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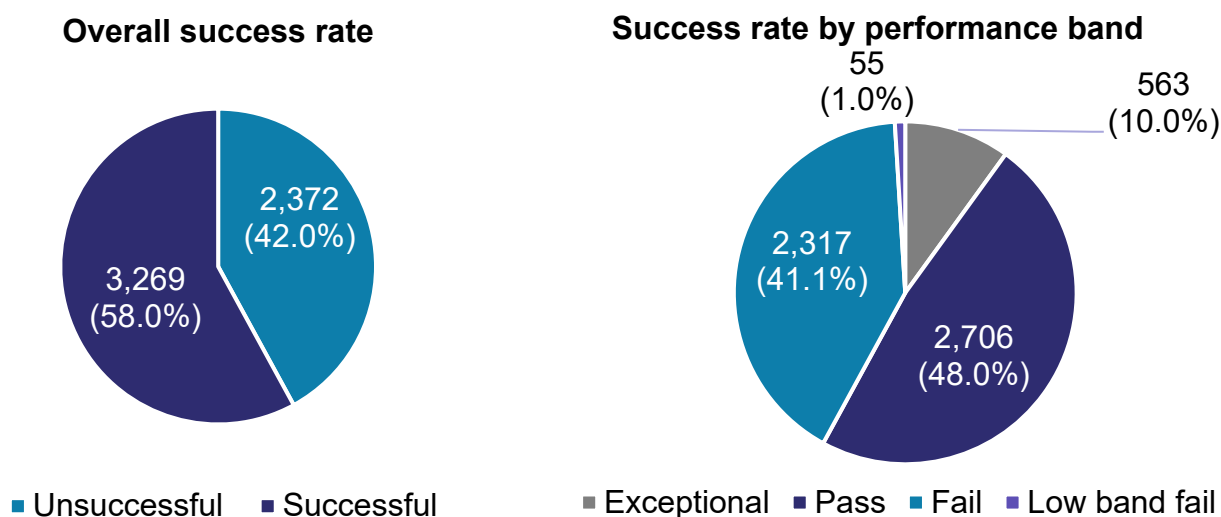
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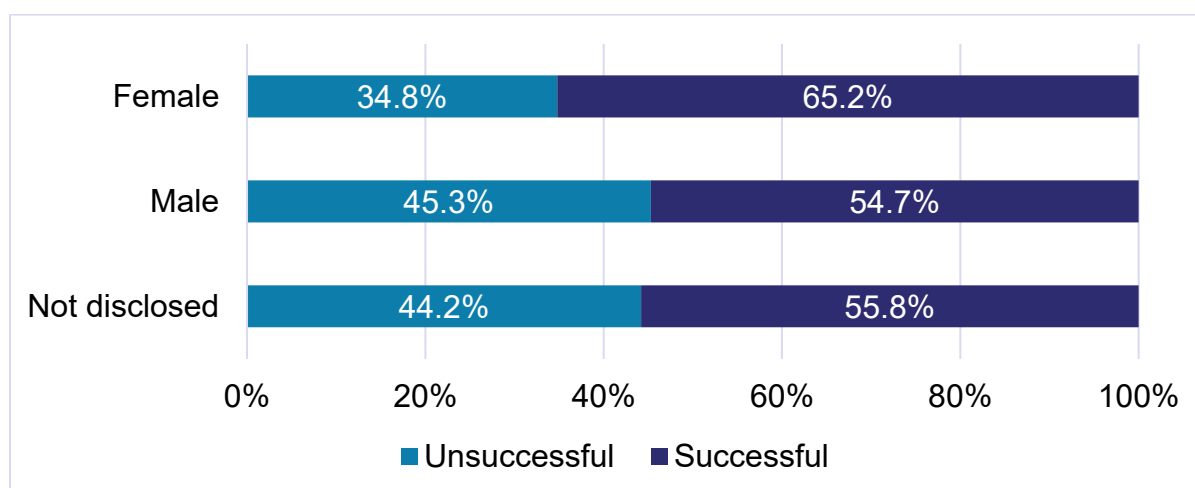
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Results

The results were fully analysed and an absolute cut score of 55% was applied to all candidates. Candidates who scored 75% or above will be classified as achieving an exceptional result. Candidates who scored lower than 30% will be classified as achieving a low band fail result. This generated the following success rates.

