

Systems Output and Examination Performance

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1 Examination overview

The 2024-2025 examination performance data for the OECS reveals a robust overall pass rate for both CSEC and CAPE examinations. While CSEC entries totalled 44,101 with a pass rate of 76.9%, CAPE entries were 4,625 with a higher pass rate of 87.5%.

44,101 CSEC SUBJECT ENTRIES	76.9% CSEC PASS RATE (GRADES I–III)	4,625 CAPE UNIT ENTRIES	87.5% CAPE PASS RATE (GRADES I–V)
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DATA COVERAGE

CSEC results were returned by 6 Member States and CAPE results by 5. Entries count each subject sat, so one candidate appears once per subject.

The examination overview for 2024-2025 indicates a substantial engagement in CSEC and CAPE examinations across the OECS Member States. CSEC examinations saw 44,101 subject entries with a pass rate of 76.9%, reflecting a strong performance across the region. CAPE examinations, with 4,625 unit entries, achieved an even higher pass rate of 87.5%, suggesting a commendable level of achievement at this advanced level. These figures highlight the commitment to academic excellence within the participating Member States.

2 CSEC performance

Table 1 CSEC subject entries and passes by Member State

MEMBER STATE	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I–III	PASS RATE
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10,412	8,204	78.8%
Grenada	10,308	7,826	75.9%
Saint Lucia	10,019	7,406	73.9%
Antigua and Barbuda	8,538	6,624	77.6%
Dominica	4,418	3,547	80.3%
Montserrat	406	318	78.3%
Total	44,101	33,925	76.9%

Figure 1 CSEC pass rate by Member State, 2024-2025 (% of subject entries at Grades I–III)



Table 2 CSEC entries and pass rates in the largest subjects (OECS)

SUBJECT	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I–III	PASS RATE
English A	5,926	4,960	83.7%
Mathematics	5,577	1,848	33.1%
Principles of Business	2,968	2,748	92.6%
Social Studies	2,754	1,993	72.4%
EDPM	2,242	1,732	77.3%
Physical Education and Sport	2,168	2,156	99.4%
Information Technology	2,041	1,888	92.5%
Office Administration	1,540	1,336	86.8%
Integrated Science	1,516	1,230	81.1%
Food, Nutrition and Health	1,460	1,356	92.9%

Table 3 CSEC entries and pass rates by sex

SEX	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I–III	PASS RATE
Male	19,412	14,727	75.9%
Female	24,689	19,198	77.8%

CSEC performance varied among the Member States, with Dominica achieving the highest pass rate of 80.3% from 4,418 subject entries. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines followed closely with a pass rate of 78.8% from 10,412 entries. The largest subjects, such as English A and Mathematics, showed significant differences in pass rates, with English A achieving 83.7% and Mathematics only 33.1%. Gender differences were also noted, with females achieving a higher pass rate of 77.8% compared to males at 75.9%.

3 CAPE performance

Table 4 CAPE subject entries and passes by Member State

MEMBER STATE	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I-V	PASS RATE
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1,298	1,271	97.9%
Antigua and Barbuda	1,151	915	79.5%
Grenada	1,075	990	92.1%
Saint Lucia	727	577	79.4%
Dominica	374	292	78.1%
Total	4,625	4,045	87.5%

Figure 2 CAPE pass rate by Member State, 2024-2025 (% of subject entries at Grades I-V)



Table 5 CAPE entries and pass rates in the largest subjects (OECS)

SUBJECT	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I-V	PASS RATE
Communication Studies	463	420	90.7%
Management of Business	388	345	88.9%
Chemistry	334	299	89.5%
Biology	333	296	88.9%
Pure Mathematics	327	233	71.3%
Sociology	322	287	89.1%
Physics	272	246	90.4%
Law	245	200	81.6%
Caribbean Studies	225	212	94.2%
Economics	211	175	82.9%

Table 6 CAPE entries and pass rates by sex

SEX	SUBJECT ENTRIES	GRADES I-V	PASS RATE
Male	2,047	1,814	88.6%
Female	2,578	2,231	86.5%

CAPE results demonstrated high achievement levels, particularly in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which reported a pass rate of 97.9% from 1,298 entries. Grenada also performed well with a pass rate of 92.1%. Among the largest subjects, Communication Studies and Physics had pass rates of 90.7% and 90.4%, respectively. Gender analysis showed males slightly outperforming females, with pass rates of 88.6% and 86.5%, respectively.

