

Student EDI Facts and Figures 2023-24

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Overview

The following report presents a current analysis of the School of Social Sciences (SoSS) student population for the academic year 2023-2024. This report aids the school administration to monitor data for the purpose of progressing our Athena Swan action plan. The report covers the areas listed below in the contents and data sources can be found in Appendix 1. The student population used in this report is headcount.

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SOSS Student Headcount

Student population decreased year on year by -4% with total population for 2023/24 at 6387.

- UG -3% YoY
- PGT -8% YoY
- PGR +0.5% YoY

***Are we in line with expected student number if COVID hadn't happened? ***

This would make for more interesting commentary rather than explain growth patterns.

2023/24	Student Numbers		
	Academic level	Student Headcount	Percentage of Overall Student Population.
	UG	5,162	81%
	PGT	1,006	16%
PGR	219	3%	

Table 1 Student Headcount for UG, PGT, and PGR

Student Population Year on Year (YoY)					
Academic Level	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
UG	4183	4749	5393	5342	5162
PGT	820	1305	1075	1092	1006
PGR	243	237	214	218	219
Grand total	5246	6291	6682	6652	6387

Table 2 Student Population (YoY) over 5 years.

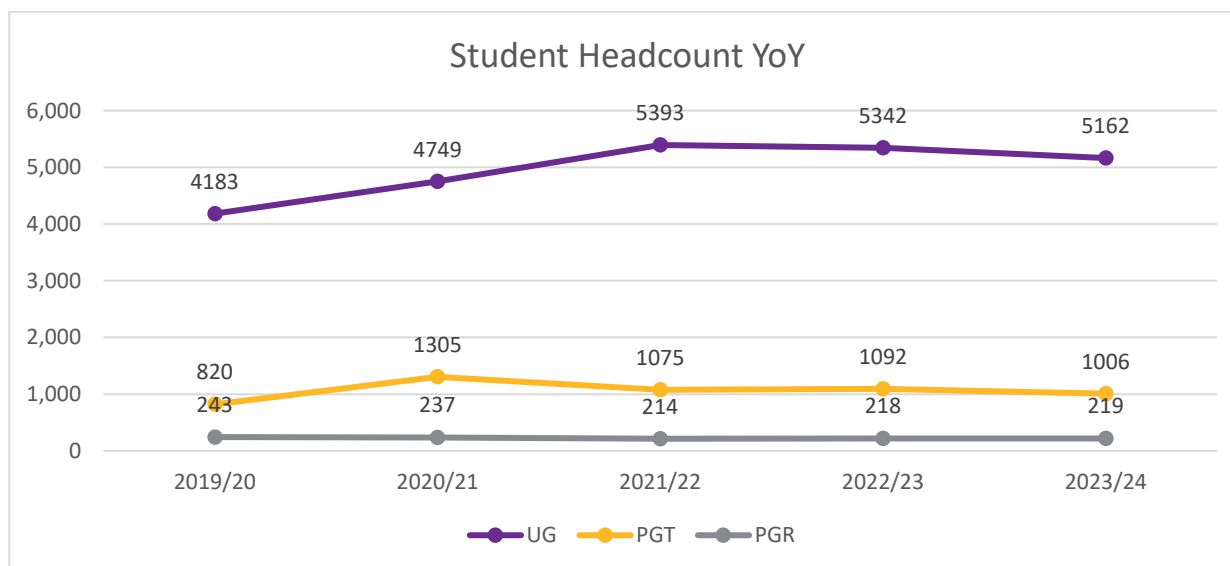


Figure 1- Student Population YoY trend

Student Population Growth Year on Year (YoY)				
Academic Level	2019/20 to 2020/21 Growth	2020/21 to 2021/22 Growth	2021/22 to 2022/23 Growth	2022/23 to 2023/24 Growth
UG	14%	14%	-1%	-3%
PGT	59%	-18%	2%	-8%
PGR	-2%	-10%	2%	0.5%
Grand total	20%	6%	-0.4%	-4%

Table 3 YoY Growth for the years 2019/20 to the year 2023/24

SOSS Unit Enrolments

Table 4 and 5 below showcase the number of course units offered at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. **These table include students from other schools who have enrolled in SoSS units, so headcount is higher than SoSS headcount reported above.**

UG	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Course Units Offered	324	281	284	272	311
Course Unit Enrolments	32,448	37,032	41,299	41,391	38,360
Student Headcount	5,805	6,421	7,261	7,251	7,354
Average Enrolments per Course Unit	100	132	145	152	123
Average Course Units per Student	5.59	5.76	5.69	5.7	5.2

PGT	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Course Units Offered	228	198	207	205	219
Course Unit Enrolments	7,660	12,639	9,986	11,431	8,584
Student Headcount	1082	1652	1254	1365	1277
Average Enrolments per Course Unit	34	64	28	56	39
Average Course Units per Student	7.08	7.65	6.81	8.37	6.7

Tables 4 and 5 Course Units Offered, Enrolment and Headcount

Despite a reduction in SoSS headcount this year, the number of unique students taking a SoSS course unit at undergraduate level continues to rise. This is due to an increased number of students from other schools taking SoSS courses. However, since students from other schools take less SoSS courses than a SoSS student both the number of course unit enrolments and average course units per student have declined. Due to a combination of reduced enrolments and an increased course unit offering the average enrolment per course unit has also declined.

At the undergraduate level, 70.2% of students enrolled in SoSS units are from SoSS, with the next largest groups are coming from the School of Arts, Languages, and Cultures (SALC) with 16.7% and Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) with for 6.4%.

In line with admissions, the headcount of unique students at PGT level also dropped. At PGT level, 87% of students enrolled in SoSS units are from SoSS, the next largest groups come from School of Environment, Education and Development (SEED) with 8.6% and SALC with 2.9%.

