

2008-2009 Summary

There were 60,856 applications received by QTAC during the 2008-2009 admissions year, with 58,097 total offers, 54,523 final offers, from which there were 43,771 acceptances and 38,295 students enrolled. The majority of offers, 85.2%, were for courses commencing in Semester 1 2009. Table 1 gives a summary of overall applications for 2008-2009.

The overall enrolment rate for the 2008-2009 admissions year was 70.2%, with the highest enrolment rate occurring in Semester 3 2008 (73.9%) and the lowest in Semester 2 2009 (68.2%).

2008-2009 was the first time QTAC had year round admissions with applicants being able to apply from 1 July 2008 for courses commencing in semester 3 2008, semester 1 2009 and semester 2 2009. In addition, institutions were able to make Early Offers to applicants whose assessment had been finalised.

All courses must have a designated Major Offer Round when all applicants for that course are considered. Early Offers can be made before the Major Round to highly qualified applicants if the course is their highest eligible preference. No applicant can be disadvantaged by the Early Offer process.

For the majority of courses in Semester 1 the January Offer Round was the Major Offer Round. In the data in Tables 2, 3 and 4 the February Topup Round is counted as a major round. Similarly the two offer rounds in June are the Major and Topup Rounds for most Semester 2 courses.

After these rounds some institutions still have vacancies and QTAC publishes these courses on our website and continues to accept and process applications up to a date specified by the institution, depending on when teaching commences. These Late Offer Rounds are conducted twice each week.

Table 2 summarises institution participation in each offer round by the offer round type and Table 3 shows that total offers made in each offer round.

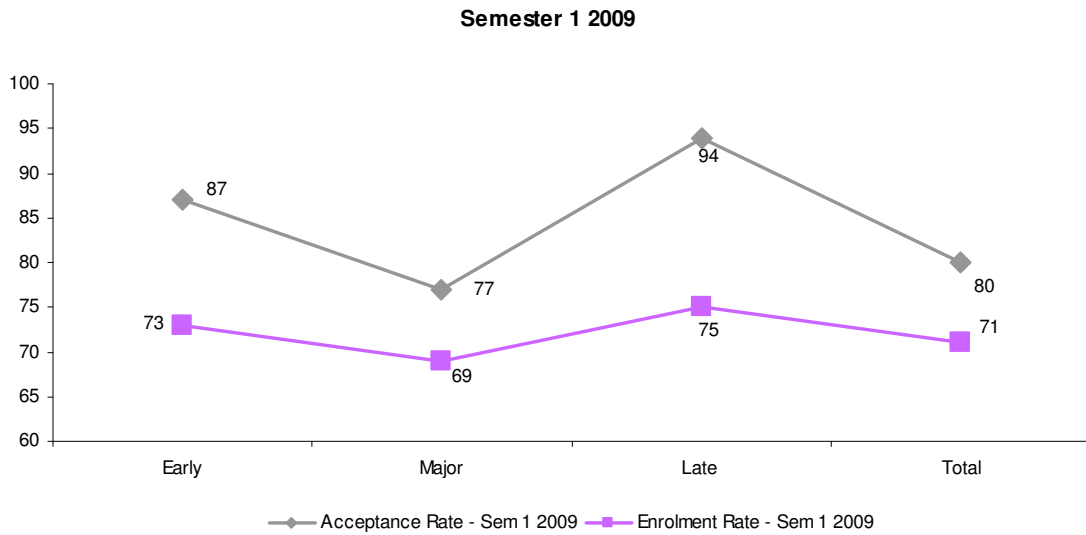
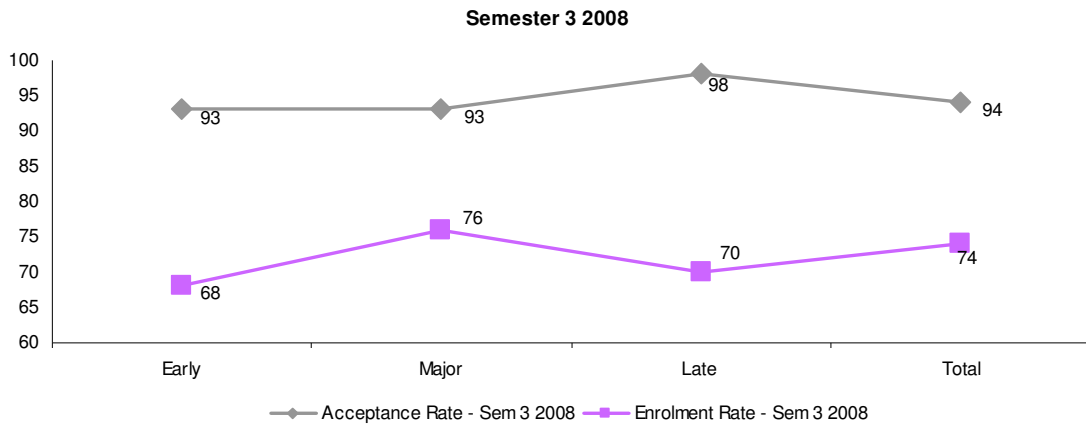
Tables 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D summarises the acceptance and enrolment rates for each offer round by the offer round type.

