

Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004 : Profile of Candidates

The Civil Services Examination is conducted in two successive stages viz. the Preliminary Examination and the Main Examination. The Preliminary Examination consists of two objective type papers and is meant for initial screening only. Only those candidates who qualify the Preliminary Examination, are eligible for admission to the Main Examination. The Main Examination consists of written examination of conventional type papers and a Personality Test. Out of 3,49,020 candidates who had applied for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2004, 3,34,133 were found eligible for appearing in the examination. However 1,74,475 candidates appeared in this examination held on May 16, 2004. On the basis of results of this examination, 5,565 candidates were declared qualified for taking the Main Examination. Community-wise and gender-wise details of these candidates are given in Table 13.1.

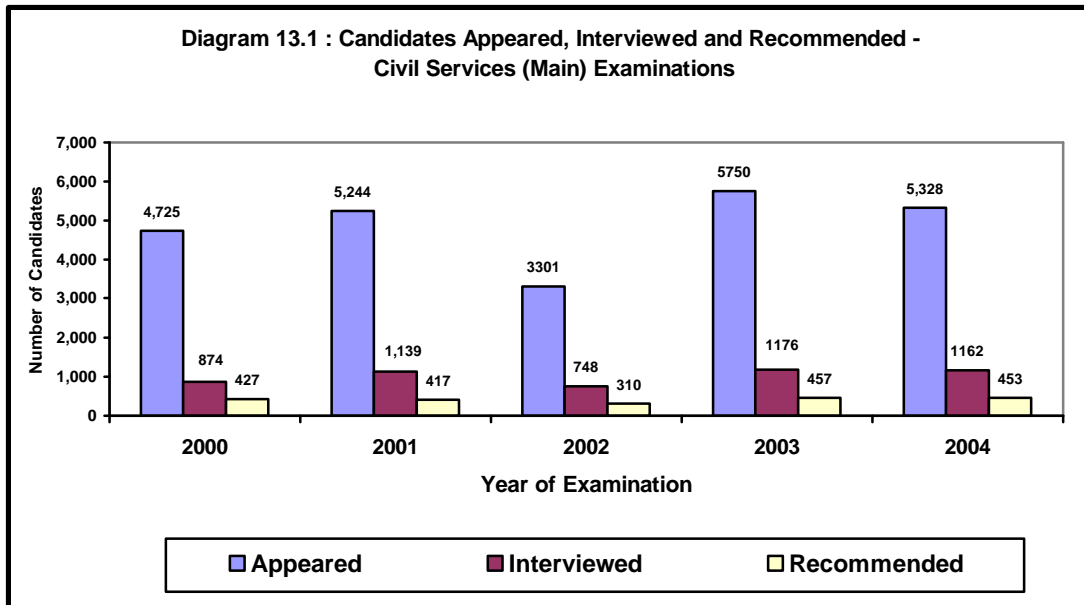
Table 13.1 : Number of Candidates who Applied, Appeared and Qualified the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2004

Community	Number of Candidates								
	Applied			Appeared			Qualified		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Scheduled Castes	71,595	16,394	87,989	36,845	7,943	44,788	884	89	973
Scheduled Tribes	23,442	5,597	29,039	11,782	2,631	14,413	466	35	501
Other Backward Classes	82,027	17,727	99,754	43,886	8,912	52,798	1,895	100	1,995
General	98,975	33,263	1,32,238	47,400	15,076	62,476	1,864	232	2,096
Total	2,76,039	72,981	3,49,020	1,39,913	34,562	1,74,475	5,109	456	5,565

2. Out of 5,565 candidates, 5,328 had appeared in the written part of Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004 held in October - November, 2004. Based on the results of the written part of the Main Examination, 1,163 candidates had qualified for Personality Test. Of those, 1,162 candidates had appeared for the Personality Test, of whom 453 candidates were recommended by the Commission for appointment to the civil services. The number of candidates appeared,

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interviewed and recommended during the last five examinations are shown in Diagram 13.1.



3. A comparative statement, showing the number of vacancies to be filled up through Civil Services Examination (including those reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) during the years 1995 to 2004 is given in Table 13.2.

Table 13.2 : Year-wise Number of Vacancies - Civil Services Examinations

Year	Number of Vacancies	Year	Number of Vacancies
1995	645	2000	427
1996	740	2001	417
1997	621	2002	310
1998	470	2003	457
1999	411	2004	453

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4. The success rate of candidates in the examination by broad stream of disciplines is given in Table 13.3.

