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the 2007 senior certificate
examination results

quality education
for the good of all
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class of 2007

1. The cohort that began formal schooling in 1996.
2. Have had 12 years of schooling in a democratic, non-racial, non-sexist and single education system.
3. Last group of learners to write a fully fledged Senior Certificate examination.
4. Second group of learners to write "11 big subjects" set nationally

class of 2007

6. Highest number writing the Senior Certificate Examination since 2003

2003 : 440 267

2004 : 467 985

2005 : 508 363

2006 : 528 525

2007 : 564 774

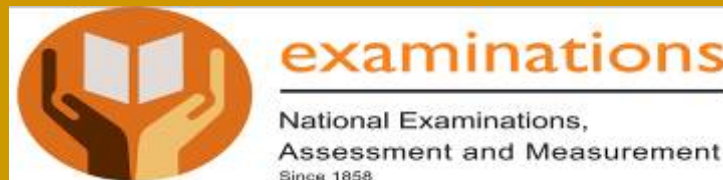
7. Increase of 124 507 candidates since 2003.

Indicators

1. **Access and retention of learners in the education system** - Numbers passing
2. **Improved quality** - Numbers passing with endorsement and in gateway subjects such as Mathematics and Science
3. **Improved participation and performance in Mathematics and Science**- numbers writing
4. **Reduction in under-performance**- In all schools
5. **Vulnerable learners**- Numbers of female candidates passing in key subject areas and schools passing more girl learners with endorsement

national standard setting

1. In and before 1995 different education departments set and marked Senior Certificate examinations
2. From 1996 nine provincial departments set and marked Senior Certificate examinations
3. In 2000 and 2001 five national examinations were set
4. From 2002 - 2005 six national examinations set
5. In 2006 and 2007 eleven national examinations.



national curriculum statement

1. Integrates human values for the realization of peace, social cohesion and respect for human rights and human dignity
2. Espouses participatory and democratic teaching methods
3. Teacher Development Framework is consistent with the national educational objectives
4. More successful when internal structure & management of schools are democratic
5. Creates mechanism for teachers and parents to take decisions on school matters
6. Ensures communication and appreciation of diversity
7. Promotes better relations between teachers and pupils
8. Provides the opportunity to practice through real life examples and activities by linking the school with local communities by extracurricular activities

approval

of the 2007 senior certificate examination

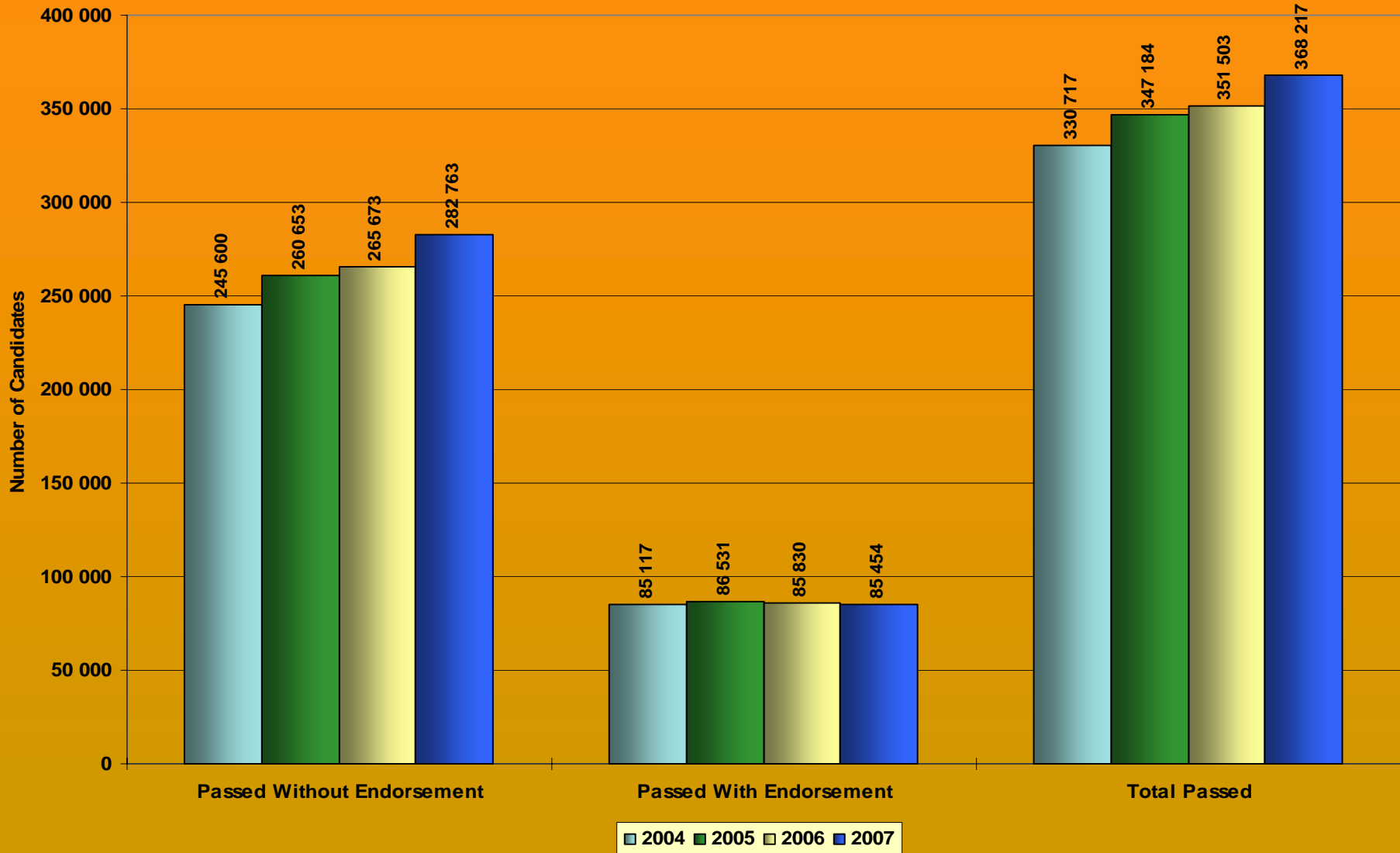
1. Umalusi approved the 2007 Senior Certificate Examination results on 19 December 2007.
2. “After studying the current information at hand which was obtained from the examination quality assurance processes, the Umalusi Council declares that the standard and conduct of the 2007 national examination results for the Senior Certificate is consistent with the policy and the results are therefore approved” (Umalusi Council)

Matric 2007

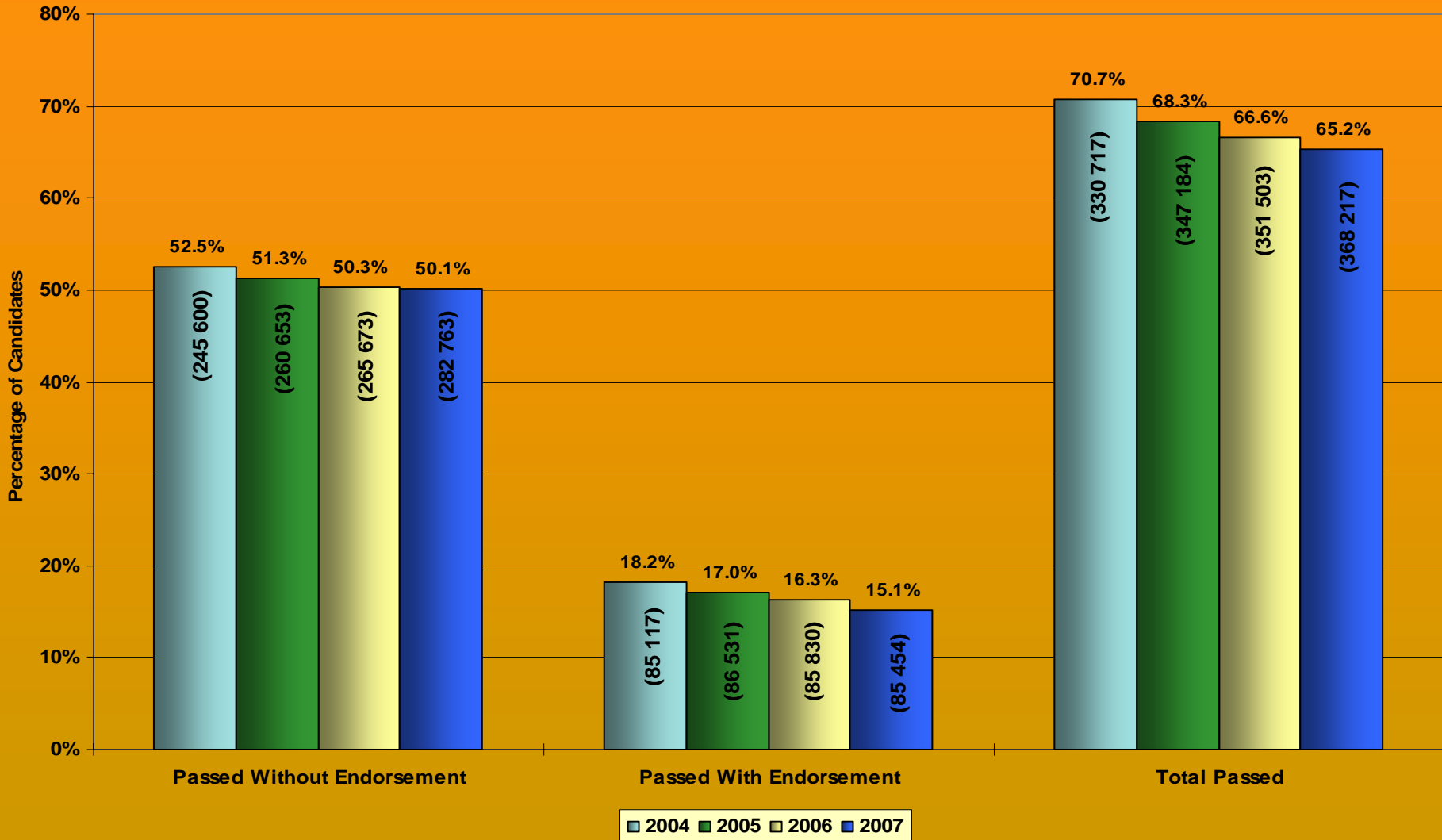
the good news

1. There is an increase of 16 714 learners passing Grade 12 in 2007, 16 714 more than in 2006 and 91000 more than in 2001
2. Increase of 13 559 more learners passing mathematics than in 2006 and 37 000 more than in 2 000
3. Increase in the number of learners passing science with 4 675 more than in 2006 and 37 000 more than in 2 000
4. 14 schools had more than 100 HG passes in Mathematics
5. 10 schools had more than 100 HG passes in Science
6. 137 schools had more than 100 candidates passing with endorsement
7. Female candidates have improved their level of performance since 1996 and have narrowed the historical gap compared to their male counterparts from 8.3% in 1996 to 3.5 in 2002 and in 2007 reached a remarkable 1.6
8. Overall 149 000 learners passed Mathematics and 115 000 passed Science
9. 85 454 passed with endorsement-400 fewer than in 2006
10. More learners than anytime since 1996, 368 217 full time Grade 12 learners passed the 2007 Senior Certificate examination

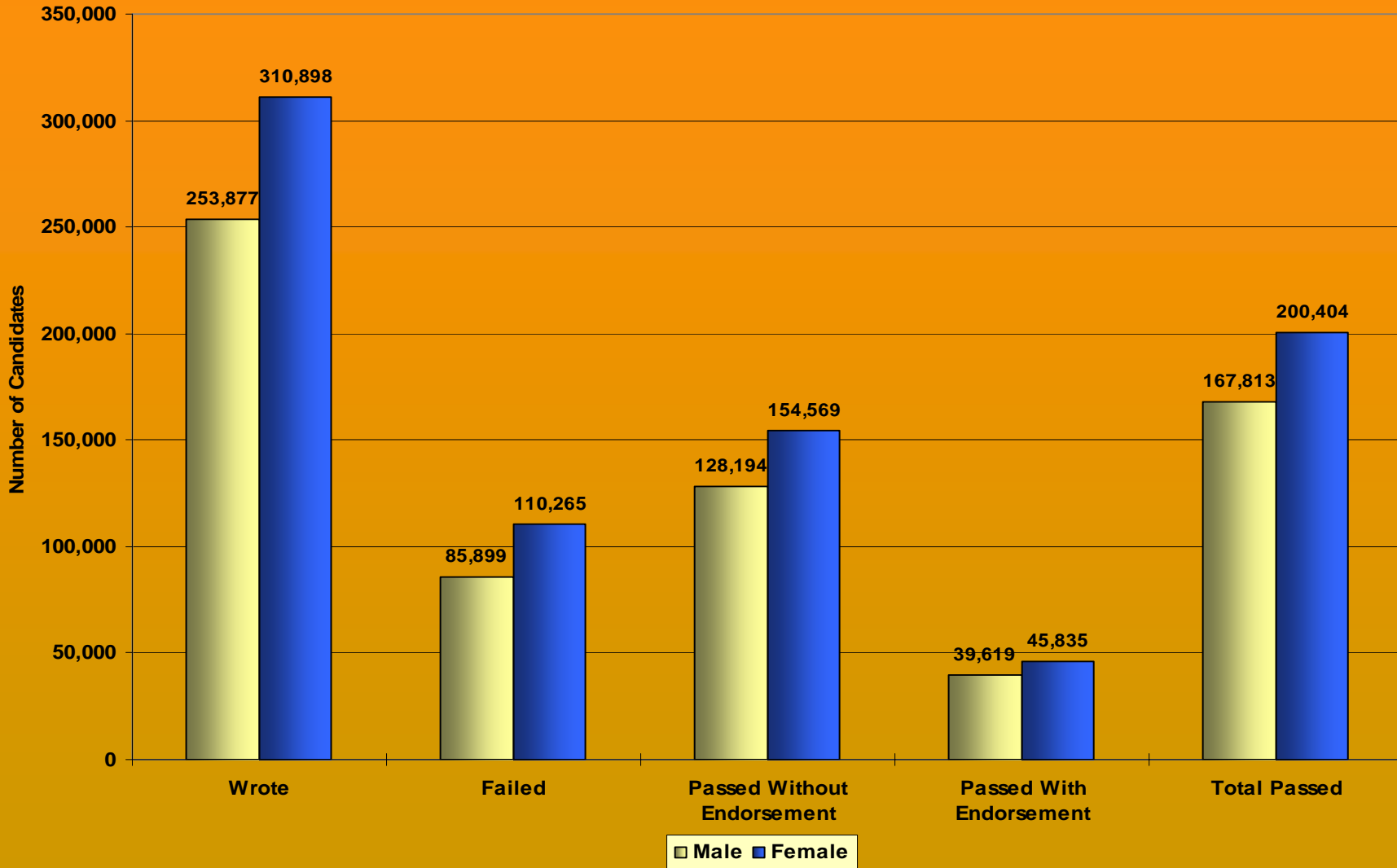
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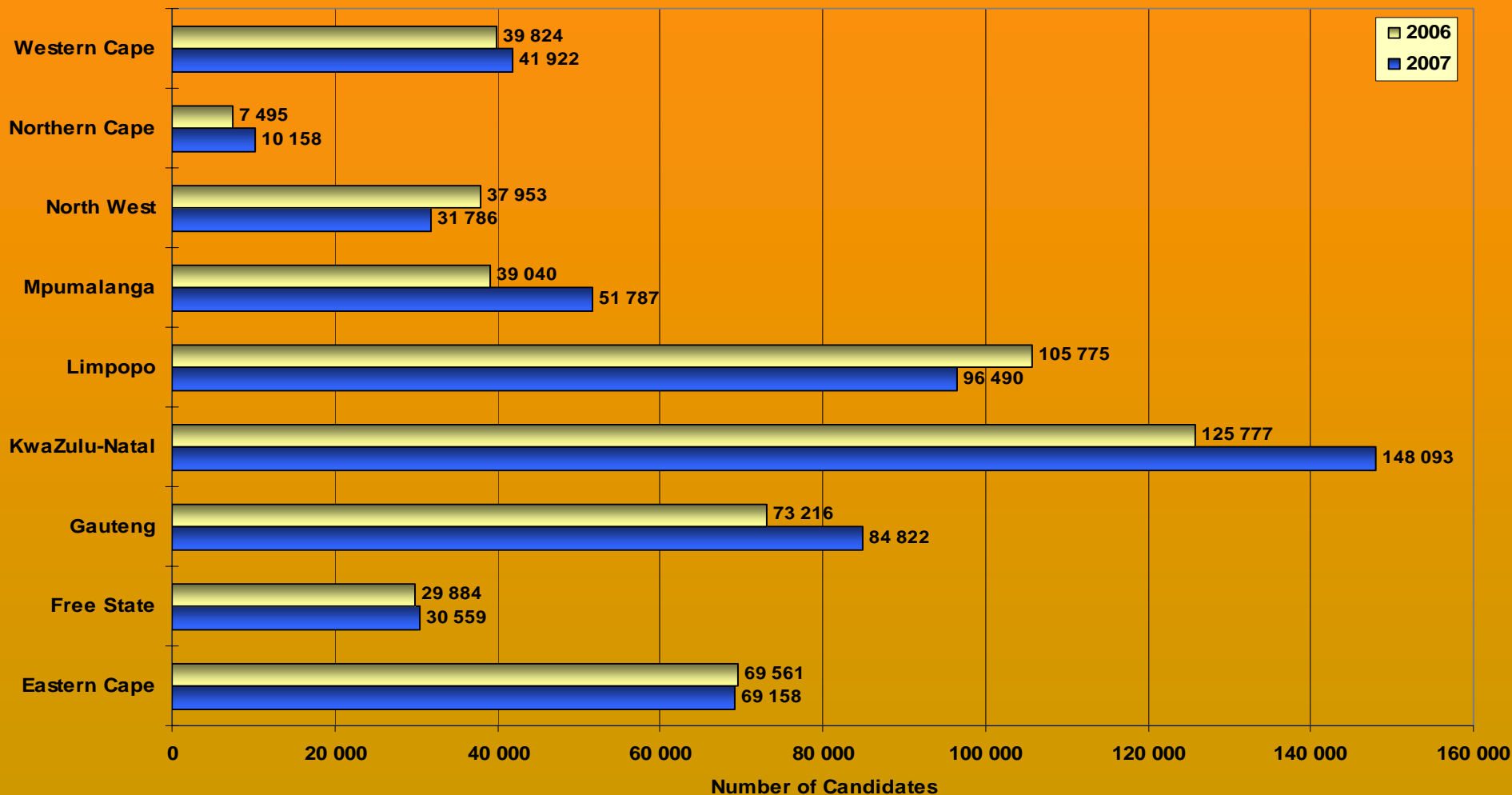
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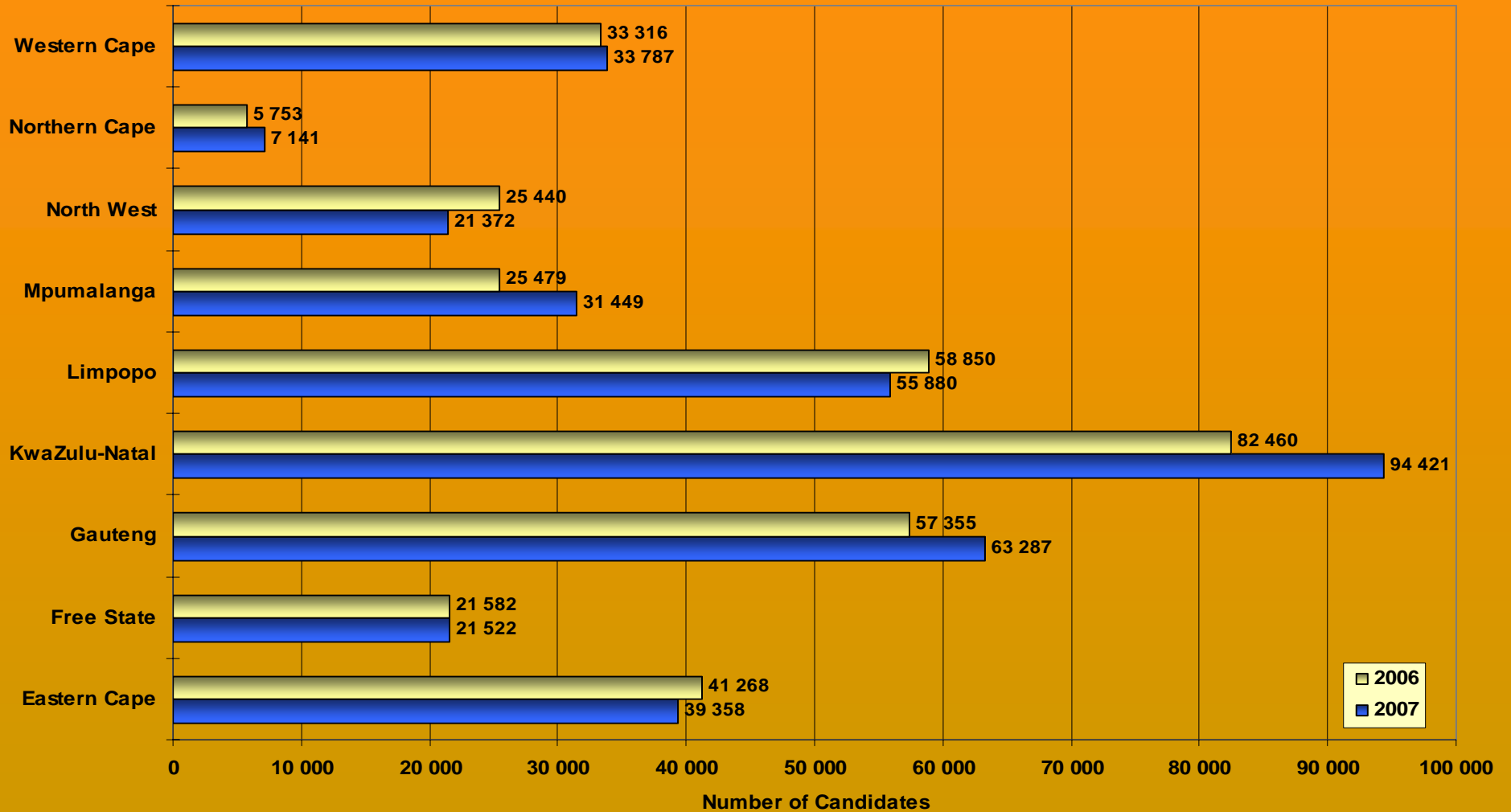
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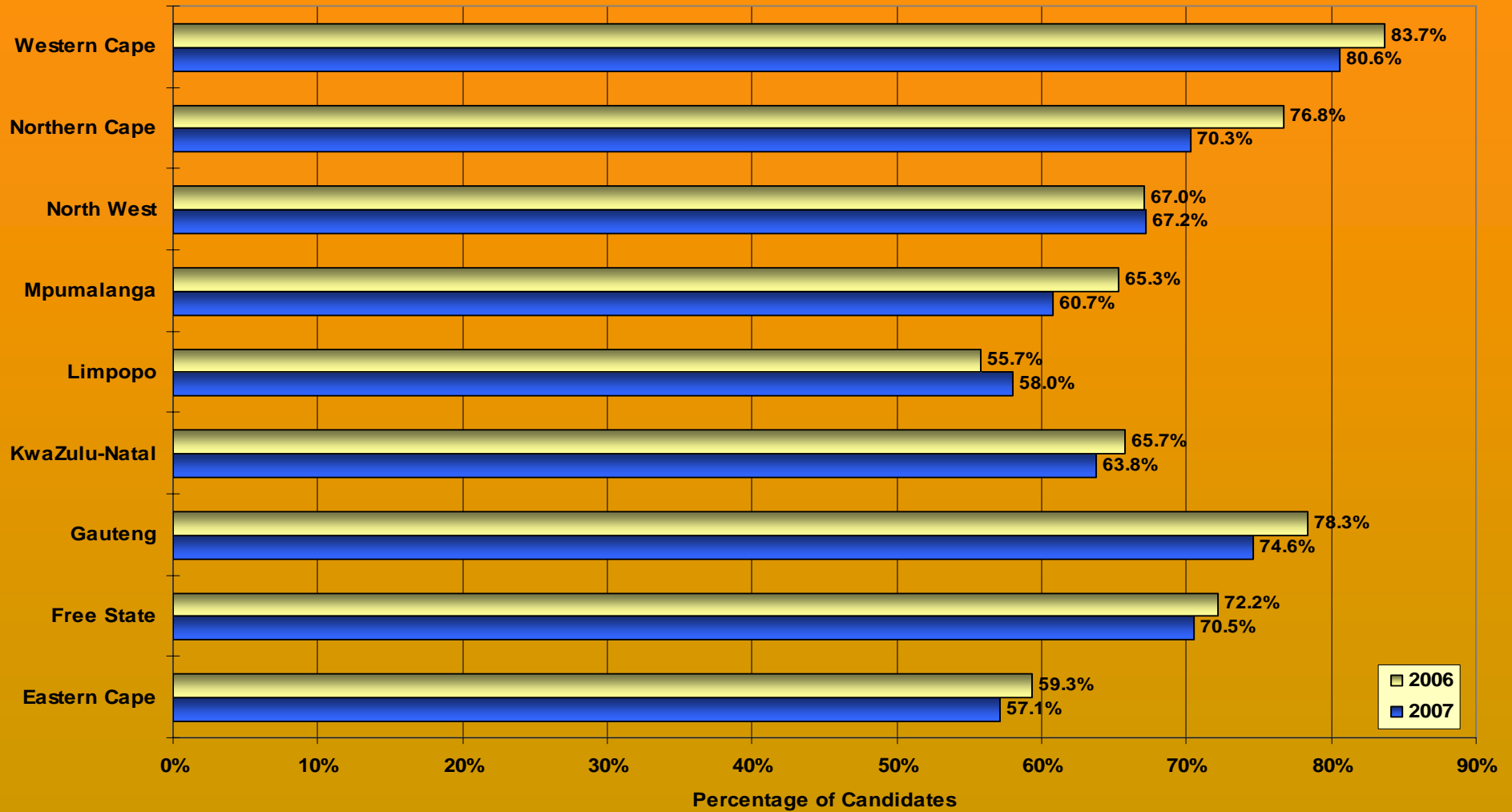
Provincial pass percentages

