

Admissions to the Bar by Examination and by Transferred UBE Score, 2018–2022

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 2020–2022 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 (409 in 2020), Oregon (240 in 2020, 9 in 2021), Utah (130 in 2020, 41 in 2021), and Washington (498 in 2020, 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.
- Delayed 2020 Admissions:** Some jurisdictions experienced delays in 2020 admissions (such as delayed swearing-in ceremonies or delayed applicant submission of paperwork) such that certain admission requirements were not fulfilled until early 2021. As these delays were solely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these admissions are included in the following chart as 2020 admissions.

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, 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.

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination					Admission by Transferred UBE Score				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Alabama	383	405	341	369	386	50	79	115	91	103
Alaska	42	44	61	62	53	48	34	43	50	46
Arizona	479	440	393	526	364	80	73	58	83	63
Arkansas	165	197	203	215	233	—	—	29	24	11
California	4,975	5,187	6,706	10,578	5,759	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado	687	686	657	695	617	99	110	130	160	216
Connecticut	263	254	212	359	284	81	155	108	137	158
Delaware	116	103	31	224	116	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	901	1,634	2,044	2,093	1,980	431	447	625	814	942
Florida	2,517	2,732	2,475	2,781	2,584	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	935	1,089	1,140	1,009	963	—	—	—	—	—
Hawaii	160	176	151	192	190	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	152	127	141	160	158	47	48	35	47	50
Illinois	1,752	1,710	2,157	3,171	2,093	—	145	277	302	304
Indiana	436	413	547	578	377	—	—	—	86	151
Iowa	185	194	161	191	185	67	67	62	71	63
Kansas	95	125	75	139	140	101	108	140	147	117
Kentucky	—	321	314	290	236	—	—	—	107	91
Louisiana	535	477	147	534	393	—	—	—	—	—

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Maine	152	76	60	100	106	19	22	17	17	41
Maryland	873	638	732	713	793	—	6	260	202	158
Massachusetts	1,113	1,209	1,126	1,181	1,043	85	213	245	214	158
Michigan	678	596	676	572	806	—	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	539	546	537	526	564	146	158	183	133	206
Mississippi	129	167	119	130	134	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	632	684	615	596	568	116	104	176	171	213
Montana	93	99	86	154	114	51	35	51	57	47
Nebraska	138	145	164	157	191	25	39	35	38	41
Nevada	279	314	278	328	294	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire*	88	87	83	70	63	22	52	54	57	79
New Jersey	750	372	371	1,358	931	483	323	422	602	597
New Mexico	195	216	232	161	151	80	111	96	90	135
New York	8,199	7,601	7,208	6,420	6,614	283	391	556	980	707
North Carolina	555	852	747	870	756	4	144	210	184	189
North Dakota	45	76	53	44	58	33	37	32	31	37
Ohio	802	847	854	884	836	—	—	29	102	109
Oklahoma	269	320	291	311	306	—	—	—	35	66
Oregon	629	383	243	376	379	14	48	42	75	105
Pennsylvania	1,168	1,239	691	1,580	1,121	—	—	—	—	170
Rhode Island	58	70	32	134	73	—	18	62	46	66
South Carolina	405	434	395	389	355	56	79	106	143	159
South Dakota	61	77	51	69	71	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	507	631	826	498	556	—	69	45	42	96
Texas	2,485	2,608	1,892	2,721	2,575	—	—	484	486	584
Utah	274	257	90	251	292	42	52	55	49	35
Vermont	66	49	60	86	60	26	24	18	40	30
Virginia	720	646	668	631	572	—	—	—	—	—
Washington	629	597	1,593	549	581	140	167	197	185	230
West Virginia	136	146	146	109	107	11	12	18	20	29
Wisconsin†	126	118	130	116	100	—	—	—	—	—
Wyoming	57	50	61	68	39	60	60	46	43	40
Guam	2	4	6	5	7	—	—	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	6	2	7	2	2	—	—	17	—	—
Palau	2	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	306	354	213	423	321	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	6	13	7	13	7	—	4	4	11	9
TOTALS	37,950	38,839	39,364	46,762	38,659	2,700	3,434	5,017	6,617	6,651

*Individuals admitted in **New Hampshire** via the University of New Hampshire's Daniel Webster Scholar (DWS) Honors Program are not included in this chart. The number of individuals admitted in New Hampshire via the DWS Honors Program in 2018–2022 are as follows: **20** in 2018, **18** in 2019, **21** in 2020, **23** in 2021, and **24** in 2022. (The DWS Honors Program, a two-year performance-based program to which students are accepted prior to their second year of law school, allows successful students to be admitted to the New Hampshire Bar without taking the traditional bar examination.)

†Individuals admitted in **Wisconsin** via diploma privilege are not included in this chart. The number of individuals admitted in Wisconsin via diploma privilege in 2018–2022 are as follows: **351** in 2018, **327** in 2019, **299** in 2020, **438** in 2021, and **400** in 2022. (Wisconsin's diploma privilege rule allows graduates of its in-state ABA-accredited law schools eligibility for admission without taking the traditional bar examination.)