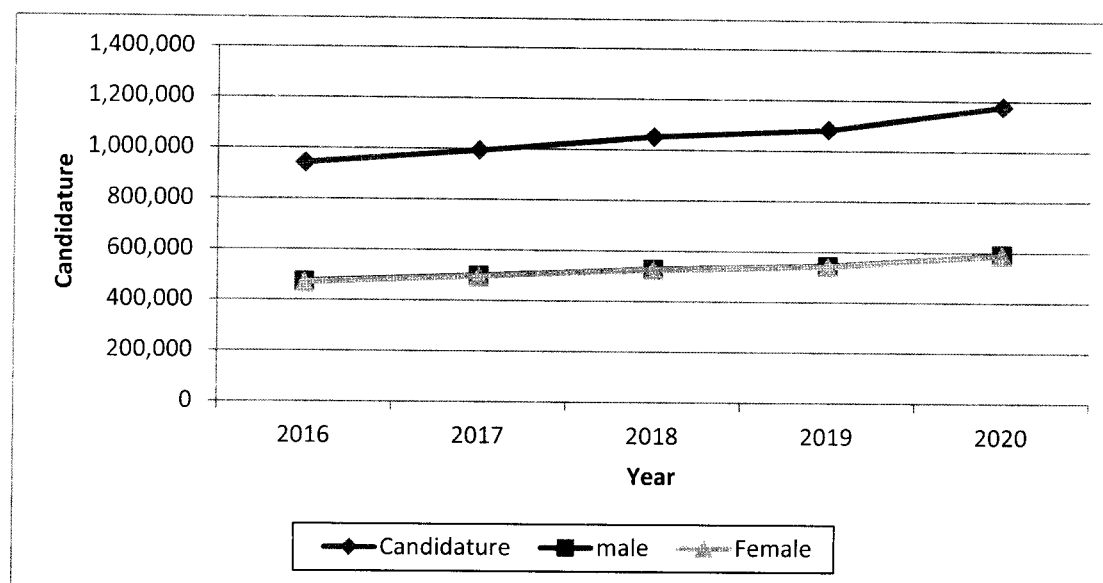


2.0 KCPE EXAMINATION CANDIDATURE TRENDS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Table 1: KCPE Examination Candidature Trends for the last Five (5) Years

Year	Total Candidature		Females		Males	
	Total No. Sat	Increase/ Decrease (%)	No. Sat (%)	Increase/ Decrease (%)	No. Sat (%)	Increase/ Decrease (%)
2020	1,179,192	95,736 (8.84%)	588,742	48,868 (9.25%)	590,450	46,868 (8.62%)
2019	1,083,456	31,112 (2.96%)	539,874	14,804 (2.82%)	543,582	16,288 (3.09%)
2018	1,052,344	58,626 (5.90%)	525,070	30,127 (6.09%)	527,294	28,519 (5.72%)
2017	993,718	51,697 (5.49%)	494,943 (49.81%)	26,425 (5.64%)	498,775 (50.19%)	25,272 (5.34%)
2016	942,021	14,232 (1.53%)	468,518 (49.74%)	8,633 (1.88%)	473,503 (50.26%)	5,599 (1.20%)

Figure 1: KCPE Examination Candidature Trends for the Last five (5) years



Observations:

- (i) **One million, one hundred and seventy nine thousand, one hundred and ninety two (1,179,192) candidates sat for the 2020 KCPE examination in twenty eight thousand, four hundred and sixty (28,460) examination centres across the country.**
- (ii) There were **590,450 (50.07%) male and 588,742 (49.93%) female candidates** who sat for the examination.
- (iii) Candidature increased by **95,736 (8.84%)** in the year 2020 KCPE examination when compared to **31,112 (2.96%)** in the year 2019 KCPE examination;
- (iv) The percentage increase in the number of male candidates **(8.62%)** was slightly lower than that of female candidates **(9.25%)** in the year 2020 KCPE examination.