Province	2004	2005	2006	2007	Difference 2007/2006
Western Cape	85.00	84.40	83.70	80.60	-3.1
Gauteng	76.80	74.90	78.30	74.60	-3.7
FreeState	78.70	77.80	72.20	70.40	-1.8
Northern Cape	83.40	78.90	76.80	70.30	-6.5
North West	64.90	63.00	67.00	67.20	0.2
Kwazulu Natal	74.00	70.50	65.60	63.80	-1.8
Mpumalanga	61.80	58.60	65.30	60.80	-4.5
Limpopo	70.60	64.70	55.60	57.90	2.3
Eastern Cape	53.50	56.70	59.30	56.90	-2.4
National Pass %	70.70	68.33	66.62	65.27	-1.4

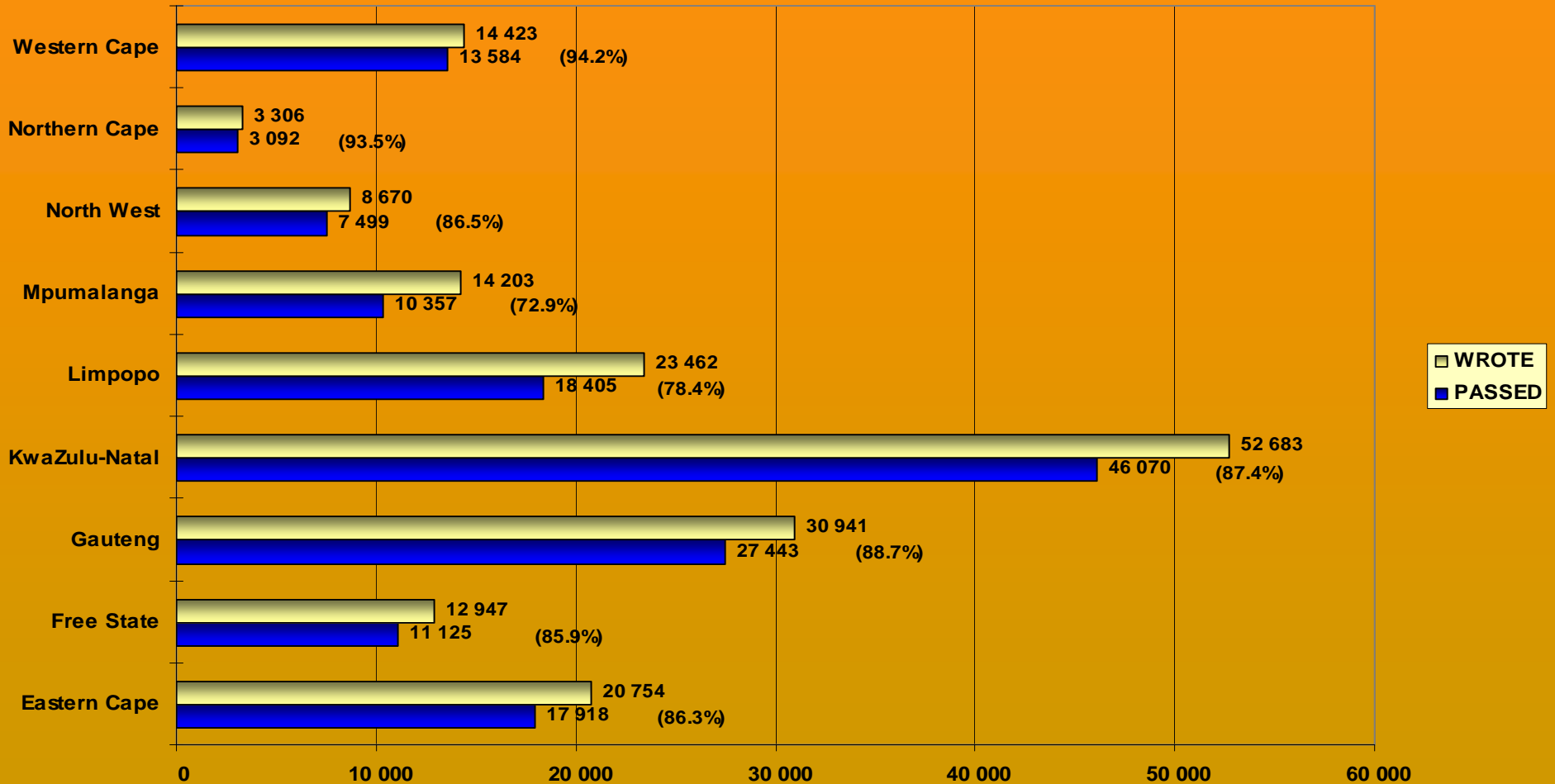
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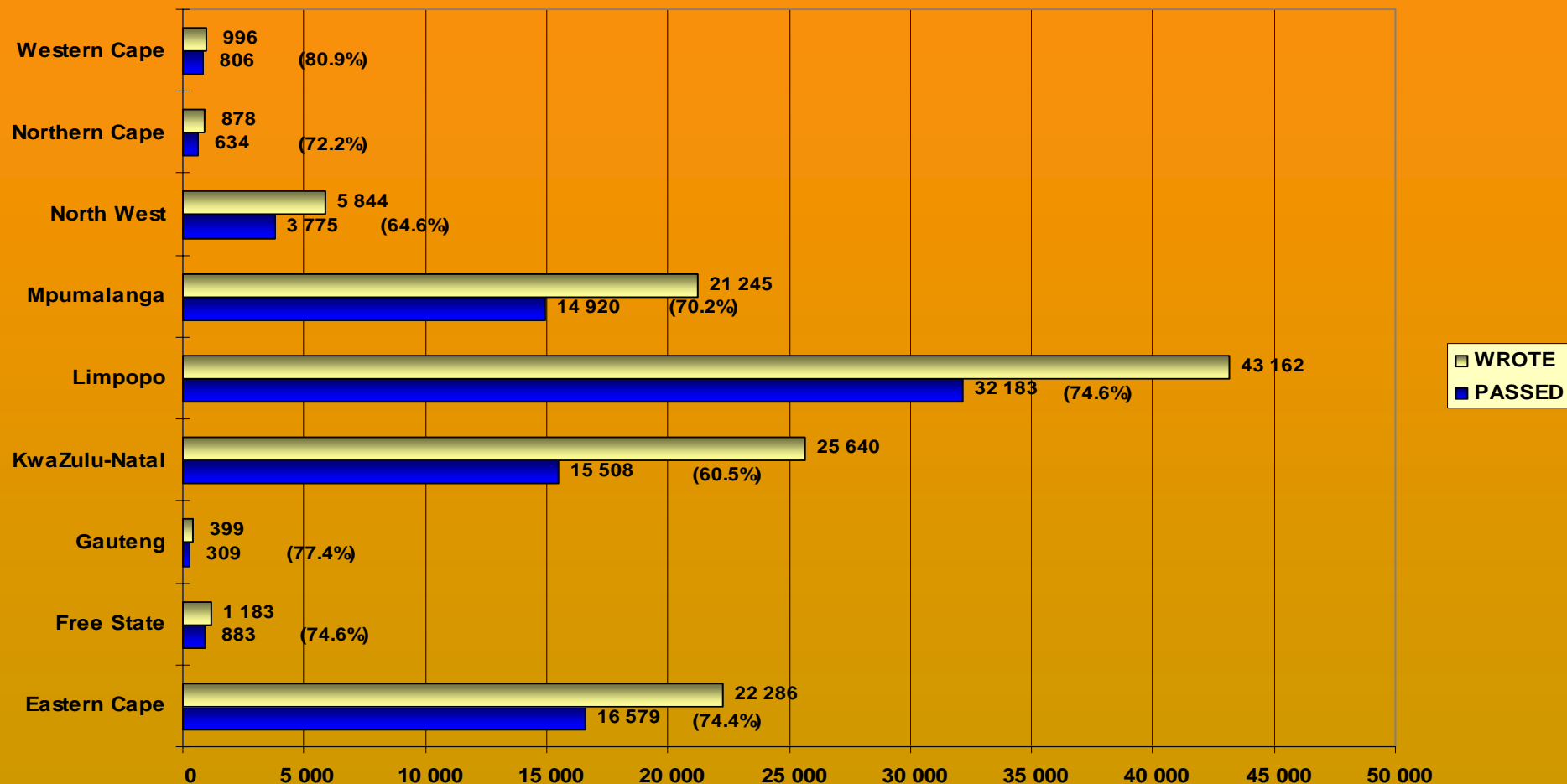
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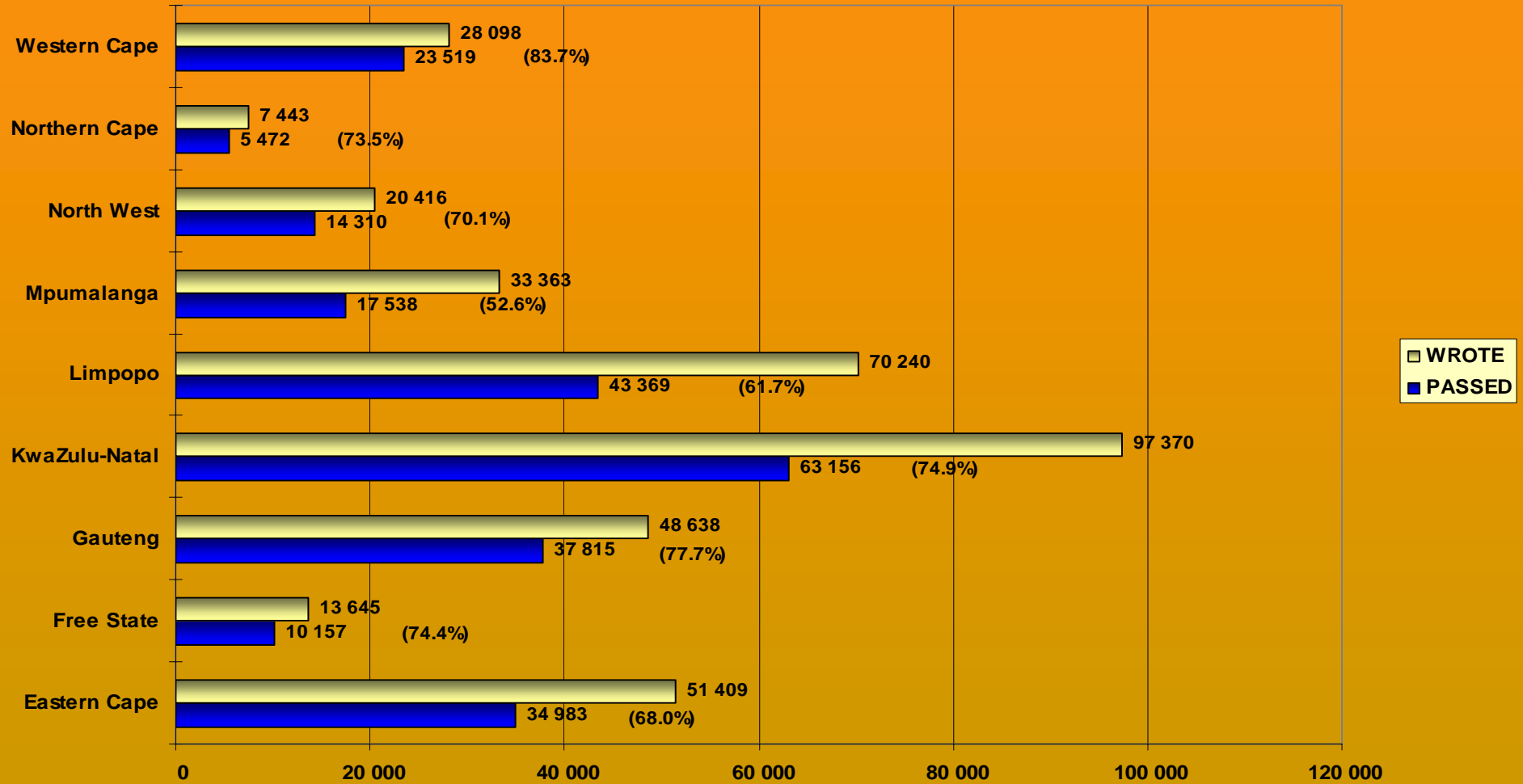
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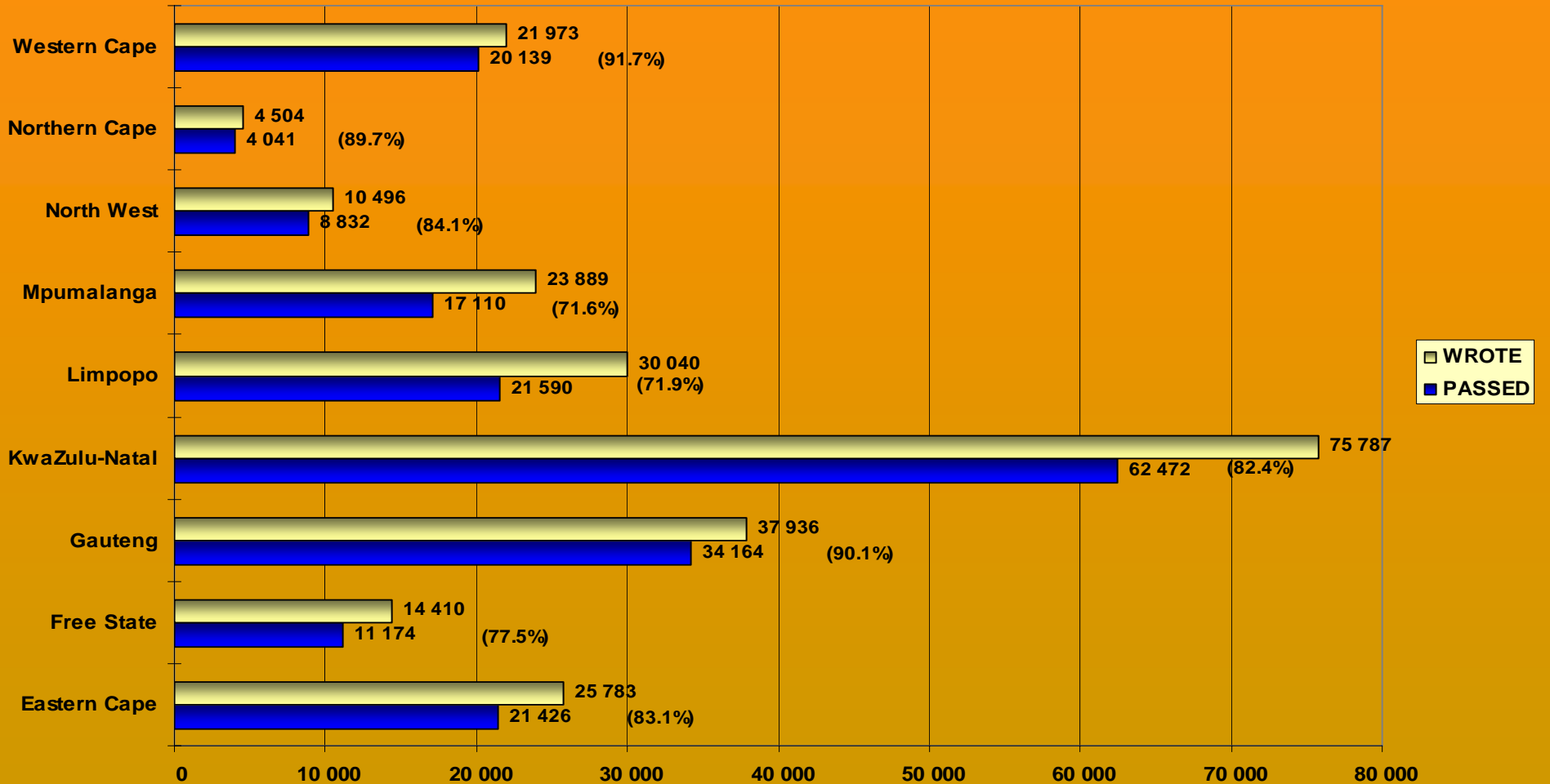