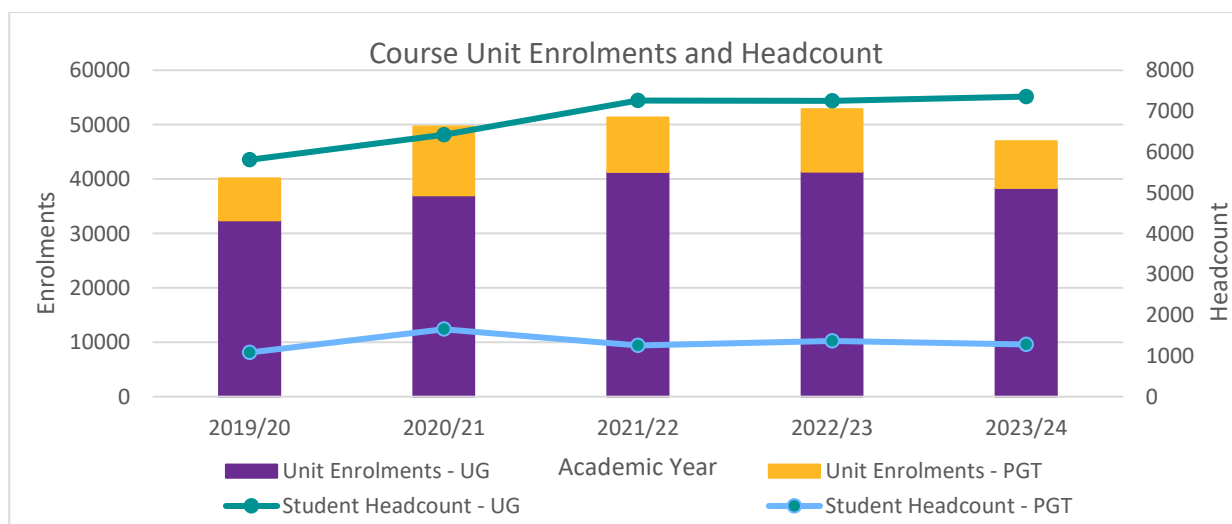


Figure 2- Course Unit Enrolments and Headcount

SOSS Student Country of Domicile

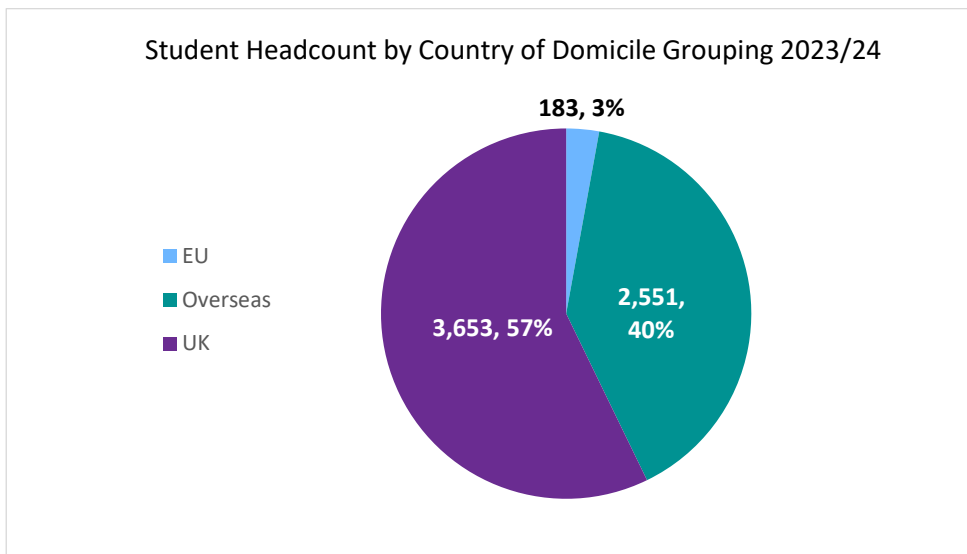


Figure 3 SoSS headcount by Country of Domicile

With the reduction in admission headcount all domicile groupings saw a reduction in student numbers. The percentage of students coming from the EU has dropped with only 3% coming from the EU compared to 5% in the previous academic year.

As with previous years, the majority of SoSS students are domestic in origin with China accounting for the largest share of non-EU international students. China accounts for 51.4% of overseas (non-EU) students and 20.5% of the whole student population. The proportion of students coming from China has reduced compared to the previous academic year when China accounted for 58.7% of overseas (non-EU) students and 23% of the whole student population.

Both India and Malaysia have seen a proportion increase of the non-EU international students with a +2.8% and +1.9% respectively. In terms of student numbers this equated to a 38% growth for India from 177 to 245 and a 22% for Malaysia from 196 to 239.

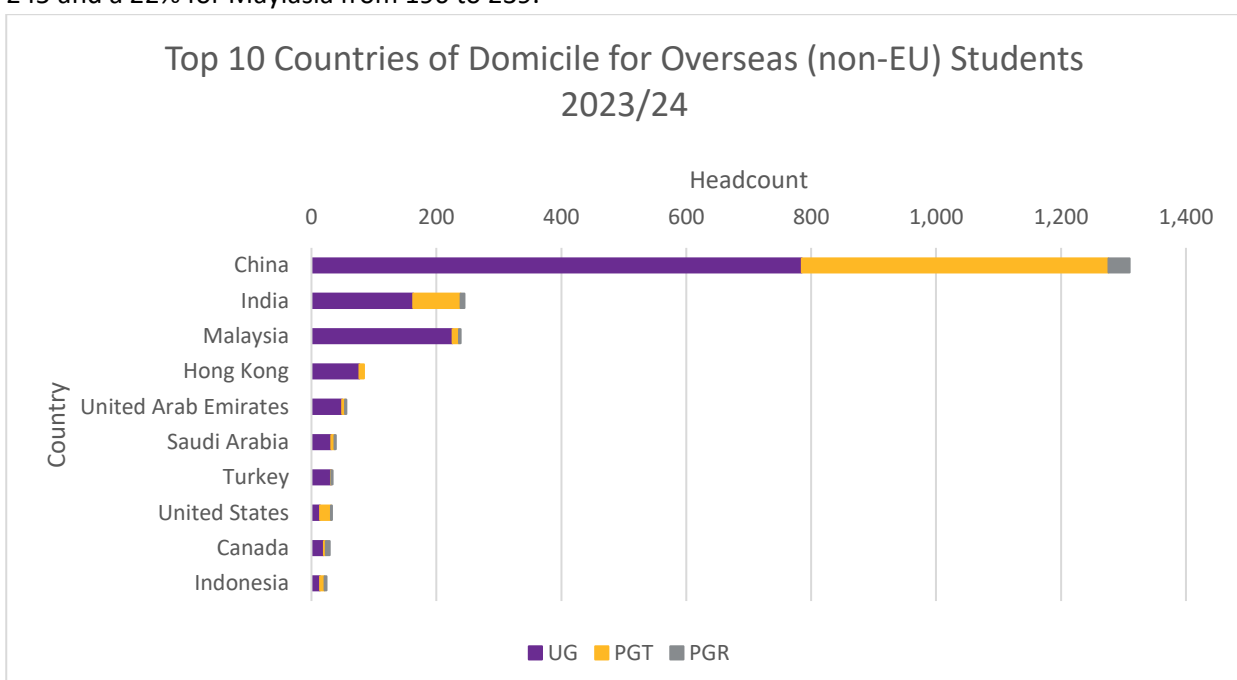


Figure 4 Top Ten Countries of Domicile for SoSS Overseas Students

SOSS Student Ethnicity

From this year HESA no longer required ethnicity to be included for non-UK domicile students as such the data from the census will be skewed and the proportion of students with an unknown ethnicity will be higher. Figures below are produced using census data but with missing data for overseas students complete using Student Records.

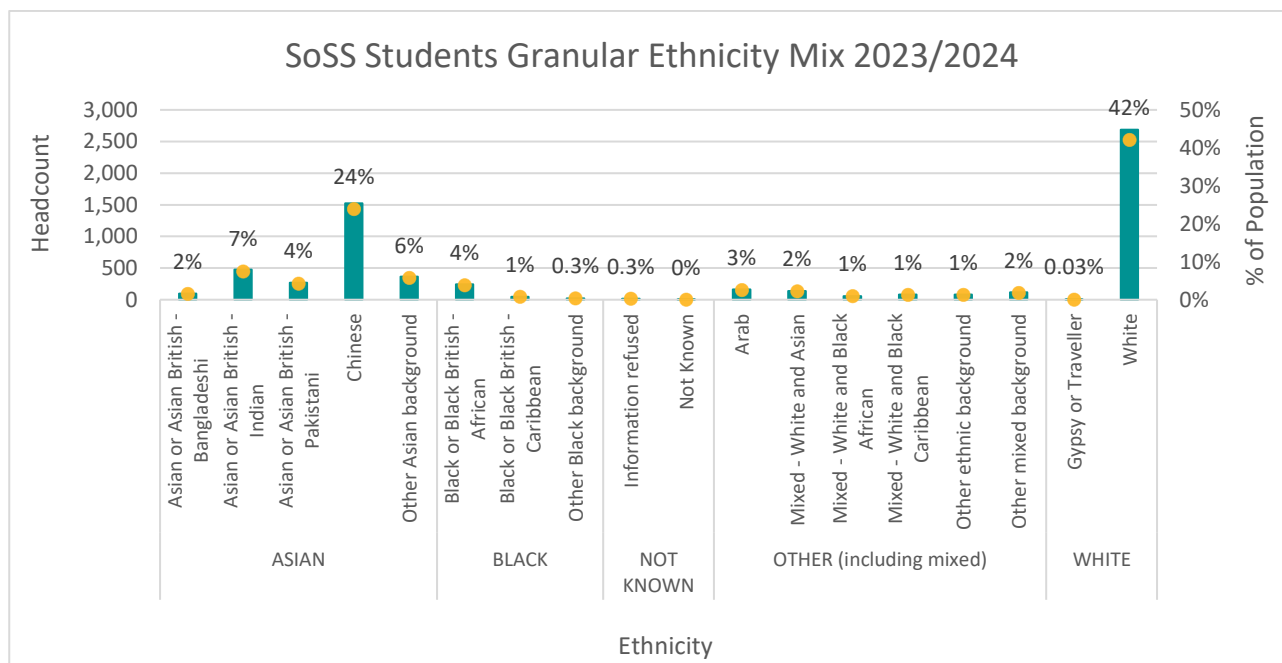


Figure 5 SoSS Student Ethnicity mix for 2023/24

Figure 5 above represent the ethnic granular background of the overall SoSS student population.