The greatest difference between the acceptance rate and the enrolment rate is for late offers. This is because, as these offers are made just as classes are about to commence, QTAC accepts them on behalf of the applicant and requests that the applicants change that response if it is not what they want. As applicants don't always do that the acceptance rate appears higher than it actually is.

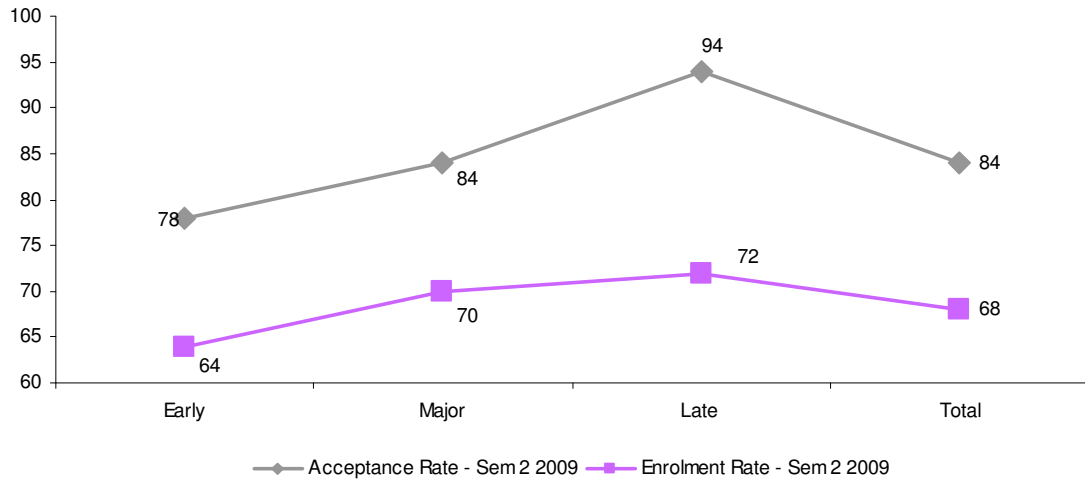
For both Semesters 1 and 2 the highest enrolment rate is for Late Offers. In Semester 1 Major Round Offers had the lowest enrolment rate, while in Semesters 3 and 2 Early Offer rounds had the lowest enrolment rate.

Overall the enrolment rate does not vary a great deal for the various types of offer rounds.