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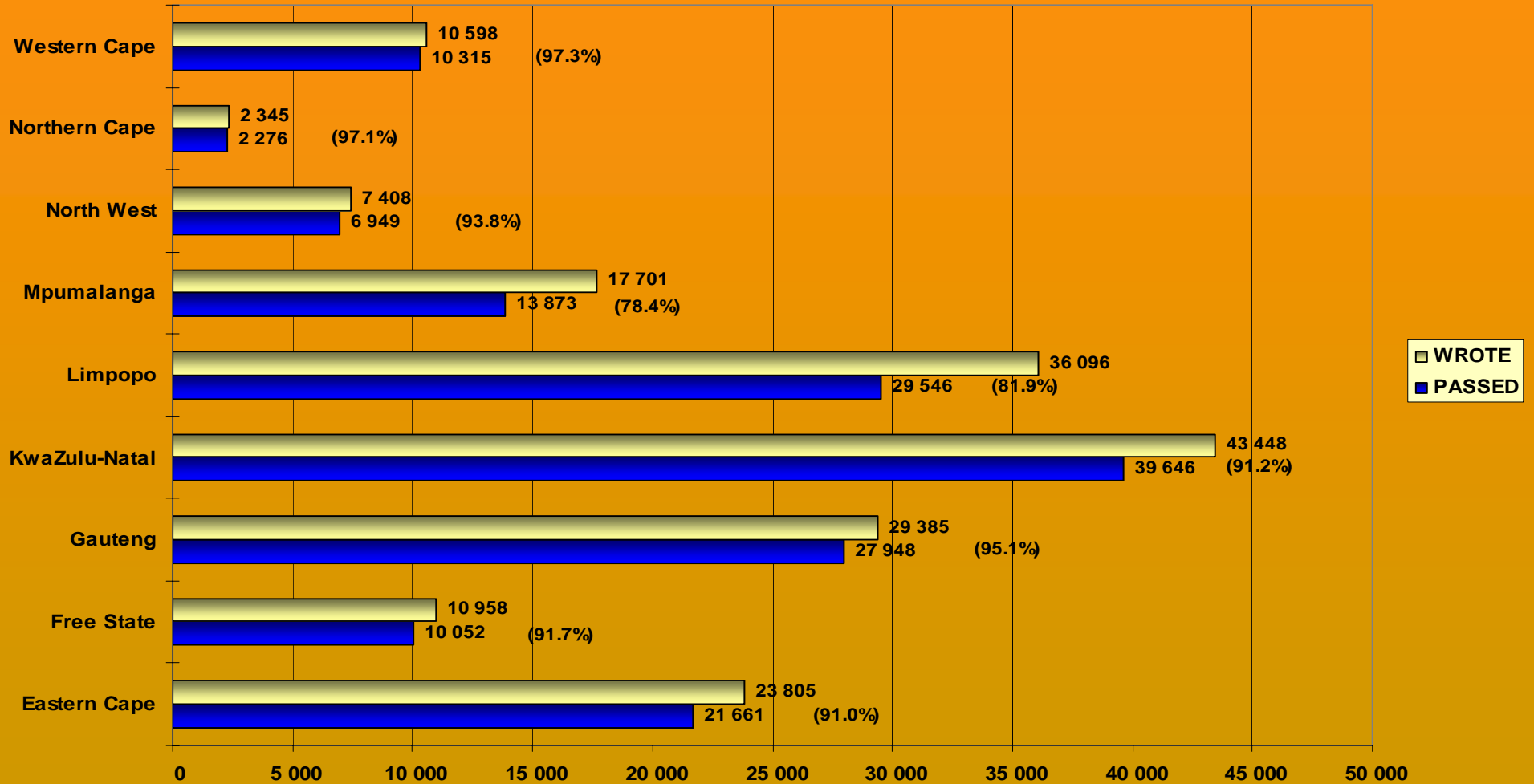
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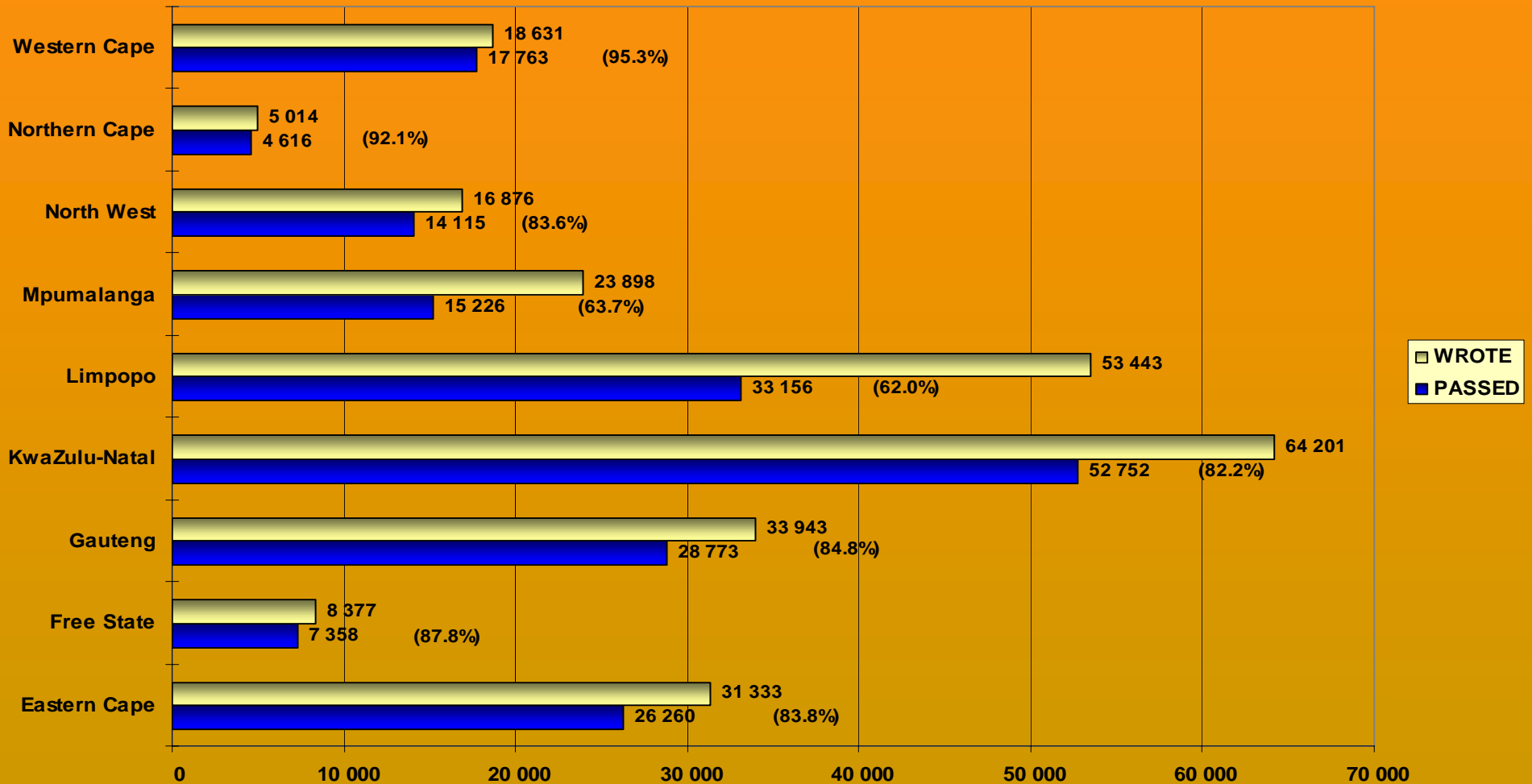
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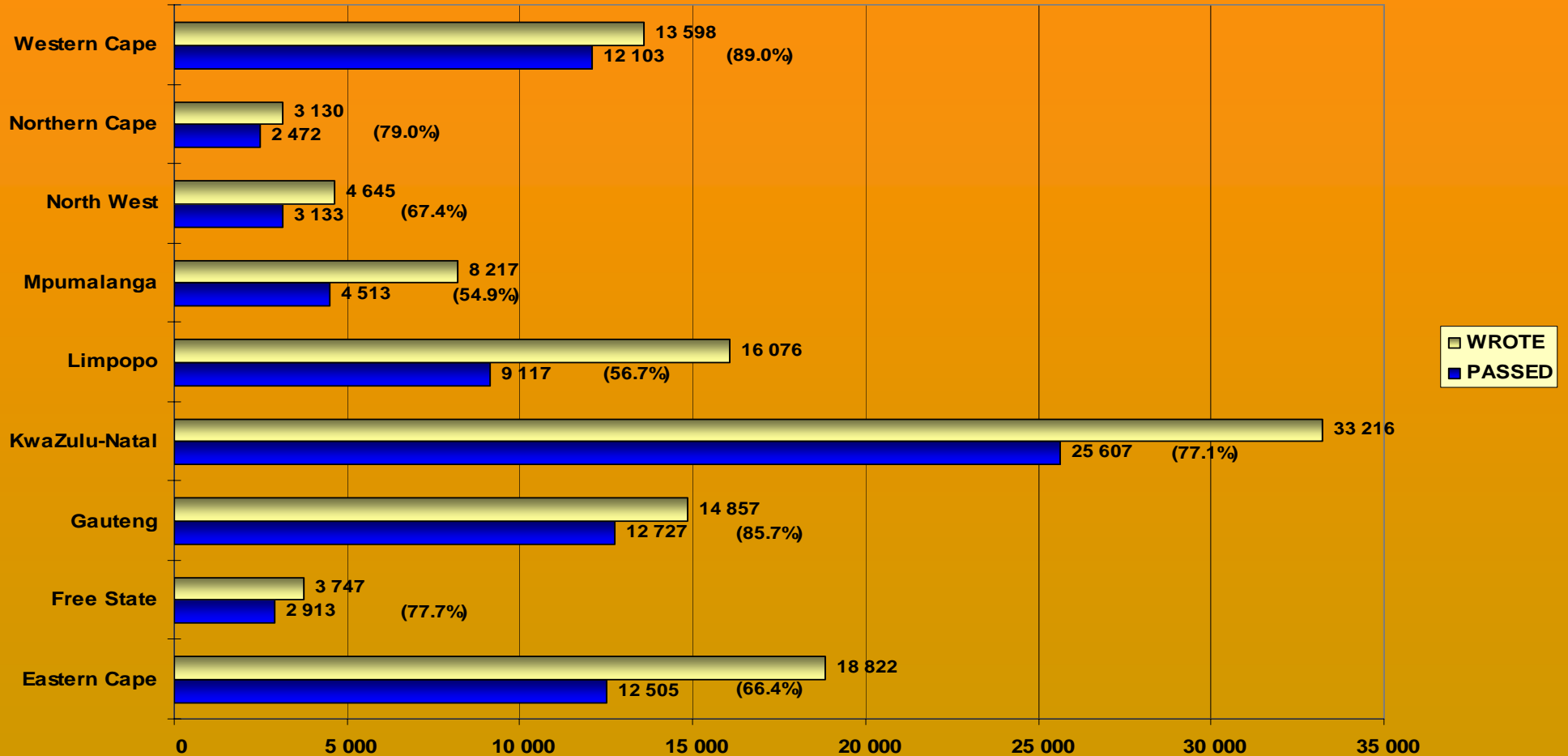
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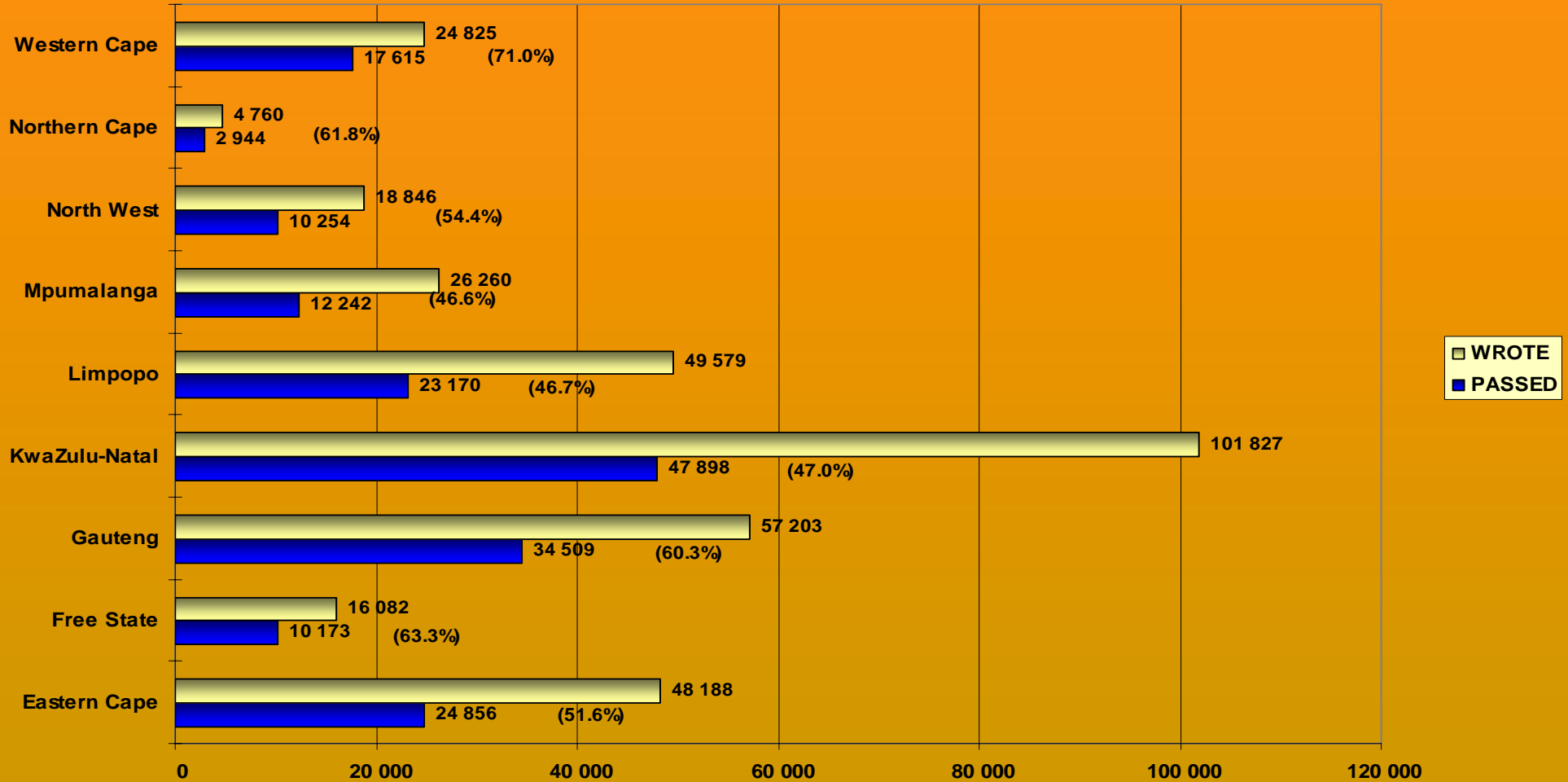
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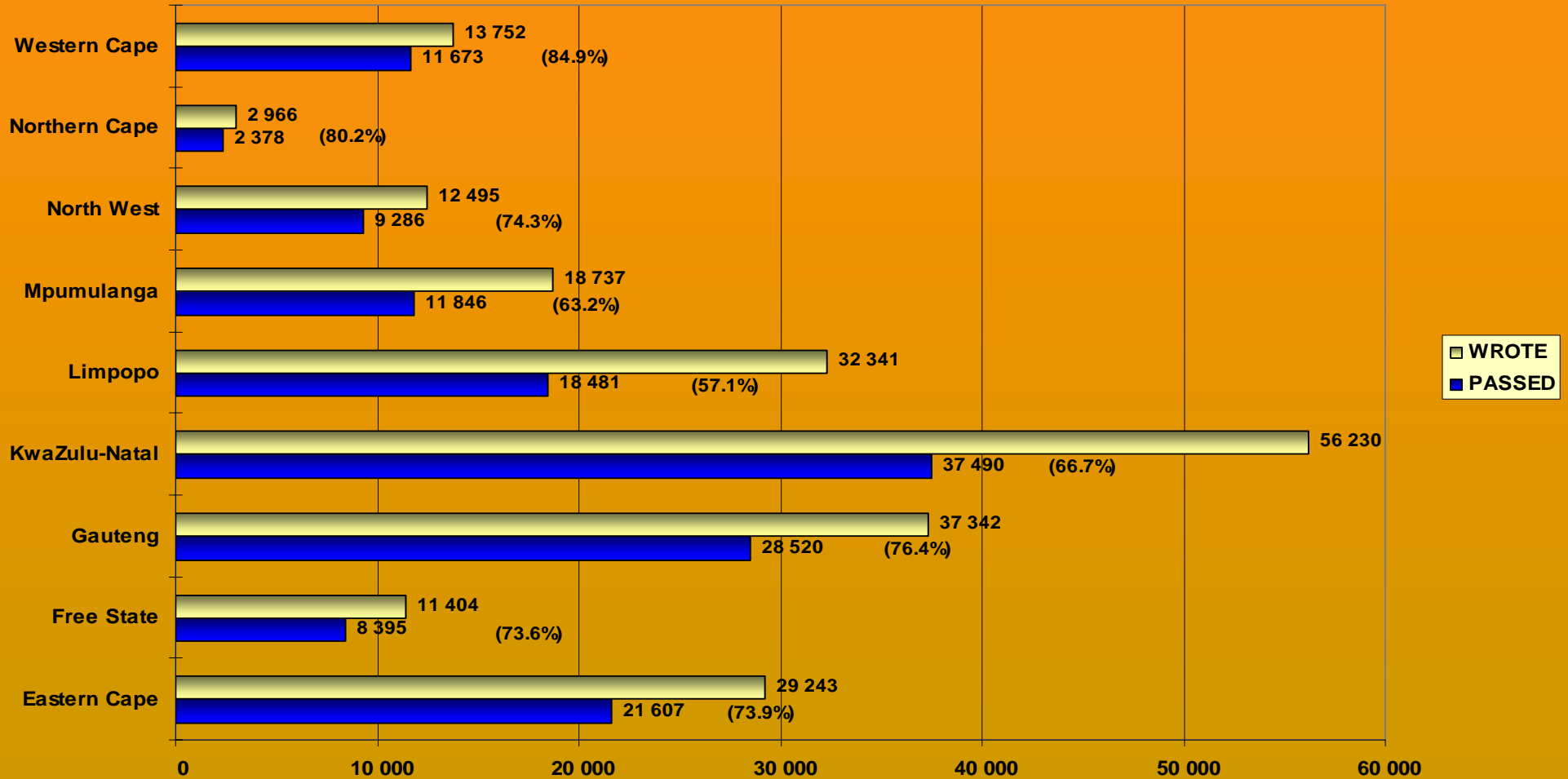
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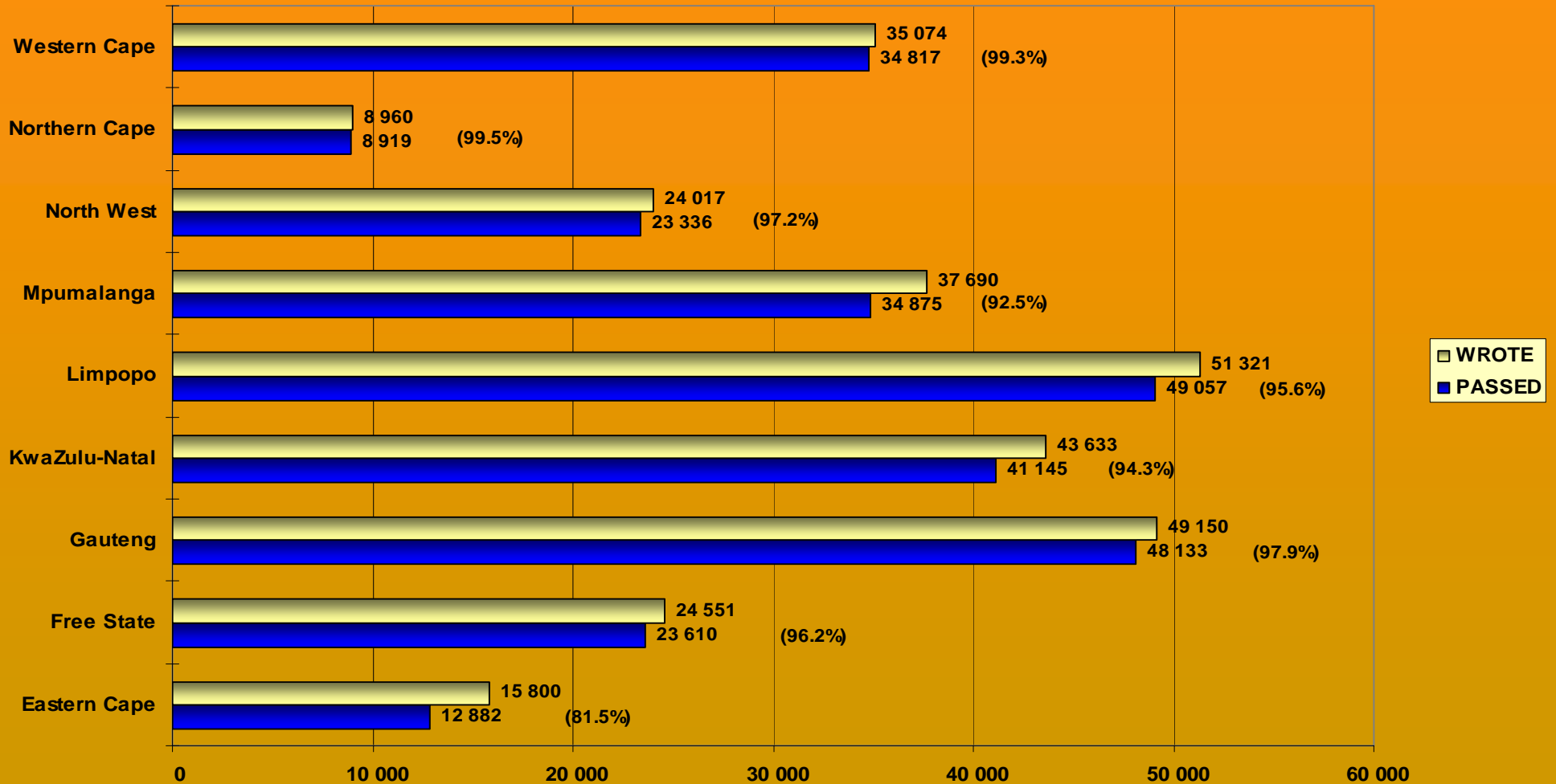
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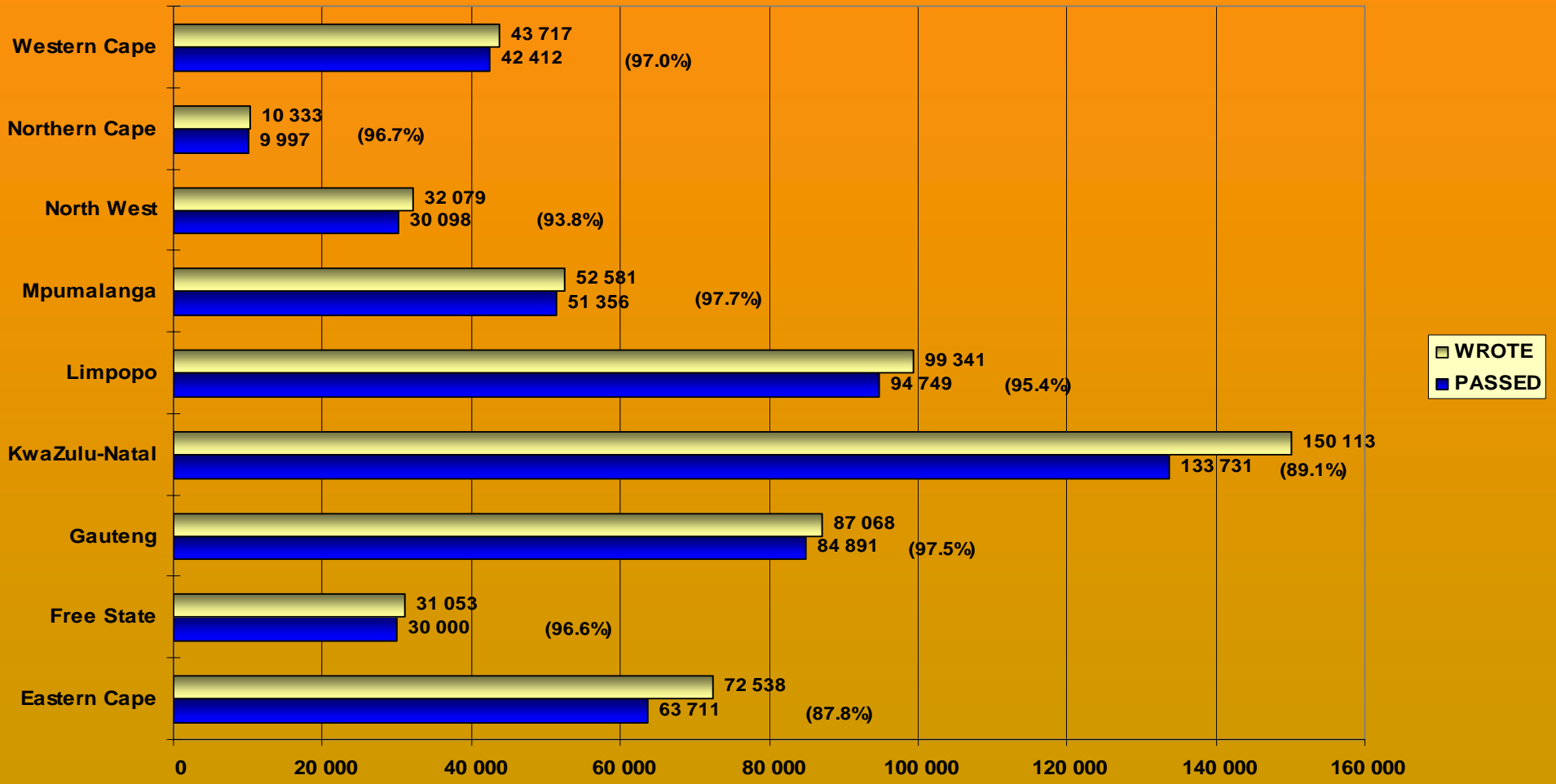
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GRAPH 31: CANDIDATES WHO WROTE AND PASSED AFRIKAANS ACCORDING TO PROVINCE IN 2007