- 42% of the student population are of white ethnicity, this is a reduction of 2 percentage points (pp) compared to last year.
- The second largest ethnicity is Chinese (24%), but against this has seen a 2pp reduction YoY.
- There are small increases across Asian or Asian British – Indian, Other Asian background and Arab, all with a 1% increase YoY.

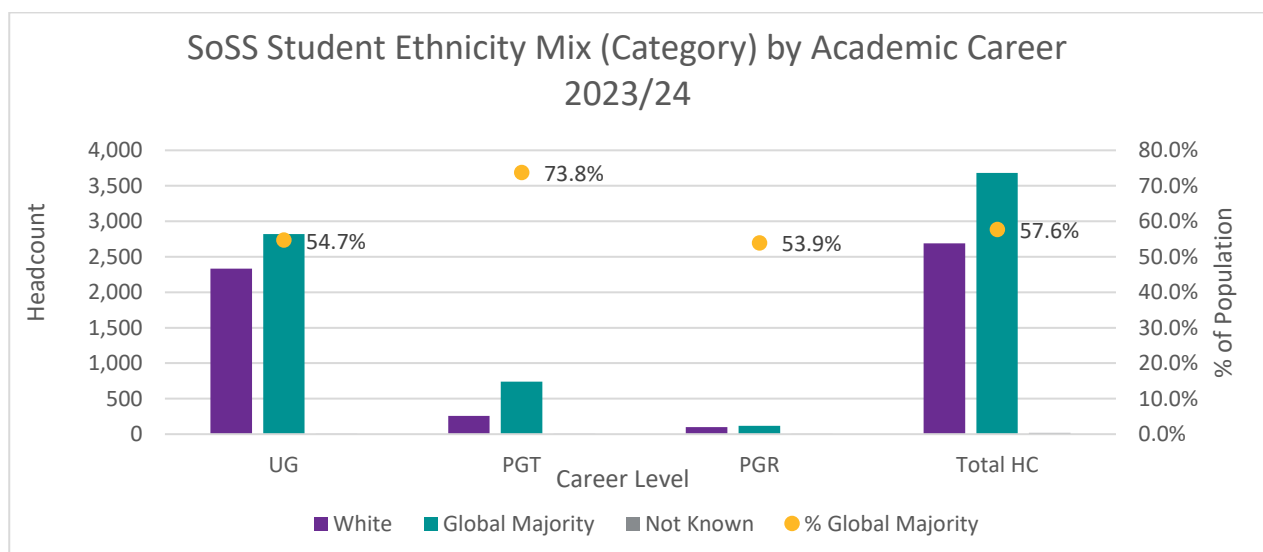


Figure 6a SoSS Student Ethnicity Mix by Academic Career (All Domicile)

Figure 6b above showcases the Student Ethnicity mix by Ethnicity category.

Overall, the student cohort Global Majority percentage has increased by 1.7 percentage points (pp), from 56% in 2022/23 to 57.6% in 2023/24.

- The Undergraduate student cohort Global Majority number has increased 2.3pp YoY.
- For PGT the percentage of Global Majority has dropped 1.4pp YoY
- The PGR cohort has seen a 6.2pp increase in Global Majority students from the previous year, from 47.7% in 2022/23 to 53.9% in 2023/24.

SoSS Student Sex Mix

Continuing the trend from previous years, the school attracts more female students than Male, female students account for 62% of overall students, the same proportion as 2022/23.

- The proportion of females on PGR dropped 9 percentage points (pp) from the previous academic year back in line with historic proportions.

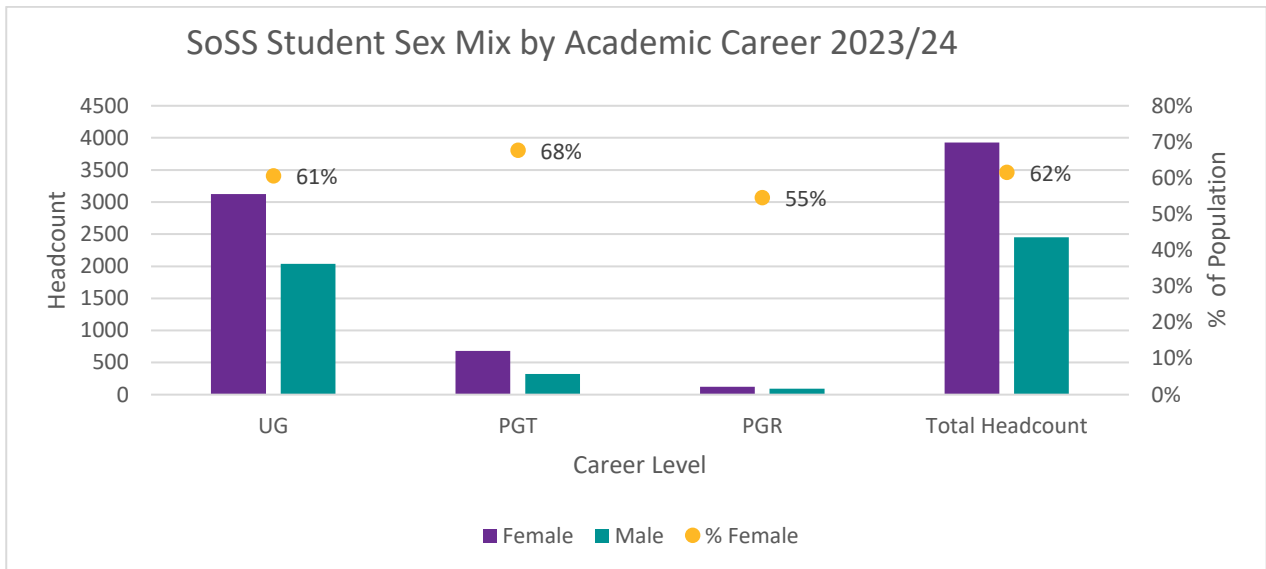


Figure 5 SoSS Student Sex Mix by Academic Career

- SoSS attracts a higher proportion of male Overseas (41%) and EU (40%) to study compared to the UK (37%).

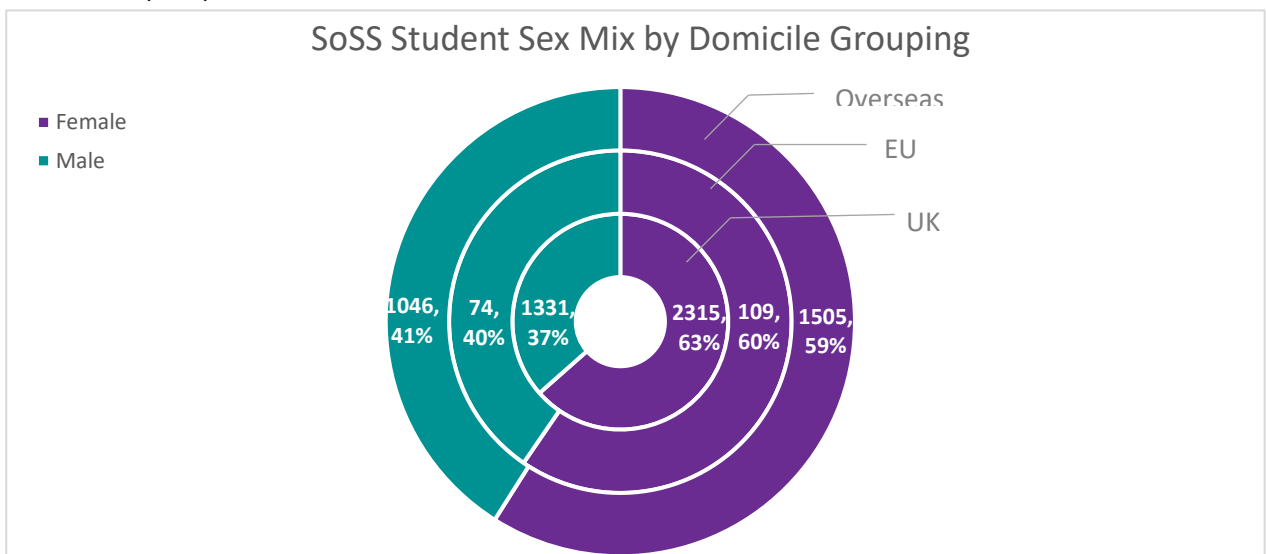


Figure 8 SoSS Student Sex Mix by Domicile Grouping

SOSS Department Student Sex Mix

Figure 9 below depicts the proportion of male and female UG students across SoSS departments.