Table 2: KCPE Examination Candidature by County & Gender for 2020 & 2019

County Code & Name	2020			AB	2019			AB
	Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)		Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)	
01 Taita Taveta	4,357	4,456	8,813	53	4,066	4,117	8,183	25
	(49.44%)	(50.56%)	(100%)		0.38%	0.38%	0.76%	
02 Kwale	11,495	11,002	22,497	74	8,925	9,459	18,384	58
	(51.10%)	(48.90%)	(100%)		0.82%	0.87%	1.70%	
03 Mombasa	10,325	10,213	20,538	201	9,546	9,327	18,873	116
	(50.27%)	(49.73%)	(100%)		0.88%	0.86%	1.74%	
04 Kilifi	19,847	19,368	39,215	356	16,978	17,183	34,161	243
	(50.61%)	(49.39%)	(100%)		1.57%	1.59%	3.16%	
05 Tana River	2,776	2,920	5,696	63	2,414	2,495	4,909	23
	(48.74%)	(51.26%)	(100%)		0.22%	0.23%	0.45%	
06 Lamu	1,677	1,645	3,322	25	1,441	1,515	2,956	23
	(50.48%)	(49.52%)	(100%)		0.13%	0.14%	0.27%	
07 Nyandarua	9,114	9,626	18,740	170	9,570	9,564	19,134	145
	(48.63%)	(51.37%)	(100%)		0.88%	0.88%	1.77%	
08 Nyeri	8,516	8,659	17,175	78	8,328	8,994	17,322	32
	(49.58%)	(50.42%)	(100%)		0.77%	0.83%	1.60%	
09 Kirinyaga	7,118	7,227	14,345	154	6,908	6,761	13,669	113
	(49.62%)	(50.38%)	(100%)		0.64%	0.62%	1.26%	
10 Murang'a	13,565	13,760	27,325	160	13,179	13,470	26,649	147
	(49.64%)	(50.36%)	(100%)		1.22%	1.24%	2.46%	
11 Kiambu	21,437	21,570	43,007	276	21,034	20,617	41,651	191
	(49.85%)	(50.15%)	(100%)		1.94%	1.90%	3.85%	
12 Machakos	19,106	19,674	38,780	207	17,472	17,474	34,946	156
	(49.27%)	(50.73%)	(100%)		1.61%	1.61%	3.23%	
13 Kitui	21,004	21,052	42,056	283	19,306	18,775	38,081	215
	(49.94%)	(50.06%)	(100%)		1.78%	1.73%	3.52%	
14 Embu	8,133	8,167	16,300	101	7,972	7,756	15,728	93
	(49.90%)	(50.10%)	(100%)		0.74%	0.72%	1.45%	
15 Meru	19,712	18,022	37,734	420	18,600	16,609	35,209	407
	(52.24%)	(47.76%)	(100%)		1.72%	1.53%	3.25%	
16 Marsabit	2,747	2,918	5,665	41	2,340	2,479	4,819	27
	(48.49%)	(51.51%)	(100%)		0.22%	0.23%	0.45%	
17 Isiolo	2,081	1,865	3,946	35	1,697	1,757	3,454	28
	(52.74%)	(47.26%)	(100%)		0.16%	0.16%	0.32%	
18 Makueni	17,510	17,472	34,982	130	16,540	16,709	33,249	85
	(50.05%)	(49.95%)	(100%)		1.53%	1.54%	3.07%	
19 Tharaka Nithi	6,487	6,250	12,737	37	6,175	6,016	12,191	70
	(50.93%)	(49.07%)	(100%)		0.57%	0.56%	1.13%	
20 Nairobi	33,901	32,273	66,174	1105	32,194	30,304	62,498	477
	(51.23%)	(48.77%)	(100%)		2.97%	2.80%	5.77%	

