



IB Diploma Programme examination facts

System of assessment

The IBO uses a criterion-referenced system of assessment that means that student work must show direct evidence of achievement against the stated objectives of the course. Validity, reliability and fairness are the watchwords of the Diploma Programme's assessment strategy.

Diploma Programme pass rates 2003–2005 (worldwide)

	May session	November session
2000	81.80 %	75.99 %
2001	83.31 %	75.79 %
2002	82.37 %	76.75 %
2003	81.99 %	80.63 %
2004	83.11 %	81.06 %
2005	81.38 %	Statistics not yet available

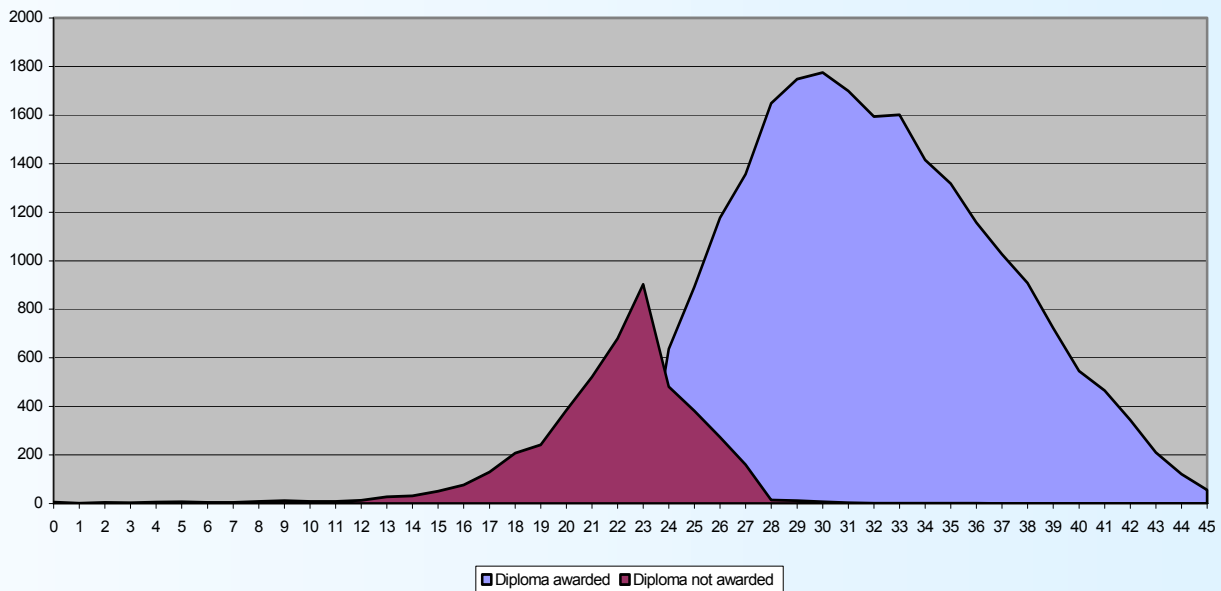
Number of Diploma Programme candidates* 2000–2005 (worldwide)

	May session	November session
2000	15,583	2,590
2001	16,902	2,754
2002	19,795	2,943
2003	22,675	3,183
2004	25,086	3,210
2005	27,973	Statistics not yet available

*Please note: The number includes candidates sitting examinations to gain IB diploma.



Diploma points score distribution for May 2005 session (worldwide)



Candidates who did not sit the final examinations were excluded from the calculation

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