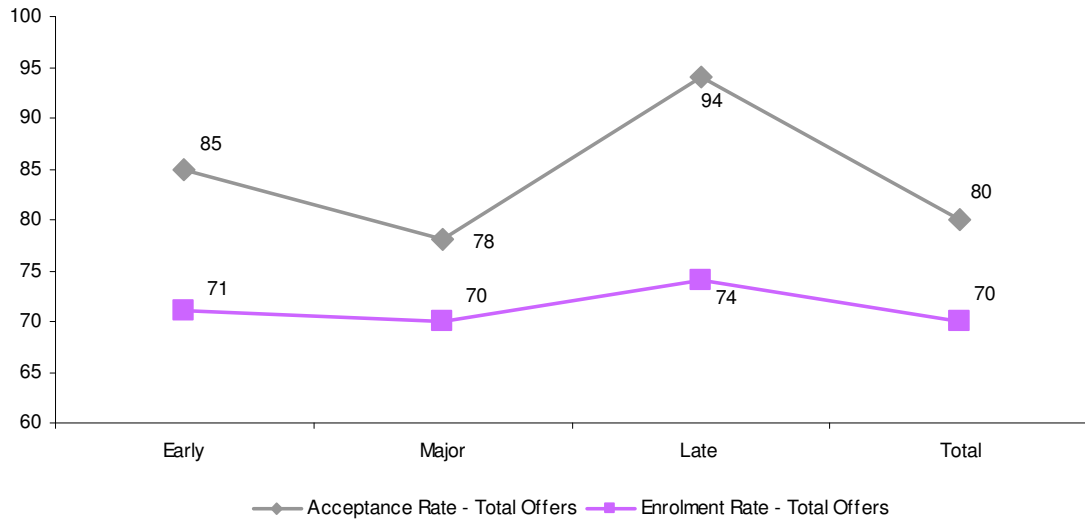
Chart 1: Acceptance and Enrolment Rates by Offer Round Type and Semester Offered



Semester 2 2009



Total Offers 2008-2009

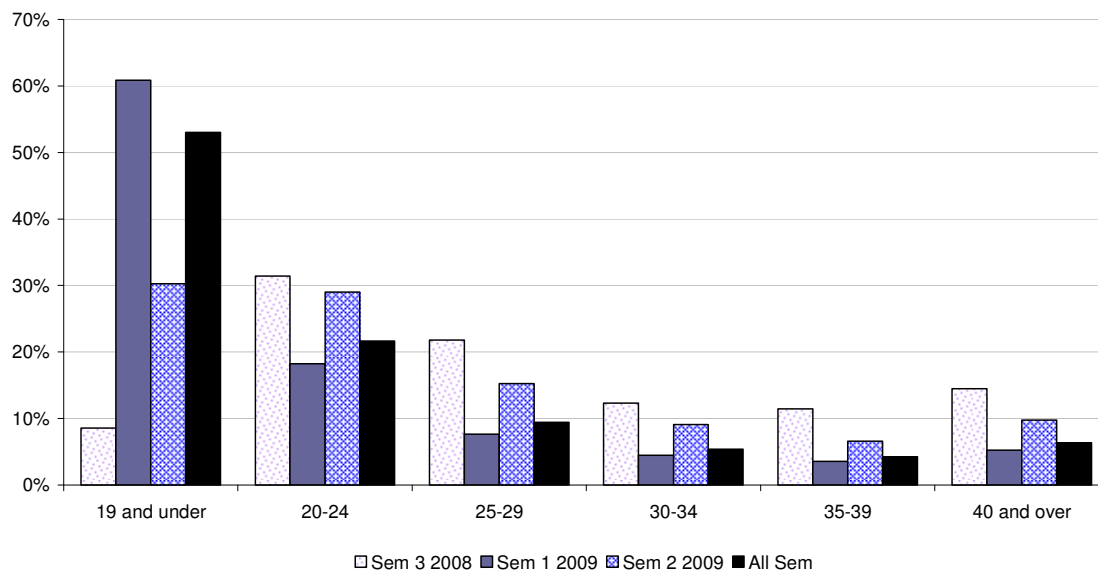


Females accounted for 60.9% of enrolments for the 2008-2009 admissions year. Female enrolments were predominant in Food, Hospitality and Personal Services (100%), Education (78.0%) and Health (77.1%). Male enrolments were predominant in Engineering (85.8%) and Information Technology (84.0%).

