9%	308	3.3%	266	3.8%	253	3.5%	204	3.6%	189
Asian or Asian British - Indian	27.9%	2485	28.6%	2290	25.5%	2037	26.7%	1788	27.2%	1576	28.9%	1498
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	10.3%	914	11.1%	884	10.2%	817	10.9%	731	10.8%	627	10.2%	532
Black or Black British - African	30.4%	2701	27.3%	2184	20.5%	1643	20.0%	1343	21.1%	1222	23.6%	1223
Black or Black British - Caribbean	4.0%	359	3.8%	307	3.2%	253	3.3%	221	4.1%	239	5.1%	267
Chinese	1.6%	139	2.0%	160	1.5%	119	1.4%	96	1.8%	103	2.2%	115
Mixed - White and Asian	3.3%	291	3.2%	254	2.9%	228	2.8%	188	3.4%	196	3.7%	194
Mixed - White and Black African	1.5%	134	1.3%	106	0.9%	74	1.0%	68	1.1%	63	1.4%	72
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1.8%	164	2.0%	161	1.8%	146	2.1%	138	2.3%	135	2.9%	148
Other Asian background	7.9%	706	8.7%	695	7.3%	585	7.3%	492	7.3%	421	7.9%	411
Other Black background	1.1%	96	1.1%	87	0.9%	74	0.9%	63	1.0%	59	1.1%	56
Other ethnic background	2.0%	179	2.1%	165	1.6%	131	1.8%	121	1.7%	100	1.7%	86
Other mixed background	2.9%	260	3.1%	247	2.7%	219	2.7%	178	2.8%	160	3.0%	158
Minority Ethnic Only	100%	8895	100%	7999	84%	6709	86%	5788	90%	5191	97%	5022

- The proportion of Asian or Asian British UK domiciled UoL students has been decreased by 2.5 percentage points from 31.8% in 2023/24 to 29.3% in 2024/25, following previous gradual increases from 2019/20 at 23.9% to 31.8% in 2023/24 (Table 3.6).
- Of the total UK domiciled UoL minority ethnic students in 2024/25, the largest group, at 30.4% were Black or Black British - African (an increase of 3.1 percentage points from 2023/24), a change from 2023/24's largest group which was Indian at 28.6% (Table 3.8).
- 20.4% of all UK domiciled UoL students in 2024/25, identified as Black or Black British, an increase from 18.9% in 2023/24 (Table 3.6). Of these students, most identified as being from a Black African background at 30.4% (Table 3.8).
- Black Caribbean students continue to be less represented, constituting 4.0% of minority ethnic UK domiciled students overall at UoL in 2024/25 (Table 3.8).

Table 3.9 Detailed ethnicity breakdown of International UoL Students who identify as Minority Ethnic 2019/20 to 2024/25

International												
Ethnicity	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Arab	22.1%	942	15.6%	644	11.7%	484	8.5%	457	7.2%	385	13.5%	442
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	0.7%	29	0.8%	33	0.8%	31	0.6%	31	0.5%	26	0.7%	24
Asian or Asian British - Indian	31.8%	1353	35.3%	1457	65.5%	2702	46.3%	2476	14.0%	752	13.8%	453
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	2.7%	117	3.3%	136	2.7%	112	2.1%	114	1.3%	72	2.5%	82
Black or Black British - African	11.1%	471	11.9%	492	11.1%	458	8.4%	449	7.2%	388	12.0%	394
Black or Black British - Caribbean	0.8%	34	0.9%	36	1.0%	42	1.3%	72	1.5%	82	3.0%	99
Chinese	15.9%	676	19.7%	811	23.5%	971	22.3%	1191	19.5%	1047	63.9%	2089
Mixed - White and Asian	0.7%	30	0.6%	24	0.6%	25	0.5%	26	0.6%	31	0.9%	28
Mixed - White and Black African	0.4%	17	0.3%	14	0.5%	20	0.4%	22	0.3%	17	0.5%	17
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	0.1%	5	0.2%	7	0.2%	8	0.2%	13	0.2%	11	0.4%	12
Other Asian background	8.2%	349	6.8%	279	6.6%	271	5.0%	266	4.5%	240	8.4%	275
Other Black background	2.0%	84	2.0%	82	2.3%	93	1.9%	99	1.5%	81	2.9%	95
Other ethnic background	1.9%	80	1.3%	55	1.5%	63	1.4%	74	1.2%	67	1.9%	61
Other mixed background	1.6%	70	1.4%	57	1.6%	66	1.7%	90	1.3%	72	2.3%	76
Minority Ethnic Only	100%	4257	100%	4127	130%	5346	101%	5380	61%	3271	127%	4147