4 Five or more passes and core-subject trends

Table 7 Candidates achieving five or more CSEC passes including English and Mathematics, 2025

MEMBER STATE	CANDIDATES	SITTING FIVE OR MORE SUBJECTS	FIVE OR MORE PASSES INCL. ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS	% OF CANDIDATES
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1,557	1,300	340	21.8%
Grenada	1,516	1,172	274	18.1%
Antigua and Barbuda	1,409	1,047	275	19.5%
Dominica	686	591	214	31.2%
Total	5,168	4,110	1,103	21.3%

Table 8 CSEC pass rates in core subjects by examination year (OECS)

YEAR	ENGLISH A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MATHEMATICS	MEMBER STATES REPORTING
2020	86.3%	91.3%	50.0%	6
2021	77.6%	93.9%	43.8%	7
2022	72.5%	63.1%	33.5%	8
2023	80.4%	97.0%	39.0%	8
2024	81.4%	89.8%	37.8%	8
2025	83.9%	92.3%	33.3%	5

DATA COVERAGE

The number of Member States reporting differs from year to year, so year-on-year changes partly reflect which states are included.

The data on candidates achieving five or more CSEC passes, including English and Mathematics, shows that 21.3% of candidates met this criterion. Dominica had the highest percentage at 31.2%, while Grenada had the lowest at 18.1%. Core subject pass rates reveal a consistent challenge in Mathematics, with a pass rate of 33.3% in 2025, compared to higher rates in English A and Information Technology.

5 CCSLC and grade-level assessment

Table 9 CCSLC subject entries and results by Member State

MEMBER STATE	SUBJECT ENTRIES	MERIT	COMPETENT	% MERIT OR COMPETENT
Grenada	2,293	851	1,049	82.9%
Dominica	1,230	440	550	80.5%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	230	18	171	82.2%
Saint Lucia	210	24	143	79.5%
Montserrat	36	4	22	72.2%
Total	3,999	1,337	1,935	81.8%

Table 10 Pupils performing at or above grade level (OECS)

SUBJECT	GRADE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MEMBER STATES REPORTING
Mathematics	Grade 2	1,167	1,153	2,320	3
Mathematics	Grade 4	877	895	1,772	3
Mathematics	Grade 6	1,901	2,016	3,917	4
Reading	Grade 2	1,187	1,266	2,453	3
Reading	Grade 4	1,158	1,329	2,487	3
Reading	Grade 6	2,099	2,277	4,376	4

DATA COVERAGE

Grade-level results are counts of pupils at or above the expected level. The number assessed is not part of this dataset, so no percentage can be given.

CCSLC results indicate a high level of competence, with 81.8% of entries achieving merit or competent status. Grenada led with 82.9%, while Montserrat reported the lowest at 72.2%. Grade-level assessments in Mathematics and Reading show substantial numbers of pupils performing at or above grade level, though the data does not provide percentages due to the absence of total numbers assessed.

6 Key observations and policy implications

KEY FINDING

CSEC examinations had a total of 44,101 subject entries with a pass rate of 76.9%.

POSITIVE TREND

CAPE examinations achieved a high pass rate of 87.5% across 4,625 unit entries.

AREA OF CONCERN

Mathematics continues to show a low pass rate at the CSEC level, with only 33.1% of entries achieving Grades I–III.

AREA OF CONCERN

The percentage of candidates achieving five or more CSEC passes including English and Mathematics is relatively low at 21.3%.

RECOMMENDATION

Focus on improving Mathematics pass rates at the CSEC level, as this subject consistently shows lower performance compared to others.