GRAPH 32: CANDIDATES WHO WROTE AND PASSED ENGLISH ACCORDING TO PROVINCE IN 2007



Western Cape

YEAR	NUMBER WROTE	NUMBER PASSED	% PASS	NUMBER ENDORSEMENTS	% ENDORSEMENTS
2003	38750	33769	87.1	10323	26.6
2004	38896	33065	85.0	10524	27.1
2005	38586	32573	84.4	10394	26.9
2006	39824	33316	83.7	10589	26.6
2007	41922	33787	80.6	10300	24.6



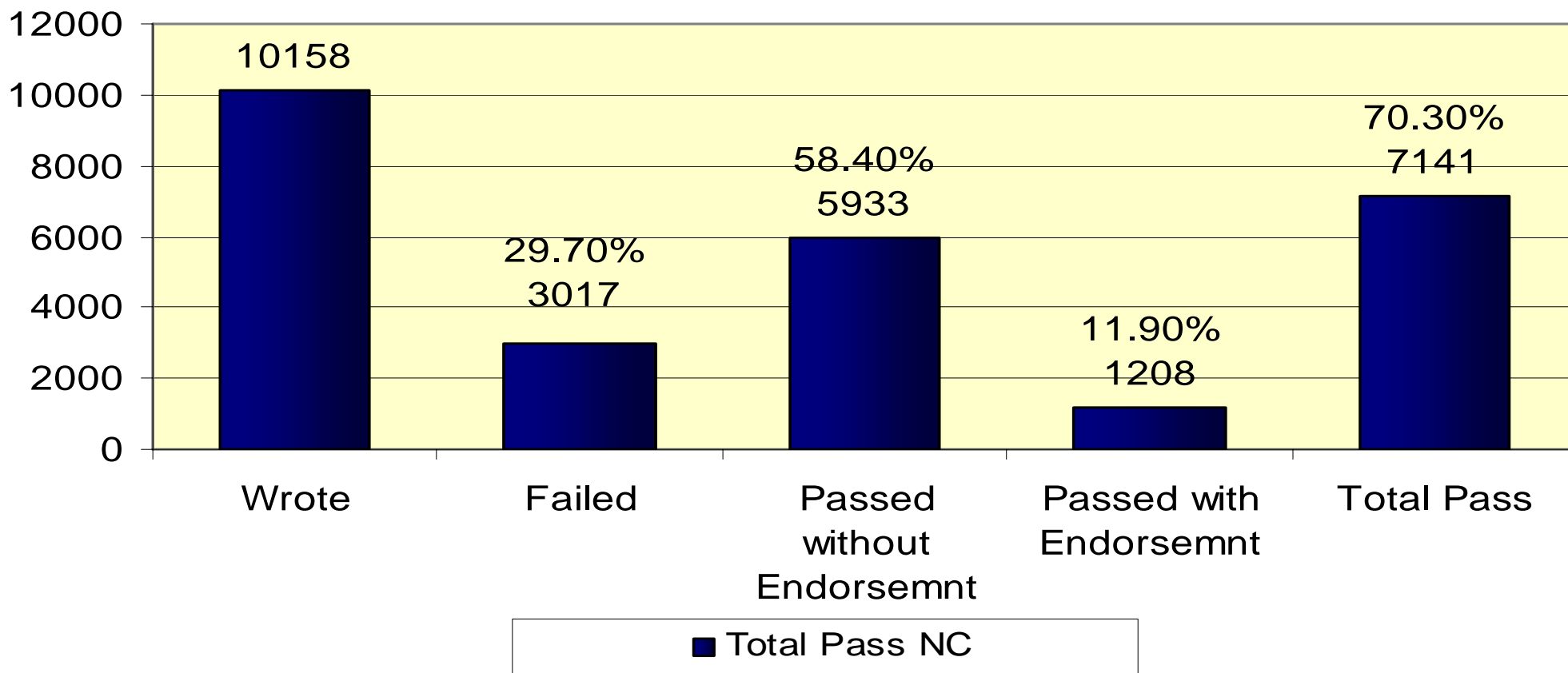
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EMDC	Exam	Entered	Wrote	Passed	Pass Rate	Endorsement	Rate
Breerivier/Overberg	200611	3634	3562	2956	82.99%	624	17.52%
	200711	3929	3841	3062	79.72%	569	14.81%
South Cape/Karoo	200611	4324	4188	3549	84.74%	921	21.99%
	200711	4513	4391	3651	83.15%	1011	23.02%
West Coast/Winelands	200611	5363	5251	4510	85.89%	1580	30.09%
	200711	5692	5540	4545	82.04%	1555	28.07%
Central Metropole	200611	7219	6921	5901	85.26%	2716	39.24%
	200711	7516	7135	6001	84.11%	2549	35.73%
Eastern Metropole	200611	6603	6350	5219	82.19%	1165	18.35%
	200711	7561	7143	5370	75.18%	1144	16.02%
Northern Metropole	200611	6904	6756	5909	87.46%	2082	30.82%
	200711	7298	7106	5881	82.76%	1994	28.06%
Southern Metropole	200611	7051	6796	5272	77.58%	1501	22.09%
	200711	7129	6766	5277	77.99%	1478	21.84%
Total for WCED	200611	41098	39824	33316	83.66%	10589	26.59%
	200711	43638	41922	33787	80.59%	10300	24.57%

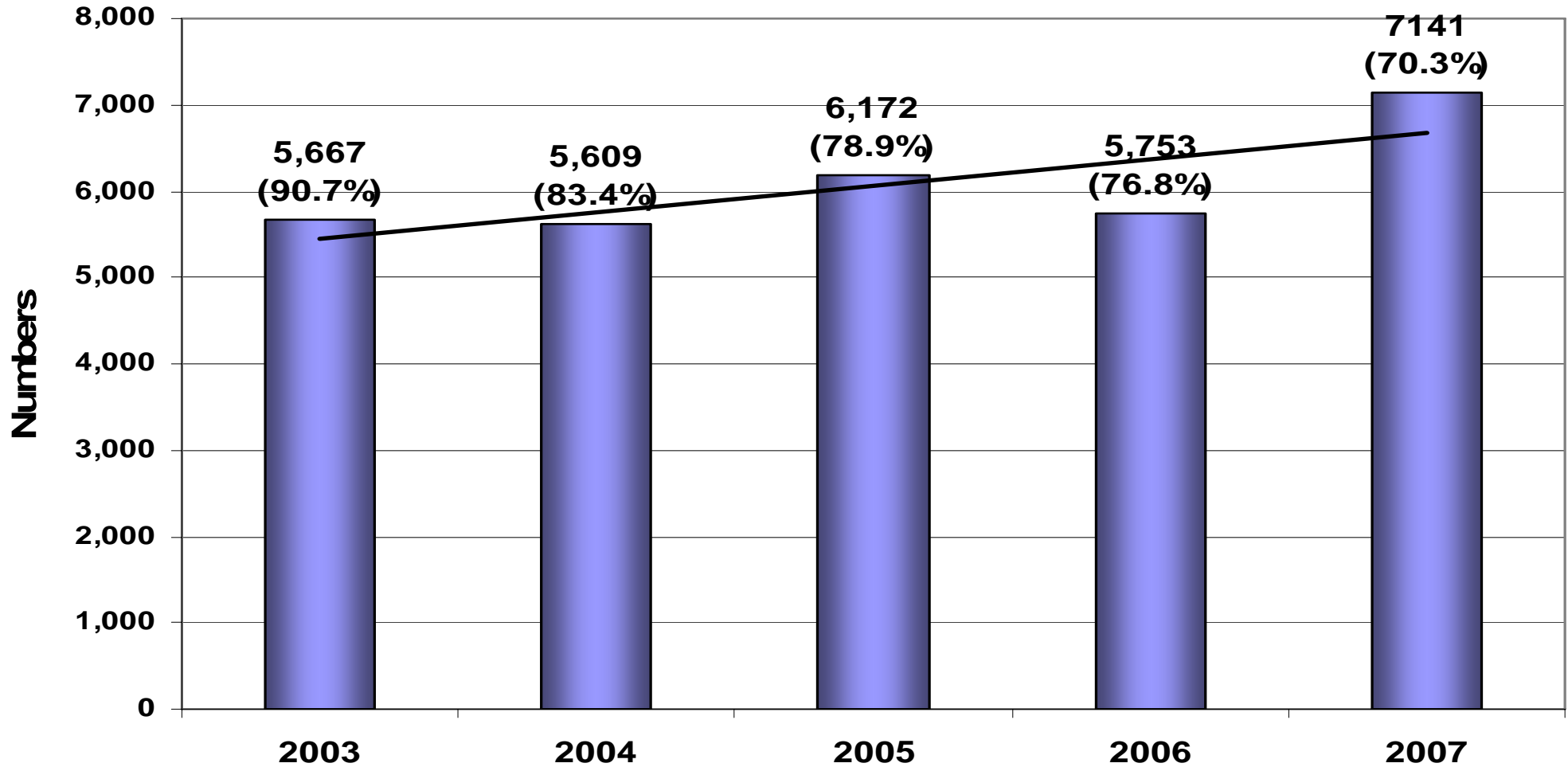
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Total number of candidates passed - Northern Cape - 2003 to 2007



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District	Pass Rate/percentages					
	Item	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Frances Baard	Pass numbers	2 922	2 561	2 667	2 387	2 447
	Pass %	71.4%	78.8%	74.7%	80.2%	88.5%
Pixley Ka Seme	Pass numbers	957	904	995	879	881
	Pass %	68.8%	70.4%	78.2%	81.6%	91.0%
Namaqua	Pass numbers	716	716	760	688	722
	Pass %	85.5%	84.3%	88.8%	90.2%	93.6%
Siyanda	Pass numbers	1390	1572	1 750	1 656	1 618
	Pass %	72.8%	74.5%	82.2%	86.8%	92.7%
Kgalagadi	Pass numbers	1 156	1 027	1 115	1 097	1 182
	Pass %	60.0%	60.7%	52.8%	56.3%	65.6%
Provincial Pass Rate/numbers	Pass numbers	7 141	5753	6172	5 610	5 668
	Pass %	70.3%	76.8%	78.9%	83.4%	90.7%

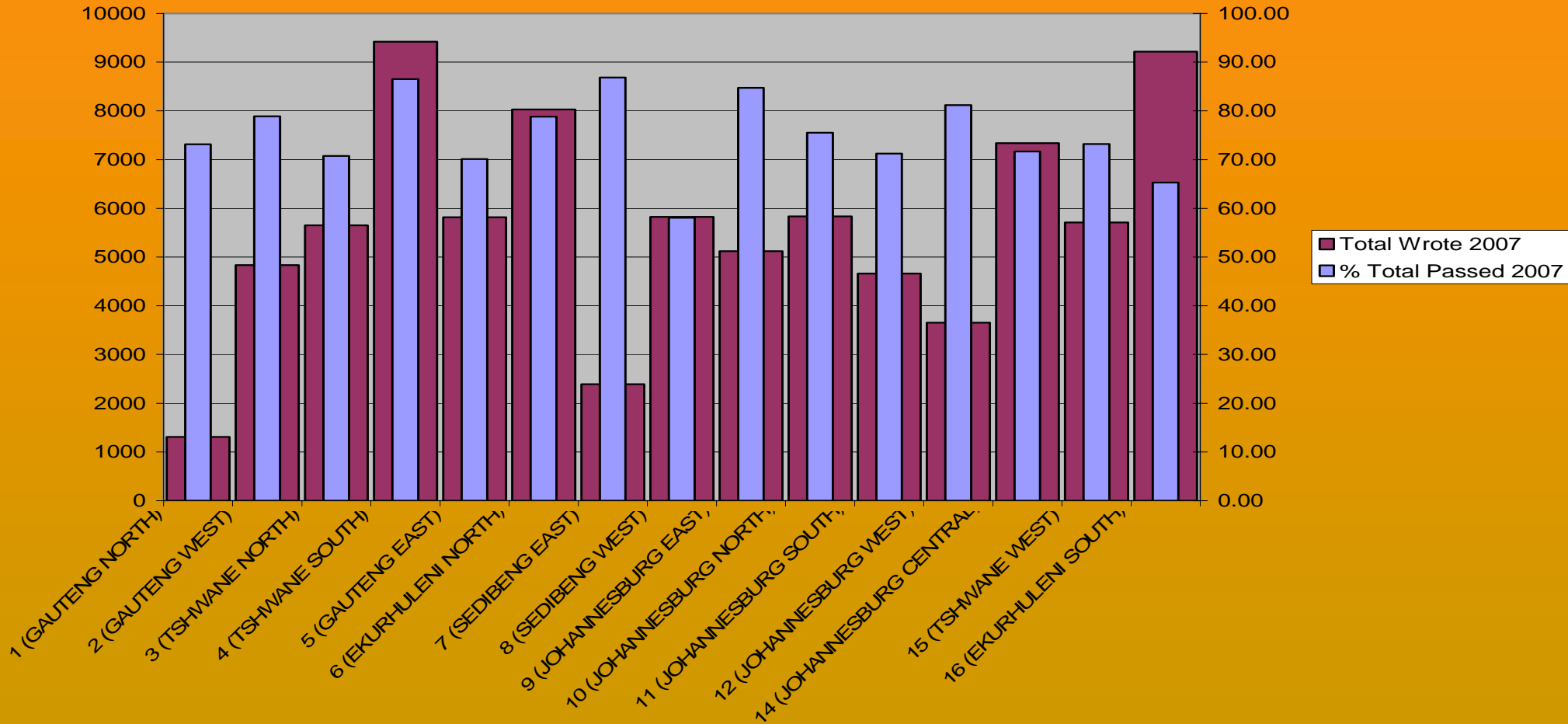


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Gauteng

Comparing Pass rates with numbers in a district



Gauteng

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Total number of candidates who entered Senior Certificate with Endorsement	30738	28621	29465	29744	29392
Total number of candidates who passed Senior Certificate with Endorsement	17307	16109	16114	15774	15926
Percentage candidates who obtained a Senior Certificate with Endorsement	20.4	22.01	21.1	22.1	23.31
Number of candidates who entered for Senior Certificate with Endorsement and failed outright	4390	3019	3014	3016	2548
Total number of candidates entered for Senior Certificate examinations	88487	73187	77602	73707	70293



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KwaZulu-Natal

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of candidates who wrote.	97 367	110 631	120 397	125 777	148 093
Number of candidates who passed.	75 077	81 827	84 842	82 442	94 421
Number of candidates who passed with Senior Certificate.	55 190	60 877	63 837	63 341	72 978
Number of candidates who passed with endorsement.	19 887	20 950	21 005	19 101	21 443
Pass Percentage.	77.2 %	73.9 %	70.4 %	65.6 %	63.8 %
Percentage with Senior Certificate.	58.8 %	55.0 %	53.0 %	50.4 %	49.3 %
Percentage with Endorsement.	20.5 %	18.9 %	17.4 %	15.2 %	14.5 %

KwaZulu-Natal

DISTRICT	NUMBER PASSED 2006		NUMBER PASSED 2007		INCREASE IN NUMBER PASSED (2006 AND 2007)
	NO.	%	NO.	%	
OBONJENI	5213	49.11	6007	47.50	794
AMAJUBA	4623	70.71	5174	65.50	551
VRYHEID	8050	60.74	9355	61.70	1395
EMPANGENI	7823	60.57	9024	58.70	1201
OTHUKELA	5186	62.02	6031	62.90	845
UMGUNGUNDLOVU	8123	70.43	9171	67.10	1048
UMZINYATHI	3570	56.25	4538	58.70	968
SISONKE	3648	63.45	3913	58.40	265
UMLAZI	14526	76.34	16564	74.90	1738
UGU	6501	67.35	7005	63.80	504
PINETOWN	10612	73.78	12126	68.80	1514
ILEMBE	4585	61.96	5513	63.80	928

Limpopo

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No Wrote 6 or More	68 837	77 774	93 459	105 775	105 943
PASS SS	28 913	33 420	37 890	39 124	44 547
PASS SSE	13 062	16 550	16 504	13 935	11 333
TOTAL PASS	48 300	55 356	60 379	58 831	55 980
PASS %	70.2%	70.6%	64.3%	55.7%	58.0%



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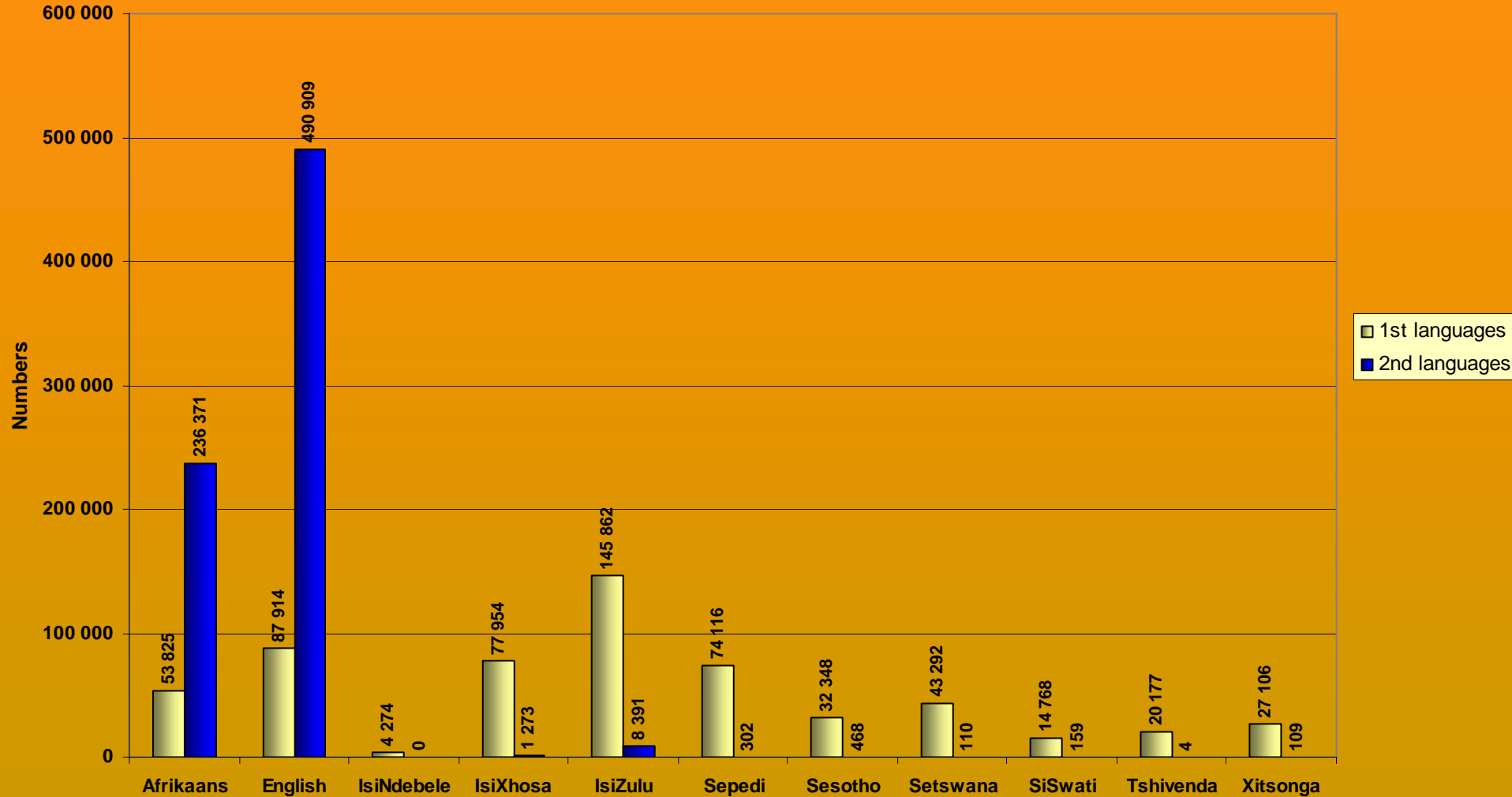
District Name	Wrote 6 or more	Pass SS	Pass Cond	Pass SSE	Total Pass	2007 % Pass
CAPRICORN	23411	9909	1598	3255	14762	63.1
GREATER SEKHUKHUNE	18283	7399	787	1418	9604	52.5
MOPANI	19737	7621	1049	2221	10891	55.2
VHEMBE	26543	10188	2047	3690	15925	60.0
WATERBERG	8413	3479	470	749	4698	55.8



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GRAPH 33: CANDIDATES WHO WROTE 1st AND 2nd LANGUAGES IN 2007



Mpumalanga

Years	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Pass Percentage	58,2	61.8	58,6	65.3	60.8
Candidates registered		37091	40512	41 232	54 355
No. wrote 6+ subjects		37 091	38811	39 040	51 786
No. passed with exemption		4 728	4 918	5 481	6 561
Passed with SC		18 419	17 819	19 998	24 888
Total Number Passed		23 147	22 737	25 479	31 449
Total Number failed		13 944	16 074	13 561	20 337



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Mpumalanga

	% OF CANDIDATES PASSED	CANDIDATES WROTE	TOTAL CANDIDATES PASSED
2007 Gert Sibande	63	11237	6922
2006 Gert Sibande	67.05	10144	6453
2007 Ehlanzeni	68.4	13735	9278
2006 Ehlanzeni	68.66	13614	8818
2007 Nkangala	62.3	14412	8621
2006 Nkangala	64.90	16448	10297
2007 Bushbuckridge	49.5	13599	6628
2006 Bushbuckridge	46.22	12151	5616



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Free State

YEAR	ENROLLMENT	PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE	Number candidates pass	ENDORSEMENT PERCENTAGE
2003	23 631		18 763	22.8
2004	24717	+5%	19 452	22.2
2005	26 948	+9%	20 965	21.3
2006	30 774	+14%	22 218	19.2
2007	31 718	+3%	22 361	18.2



