

# UPSC Cut-Off 2025: Official Marks & The Simplified Target Strategy

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has officially released the final cut-off marks for the Civil Services Examination 2025.

For the General category, the Prelims cut-off rose to **92.66**, the Mains cut-off to **739**, and the Final selection cut-off to **963**.

At **Manika IAS**, our DNA is built on clarity. We believe that looking at the cut-off shouldn't induce panic—it should bring focus. The cut-off is the exact boundary line of what the Commission demands. You don't need to read every book under the sun to clear the exam; you just need an anti-overload strategy designed to comfortably breach these specific numbers.

## Official UPSC Cut-Off 2025 (Latest)

The cut-off represents the minimum marks scored by the last recommended candidate in each respective category.

Category	Prelims (Out of 200)	Mains (Out of 1750)	Final (Out of 2025)
General	92.66	739	963
EWS	89.34	706	926
OBC	92.00	717	931
SC	84.00	700	905
ST	82.66	694	902

**Note on CSAT:** The Prelims cut-off is calculated solely based on General Studies Paper I. The CSAT (Paper II) is qualifying in nature—you must score a minimum of 33% (66 marks) to have your GS Paper I evaluated.

# The Rising Trend: 2024 vs. 2025

The 2025 cycle saw a definitive jump in the qualifying marks. The General Prelims cut-off increased by nearly 5 marks (from 87.98 in 2024 to 92.66 in 2025). This upward trend proves that relying on rote memorization and scattered study materials is no longer enough.

# UPSC Prelims 5-Year Cut-Off Trends (2020-2024)

## The Official 5-Year Data

Looking at a single year's cut-off gives you a number. Looking at five years gives you a strategy.

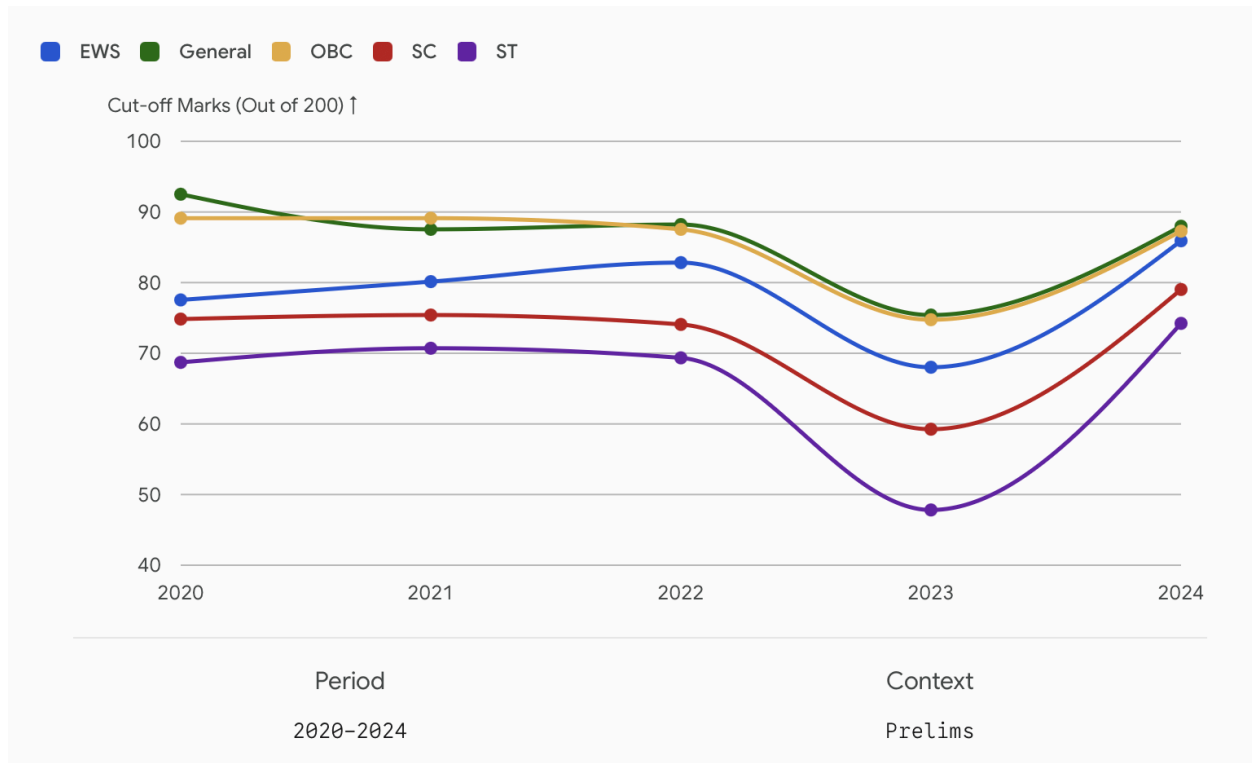
At **Manika IAS**, we emphasize an anti-overload approach to preparation. Data like the 5-year cut-off trend below shouldn't cause panic; it should bring clarity. The massive fluctuations you see aren't random—they are direct reflections of the paper's changing difficulty and the Commission's evolving focus areas.