- Criminology continues to have the highest proportion of female students at UG level with 85%.
- For the second year in a row the proportion of female student in Economics has fallen, with them now having the lowest female proportion of all departments.

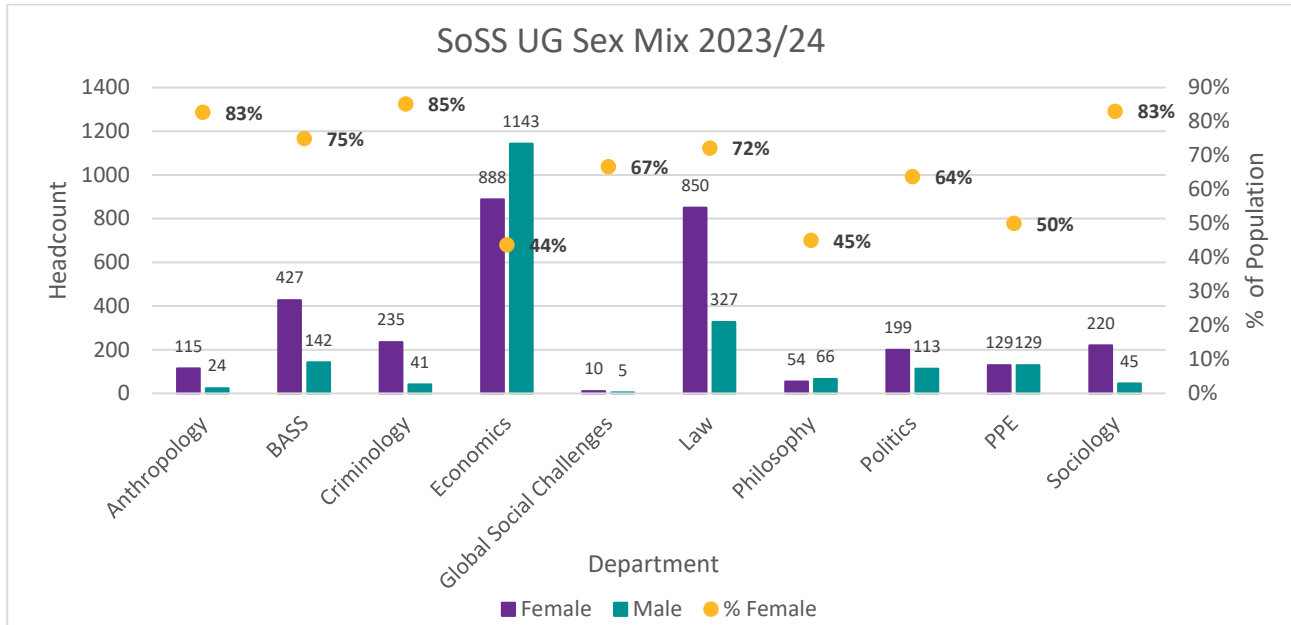


Figure 9 SoSS UG Sex Mix per Department

BASS stands for BA of Social Science (mostly combined subjects)

The student numbers are aggregated for all the years (1-4)

BA (Economic and Social Studies) students are included in Economics.

Figure 10 below depicts the proportion of male and female PGT students across SoSS departments.

- Sociology has the highest proportion of female students 80% at this academic level.
- Philosophy has the lowest proportion of females with only 36% females, -8 percentage point (pp) reduction YoY.

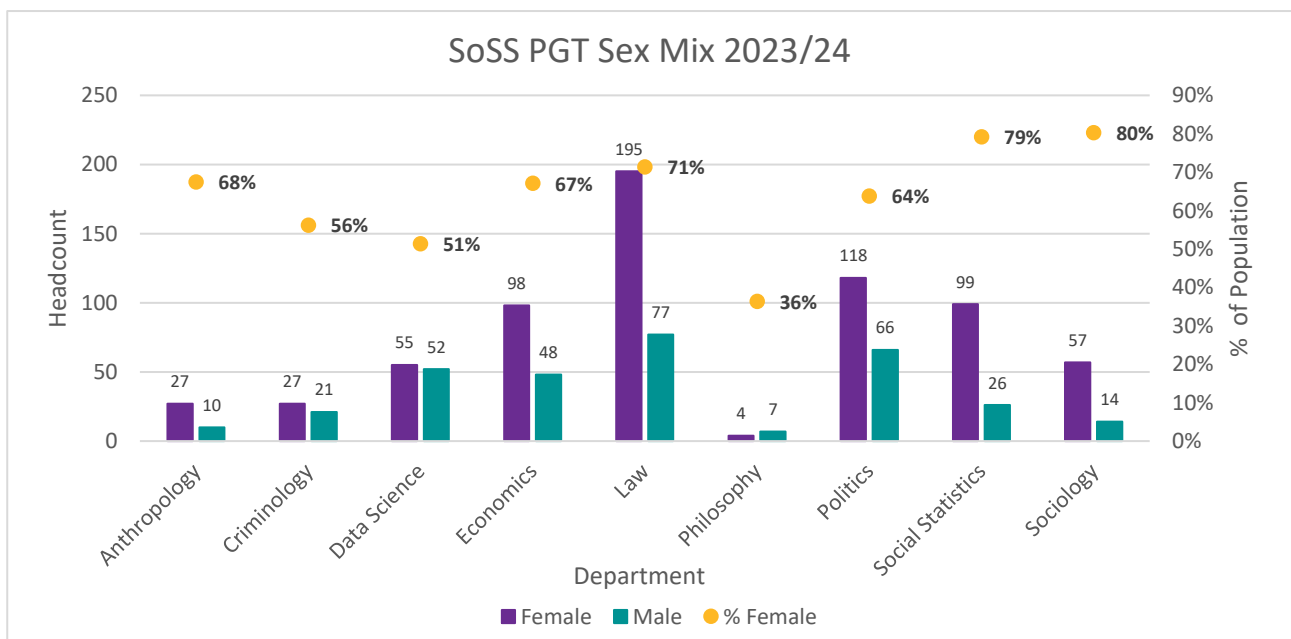


Figure 10 SoSS PGT Sex Mix per Department

Figure 11 below depicts the proportion of male and female PGR students across SoSS departments.

- Criminology has the highest proportion of female students 82% at this academic level.
- Economics has the lowest proportion of females with only 43% females in this cohort.

