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Definitions

Category:

All programs of study are listed into two categories:

Category 1 (Government Sponsored Programs):

Programs fully or partially sponsored by the government (in public institutions either External for study abroad or Internal for study at a private institution in Oman). Students in this category may choose up to 30 programs.

Category 2 (Self Payment Programs):

Programs provided by Private Institutions.

Students who obtain a place in a Private Institution to study in self-payment programs must pay full fees. Students in this category may choose up to 5 programs.

Full Internal Scholarships:

Special scholarships given to Social welfare students at Private Higher Education Institutions in the Sultanate.

Partial Internal Scholarships:

MoHE Special scholarships given to Low income students where the Ministry of Higher Education pays part of tuition fees.

External Scholarships:

Scholarships for Omani students to study at higher education institutions outside the Sultanate. These scholarships are financially (full or partial) sponsored by the government.

External Grants:

Those grants which are offered by some higher education institutions outside Oman and supported partially by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) for Omani students, regardless of the category to which they belong.

Social Welfare Category:

Consists of students who are identified by the Ministry of Social Development as social-welfare students, have a Social Welfare Number, and receive a monthly salary from the Ministry of Social Development. These students are listed under Category 1.

Low income Category:

Consists of students whose sponsor income does not exceed RO 400 per month. These students are categorized under Category 1.

Student Applications:

Students who have passed the General Certificate Examination (GCE) or equivalent and receive register numbers from the Higher Education Admission Center (HEAC) system, but they have not indicated their preferences.

Students with preferences:

Students who have applied to higher education institutions and who have indicated their preferences.

Students with offers:

Students who were offered programs through the HEAC electronic system and have not yet confirmed the offer.

Confirmed students:

Students who confirmed their offers, but have not yet proceeded to register at a higher education institution.

Accepted students:

Students who have confirmed their offers, completed the registration procedures at a Higher Education Institution; and, currently are enrolled as foundation or first year students at that institution.

Omani Students studying abroad:

Omani students who have a non-Omani General Certificate Examination from outside Oman.

General Certificate Examination:

The certificate that students receive after finishing the 12th grade or equivalent from public or private schools or in outside Oman.

International Certificates:

Certificates equivalent to the General Certificate Examination and which are certified by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

Scoring Systems:

The Higher Education Institutions take account of examination results in a particular way. **Scoring** = (average of all subjects taken by a student) × 40% + (average of the “specific” subjects which are mentioned as requirements for the program) × 60%

Academic Qualification:

The type of degree (Bachelor or Diploma).

The Higher Education Admission Centre (HEAC)

It became apparent over number of years that the way in which students were enrolled in our Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) could be improved. In the past, when students received their examination results, they had to travel to each institution to submit separate applications. This was a great inconvenience to students and their parents, and they often incurred considerable expenditure. To simplify the application procedures, the Ministry of Higher Education established a new system which enabled students to apply electronically, in one single application, to any Higher Education Institution, through the Higher Education Admission Centre (HEAC). The new system operated for the first time in 2006.

Type and nature of data

The data was extracted from the HEAC electronic database. It covers the interval from 9 August 2007 with the announcement of the first offers up to 31 December 2007. During this period, 14,151 students out of 47,607 applicants were offered seats. More than 13,000 students were able to confirm their programs within two days from the date of initial offers. The date of offering the programs was a little later than in previous years as the General Certificate Examination started late due to a cyclone which affected some parts of the country.

At the time the data was extracted from the HEAC electronic database, the system was still offering 300 additional seats in programs of study for Social welfare students provided by the Ministry of Manpower and 200 for programs of study at other government institutions. For this reason these data are considered to be unstable. To avoid this problem, the data must be extracted on a regular basis. We choose to extract the data from the start of the offering date up to the 31st of December each year. These data illustrate the role of HEAC during that period and the reaction of students to the programs offered to them. Also the fairness and speed of the system was evident from these data.

It should be understood that the data in this report do not necessary reflect the actual data of new students at different Higher Education Institutions because of postponement and withdrawal. In addition, self-supporting students do not have to register through the HEAC to study at private institutions.

Higher Education Institutions

Table 1: Number of Higher Education Institutions and programs of study in the Sultanate in the academic year 2007/2008

Illustration	Number	Percentage
Higher Education Institutions		
Government *	32	58.2%
Private	23	41.8%
Total	55	100%
Programs of Study		
Government	410	63.0%
Private	241	37.0%
Total	651	100%
Government programs of study		
Government Institutions	55	13.4%
Social welfare	135	32.9%
Low income	125	30.5%
Full Internal scholarships	33	8.0%
Partial Internal scholarships	22	5.4%
Full External Grants	18	4.4%
Partial External Grants	22	5.4%
Total	410	100%

* Includes all Colleges of Applied Science, Institutes of Health Science, Nursing and Pharmacy, Higher Colleges of Technology, and other specialized colleges.

Chapter One: All Omani Students

Table 2: All Omani students for the academic year 2007/2008

Status	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
Government Sponsored Programs			
Student applications	21976	25631	47607
Students with preferences	20170	24163	44333
Students with offers	8628	6466	15094
Confirmed students	8430	6318	14748
Accepted students	8205	6087	14292
% accepted from no of applications	37.3%	23.7%	30.0%
%of accepted from students with preferences	40.7%	25.2%	32.2%
Self Payment Programs			
Students applications	851	1649	2500
Students with offers	851	1649	2500
Confirmed students	234	590	824
Accepted students	3	19	22
% of accepted from students applications	0.35%	1.2%	1.0%

Figure 1: Applications and acceptances for students through the HEAC system in the academic year 2007/2008

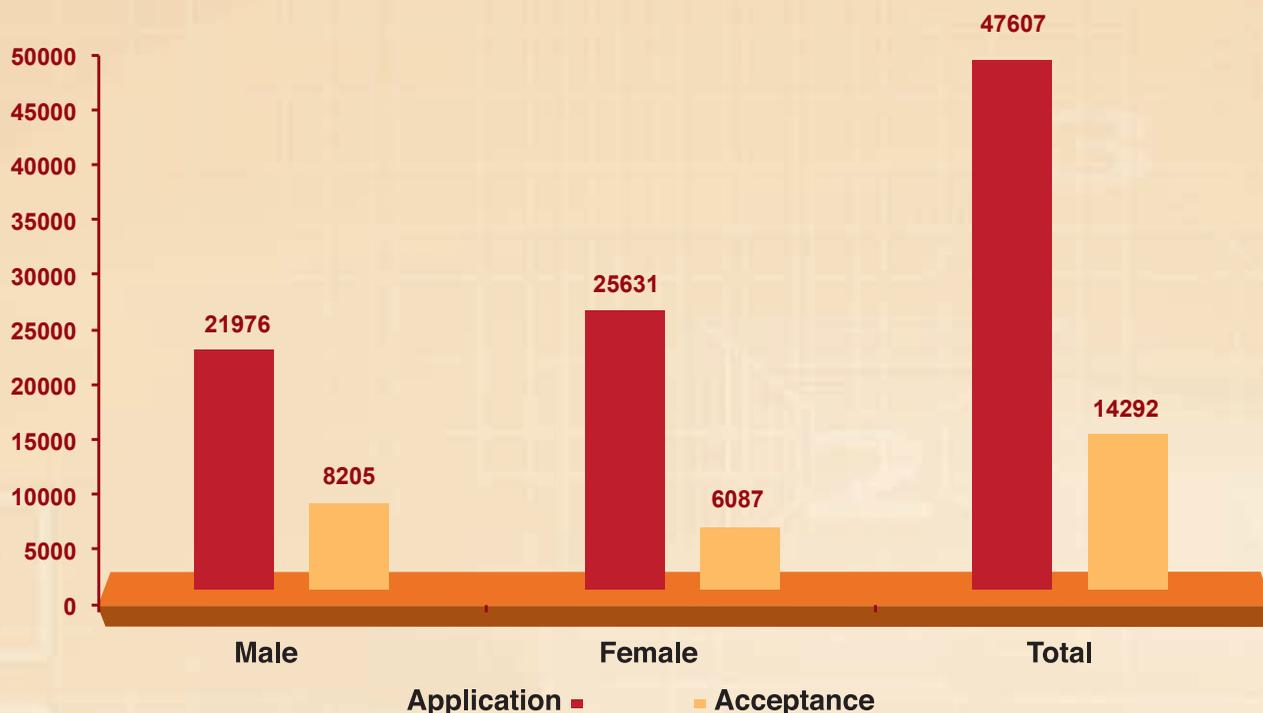


Figure 2: Students proceeding through HEAC according to registration steps in the academic year 2007/2008



Table 3: Student applications according to student category and gender for the academic year 2007/2008

Students Categories	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Social welfare	1821	2287	4108	8.6%
Low income *	12797	15073	27870	58.5%
Omani students studying abroad	237	299	536	1.1%
Others**	7121	7972	15093	31.7%
Total	21976	25631	47607	100%

* This data reflects the number of students who registered as low-income. However, the evidence of their status was not required at the application stage. Evidence is required at the acceptance stage in the partial internal scholarships programs.

