

## Admissions to the Bar by Examination and by Transferred UBE Score, 2021–2025

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most jurisdictions made modifications to their July 2020 and February and July 2021 bar exam administrations, some of which have implications for the admissions statistics in the following chart.

- Score Transfer Agreements for NCBE's October 2020 Remote Testing Option:**

The number of 2021–2025 admissions by transferred Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score also includes those admitted by score transfer agreements entered into by 14 UBE jurisdictions administering NCBE's remote testing option on October 5–6, 2020. (The remote testing option did not constitute the full bar exam or the UBE; scores earned on the remote test were to be used for local admission decisions only and did not qualify as UBE scores.) These jurisdictions are **Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and Vermont**. In addition, **Washington**, which did not administer the remote test, announced in March 2021 that it would accept remote test score transfers, for certain qualified applicants, from other jurisdictions that were UBE jurisdictions at the time of the October 2020 remote test administration. These 15 jurisdictions are typically accepting remote exam score transfers for the same length of time as they do for UBE score transfers (from 3 to 5 years).

- Emergency Diploma Privilege/Examination Waiver:**

In July 2020, five jurisdictions adopted emergency diploma privilege/examination waiver rules allowing certain qualified candidates to be eligible for admission to the bar in that jurisdiction without taking the bar

examination. These admissions, which are not included in the following chart, are as follows: **District of Columbia (108 in 2021, 5 in 2022), Louisiana (only admitted via this pathway in 2020), Oregon (9 in 2021), Utah (41 in 2021), and Washington (54 in 2021, 8 in 2022).**

- Temporarily Lowered Passing Scores:**

Four jurisdictions temporarily lowered their passing scores for the July 2020 exam cycle, three of which extended their modifications beyond 2020: **Hawaii** (lowered from 134 to 133 for the September 9–10, 2020, and February 2021 exams), **North Carolina** (lowered from 270 to 268 for the July 2020 and February and July 2021 exams), **Oregon** (lowered from 274 to 266 for the July 2020 exam), and **Washington** (lowered from 270 to 266 for the July 2020; September 9–10, 2020; and February and July 2021 and 2022 exams).

- Temporary Supervised Practice Rules:**

In July 2020, 31 jurisdictions expanded or adopted temporary supervised practice rules to allow qualified candidates to engage in the limited practice of law under the supervision of a licensed attorney until they were able to take the bar exam.

For full details, see “COVID-19: Implications for 2020 Statistics” in the Spring 2021 issue of *The Bar Examiner*, available at [thebarexaminer.ncbex.org/2020-statistics/covid-19-implications-for-2020](http://thebarexaminer.ncbex.org/2020-statistics/covid-19-implications-for-2020), and “COVID-19: Modifications to 2021 Bar Exams” in the Spring 2022 issue of *The Bar Examiner*, available at [thebarexaminer.ncbex.org/2021-statistics/covid-19-modifications-for-2021-statistics](http://thebarexaminer.ncbex.org/2021-statistics/covid-19-modifications-for-2021-statistics).

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination					Admission by Transferred UBE Score				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Alabama	369	386	360	410	342	91	103	142	122	120
Alaska	62	53	39	71	60	50	46	63	55	45
Arizona	526	364	431	467	475	83	63	130	114	165
Arkansas	215	233	215	225	216	24	11	28	41	51
California	10,578	5,759	5,409	5,985	7,101	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado	695	617	663	748	632	160	216	216	201	252
Connecticut	359	284	270	322	304	137	158	136	202	241
Delaware	224	116	158	185	171	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	2,093	1,980	1,996	2,136	1,978	814	942	1,332	938	545
Florida	2,781	2,584	2,863	3,023	2,935	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	1,009	963	973	1,090	1,107	—	—	—	—	—
Hawaii	192	190	143	168	188	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	160	158	122	110	131	47	50	48	44	51
Illinois	3,171	2,093	1,755	1,981	2,499	302	304	345	245	505
Indiana	578	377	361	393	397	86	151	187	218	213
Iowa	191	185	172	185	162	71	63	58	71	88
Kansas	139	140	128	153	174	147	117	138	93	138
Kentucky	290	236	321	307	308	107	91	84	124	159
Louisiana	534	393	693	451	476	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	100	106	99	106	123	17	41	21	35	64
Maryland	713	793	627	627	644	202	158	207	180	216
Massachusetts	1,181	1,043	1,382	1,518	1,380	214	158	298	252	279

