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Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	Graduates in the calendar year	Graduates who took the bar exam before graduation*	Graduates who took bar exam after graduation*	Grads who have not taken the bar	Grads with no bar info	First time takers from prior grad years	Total first- time takers	Total who passed the bar	Law school bar passage rate**	ABA weighted average bar pass rate***	in bar pass	Graduates admitted via alternative pathways to licensure	Total First- Time Bar Passage Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2023	278	0	262	16	0	0	262	240	91.60%	78.56%	13.04%	0	91.60%
2022	265	-	-	12	0	0	253	235	92.89%	76.19%	16.70%	0	92.89%
2021	273	-	-	0	11	21	283	269	95.05%	79.00%	16.05%	0	95.05%

^{*}For 2022 and 2021, the ABA did not collect information about "graduates who took the bar exam before graduation" and "graduates who took the bar exam after graduation" as it does currently, so those data fields are not included in this report.

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	35	30	85.71%	72.33%	13.38%
ILLINOIS	145	134	92.41%	78.28%	14.13%
NEW YORK	48	44	91.67%	82.96%	8.71%
9 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	34	32	94.12%	77.79%	16.33%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
CALIFORNIA	31	28	90.32%	72.15%	18.17%
ILLINOIS	137	128	93.43%	75.01%	18.42%
NEW YORK	49	47	95.92%	82.69%	13.23%
TEXAS	14	12	85.71%	75.31%	10.40%
13 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	22	20	90.91%	74.65%	16.26%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	59	58	98.31%	86.19%	12.12%
CALIFORNIA	38	36	94.74%	76.99%	17.75%
ILLINOIS	131	123	93.89%	76.97%	16.92%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	10	10	100.00%	80.57%	19.43%
21 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	45	42	93.33%	75.52%	17.81%

^{**}Law School pass rate is how the Law School's graduates performed across all jurisdictions where they took the bar examination for the first time.

^{***}The ABA weighted average bar pass rate is the average pass rate for graduates from ABA-accredited law schools for each jurisdiction in which the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam. This number is weighted so that bar pass rates from jurisdictions where more of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam have a greater impact on the ABA weighted average bar pass rate than bar pass rates from jurisdictions where fewer of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam.

^{****}The difference between the Law School pass rate and the ABA weighted average bar pass rate compares the performance of the Law School's graduates on the bar exam in all jurisdictions where they took the bar exam for the first time with the performance of graduates from all ABA-accredited law schools on the bar exam in those same jurisdictions.

Calendar year of graduation	Total graduates in calendar year	# of grads with no info	# who did not take a bar	Graduates who sat for a bar exam within two years of their date of graduation			Graduates who have been admitted via an alternative pathway to licensure	Ultimate Bar Passage Rate Total % (incl. alternative pathways)
				# of takers	# who passed	% who passed		
2021	273	6	0	267	264	98.88%	0	98.88%
2020	256	14	0	242	235	97.11%	0	97.11%
2019	240	9	2	229	226	98.69%	0	98.69%