- The majority of international UoL students identified as either Asian or Asian British (46.2% in 2024/25) or Other/Mixed (21.0%) (Table 3.7).
- Since 2022/23, the proportion of Asian or Asian British international UoL students has decreased by 5.6 percentage points to 46.2% in 2024/25 from 51.8% in 2023/24, this follows a previous decrease from 60.8% in 2022/23 (Table 3.7).
- Of the total international UoL minority ethnic students in 2024/25, the largest student group, at 31.8%, were Indian. This is a decrease of 3.5 percentage points from 35.3% in 2023/24 (Table 3.9).
- 15.9% of international students were Chinese in 2024/25, a decrease from 2023/24 (19.7%) following a previous decrease from 23.5% in 2022/23. This is overall a significant decrease from 2019/20 (63.9%).
- 10.8% of all international UoL students in 2024/25 identified as Black or Black British, a decrease from 11.6% in 2023/24 (Table 3.7). Of these students, most identified as being from a Black African background (11.1%). Black Caribbean students continue to be less represented, constituting 0.8% of minority ethnic international students overall at UoL in 2024/25 (Table 3.9).

4. Religion or Belief

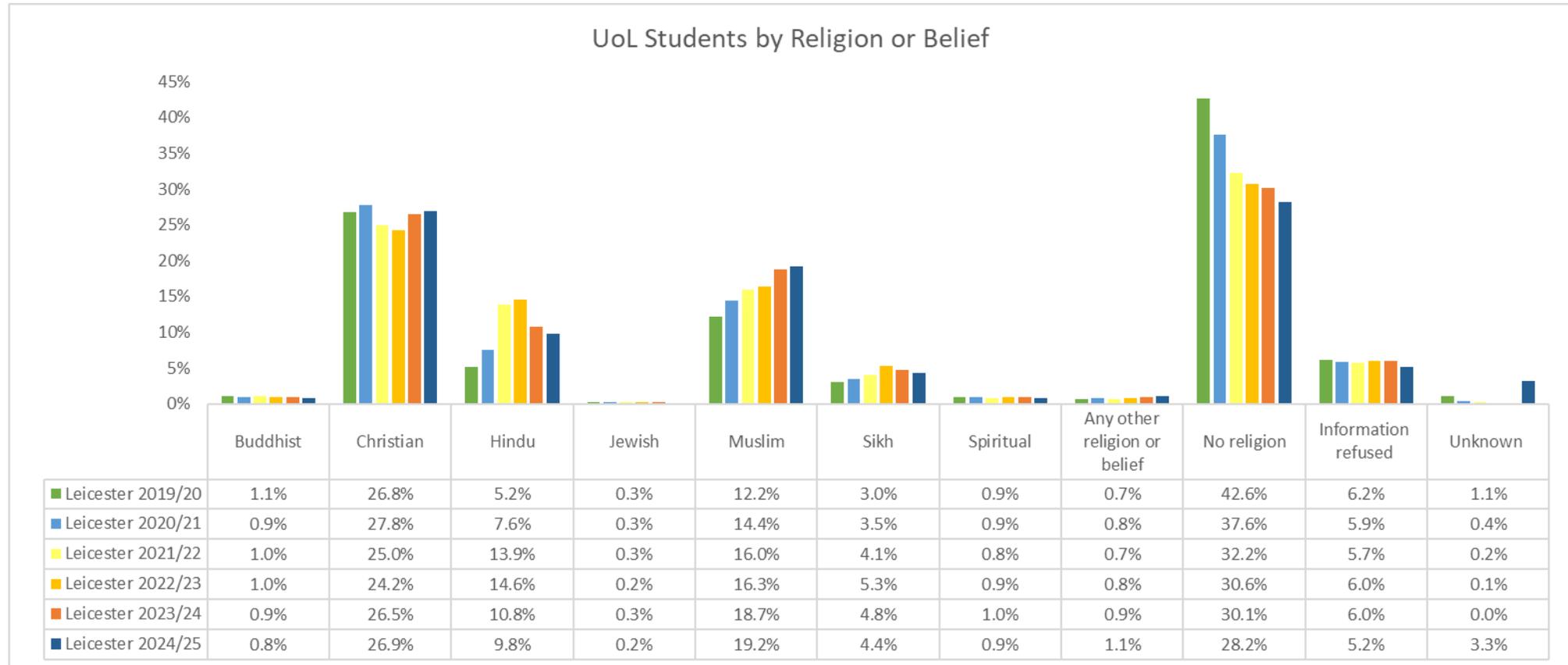
Table 4.1 All UoL students by religion or belief, 2019/20 to 2023/24