Table 13.3 : Success Rate vis-à-vis Broad Stream of Disciplines - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Educational Qualification	Number of Candidates		Success Rate (Percent)
	Appeared	Recommended	
I Bachelor Degrees	2,779	243	8.7
(i) Humanities	1,116	75	6.7
(ii) Science	491	24	4.9
(iii) Medical Science	220	38	17.3
(iv) Engineering	952	106	11.1
II Higher Degrees	2,549	210	8.2
(i) Humanities	1,834	152	8.3
(ii) Science	598	49	8.2
(iii) Medical Science	33	5	15.2
(iv) Engineering	84	4	4.8
Total	5,328	453	8.5

Note: Success rate is number of candidates recommended as a percentage of those appeared.

Thus, the success rates of candidates having higher degrees in the discipline of Humanities and Science were higher than that of those with bachelor degrees in the corresponding streams of disciplines. However, in cases of Medical Sciences and Engineering subjects, the success rates of candidates having higher degrees were slightly lower than that of those with bachelor degrees in the corresponding streams of disciplines.

5. Success rates of candidates in the examination by their academic qualifications (instead of broad stream of disciplines) is given in Table 13.4.

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Table 13.4 : Academic Qualifications of Candidates vis-à-vis Success Rate - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Sl. No.	Academic Qualification	Number of Candidates		Success Rate (Percent)
		Appeared	Recommended	
1	B.A./B.A. (Hons.)	697	45	6.5
2	B.Com./B.Com. (Hons.)	214	20	9.3
3	B.Sc./B.Sc. (Hons.)	445	22	4.9
4	B.Sc. (Agri.)	43	2	4.7
5	B.E./B.Tech./B.Sc. (Engg.)	952	106	11.1
6	L.L.B.	203	10	4.9
7	B.V.Sc. & A.H.	44	1	2.3
8	B.D.S.	20	5	25.0
9	B.C.A.	3	-	-
10	M.B.B.S.	138	30	21.7
11	B.I.M.S.	18	2	11.1
12	Company Secretaryship	1	-	-
13	Cost & Work Accountancy	1	-	-
14	M.A.	1,605	113	7.0
15	M.Com.	189	29	15.3
16	M.Sc.	466	28	6.0
17	M.Sc. (Agri.)	122	21	17.2
18	L.L.M.	15	5	33.3
19	M.Tech.	84	4	4.8
20	M.V.Sc. & A.H.	23	3	13.0
21	M.D.	10	2	20.0
22	M.C.A.	10	-	-
23	Ph.D.	25	5	20.0
Total		5,328	453	8.5

As is seen from Table 13.4, a total of 453 or 8.5 percent of the candidates were recommended for appointment to various civil services. Of them, 243 were graduates and 210 possessed post-graduate or higher qualifications.

6. Analysis of performance of candidates at College/University level shows that candidates who have achieved higher level of performance as revealed by the division obtained by them perform better, *ceteris paribus*, in the competitive examination as is depicted in Table 13.5.

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Table 13.5 : Success Rate of Candidates by Division Obtained in Academic Qualification - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Educational Qualification	Number of Candidates		Success Rate (Percent)
	Appeared	Recommended	
First Division			
1. Bachelor Degrees	1,393	159	11.4
2. Higher Degrees	1,399	150	10.7
Sub Total	2,792	309	11.1
Other than First Division			
1. Bachelor Degrees	1,386	84	6.1
2. Higher Degrees	1,150	60	5.2
Sub Total	2,536	144	5.7
Total	5,328	453	8.5

Note: The division secured in the highest degree obtained by the candidates has been reckoned.

It is seen that the success rate of first divisioner candidates was significantly higher at 11.1 percent compared to 5.7 percent for candidates who obtained second or lower division at College/University level.

7. The distribution of candidates who appeared and were recommended for appointment and success rates by the optional subjects is given in Table 13.6.

Table 13.6 : Distribution of Candidates who Appeared vis-à-vis Recommended by Optional Subjects - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Sl. NO.	Optional Subject	Number of Candidates		Success Rate (Percent)
		Appeared	Recommended	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Agriculture	179	31	17.3
2	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	29	2	6.9
3	Anthropology	298	43	14.4
4	Botany	184	26	14.1