**Students who do not belong to any of the categories mentioned above

Table 4: Accepted students for Government Sponsored Programs according to student category and gender for the academic year 2007/2008

Students Categories	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Social welfare	1084	1025	2109	14.8%
Low income	4087	2553	6640	46.5%
Omani students studying abroad	87	106	193	1.4%
Others	2947	2403	5350	37.4%
Total	8205	6087	14292	100%

Table 5: Percentage of accepted students from student applications according to student categories for the academic year 2007/2008

Student Categories	Percentage
Social welfare	51.3%
Low income	23.8%
Omani students studying abroad	36.0%
Others	35.4%
Total	30.0%

Figure 3: Application and acceptance percentages from total students according to student categories for the academic year 2007/2008

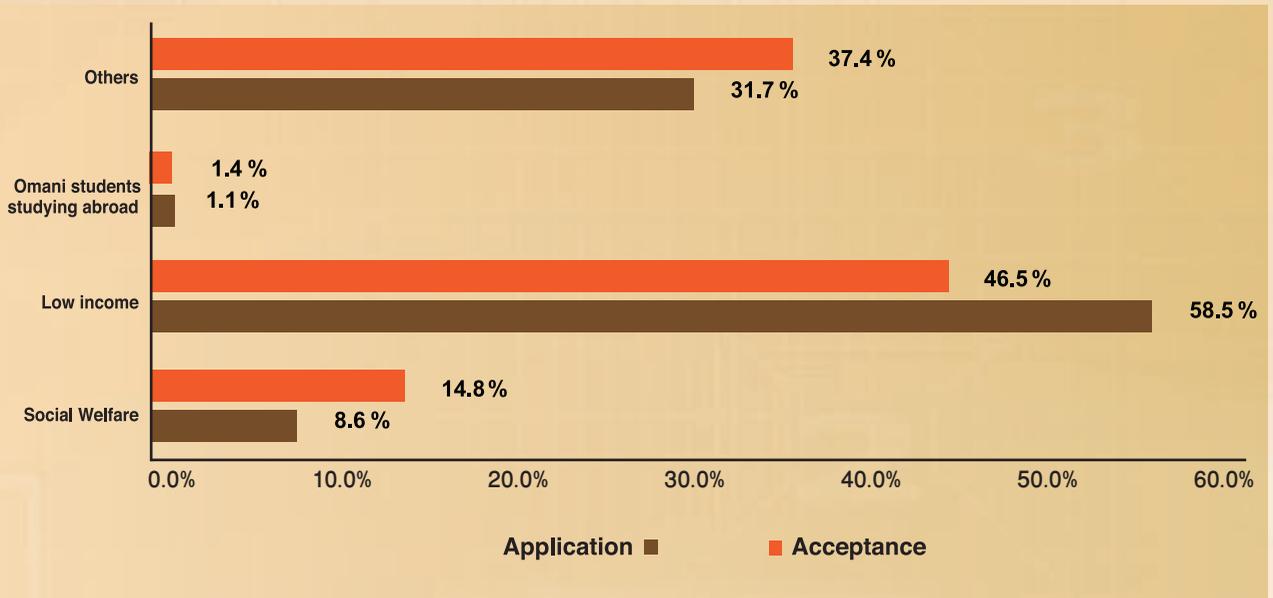


Table 6: Accepted students for Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and government sponsored status in the academic year 2007/2008

Status	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Education Institution				
Sultan Qaboos University	1356	1341	2697	18.9%
Colleges of Applied Science	1035	985	2020	14.1%
Institutes of Health Science, Nursing and Pharmacy	196	497	693	4.8%
College of Sharia and Law	77	95	172	1.2%
Higher Colleges of Technology	4382	1805	6187	43.3%
Total	7046	4723	11769	82.3%
Internal scholarships				
Full	727	833	1560	10.9%
Partial	282	402	684	4.8%
Oman Medical College and College of Banking and Financial Studies*	2	54	56	0.4%
Total	1011	1289	2300	16.1%
External scholarships				
Full	84	17	101	0.7%
Partial	40	19	59	0.4%
Total	124	36	160	1.1%
External grants				
Full	16	21	37	0.3%
Partial	8	18	26	0.2%
Total	24	39	63	0.5%
Grand Total	8205	6087	14292	100%

*Each of these two colleges offers a program for all Omani students (not exclusively for social welfare and Low income students); namely: the general medical program at the Oman Medical College and the advanced insurance diploma at the College of Banking and Financial Studies.

Figure 4: Percentage of accepted students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and government sponsored status in the academic year 2007/2008

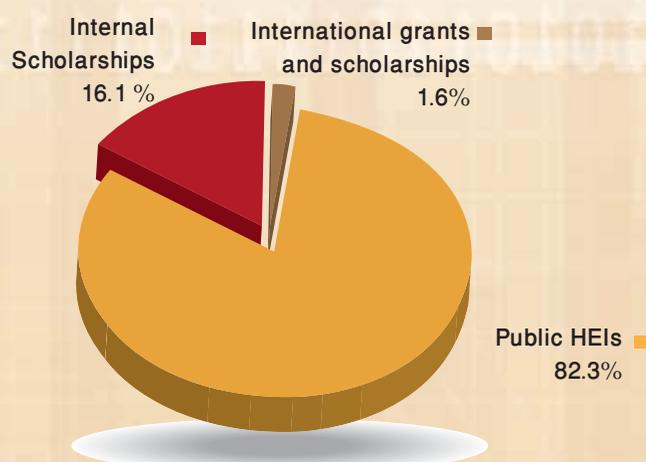


Table 7: Distribution of Internal scholarships into Higher Education institutions according to gender for the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bayan College	22	19	41	1.8%
Al Buraimi College	26	52	78	3.4%
College of Banking and Financial Studies*	41	72	113	4.9%
Caledonian College of Engineering	44	70	114	5.0%
Oman Dental College	15	25	40	1.7%
Dhofar University	127	138	265	11.5%
The National College of Engineering & management	88	26	114	5.0%
Gulf College	13	28	41	1.8%
International Maritime College Oman	103	35	138	6.0%
Muscat College	27	41	68	3.0%
Middle East College of Information Technology	48	54	102	4.4%
Majan College	38	53	91	4.0%
Mazoon College	0	20	20	0.9%
Modern College of Business and Science	55	56	111	4.8%
Oman College of Management and Technology	9	13	22	1.0%
German University of Technology	5	9	14	0.6%
Oman Medical College*	12	78	90	3.9%
Sur University College	8	19	27	1.2%
Scientific College of Design	7	8	15	0.7%
Sohar University	144	166	310	13.5%
Oman Tourism College	17	26	43	1.9%
University of Nizwa	131	177	308	13.4%
Waljat Colleges of Applied Science	31	27	58	2.5%
Al-Zahra College for Women	0	77	77	3.3%
Total	1011	1289	2300	100%

* Each of these two colleges offers a program for all Omani students (not exclusively for social welfare and Low income students); namely: the general medical program at the Oman Medical College and the advanced insurance diploma at the College of Banking and Financial Studies.

Table 8: Accepted students for Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and major* in the academic year 2007/2008

Major	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Arts and Social Science	347	587	934	6.5%
Education	293	391	684	4.8%
Agriculture, Marine science and Veterinarian	156	148	304	2.1%
Medicine and Health science	336	743	1079	7.6%
Science**	561	474	1035	7.2%
Engineering	3036	737	3773	26.4%
Commerce and Economy***	1360	1131	2491	17.4%
Information Technology	1059	945	2004	14.0%
Foundation	875	783	1658	11.6%
Sharia and Law	182	148	330	2.31%
Total	8205	6087	14292	100%

*This classification is used until the Oman standard classification of education framework is approved.

**Includes College of Science students who will major in computer science (Sultan Qaboos University)

*** Includes College of Commerce and Economics students who will major in information technology (Sultan Qaboos University)

Figure 5: Accepted students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and Major in the academic year 2007/2008

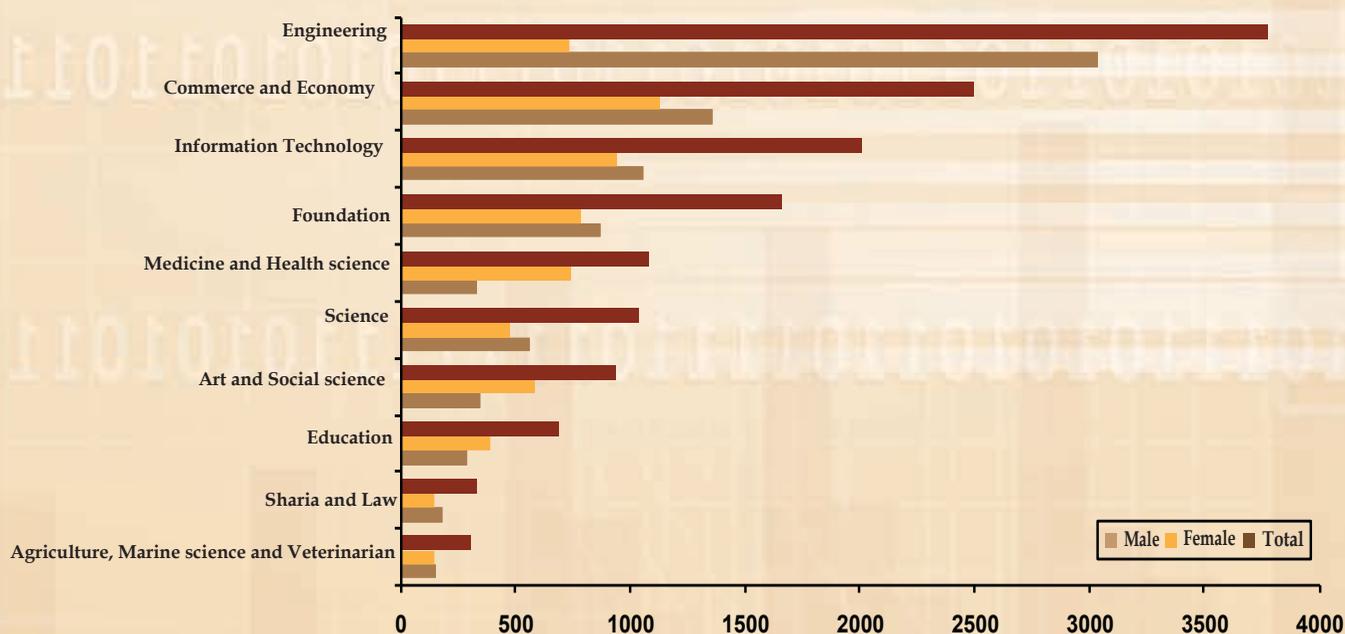


Table 9: Accepted students for Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