The table below outlines the official UPSC Prelims cut-off marks (out of 200 for General Studies Paper I) for the past five years.

Category	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
General	87.98	75.41	88.22	87.54	92.51
EWS	85.92	68.02	82.83	80.14	77.55
OBC	87.28	74.75	87.54	89.12	89.12
SC	79.03	59.25	74.08	75.41	74.84
ST	74.23	47.82	69.35	70.71	68.71
PwBD-1	69.42	40.40	49.84	68.02	70.06
PwBD-2	65.30	47.13	58.59	67.33	63.94
PwBD-3	40.56	40.40	40.40	43.09	40.82
PwBD-5	40.56	33.68	41.76	45.80	42.86

# Visualize the Volatility

The most dangerous thing an aspirant can do is target the previous year's exact cut-off. Notice the steep drop in 2023 followed by the immediate rebound in 2024. Have a look at the chart below to explore these fluctuations across categories.



# UPSC Mains 5-Year Cut-Off Trends (2020-2024): The Simplified Target

If the UPSC Prelims is a test of elimination, the Mains is a test of exact expression.

At **Manika IAS**, our **anti-overload** philosophy is designed specifically for this stage. When you look at the 5-year Mains cut-off data below, a clear pattern emerges: the General category cut-off consistently hovers between 729 and 748 out of 1750 marks.

That is roughly **42% to 45%**. You do not need to write academic masterpieces or memorize every textbook to secure an interview call. You need clarity, structure, and simplification.

## The Official 5-Year Mains Data

The table below outlines the official UPSC Mains cut-off marks—the minimum score required out of 1750 (seven merit papers) to receive a call for the Personality Test.

Category	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>GENERAL</b>	729	741	748	745	736
<b>EWS</b>	696	706	715	713	687
<b>OBC</b>	702	712	714	707	698
<b>SC</b>	685	694	699	700	680
<b>ST</b>	684	692	706	700	682
<b>PwBD-1</b>	663	673	677	688	648
<b>PwBD-2</b>	696	718	706	712	699
<b>PwBD-3</b>	307	396	351	388	425
<b>PwBD-5</b>	361	445	419	560	300

## Visualize the Consistency

Unlike the wild volatility of the Prelims cut-off, the Mains cut-off is remarkably stable. See the chart below to see how the target score has remained consistent across half a decade.

# UPSC Final Cut-Off 2025: Decoding the Ultimate Target

The UPSC Final Cut-Off is the ultimate destination of your Civil Services journey. It is determined by amalgamating your score in the Mains Examination (out of 1750) and your Personality Test / Interview (out of 275).

At **Manika IAS**, we emphasize **simplification** and **clarity**. When you look at the total marks (2025), the sheer volume can feel intimidating. But the final cut-off reveals a very different reality: **you only need roughly 47% to become a civil servant**.

You do not need perfection; you need consistency, structure, and an anti-overload strategy that ensures you maximize marks in both written expression and verbal articulation.