■ **Age Group - Applications:** The age distribution of first preferences for the 2008-2009 admissions year were as follows:

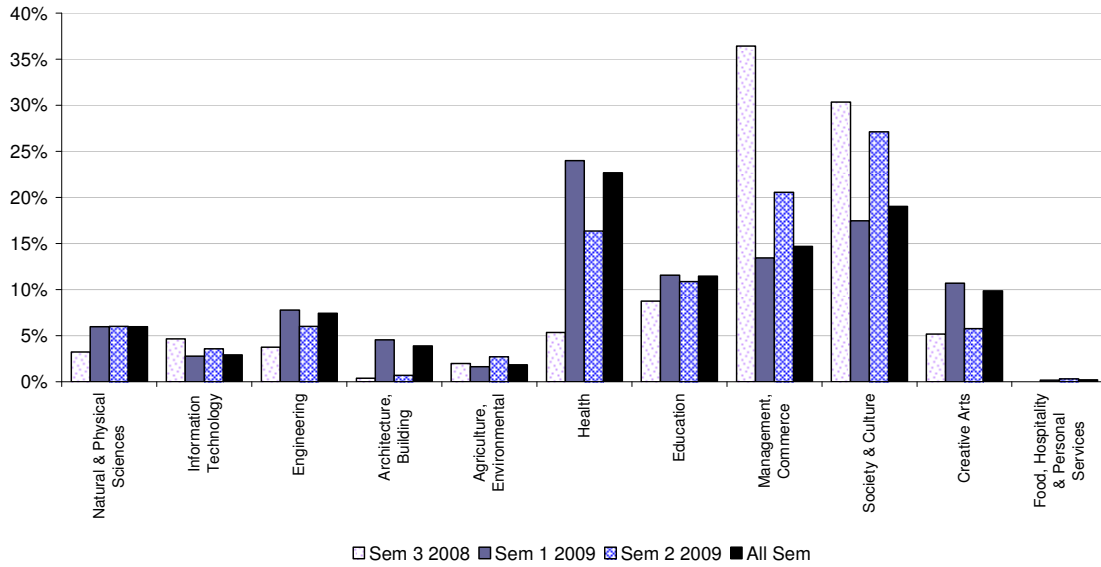
- 53.0% were 19 and under
- 21.6% were between 20 and 24
- 9.4% were between 25 and 29
- 5.4% were between 30 and 34
- 4.2% were between 35 and 39
- 6.3% were 40 and over