Religion or Belief	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Buddhist	0.8%	175	0.9%	176	1.0%	182	1.0%	194	0.9%	139	1.1%	200
Christian	26.9%	5641	26.5%	4996	24.2%	4626	25.0%	4650	27.8%	4522	26.8%	4874
Hindu	9.8%	2058	10.8%	2047	14.6%	2794	13.9%	2585	7.6%	1234	5.2%	954
Jewish	0.2%	39	0.3%	51	0.2%	43	0.3%	49	0.3%	48	0.3%	52
Muslim	19.2%	4031	18.7%	3533	16.3%	3121	16.0%	2970	14.4%	2345	12.2%	2229
Sikh	4.4%	919	4.8%	901	5.3%	1007	4.1%	754	3.5%	573	3.0%	543
Spiritual	0.9%	183	1.0%	189	0.9%	177	0.8%	152	0.9%	151	0.9%	158
Any other religion or belief	1.1%	236	0.9%	171	0.8%	149	0.7%	131	0.8%	123	0.7%	123
No religion	28.2%	5917	30.1%	5680	30.6%	5852	32.2%	5979	37.6%	6112	42.6%	7753
Information refused	5.2%	1086	6.0%	1133	6.0%	1142	5.7%	1060	5.9%	956	6.2%	1129
Unknown	3.3%	682	0.0%	5	0.1%	14	0.2%	44	0.4%	57	1.1%	197
Grand Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19107	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

- The proportion of UoL students reporting no religion or belief has continued to decrease each academic year since 2019/20 (42.6%) to 28.2% in 2024/25 (Table 4.1).
- The proportion of Hindu students at UoL has continued to decrease, from 10.8% in 2023/24 to 9.8% in 2024/25, following a previous decrease from 14.8% in 2022/23 to 10.8% in 2023/24, which was its first decrease in five years. (Table 4.1) However, this still remains significantly higher than the national figure in 2022/23, in which the proportion of UK higher education students who reported their religion as Hindu was 5.2% (Advance HE, 2024 Report).
- The proportion of Muslim students has increased to 19.2% in 2024/25 from 18.7% in 2023/24. Since 2019/20, the proportion of Muslim students at UoL has increased by 7 percentage points, from 12.2% to 19.2% in 2023/24.
- The proportion of Sikh students at UoL has decreased from 4.8% in 2023/24 to 4.4% in 2024.25, following a previous decrease from 5.3% in 2022/23 to 4.8% in 2023/24, which was the first decrease seen in five years. However, this still is higher than the national figure in 2022/23, in which 1.2% of students in UK higher education reported their religion as Sikh (Advance HE, 2024).
- The proportion of Christian students increased in 2024/25 to 26.9% from 26.5% in 2023/24, which follows an increasing trend since 2022/23 at 24.2%

- Nationally, Advance HE reported that the three religion or belief groups with the highest proportions of students in 2022/23, were no religion or belief (41.6%), Christian (28.9%) and Muslim (11.5%) (Advance HE, 2024 Report).