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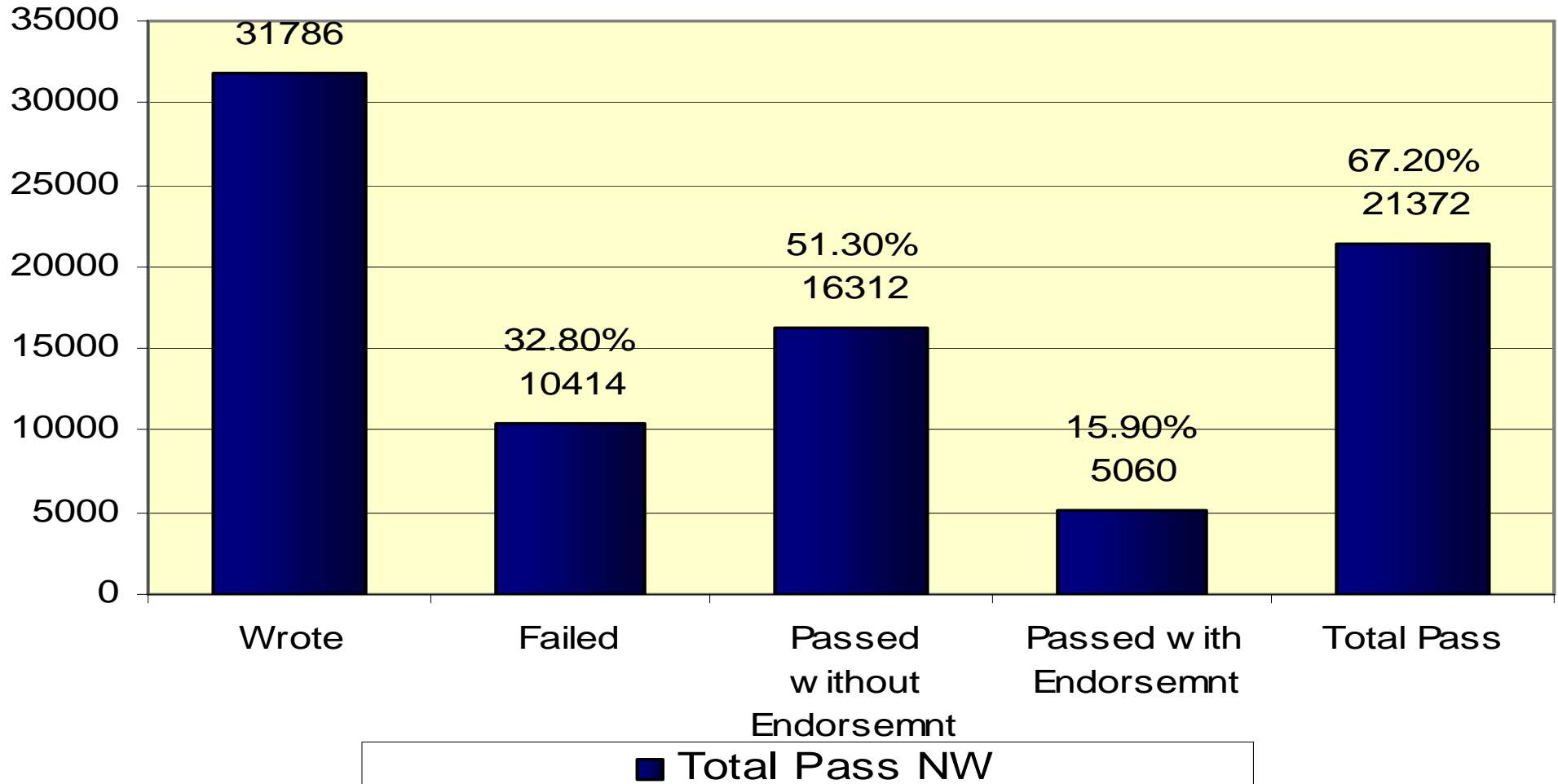
DISTRICT	2005	2006	2007	+ OR -
Motheo	81.15	78.91	78.95	0.04
Xhariep	83.67	78.56	75.79	-2.77
Lejweleputswa	78.75	64.97	64.59	- 0.38
Thabo Mof	71.72	73.28	68.42	- 4.38
Fezile Dabi	79.29	68.75	66.99	- 1.76
Provincial	77.80	72.2	70.4	- 1.8



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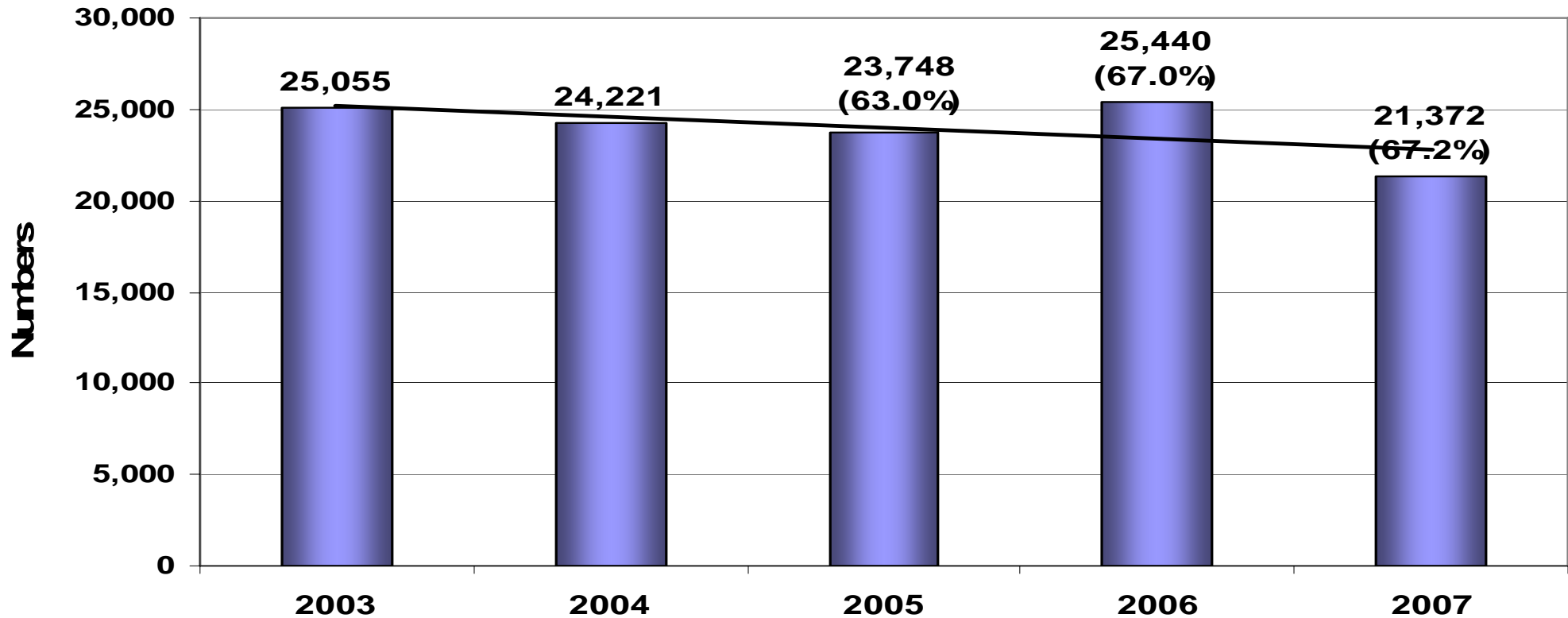


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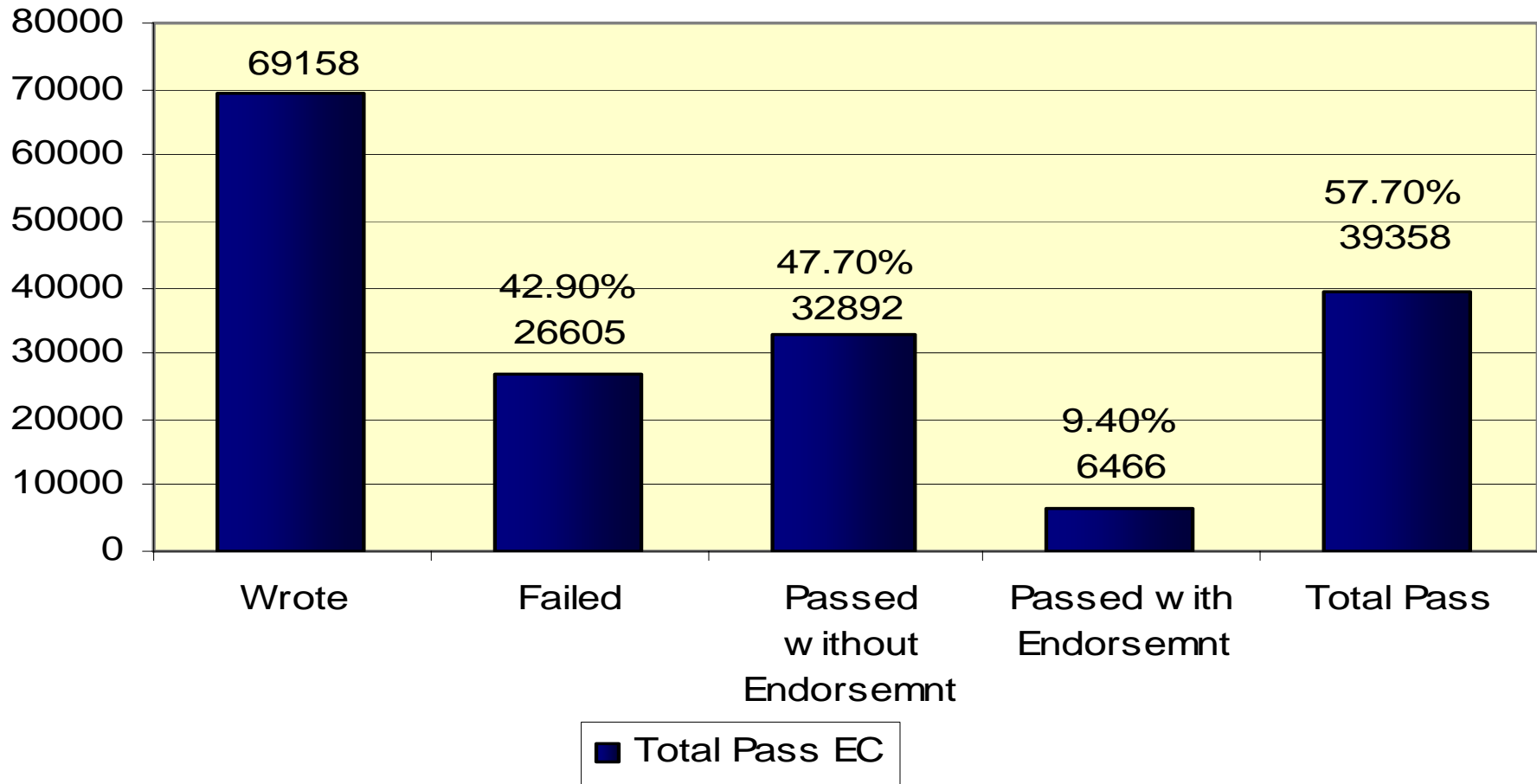
Total number of candidates passed - North West - 2003 to 2007



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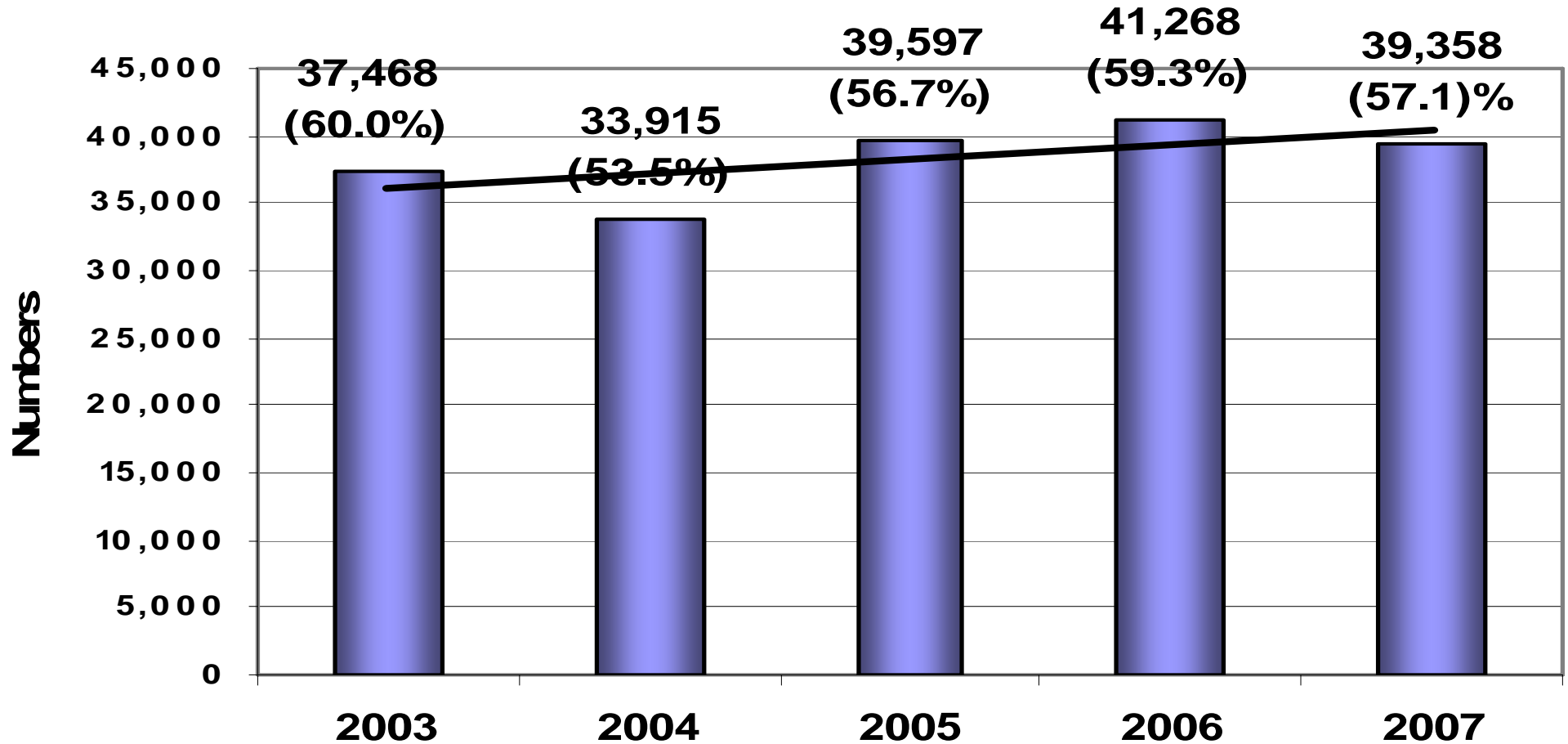
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Total number of candidates passed - Eastern Cape - 2003 to 2007

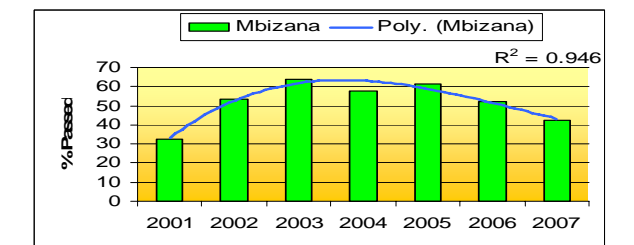
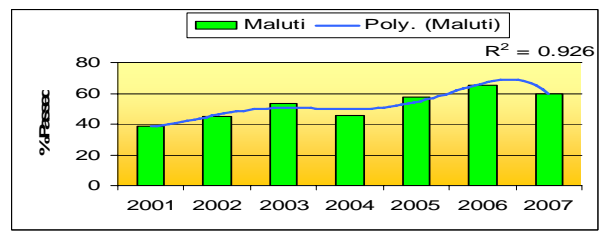
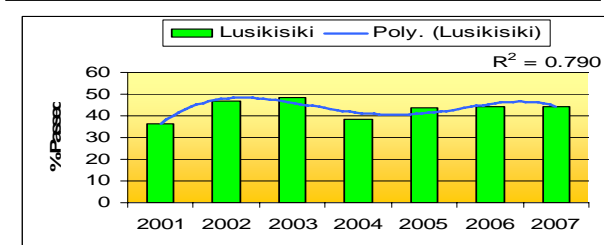
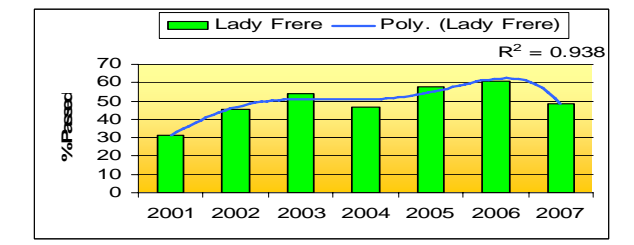
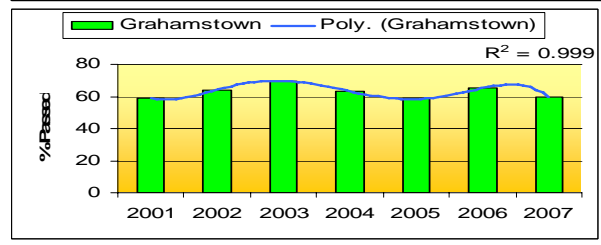
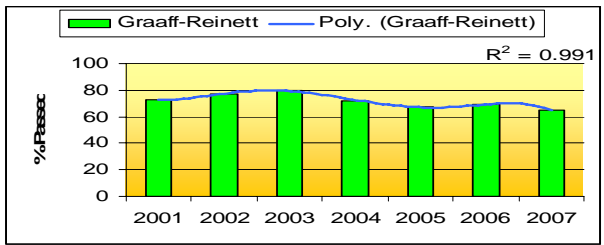
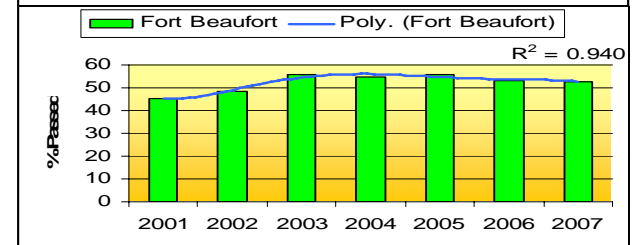
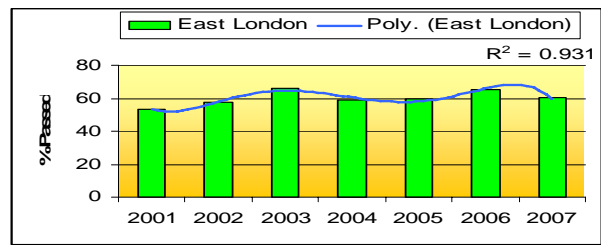
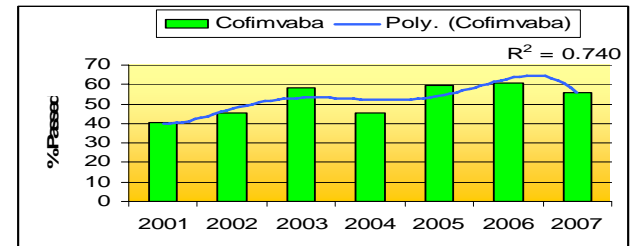
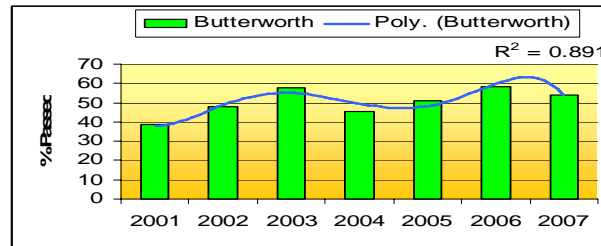
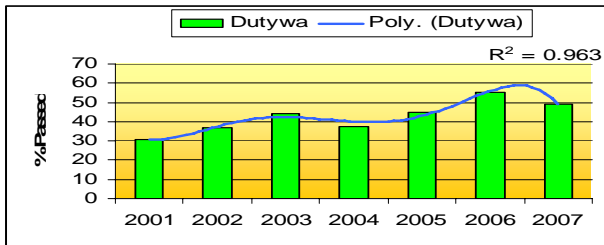