Qualification	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bachelor	7000	4410	11410	79.8%
Diploma	1205	1677	2882	20.2%
Total	8205	6087	14292	100%

Figure 6: Accepted students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

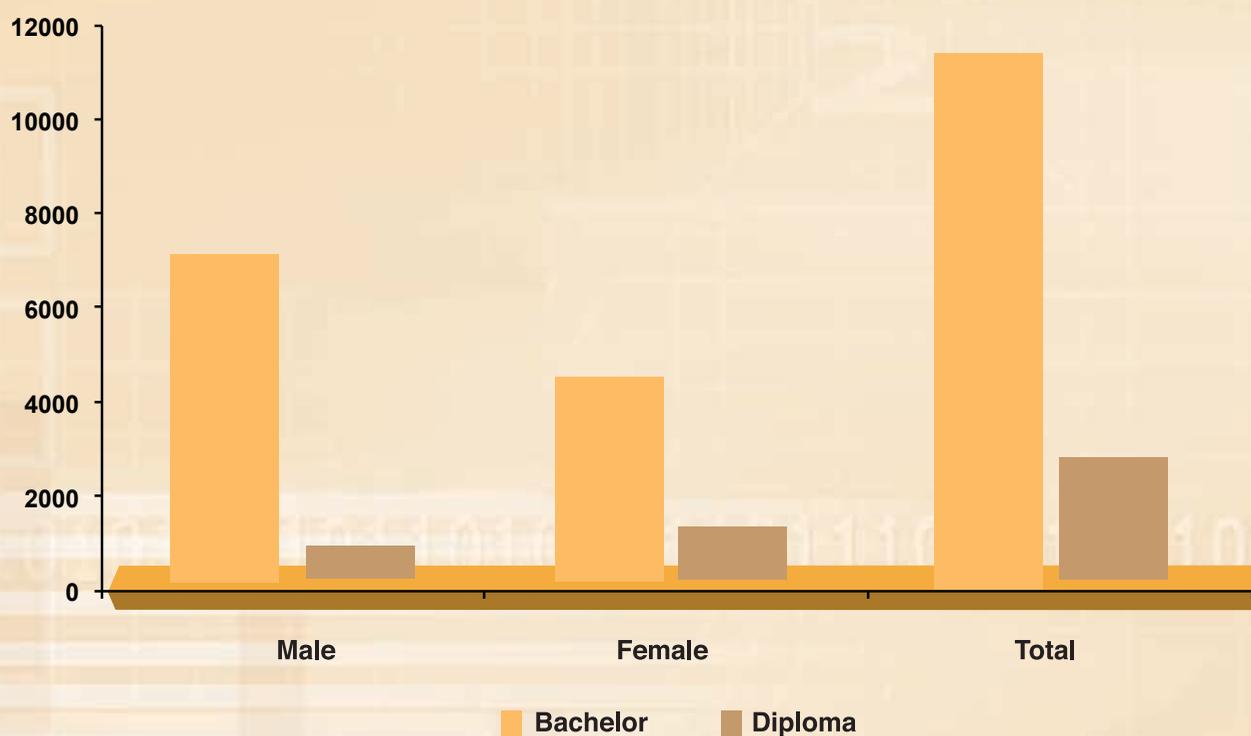


Figure 7: The percentage of accepted students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

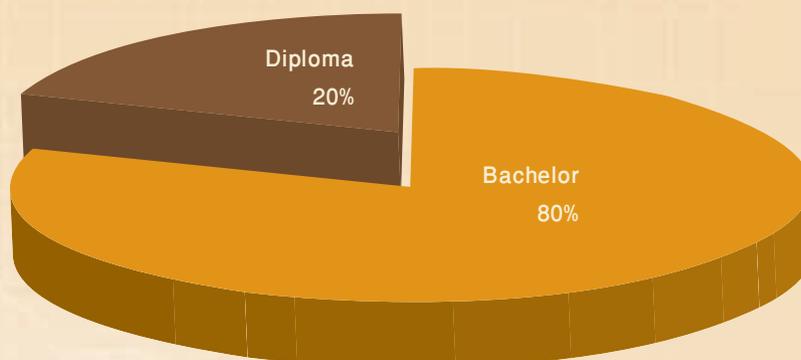


Table 10: Student applications according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	3509	4359	7868	16.5%
North Batinah	4860	5596	10456	22.0%
South Batinah	2695	3397	6092	12.8%
Musandam	281	228	509	1.1%
North Dhahira	510	556	1066	2.2%
South Dhahira	1613	1846	3459	7.3%
Dakhiliyah	2948	3362	6310	13.3%
North Sharqiyah	1563	1749	3312	7.0%
South Sharqiyah	1437	1725	3162	6.6%
Wosta	155	98	253	0.5%
Dhofar	1871	1997	3868	8.1%
None	534	718	1252	2.6%
Total	21976	25631	47607	100%

Table 11: Students with preferences for Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	3228	4154	7382	16.7%
North Batinah	4436	5378	9814	22.1%
South Batinah	2594	3304	5898	13.3%
Musandam	241	225	466	1.1%
North Dhahira	457	506	963	2.2%
South Dhahira	1561	1798	3359	7.6%
Dakhiliyah	2821	3310	6131	13.8%
North Sharqiyah	1504	1708	3212	7.2%
South Sharqiyah	1345	1665	3010	6.8%
Wosta	151	97	248	0.6%
Dhofar	1723	1894	3617	8.2%
None	109	124	233	0.5%
Total	20170	24163	44333	100.0%

Table 12: Accepted students for Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	1030	987	2017	14.1%
North Batinah	1747	1241	2988	20.9%
South Batinah	885	736	1621	11.3%
Musandam	75	48	123	0.9%
North Dhahira	127	130	257	1.8%
South Dhahira	667	498	1165	8.2%
Dakhliyah	1003	899	1902	13.3%
North Sharqiyah	724	509	1233	8.6%
South Sharqiyah	753	474	1227	8.6%
Wosta	59	19	78	0.5%
Dhofar	1051	453	1504	10.5%
None	84	93	177	1.2%
Total	8205	6087	14292	100%

Table 13: Percentage of accepted students from student applications according to region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Percentage
Dhofar	38.9%
South Sharqiyah	38.8%
North Sharqiyah	37.2%
South Dhahirah	33.7%
Wosta	30.8%
Dakhiliya	30.1%
North Batinah	28.6%
South Batinah	26.6%
Muscat	25.6%
Musandam	24.2%
North Dhahirah	24.1%

Table 14: Percentage of accepted students from students with preferences according to region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Percentage
Dhofar	41.6%
South Sharqiyah	40.8%
North Sharqiyah	38.4%
South Dhahira	34.7%
Wosta	31.5%
Dakhiliyah	31.0%
North Batinah	30.4%
South Batinah	27.5%
Muscat	27.3%
North Dhahira	26.7%
Musandam	26.4%

Figure 8: Students applications according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

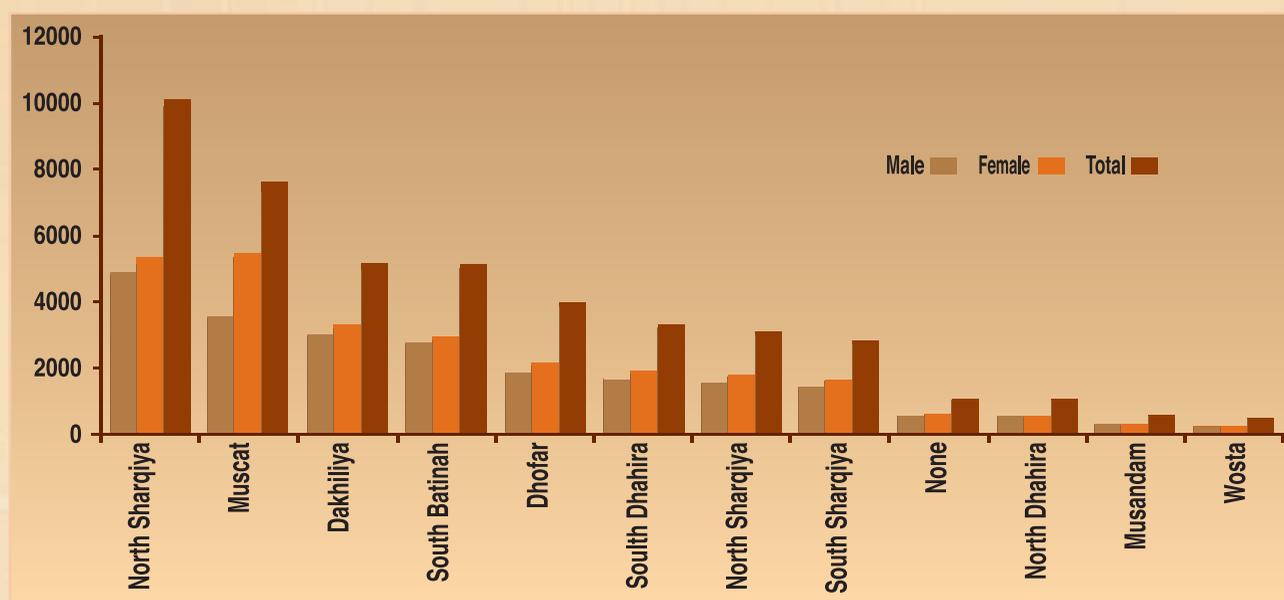


Table 15: Accepted students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and age in the academic year 2007/2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
16	5	2	7
17	616	460	1076
18	5550	4705	10255
19	1177	555	1732
20	439	157	596
21	195	97	292
22	107	56	163
23	57	33	90
24	42	13	55
25	17	9	26
Total	8205	6087	14292