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Michigan	572	806	617	747	931	—	—	112	140	164
Minnesota	526	564	500	630	569	133	206	265	282	279
Mississippi	130	134	137	155	127	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	596	568	616	628	595	171	213	196	430	406
Montana	154	114	149	101	96	57	47	63	64	64
Nebraska	157	191	168	204	182	38	41	39	24	48
Nevada	328	294	283	233	247	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire*	70	63	66	102	69	57	79	76	80	92
New Jersey	1,358	931	716	800	732	602	597	664	736	818
New Mexico	161	151	109	174	167	90	135	198	108	183
New York	6,420	6,614	7,701	7,696	5,925	980	707	737	851	901
North Carolina	870	756	757	876	827	184	189	187	181	220
North Dakota	44	58	44	63	49	31	37	39	34	35
Ohio	884	836	855	978	967	102	109	139	139	185
Oklahoma	311	306	338	378	326	35	66	94	84	67
Oregon†	376	379	344	360	357	75	105	60	70	94
Pennsylvania	1,580	1,121	1,176	1,332	1,322	—	170	371	338	393
Rhode Island	134	73	87	102	88	46	66	60	73	97
South Carolina	389	355	372	395	451	143	159	171	187	250
South Dakota	69	71	60	74	66	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	498	556	771	625	628	42	96	124	135	129
Texas	2,721	2,575	2,639	3,014	2,805	486	584	605	536	561
Utah	251	292	289	346	352	49	35	91	131	157
Vermont	86	60	70	37	47	40	30	42	26	34
Virginia	631	572	562	610	661	—	—	—	—	—
Washington	549	581	618	662	676	185	230	196	226	248
West Virginia	109	107	108	117	112	20	29	29	32	48
Wisconsin‡	116	100	120	90	110	—	—	—	—	—
Wyoming	68	39	54	42	39	43	40	38	51	52
Guam	5	7	3	11	7	—	—	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	2	2	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
Palau	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	423	321	375	311	373	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	13	7	9	11	4	11	9	10	6	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46,762</b>	<b>38,659</b>	<b>39,896</b>	<b>42,569</b>	<b>41,713</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>8,039</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>8,663</b>

\* Individuals admitted in **New Hampshire** via the University of New Hampshire's Daniel Webster Scholar (DWS) Honors Program are not included in this chart: **23** in 2021, **24** in 2022, **18** in 2023, **22** in 2024, and **24** in 2025. Details on the DWS Honors Program are here: <https://www.courts.nh.gov/lawyers/nh-bar-admissions/admission-successful-completion-dws-program>.

† Individuals admitted in **Oregon** in 2025 include **2** admitted via Oregon's Provisional Licensing Program (PLP), a licensure pathway offered to individuals who took the February 2022 bar exam in Oregon and obtained a score of 264 or lower. Details on the PLP are here: <https://www.osbar.org/plp>. Also admitted in Oregon in 2025, but not included in this chart, are **44** admitted via Oregon's Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (SPPE). Details on the SPPE are here: <https://www.osbar.org/sppe>.

‡ Individuals admitted in **Wisconsin** via diploma privilege are not included in this chart: **438** in 2021, **400** in 2022, **390** in 2023, **457** in 2024, and **416** in 2025. Wisconsin's diploma privilege rule allows graduates of its in-state ABA-accredited law schools eligibility for admission without taking the traditional bar examination.