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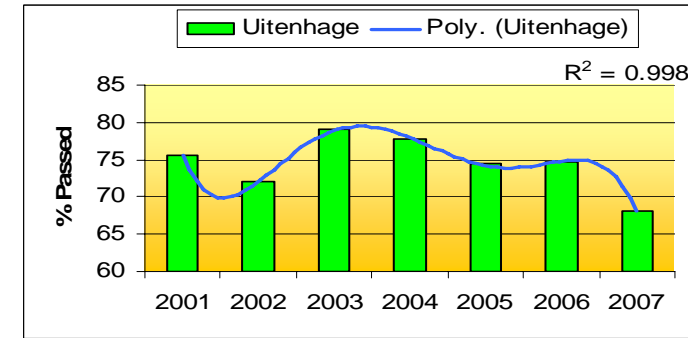
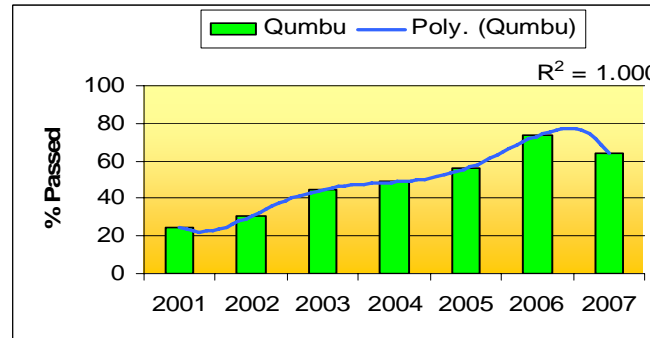
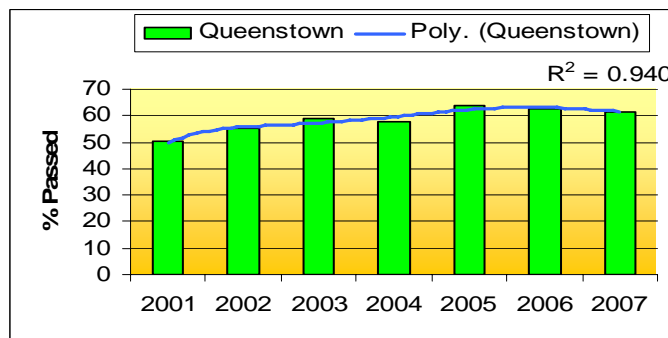
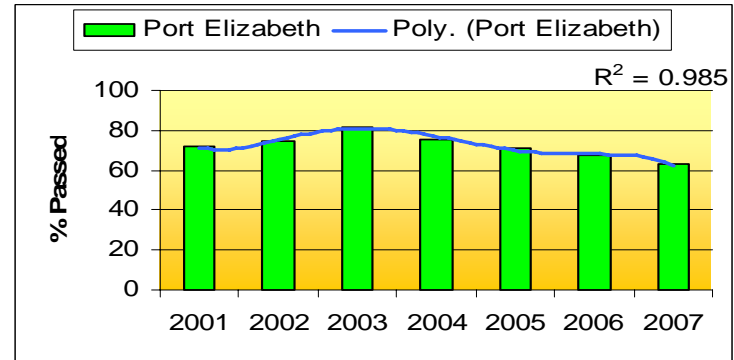
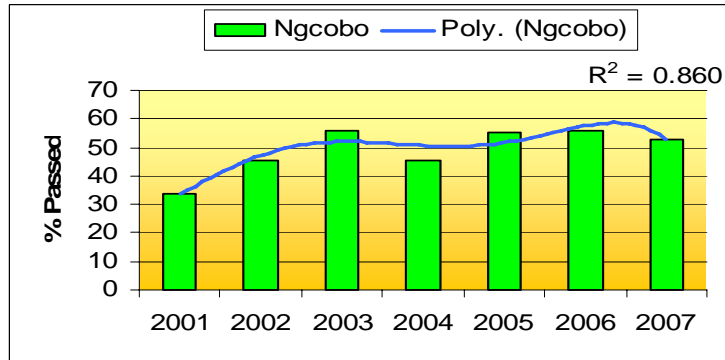
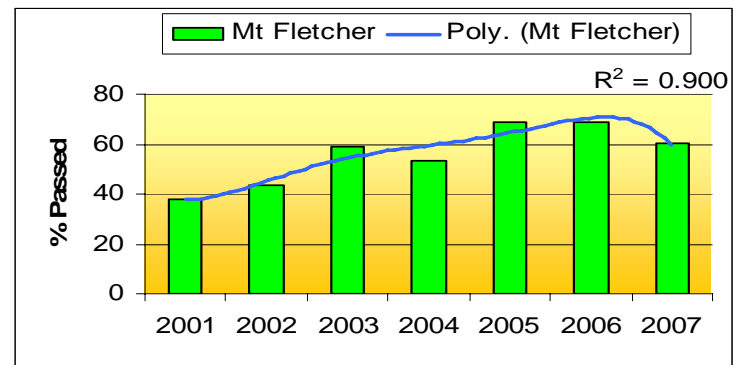
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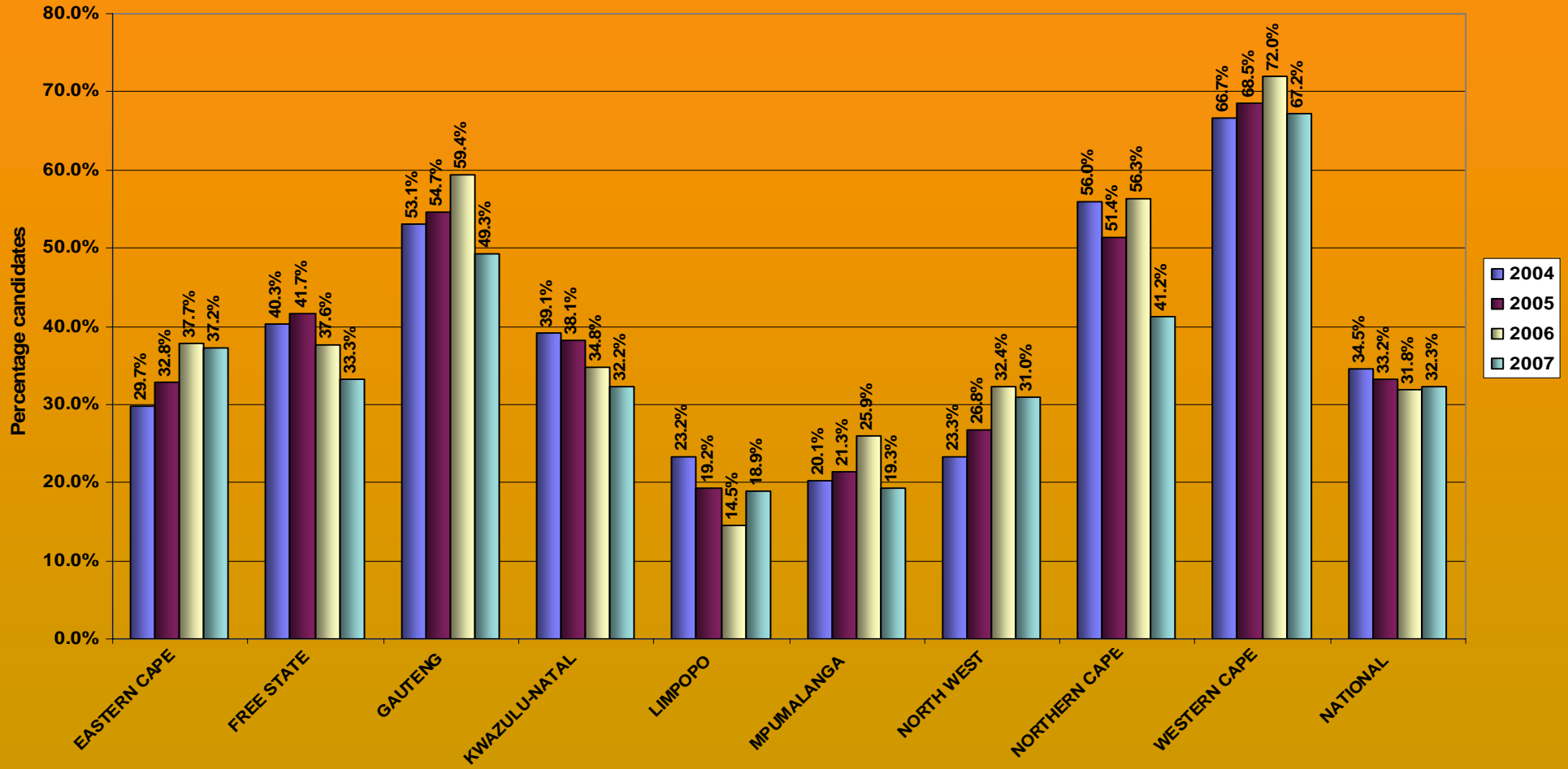
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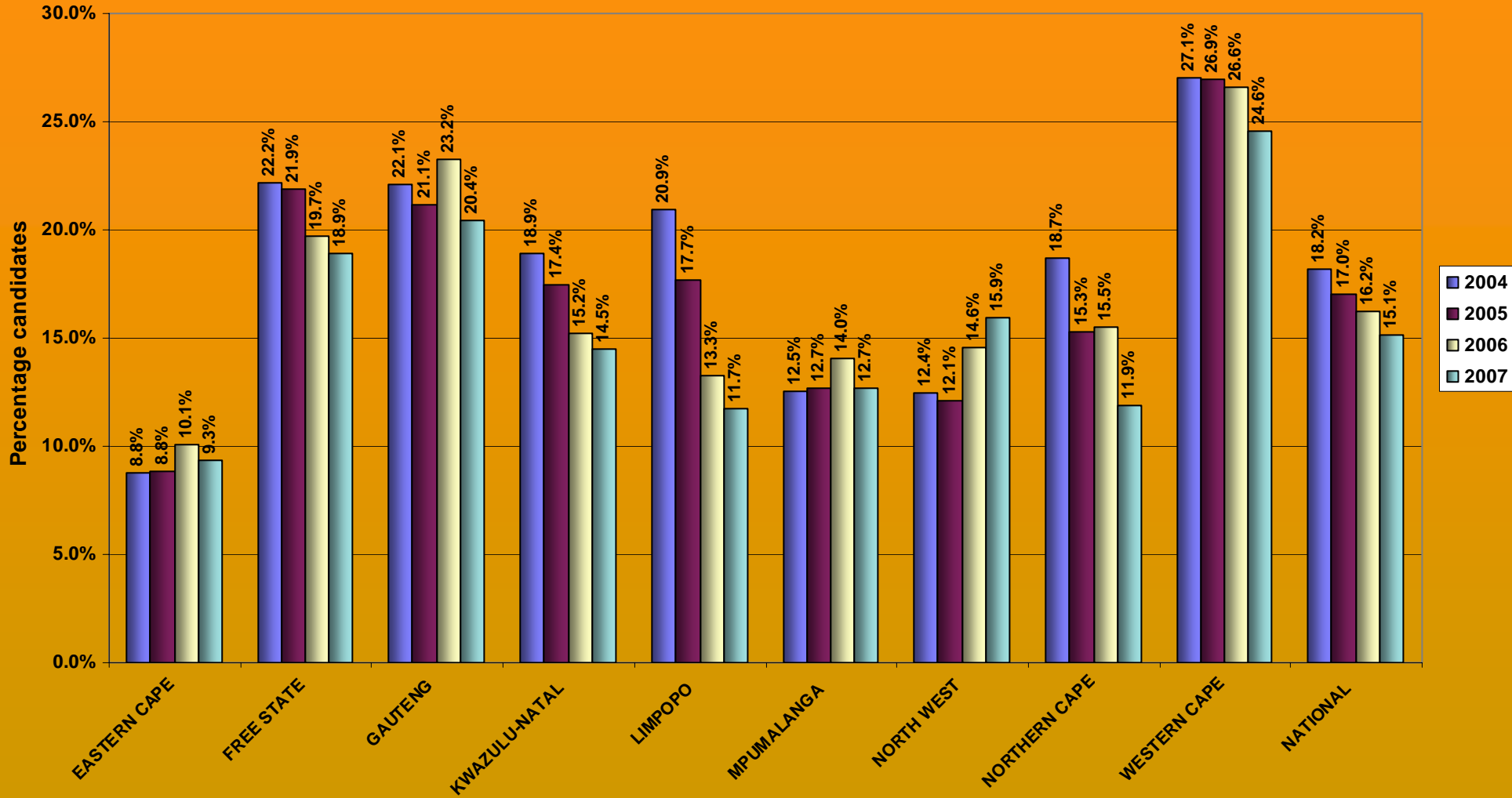
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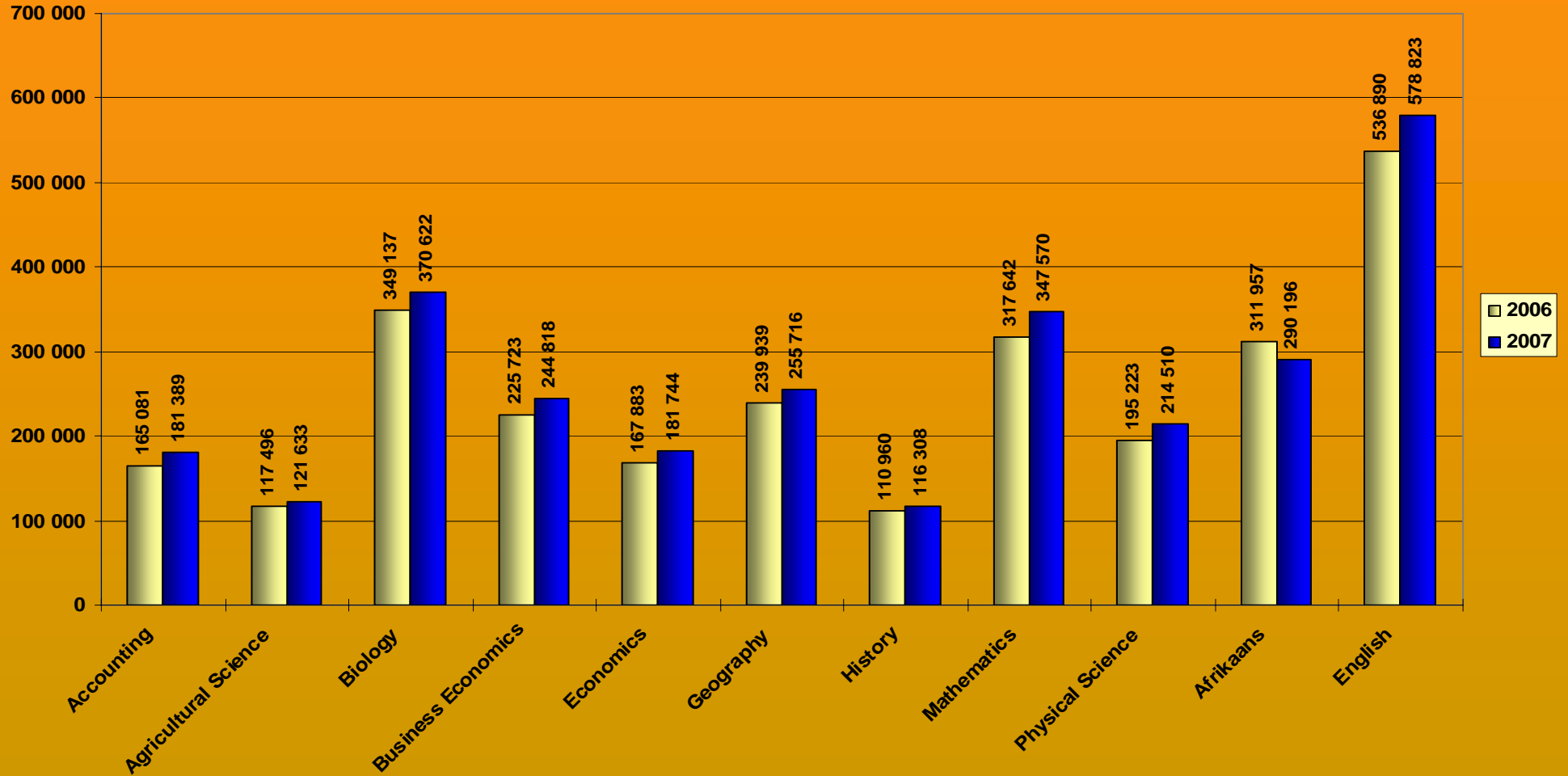
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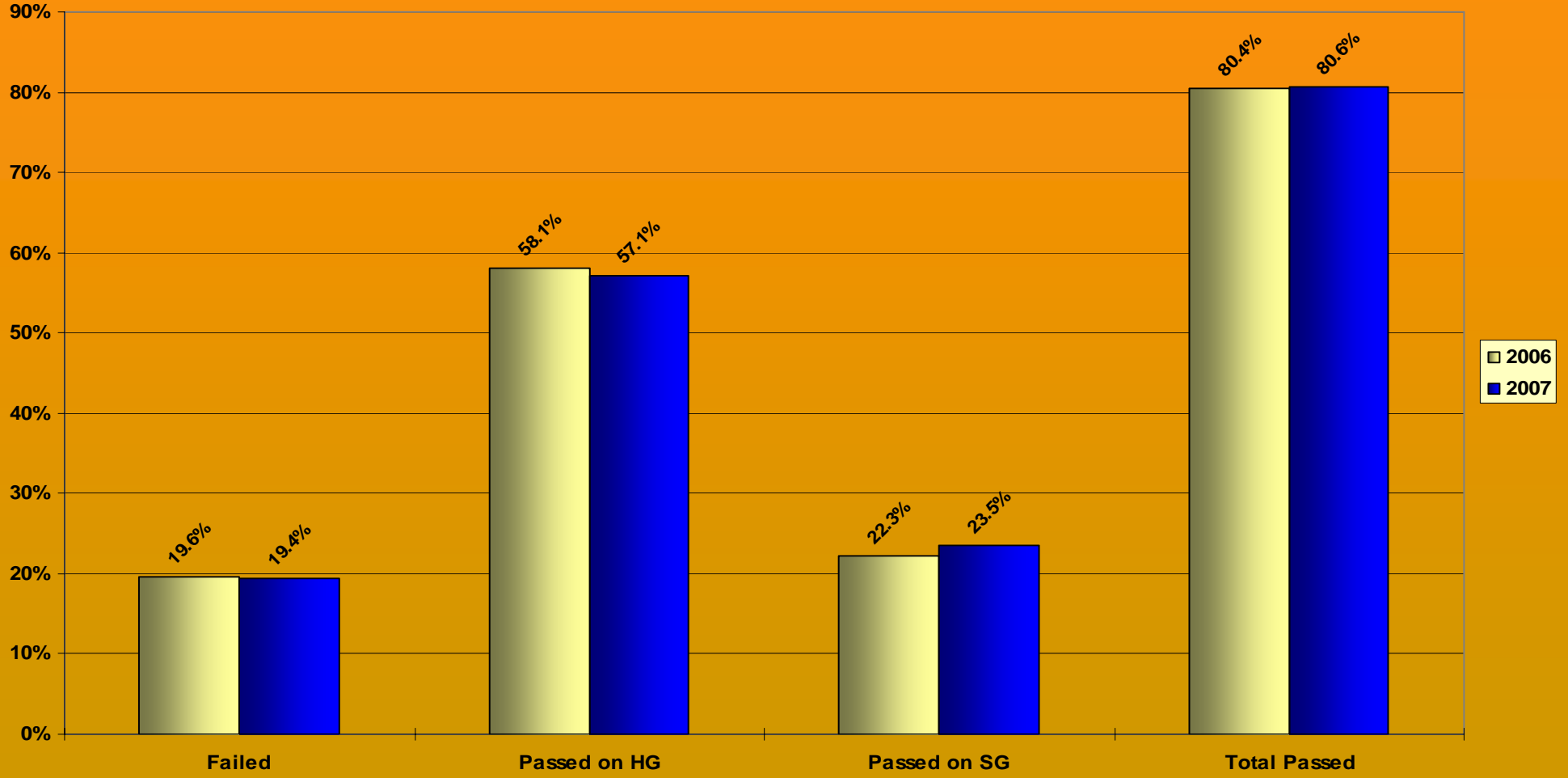
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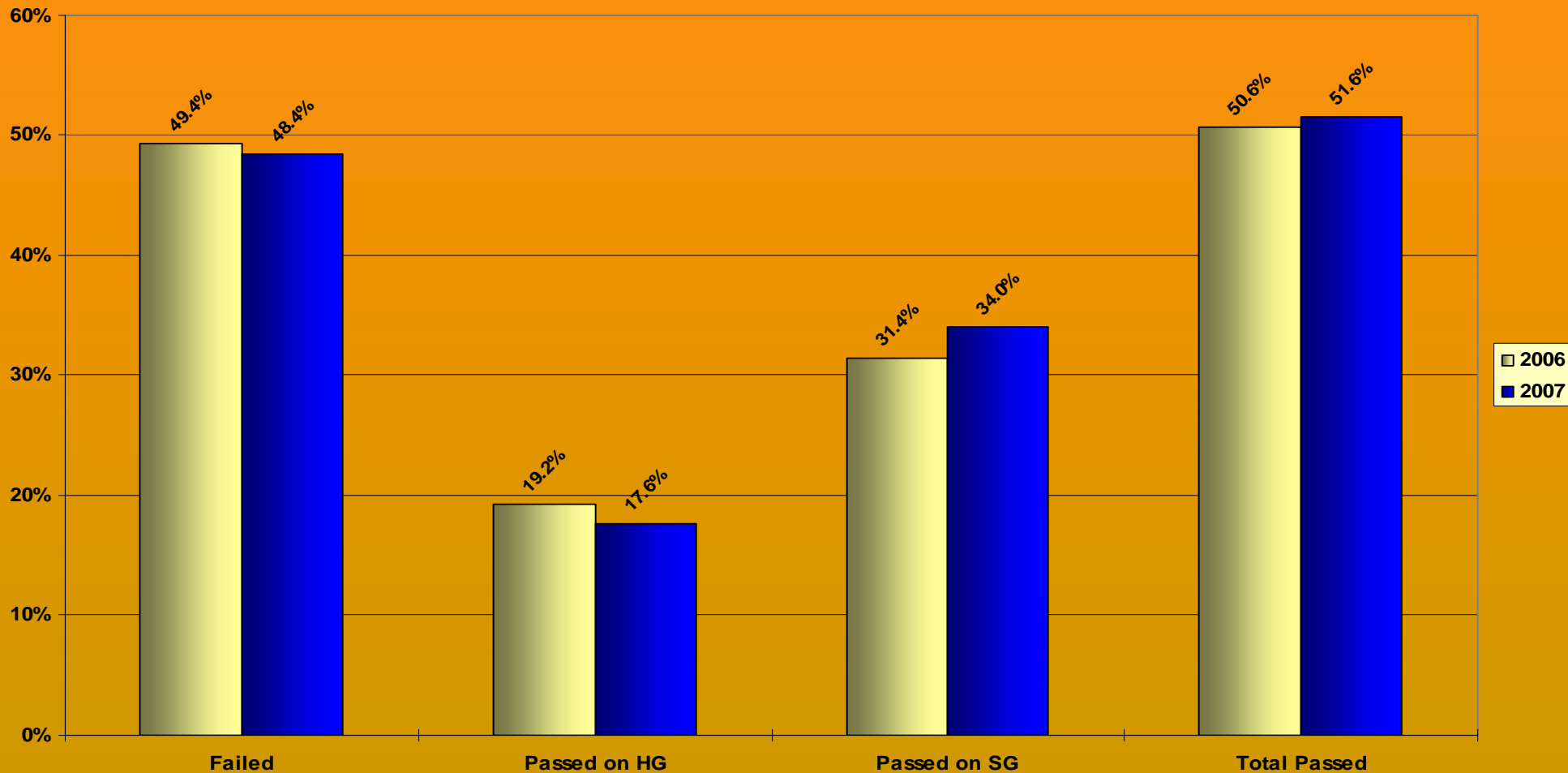
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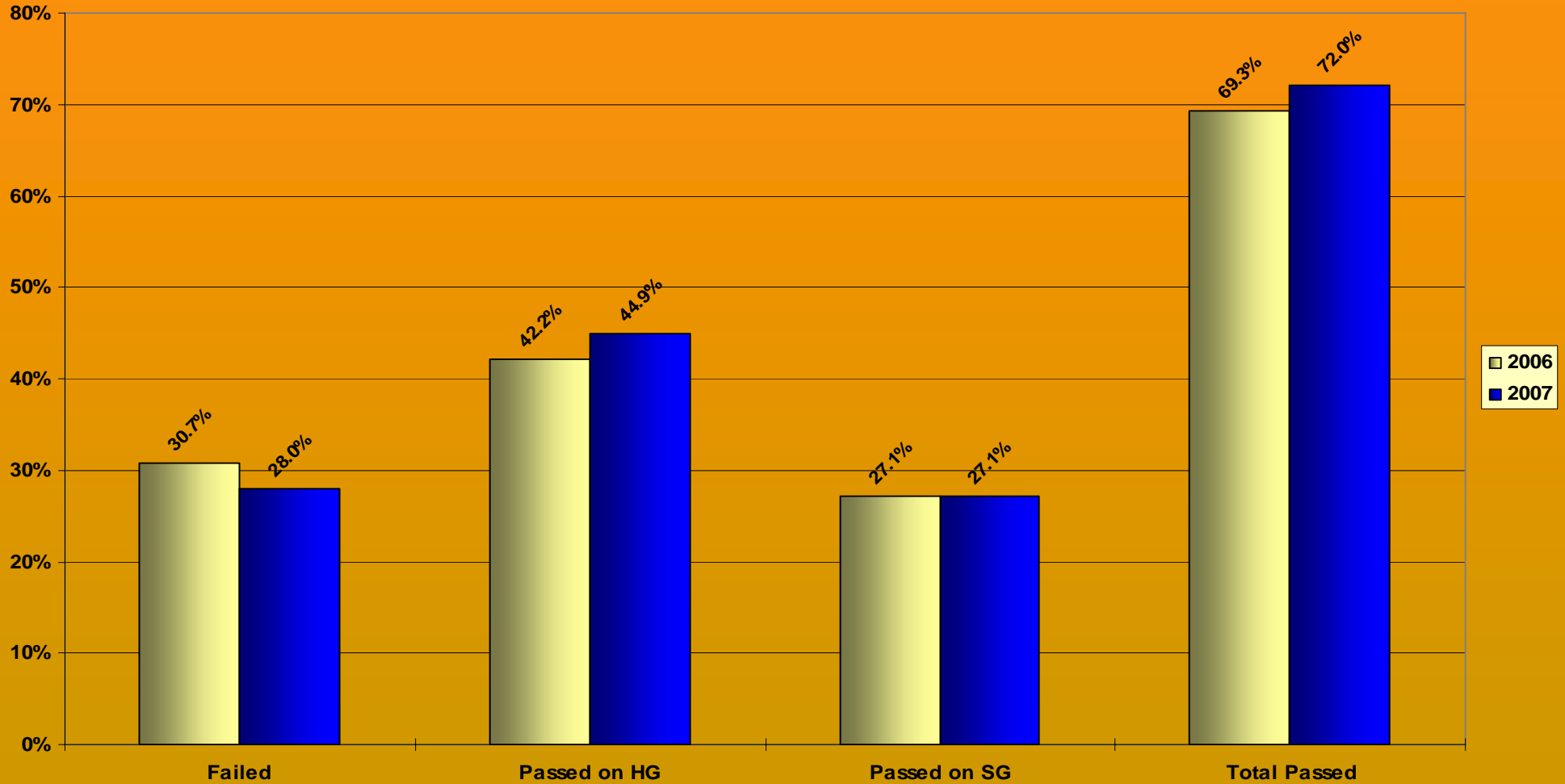