Table 16: Applications and acceptances for students according to gender and certificate type in the academic year 2007/2008

Type of certificate	Students applications			Accepted students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
General Examination	21218	24765	45983	7970	5952	13922
Islamic institute	110	0	110	88	0	88
Technical Royal Guard	28	0	28	22	0	22
Bilanguage schools	17	25	42	12	13	25
International	603	841	1444	113	122	235
Total	21976	25631	47607	8205	6087	14292

Table 17: Students with preferences for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI, first preference and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Sultan Qaboos University	7582	12174	19756	44.6%
Rustaq Education College	2982	4058	7040	15.9%
Higher Colleges of Technology	3696	2467	6163	13.9%
External Scholarships	1390	412	1802	4.1%
University of Nizwa	795	675	1470	3.3%
Other HEIs	3725	4377	8102	18.3%
Total	20170	24163	44333	100%

Table 18: Students with preferences for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI, second preference and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Sultan Qaboos University	6206	9913	16119	36.4%
Rustaq Education College	3792	5612	9404	21.2%
Higher Colleges of Technology	3104	2184	5288	11.9%
External Scholarships	1339	393	1732	3.9%
University of Nizwa	800	699	1499	3.4%
Other HEIs	4929	5362	10291	23.2%
Total	20170	24163	44333	100%

Table 19: Students with preferences for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI, third preference and gender in the academic year 2007/ 2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Sultan Qaboos University	5088	8523	13611	30.7%
Rustaq College	3918	5126	9044	20.4%
Higher Colleges of Technology	2993	2409	5402	12.2%
Sohar Education College	957	891	1848	4.2%
Ibri Education College	696	909	1605	3.6%
Other HEIs	6518	6305	12823	28.9%
Total	20170	24163	44333	100%

Table 20: Accepted students at first preference for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Colleges of Technology	809	102	911	37.1%
Sultan Qaboos University	508	368	876	35.7%
External Scholarships	48	25	73	3.0%
Sohar University	30	17	47	1.9%
Salalah Education College	22	20	42	1.7%
Other HEIs	290	215	505	20.6%
Total	1707	747	2454	100%

Table 21: Accepted students at second preference for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Colleges of Technology	570	105	675	36.9%
Sultan Qaboos University	291	354	645	35.2%
Rustaq Education College	30	55	85	4.6%
Sohar University	25	13	38	2.1%
External Scholarships	24	8	32	1.7%
Other HEIs	191	165	356	19.4%
Total	1131	700	1831	100%

Table 22: Accepted students at third preference for Government Sponsored Programs according to HEI and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Colleges of Technology	346	92	438	36.9%
Sultan Qaboos University	139	165	304	25.6%
Rustaq Education College	28	41	69	5.8%
Sohar University	19	12	31	2.6%
Salalah Education College	24	5	29	2.4%
Other HEIs	167	148	315	26.6%
Total	723	463	1186	100%

Table 23: Accepted students from Self-Payment Programs according to gender and private HEIs in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total
College of Banking and Financial Studies	1	6	6
Caledonian College of Engineering	2	3	3
Oman Dental College	0	1	1
Mazoon College	0	3	3
Modern College of Business and Science	0	4	4
Oman College of Management and Technology	0	1	1
University of Nizwa	0	1	1
Total	3	19	22

Chapter Two: Social welfare students

Table 24: Social welfare students according to status and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

Status	Number
Student applications	4108
Students with preferences	4065
Passed (general certificate examination) students	3681
Failed (general certificate examination) students	427
Accepted students	2109
Percentage of passed from student applications	89.6%
Percentage of acceptances from applications	57.3%
Percentage of acceptances from students with preferences	51.9%

Table 25: Accepted social welfare students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and government sponsored type in the academic year 2007/2008

Government sponsored type	Male	Female	Total	Percentage
Government HEI's				
Sultan Qaboos University	58	49	107	5.1%
Colleges of Applied Science	57	50	107	5.1%
Institutes of Health Science, Nursing and Pharmacy	5	15	20	0.9%
Institute of Sharia and Law	0	3	3	0.1%
Higher Colleges of Technology	230	75	305	14.5%
Total	350	192	542	25.7%
Internal scholarships				
Full	727	833	1560	74.0%
Total	727	833	1560	74.0%
External scholarships				
Full	6	0	6	0.3%
Partial	1	0	1	0.05%
Total	7	0	7	0.35%
Grand Total	1084	1025	2109	100%

Table 26: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and HEI in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bayan College	8	11	19	1.2%
Al Buraimi College	18	34	52	3.3%
College of Banking and Financial Studies	29	29	58	3.7%
Caledonian College of Engineering	33	57	90	5.8%
Oman Dental College	11	19	30	1.9%
Dhofar University	86	94	180	11.5%
The National College of Engineering & management	72	21	93	6.0%
Gulf College	11	11	22	1.4%
International Maritime College Oman	71	25	96	6.2%
Muscat College	17	26	43	2.8%
Middle East College of Information Technology	41	44	85	5.4%
Majan College	28	40	68	4.4%
Mazoon College	0	13	13	0.8%
Modern College of Business and Science	43	39	82	5.3%
Oman College of Management and Technology	8	8	16	1.0%
German University of Technology	5	9	14	0.9%
Oman Medical College	4	12	16	1.0%
Sur University College	7	12	19	1.2%
Scientific College of Design	5	8	13	0.8%
Sohar University	106	112	218	13.9%
Oman Tourism College	10	15	25	1.6%
University of Nizwa	92	125	217	14.0%
Waljat Colleges of Applied Science	22	18	40	2.6%
Al-Zahra College for Women	0	51	51	3.3%
Total	727	833	1560	100%

Table 27: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and major * in the academic year 2007/2008

Major	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Art and Social science	136	214	350	16.6%
Education	27	15	42	2.0%
Agriculture, Marine science and Veterinarian	4	3	7	0.3%
Medicine and Health science	31	60	91	4.3%
Science**	24	29	53	2.5%
Engineering	414	242	656	31.1%
Commerce and Economy***	265	200	465	22.0%
Information Technology	142	218	360	17.1%
Foundation	38	40	78	3.7%
Sharia and Law	3	4	7	0.3%
Total	1084	1025	2109	100%

*This classification is used until the Oman standard classification framework is approved.

**Includes College of Science students who will major in computer science (Sultan Qaboos University)

*** Includes College of Commerce and Economics students who will major in information technology (Sultan Qaboos University)

Figure 9: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and major in the academic year 2007/2008

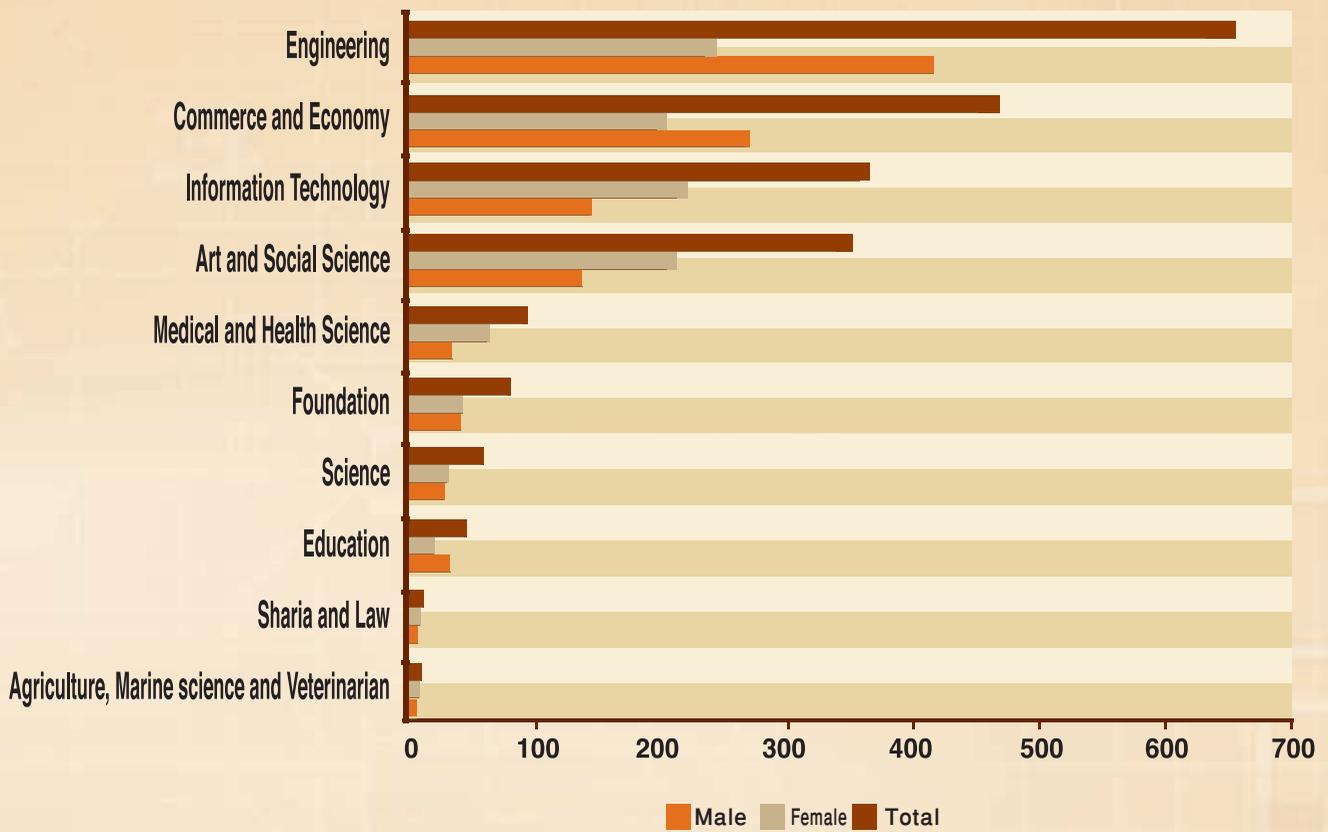


Table 28: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

Qualification	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bachelor	376	224	600	28.4%
Diploma	708	801	1509	71.6%
Total	1084	1025	2109	100%