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	Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)		Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)	
21 Turkana	6,622	9,211	15,833	429	5,926	9,245	15,171	385
	(41.82%)	(58.18%)	(100%)		0.55%	0.85%	1.40%	
22 Samburu	2,378	2,663	5,041	75	2,085	2,708	4,793	35
	(47.17%)	(52.83%)	(100%)		0.19%	0.25%	0.44%	
23 Trans Nzoia	14,905	15,070	29,975	329	13,482	13,438	26,920	196
	(49.72%)	(50.28%)	(100%)		1.25%	1.24%	2.49%	
24 West Pokot	8,052	8,232	16,284	374	6,872	7,483	14,355	155
	(49.45%)	(50.55%)	(100%)		0.63%	0.69%	1.33%	
25 Bomet	14,108	13,900	28,008	81	13,105	12,781	25,886	31
	(50.37%)	(49.63%)	(100%)		1.21%	1.18%	2.39%	
26 Uasin Gishu	14,144	14,107	28,251	164	12,895	13,046	25,941	102
	(50.07%)	(49.93%)	(100%)		1.19%	1.20%	2.40%	
27 Nakuru	28,196	28,332	56,528	470	26,394	26,831	53,225	348
	(49.88%)	(50.12%)	(100%)		2.44%	2.48%	4.92%	
28 Kericho	14,214	14,473	28,687	81	12,990	13,160	26,150	50
	(49.55%)	(50.45%)	(100%)		1.20%	1.22%	2.42%	
29 Nandi	14,153	14,403	28,556	131	13,126	13,309	26,435	111
	(49.56%)	(50.44%)	(100%)		1.21%	1.23%	2.44%	
30 Laikipia	6,048	6,157	12,205	103	5,936	5,949	11,885	46
	(49.55%)	(50.45%)	(100%)		0.55%	0.55%	1.10%	
31 Kajiado	10,895	11,334	22,229	330	9,565	9,954	19,519	145
	(49.01%)	(50.99%)	(100%)		0.88%	0.92%	1.80%	
32 Narok	14,846	15,466	30,312	261	12,067	12,967	25,034	118
	(48.98%)	(51.02%)	(100%)		1.11%	1.20%	2.31%	
33 Baringo	8,836	9,407	18,243	100	8,289	8,492	16,781	60
	(48.44%)	(51.56%)	(100%)		0.77%	0.78%	1.55%	
34 Elgeyo Marakwet	7,733	7,411	15,144	43	6,971	6,697	13,668	36
	(51.06%)	(48.94%)	(100%)		0.64%	0.62%	1.26%	
35 Busia	14,006	13,290	27,296	173	12,026	11,280	23,306	130
	(51.31%)	(48.69%)	(100%)		1.11%	1.04%	2.15%	
36 Bungoma	28,034	27,300	55,334	480	24,041	22,908	46,949	268
	(50.66%)	(49.34%)	(100%)		2.22%	2.12%	4.34%	
37 Kakamega	32,796	31,039	63,835	453	28,411	25,900	54,311	244
	(51.38%)	(48.62%)	(100%)		2.62%	2.39%	5.02%	
38 Vihiga	10,145	9,340	19,485	97	8,984	8,345	17,329	67
	(52.07%)	(47.93%)	(100%)		0.83%	0.77%	1.60%	
39 Kisumu	16,910	16,471	33,381	222	15,389	14,785	30,174	176
	(50.66%)	(49.34%)	(100%)		1.42%	1.37%	2.79%	
40 Kisii	18,986	18,421	37,407	231	16,595	16,695	33,290	129
	(50.76%)	(49.24%)	(100%)		1.53%	1.54%	3.07%	

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	Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)		Female (%)	Male (%)	Total Cand. (%)	
41 Homa Bay	17,929	18,036	35,965	303	15,140	15,914	31,054	177
	(49.85%)	(50.15%)	(100%)		1.40%	1.47%	2.87%	
42 Siaya	15,567	14,960	30,527	178	13,826	13,558	27,384	140
	(50.99%)	(49.01%)	(100%)		1.28%	1.25%	2.53%	
43 Nyamira	9,097	9,254	18,351	55	8,321	8,322	16,643	35
	(49.57%)	(50.43%)	(100%)		0.77%	0.77%	1.54%	
44 Migori	17,005	16,984	33,989	462	14,105	14,622	28,727	181
	(50.03%)	(49.97%)	(100%)		1.30%	1.35%	2.65%	
45 Garissa	3,955	5,903	9,858	290	3,662	6,145	9,807	154
	(40.12%)	(59.88%)	(100%)		0.34%	0.57%	0.91%	
46 Wajir	2,476	3,461	5,937	60	2,404	3,551	5,955	27
	(41.70%)	(58.30%)	(100%)		0.22%	0.33%	0.55%	
47 Mandera	2,215	3,676	5,891	100	2,176	3,780	5,956	52
	(37.60%)	(62.40%)	(100%)		0.20%	0.35%	0.55%	
Total	595,180	596,436	1,191,616	12,424	539,468	543,246	1,082,714	6,272
	49.94%	50.05%	100%		1.04%	49.83%	50.17%	

Observations:

- (i) The following *twenty (20)* counties registered more female than male candidates in 2020 KCPE examination: *Isiolo, Meru, Vihiga, Kakamega, Busia, Nairobi, Kwale, Elgeyo Marakwet, Siaya, Tharaka Nithi, Kisii, Kisumu, Bungoma, Kilifi, Lamu, Bomet, Mombasa, Uasin Gishu, Makueni, and Migori*. This is an increase from *eighteen (18)* counties that registered more female than male candidates in 2019.
- (ii) The number of candidates who were absent increased from **6,272 (0.58%)** in the year 2019 to **12,424 (1.04%)** in the year 2020 KCPE examination.
- (iii) The counties with the highest candidature in the 2020 KCPE examination were *Nairobi (66,174), Kakamega (63,835), Nakuru (56,528), Bungoma (55,334)* and *Kiambu (43,007)*.
- (iv) The counties with the lowest candidature in the 2020 KCPE examination were *Lamu (3,322), Isiolo (3,946), Samburu (5,041), Marsabit (5,665)* and *Tana River (5,696)*.
- (v) *Three (03)* counties recorded a drop in the number of candidates registered in the year 2020 KCPE examination compared to the year 2019. These were: *Nyandarua, Nyeri* and *Mandera*.