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5	Chemistry	109	-	-
6	Civil Engineering	30	2	6.7
7	Commerce and Accountancy	150	32	21.3
8	Economics	179	35	19.6
9	Electrical Engineering	32	1	3.1
10	Geography	1,623	149	9.2
11	Geology	14	2	14.3
12	History	1,922	79	4.1
13	Law	198	13	6.6
14	Management	12	2	16.7
15	Mathematics	216	11	5.1
16	Mechanical Engineering	88	1	1.1
17	Medical Science	35	12	34.3
18	Philosophy	801	34	4.2
19	Physics	185	24	13.0
20	Political Science and International Relations	482	46	9.5
21	Psychology	631	88	13.9
22	Public Administration	1,500	125	8.3
23	Sociology	598	57	9.5
24	Statistics	10	2	20.0
25	Zoology	212	18	8.5
26	Literature of Assamese Language	3	1	33.3
27	Literature of Gujarati Language	16	2	12.5
28	Literature of Hindi Language	507	27	5.3
29	Literature of Kannada Language	43	5	11.6
30	Literature of Malayalam Language	9	2	22.2
31	Literature of Manipuri Language	3	-	-
32	Literature of Marathi Language	38	4	10.5
33	Literature of Oriya Language	5	1	20.0
34	Literature of Pali Language	29	-	-
35	Literature of Punjabi Language	12	1	8.3
36	Literature of Sanskrit Language	44	1	2.3
37	Literature of Tamil Language	128	12	9.4
38	Literature of Telugu Language	63	11	17.5
39	Literature of Urdu Language	16	1	6.3
40	Literature of English Language	19	3	15.8
41	Literature of Persian Language	4	-	-

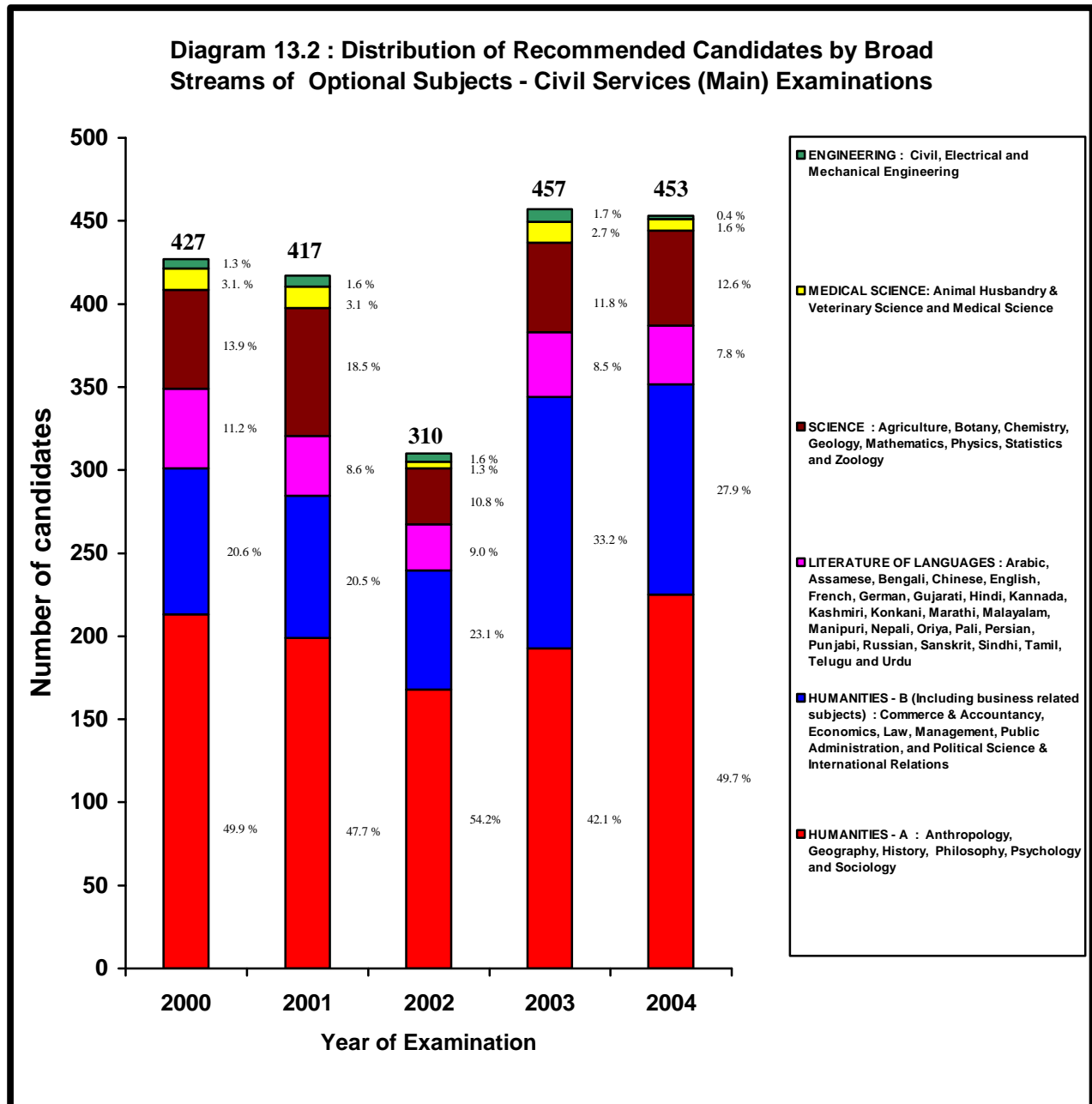
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7.1 The following points emerge from Table 13.6:

- (i) History was the most preferred subject among the optional subjects chosen by the candidates, followed by Geography and Public Administration.
- (ii) Amongst the subjects opted by 100 or more candidates the highest percentage of successful candidates had opted Commerce and Accountancy, followed by Economics and Agriculture.
- (iii) Subjects relating to Humanities including literature of languages were opted by 85.4 percent of candidates, Science by 12.6 percent, Medical Sciences by 1.6 percent and Engineering by 0.4 percent. This indicates that certain number of recommended candidates having academic qualifications in Engineering, Medical and Science subjects had made cross-domain shift and opted for Humanities subjects in the examination.
- (iv) Amongst the candidates recommended for appointment, the highest percentage of candidates at 49.0 percent had Humanities as academic background, followed by Engineering at 24.3 percent, Science at 17.2 percent and Medical Sciences at 9.5 percent.

7.2 Distribution of candidates recommended by broad streams of optional subjects chosen by them in the Civil Services (Main) Examinations is shown in Diagram 13.2.

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8. A disaggregated analysis of the candidates recommended for appointment shows that 64 candidates or 14.1 percent belonged to the Scheduled Castes community, 47 candidates or 10.4 percent to the Scheduled Tribes, 127 candidates or 28.0 percent to the Other Backward Classes and 215 candidates or

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47.5 percent to the General category. The community-wise and age-wise break-up of the candidates recommended is given in the table 13.7.

Table 13.7 : Community-wise, Age-wise and Gender-wise Distribution of Candidates Recommended - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Communi- nity	Recommended Candidates			Age - Group									
				21-24 years		24-26 years		26-28 years		28-30 years		30 years & above	
	T	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
SC	64	57	7	3	1	13	2	15	2	8	1	18	1
ST	47	41	6	5	2	7	-	12	2	9	2	8	-
OBC	127	114	13	12	-	27	5	25	4	32	3	18	1
General	215	169	46	26	12	58	15	49	16	36	3	-	-
TOTAL	453	381	72	46	15	105	22	101	24	85	9	44	2

T → Total ; M → Male ; F → Female

It is seen from Table 13.7 that the highest percentage of candidates recommended belonged to the age group of 24 - 26 years (28.0 percent), followed by 26 - 28 years (27.6 percent), 28 - 30 years (20.8 percent), 21 - 24 years (13.5 percent) and 30 years and above (10.1 percent).

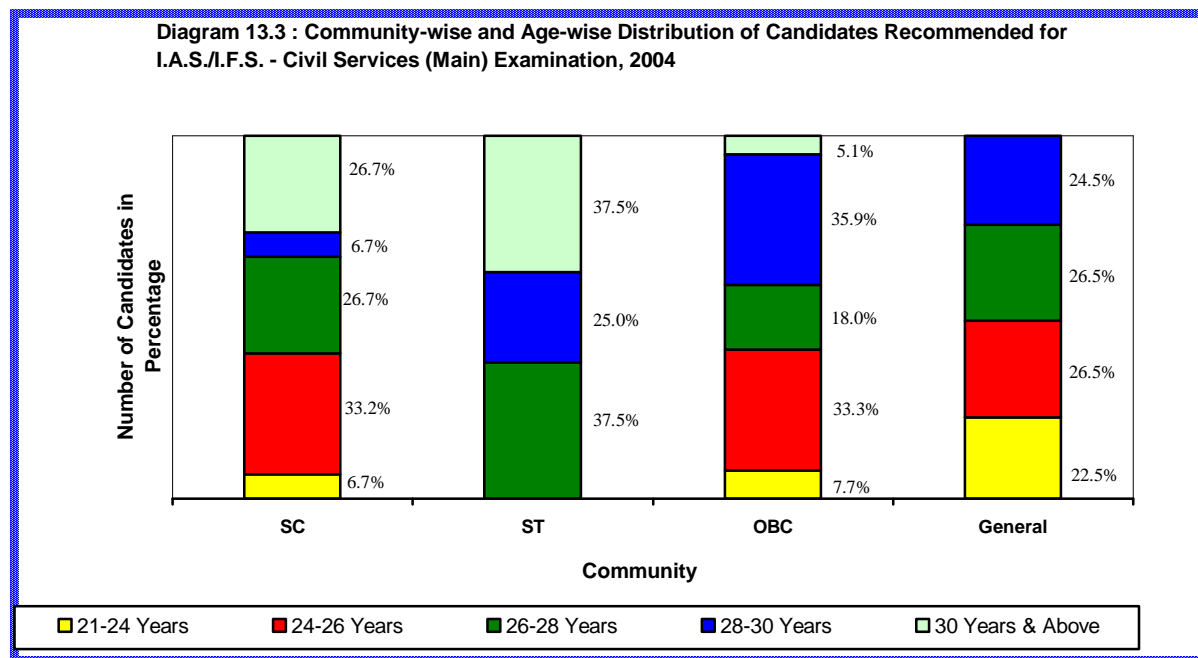
9. The community-wise and age-wise distribution of the candidates who have been recommended for the Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S.)/Indian Foreign Service (I.F.S.) is given in Table 13.8.