Overall success rate

2,372
(42.0%)

3,269
(58.0%)

■ Unsuccessful ■ Successful

Success rate by performance band

55
(1.0%)

563
(10.0%)

2,317
(41.1%)

2,706
(48.0%)

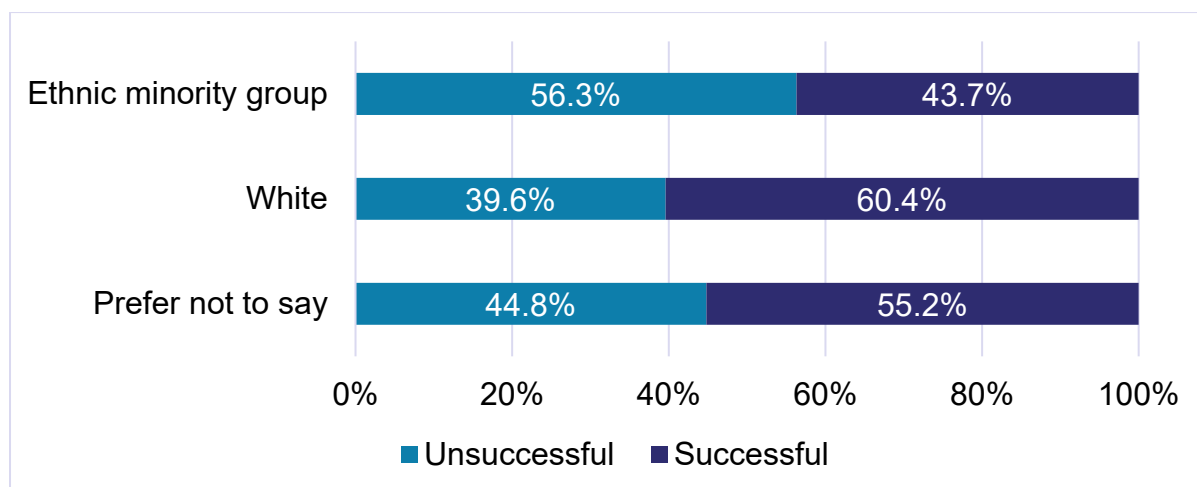■ Exceptional ■ Pass ■ Fail ■ Low band fail

Sex

There were 1,671 female candidates and 3,581 male candidates. 389 candidates did not state their sex or identified as intersex. Due to the small numbers, those who reported as intersex have been merged with those who did not disclose their sex, to ensure that candidates cannot be identified. This generated the following success rates.

	Unsuccessful	Successful
Female	34.8%	65.2%
Male	45.3%	54.7%
Not disclosed	44.2%	55.8%

0%   20%   40%   60%   80%   100%

■ Unsuccessful ■ Successful

Ethnicity

There were 4,450 White candidates and 657 candidates from an ethnic minority group. 534 candidates did not disclose their ethnicity. This generated the following success rates.

Force

The table below provides the pass rate for each force that nominated candidates.

	Number of candidates attended	Number of successful candidates	Success rate (%)
Avon and Somerset	94	65	69.1
Bedfordshire	75	58	77.3
British Transport	113	65	57.5
Cambridgeshire	52	37	71.2
Cheshire	80	65	81.3
City of London	46	35	76.1
Cleveland	62	39	62.9
Cumbria	44	33	75.0
Derbyshire	49	32	65.3
Devon and Cornwall	73	47	64.4
Dorset	37	28	75.7
Durham	39	26	66.7
Dyfed-Powys	20	14	70.0

	Number of candidates attended	Number of successful candidates	Success rate (%)
Essex	132	67	50.8
Gloucestershire	38	24	63.2
Greater Manchester	295	170	57.6
Gwent	90	68	75.6
Hampshire	85	58	68.2
Hertfordshire	95	71	74.7
Humberside	80	44	55.0
Kent	125	96	76.8
Lancashire	79	64	81.0
Leicestershire	50	41	82.0
Lincolnshire	21	13	61.9
Merseyside	130	103	79.2
Metropolitan	2,111	881	41.7
Norfolk	63	50	79.4
North Wales	44	30	68.2
North Yorkshire	55	43	78.2
Northamptonshire	57	37	64.9
Northumbria	143	86	60.1
Nottinghamshire	84	52	61.9
Port of Dover	■	■	100.0
Port of Liverpool	■	■	0.0
South Wales	93	58	62.4
South Yorkshire	99	52	52.5
Staffordshire	63	47	74.6
Suffolk	45	35	77.8
Surrey	59	46	78.0
Sussex	86	62	72.1
Thames Valley	79	68	86.1
Warwickshire	20	14	70.0
West Mercia	74	55	74.3

	Number of candidates attended	Number of successful candidates	Success rate (%)
West Midlands	240	140	58.3
West Yorkshire	186	128	68.8
Wiltshire	33	21	63.6
Total	**5,641**	**3,269**	**58.0**

Please note that where candidate numbers are low, these have been removed to ensure that no candidates can be personally identified from this data. Low figures in terms of pass or fail rates could, when paired with other information in the public domain, result in the identification of individuals. To avoid this, we will not release information where identification could result. We are unable to confirm the threshold used to redact data, as this in itself may allow calculations to be made from other information released in the public domain.

Comparison between force pass rates should be done with caution, due to the differences in the number of candidates taking the examination per force.

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