IIM RTI Data 2026: Official Shortlist Comparison

IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Indore and IIM Lucknow | Batch 2026-28 (CAT 2025 cycle) | Last checked: 29 October 2026

Data status. Every figure below comes from a PDF published on the IIM's own website (listed on the last page). These PDFs stop at the interview shortlist. Final offers and joined counts for 2026-28 are not published in them. Percentages marked * are CATMOCK calculations from the official counts. Composite scores use each IIM's own scale and cannot be compared across IIMs.

1. Funnel at a glance

IIM and programme	Expressed interest	Cleared first-stage cut-offs	Shortlisted for interview	Share shortlisted*
IIM Indore, PGP	227,876 (PGP and PGP-HRM combined)	17,687	5,054	28.6%
IIM Lucknow, MBA	236,227	12,920	3,889	30.1%
IIM Ahmedabad, PGP	Not stated in the PDF	8,838 (CAT)	1,308	14.8%

Other programmes (overlapping candidate pools, so do not add to the totals above): IIM Indore PGP-HRM 3,323 shortlisted; IIM Lucknow MBA-ABM 3,213 and MBA-SM 1,900 shortlisted. IIM Ahmedabad's 1,308 includes 3 GMAT candidates; its 8,838 excludes 8 GMAT candidates.

2. Category-wise shortlist (share of candidates who cleared the first-stage cut-offs*)

Category	IIM Indore (PGP)	IIM Lucknow (MBA)	IIM Ahmedabad (PGP)
General	1,817 of 10,361 (17.5%)	1,268 of 7,024 (18.1%)	564 of 6,106 (9.2%)
EWS	215 of 627 (34.3%)	312 of 879 (35.5%)	63 of 328 (19.2%)
NC-OBC	1,375 of 3,302 (41.6%)	910 of 2,084 (43.7%)	336 of 1,529 (22.0%)
SC	889 of 2,225 (40.0%)	793 of 2,193 (36.2%)	186 of 584 (31.8%)
ST	504 of 918 (54.9%)	396 of 530 (74.7%)	109 of 208 (52.4%)
PwD	254 of 254 (100%)	210 of 210 (100%)	50 of 83 (60.2%)
Total	**5,054 of 17,687**	**3,889 of 12,920**	**1,308 of 8,838**

IIM Lucknow's PwD shortlist is the sum of its five PwD sub-categories (General, EWS, NC-OBC, SC, ST).

3. How IIM Ahmedabad made its 1,308 interview calls

Category	Stage 1: exceptional-performer routes	Stage 2: category merit list	GMAT	Total called
General	368	193	3	564
EWS	7	56	-	63
NC-OBC	162	174	-	336
SC	87	99	-	186
ST	40	69	-	109
PwD	15	35	-	50
Total	**679**	**626**	**3**	**1,308**

Composite score: CS = 0.35 x normalised Application Rating (AR) + 0.65 x normalised CAT 2025 score. Minimum CS on the Stage 2 merit list: General 0.605604, EWS 0.529701, NC-OBC 0.511349, SC 0.453585, ST 0.382786. CAT 2025 minimum cut-offs to be considered: General/EWS 95 overall and 85 in each section; NC-OBC 90 and 80; SC 85 and 75; ST 75 and 65.

4. Composite scores of shortlisted candidates (each IIM's own scale)

IIM Indore, PGP

Category	Shortlisted	Maximum CS	Minimum CS
General	1,817	72.21893	54.40180
EWS	215	66.66723	48.81657
NC-OBC	1,375	65.97621	44.21371
SC	889	64.56734	38.75293
ST	504	56.50158	32.30441
PwD	254	65.90915	16.63188

IIM Lucknow, MBA

Category	Cleared Stage 1a	Shortlisted	Maximum CS	Minimum CS (cut-off)
General	7,024	1,268	71.5371374	49.8496132
EWS	879	312	64.0679612	37.6675938
NC-OBC	2,084	910	74.6631356	35.9811591
SC	2,193	793	61.6924997	28.9562585
ST	530	396	60.0291357	19.1441699
PwD (all sub-categories)	210	210	see PDF	see PDF

5. IIM Indore PGP shortlist: who got the 5,054 calls

Profile	Count	Share of 5,054*
Female	1,887	37.3%
Male	3,167	62.7%
With work experience	2,754	54.5%
Freshers	2,300	45.5%

Women were 84,283 of the 227,876 candidates who expressed interest (37.0%*), so the shortlist mirrors the applicant pool.

6. Official sources

IIM Indore: Summarized Information under RTI for 2026-28 Batch
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IIM Lucknow: Information related to Admission to the Post Graduate Programmes, Batch 2026-28 (CAT-2025)
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IIM Ahmedabad: Shortlisting Criteria for PGP 2026-28 Batch (dated 9 January 2026)
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