

MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examinations Pass Rates by Gender and Ethnicity – 2014

Information about all the MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examination pass rates are updated on our website (www.mrcpuk.org) shortly after each exam has taken place. This report sets out data about the proportions of key groups of candidates (UK graduates etc) who are passing our exams. We aim to give candidates important feedback and be open and transparent. The MRCP(UK) Management Board agreed in 2011 that an annual report setting out the pass rates for candidates of all our exams according to their gender and ethnicity should be publicly available.

The MRCP(UK) Management Board has closely monitored ethnicity and gender rates for a number of years, and contributed data to a systematic review and meta-analysis of ethnicity and academic performance in medical students sitting MRCP(UK). This was co-authored by Professor Chris McManus, an Educational Advisor to the MRCP(UK), and is available at <http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.d901>. The paper concludes that non-UK trained doctors and medical students from minority ethnic groups tend to underperform academically compared with their white counterparts, but that it is not clear why this is. The paper demonstrates that the differences in performance are consistent across medical schools, exam types, and undergraduate and postgraduate assessments, and has persisted for at least the past three decades.

The MRCP(UK) has previously published its own paper analysing examination pass rates by the ethnicity and gender of UK graduates in 2003-2004, (which is available at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7015/5/8> and the same reporting categories have been used for this 2014 report to maintain consistency.

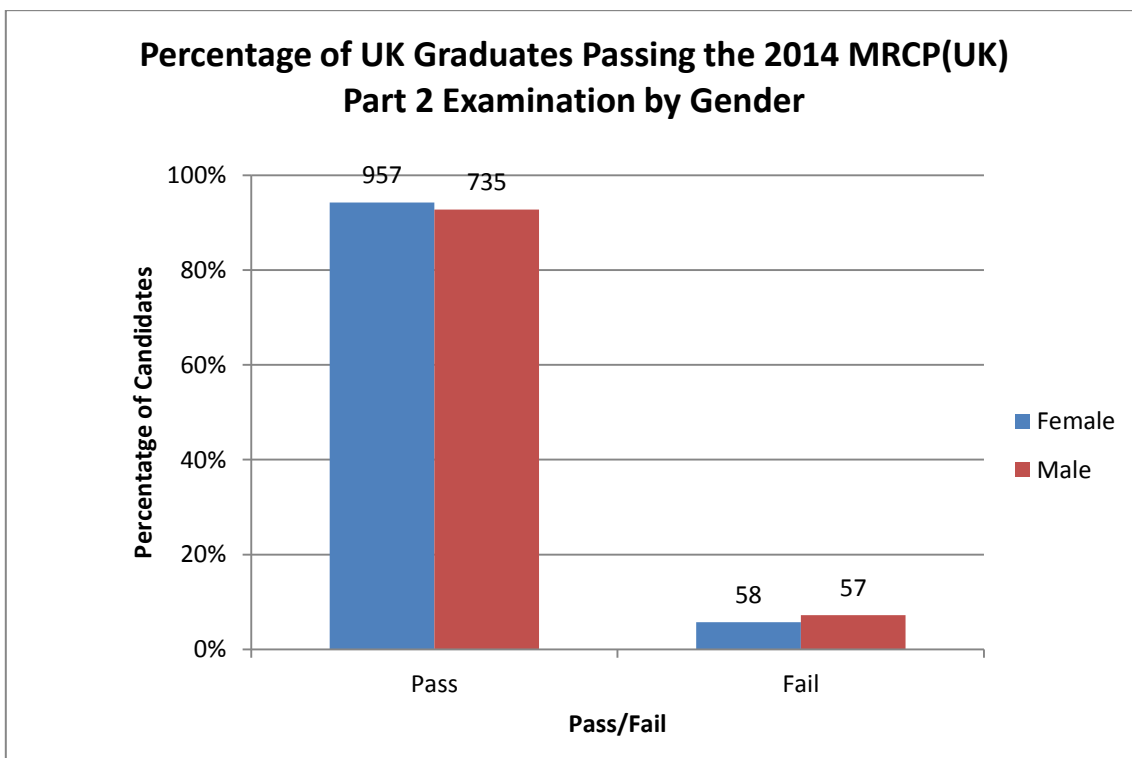
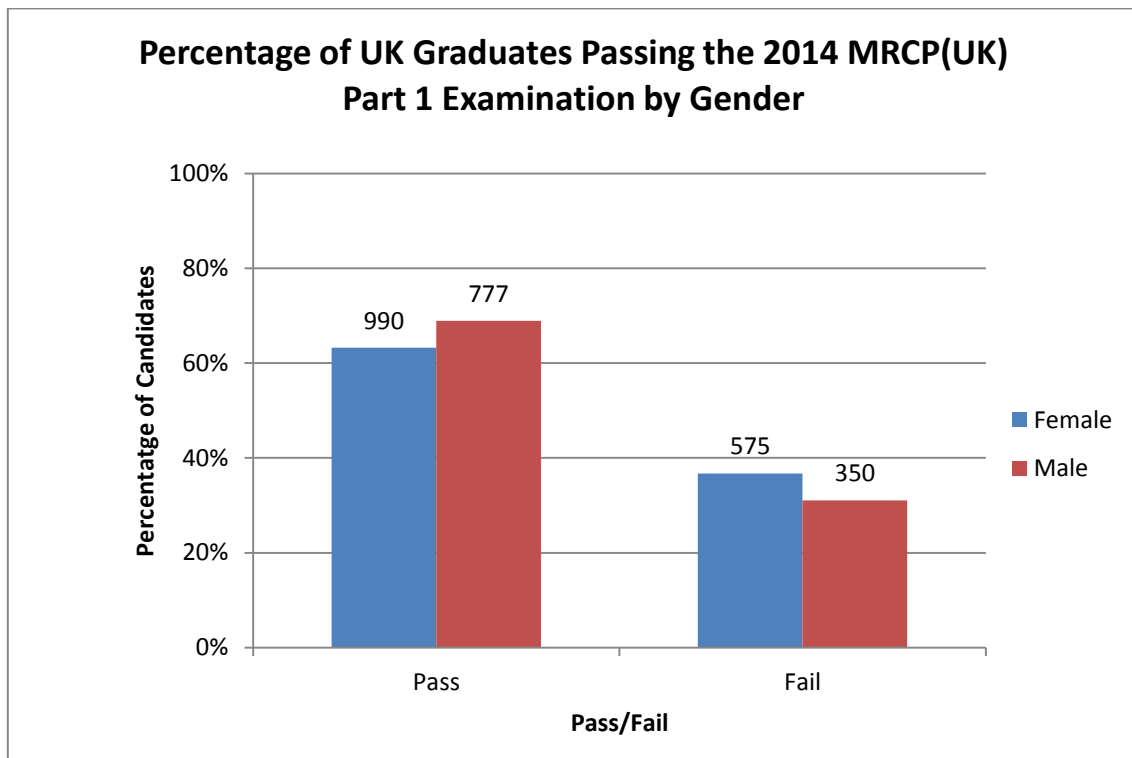
The graphs on the following pages show the percentage of passing candidates by gender and ethnicity for UK and International graduates for all three parts of the MRCP (UK) and the Specialty Certificate Examinations during 2014.

Please note: The gender and ethnicity data provided and displayed in these graphs is self-declared by candidates.

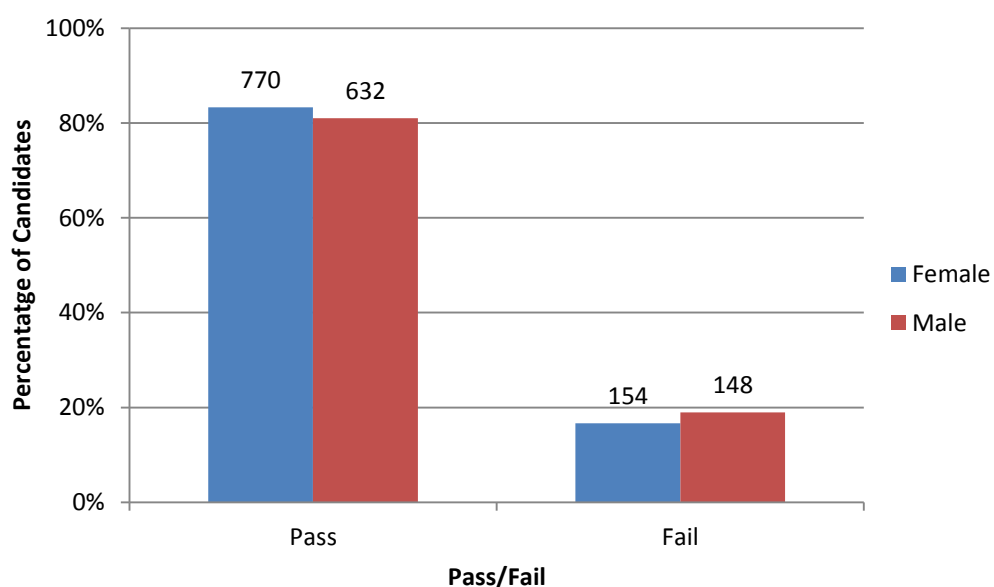
In addition to the percentage pass rates, the graphs also display the total number of candidates making up each group. For example, in the first graph 990 female UK graduates passed the MRCP(UK) Part 1 examination in 2014.

Note that all data is from the Exams Cube Database.