Figure 10: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

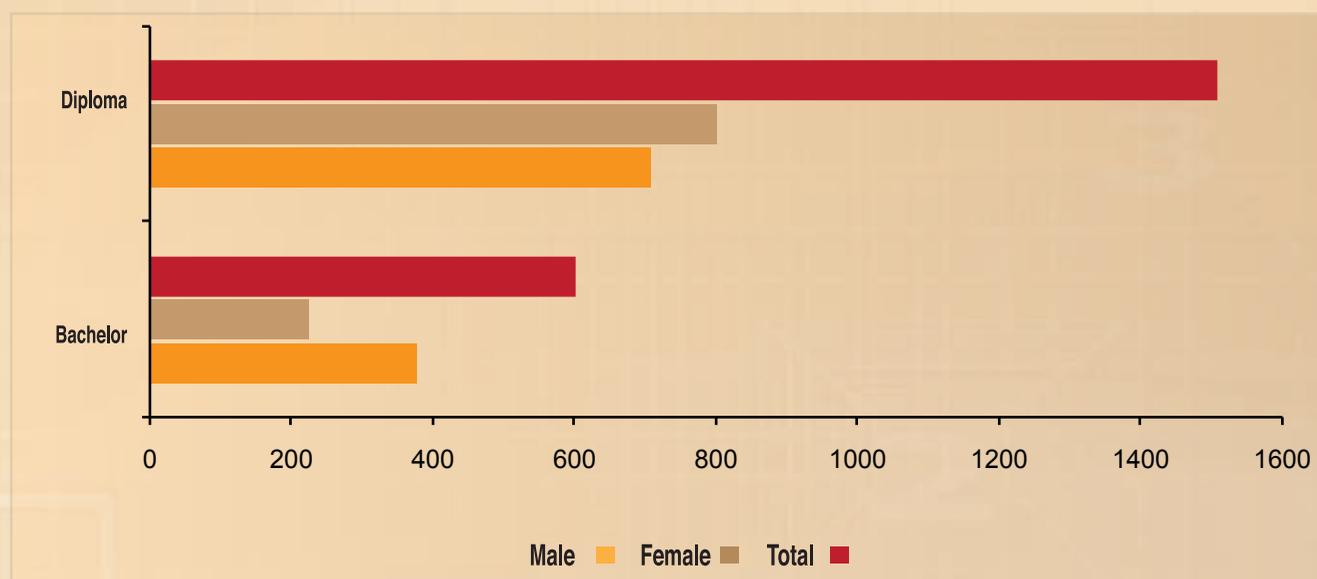


Table 29: Social welfare student applications according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	116	200	316	7.7%
North Batinah	585	769	1354	33.0%
South Batinah	192	247	439	10.7%
Musandam	39	32	71	1.77%
North Dhahirah	88	88	176	4.3%
South Dhahirah	154	177	331	8.1%
Dakhiliyah	178	208	386	9.4%
North Sharqiyah	192	221	413	10.1%
South Sharqiyah	172	210	382	9.3%
Wosta	36	18	54	1.3%
Dhofar	61	93	154	3.7%
None	8	24	32	0.8%
Total	1821	2287	4108	100%

Table 30: Social welfare students with preferences according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	113	195	308	7.6%
North Batinah	581	763	1344	33.0%
South Batinah	191	243	434	10.7%
Musandam	36	32	68	1.7%
North Dhahirah	83	87	170	4.2%
South Dhahirah	154	175	329	8.1%
Dakhiliyah	175	207	382	9.4%
North Sharqiyah	192	221	413	10.2%
South Sharqiyah	171	209	380	9.3%
Wosta	36	18	54	1.3%
Dhofar	61	93	154	3.8%
None	8	21	29	0.7%
Total	1801	2264	4065	100.0%

Table 31: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	57	88	145	6.9%
North Batinah	332	307	639	30.3%
South Batinah	84	101	185	8.8%
Musandam	11	10	21	1.0%
North Dhahirah	38	35	73	3.5%
South Dhahirah	105	94	199	9.4%
Dakhiliya	95	87	182	8.6%
North Sharqiyah	139	121	260	12.3%
South Sharqiyah	137	116	253	12.0%
Wosta	25	9	34	1.6%
Dhofar	54	43	97	4.6%
None	7	14	21	1.0%
Total	1084	1025	2109	100%

Table 32: Percentage of accepted social welfare students from social welfare student applications according to region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Percentage
South Sharqiyah	66.2%
North Sharqiyah	63.0%
Wosta	63.0%
Dhofar	63.0%
South Dhahirah	60.1%
North Batinah	47.2%
Dakhiliya	47.1%
Muscat	45.9%
South Batinah	42.1%
North Dhahirah	41.5%
Musandam	29.6%

Table 33: Percentage of accepted social welfare students from social welfare students with preferences according to region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Percentage
South Sharqiyah	66.6%
Dhofar	63.0%
Wosta	63.0%
North Sharqiyah	63.0%
South Dhahirah	60.5%
Dakhiliya	47.6%
North Batinah	47.5%
Muscat	47.1%
North Dhahirah	42.9%
North Batinah	42.6%
Musandam	30.9%

Figure 11: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

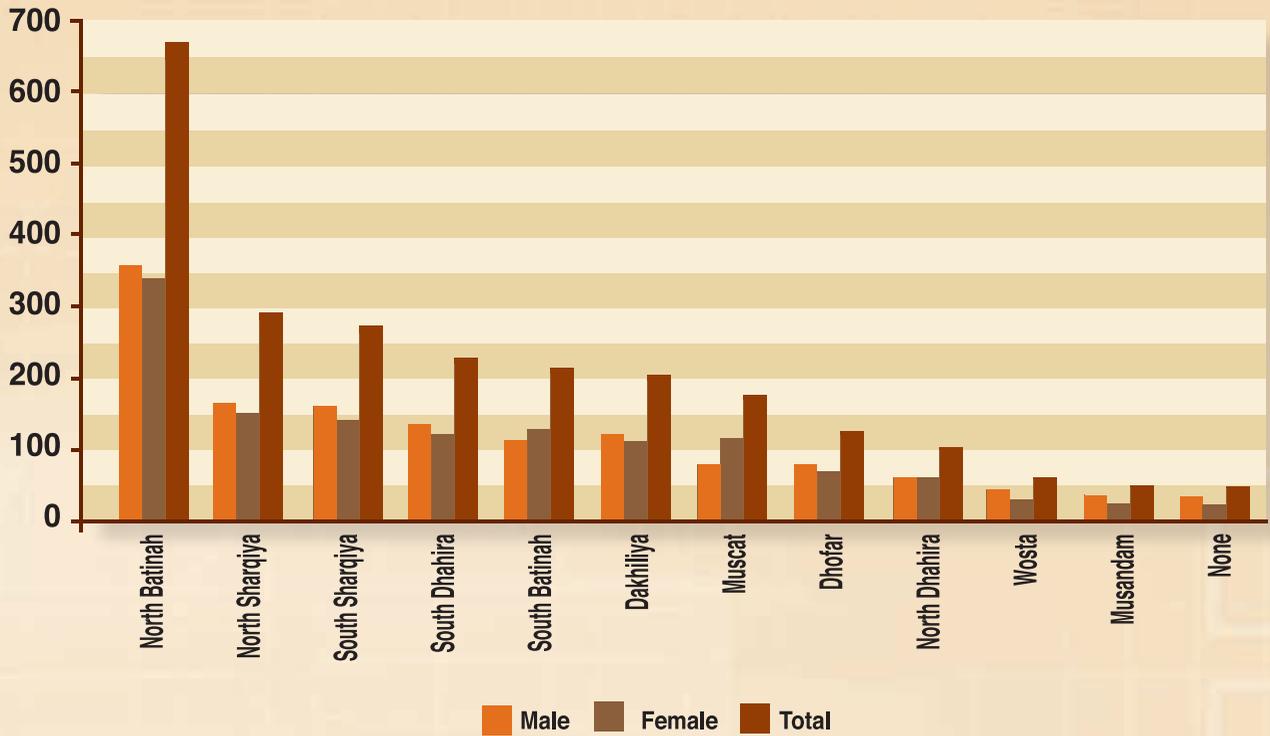


Table 34: Accepted social welfare students according to gender and age in the academic year 2007/2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
16	1	0	1
17	169	235	404
18	500	566	1066
19	208	119	327
20	107	40	147
21	47	36	83
22	31	16	47
23	12	7	19
24	8	5	13
25	1	1	2
Total	1084	1025	2109

Table 35: Student applications and acceptances for social welfare students according to gender and certificate type in the academic year 2007/2008

Type of certificate	Students applications			Accepted students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
General Examination	1807	2247	4054	1071	1001	2072
Islamic institute	4	0	4	4	0	4
Technical Royal Guard	1	0	1	1	0	1
Bi language schools	0	0	0	0	0	0
International	9	40	49	8	24	32
Total	1821	2287	4108	1084	1025	2109

Chapter Three: Low income students

Table 36: Low income students * according to status and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

status	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
Student applications	12797	15073	27870
Accepted	4087	2553	6640
% accepted from applications	31.9%	16.9%	23.8%

* This data reflects the number of students who registered as low-income. However, the evidence of their status was not required at the application stage. Evidence is required at the acceptance stage in the partial internal scholarships programs.