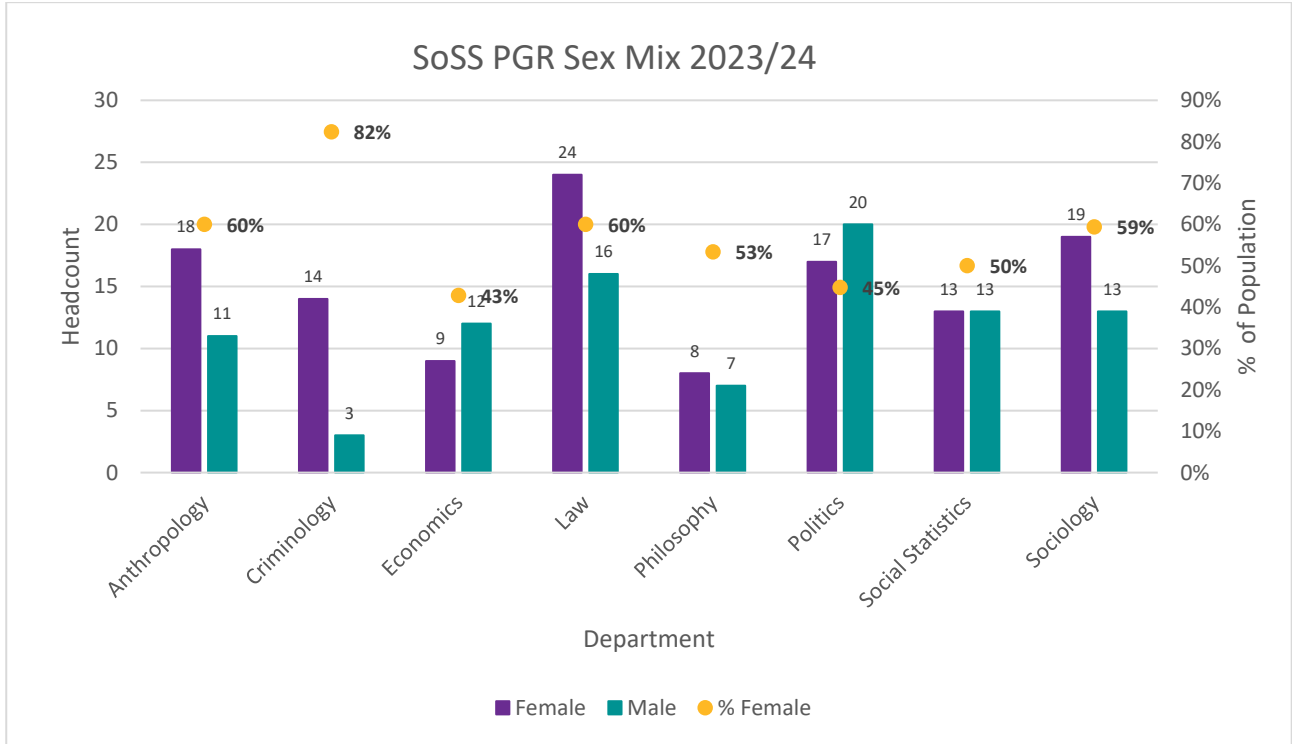


Figure 11 SoSS PGR Sex Mix per Department

SoSS Student Attainment

This section is concerned with SoSS student attainment, across different student populations. It is worth noting that due to the impact of the marking boycotts in 2022/2023 a significant number of UG student were unable to graduate in academic year 2022/2023 and instead graduated early 2023/2024. For this reason, the figures below show completions by calendar year rather than academic year.

Figure 12 below shows Undergraduate attainment by white and Global Majority students in SoSS.

- The percentage of Global Majority students obtaining a First Class (1st) significantly dropped from 38% in 2022 to just 27% in 2023. Percentages obtaining a Second-Class Division One (2:1) increased 2 percentage points (pp) to 52%.
- For First Class the same trend can be seen in White students, but with as -5pp drop in First Class YoY. The gap between White vs Global Majority increased 6pp from 8% in 2022 to 14% in 2023.
- The percentage of Global Majority students obtaining a Third Class (3rd) significantly increased from 9% in 2022 to 18% in 2023.

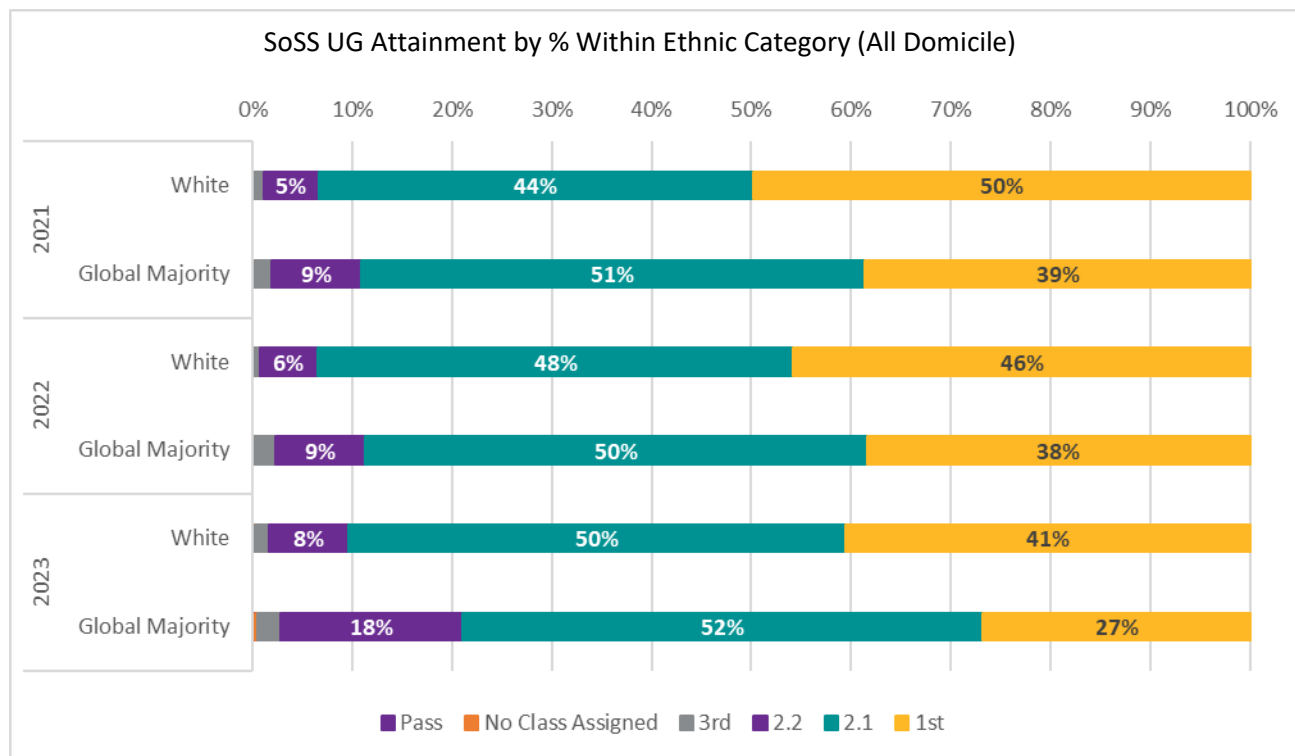


Figure 12 SoSS UG Attainment by % Within Ethnic Category (All Domicile)

Figure 13 below shows Undergraduate attainment by White and Global Majority students in SoSS for UK Domicile only.

- The gap between the White and Global Majority is slightly lower in First class degrees when observing UK students with a 12% gap. This is often referred to as the 'UK Awarding Gap'.
- The percentage of Global Majority students obtaining 2.1 has increased +2pp, but larger proportions of students are obtaining a Second-Class Division Two (2.2) with a 6pp increase.
- The percentage number of 1st degrees has decreased over the years.