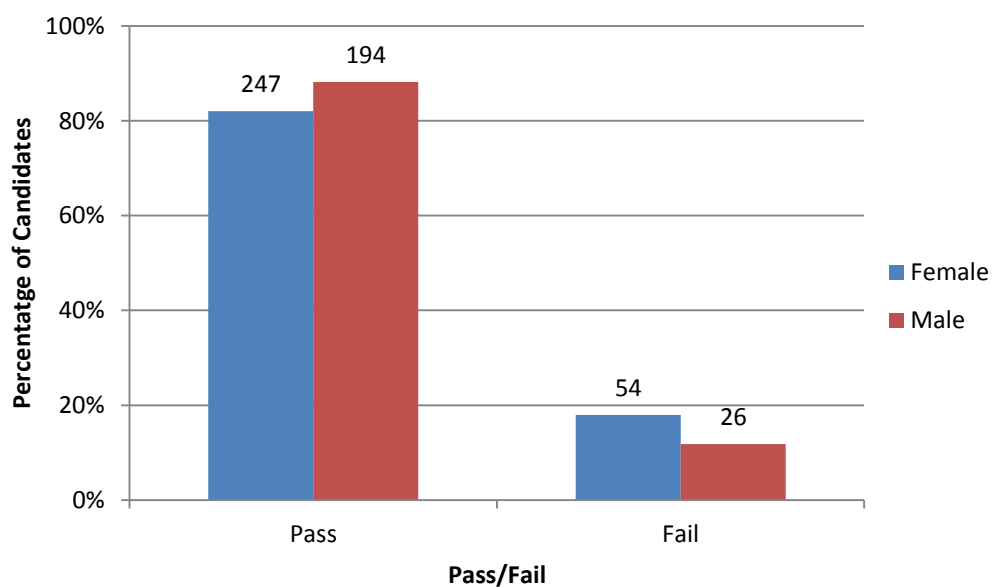
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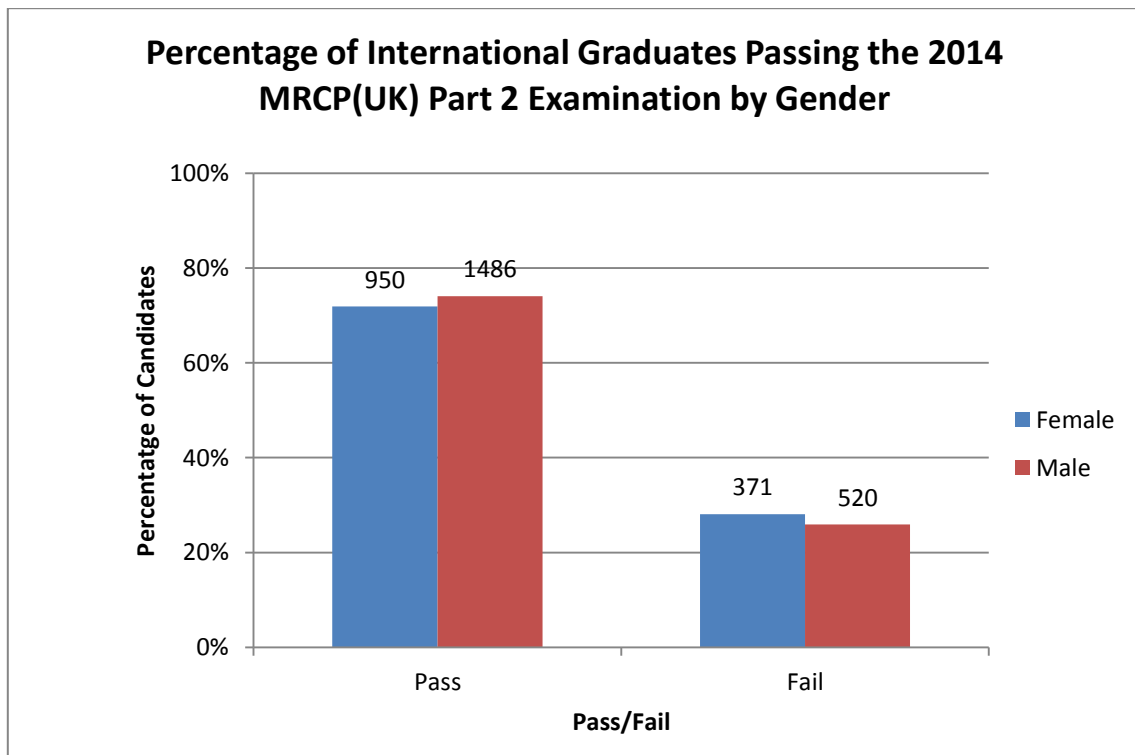
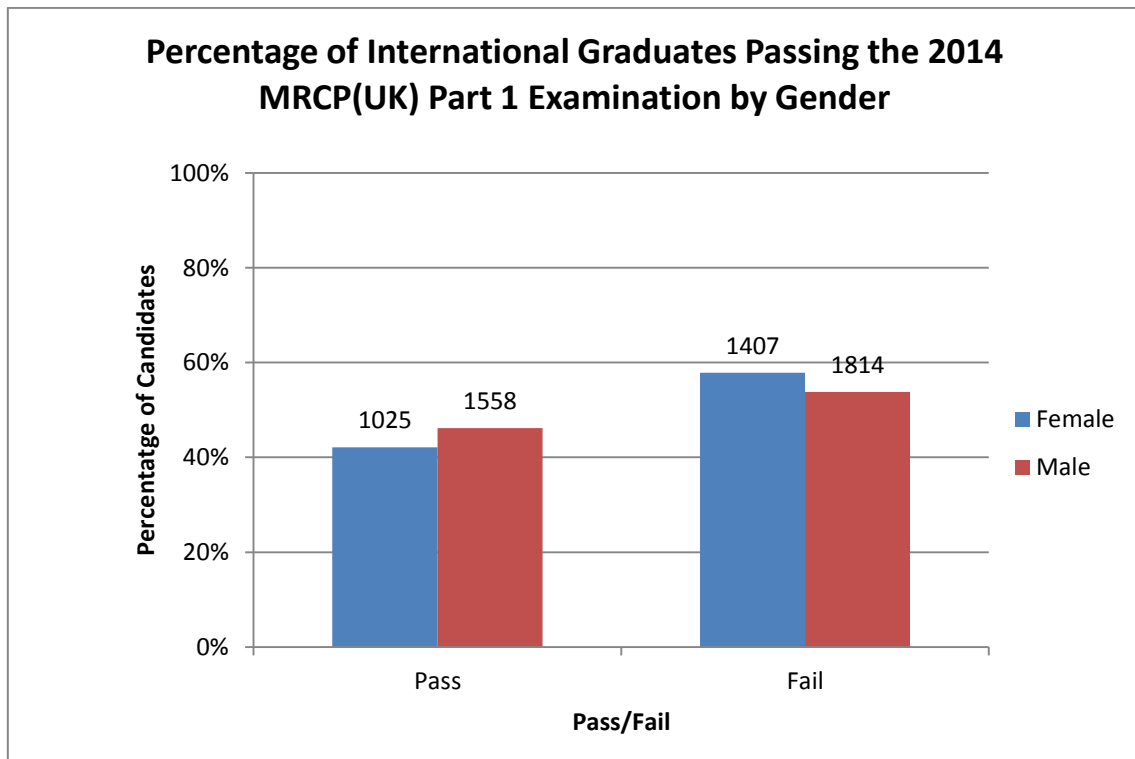
Percentage of UK Graduates Passing the 