Figure 12: Numbers of Low income students according to status and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

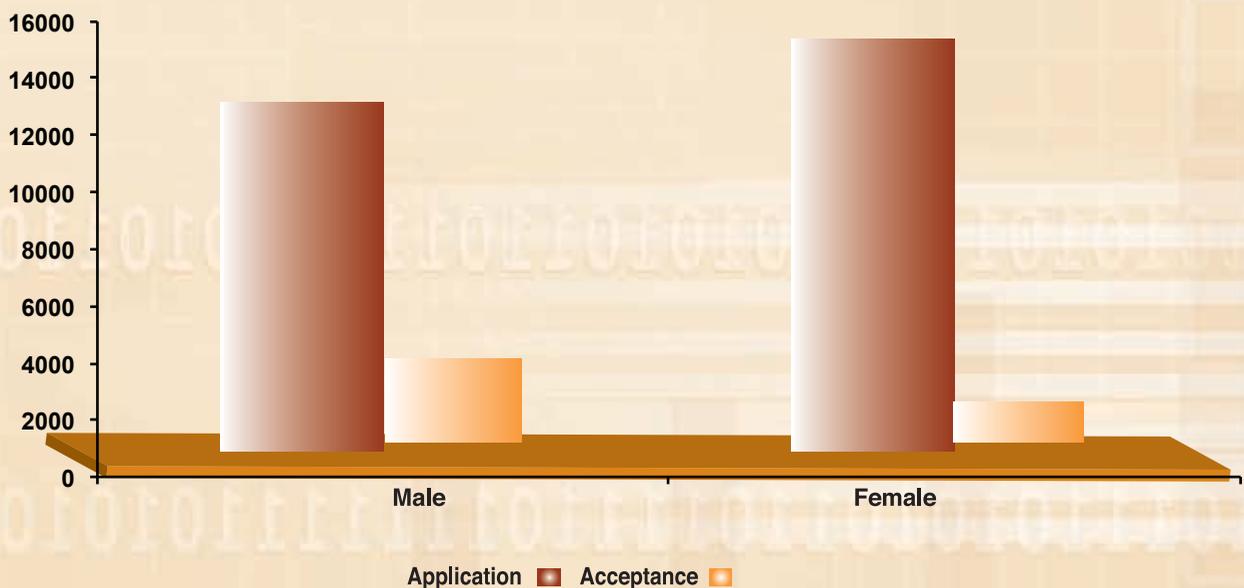


Table 37: Accepted Low income students at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and government sponsored type in the academic year 2007/2008

Government sponsored type	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Education Institution				
Sultan Qaboos University	530	460	990	14.9%
Colleges of Applied Science	600	510	1110	16.7%
Institutes of Health science, nursing and pharmacy	114	241	355	5.3%
Institute of Sharia Sciences	43	49	92	1.4%
Higher Colleges of Technology	2471	877	3348	50.4%
Total	3758	2137	5895	88.8%
Internal scholarships				
Partial	282	402	684	10.3%
Total	282	402	684	10.3%
External scholarships				
Full	32	1	33	0.5%
Partial	4	1	5	0.1%
Total	36	2	38	0.6%
External grants				
Full	8	8	16	0.2%
Partial	3	4	7	0.1%
Total	11	12	23	0.3%
Grand Total	4087	2553	6640	100%

Table 38: Accepted Low income students according to gender and HEI in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bayan College	14	8	22	3.2%
Al Buraimi College	8	18	26	3.8%
College of Banking and Financial Studies	12	31	43	6.3%
Caledonian College of Engineering	11	13	24	3.5%
Oman Dental College	5	5	10	1.5%
Dhofar University	41	44	85	12.4%
The National College of Engineering & management	16	5	21	3.1%
Gulf College	2	17	19	2.8%
International Maritime College Oman	32	10	42	6.1%
Muscat College	10	15	25	3.7%
Middle East College of Information Technology	7	10	17	2.5%
Majan College	10	13	23	3.4%
Mazoon College	0	7	7	1.0%
Modern College of Business and Science	12	17	29	4.2%
Oman College of Management and Technology	1	5	6	0.9%
German University of Technology	0	0	0	0%
Oman Medical College	4	25	29	4.2%
Sur University College	1	7	8	1.2%
Scientific College of Design	2	0	2	0.3%
Sohar University	39	54	93	13.6%
Oman Tourism College	7	11	18	2.6%
University of Nizwa	39	52	91	13.3%
Waljat Colleges of Applied Science	9	9	18	2.6%
Al Zahra College for Women	0	26	26	3.8%
Total	282	402	684	100%

Table 39: Accepted Low income students according to gender and major* in the academic year 2007/2008

Major	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Art and Social science	139	201	340	5.1%
Education	163	156	319	4.8%
Agriculture, Marine science and Veterinarian	61	51	112	1.7%
Medicine and Health science	167	307	474	7.1%
Science**	292	186	478	7.2%
Engineering	1420	253	1673	25.2%
Commerce and Economy***	690	516	1206	18.2%
Information Technology	552	401	953	14.4%
Foundation	507	416	923	14.0%
Sharia and Law	96	66	162	2.4%
Total	4087	2553	6640	100%

*This classification is used until the Oman standard classification framework is approved.

**Includes College of science students who will major in computer science (Sultan Qaboos University)

*** Includes College of commerce and economics students who will major in information technology (Sultan Qaboos University)

Figure 13: Accepted Low income students according to gender and major in the academic year 2007/2008

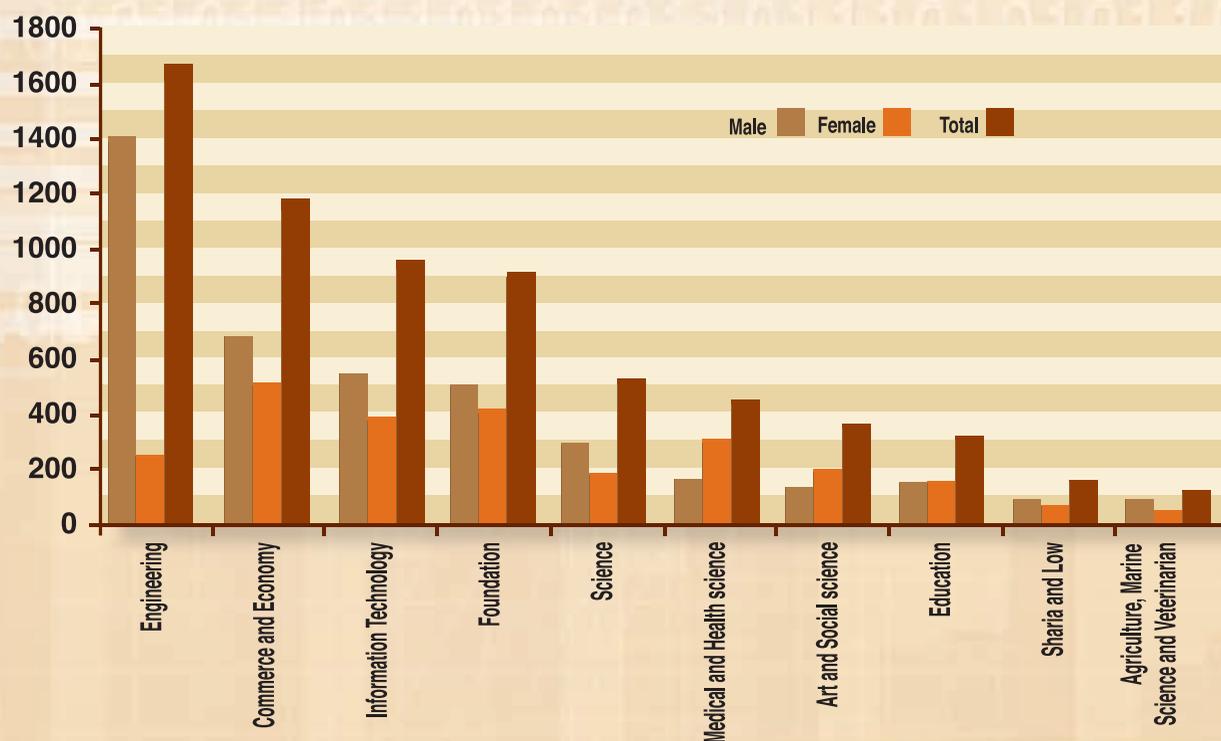


Table 40: Accepted Low income students according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

Qualification	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bachelor	3676	1940	5616	84.6%
Diploma	411	613	1024	15.4%
Total	4087	2553	6640	100%

Figure 14: Accepted Low income students according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