**Chart 2: Age Group First Preferences as a percentage of Total First Preferences
2008-2009 Admissions Year**



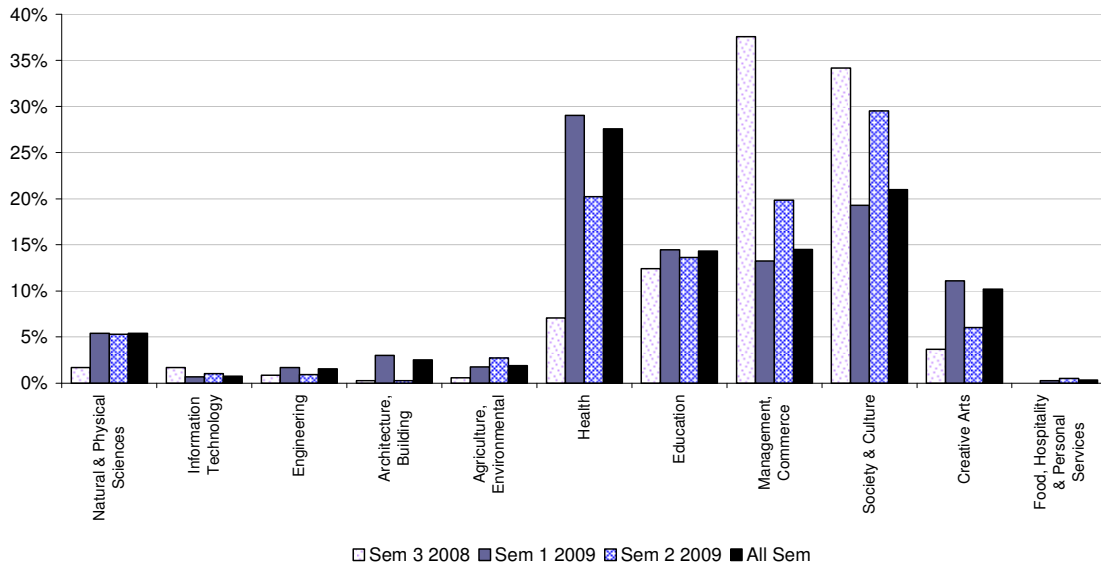
■ **Field of Education - Applications:** The most popular Field of Education for all applicants was Health followed by Society and Culture which received 22.70% and 19.04% of first preferences respectively.

Chart 3: Field of Education First Preferences as a percentage of Total First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year



Field of Education – Female Applications: Amongst female applicants, Health received 27.57% of first preferences followed by Society and Culture with 20.98%.

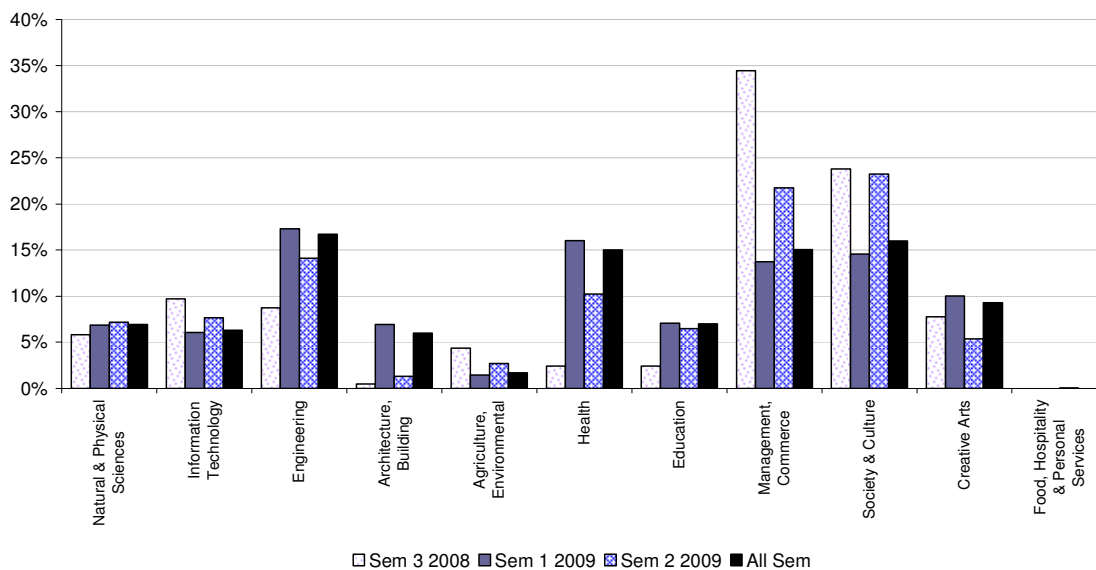
Chart 4A: Female First Preferences as a percentage of Total Female First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year



Field of Education – Male Applications: The most popular Field of Education for male applicants was split between Engineering, Society and Culture, Management and

Commerce, and Health with 16.70%, 15.99%, 15.05% and 15.03% of first preferences respectively.