2014 MRCP(UK) PACES Examination by Gender



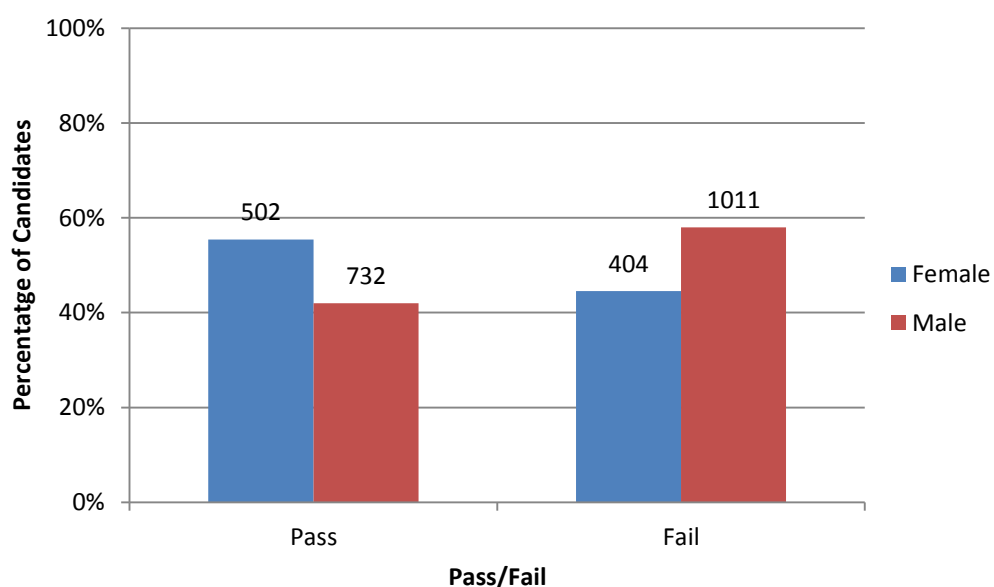
Percentage of UK Graduates Passing the Specialty Certificate Examinations by Gender 2014



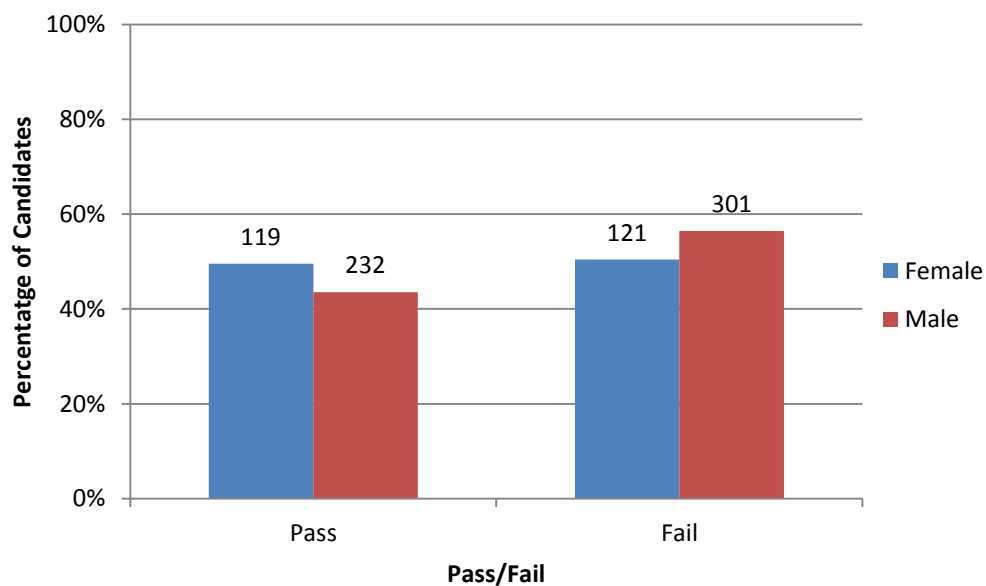
