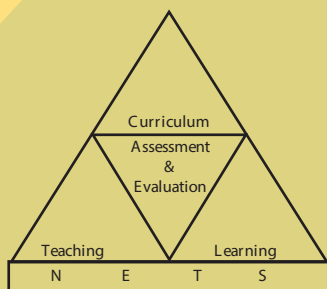


Performance of Candidates

Grade 5 Scholarship Examination 2026



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Table 1 : Grade 5 Scholarship Examinations 2021 - 2026
Performance of Candidates

Year		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
No. Sat		335,158	329,668	332,949	319,284	303,671	289,867
Obtained marks 70 or above (35 or above for each paper)	No.	258,481	273,515	258,871	248,912	213,872	213,287
	%	77.12	82.97	77.75	77.96	70.43	73.58
Obtained marks 100 or above (50 or above for each paper)	No.	161,202	157,624	150,017	120,370	98,417	90,989
	%	48.10	47.81	45.06	37.70	32.41	31.39
Equal or above the Cut-Off (Qualified to receive bursaries and apply for schools)	No.	47,536	48,257	50,664	51,244	51,969	56,000
	%	14.18	14.64	15.22	16.05	17.11	19.32
Mean of Marks		109.31	115.11	111.74	107.25	102.44	106.48
Standard Deviation of Marks		34.75	32.17	34.98	30.88	32.54	30.66

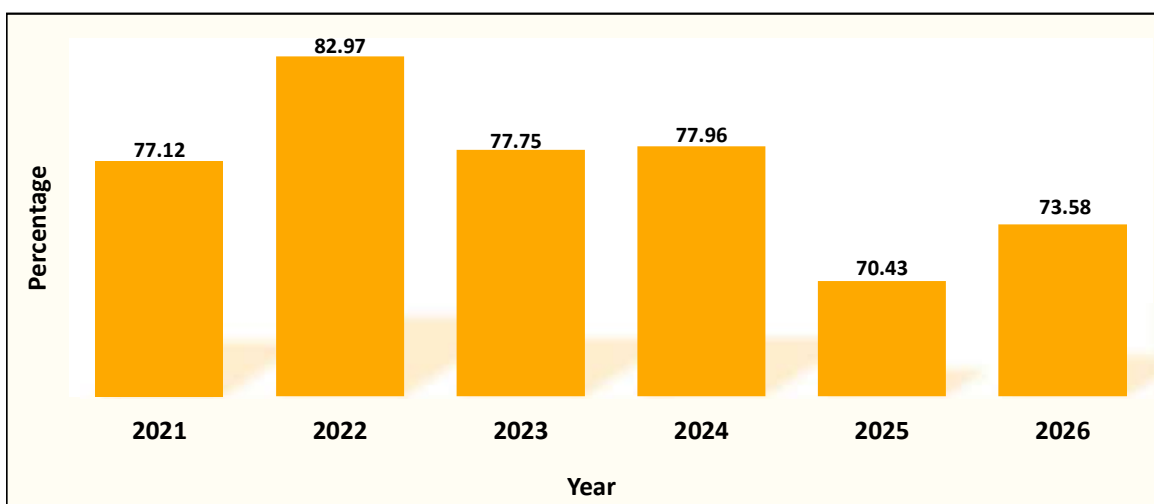


Figure 1 : Grade 5 Scholarship Examinations 2021 - 2026
Percentage of Candidates who Obtained Marks 70 or above (35 or Above for Each Paper)

Table 2: Grade 5 Scholarship Examinations 2017 - 2026

Year	Common Cut-Off marks		No. Sat	On or Above the Cut-Off (Qualified to Receive Bursaries and Apply for Schools)		Obtained marks 70 or above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium		No	%	No	%
2017	164	156	350,462	33,163	9.46	243,236	69.40
2018	168	165	350,191	36,144	10.32	276,978	79.09
2019	159	154	332,168	47,667	14.35	259,445	78.11
2020	169	162	326,264	47,193	14.46	283,305	86.83
2021	152	149	335,158	47,536	14.18	258,481	77.12
2022	153	144	329,668	48,257	14.64	273,515	82.97
2023	154	147	332,949	50,664	15.22	258,871	77.75
2024	143	141	319,284	51,244	16.05	248,912	77.96
2025	140	134	303,671	51,969	17.11	213,872	70.43
2026	139	135	289,867	56,000	19.32	213,287	73.58

Table 3 : Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut Off, 100 or Above and 70 or Above by Province

Province	No. Sat	On or Above the Cut-Off		Obtained Marks 100 or Above (50 or Above for Each Paper)		Obtained marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 Western	63,385	11,243	17.74	20,329	32.07	46,831	73.88
2 Central	38,360	5,931	15.46	11,005	28.69	28,183	73.47
3 Southern	37,784	8,317	22.01	13,454	35.61	28,523	75.49
4 Northern	14,660	2,462	16.79	3,759	25.64	10,156	69.28
5 Eastern	28,132	4,149	14.75	6,708	23.84	19,128	67.99
6 North Western	35,999	7,717	21.44	12,207	33.91	27,088	75.25
7 North Central	22,419	4,570	20.38	6,319	28.19	15,905	70.94
8 Uva	21,701	4,896	22.56	7,091	32.68	16,254	74.90
9 Sabaragamuwa	27,427	6,715	24.48	10,117	36.89	21,219	77.37
All Island	289,867	56,000	19.32	90,989	31.39	213,287	73.58

Performance of Candidates in 2025 & 2026 by Province

(Arranged in the Descending Order of the Percentage of "Obtained Marks 70 or Above")

Table 4a: Distribution of Candidates Who Obtained Marks 70 or Above by Province

2025

Province	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above	
		No.	%
1 Sabaragamuwa	28,616	21,346	74.59
2 Southern	38,980	28,385	72.82
3 North Western	37,404	27,139	72.56
4 Uva	22,887	16,409	71.70
5 Western	68,350	48,063	70.32
6 Central	40,364	27,983	69.33
7 North Central	23,589	16,032	67.96
8 Northern	15,234	10,075	66.13
9 Eastern	28,247	18,440	65.28
Island	303,671	213,872	70.43

Table 4b: Distribution of Candidates Who Obtained Marks 70 or Above by Province

2026

Province	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above	
		No.	%
1 Sabaragamuwa	27,427	21,219	77.37
2 Southern	37,784	28,523	75.49
3 North Western	35,999	27,088	75.25
4 Uva	21,701	16,254	74.90
5 Western	63,385	46,831	73.88
6 Central	38,360	28,183	73.47
7 North Central	22,419	15,905	70.94
8 Northern	14,660	10,156	69.28
9 Eastern	28,132	19,128	67.99
Island	289,867	213,287	73.58

Performance of Candidates in 2025 & 2026 by Province

(Arranged in the Descending Order of the Percentage of "On or Above the Cut-Off")

Table 5a: Distribution of Candidates Who Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off by Province

2025

Province	No. Sat	On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Sabaragamuwa	28,616	6,091	21.29
2 Uva	22,887	4,613	20.16
3 Southern	38,980	7,318	18.77
4 North Western	37,404	6,919	18.50
5 North Central	23,589	4,266	18.08
6 Northern	15,234	2,538	16.66
7 Western	68,350	10,774	15.76
8 Eastern	28,247	3,892	13.78
9 Central	40,364	5,558	13.77
All Island	303,671	51,969	17.11

Table 5b: Distribution of Candidates Who Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off by Province

2026

Province	No. Sat	On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Sabaragamuwa	27,427	6,715	24.48
2 Uva	21,701	4,896	22.56
3 Southern	37,784	8,317	22.01
4 North Western	35,999	7,717	21.44
5 North Central	22,419	4,570	20.38
6 Western	63,385	11,243	17.74
7 Northern	14,660	2,462	16.79
8 Central	38,360	5,931	15.46
9 Eastern	28,132	4,149	14.75
All Island	289,867	56,000	19.32

