

# NPPF sergeants' step-two legal examination October 2023

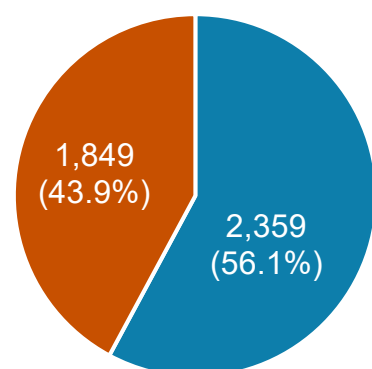
## Results and analysis overview

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## Results

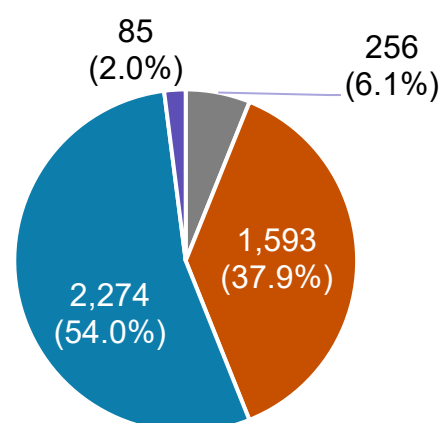
The results were fully analysed and an absolute cut score of 55% was applied to all candidates. Candidates who scored 75% or above were classified as achieving an exceptional result. Candidates who scored lower than 30% were classified as achieving a low band fail result. This generated the following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