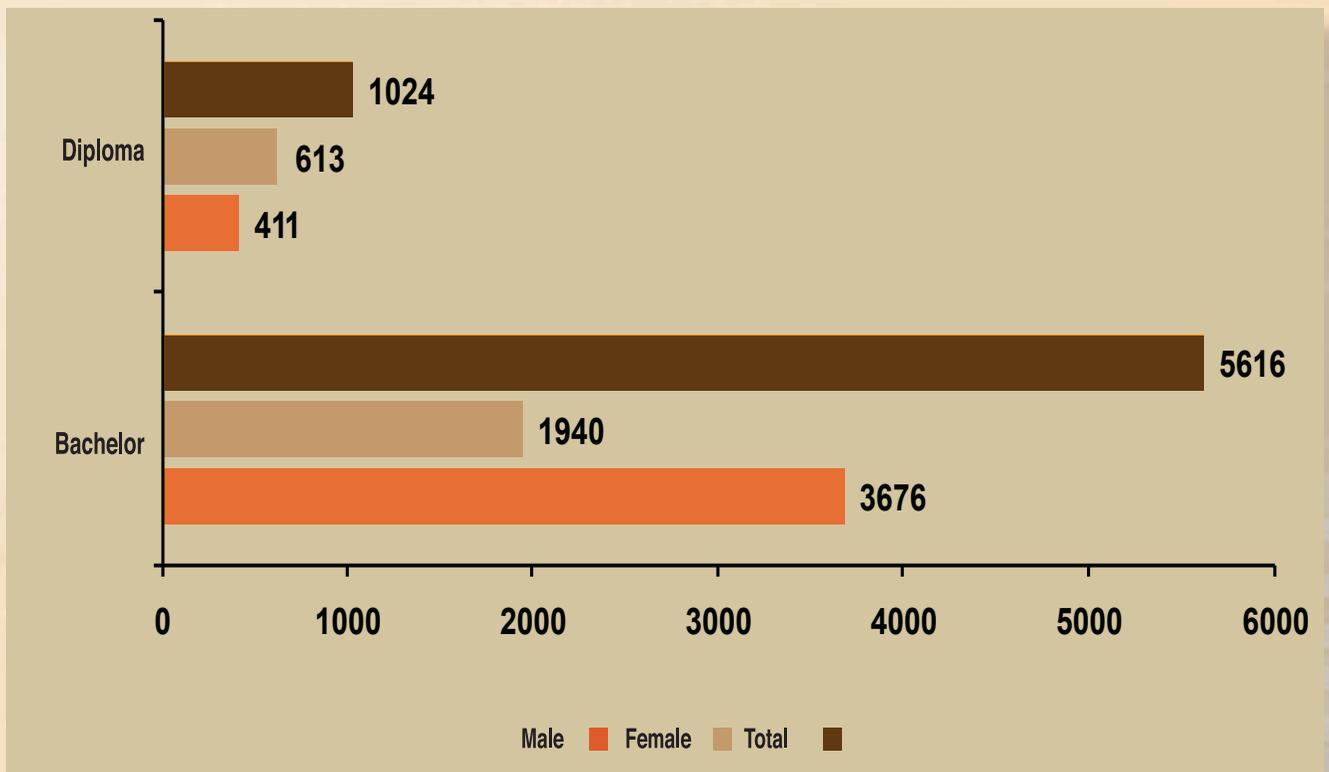


Figure 15: Low income students applications according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

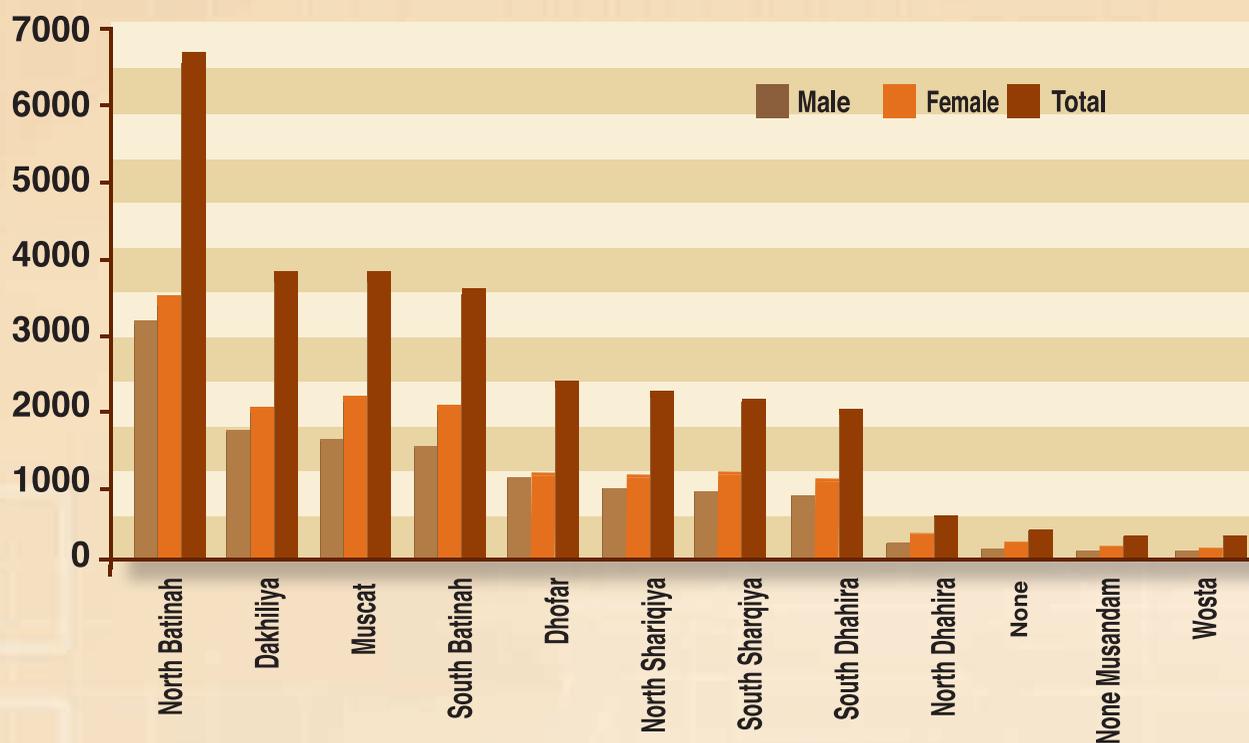


Table 41: Low income students applications according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	1616	2166	3782	13.6%
North Batinah	3183	3495	6678	24.0%
South Batinah	1546	2027	3573	12.8%
Musandam	158	160	318	1.1%
North Dhahira	278	356	634	2.3%
South Dhahira	918	1068	1986	7.1%
Dakhiliya	1763	2027	3790	13.6%
North Sharqiyah	1016	1152	2168	7.8%
South Sharqiyah	946	1170	2116	7.6%
Wosta	98	62	160	0.6%
Dhofar	1144	1195	2339	8.4%
None	131	195	326	1.2%
Total	12797	15073	27870	100%

Table 42 : Accepted Low income students according to gender and region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Muscat	304	302	606	9.1%
North Batinah	941	525	1466	22.1%
South Batinah	413	294	707	10.6%
Musandam	43	28	71	1.1%
North Dhahirah	49	58	107	1.6%
South Dhahirah	315	198	513	7.7%
Dakhiliyah	476	388	864	13.0%
North Sharqiyah	407	237	644	9.7%
South Sharqiyah	443	246	689	10.4%
Wosta	27	4	31	0.5%
Dhofar	634	235	869	13.1%
None	35	38	73	1.1%
Total	4087	2553	6640	100%

Table 43: Percentage of accepted students from Low income student applications according to region in the academic year 2007/2008

Region	Percentage
Dhofar	37.2%
South Sharqiyah	32.6%
North Sharqiyah	29.7%
South Dhahirah	25.8%
Dakhiliyah	22.8%
Musandam	22.3%
North Batinah	22.0%
South Batinah	19.8%
Wosta	19.4%
North Dhahirah	16.8%
Muscat	16.0%

Table 44: Accepted Low income students according to gender and age in the academic year 2007/2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
16	1	2	3
17	1008	787	1795
18	2273	1465	3738
19	442	162	604
20	199	58	257
21	74	39	113
22	43	20	63
23	30	13	43
24	13	5	18
25	4	2	6
Total	4087	2553	6640

Table 45: Applications and acceptances for Low income students according to gender and certificate type in the academic year 2007/2008

Type of certificate	Students applications			Accepted students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
General Examination	12567	14807	27374	3992	2505	6497
Islamic Institute	58	0	58	44	0	44
Technical Royal Guard	1	0	1	1	0	1
Bilingual schools	1	1	2	1	0	1
International	170	265	435	49	48	97
Total	12797	15073	27870	4087	2553	6640

Chapter Four: Omani Students studying abroad

Table 46: Omani students studying abroad according to status and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

Status	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
Student applications	237	299	536
Accepted	87	106	193
% of accepted from applications	36.7%	35.5%	36.0%

Figure 16: Omani students studying abroad according to status and gender in the academic year 2007/2008

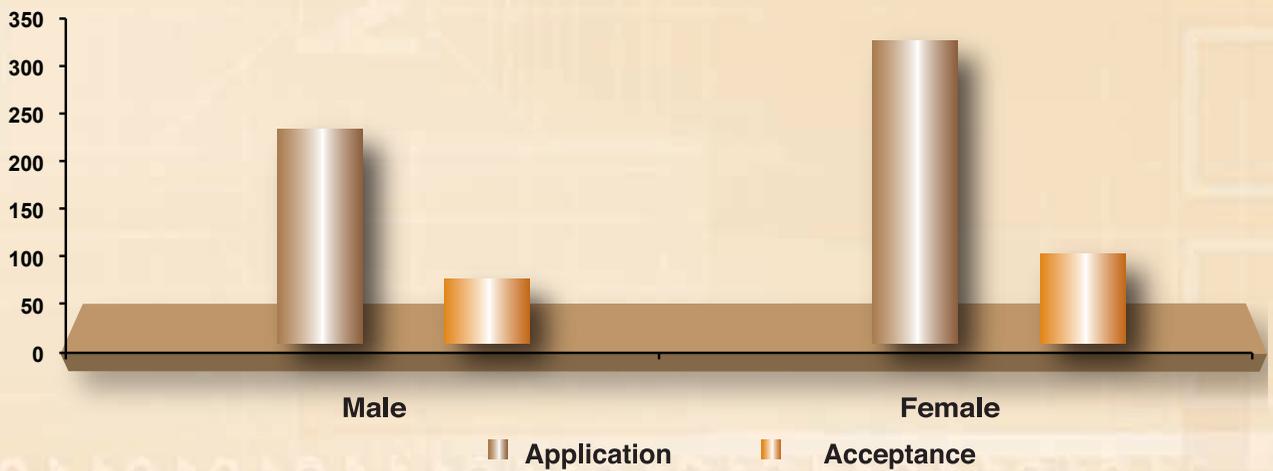


Table 47: Omani students studying abroad at Government Sponsored Programs according to gender and government sponsored type in the academic year 2007/2008

Government sponsored type	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Higher Education Institution				
Sultan Qaboos University	41	45	86	44.6%
Colleges of Applied Science	12	12	24	12.4%
Institutes of Health science, nursing and pharmacy	2	0	2	1.0%
College of Sharia and Law	0	0	0	0%
Higher Colleges of Technology	7	8	15	7.8%
Total	62	65	127	65.8%
Internal scholarships				
Full	5	18	23	12.0%
Partial	7	12	19	9.8%
Oman Medical College and College of Banking and Financial Studies*	1	3	4	2.1%
Total	13	33	46	23.9%
External scholarships				
Full	3	4	7	3.6%
Partial	4	0	4	2.1%
Total	7	4	11	5.7%
External grants				
Full	2	0	2	1.0%
Partial	3	4	7	3.6%
Total	5	4	9	4.6%
Grand Total	87	106	193	100%

*Each of these two colleges offers a program for all Omani students (not exclusively for social welfare and Low income students); namely: the general medical program at the Oman Medical College and the advanced insurance diploma at the College of Banking and Financial Studies.