Table 6: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks
On or Above the Cut Off, 100 or Above and 70 or Above by District

District	No. Sat	On or Above the Cut-Off		Obtained Marks 100 or Above (50 or Above for Each Paper)		Obtained Marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 Colombo	23,279	3,761	16.16	7,200	30.93	17,059	73.28
2 Gampaha	24,200	4,674	19.31	8,182	33.81	18,237	75.36
3 Kalutara	15,906	2,808	17.65	4,947	31.10	11,535	72.52
4 Kandy	19,570	3,025	15.46	5,908	30.19	14,624	74.73
5 Matale	7,835	1,317	16.81	2,452	31.30	5,759	73.50
6 Nuwara Eliya	10,955	1,589	14.50	2,645	24.14	7,800	71.20
7 Galle	15,070	2,846	18.89	4,999	33.17	11,023	73.15
8 Matara	11,802	2,467	20.90	4,188	35.49	8,958	75.90
9 Hambantota	10,912	3,004	27.53	4,267	39.10	8,542	78.28
10 Jaffna	7,013	1,405	20.03	2,110	30.09	5,057	72.11
11 Kilinochchi	1,706	226	13.25	381	22.33	1,127	66.06
12 Mannar	1,859	193	10.38	331	17.81	1,227	66.00
13 Vavuniya	2,520	438	17.38	613	24.33	1,694	67.22
14 Mullaitivu	1,562	200	12.80	324	20.74	1,051	67.29
15 Batticaloa	8,682	1,315	15.15	2,104	24.23	5,919	68.18
16 Ampara	12,248	2,049	16.73	3,288	26.85	8,928	72.89
17 Trincomalee	7,202	785	10.90	1,316	18.27	4,281	59.44
18 Kurunegala	24,407	5,963	24.43	9,567	39.20	19,458	79.72
19 Puttalam	11,592	1,754	15.13	2,640	22.77	7,630	65.82
20 Anuradhapura	15,291	3,194	20.89	4,371	28.59	10,836	70.87
21 Polonnaruwa	7,128	1,376	19.30	1,948	27.33	5,069	71.11
22 Badulla	12,981	2,843	21.90	4,200	32.35	9,811	75.58
23 Monaragala	8,720	2,053	23.54	2,891	33.15	6,443	73.89
24 Ratnapura	16,210	4,110	25.35	5,870	36.21	12,355	76.22
25 Kegalle	11,217	2,605	23.22	4,247	37.86	8,864	79.02
All Island	289,867	56,000	19.32	90,989	31.39	213,287	73.58

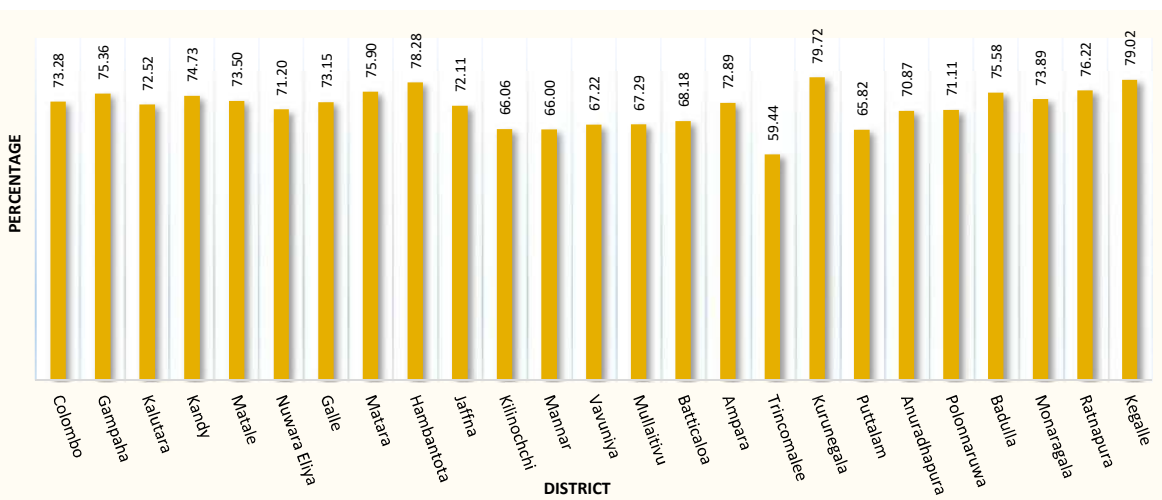


Figure 2: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination 2026
Distribution of the Percentage of Candidates Who Obtained Marks 70 or Above by District

Table 7a: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks 70 or Above by District (Descending Order)

2025

District	No. Sat	Obtained marks 70 or above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
1 Kurunegala	25,238	19,550	77.46
2 Hambanthota	10,871	8,333	76.65
3 Kegalle	11,823	8,946	75.67
4 Rathnapura	16,793	12,400	73.84
5 Mathara	12,313	8,933	72.55
6 Gampaha	26,234	18,993	72.40
7 Badulla	13,493	9,700	71.89
8 Monaragala	9,394	6,709	71.42
9 Kandy	20,802	14,806	71.18
10 Galle	15,796	11,119	70.39
11 Mathale	7,880	5,532	70.20
12 Ampara	12,207	8,544	69.99
13 Jaffna	7,427	5,186	69.83
14 Polonnaruwa	7,340	5,107	69.58
15 Colombo	25,098	17,346	69.11
16 Kaluthara	17,018	11,724	68.89
17 Anuradhapura	16,249	10,925	67.23
18 Nuwara_Eliya	11,682	7,645	65.44
19 Kilinochchi	1,646	1,061	64.46
20 Vavuniya	2,535	1,633	64.42
21 Batticaloa	8,831	5,627	63.72
22 Puttalam	12,166	7,589	62.38
23 Mannar	1,963	1,203	61.28
24 Mullaitivu	1,663	992	59.65
25 Trincomalee	7,209	4,269	59.22
All Island	303,671	213,872	70.43

Table 7b: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks 70 or Above by District (Descending Order)

2026

District	No. Sat	Obtained marks 70 or above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
1 Kurunegala	24,407	19,458	79.72
2 Kegalle	11,217	8,864	79.02
3 Hambantota	10,912	8,542	78.28
4 Ratnapura	16,210	12,355	76.22
5 Matara	11,802	8,958	75.90
6 Badulla	12,981	9,811	75.58
7 Gampaha	24,200	18,237	75.36
8 Kandy	19,570	14,624	74.73
9 Monaragala	8,720	6,443	73.89
10 Matale	7,835	5,759	73.50
11 Colombo	23,279	17,059	73.28
12 Galle	15,070	11,023	73.15
13 Ampara	12,248	8,928	72.89
14 Kalutara	15,906	11,535	72.52
15 Jaffna	7,013	5,057	72.11
16 Nuwara Eliya	10,955	7,800	71.20
17 Polonnaruwa	7,128	5,069	71.11
18 Anuradhapura	15,291	10,836	70.87
19 Batticaloa	8,682	5,919	68.18
20 Mullaitivu	1,562	1,051	67.29
21 Vavuniya	2,520	1,694	67.22
22 Kilinochchi	1,706	1,127	66.06
23 Mannar	1,859	1,227	66.00
24 Puttalam	11,592	7,630	65.82
25 Trincomalee	7,202	4,281	59.44
All Island	289,867	213,287	73.58

Table 8a: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off by District (Descending Order)