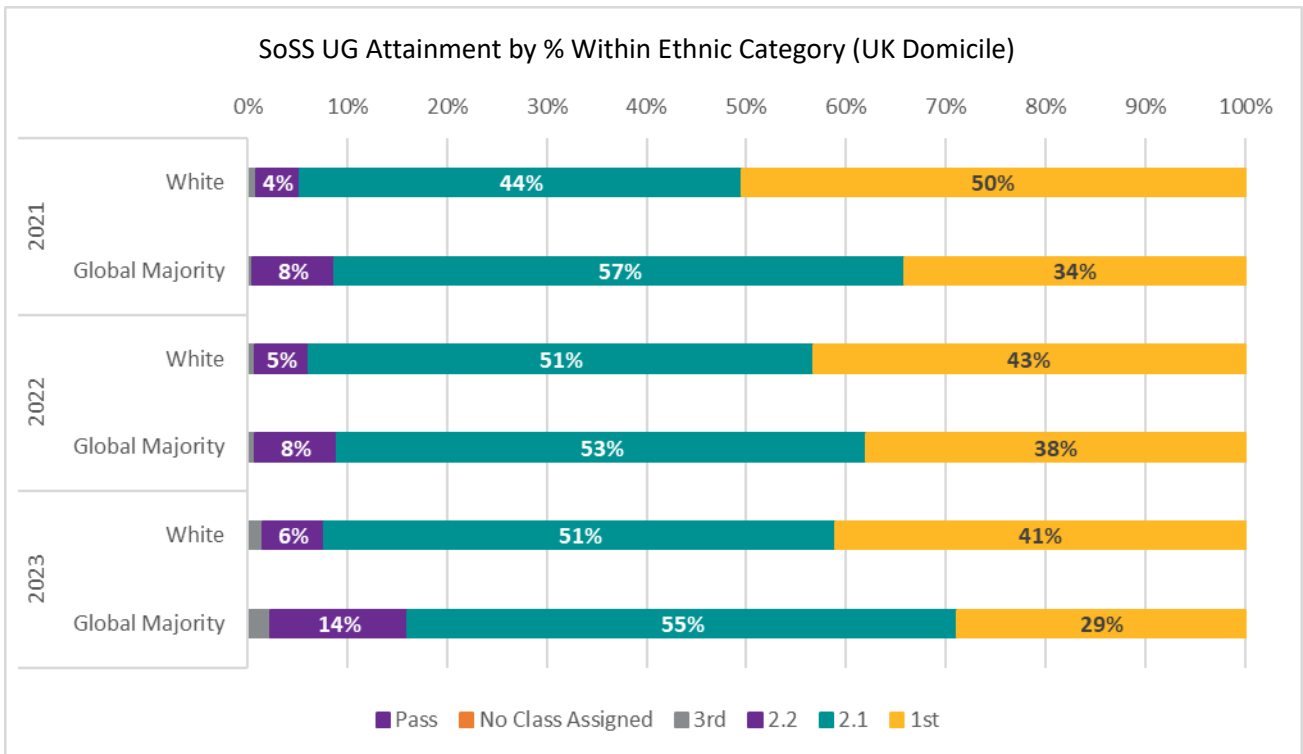


Figure 13 SoSS UG Attainment by % Within Ethnic Category (UK Domicile)

Figure 14 below shows Postgraduate Taught attainment by White and Global Majority students in SoSS.

- The percentage of Global Majority students obtaining a Distinction rose slightly from 15% in 2022 to 16% in 2023, reducing the % gap.
- The percentage of students obtaining a Pass has reduced with a 4pp drop in white students and a 1pp drop in global majority students.

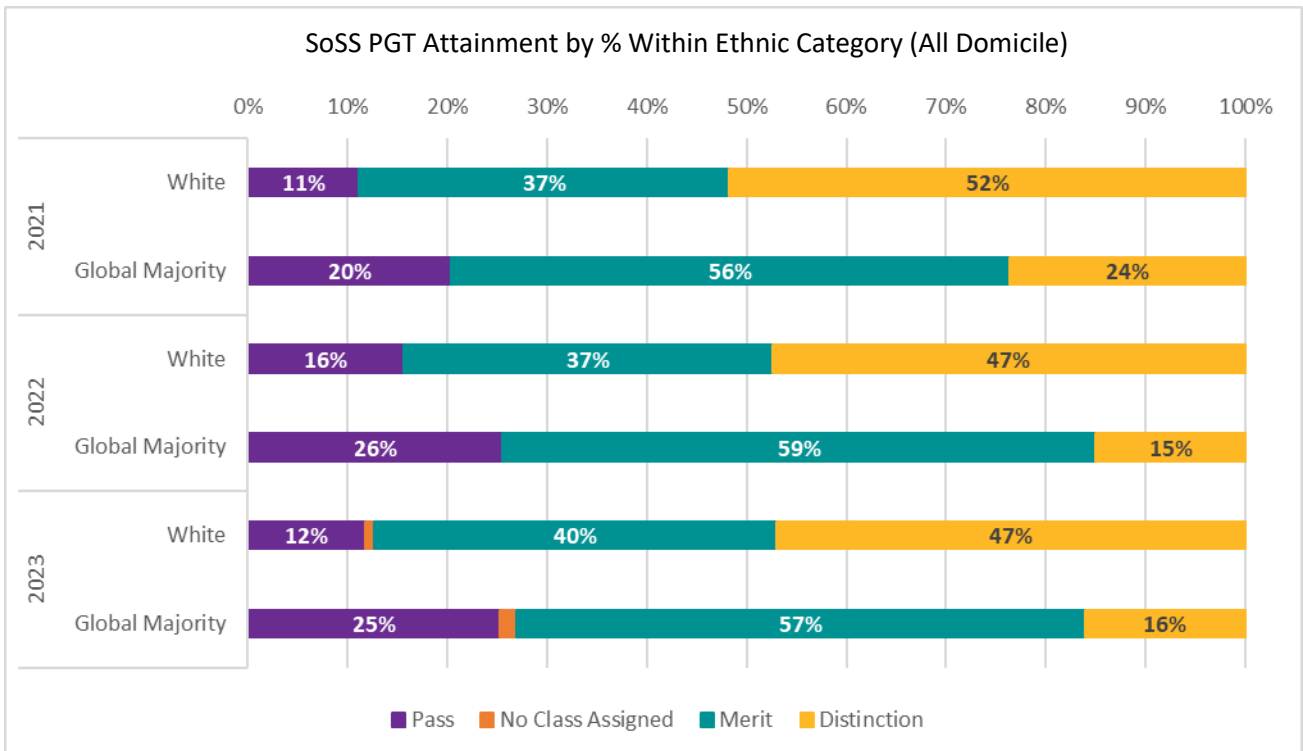


Figure 14 SoSS PGT Attainment by % Within Ethnic Category (All Domicile)

Figure 15 below shows Postgraduate Taught attainment by White and Global Majority students in SoSS for UK Domicile only.

- In the UK population the percentage of Global Majority students obtaining a Distinction dropped 2 percentage points (pp) to 22% YoY and 6pp across a 2-year period.
- The number of students obtaining a Merit rose 1pp in the white population and 3pp in the Global Majority population.
- As with the entire population above the percentage of students obtaining a Pass has reduced with a 1pp drop in white students and a 5pp drop in global majority students.

