

## Admissions to the Bar by Examination and by Transferred UBE Score, 2019–2023

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 2020–2023 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](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				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alabama	405	341	369	386	360	79	115	91	103	142
Alaska	44	61	62	53	39	34	43	50	46	63
Arizona	440	393	526	364	431	73	58	83	63	130
Arkansas	197	203	215	233	215	—	29	24	11	28
California	5,187	6,706	10,578	5,759	5,409	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado	686	657	695	617	663	110	130	160	216	216
Connecticut	254	212	359	284	270	155	108	137	158	136
Delaware	103	31	224	116	158	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	1,634	2,044	2,093	1,980	5,077	447	625	814	942	1,332
Florida	2,732	2,475	2,781	2,584	2,863	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	1,089	1,140	1,009	963	973	—	—	—	—	—
Hawaii	176	151	192	190	143	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	127	141	160	158	122	48	35	47	50	48
Illinois	1,710	2,157	3,171	2,093	1,755	145	277	302	304	345
Indiana	413	547	578	377	361	—	—	86	151	187
Iowa	194	161	191	185	172	67	62	71	63	58
Kansas	125	75	139	140	128	108	140	147	117	138
Kentucky	321	314	290	236	321	—	—	107	91	84
Louisiana	477	147	534	393	693	—	—	—	—	—

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Maine	76	60	100	106	99	22	17	17	41	21
Maryland	638	732	713	793	627	6	260	202	158	207
Massachusetts	1,209	1,126	1,181	1,043	1,382	213	245	214	158	298
Michigan	596	676	572	806	617	–	–	–	–	112
Minnesota	546	537	526	564	500	158	183	133	206	265
Mississippi	167	119	130	134	137	–	–	–	–	–
Missouri	684	615	596	568	616	104	176	171	213	196
Montana	99	86	154	114	149	35	51	57	47	63
Nebraska	145	164	157	191	168	39	35	38	41	39
Nevada	314	278	328	294	283	–	–	–	–	–
New Hampshire*	87	83	70	63	66	52	54	57	79	76
New Jersey	372	371	1,358	931	716	323	422	602	597	664
New Mexico	216	232	161	151	109	111	96	90	135	198
New York	7,601	7,208	6,420	6,614	7,701	391	556	980	707	737
North Carolina	852	747	870	756	757	144	210	184	189	187
North Dakota	76	53	44	58	44	37	32	31	37	39
Ohio	847	854	884	836	855	–	29	102	109	139
Oklahoma	320	291	311	306	338	–	–	35	66	94
Oregon	383	243	376	379	344	48	42	75	105	60
Pennsylvania	1,239	691	1,580	1,121	1,176	–	–	–	170	371
Rhode Island	70	32	134	73	87	18	62	46	66	60
South Carolina	434	395	389	355	372	79	106	143	159	171
South Dakota	77	51	69	71	60	–	–	–	–	–
Tennessee	631	826	498	556	771	69	45	42	96	124
Texas	2,608	1,892	2,721	2,575	2,639	–	484	486	584	605
Utah	257	90	251	292	289	52	55	49	35	91
Vermont	49	60	86	60	70	24	18	40	30	42
Virginia	646	668	631	572	562	–	–	–	–	–
Washington	597	1,593	549	581	618	167	197	185	230	196
West Virginia	146	146	109	107	108	12	18	20	29	29
Wisconsin†	118	130	116	100	120	–	–	–	–	–
Wyoming	50	61	68	39	54	60	46	43	40	38
Guam	4	6	5	7	3	–	–	–	–	–
N. Mariana Islands	2	7	2	2	1	–	17	–	–	–
Palau	2	–	1	2	2	–	–	–	–	–
Puerto Rico	354	213	423	321	375	–	–	–	–	–
Virgin Islands	13	7	13	7	9	4	4	11	9	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38,839</b>	<b>39,364</b>	<b>46,762</b>	<b>38,659</b>	<b>42,977</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>8,039</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. The number of individuals admitted in New Hampshire via the DWS Honors Program in 2019–2023 are as follows: **18** in 2019, **21** in 2020, **23** in 2021, **24** in 2022, and **18** in 2023. (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 2019–2023 are as follows: **327** in 2019, **299** in 2020, **438** in 2021, **400** in 2022, and **390** in 2023. (Wisconsin's diploma privilege rule allows graduates of its in-state ABA-accredited law schools eligibility for admission without taking the traditional bar examination.)