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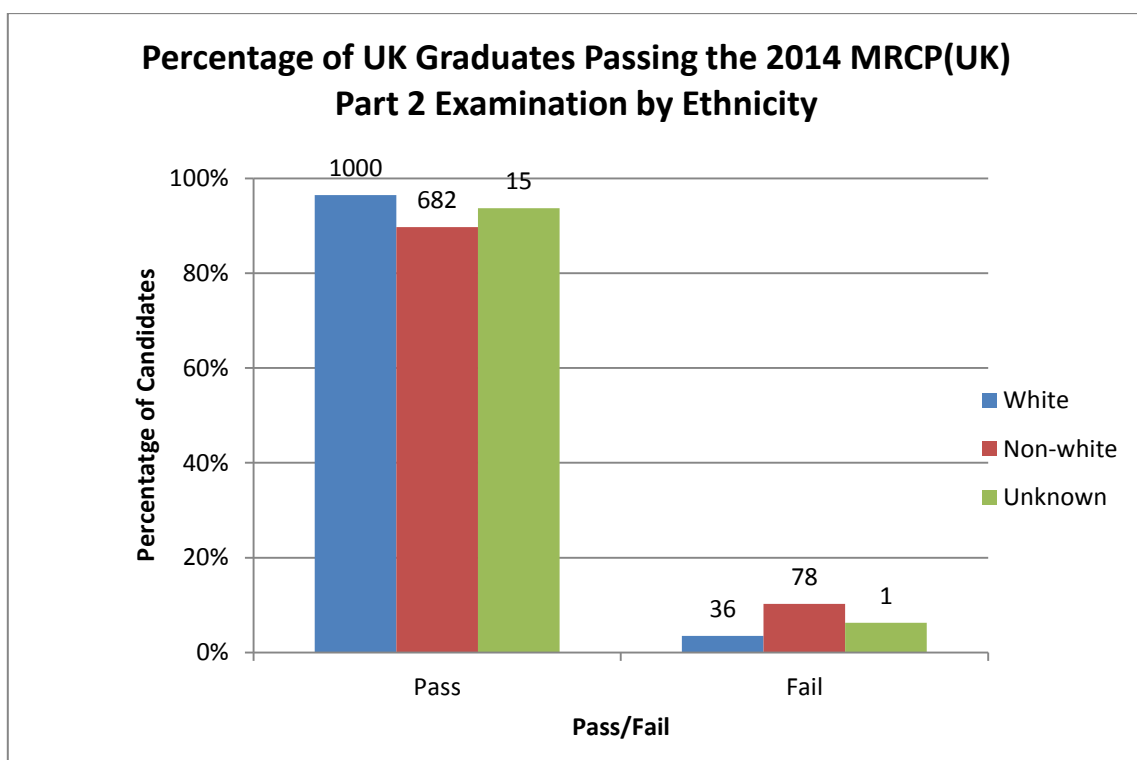
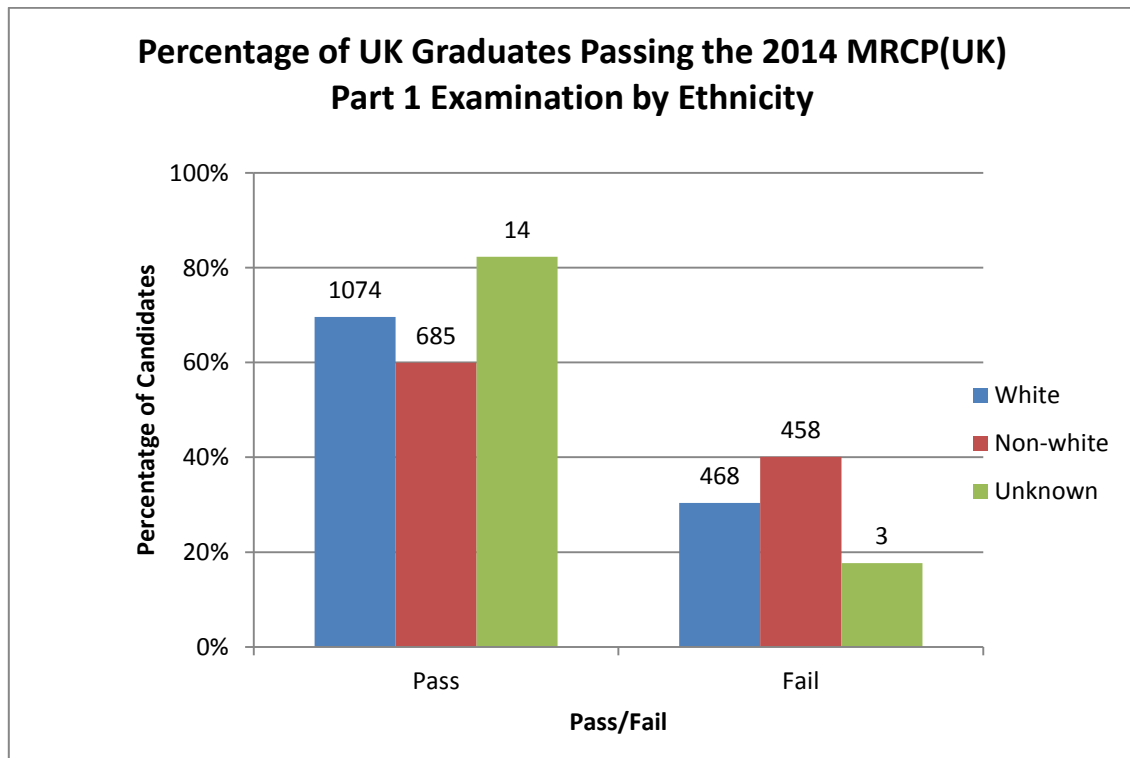
Percentage of International Graduates Passing the 2014 MRCP(UK) PACES Examination by Gender