2025

District	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Hambanthota	10,871	2,703	24.86
2 Rathnapura	16,793	3,796	22.60
3 Jaffna	7,427	1,544	20.79
4 Kurunegala	25,238	5,170	20.48
5 Badulla	13,493	2,759	20.45
6 Monaragala	9,394	1,854	19.74
7 Kegalle	11,823	2,295	19.41
8 Anuradhapura	16,249	2,959	18.21
9 Polonnaruwa	7,340	1,307	17.81
10 Mathara	12,313	2,152	17.48
11 Gampaha	26,234	4,524	17.24
12 Vavuniya	2,535	400	15.78
13 Ampara	12,207	1,921	15.74
14 Galle	15,796	2,463	15.59
15 Kaluthara	17,018	2,603	15.30
16 Mathale	7,880	1,167	14.81
17 Colombo	25,098	3,647	14.53
18 Puttalam	12,166	1,749	14.38
19 Nuwara_Eliya	11,682	1,615	13.82
20 Kandy	20,802	2,776	13.34
21 Batticaloa	8,831	1,150	13.02
22 Kilinochchi	1,646	202	12.27
23 Mullaitivu	1,663	190	11.43
24 Trincomalee	7,209	821	11.39
25 Mannar	1,963	202	10.29
All Island	303,671	51,969	17.11

Table 8b: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off by District (Descending Order)

2026

District	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Hambantota	10,912	3,004	27.53
2 Ratnapura	16,210	4,110	25.35
3 Kurunegala	24,407	5,963	24.43
4 Monaragala	8,720	2,053	23.54
5 Kegalle	11,217	2,605	23.22
6 Badulla	12,981	2,843	21.90
7 Matara	11,802	2,467	20.90
8 Anuradhapura	15,291	3,194	20.89
9 Jaffna	7,013	1,405	20.03
10 Gampaha	24,200	4,674	19.31
11 Polonnaruwa	7,128	1,376	19.30
12 Galle	15,070	2,846	18.89
13 Kalutara	15,906	2,808	17.65
14 Vavuniya	2,520	438	17.38
15 Matale	7,835	1,317	16.81
16 Ampara	12,248	2,049	16.73
17 Colombo	23,279	3,761	16.16
18 Kandy	19,570	3,025	15.46
19 Batticaloa	8,682	1,315	15.15
20 Puttalam	11,592	1,754	15.13
21 Nuwara Eliya	10,955	1,589	14.50
22 Kilinochchi	1,706	226	13.25
23 Mullaitivu	1,562	200	12.80
24 Trincomalee	7,202	785	10.90
25 Mannar	1,859	193	10.38
All Island	289,867	56,000	19.32

Table 9: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks 70 or Above by Education Zone

Arranged in the Descending Order of the percentage of "Obtained Marks 70 or Above"

2025**2026**

Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
1 Nikaweratiya	3,535	2,881	81.50
2 Kegalle	4,077	3,270	80.21
3 Gampaha	7,190	5,706	79.36
4 Walasmulla	3,123	2,476	79.28
5 Kuliyapitiya	4,179	3,297	78.89
6 Tangalle	2,806	2,210	78.76
7 Kurunegala	5,255	4,137	78.73
8 Giriulla	4,293	3,331	77.59
9 Badulla	2,705	2,083	77.01
10 Balangoda	3,249	2,500	76.95
11 Maho	4,605	3,533	76.72
12 Kandy	5,776	4,358	75.45
13 Mulatiyana-Hakmana	2,512	1,891	75.28
14 Mawanella	3,742	2,813	75.17
15 Tanamalwila	1,764	1,316	74.60
16 Akuressa	2,329	1,737	74.58
17 Rathnapura	5,707	4,255	74.56
18 Minuwangoda	5,751	4,280	74.42
19 Batticaloa	1,713	1,274	74.37
20 Homagama	4,713	3,493	74.11
21 Wellawaya	2,348	1,740	74.11
22 Embilipitiya	4,863	3,598	73.99
23 Jaffna	2,481	1,834	73.92
24 Kalmunai	2,677	1,976	73.81
25 Hambantota	4,942	3,647	73.80
26 Hanguranketha	1,593	1,169	73.38
27 Dehiattakandiya	1,151	844	73.33
28 Thirukkovil	835	611	73.17
29 Bandarawela	2,960	2,165	73.14
30 Galewela	2,898	2,118	73.08
31 Sri Jayawardhanapura	6,044	4,411	72.98
32 Matara	4,827	3,521	72.94
33 Matugama	3,249	2,354	72.45
34 Polonnaruwa	2,130	1,541	72.35
35 Ampara	2,670	1,930	72.28
36 Dehiowita	4,004	2,863	71.50
37 Welimada	2,724	1,946	71.44
38 Wattagama	2,971	2,122	71.42
39 Hingurakgoda	3,099	2,211	71.35
40 Galle	6,972	4,966	71.23
41 Elpitiya	3,420	2,435	71.20
42 Tambuttegama	3,143	2,235	71.11
43 Naula	653	464	71.06
44 Horana	5,477	3,891	71.04
45 Wadamarachchi	1,244	880	70.74
46 Ibbagamuwa	3,371	2,371	70.34
47 Denuwara	2,542	1,786	70.26
48 Thenmarachchi	753	529	70.25
49 Piliyandala	4,327	3,027	69.96
50 Kelaniya	6,613	4,613	69.76
51 Mahiyanganaya	2,510	1,744	69.48

Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
1 Kegalle	3,937	3,261	82.83
2 Nikaweratiya	3,355	2,751	82.00
3 Gampaha	6,839	5,604	81.94
4 Giriulla	4,134	3,334	80.65
5 Kuliyapitiya	4,051	3,262	80.52
6 Mulatiyana (Hakmana)	2,350	1,889	80.38
7 Walasmulla	2,991	2,401	80.27
8 Tangalle	2,794	2,236	80.03
9 Kurunegala	5,078	4,062	79.99
10 Thirukkovil	877	698	79.59
11 Akuressa	2,261	1,788	79.08
12 Balangoda	3,067	2,423	79.00
13 Bandarawela	2,852	2,250	78.89
14 Homagama	4,290	3,365	78.44
15 Kandy	5,236	4,106	78.42
16 Minuwangoda	5,406	4,236	78.36
17 Maho	4,551	3,565	78.33
18 Ratnapura	5,642	4,408	78.13
19 Batticaloa	1,648	1,271	77.12
20 Dehiowita	3,648	2,809	77.00
21 Jaffna	2,286	1,759	76.95
22 Mawanella	3,632	2,794	76.93
23 Badulla	2,639	2,029	76.89
24 Thanamalwila	1,607	1,234	76.79
25 Ibbagamuwa	3,238	2,484	76.71
26 Sri Jayawardanapura	5,619	4,306	76.63
27 Wellawaya	2,194	1,675	76.34
28 Ampara	2,596	1,979	76.23
29 Hambantota	5,127	3,905	76.17
30 Welimada	2,622	1,992	75.97
31 Denuwara	2,286	1,735	75.90
32 Naula	555	420	75.68
33 Hanguranketha	1,522	1,148	75.43
34 Horana	5,173	3,895	75.29
35 Wattagama	2,899	2,176	75.06
36 Galewela	2,879	2,150	74.68
37 Matara	4,738	3,532	74.55
38 Teldeniya	2,117	1,574	74.35
39 Kilinochchi North	447	332	74.27
40 Dehiattakandiya	1,145	849	74.15
41 Galle	6,792	5,033	74.10
42 Embilipitiya	4,691	3,475	74.08
43 Kalmunai	2,661	1,968	73.96
44 Tambuttegama	2,875	2,121	73.77
45 Elpitiya	3,259	2,401	73.67
46 Passara	1,285	946	73.62
47 Matugama	3,050	2,241	73.48
48 Kekirawa	3,202	2,349	73.36
49 Polonnaruwa	2,067	1,516	73.34
50 Bibile	2,129	1,561	73.32
51 Udugama	1,933	1,416	73.25

