

MRCP(UK) Part 1 2021 performance report

The purpose of the MRCP(UK) Part 1 examination is to test knowledge and understanding of common and important disorders, as outlined in the UK curriculum, as well as clinical science.

Knowledge and understanding of UK national guidelines is also required.

In 2021 there were 5 examinations taking place and a total of 10,865 sitting candidates (some of those sitting more than once). Out of those 10,865, 1,788 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as 'Other candidates' (9,077).

Pass rate and performance by attempt

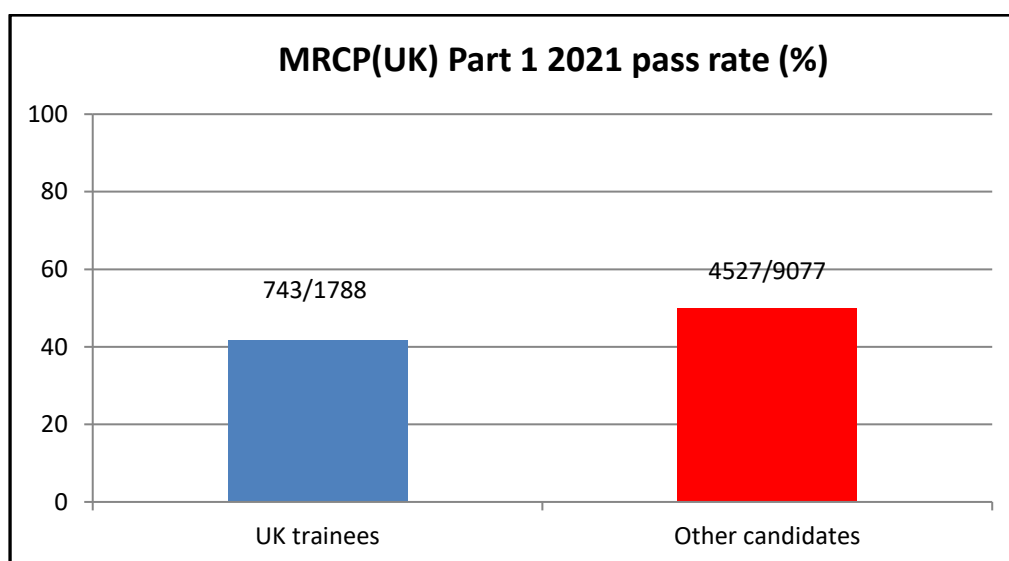


Figure 1. Pass rates for UK trainees and Other candidates. Note that training details are self-declared

UK trainees on their first attempt had a pass rate of 49.4% (171/346).

Other candidates on their first attempt had a pass rate of 54.5% (3,811/6992).

There is a small number of IMY1, IMY2 or IMY3 trainees sitting Part 1 in 2021, their pass rate is 45.1% (111/246).

UK trainees				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	171	175	346	49.4%
2-6	564	846	1410	40%
7+	8	24	32	25%
Total	743	1045	1788	41.6%

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	3811	3181	6992	54.5%
2-6	704	1347	2051	34.3%
7+	12	22	34	35.3%
Total	4527	4550	9077	49.9%

Table 1. Pass/fail rates by attempt for UK trainees and other candidates. Candidates will be counted multiple times if they have sat on more than one occasion. For example, if a candidate failed at the first attempt but passed on the second, they would be in the fail column for the first attempt and pass column for the 2-6 attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website: <https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/regulations/limit-attempts>