**Chart 4B: Male First Preferences as a percentage of Total Male First Preferences
2008-2009 Admissions Year**



Field of Education – Age Groups: The most popular Field of Education across all age groups for the 2008-2009 admissions year was Health. This was a result of the large proportion of admissions that occurred in Semester 1 2009 where Health was the favoured field.

Society and Culture was the most popular Field of Education for all age groups in Semester 2 2009.

The Field of Education first preferences varied across the age groups in Semester 3 2009 with Management and Commerce the favourite amongst the 19 and under, 20-24 and 30-34 age groups while Society and Culture was the favourite amongst the 25-29, 35-39 and 40 and over age groups.

Chart 5A: 19 and under First Preferences as a percentage of Total 19 and under First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

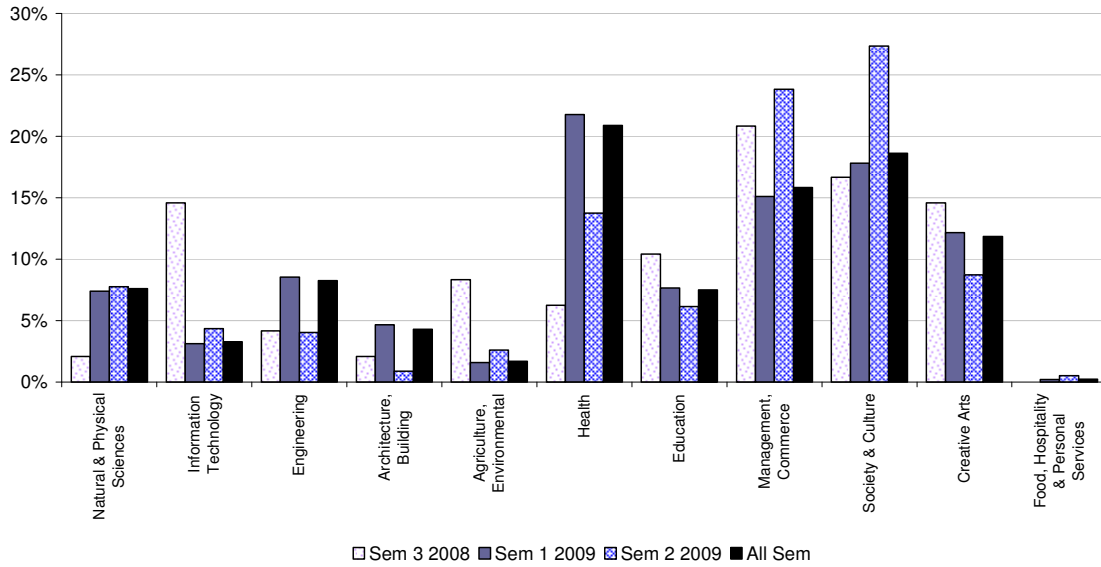


Chart 5B: 20-24 First Preferences as a percentage of Total 20-24 First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