## The Latest 5-Year Final Cut-Off Data (Updated 2025)

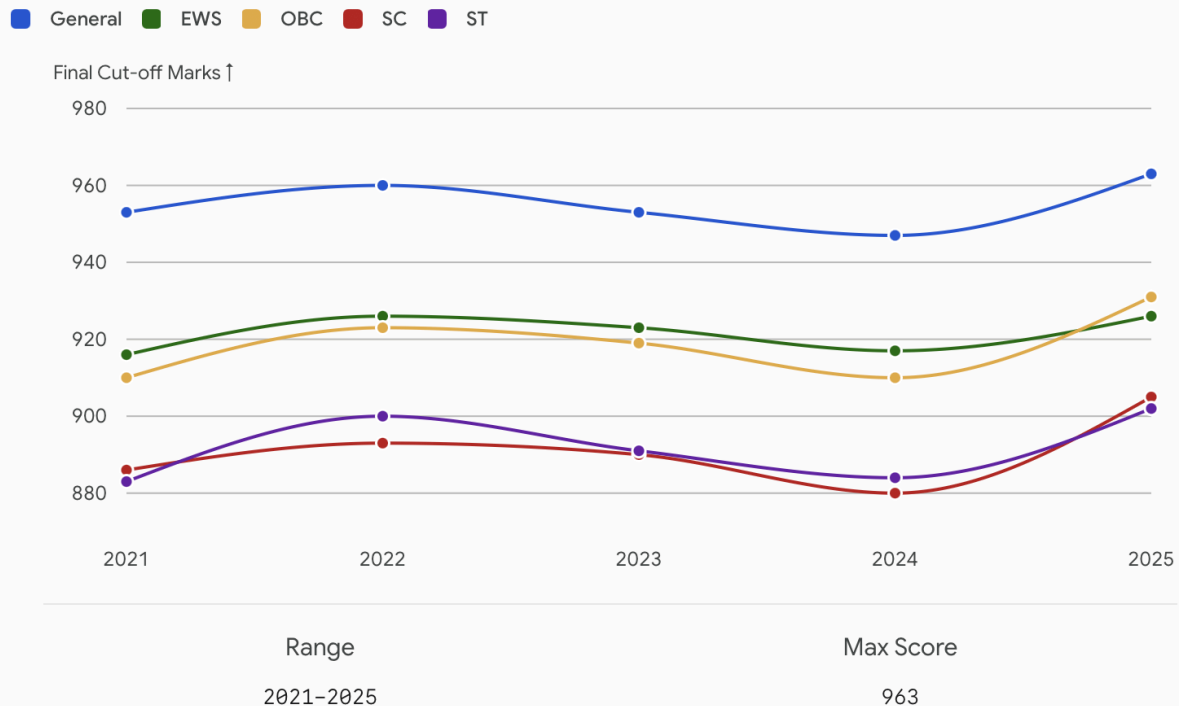
The table below outlines the official UPSC Final Cut-Off marks—the minimum aggregate score required to secure a rank and service allocation. We have updated this data to include the recently released **2025 cycle results**.

Category	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
General	963	947	953	960	953
EWS	926	917	923	926	916
OBC	931	910	919	923	910
SC	905	880	890	893	886
ST	902	884	891	900	883
PwBD-1	917	876	894	879	892
PwBD-2	944	913	930	913	932
PwBD-3	804	701	756	632	689
PwBD-5	631	461	589	590	701

## Visualize the 47% Reality

Notice how the General category cut-off consistently hovers between 945 and 965. This stability is your biggest advantage. Have a look at the chart below to explore how the final cut-off has trended over the last five years across different categories.

## UPSC Final Cut-off Trends (2021-2025)



### Bridging the Gap: Mains + Interview

A common trap aspirants fall into is assuming a brilliant interview will save a poor Mains score, or that heavy Mains preparation means they can ignore the Personality Test. The final cut-off demands balance.

For example, to hit the **2025 General Cut-Off of 963**:

- If you score the exact Mains cut-off (739), you need a massive **224** in the Interview (which is exceptionally difficult).
- If you score **790** in Mains through a structured, simplified approach, you only need an average **173** in the Interview to secure your name on the final list.

Here is how Manika IAS bridges that exact gap:

- **The Comprehensive-Personalised Mentorship Plan:** We ensure you don't just clear the Mains cut-off, but build a comfortable 40-50 mark lead. We do this by cutting out academic fluff and focusing on high-yield presentation structures.
- **Targeted Value Additions:** Using our **Map Bundle PDF** and **Places in News** integration gives your GS answers an undeniable edge, pushing your written score higher without requiring you to read 5 extra textbooks.
- **Authentic Interview Guidance:** When you reach the Personality Test, we don't try to change your personality. We simplify your DAF (Detailed Application Form) and prepare you for a natural conversation, ensuring you secure those 175+ marks effortlessly.

**The final rank isn't about knowing everything; it's about executing the right things.** Join Manika IAS today to streamline your strategy and hit that 47% target with absolute clarity.