Percentage score by topic

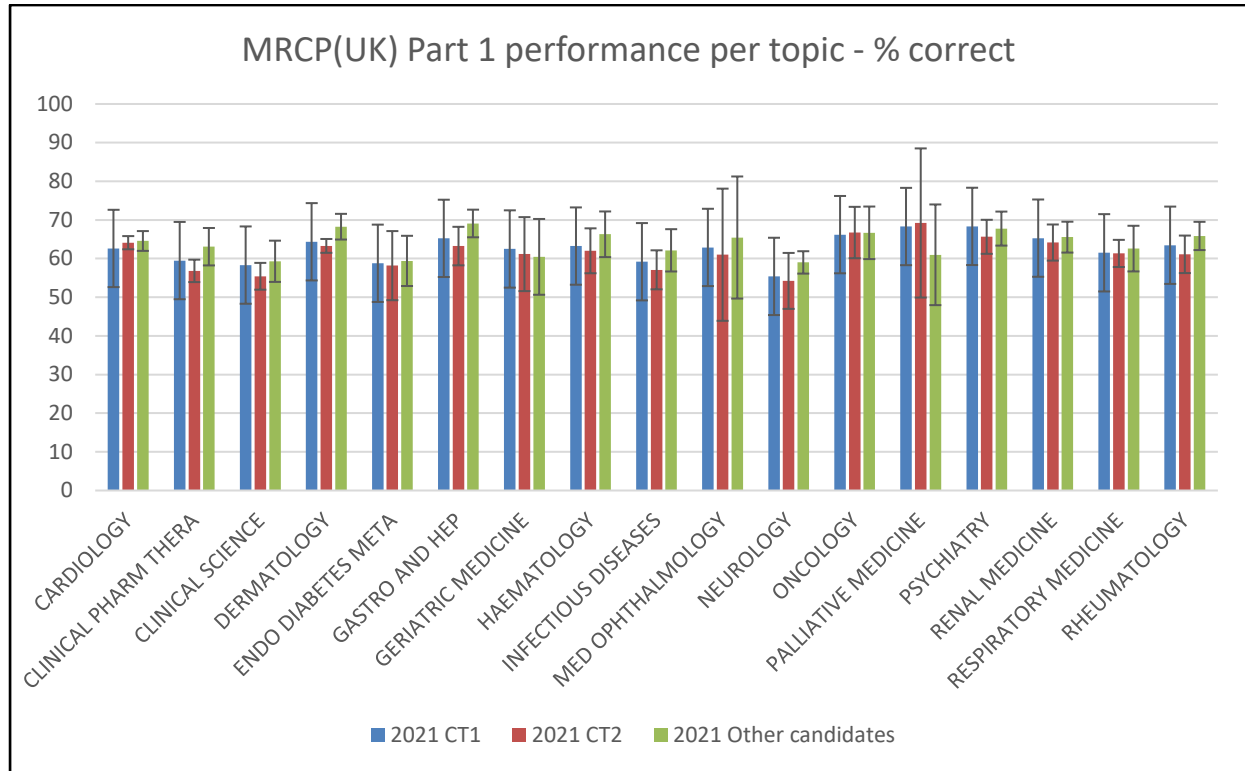
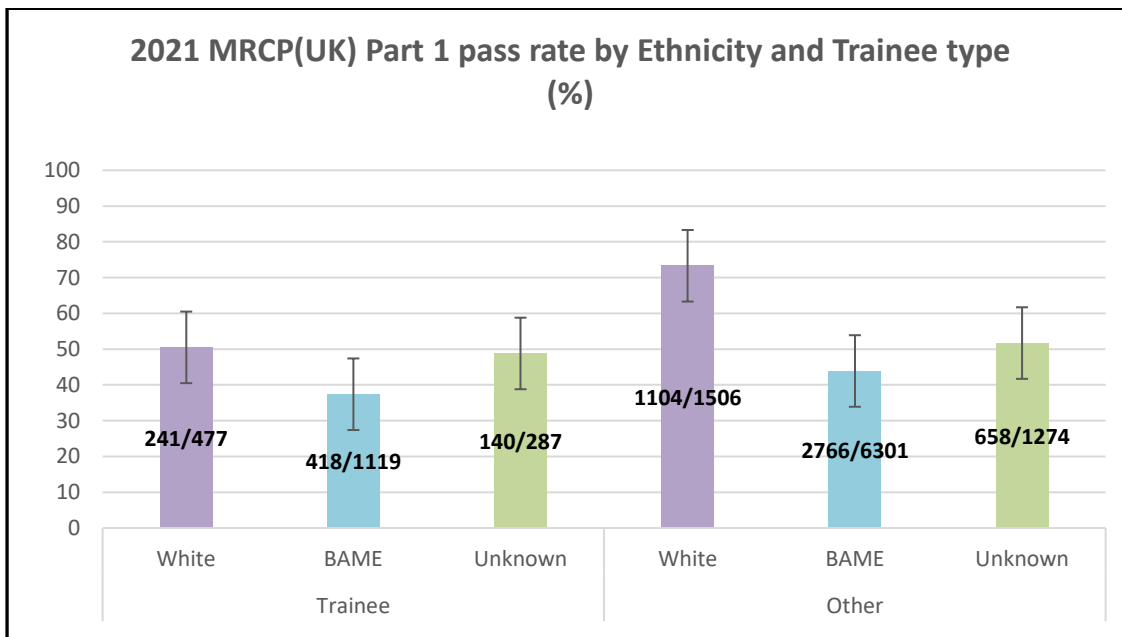
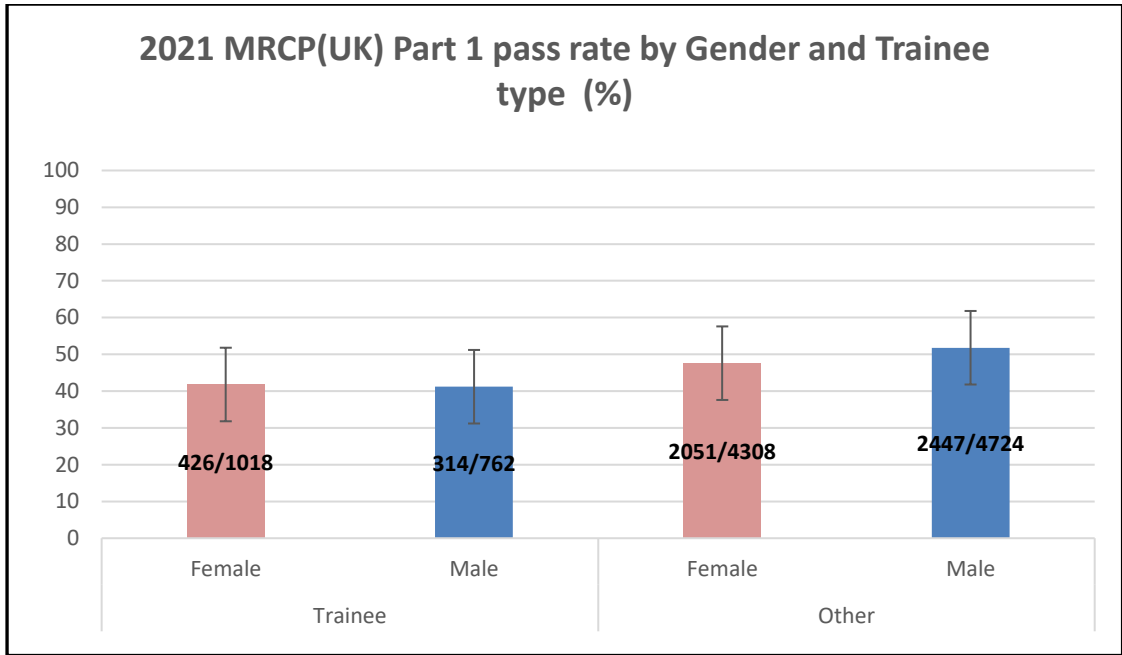


Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and Other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts

Pass rate by gender and ethnicity

In 2021 male candidates and female candidates UK trainees have similar pass rates while male Other are doing slightly better than female counterparts. There is a small number of candidates who did not declare their gender.

Also, White candidates have higher pass rate than BAME counterparts. A large number of candidates did not declare their ethnic background (U).



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