2025

Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
52 Katugastota	3,215	2,230	69.36
53 Teldeniya	2,183	1,514	69.35
54 Monaragala	2,980	2,064	69.26
55 Bibile	2,302	1,589	69.03
56 Udugama	2,112	1,456	68.94
57 Nivitigala	2,974	2,047	68.83
58 Ambalangoda	3,292	2,262	68.71
59 Kekirawa	3,464	2,371	68.45
60 Viyaluwa	1,194	816	68.34
61 Matale	3,535	2,415	68.32
62 Akkaraipattu	2,120	1,442	68.02
63 Gampola	4,115	2,796	67.95
64 Passara	1,400	946	67.57
65 Deniyaya (Morawaka)	2,645	1,784	67.45
66 Wilgamuwa	794	535	67.38
67 Kilinochchi North	407	274	67.32
68 Kothmale	1,573	1,051	66.82
69 Valikamam	2,399	1,601	66.74
70 Batticaloa Central	2,865	1,904	66.46
71 Kantale	1,240	823	66.37
72 Hatton	3,419	2,267	66.31
73 Chilaw	5,237	3,462	66.11
74 Kalutara	8,292	5,479	66.08
75 Kebithigollewa	2,436	1,609	66.05
76 Negombo	6,680	4,394	65.78
77 Galenbindunuwewa	2,200	1,447	65.77
78 Anuradhapura	5,006	3,263	65.18
79 Trincomalee North	467	303	64.88
80 Vavuniya South	2,022	1,305	64.54
81 Walapane	1,748	1,127	64.47
82 Padirippu	1,490	957	64.23
83 Dimbulagala	2,111	1,355	64.19
84 Colombo	10,014	6,415	64.06
85 Vavuniya North	513	328	63.94
86 Mahaoya	820	523	63.78
87 Kilinochchi South	1,239	787	63.52
88 Sammanthurai	1,934	1,218	62.98
89 Trincomalee	2,081	1,307	62.81
90 Madhu	429	268	62.47
91 Islands	550	342	62.18
92 Muttur	1,524	943	61.88
93 Mannar	1,534	935	60.95
94 Nuwaraeliya	3,349	2,031	60.64
95 Mullaitivu	1,181	707	59.86
96 Puttalam	6,929	4,127	59.56
97 Thunukkai	482	285	59.13
98 Batticaloa West	1,034	578	55.90
99 Kalkudah	1,729	914	52.86
100 Kinniya	1,897	893	47.07
All Island	303,671	213,872	70.43

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Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks 70 or Above (35 or Above for Each Paper)	
		No.	%
52 Piliyandala	3,925	2,874	73.22
53 Kelaniya	5,891	4,301	73.01
54 Nivitigala	2,810	2,049	72.92
55 Kotmale	1,565	1,139	72.78
56 Mahiyanganaya	2,471	1,796	72.68
57 Kanthale	1,173	851	72.55
58 Matale	3,519	2,551	72.49
59 Gampola	3,674	2,663	72.48
60 Wilgamuwa	882	638	72.34
61 Hingurakgoda	2,929	2,118	72.31
62 Thenmarachchi	784	566	72.19
63 Batticaloa Central	2,828	2,040	72.14
64 Viyaluwa	1,112	798	71.76
65 Akkaraipattu	2,207	1,577	71.45
66 Deniyaya (Morawaka)	2,453	1,749	71.30
67 Hatton	3,174	2,258	71.14
68 Valikamam	2,299	1,628	70.81
69 Monaragala	2,790	1,973	70.72
70 Katugastota	3,358	2,370	70.58
71 Anuradhapura	4,641	3,272	70.50
72 Ambalangoda	3,086	2,173	70.41
73 Kalutara	7,683	5,399	70.27
74 Walapane	1,579	1,102	69.79
75 Vadamarachchi	1,163	811	69.73
76 Chilaw	4,881	3,388	69.41
77 Nuwara Eliya	3,115	2,153	69.12
78 Colombo	9,445	6,514	68.97
79 Mahaoya	684	468	68.42
80 Mullaitivu	1,124	769	68.42
81 Paddirippu	1,507	1,028	68.21
82 Vavuniya North	525	357	68.00
83 Galenbindunuwewa	2,101	1,428	67.97
84 Negombo	6,064	4,096	67.55
85 Kebithigollewa	2,472	1,666	67.39
86 Dimbulagala	2,132	1,435	67.31
87 Vavuniya South	1,995	1,337	67.02
88 Sammanthurai	2,078	1,389	66.84
89 Mannar	1,465	968	66.08
90 Madhu	394	259	65.74
91 Thunukkai	438	282	64.38
92 Trincomalee	2,000	1,275	63.75
93 Puttalam	6,711	4,242	63.21
94 Kilinochchi South	1,259	795	63.15
95 Batticaloa West	928	585	63.04
96 Trincomalee North	471	289	61.36
97 Islands	481	293	60.91
98 Muttur	1,615	977	60.50
99 Kalkudah	1,771	995	56.18
100 Kinniya	1,943	889	45.75
All Island	289,867	213,287	73.58

Table 10: Distribution of Candidates Who Sat the Examination, Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off by Education Zone Arranged in the Descending Order of the percentage of "Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off"**2025****2026**

Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Tangalle	2,806	802	28.58
2 Jaffna	2,481	699	28.17
3 Badulla	2,705	736	27.21
4 Walasmulla	3,123	834	26.71
5 Gampaha	7,190	1,852	25.76
6 Balangoda	3,249	832	25.61
7 Rathnapura	5,707	1,429	25.04
8 Akuressa	2,329	554	23.79
9 Kegalle	4,077	945	23.18
10 Wellawaya	2,348	544	23.17
11 Kuliypitiya	4,179	944	22.59
12 Nikaweratiya	3,535	787	22.26
13 Kurunegala	5,255	1,150	21.88
14 Hambantota	4,942	1,067	21.59
15 Batticaloa	1,713	366	21.37
16 Wadamarachchi	1,244	261	20.98
17 Polonnaruwa	2,130	442	20.75
18 Kekirawa	3,464	714	20.61
19 Giriulla	4,293	881	20.52
20 Homagama	4,713	963	20.43
21 Bandarawela	2,960	600	20.27
22 Ampara	2,670	540	20.22
23 Tanamalwila	1,764	355	20.12
24 Tambuttegama	3,143	625	19.89
25 Embilipitiya	4,863	967	19.88
26 Maho	4,605	912	19.80
27 Welimada	2,724	537	19.71
28 Mahiyanganaya	2,510	494	19.68
29 Hanguranketha	1,593	308	19.33
30 Nivitigala	2,974	568	19.10
31 Monaragala	2,980	562	18.86
32 Thenmarachchi	753	142	18.86
33 Anuradhapura	5,006	932	18.62
34 Minuwangoda	5,751	1,051	18.28
35 Horana	5,477	991	18.09
36 Matara	4,827	857	17.75
37 Hingurakgoda	3,099	546	17.62
38 Dehiowita	4,004	700	17.48
39 Mawanella	3,742	650	17.37
40 Vavuniya South	2,022	351	17.36
41 Bibile	2,302	393	17.07
42 Galewela	2,898	490	16.91
43 Chilaw	5,237	879	16.78
44 Naula	653	109	16.69
45 Matugama	3,249	541	16.65
46 Kalmunai	2,677	442	16.51
47 Valikamam	2,399	393	16.38
48 Galenbindunuwewa	2,200	359	16.32
49 Galle	6,972	1,112	15.95
50 Sri Jayawardhanapura	6,044	957	15.83
51 Elpitiya	3,420	539	15.76

Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
1 Tangalle	2,794	893	31.96
2 Balangoda	3,067	936	30.52
3 Walasmulla	2,991	879	29.39
4 Akuressa	2,261	642	28.39
5 Wellawaya	2,194	616	28.08
6 Kegalle	3,937	1,098	27.89
7 Ratnapura	5,642	1,547	27.42
8 Nikaweratiya	3,355	904	26.94
9 Jaffna	2,286	606	26.51
10 Gampaha	6,839	1,809	26.45
11 Kuliypitiya	4,051	1,056	26.07
12 Badulla	2,639	675	25.58
13 Kurunegala	5,078	1,297	25.54
14 Tambuttegama	2,875	729	25.36
15 Homagama	4,290	1,070	24.94
16 Thanamalwila	1,607	396	24.64
17 Welimada	2,622	632	24.10
18 Hambantota	5,127	1,232	24.03
19 Maho	4,551	1,081	23.75
20 Giriulla	4,134	978	23.66
21 Polonnaruwa	2,067	484	23.42
22 Ampara	2,596	603	23.23
23 Minuwangoda	5,406	1,254	23.20
24 Kekirawa	3,202	741	23.14
25 Bandarawela	2,852	656	23.00
26 Batticaloa	1,648	378	22.94
27 Monaragala	2,790	614	22.01
28 Mulatiyana (Hakmana)	2,350	515	21.91
29 Horana	5,173	1,133	21.90
30 Embilipitiya	4,691	1,025	21.85
31 Nivitigala	2,810	602	21.42
32 Dehiowita	3,648	764	20.94
33 Anuradhapura	4,641	967	20.84
34 Thenmarachchi	784	162	20.66
35 Hanguranketha	1,522	314	20.63
36 Mawanella	3,632	743	20.46
37 Mahiyanganaya	2,471	500	20.23
38 Bibile	2,129	427	20.06
39 Galle	6,792	1,358	19.99
40 Ibbagamuwa	3,238	647	19.98
41 Kanthale	1,173	234	19.95
42 Matara	4,738	930	19.63
43 Naula	555	108	19.46
44 Thirukkivil	877	169	19.27
45 Elpitiya	3,259	624	19.15
46 Udugama	1,933	368	19.04
47 Vadamarachchi	1,163	221	19.00
48 Hingurakgoda	2,929	554	18.91
49 Vavuniya South	1,995	372	18.65
50 Matugama	3,050	568	18.62
51 Chilaw	4,881	904	18.52

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Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
52 Akkaraipattu	2,120	332	15.66
53 Kantale	1,240	194	15.65
54 Dehiattakandiya	1,151	179	15.55
55 Hatton	3,419	531	15.53
56 Kandy	5,776	893	15.46
57 Mulatiyana-Hakmana	2,512	386	15.37
58 Viyaluwa	1,194	183	15.33
59 Udugama	2,112	322	15.25
60 Dimbulagala	2,111	319	15.11
61 Thirukkovil	835	126	15.09
62 Kothmale	1,573	237	15.07
63 Passara	1,400	209	14.93
64 Ambalangoda	3,292	490	14.88
65 Trincomalee	2,081	309	14.85
66 Kelaniya	6,613	975	14.74
67 Ibbagamuwa	3,371	496	14.71
68 Piliyandala	4,327	625	14.44
69 Matale	3,535	485	13.72
70 Batticaloa Central	2,865	391	13.65
71 Kilinochchi North	407	55	13.51
72 Kebithigollewa	2,436	329	13.51
73 Deniyaya (Morawaka)	2,645	355	13.42
74 Paddirippu	1,490	198	13.29
75 Wattegama	2,971	393	13.23
76 Katugastota	3,215	416	12.94
77 Mahaoya	820	106	12.93
78 Kalutara	8,292	1,071	12.92
79 Mullaitivu	1,181	150	12.70
80 Puttalam	6,929	870	12.56
81 Teldeniya	2,183	273	12.51
82 Denuwara	2,542	317	12.47
83 Kilinochchi South	1,239	147	11.86
84 Gampola	4,115	484	11.76
85 Colombo	10,014	1,102	11.00
86 Trincomalee North	467	51	10.92
87 Madhu	429	46	10.72
88 Walapane	1,748	186	10.64
89 Nuwaraeliya	3,349	353	10.54
90 Wilgamuwa	794	83	10.45
91 Mannar	1,534	156	10.17
92 Sammanthurai	1,934	196	10.13
93 Negombo	6,680	646	9.67
94 Vavuniya North	513	49	9.55
95 Muttur	1,524	144	9.45
96 Islands	550	49	8.91
97 Batticaloa West	1,034	90	8.70
98 Thunukkai	482	40	8.30
99 Kinniya	1,897	123	6.48
100 Kalkudah	1,729	105	6.07
All Island	303,671	51,969	17.11

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Education Zone	No. Sat	Obtained Marks On or Above the Cut-Off	
		No.	%
52 Galewela	2,879	532	18.48
53 Sri Jayawardanapura	5,619	1,017	18.10
54 Kotmale	1,565	274	17.51
55 Kandy	5,236	906	17.30
56 Galenbindunuwewa	2,101	362	17.23
57 Kelaniya	5,891	993	16.86
58 Kalmunai	2,661	446	16.76
59 Valikamam	2,299	385	16.75
60 Dehiattakandiya	1,145	190	16.59
61 Paddirippu	1,507	249	16.52
62 Viyaluwa	1,112	183	16.46
63 Matale	3,519	569	16.17
64 Ambalangoda	3,086	496	16.07
65 Kebithigollewa	2,472	395	15.98
66 Batticaloa Central	2,828	450	15.91
67 Dimbulagala	2,132	338	15.85
68 Piliyandala	3,925	615	15.67
69 Hatton	3,174	497	15.66
70 Deniyaya (Morawaka)	2,453	380	15.49
71 Teldeniya	2,117	325	15.35
72 Passara	1,285	197	15.33
73 Denuwara	2,286	350	15.31
74 Katugastota	3,358	507	15.10
75 Akkaraipattu	2,207	332	15.04
76 Gampola	3,674	548	14.92
77 Kilinochchi North	447	65	14.54
78 Kalutara	7,683	1,107	14.41
79 Mullaitivu	1,124	160	14.23
80 Trincomalee	2,000	273	13.65
81 Mahaoya	684	93	13.60
82 Wattegama	2,899	389	13.42
83 Kilinochchi South	1,259	161	12.79
84 Puttalam	6,711	850	12.67
85 Vavuniya North	525	66	12.57
86 Walapane	1,579	198	12.54
87 Wilgamuwa	882	108	12.24
88 Colombo	9,445	1,059	11.21
89 Mannar	1,465	155	10.58
90 Sammanthurai	2,078	216	10.39
91 Negombo	6,064	618	10.19
92 Trincomalee North	471	47	9.98
93 Nuwara Eliya	3,115	306	9.82
94 Madhu	394	38	9.64
95 Batticaloa West	928	85	9.16
96 Thunukkai	438	40	9.13
97 Kalkudah	1,771	153	8.64
98 Muttur	1,615	127	7.86
99 Islands	481	31	6.44
100 Kinniya	1,943	104	5.35
All Island	289,867	56,000	19.32

Table 11: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination -2026
Distribution of Candidates Who Qualified
for Bursaries Under Special Needs
Category by Province

Province	No.of Candidates
1 Western	51
2 Central	21
3 Southern	24
4 Northern	41
5 Eastern	43
6 North Western	30
7 North Central	15
8 Uva	12
9 Sabaragamuwa	24
All Island	261

Table 12: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination -2026
Distribution of Candidates Who Qualified
for Bursaries Under Special Needs
Category by District

District	No.of Candidates
1 Colombo	20
2 Gampaha	22
3 Kalutara	9
4 Kandy	7
5 Matale	5
6 Nuwara Eliya	9
7 Galle	6
8 Matara	6
9 Hambantota	12
10 Jaffna	15
11 Kilinochchi	11
12 Mannar	3
13 Vavuniya	5
14 Mullaitivu	7
15 Batticaloa	17
16 Ampara	24
17 Trincomalee	2
18 Kurunegala	21
19 Puttalam	9
20 Anuradhapura	15
21 Polonnaruwa	0
22 Badulla	8
23 Monaragala	4
24 Ratnapuraya	15
25 Kegalle	9
All Island	261

Table 13: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Income Level & Gender