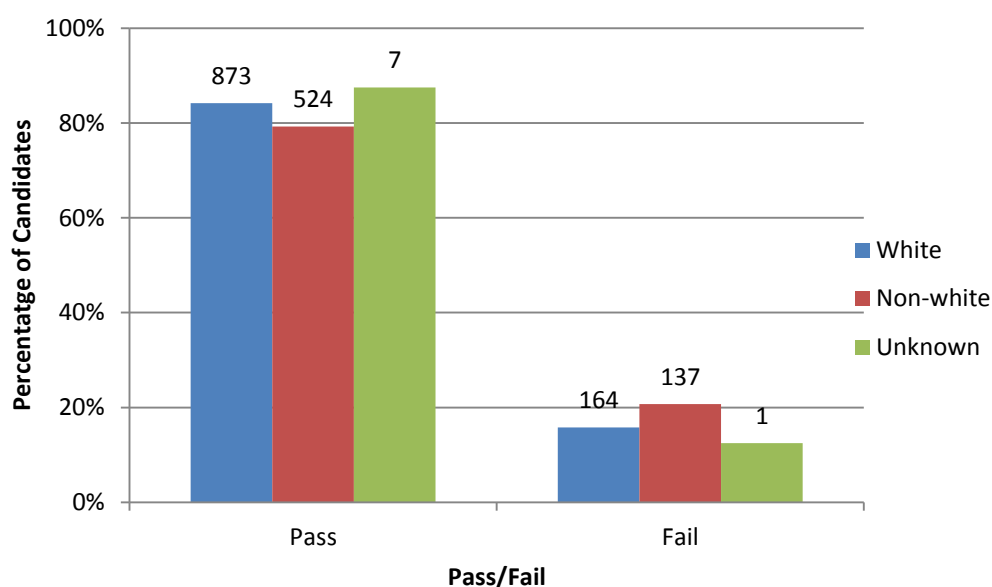
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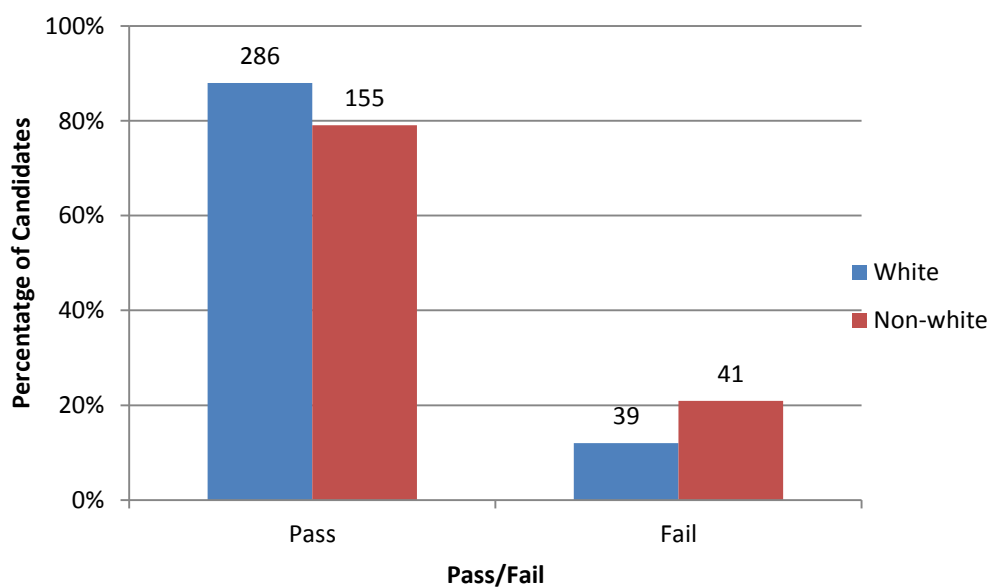
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