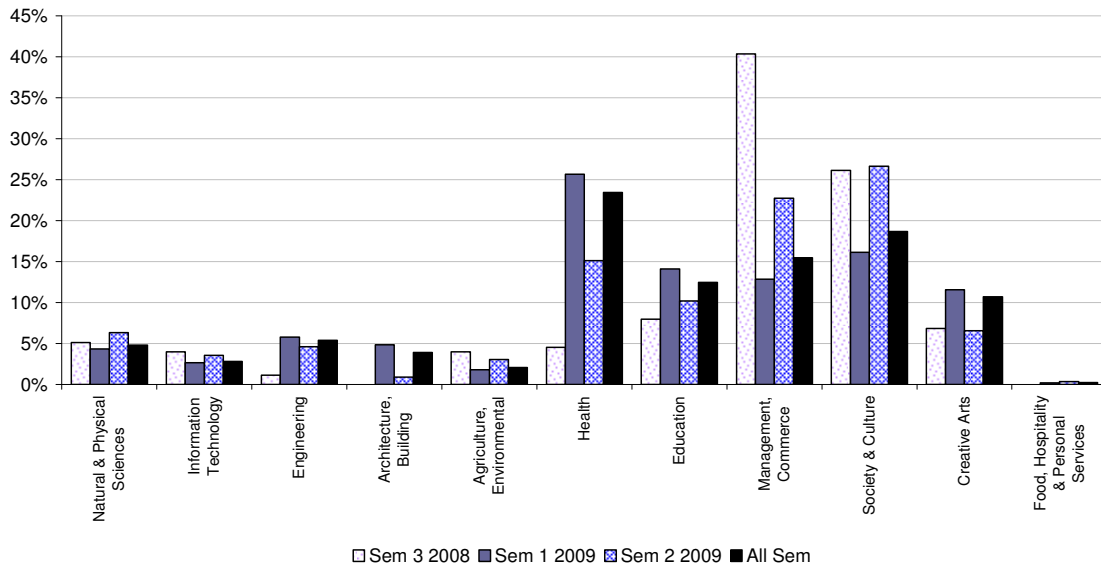


Chart 5C: 25-29 First Preferences as a percentage of Total 25-29 First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

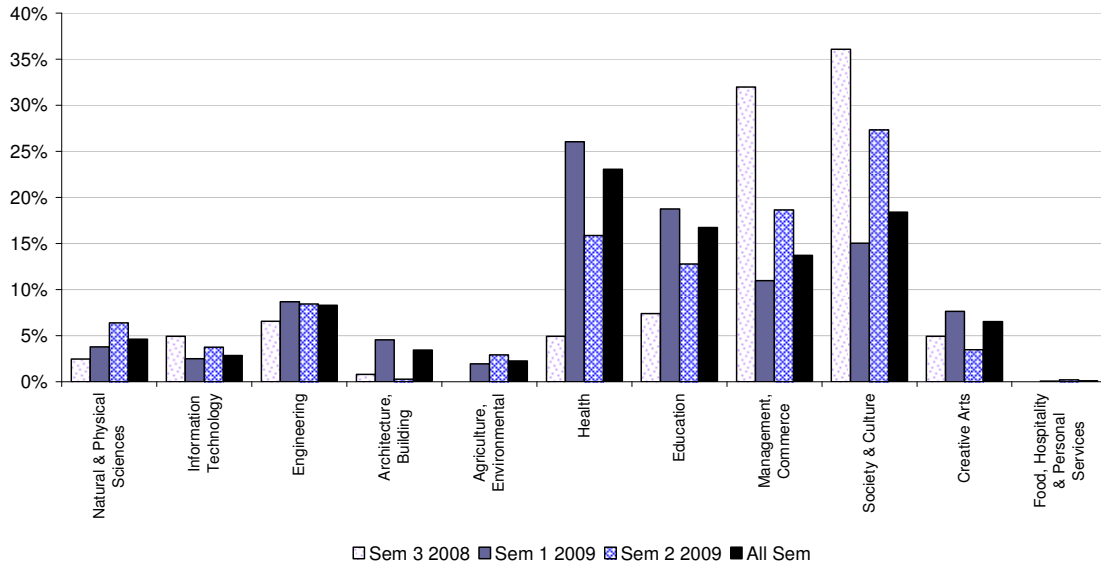


Chart 5D: 30-34 First Preferences as a percentage of Total 30-34 First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

