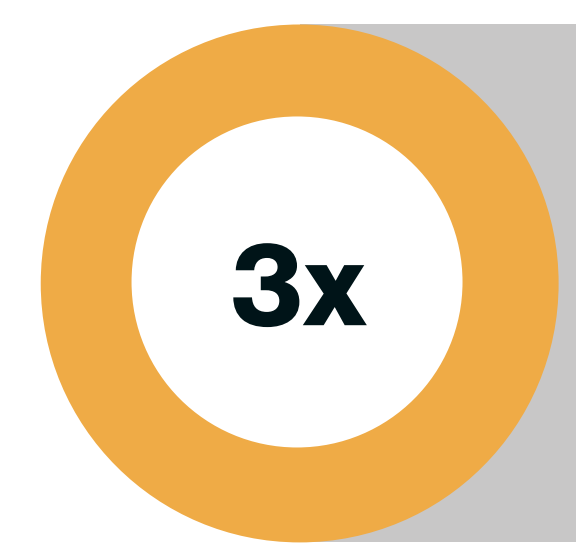


OPTIONS TO STUDY MATHS

Having a wide range of options to study maths at university is a social justice issue.

Options to study maths depend on a student's A-level grades, where they live and how far they can travel. All of these factors are correlated with socioeconomic background.

Most young people stay local for university. However, students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are much more likely to live at home and commute.



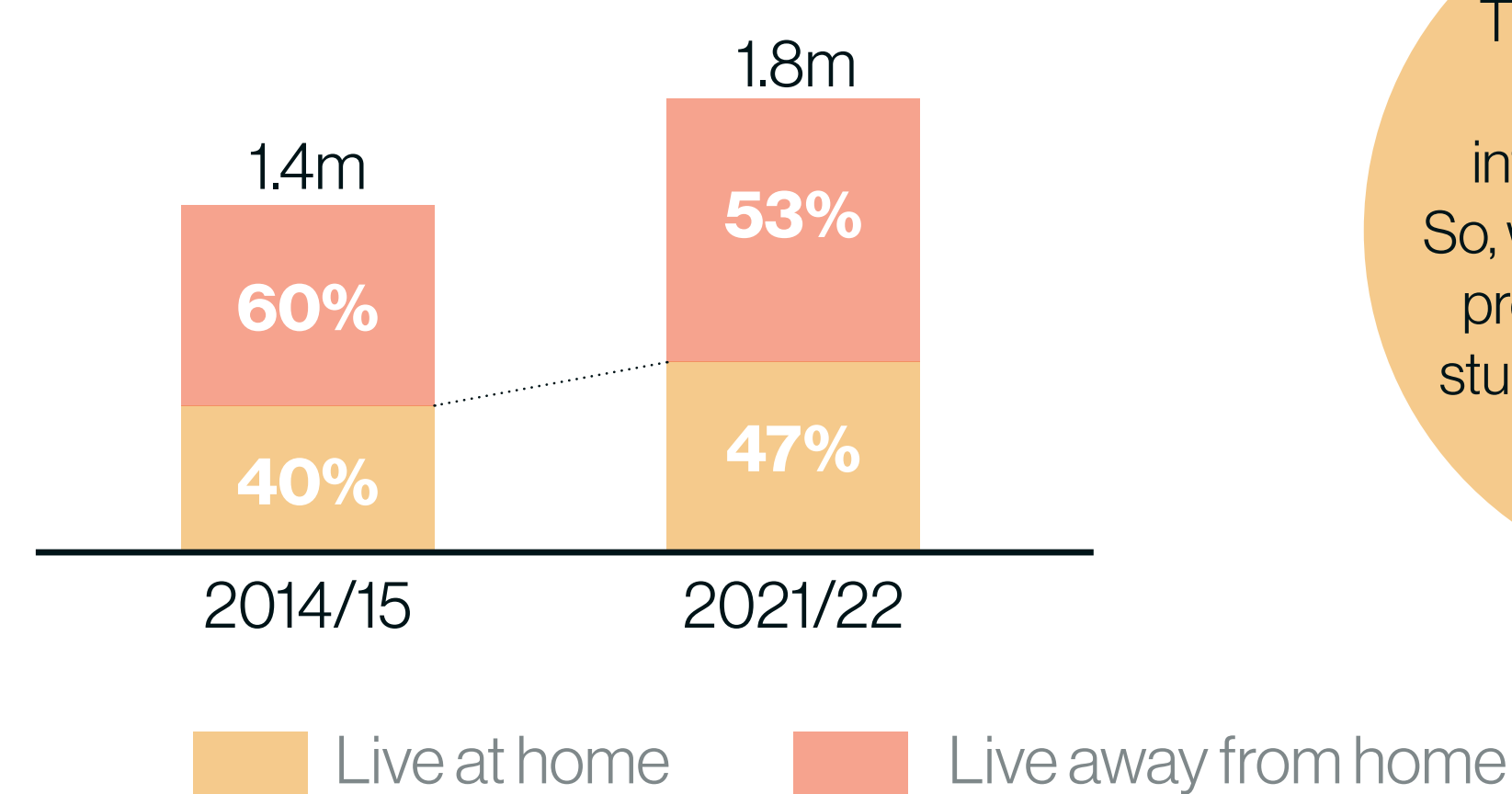
As of 2014/15, students from lower socioeconomic class backgrounds were three times more likely to live at home and commute to university.*

* Social class measured by the National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification (NS-SEC)

Source: Donnelly and Gamsu (2018)

The current cost of living crisis is impacting students' university choices further. Today, students are now even more likely to stay at home for university study.

UK university students by living situation



These figures include both domestic and international students. So, we can expect that the proportion of domestic students living at home is greater than 47%.

“We are seeing through our **cost-of-living research** a real awareness about what the university experience might be like - taking part-time employment or **living closer to home so students can commute.**”

Clare Marchant, UCAS CEO

Source: HESA, The Times

The map below shows universities that offer maths undergraduate degrees with low entry requirements (equivalent to grade BBB at A-level or below).

Lighter shaded areas of the map represent locations where there is low or limited access for a student who wants to study maths at a low-tariff university, and also remain close to home.

Distance from a low-tariff university