**Overall success rate**



■ Unsuccessful ■ Successful

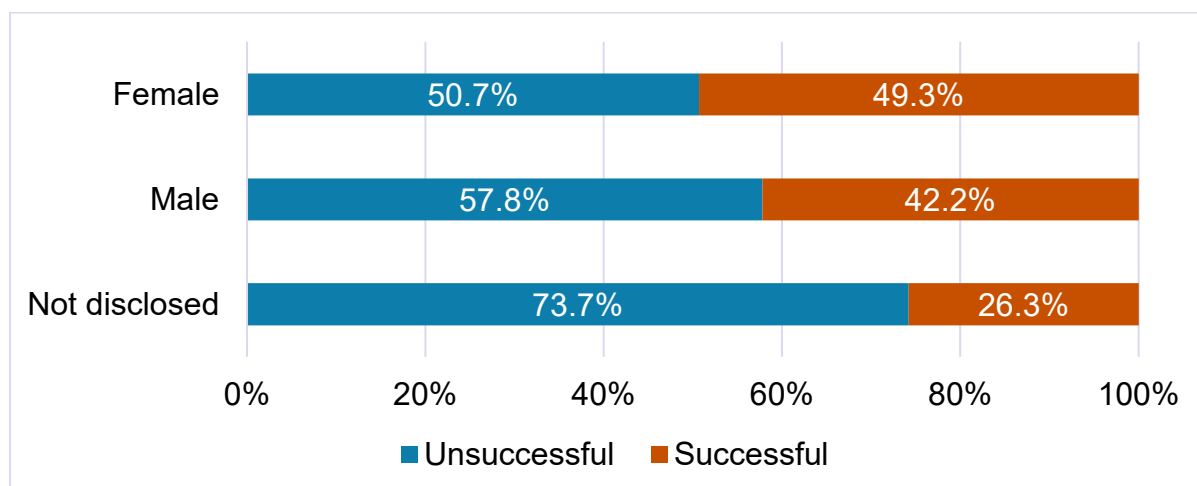
**Success rate by performance band**



■ Exceptional ■ Pass ■ Fail ■ Low band fail

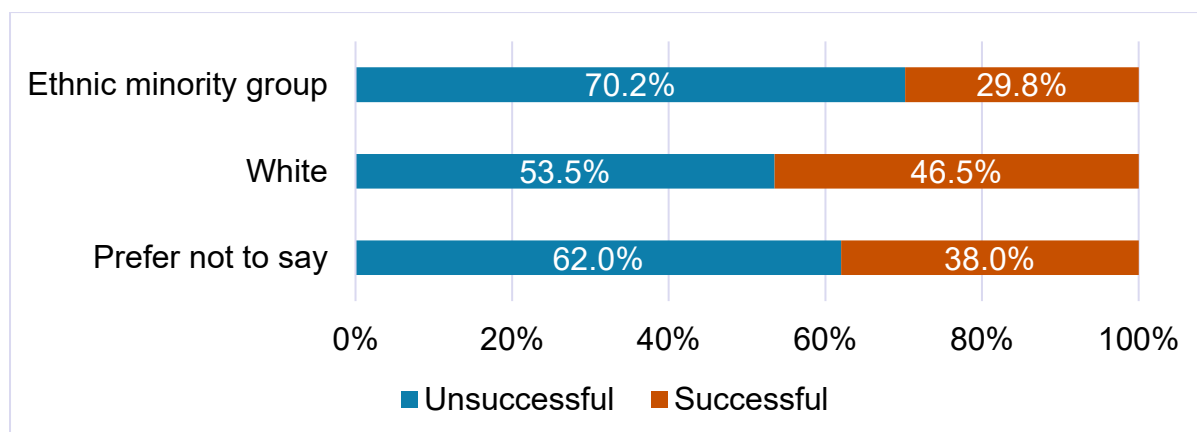
## Sex

There were 1,246 female candidates and 2,867 male candidates. 95 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.



## Ethnicity

There were 3,435 white candidates and 526 candidates from an ethnic minority group. 237 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 (%)
<b>Avon and Somerset</b>	66	41	62.1%
<b>Bedfordshire</b>	51	30	58.8%
<b>British Transport</b>	65	29	44.6%
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	67	41	61.2%
<b>Cheshire</b>	49	26	53.1%
<b>City of London</b>	19	6	31.6%
<b>Cleveland</b>	40	16	40.0%
<b>Cumbria</b>	■	■	62.5%
<b>Derbyshire</b>	29	20	69.0%
<b>Devon and Cornwall</b>	59	33	55.9%
<b>Dorset</b>	20	11	55.0%
<b>Durham</b>	37	26	70.3%
<b>Essex</b>	122	61	50.0%
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	29	18	62.1%

<b>Greater Manchester</b>	237	116	48.9%
<b>Guernsey</b>	■	■	100.0%
<b>Gwent</b>	30	19	63.3%
<b>Hampshire</b>	62	28	45.2%
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	71	32	45.1%
<b>Humberside</b>	84	38	45.2%
<b>Kent</b>	72	46	63.9%
<b>Lancashire</b>	50	35	70.0%
<b>Leicestershire</b>	32	17	53.1%
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	22	16	72.7%
<b>Merseyside</b>	72	48	66.7%
<b>Metropolitan</b>	1,755	471	26.8%
<b>Norfolk</b>	44	30	68.2%
<b>North Wales</b>	29	15	51.7%
<b>North Yorkshire</b>	33	18	54.5%
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	39	19	48.7%
<b>Northumbria</b>	80	42	52.5%
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	52	25	48.1%
<b>Port of Liverpool</b>	■	■	50.0%
<b>South Wales</b>	62	32	51.6%
<b>South Yorkshire</b>	68	32	47.1%
<b>Staffordshire</b>	52	38	73.1%
<b>Suffolk</b>	21	8	38.1%
<b>Surrey</b>	29	20	69.0%
<b>Sussex</b>	70	44	62.9%
<b>Thames Valley</b>	94	76	80.9%
<b>Warwickshire</b>	21	14	66.7%
<b>West Mercia</b>	44	33	75.0%
<b>West Midlands</b>	154	79	51.3%
<b>West Yorkshire</b>	142	82	57.7%
<b>Wiltshire</b>	23	11	47.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>43.9%</b>

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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