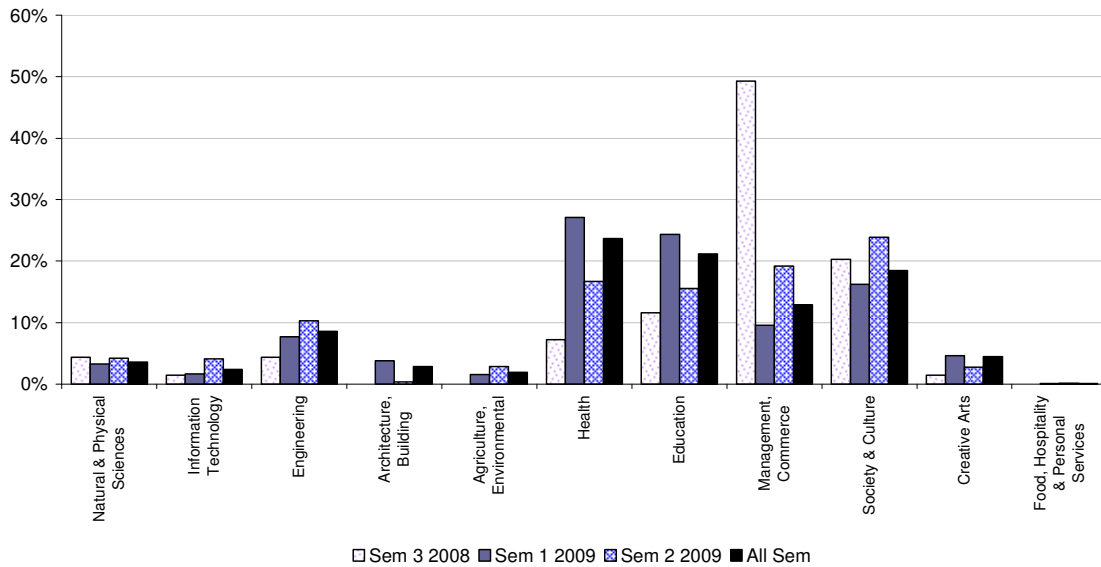


Chart 5E: 35-39 First Preferences as a percentage of Total 35-39 First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

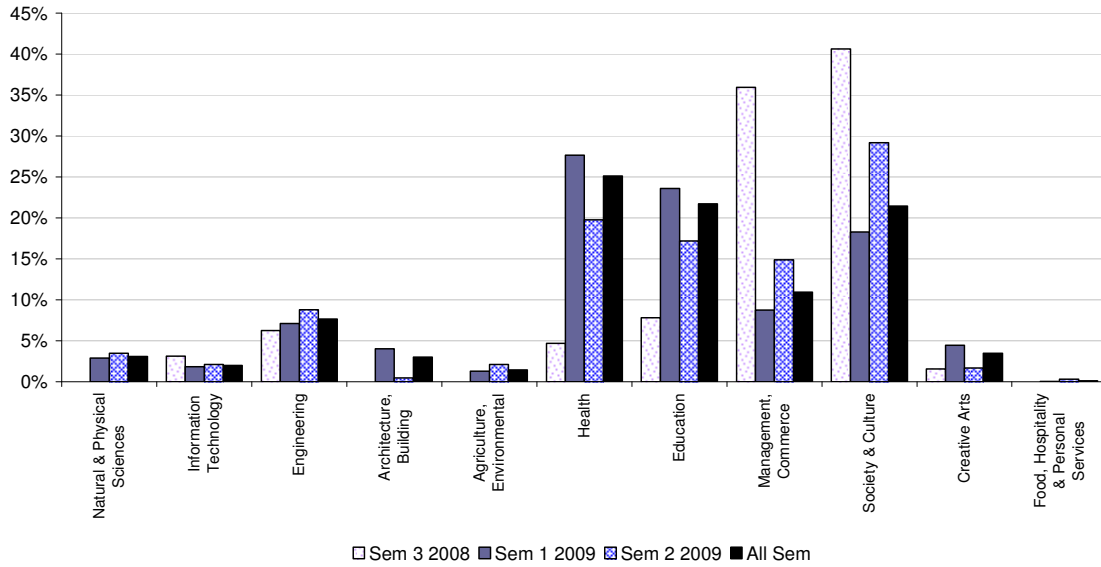


Chart 5F: 40 and over First Preferences as a percentage of Total 40 and over First Preferences 2008-2009 Admissions Year