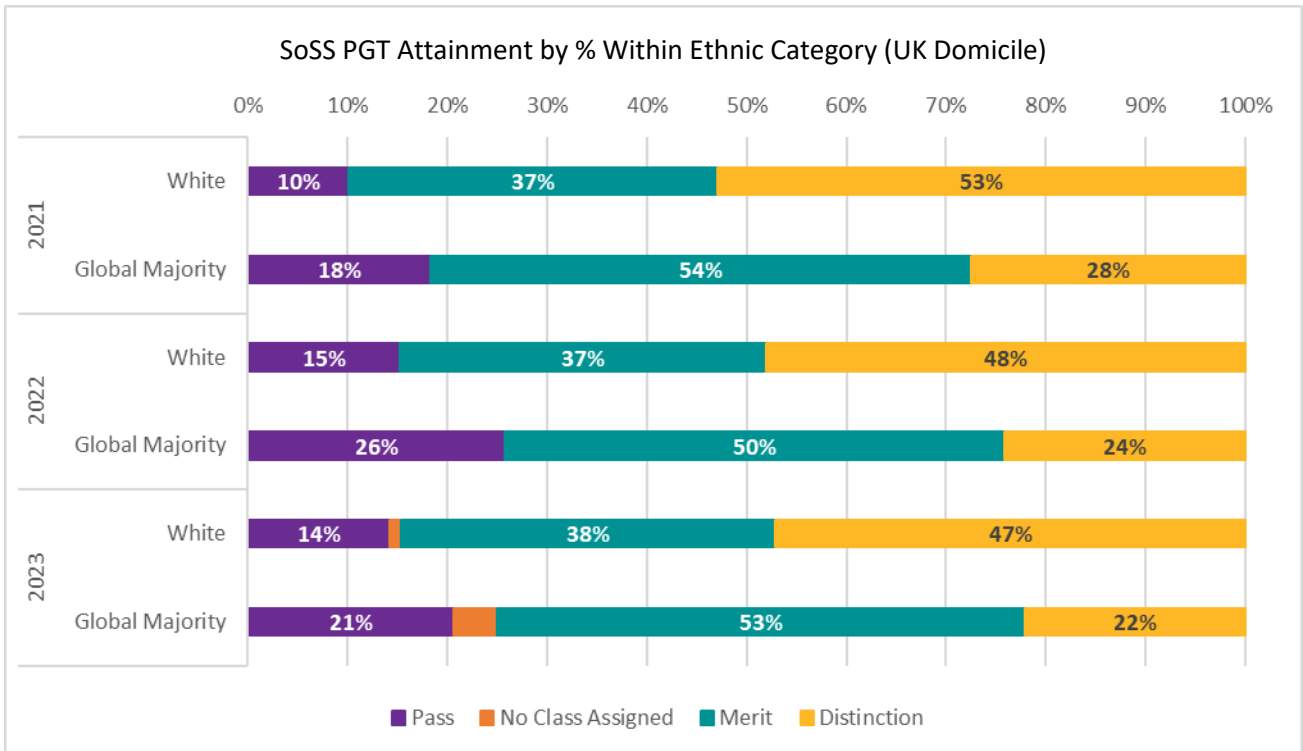


Figure 15 SoSS PGT Attainment by % Within Ethnic Category (UK Domicile)

Headcount numbers can be found in the following 4 figures.

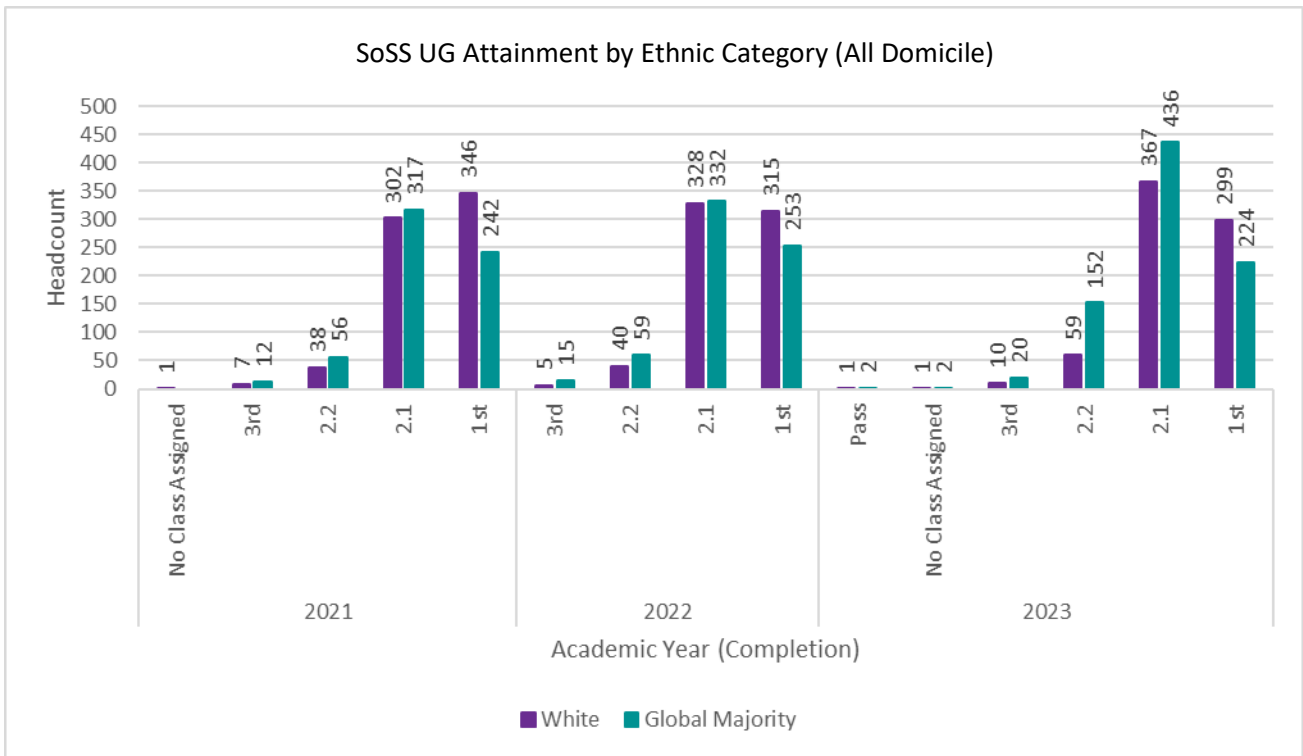


Figure 16 SoSS UG Attainment by Ethnicity Category (All Domicile)

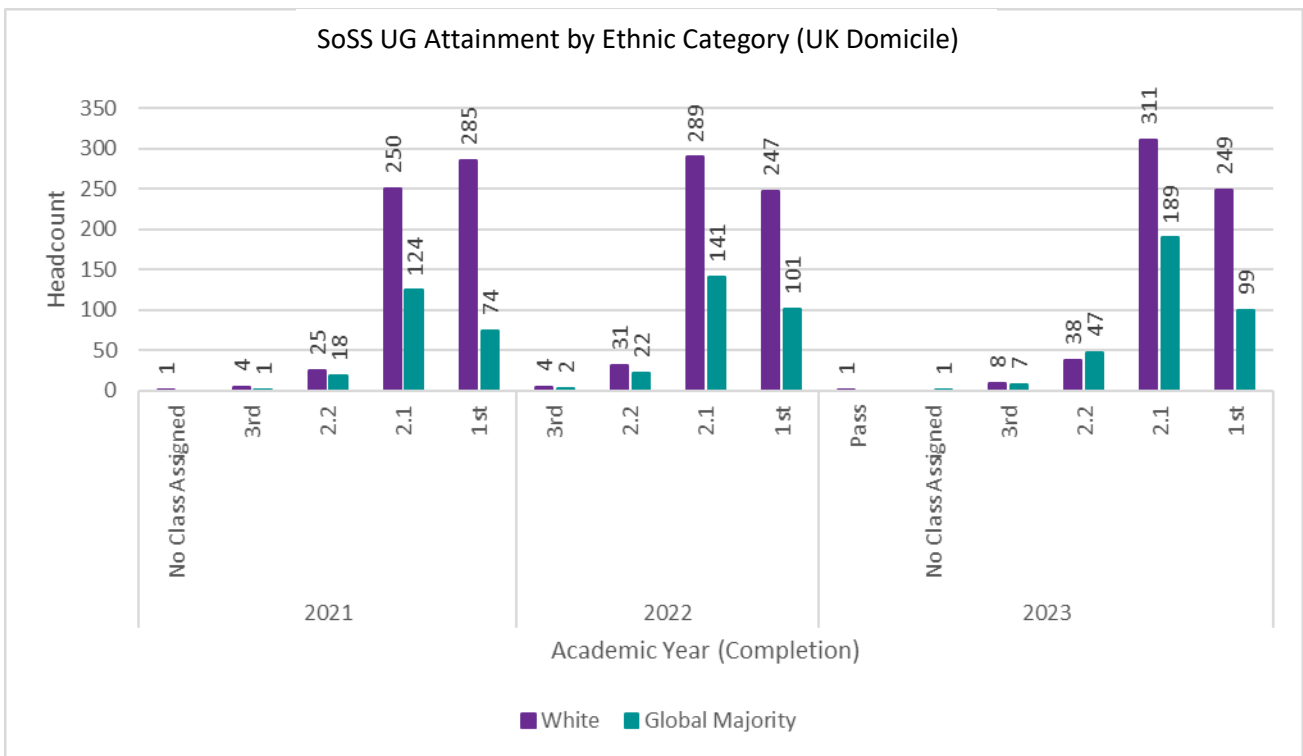


Figure 17 SoSS UG Attainment by Ethnicity Category (UK Domicile)