Graph 4.1 All UoL students by religion or belief, 2019/20 to 2024/25



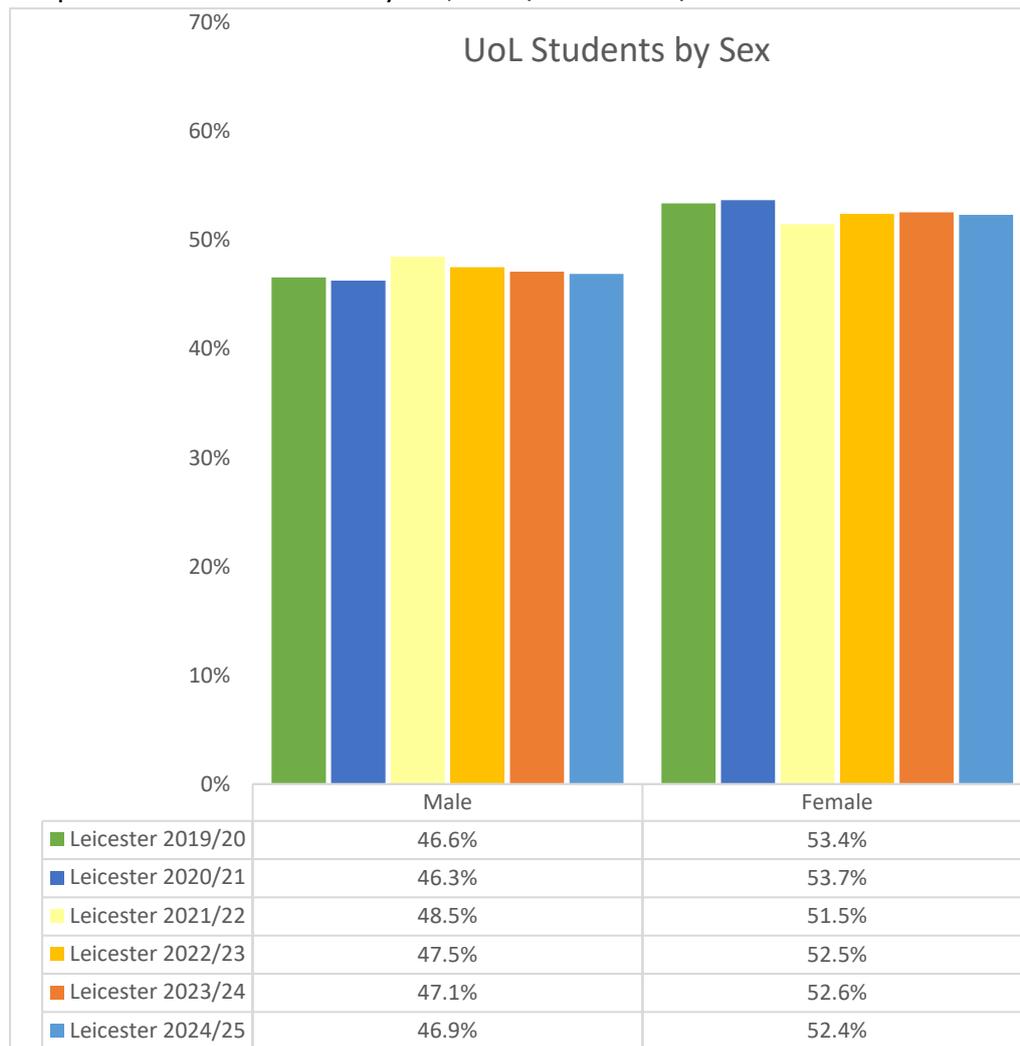
5. Sex

Table 5.1 All UoL students by sex, 2019/20 to 2024/25

Gender	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
Male	46.9%	9840	47.1%	8898	47.5%	9083	48.5%	8998	46.3%	7521	46.6%	8484
Female	52.4%	10977	52.6%	9933	52.5%	10021	51.5%	9570	53.7%	8739	53.4%	9728
Other	0.7%	150	0.3%	51	0.0%	<5						
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19104	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

- There has been a 0.2 percentage points decrease in the proportion of female students studying at UoL in 2024/25 (52.4%) compared to 52.6% in 2023/24, this follows a previous decrease of 0.1% in 2023/24 (52.6%) compared to 52.5% in 2022/23. Females continue to make up the majority of students studying at UoL (Table 5.1).
- The higher proportion of female students compared to male students studying at UoL, aligns with the national picture in UK higher education. In 2023/23, 57.1 of all students studying in UK higher education were female (Advance HE, 2024 Report).