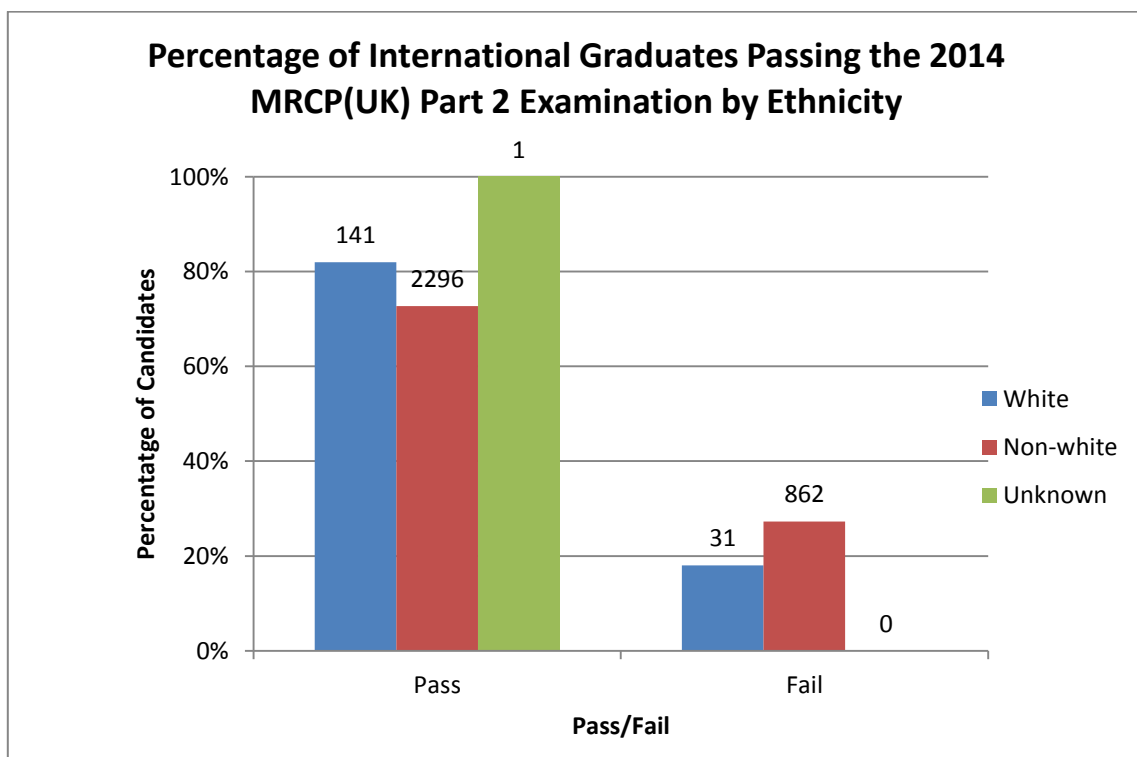
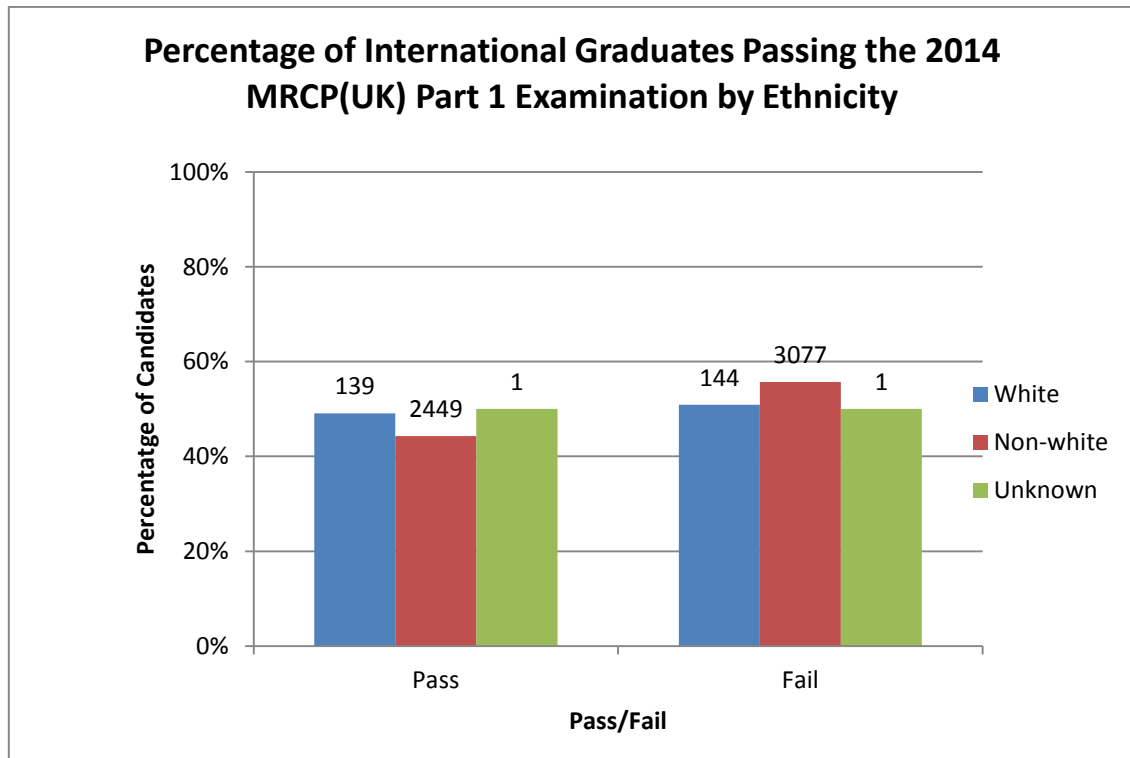
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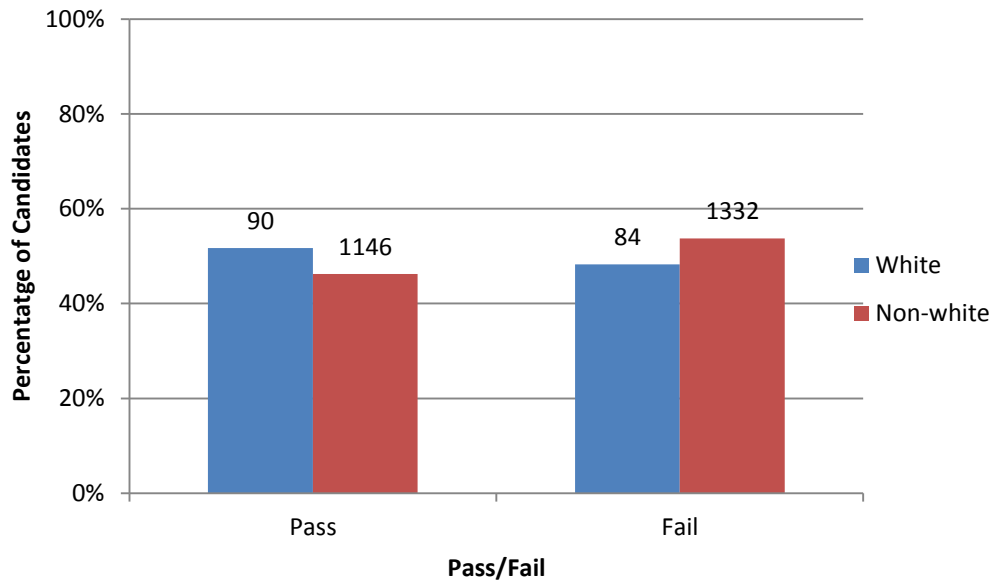
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Percentage of International Graduates Passing the 2014 MRCP(UK) PACES Examination by Ethnicity



Percentage of International Graduates Passing the Specialty Certificate Examinations by Ethnicity in 2014