Table 48: Accepted Omani students studying abroad on internal scholarship according to gender and HEI in the academic year 2007/2008

HEI	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bayan College	0	0	0	0%
Al Buraimi College	1	10	11	24.0%
College of Banking and Financial Studies*	1	0	1	2.2%
Caledonian College of Engineering	1	2	3	6.5%
Oman Dental College	0	2	2	4.3%
Dhofar University	0	3	3	6.5%
The Fire Safety Engineering College	2	0	2	4.3%
Gulf College	0	0	0	0%
International Maritime College Oman	0	0	0	0%
Muscat College	1	0	1	2.2%
Middle East College of Information Technology	0	1	1	2.2%
Majan College	4	2	6	13.0%
Mazoon College	0	1	1	2.2%
Modern College of Business and Science	0	0	0	0%
Oman College of Management and Technology	0	0	0	0%
Oman German University of Technology	0	1	1	2.2%
Oman Medical College*	1	5	6	13.0%
Sur University College	0	0	0	0%
Scientific College of Design	1	3	4	8.7%
Sohar University	0	0	0	0%
Oman Tourism College	0	0	0	0%
University of Nizwa	0	1	1	2.2%
Waljat Colleges of Applied Science	1	1	2	4.3%
Al Zahra College for Women	0	1	1	2.2%
Total	13	33	46	100%

*Each of these two colleges offers a program for all Omani students (not exclusively for social welfare and Low income students); namely: the general medical program at the Oman Medical College and the advanced insurance diploma at the College of Banking and Financial Studies.

Table 49: Accepted Omani students studying abroad according to gender and major* in the academic year 2007/2008

Major	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Art and Social science	6	10	16	8.3%
Education	8	7	15	7.8%
Agriculture, Marine science and Veterinarian	2	3	5	2.6%
Medicine and Health science	9	24	33	17.1%
Science**	2	13	15	7.8%
Engineering	33	6	39	20.2%
Commerce and Economy***	10	17	27	14.0%
Information Technology	5	13	18	9.3%
Foundation	9	11	20	10.4%
Sharia and Law	3	2	5	2.6%
Total	87	106	193	100%

*This classification is used until the Oman standard classification framework is approved.

**Includes College of Science students who will major in computer science (Sultan Qaboos University)

*** Includes College of Commerce and Economics who will major in information technology (Sultan Qaboos University)

Figure 17: Accepted Omani students studying abroad according to gender and major in the academic year 2007/2008

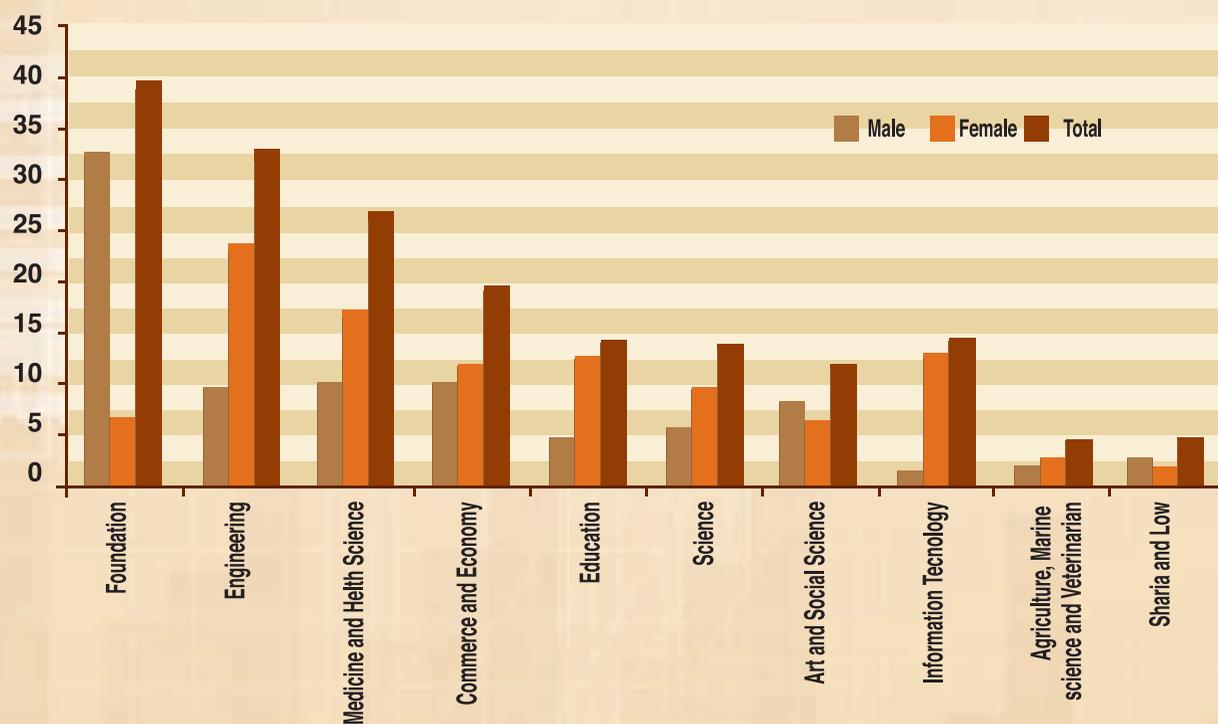


Table 50: Accepted Omani students studying abroad according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

Qualification	Male	Female	Total	
			Number	Percentage
Bachelor	72	79	151	78.2%
Diploma	15	27	42	21.8%
Total	87	106	193	100%

Figure 18: Accepted Omani students studying abroad according to gender and qualification in the academic year 2007/2008

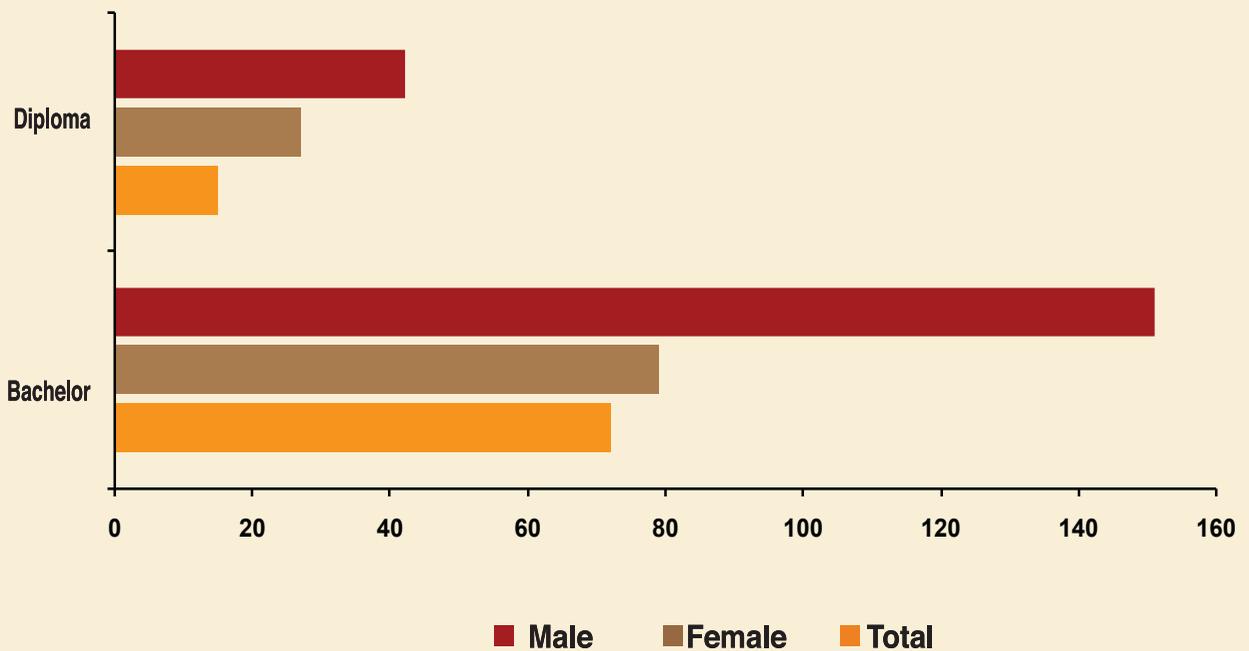


Table 51: Accepted Omani students studying abroad according to gender and age in the academic year 2007/2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
16	0	0	0
17	41	40	81
18	32	45	77
19	2	7	9
20	5	5	10
21	3	3	6
22	4	4	8
23	0	0	0
24	0	1	1
25	0	1	1
Total	87	106	193

Table 52: Applications and acceptance for Omani students studying abroad according to gender and certificate type in the academic year 2007/2008

Type of certificate	Students applications			Accepted students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
AS-A Level	7	8	15	2	2	4
AP	2	0	2	.	.	0
IB	5	1	6	2	0	2
Others*	223	290	513	83	104	187
Total	237	299	536	87	106	193

*GCE from other countries or equivalent.