Graph 5.1 All UoL students by sex, 2019/20 to 2024/25



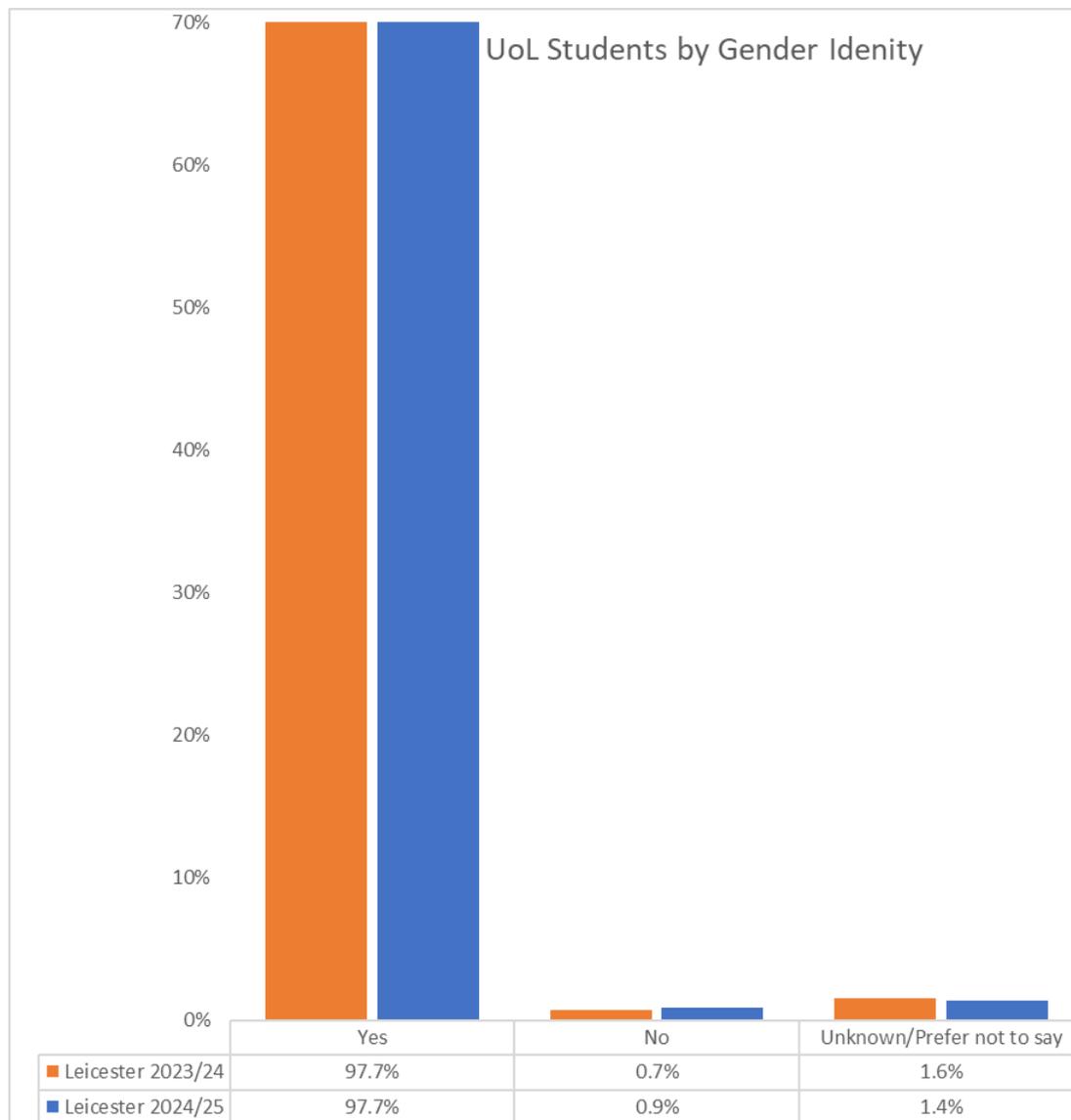
6. Gender

Table 6.1 UoL students by gender identity 2023/24 to 2024/25

Gender Identity matches Sex as registered at birth	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#
Yes	97.7%	20481	97.7%	15322
No	0.9%	194	0.7%	112
Unknown/Prefer not to say	1.4%	292	1.6%	247
Total	100%	20967	100%	15681

- The University first began to collect gender identity data from students in the academic year 2023/24. In 2023/24, 97.7% of students disclosed that their gender identity matches the sex registered at birth, with 0.7% (#112) disclosed that their gender identify does not match the sex registered at birth and 1.6% unknown/prefer not to say (Table 6.1).
- 2024/25 has stayed consistent with 97.7% of students disclosing that their gender identity matches their sex registered at birth, the same as in 2023/24. While 0.9% (#194) disclosed that their gender identity does not match their sex registered at birth, this increase is due to a decrease in the proportion of students who reported unknown/prefer not to say, with 1.4% in 2024/25 compared to 1.6% in 2023/24, a decrease of 0.2%.
- We will continue to monitor both students and staff gender identity data in future annual reports.