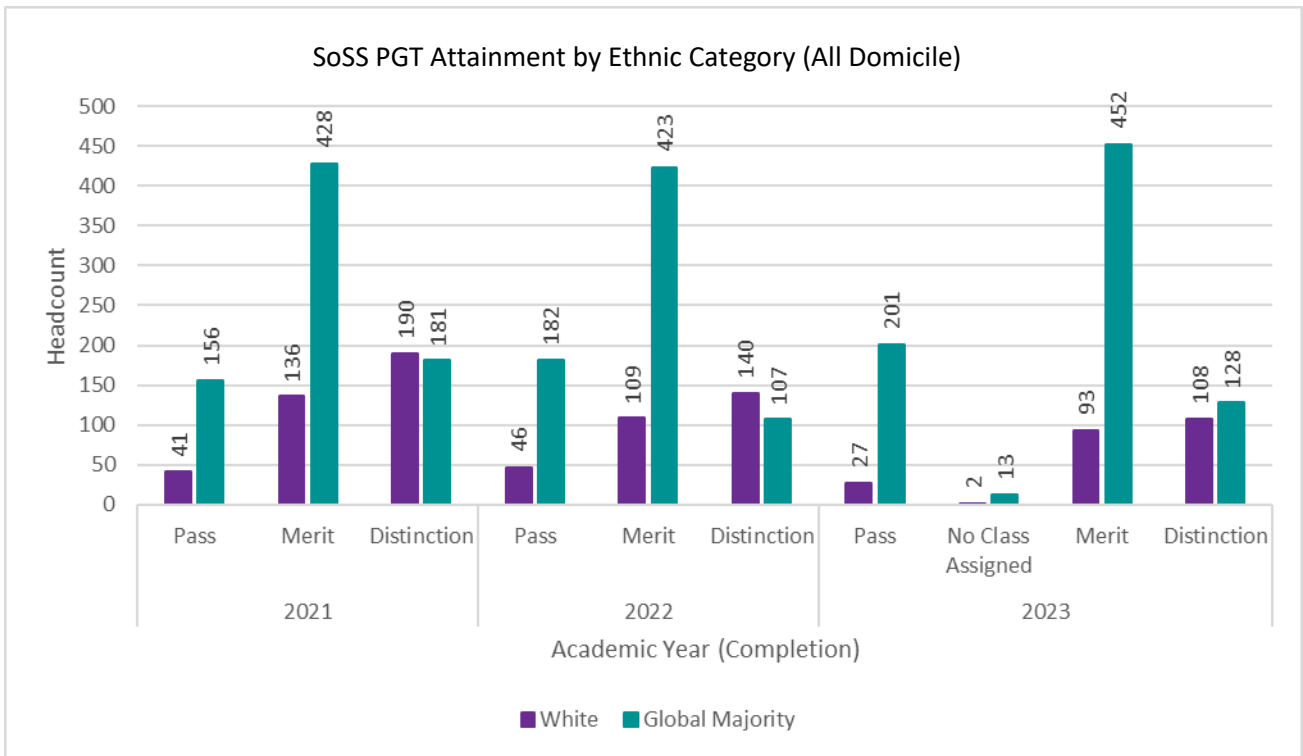


Figure 18 SoSS PGT Attainment by Ethnicity Category (All Domicile)

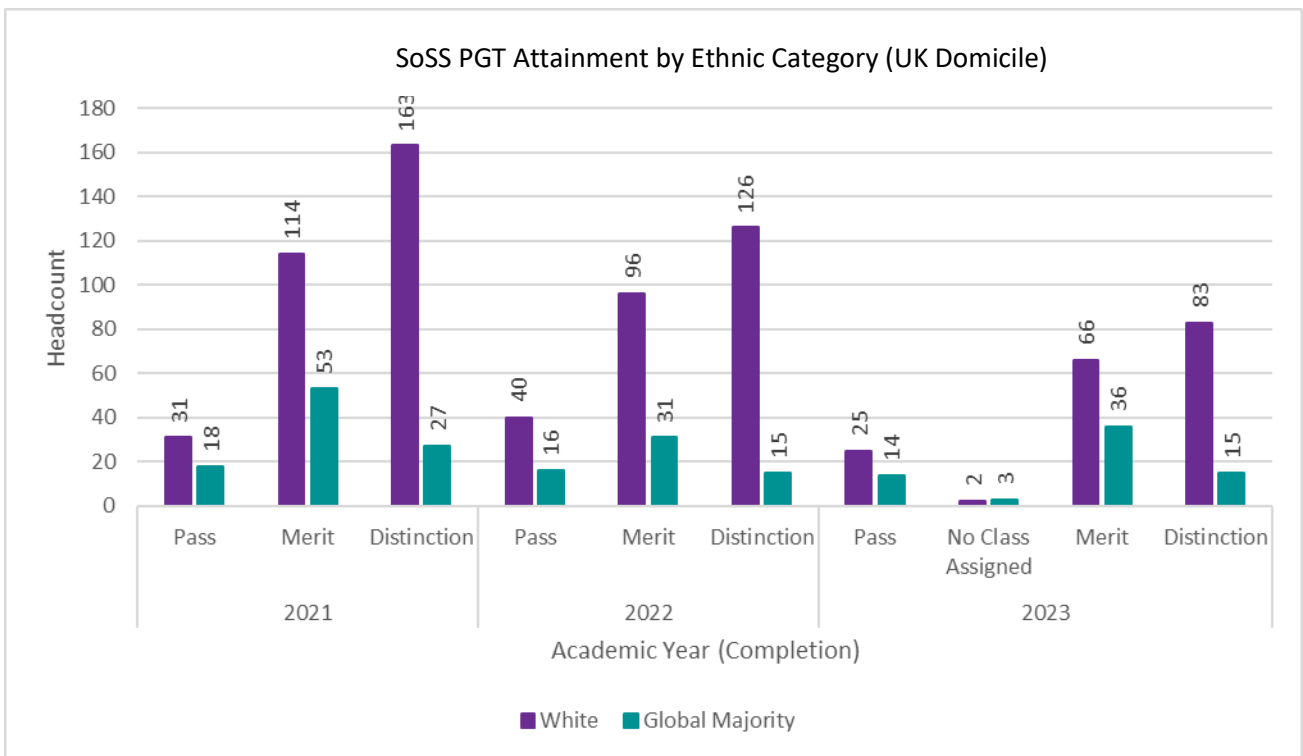


Figure 19 SoSS PGT Attainment by Ethnicity Category (UK Domicile)

Appendix 1 – Data Sources

Report Area	Data Source	Student Population
SOSS Student Headcount	Census Student Reports Power BI App > Students by Academic Career	Headcount
SOSS Unit Enrolments	SR: Student Records App > Enrolments and Grades	Headcount
SOSS Student Country of Domicile	Census Student Reports Power BI App > Students by Domicile Census Student Reports Power BI App > Students by Domicile Country	Headcount
SOSS Student Ethnicity	Census Student Reports Power BI App > Students by BME Missing Data obtained from SR: Student Records App	Headcount
SOSS Student Sex Mix	Census Student Reports Power BI App > Students by Gender	Headcount
SOSS Department Student Sex Mix	Census Student Reports Power BI App > Plan Numbers by Year	Headcount
SOSS Student Attainment	SR: Student Records App > Completions and Awards	Headcount

Excel Sheet with Tables and Figures can be found [here](#).