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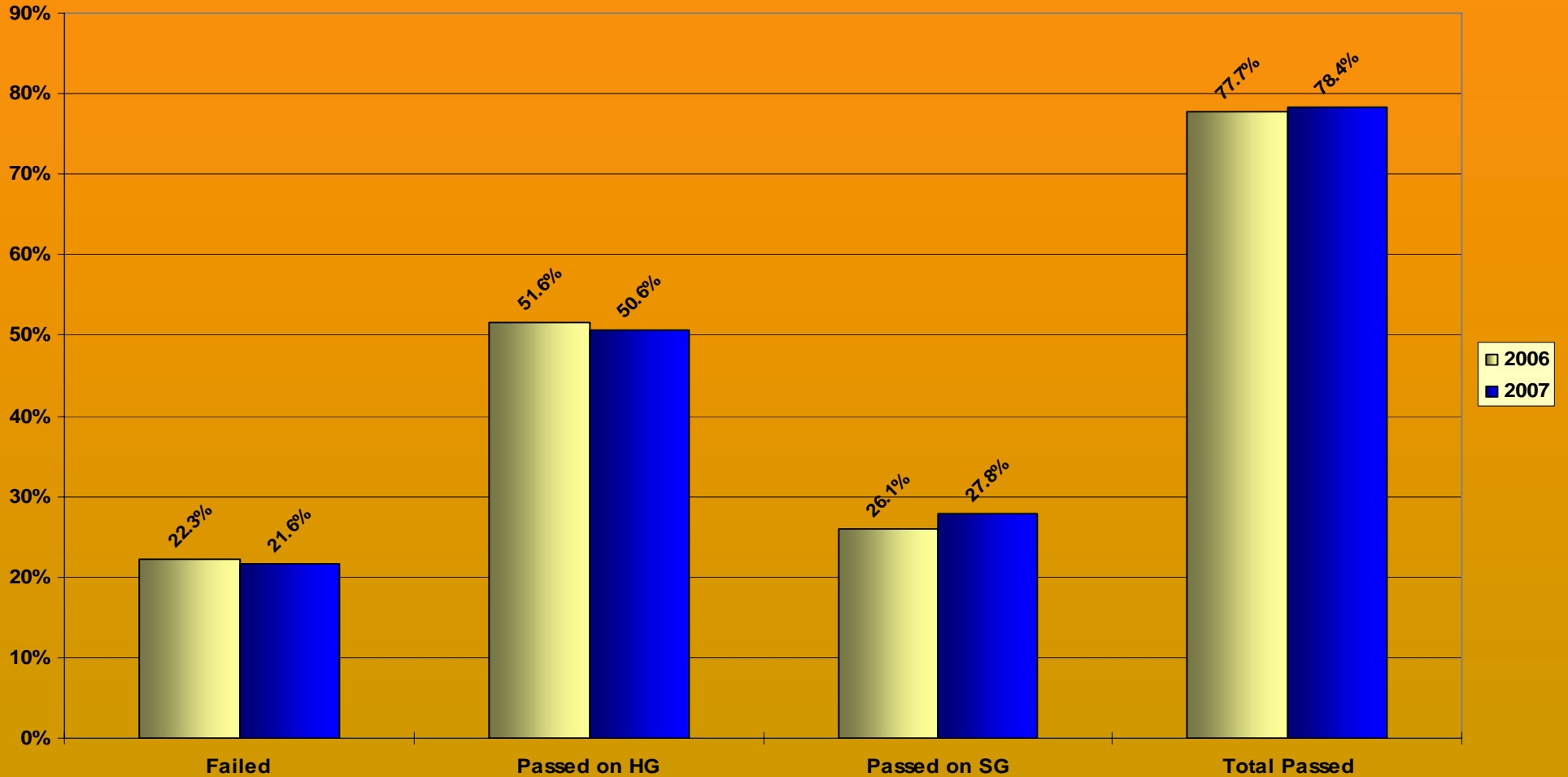
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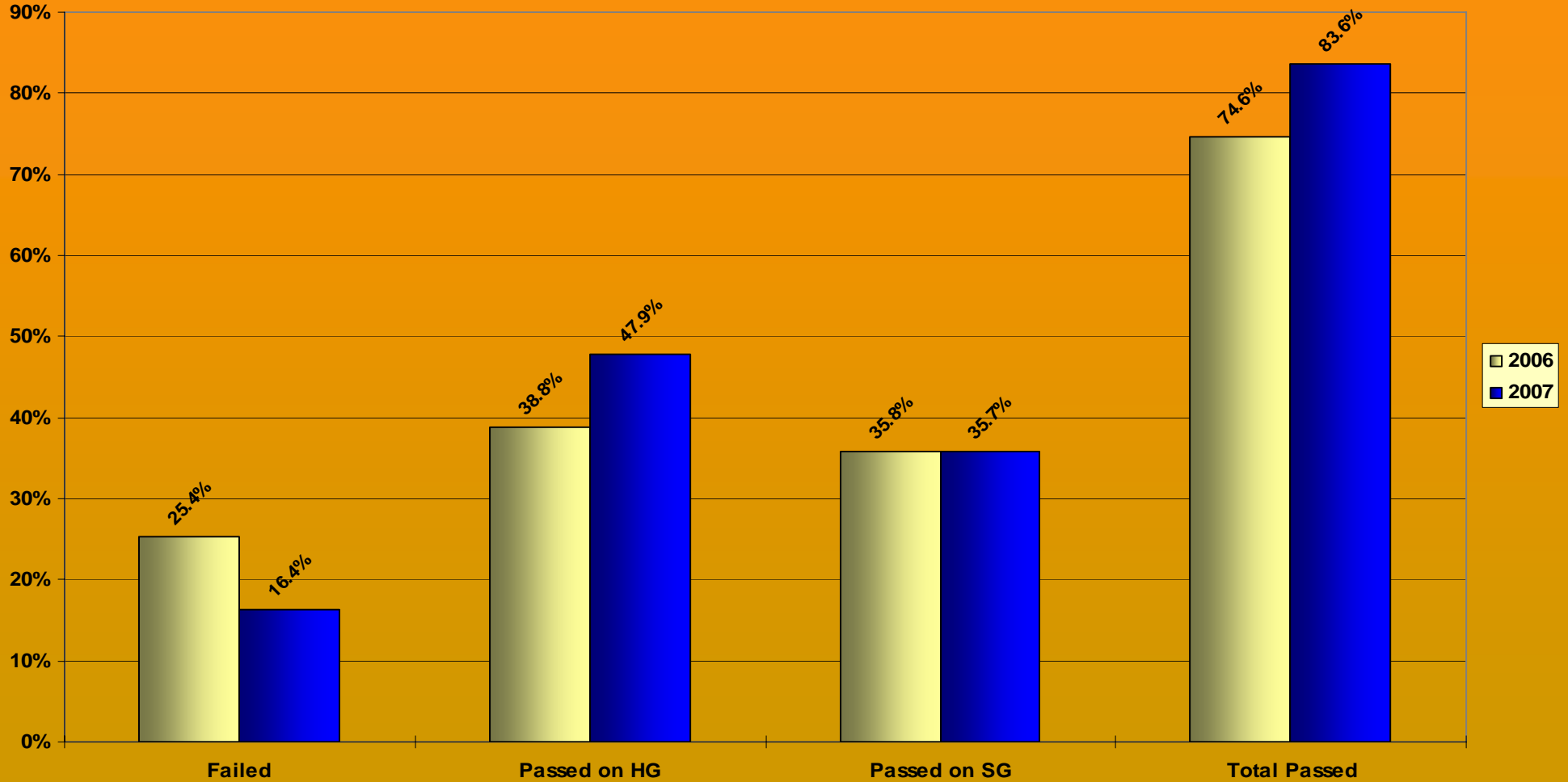
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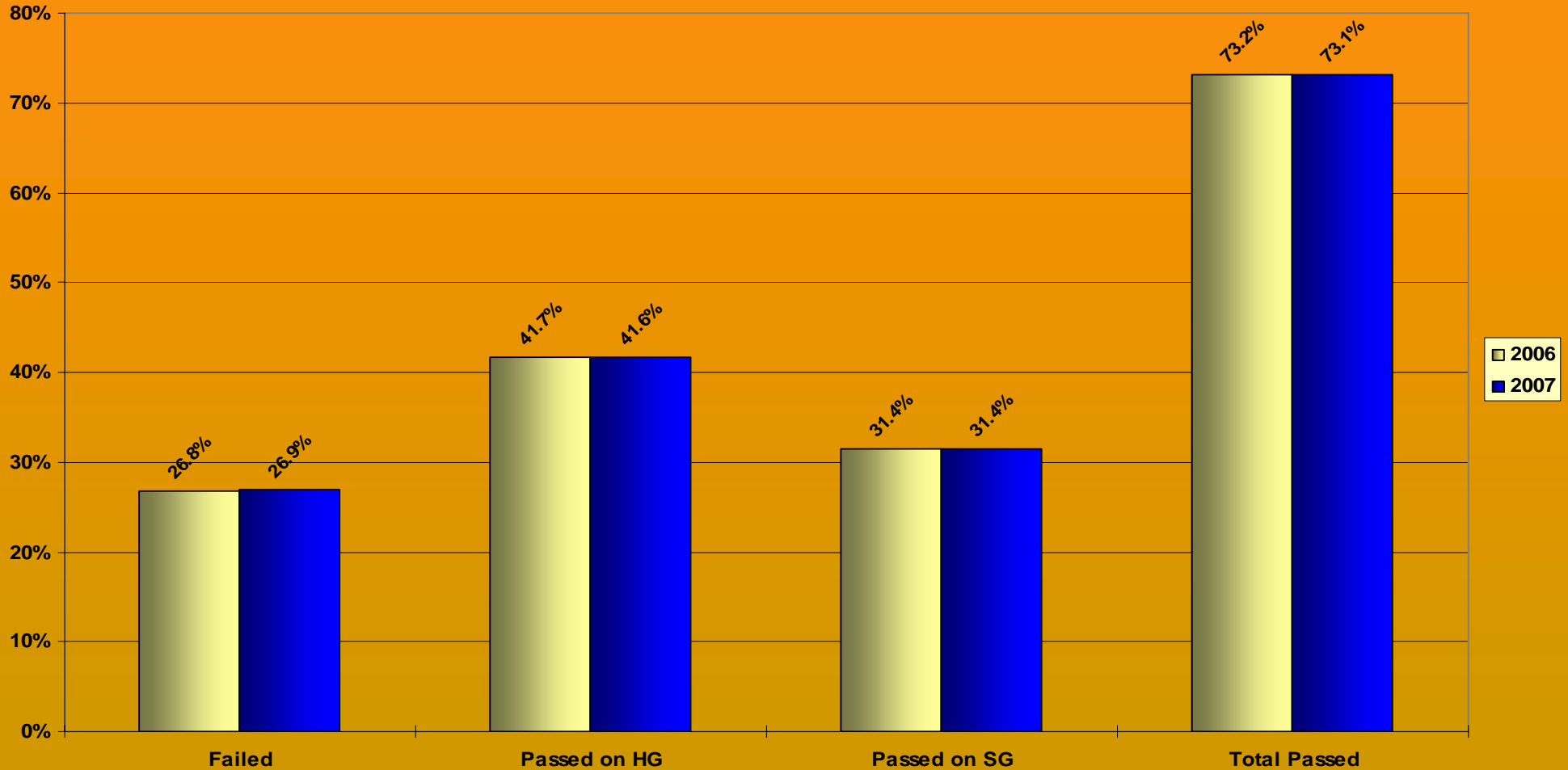
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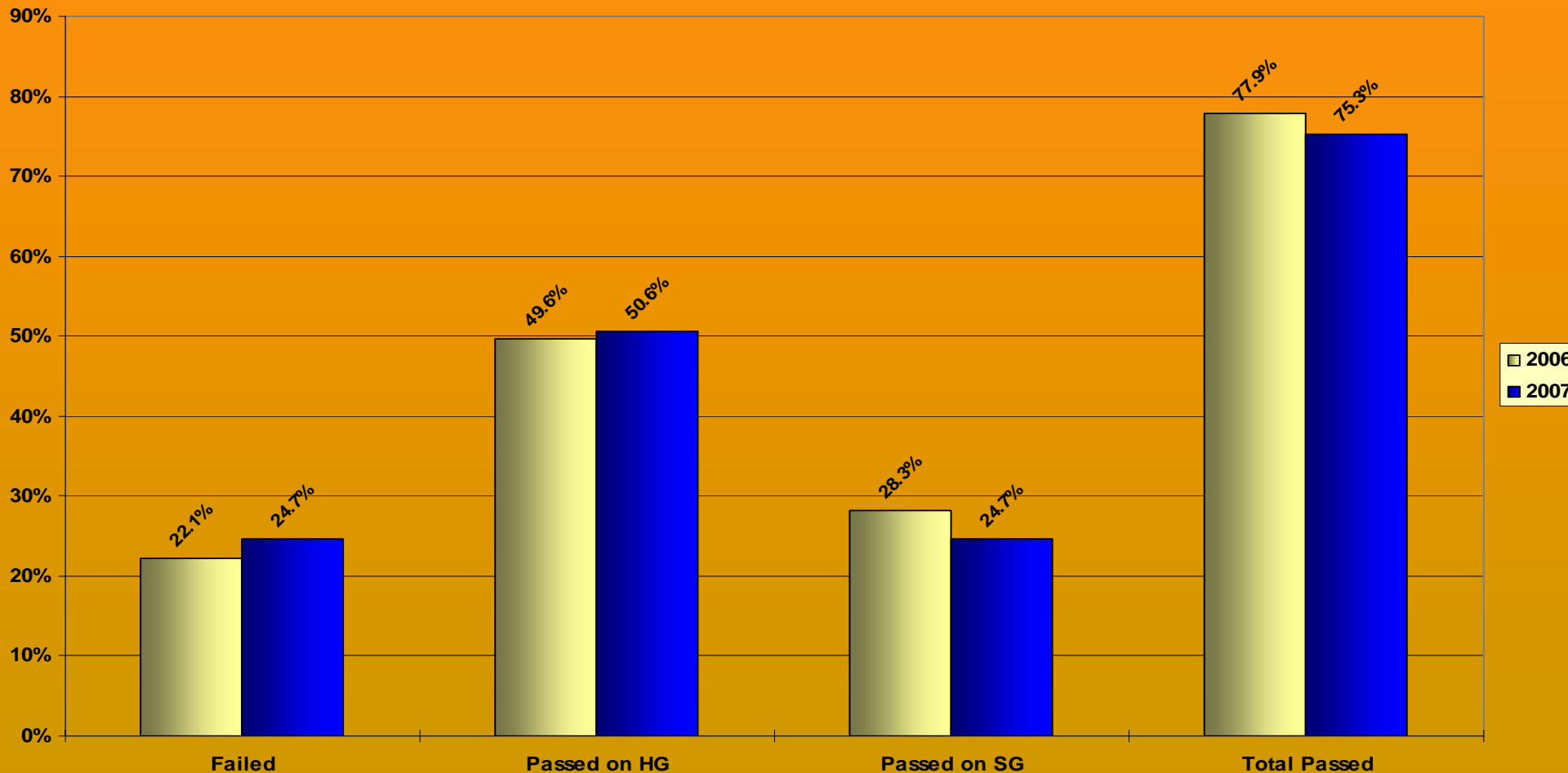
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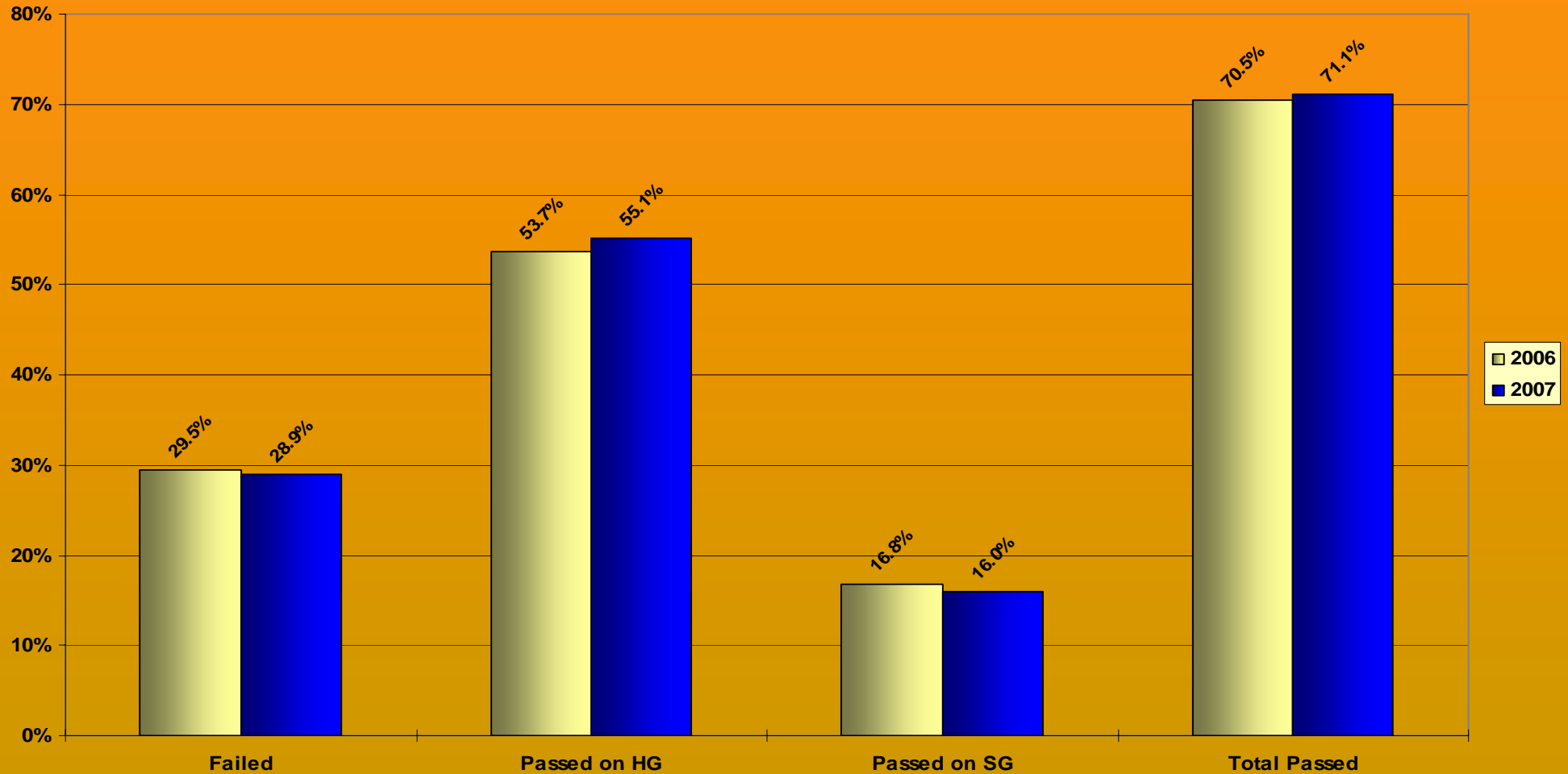
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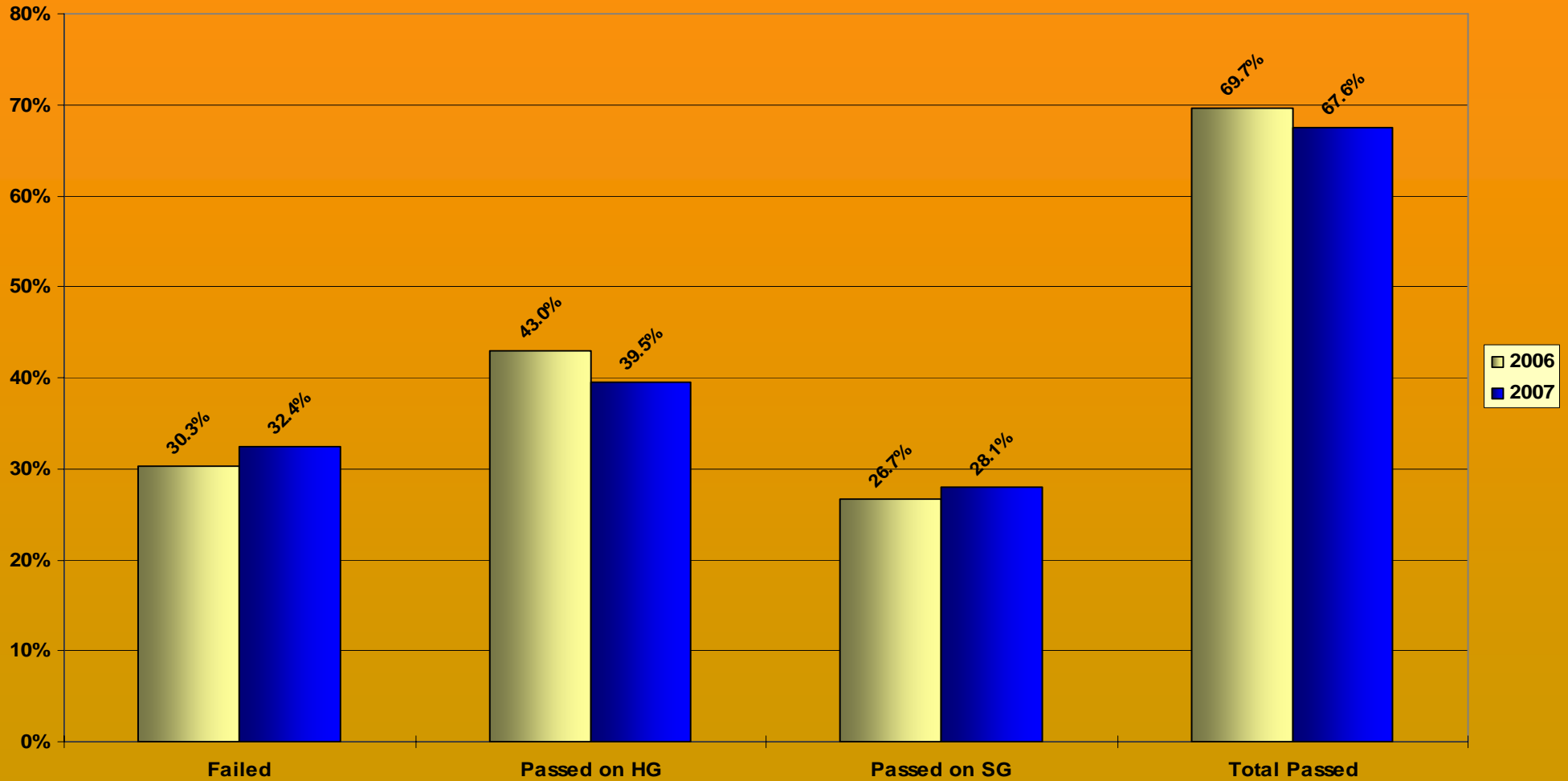
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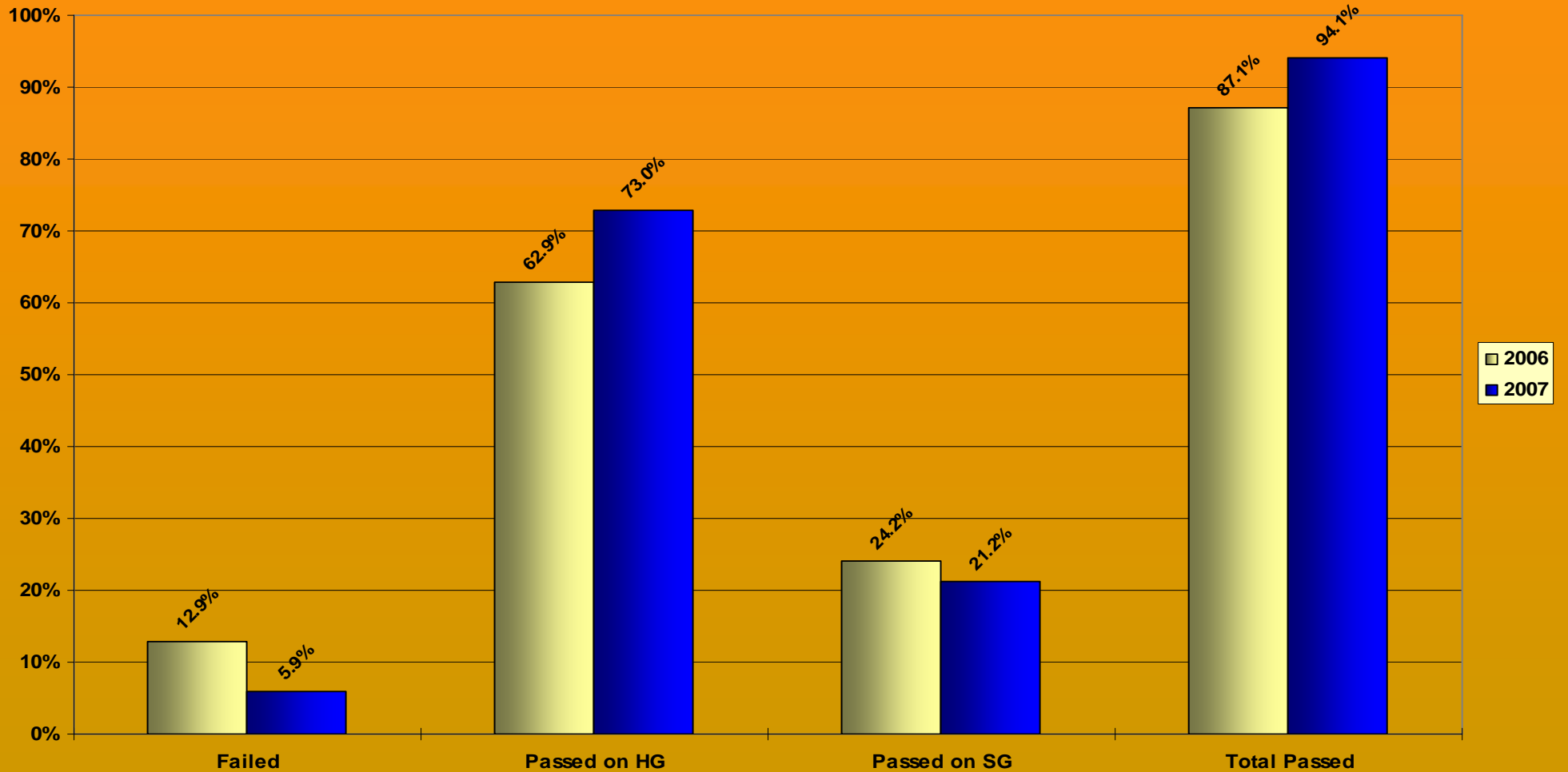
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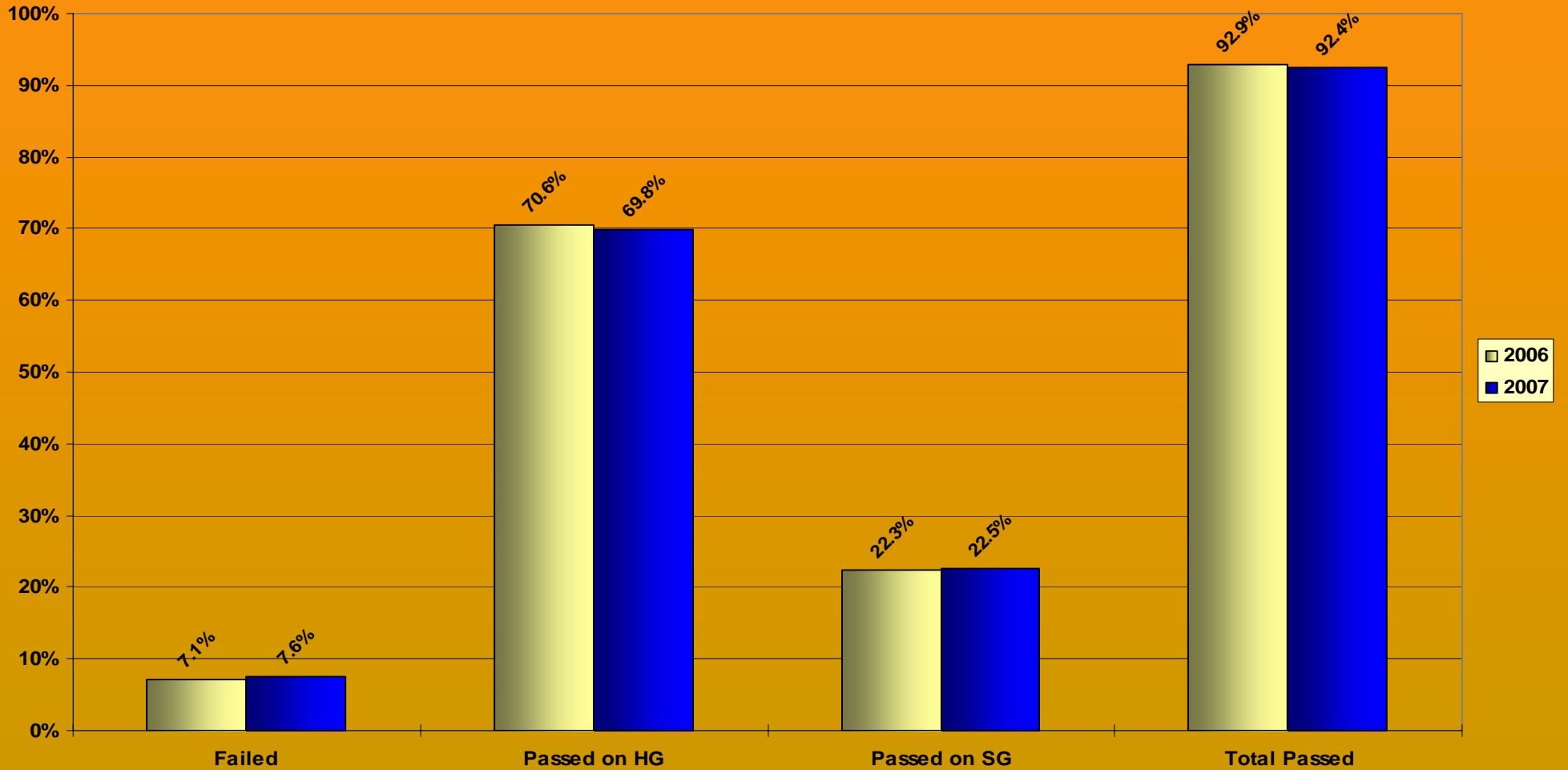
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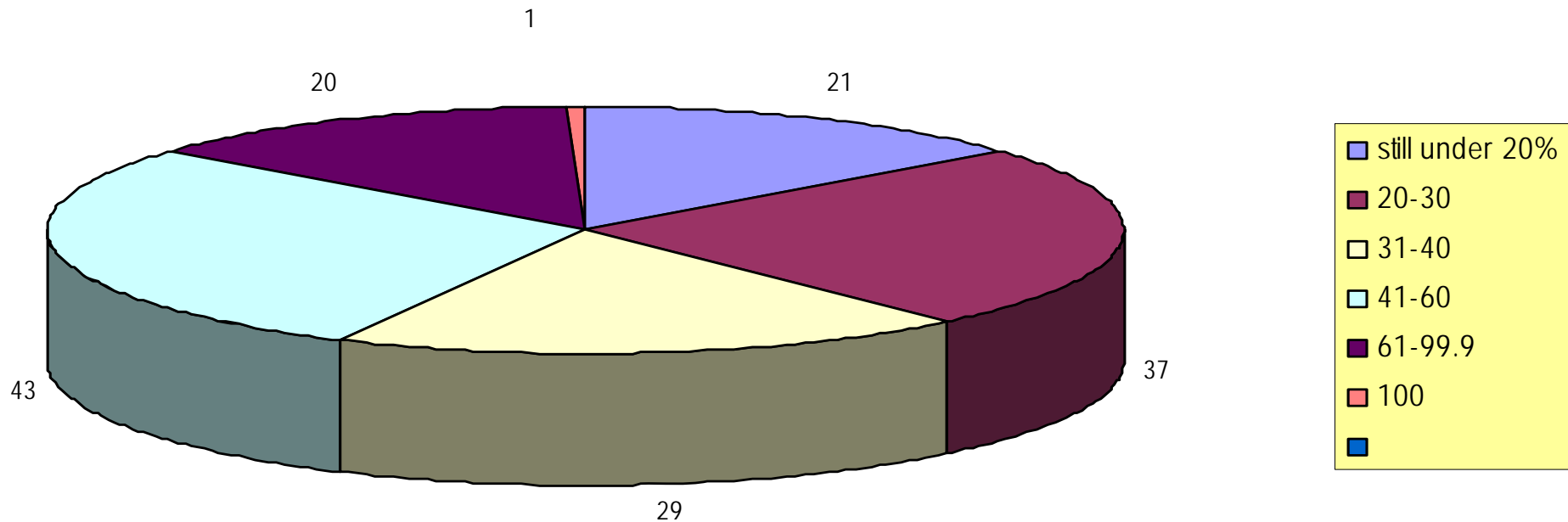