Graph 5.1 UoL students by gender identity 2023/24 to 2024/25



7. Sexual Orientation

Table 7.1 All UoL students by sexual orientation, 2019/20 to 2024/25

Sexual Orientation	Leicester 2024/25	#	Leicester 2023/24	#	Leicester 2022/23	#	Leicester 2021/22	#	Leicester 2020/21	#	Leicester 2019/20	#
LGB+	8.8%	1841	9.2%	1734	9.9%	1899	9.2%	1703	7.4%	1198	6.5%	1191
Heterosexual/straight	81.0%	16976	80.2%	15138	78.3%	14960	78.8%	14637	82.0%	13326	80.8%	14710
Information refused	10.2%	2146	10.6%	2004	11.7%	2233	11.8%	2182	10.3%	1677	11.6%	2106
Not declared	0.0%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%	15	0.2%	46	0.4%	59	1.1%	205
Total	100%	20967	100%	18882	100%	19107	100%	18568	100%	16260	100%	18212

*LGB+ includes: Bisexual, Gay man, Gay woman/Lesbian, Other

- The proportion of students at UoL identifying as LGB+ has decreased by 1.4%, from 9.2% in 2023/24 to 8.8% in 2024/25. This follows a previous decrease in 2023/24 by 0.7% from 9.9% in 2022/23 to 9.2% in 2023/24 (Table 7.1).
- The University first started collecting student sexual orientation data in 2015/16 and the proportion of students who have 'not declared' their sexual orientation has continued to decrease each year.

Graph 7.1 All UoL students by sexual orientation, 2019/20 to 2023/24

