

Jurisdiction Bar Examination Data

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

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most jurisdictions made modifications to their July 2020 bar exam administrations. (See "COVID-19: Implications for 2020 Statistics" on page 20 for details.) In the jurisdiction data below, "July" refers to the entire July 2020 exam cycle, which included exams administered by many jurisdictions on alternative dates instead of or in addition to the July exam.

2020 TOTALS

TOTAL PERSONS TAKING
60,784



34% of 2020 examinees were repeaters
66% of 2020 examinees were first-time takers



Total persons passing
61%

Total first-timers taking
39,968



Percentage of first-timers passing
76%

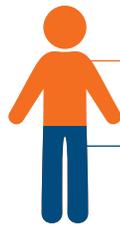
Total repeaters taking
20,816



Percentage of repeaters passing
33%

FEBRUARY 2020 TOTALS

FEBRUARY PERSONS TAKING
19,409



58% of February 2020 examinees were repeaters
42% of February 2020 examinees were first-time takers



February persons passing
41%

February first-timers taking
8,126



Percentage of February first-timers passing
58%

February repeaters taking
11,283



Percentage of February repeaters passing
29%

JULY 2020 TOTALS

JULY PERSONS TAKING
41,375



23% of July 2020 examinees were repeaters
77% of July 2020 examinees were first-time takers



July persons passing
71%

July first-timers taking
31,842



Percentage of July first-timers passing
80%

July repeaters taking
9,533



Percentage of July repeaters passing
39%



Total graduates of non-ABA-approved law schools taking: **2,244**

Percentage of graduates of non-ABA-approved law schools passing: **24%**

Total graduates of law schools outside the USA taking: **5,635**

Percentage of graduates from law schools outside the USA passing: **38%**

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*.*

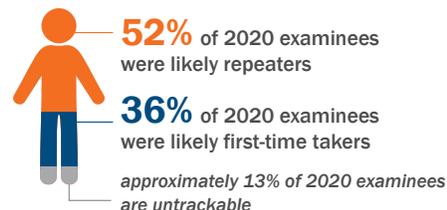
NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many jurisdictions administered a remote exam instead of or in addition to the July 2020 or alternative-date exam. (See "COVID-19: Implications for 2020 Statistics" on page 20 for details.) These remote exams either included only a limited set of MBE questions (in the case of NCBE's remote testing option) or did not include the MBE at all (in the case of jurisdiction-drafted remote exams). (One jurisdiction also offered an in-person exam consisting solely of jurisdiction-drafted questions.) These types of exams administered during the July 2020 exam cycle account for 32,523 examinees. **Only persons taking the full in-person MBE during the July 2020 exam cycle are included in the data below.** Note that the use of "July" below refers collectively to the three MBE administrations during the July 2020 exam cycle: July 29, September 10, and October 1.

2020 TOTALS

TOTAL PERSONS TAKING **27,028**

Total likely repeaters taking **13,973**

Total likely first-timers taking **9,601**

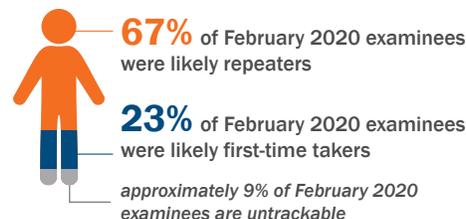


FEBRUARY 2020 TOTALS

FEBRUARY PERSONS TAKING **19,122**

February likely repeaters taking **12,897**

February likely first-timers taking **4,476**

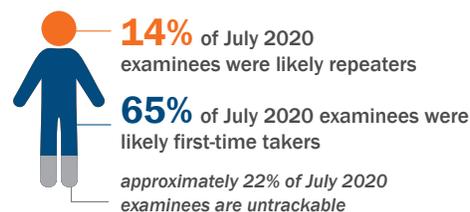


JULY 2020 TOTALS

JULY PERSONS TAKING **7,906**

July likely repeaters taking **1,076**

July likely first-timers taking **5,125**



* 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 two of the jurisdictions that administered the MBE in February 2020, and in all of the jurisdictions that administered the full in-person MBE during the July 2020 exam cycle, identifying about 99% of the February and July 2020 examinees who took the full in-person MBE. 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 13% of 2020 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) two jurisdictions do not administer the MBE (and are therefore not represented on this page but would be represented on the previous page), (2) certain jurisdictions allow concurrent administrations of the bar examination, (3) jurisdictions typically track repeaters within their own jurisdiction whereas NCBE tracks repeaters across jurisdictions, (4) certain jurisdictions accept banked or transferred scores, and/or (5) many jurisdictions did not administer the full in-person MBE during the July 2020 exam cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (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.)