Class Interval	Lower Income Group								Higher Income Group							
	Male				Female				Male				Female			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	3	0.00	74,822	100.00	0	0.00	74,174	100.00	8	0.01	71,437	100.00	3	0.00	69,430	100.00
81-90	96	0.13	74,819	100.00	65	0.09	74,174	100.00	282	0.39	71,429	99.99	188	0.27	69,427	100.00
71-80	969	1.30	74,723	99.87	844	1.14	74,109	99.91	2544	3.56	71,147	99.59	2211	3.18	69,239	99.72
61-70	3949	5.28	73,754	98.57	4013	5.41	73,265	98.77	7820	10.95	68,603	96.03	7820	11.26	67,028	96.54
51-60	9623	12.86	69,805	93.29	10117	13.64	69,252	93.36	13822	19.35	60,783	85.09	14269	20.55	59,208	85.28
41-50	20954	28.01	60,182	80.43	22099	29.79	59,135	79.72	20333	28.46	46,961	65.74	20806	29.97	44,939	64.73
31-40	28163	37.64	39,228	52.43	27202	36.67	37,036	49.93	19977	27.96	26,628	37.27	18554	26.72	24,133	34.76
21-30	10303	13.77	11,065	14.79	9250	12.47	9,834	13.26	6278	8.79	6,651	9.31	5267	7.59	5,579	8.04
11-20	722	0.96	762	1.02	555	0.75	584	0.79	351	0.49	373	0.52	306	0.44	312	0.45
01-10	40	0.05	40	0.05	29	0.04	29	0.04	22	0.03	22	0.03	6	0.01	6	0.01
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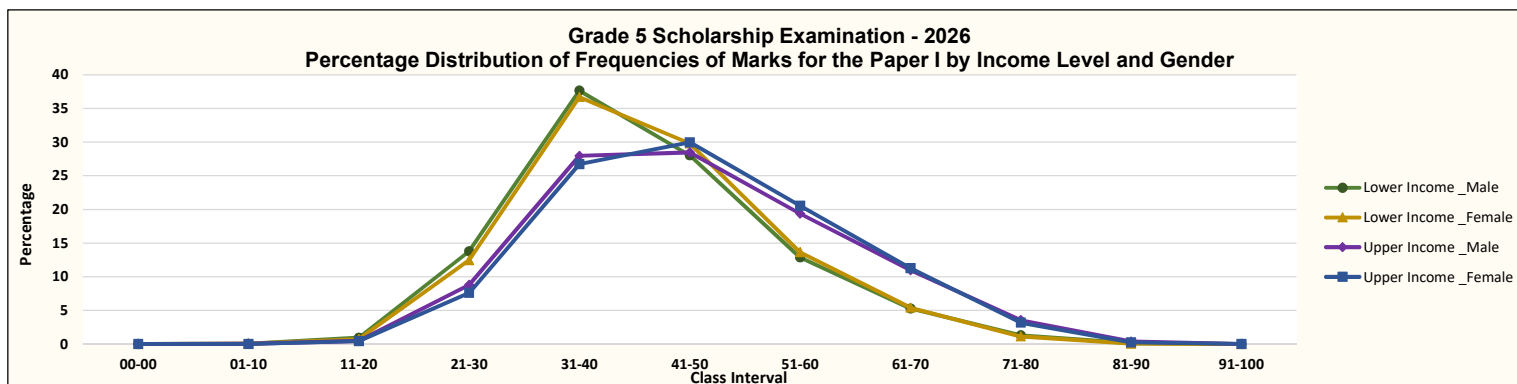


Figure 3: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Income Level & Gender

Table 14: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026

Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Income Level & Gender

Class Interval	Lower Income Group								Higher Income Group							
	Male				Female				Male				Female			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	1391	1.86	74,823	100.00	2209	2.98	74,175	100.00	4008	5.61	71,438	100.00	5629	8.11	69,431	100.00
81-90	7742	10.35	73,432	98.14	11600	15.64	71,966	97.02	14432	20.20	67,430	94.39	18416	26.52	63,802	91.89
71-80	11441	15.29	65,690	87.79	14976	20.19	60,366	81.38	14390	20.14	52,998	74.19	15856	22.84	45,386	65.37
61-70	11068	14.79	54,249	72.50	12597	16.98	45,390	61.19	10777	15.09	38,608	54.04	10570	15.22	29,530	42.53
51-60	10221	13.66	43,181	57.71	10158	13.69	32,793	44.21	8401	11.76	27,831	38.96	7268	10.47	18,960	27.31
41-50	9497	12.69	32,960	44.05	8534	11.51	22,635	30.52	6817	9.54	19,430	27.20	5046	7.27	11,692	16.84
31-40	8506	11.37	23,463	31.36	6576	8.87	14,101	19.01	5480	7.67	12,613	17.66	3491	5.03	6,646	9.57
21-30	7656	10.23	14,957	19.99	4517	6.09	7,525	10.14	4130	5.78	7,133	9.98	2068	2.98	3,155	4.54
11-20	6345	8.48	7,301	9.76	2666	3.59	3,008	4.06	2663	3.73	3,003	4.20	963	1.39	1,087	1.57
01-10	956	1.28	956	1.28	342	0.46	342	0.46	340	0.48	340	0.48	124	0.18	124	0.18
00-00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

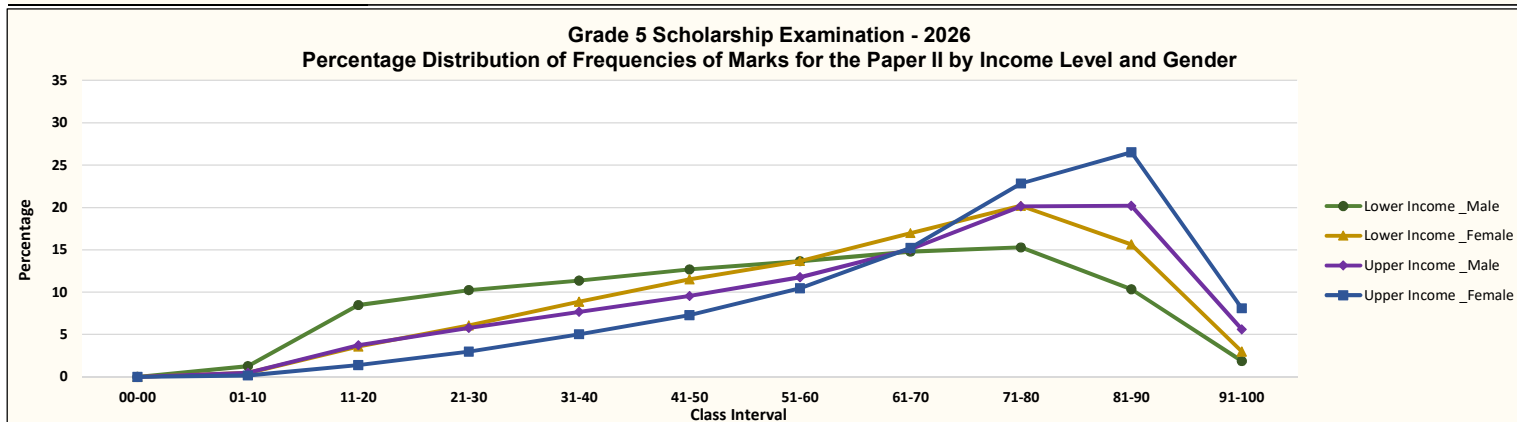


Figure 4: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Income Level & Gender

