

2019 STATISTICS SNAPSHOT

Jurisdiction Bar Examination Data

(First-time and repeat test taker status based on an examinee's testing experience *in the reporting jurisdiction only*.)

2019 TOTALS

TOTAL PERSONS TAKING
68,305



35% of 2019 examinees were repeaters

65% of 2019 examinees were first-time takers



Total persons passing
58%

Total first-timers taking

44,367



Percentage of first-timers passing

73%

Total repeaters taking

23,938

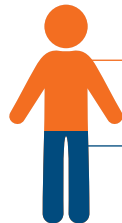


Percentage of repeaters passing

32%

FEBRUARY 2019 TOTALS

FEBRUARY PERSONS TAKING
21,935



61% of February 2019 examinees were repeaters

39% of February 2019 examinees were first-time takers



February persons passing
46%

February first-timers taking

8,609



Percentage of February first-timers passing

60%

February repeaters taking

13,326



Percentage of February repeaters passing

36%

JULY 2019 TOTALS

JULY PERSONS TAKING
46,370



23% of July 2019 examinees were repeaters

77% of July 2019 examinees were first-time takers



July persons passing
64%

July first-timers taking

35,758



Percentage of July first-timers passing

76%

July repeaters taking

10,612



Percentage of July repeaters passing

27%

Jurisdiction Bar Examination Data continued



4% of 2019 examinees were graduates of **non-ABA-approved** law schools

Total graduates of non-ABA-approved law schools taking:

2,788

Percentage of graduates of non-ABA-approved law schools passing:

19%



12% of 2019 examinees were graduates of law schools **outside the USA**

Total graduates of law schools outside the USA taking:

8,165

Percentage of graduates from law schools outside the USA passing:

33%

NCBE MBE-Based Data

The first-time and repeat test taker data on the previous page are those obtained from the jurisdictions and are based on the examinees' testing experience *in the reporting jurisdiction only*. Therefore, they do not account for possible previous attempts at the bar examination in other jurisdictions. The data below are based on an examinee having previously taken the MBE *in any jurisdiction*.*

2019 TOTALS

TOTAL PERSONS TAKING

66,650

Total likely repeaters taking

26,164

Total likely first-timers taking

34,081



39% of 2019 examinees were likely repeaters

51% of 2019 examinees were likely first-time takers

approximately 10% of 2019 examinees are untrackable

FEBRUARY 2019 TOTALS

FEBRUARY PERSONS TAKING

21,316

February likely repeaters taking

14,619

February likely first-timers taking

4,614



69% of February 2019 examinees were likely repeaters

22% of February 2019 examinees were likely first-time takers

approximately 9% of February 2019 examinees are untrackable

JULY 2019 TOTALS

JULY PERSONS TAKING

45,334

July likely repeaters taking

11,545

July likely first-timers taking

29,467



25% of July 2019 examinees were likely repeaters

65% of July 2019 examinees were likely first-time takers

approximately 10% of July 2019 examinees are untrackable

* The first-time and repeat test taker information calculated by NCBE is an approximation based on biographic data and the NCBE Number, which have not been used consistently in all jurisdictions across time. Use of the NCBE Number as a unique identifier has increased steadily since it was introduced in 2011. It was used in all but three of the jurisdictions that administered the MBE in February 2019, and in all but two of the jurisdictions that administered the MBE in July 2019, identifying about 98% of the February and July 2019 examinees. Repeat test takers in the NCBE MBE-based data are defined as those who were identified as having taken an MBE in any jurisdiction at least once prior to the current administration. However, the identification of repeat test takers is less certain in the case of earlier previous exam administrations than for more recent administrations, depending on when a jurisdiction began using the NCBE Number. Approximately 10% of examinees are unable to be tracked with certainty by NCBE as either first-time or repeat takers due to either a jurisdiction's non-use or only recent use of the NCBE Number or a lack of sufficient biographic information. The differences in the numbers of persons taking the MBE in the *NCBE MBE-based data* displayed above and those taking the bar examination as reported by jurisdictions in the *jurisdiction bar examination data* displayed on the previous page are accounted for by the following: (1) the fact that two jurisdictions do not administer the MBE (and are therefore not represented on this page but would be represented on the previous page), (2) concurrent administrations of the bar examination in certain jurisdictions, (3) the fact that jurisdictions typically track repeaters *within their own jurisdiction* whereas NCBE tracks repeaters *across jurisdictions*, and/or (4) the acceptance of banked or transferred scores in certain jurisdictions. (Note: The counts and percentages in the NCBE MBE-based data above are based on the designations effective at the time of publication. Because these designations may change as more information becomes available over time to more completely identify examinees, the counts and percentages published above may differ slightly from previously published counts and percentages.)