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National Strategy for Learner Attainment

87% of schools with under 20% results in 2006 improved their performance



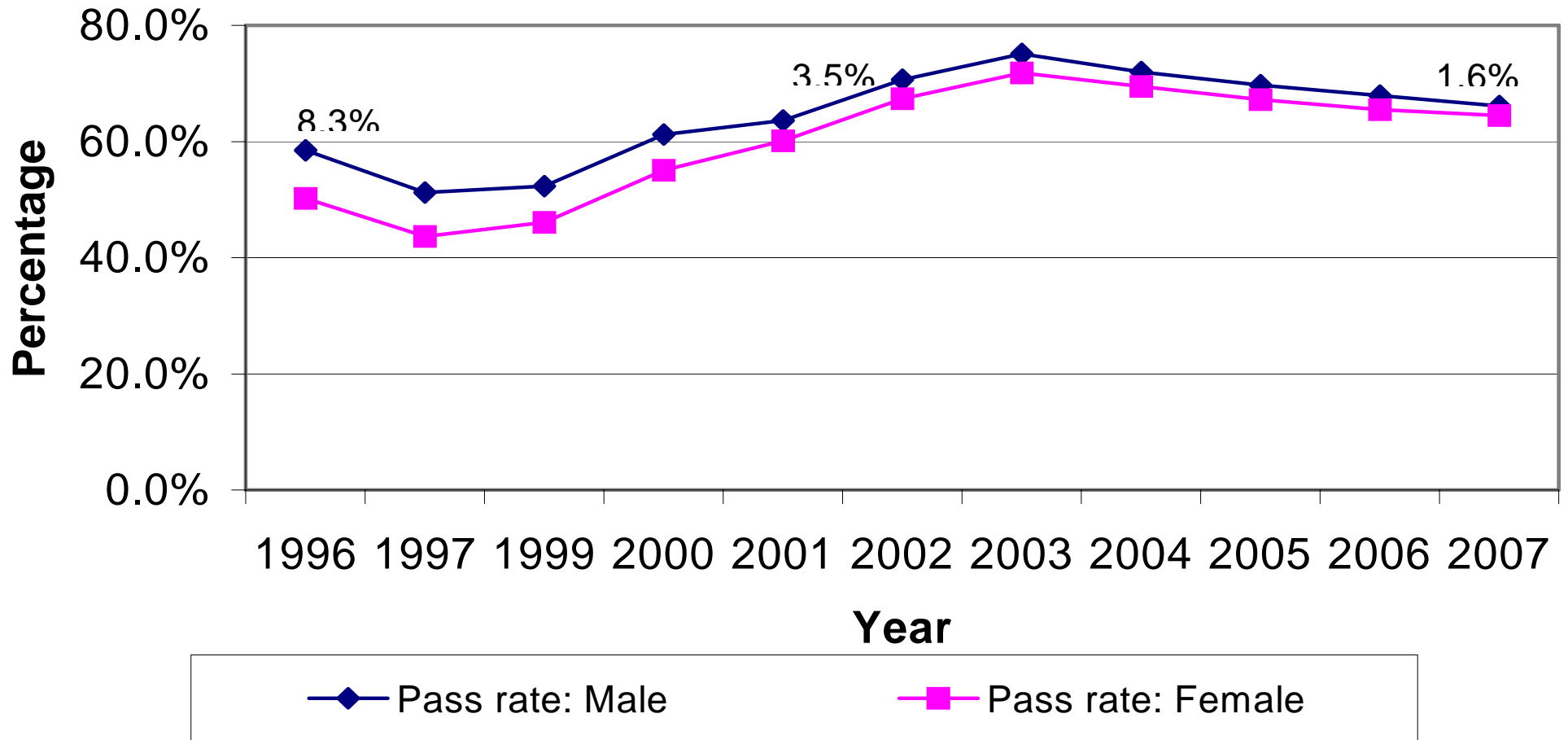
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TABLE 5: PERCENTAGE/NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WITHIN DIFFERENT PASS RATE PERCENTAGES (FIRST TIME AND REPEATING CANDIDATES COMBINED)

PROVINCE			FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF PASS RATES					
NAME	TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS		60-79.9%		80-100%		EXACTLY 100%	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
EASTERN CAPE	902	907	26.3% 237	21.7% 197	20.6% 186	20.4% 185	4.0% 36	3.6% 33
FREE STATE	325	320	29.5% 96	30.3% 97	46.8% 152	41.3% 132	12.3% 40	11.9% 38
GAUTENG	656	696	23.0% 151	24.9% 173	56.3% 369	48.9% 340	13.7% 90	11.8% 82
KWAZULU-NATAL	1 604	1 631	23.1% 370	25.1% 409	31.5% 505	29.7% 484	6.6% 106	4.8% 78
LIMPOPO	1 423	1 365	25.8% 367	25.8% 352	20.1% 286	21.8% 297	2.3% 33	2.9% 40
MPUMALANGA	437	511	28.4% 124	29.0% 148	31.6% 138	25.0% 128	6.4% 28	3.3% 17
NORTH WEST	410	362	28.3% 116	24.3% 88	32.9% 135	35.4% 128	6.3% 26	6.1% 22
NORTHERN CAPE	108	131	33.3% 36	29.8% 39	50.9% 55	44.3% 58	14.8% 16	11.5% 15
WESTERN CAPE	402	405	27.4% 110	28.6% 116	62.7% 252	55.8% 226	18.4% 74	18.0% 73
NATIONAL	6 267	6 328	25.6% 1,607	25.6% 1,619	33.2% 2,078	31.3% 1,978	7.2% 449	6.3% 398

Female candidates narrowed the performance gap compared to their male counterparts

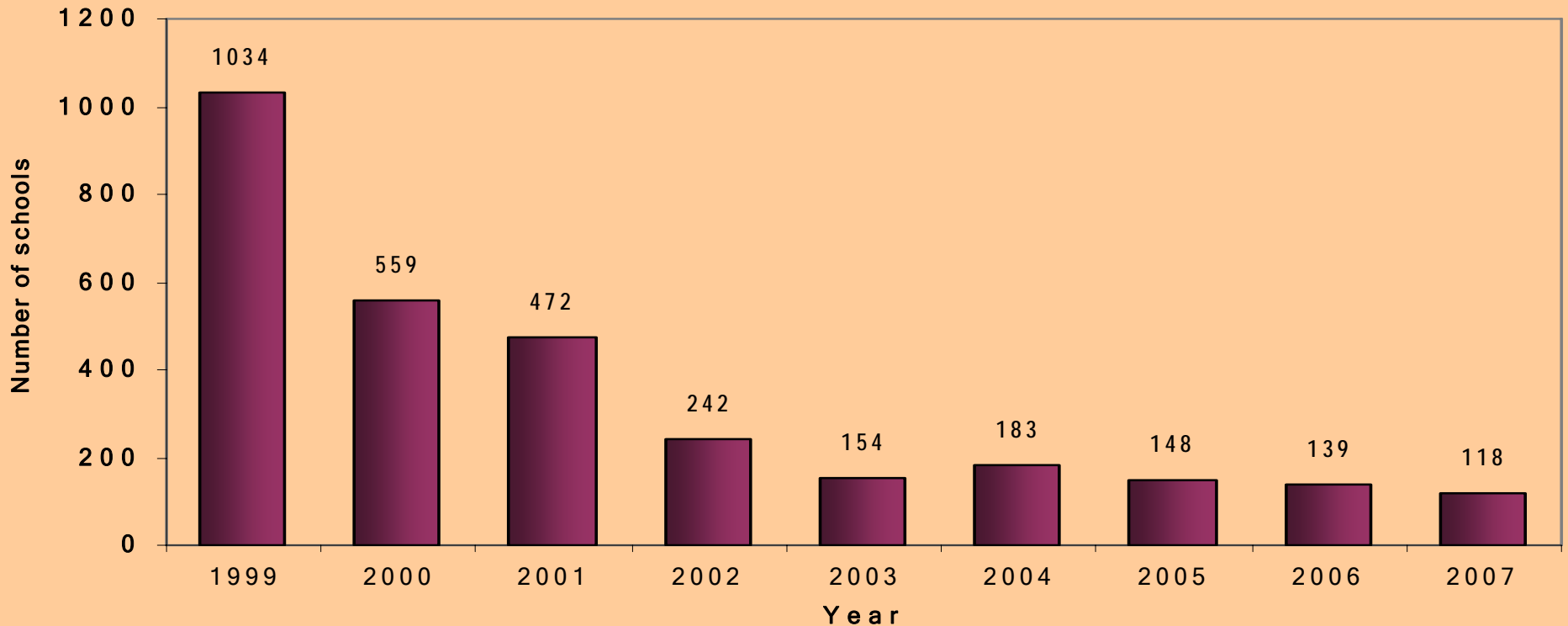


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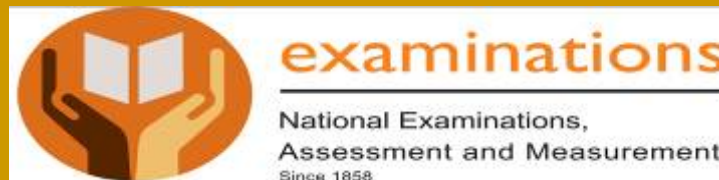


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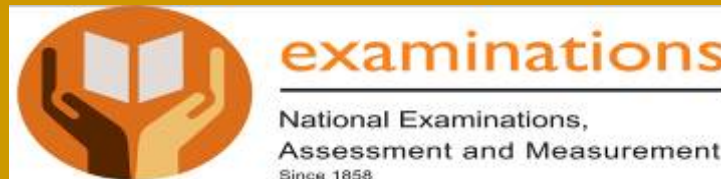
Opportunities for Grade 12 Learners in 2008

1. The 2007 SC examination was the last for full-time candidates. Those passing may pursue studies in universities, enter the labour market or FET Colleges
2. Unsuccessful candidates have been provided opportunities to complete their Matric in May 2008, May 2009, May 2010 and May 2011 (Four opportunities)
3. January to May 2008: Intensive tuition and support programme for learners who did not succeed in 2007. In addition, the Department of Education will provide them with study guides, past examination papers, tuition by expert teachers and study skills
4. FET Colleges will offer additional eleven modern programmes on IT, engineering, tourism, hospitality studies, office administration, finance, management and marketing
5. The Department of Education is pleased to announce a budget of R225 Million set aside for bursaries for young people to study the above mentioned FET programmes



NSLA PLAN 2008

1. Back to basics NSLA strategy
2. LTSM budget & supply
3. Learning area / subject support to teachers: curriculum subject advisors
4. Subject / learning area teacher forums at grassroots level
5. Subject / learning area improvement plan per school
6. Teacher mentorship programmes
7. Focus on language improvement
8. Learner motivation programme
9. Focus on CASS
10. Teacher development programmes



the president, RSA

"I am an African...

...and nothing can stop us now".