Table 15: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Income Level

Class Interval	Lower Income Group				Higher Income Group				Total			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	3	0.00	148,996	100.00	11	0.01	140,867	100.00	14	0.00	289,863	100.00
81-90	161	0.11	148,993	100.00	470	0.33	140,856	99.99	631	0.22	289,849	100.00
71-80	1813	1.22	148,832	99.89	4755	3.38	140,386	99.66	6,568	2.27	289,218	99.78
61-70	7962	5.34	147,019	98.67	15640	11.10	135,631	96.28	23,602	8.14	282,650	97.51
51-60	19740	13.25	139,057	93.33	28091	19.94	119,991	85.18	47,831	16.50	259,048	89.37
41-50	43053	28.90	119,317	80.08	41139	29.20	91,900	65.24	84,192	29.05	211,217	72.87
31-40	55365	37.16	76,264	51.19	38531	27.35	50,761	36.03	93,896	32.39	127,025	43.82
21-30	19553	13.12	20,899	14.03	11545	8.20	12,230	8.68	31,098	10.73	33,129	11.43
11-20	1277	0.86	1,346	0.90	657	0.47	685	0.49	1,934	0.67	2,031	0.70
01-10	69	0.05	69	0.05	28	0.02	28	0.02	97	0.03	97	0.03
00-00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

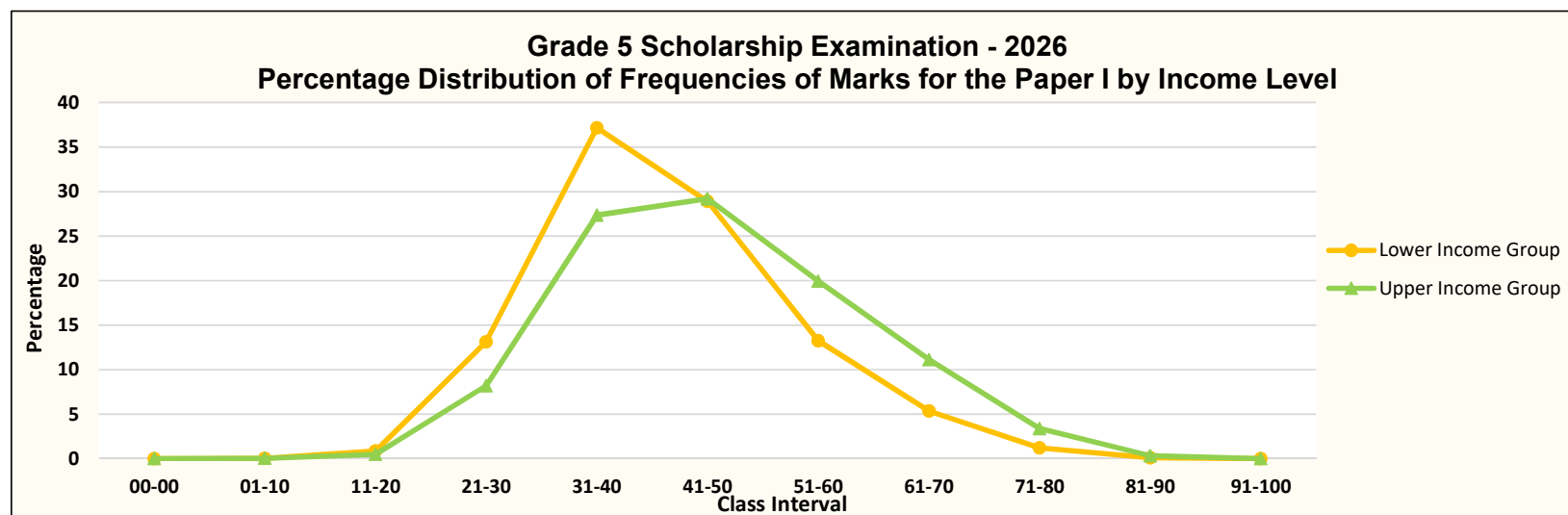


Figure 5: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Income Level

Table 16: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Income Level

Class Interval	Lower Income Group				Higher Income Group				Total			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	3600	2.42	148,998	100.00	9637	6.84	140,869	100.00	13,237	4.57	289,867	100.00
81-90	19342	12.98	145,398	97.58	32848	23.32	131,232	93.16	52,190	18.00	276,630	95.43
71-80	26417	17.73	126,056	84.60	30246	21.47	98,384	69.84	56,663	19.55	224,440	77.43
61-70	23665	15.88	99,639	66.87	21347	15.15	68,138	48.37	45,012	15.53	167,777	57.88
51-60	20379	13.68	75,974	50.99	15669	11.12	46,791	33.22	36,048	12.44	122,765	42.35
41-50	18031	12.10	55,595	37.31	11863	8.42	31,122	22.09	29,894	10.31	86,717	29.92
31-40	15082	10.12	37,564	25.21	8971	6.37	19,259	13.67	24,053	8.30	56,823	19.60
21-30	12173	8.17	22,482	15.09	6198	4.40	10,288	7.30	18,371	6.34	32,770	11.31
11-20	9011	6.05	10,309	6.92	3626	2.57	4,090	2.90	12,637	4.36	14,399	4.97
01-10	1298	0.87	1,298	0.87	464	0.33	464	0.33	1,762	0.61	1,762	0.61
00-00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

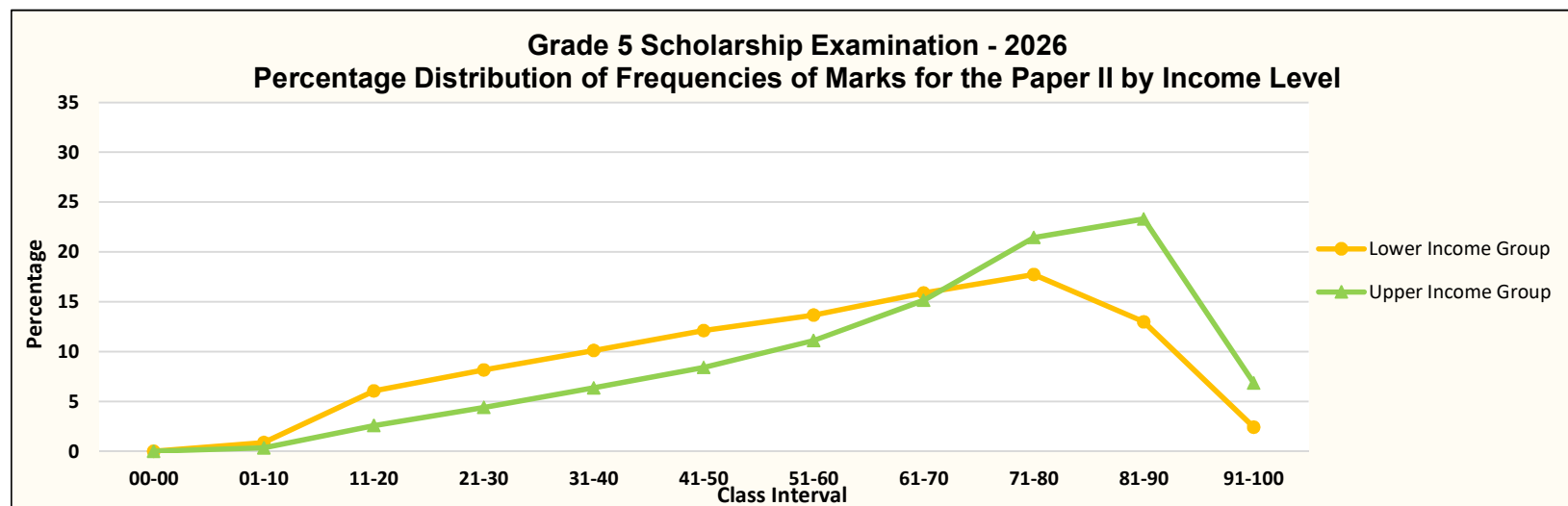


Figure 6: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Income Level

Table 17: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Gender

Class Interval	Male				Female				Total			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	11	0.01	146,259	100.00	3	0.00	143,604	100.00	14	0.00	289,863	100.00
81-90	378	0.26	146,248	99.99	253	0.18	143,601	100.00	631	0.22	289,849	100.00
71-80	3,513	2.40	145,870	99.73	3,055	2.13	143,348	99.82	6,568	2.27	289,218	99.78
61-70	11,769	8.05	142,357	97.33	11,833	8.24	140,293	97.69	23,602	8.14	282,650	97.51
51-60	23,445	16.03	130,588	89.29	24,386	16.98	128,460	89.45	47,831	16.50	259,048	89.37
41-50	41,287	28.23	107,143	73.26	42,905	29.88	104,074	72.47	84,192	29.05	211,217	72.87
31-40	48,140	32.91	65,856	45.03	45,756	31.86	61,169	42.60	93,896	32.39	127,025	43.82
21-30	16,581	11.34	17,716	12.11	14,517	10.11	15,413	10.73	31,098	10.73	33,129	11.43
11-20	1,073	0.73	1,135	0.78	861	0.60	896	0.62	1,934	0.67	2,031	0.70
01-10	62	0.04	62	0.04	35	0.02	35	0.02	97	0.03	97	0.03
00-00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

