

Persons Taking and Passing the 2018 Bar Examination by Source of Legal Education

The “Law School Outside the USA” category includes foreign-educated graduates who subsequently obtained a U.S. law degree other than a J.D. (e.g., LL.M., S.J.D.). Foreign-educated graduates who subsequently obtained a J.D. from an ABA-approved law school are included in the “ABA-Approved Law School” category.

Jurisdiction	ABA-Approved Law School			Non-ABA-Approved Law School			Law School Outside the USA			Law Office Study		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	491	328	67%	346	62	18%	4	1	25%	–	–	–
Alaska	80	48	60%	–	–	–	2	0	0%	–	–	–
Arizona	956	503	53%	1	0	0%	4	2	50%	–	–	–
Arkansas	308	164	53%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
California	7,930*	3,593*	45%	2,178*	240*	11%	1,716	242	14%	†	†	–
Colorado	1,069	693	65%	–	–	–	12	3	25%	–	–	–
Connecticut	480	249	52%	19	–	–	23	5	22%	–	–	–
Delaware	172	104	60%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
District of Columbia	2,095	1,376	66%	7	1	14%	223	58	26%	–	–	–
Florida	4,203	2,165	52%	1	0	0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Georgia	1,573	869	55%	20	1	5%	59	8	14%	–	–	–
Hawaii	256	174	68%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Idaho	172	116	67%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Illinois	2,603	1,743	67%	–	–	–	79	15	19%	–	–	–
Indiana	723	432	60%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Iowa	249	184	74%	–	–	–	1	1	100%	–	–	–
Kansas	148	97	66%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kentucky	499	315	63%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Louisiana	775	519	67%	–	–	–	15	5	33%	–	–	–
Maine	158	88	56%	4	1	25%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maryland	1,226	637	52%	–	–	–	27	6	22%	–	–	–
Massachusetts	1,566	1,083	69%	223	44	20%	63	14	22%	–	–	–
Michigan	1,070	677	63%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Minnesota	798	551	69%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mississippi	269	129	48%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Missouri	873	637	73%	–	–	–	10	1	10%	–	–	–
Montana	117	86	74%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

* California does not recognize U.S. attorneys taking the General Bar Examination as being from either ABA-approved or non-ABA-approved law schools. This number of applicants (875 taking, 484 passing) is therefore omitted from either category. California’s “U.S. Attorneys Taking the General Bar Exam” category is composed of attorneys admitted in other jurisdictions less than four years who must take, and those admitted four or more years who have elected to take, the General Bar Examination.

Applicants under California’s four-year qualification rule who did not earn J.D. degrees (62 taking, 1 passing) are not included in either the ABA-approved or non-ABA-approved category. California’s four-year qualification rule allows applicants to take the General Bar Examination through a combination of four years of law study without graduating from a law school.

† California did not report 2018 data for persons taking and passing the General Bar Examination with education obtained by law office study. (As of 2016, California no longer reports statistics for categories with fewer than 11 takers.)

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	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Nebraska	195	136	70%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nevada	488	272	56%	—	—	—	12	0	0%	—	—	—
New Hampshire	200	92	46%	3	1	33%	2	1	50%	—	—	—
New Jersey	1,446	778	54%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	299	204	68%	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	8,563	5,751	67%	4	1	25%	4,864	1,763	36%	7	1	14%
North Carolina	1,198	565	47%	4	2	50%	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	84	49	58%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio	1,224	796	65%	—	—	—	13	2	15%	—	—	—
Oklahoma	363	261	72%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon	607	426	70%	4	3	75%	11	4	36%	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	1,800	1,186	66%	—	—	—	8	1	13%	—	—	—
Rhode Island	115	62	54%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	653	395	60%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	116	64	55%	—	—	—	1	1	100%	—	—	—
Tennessee	708	447	63%	190	56	29%	2	1	50%	—	—	—
Texas	3,788	2,333	62%	5	3	60%	275	67	24%	—	—	—
Utah	357	265	74%	—	—	—	1	1	100%	—	—	—
Vermont	104	73	70%	—	—	—	1	0	0%	12	7	58%
Virginia	1,096	727	66%	—	—	—	1	1	100%	7	3	43%
Washington	873	594	68%	14	1	7%	91	24	26%	28	10	36%
West Virginia	249	149	60%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	166	116	70%	5	5	100%	31	7	23%	—	—	—
Wyoming	84	58	69%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	12	6	50%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	6	5	83%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Palau	5	4	80%	—	—	—	4	0	0%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	930	330	35%	5	2	40%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	19	13	68%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	56,607	33,717	60%	3,034	424	14%	7,555	2,234	30%	54	21	39%