Table 13.8 : Candidates Recommended for I.A.S./I.F.S. by Age and Community - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Communi- nity	Candidates recommended for		Age - Group									
			21-24 years		24-26 years		26-28 years		28-30 years		30 years & above	
	IAS	IFS	IAS	IFS	IAS	IFS	IAS	IFS	IAS	IFS	IAS	IFS
SC	12	3	1	-	4	1	3	1	1	-	3	1
ST	6	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3	-
OBC	34	5	3	-	9	4	7	-	13	1	2	-
General	39	10	8	3	12	1	10	3	9	3	-	-
TOTAL	91	20	12	3	25	6	22	5	24	5	8	1

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Community-wise and age-wise distribution of candidates recommended for I.A.S./I.F.S. is shown in Diagram 13.3.



10. Out of 444 female candidates appeared in the examination, 72 were recommended for appointment, registering a success rate at 16.2 percent. As against this, 381 out of 4,884 male candidates could be recommended which represents a success rate at 7.8 percent. Thus, the success rate of female candidates was significantly higher than that of male candidates.

11. The Community-wise and gender-wise success rate of candidates is given in Table 13.9:

Table 13.9 : Community-wise and Gender-wise Success Rate of Candidates - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Community	Appeared Candidates			Recommended Candidates			Success Rate (Percent)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
SC	904	820	84	64	57	7	7.1	7.0	8.3
ST	475	441	34	47	41	6	9.9	9.3	17.6
OBC	1,907	1,809	98	127	114	13	6.7	6.3	13.3
General	2,042	1,814	228	215	169	46	10.5	9.3	20.2
Total	5,328	4,884	444	453	381	72	8.5	7.8	16.2

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It is seen from the Table 13.9 that the performance of female candidates belonging to various communities viz. Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes or General category was better than that of male candidates of corresponding community.

12. Out of a total of 2,398 physically challenged persons appeared in the examination under reference, 51 qualified the written part of Civil Services (Main) Examination 2004. However four of them were recommended for appointment. Of them, one belonged to Scheduled Caste community and three to General community including one female candidate.

13. The Community-wise and gender-wise number of attempts made by the candidates for the examination are given in the Table 13.10.

Table 13.10 : Number of Attempts by the Recommended Candidates : Community-wise and Gender-wise - Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

Community	Gender	Number of Attempts Made by the Recommended Candidates								Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 & above	
SC	Male	2	6	9	10	8	3	1	18	57
	Female	-	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	7
ST	Male	2	2	5	5	6	5	7	9	41
	Female	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	6
OBC	Male	5	20	22	18	26	14	9	-	114
	Female	1	1	4	3	3	1	-	-	13
General	Male	28	43	53	45	-	-	-	-	169
	Female	10	10	13	13	-	-	-	-	46
Total	Male	37	71	89	78	40	22	17	27	381
	Female	11	13	20	19	4	3	2	-	72
	Total	48	84	109	97	44	25	19	27	453

It follows from the Table 13.10 that only 10.6 percent of candidates could qualify the examination in the first attempt. However, in the second, third and fourth attempts, the percentage of recommended candidates was 18.5

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percent, 24.1 percent and 21.4 percent respectively. Further the female candidates, on an average, qualified the examination in lesser number of attempts compared to those of the male candidates.

14. The University-wise/Institution-wise number of candidates appeared vis-à-vis recommended and their success rates are given in Appendix - XIV and Appendix XV respectively.

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