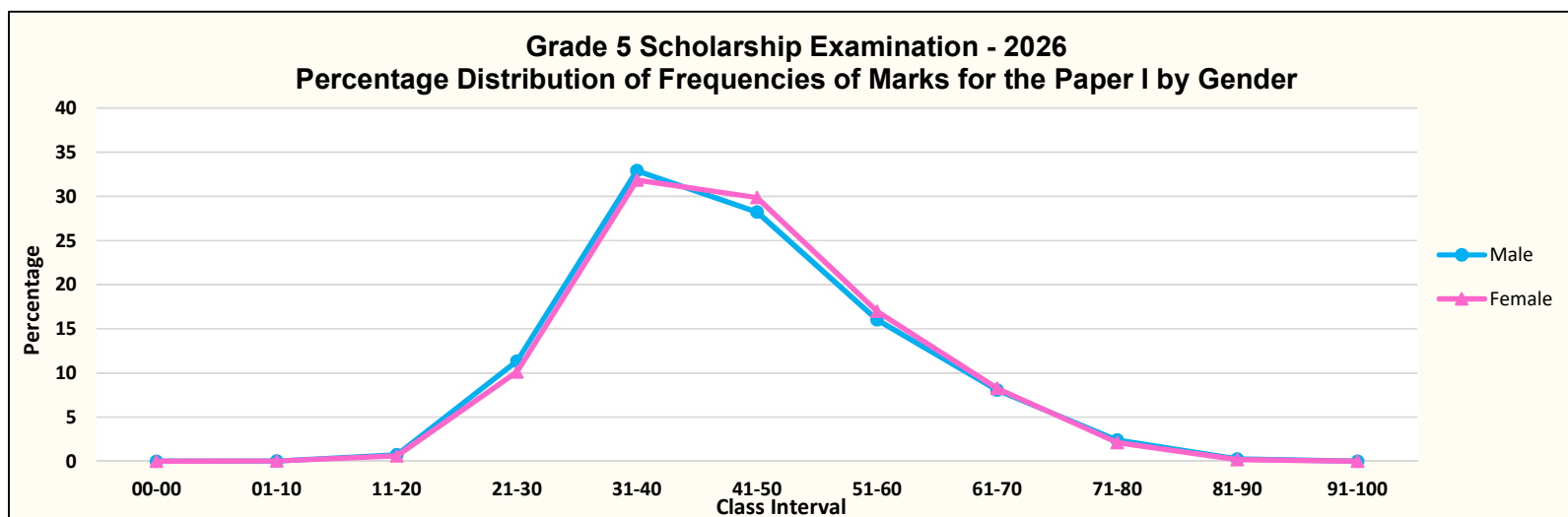


Figure 7: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper I by Gender

Table 18: Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2026
Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Gender

Class Interval	Male				Female				Total			
	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%	Frq.	%	Cum.Frq.	%
91-100	5,399	3.69	146,261	100.00	7,838	5.46	143,606	100.00	13,237	4.57	289,867	100.00
81-90	22,174	15.16	140,862	96.31	30,016	20.90	135,768	94.54	52,190	18.00	276,630	95.43
71-80	25,831	17.66	118,688	81.15	30,832	21.47	105,752	73.64	56,663	19.55	224,440	77.43
61-70	21,845	14.94	92,857	63.49	23,167	16.13	74,920	52.17	45,012	15.53	167,777	57.88
51-60	18,622	12.73	71,012	48.55	17,426	12.13	51,753	36.04	36,048	12.44	122,765	42.35
41-50	16,314	11.15	52,390	35.82	13,580	9.46	34,327	23.90	29,894	10.31	86,717	29.92
31-40	13,986	9.56	36,076	24.67	10,067	7.01	20,747	14.45	24,053	8.30	56,823	19.60
21-30	11,786	8.06	22,090	15.10	6,585	4.59	10,680	7.44	18,371	6.34	32,770	11.31
11-20	9,008	6.16	10,304	7.04	3,629	2.53	4,095	2.85	12,637	4.36	14,399	4.97
01-10	1,296	0.89	1,296	0.89	466	0.32	466	0.32	1,762	0.61	1,762	0.61
00-00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

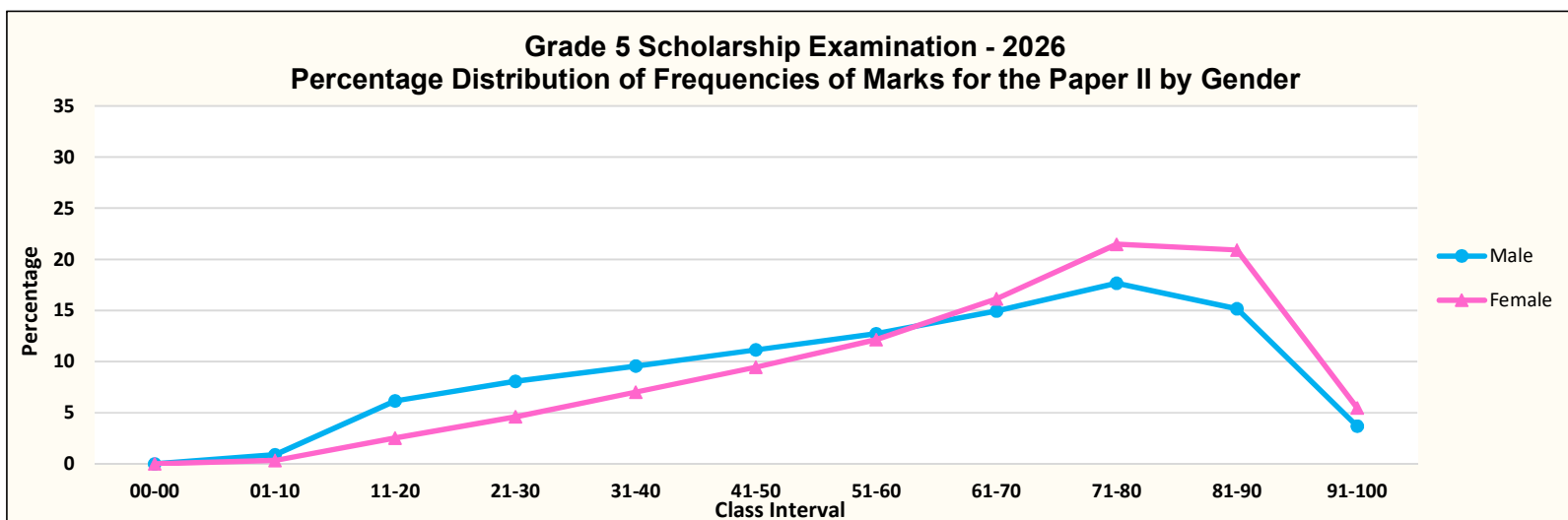


Figure 8: Percentage Frequency Distribution of Marks for the Paper II by Gender