

How Many Candidates Appeared for UPSC CSE Prelims 2026?

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The **UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2026**, including the **Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination 2026**, was conducted on **24 May 2026** across the country. The examination was held smoothly at **2,072 venues** spread across **83 examination cities**. As per provisional data, nearly **5.49 lakh candidates** appeared for the exam, reflecting an attendance rate of around **67%**, which is higher than the previous year's attendance percentage.

How Many Candidates Qualified Prelims 2026?

A total of **13,343 candidates** have qualified in the **UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2026** and are now eligible to appear for the **Civil Services (Main) Examination 2026**. The results were announced after evaluating the performance of nearly **5.49 lakh candidates** who appeared for the Prelims on **24 May 2026**. These shortlisted candidates will now compete for **1,016 vacancies** notified by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

How Many Candidates Appear for UPSC? - Trend Analysis

The number of candidates appearing for the **UPSC exam** over time has significantly increased over the years. Here is a trend analysis of UPSC Examination selection over the past 17 years:

Year	Number of Students applied	Number of Students Who appeared for Prelims	Number of Students Who qualified for Mains	Number of Students Who appeared for Interview	Number of Students Who Cleared the Exam
2007	333680	161469	9158	1883	553
2008	325433	167035	11669	2136	734
2009	409110	193091	11894	2431	881
2010	547698	269036	12271	2589	989
2011	499120	243236	11837	2415	965
2012	550080	271442	12795	2674	999
2013	776604	324279	14800	3001	998
2014	947428	446623	16706	3308	1122
2015	945908	465882	15008	2797	1236
2016	1128262	459659	15382	2961	1078
2017	969065	462848	13300	2564	1056
2018	1065552	500484	10419	1992	-
2019	1135261	493972	11845	2034	829
2020	1057948	4,82,770	10,564	2,053	796
2021	1093948	508619	10000	-	761
2022	11,35,697	5,73,735	13,090	2,529	933
2023	13,00,000	-	14624	2916	1016
2024	9,92,599	5,83,213	14627	2845	1009
2025	9,37,876	5,76,793	14161	2,736	958
2026	8.19 lakh	5.9 Lakh	13343	-	-

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