

# 2008 Statistics

This section includes data, by jurisdiction, on the number of persons taking and passing bar examinations in 2008, the number taking and passing bar examinations categorized by source of legal education, the number of and passage rates for first-time exam takers and repeaters, both overall and for graduates of ABA-approved law schools, the number of attorney candidates taking and passing special attorneys' examinations, and the number of disbarred or suspended attorneys taking and passing examinations as a condition of reinstatement.

Also included is a chart showing a longitudinal view of bar passage rates, both overall and for first-time takers, over a 10-year period. There is also a chart displaying relative admissions to the bar by examination, on motion, and by diploma privilege, as well as a five-year snapshot, by jurisdiction, of the number of persons in these categories admitted to the bar as well as the number of individuals licensed as foreign legal consultants.

Data for the first nine charts were supplied by the jurisdictions. In reviewing the data, the reader should keep in mind that some individuals seek admission in more than one jurisdiction in a given year. The charts represent the data as of the date they were received from jurisdictions and may not reflect possible subsequent appeals or pending issues that might affect the overall passing statistics for a given jurisdiction. Statistics will be updated to reflect any later changes received from jurisdictions and can be found on the NCBE website, [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).

Pages 29–31 and 33–35 give data from the 2008 administrations of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). Pages 37 and 39 show the use, by jurisdiction, of the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

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## Persons Taking and Passing the 2008 Bar Examination

Jurisdiction	Days of Testing	February			July			Total		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	2.5	235	127	54%	468	345	74%	703	472	67%
Alaska	2.5	37	27	73%	59	40	68%	96	67	70%
Arizona	2	350	221	63%	723	596	82%	1,073	817	76%
Arkansas	2.5	126	86	68%	222	166	75%	348	252	72%
California	3	4,533	1,797	40%	8,636	5,330	62%	13,169	7,127	54%
Colorado	2	462	274	59%	924	734	79%	1,386	1,008	73%
Connecticut	2	391	276	71%	787	642	82%	1,178	918	78%
Delaware	2.5	No February examination			253	185	73%	253	185	73%
District of Columbia	2	281	150	53%	289	168	58%	570	318	56%
Florida	2	1,452	906	62%	2,729	2,049	75%	4,181	2,955	71%
Georgia	2	506	328	65%	1,302	1,102	85%	1,808	1,430	79%
Hawaii	2	99	68	69%	157	126	80%	256	194	76%
Idaho	2.5	63	41	65%	139	104	75%	202	145	72%
Illinois	2	1,093	833	76%	2,729	2,406	88%	3,822	3,239	85%
Indiana	2	226	157	69%	519	426	82%	745	583	78%
Iowa	2.5	94	72	77%	221	197	89%	315	269	85%
Kansas	2	197	171	87%	216	185	86%	413	356	86%
Kentucky	2	197	133	68%	459	369	80%	656	502	77%
Louisiana	3	326	180	55%	755	488	65%	1,081	668	62%
Maine	2	66	52	79%	123	111	90%	189	163	86%
Maryland	2	540	312	58%	1,362	1,112	82%	1,902	1,424	75%
Massachusetts	2	664	402	61%	2,119	1,830	86%	2,783	2,232	80%
Michigan	2	429	287	67%	879	651	74%	1,308	938	72%
Minnesota	2	193	147	76%	810	722	89%	1,003	869	87%
Mississippi	3	118	88	75%	247	210	85%	365	298	82%
Missouri	2	313	240	77%	762	691	91%	1,075	931	87%
Montana	3	60	53	88%	103	96	93%	163	149	91%
Nebraska	1.5	16	12	75%	124	105	85%	140	117	84%
Nevada	2.5	313	179	57%	436	300	69%	749	479	64%
New Hampshire	2	61	48	79%	126	116	92%	187	164	88%
New Jersey	2	952	554	58%	3,124	2,570	82%	4,076	3,124	77%
New Mexico	2	162	135	83%	234	202	86%	396	337	85%

## Persons Taking and Passing the 2008 Bar Examination (*continued*)

Jurisdiction	Days of Testing	February			July			Total		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New York	2	3,589	1,777	50%	11,176	8,351	75%	14,765	10,128	69%
North Carolina	2	496	282	57%	1,000	781	78%	1,496	1,063	71%
North Dakota	2	19	9	47%	60	52	87%	79	61	77%
Ohio	2.5	432	283	66%	1,206	1,016	84%	1,638	1,299	79%
Oklahoma	2	112	94	84%	339	308	91%	451	402	89%
Oregon	2	265	169	64%	573	424	74%	838	593	71%
Pennsylvania	2	652	395	61%	1,911	1,582	83%	2,563	1,977	77%
Rhode Island	2	89	56	63%	198	158	80%	287	214	75%
South Carolina	3	215	148	69%	462	362	78%	677	510	75%
South Dakota	2	26	20	77%	71	65	92%	97	85	88%
Tennessee	2	259	168	65%	738	591	80%	997	759	76%
Texas	2.5	1,072	762	71%	2,752	2,209	80%	3,824	2,971	78%
Utah	2	164	125	76%	329	285	87%	493	410	83%
Vermont	2	32	19	59%	60	41	68%	92	60	65%
Virginia	2	536	298	56%	1,459	1,163	80%	1,995	1,461	73%
Washington	2.5	484	361	75%	962	688	72%	1,446	1,049	73%
West Virginia	2	103	59	57%	197	142	72%	300	201	67%
Wisconsin	2	93	81	87%	216	194	90%	309	275	89%
Wyoming	1.5	63	33	52%	91	65	71%	154	98	64%
Guam	2	6	5	83%	6	4	67%	12	9	75%
N. Mariana Islands	2	6	6	100%	6	4	67%	12	10	83%
Palau	3	—	—	—	3	2	67%	3	2	67%
Puerto Rico <sup>a</sup>	2.5	422	179	42%	719	324	45%	1,141	503	44%
Virgin Islands	2	33	26	79%	26	19	73%	59	45	76%
TOTALS		23,723	13,711	58%	56,596	43,204	76%	80,319	56,915	71%

<sup>a</sup>Examinations are administered in March and September in Puerto Rico.

## Persons Taking and Passing the 2008 Bar Examination by Source of Legal Education

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	435	373	86%	260	95	37%	8	4	50%	—	—	—
Alaska	96	67	70%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona	1,066	816	77%	5	1	20%	2	0	0%	—	—	—
Arkansas	348	252	72%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
California	9,161 <sup>a</sup>	5,913 <sup>a</sup>	65%	2,393 <sup>a,b</sup>	488 <sup>a,b</sup>	20%	586	112	19%	9	2	22%
Colorado	1,376	1,003	73%	2	2	100%	8	3	38%	—	—	—
Connecticut	1,089	884	81%	64	28	44%	24	5	21%	1	1	100%
Delaware	253	185	73%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	477	291	61%	19	0	0%	74	27	36%	—	—	—
Florida	4,175	2,953	71%	6	2	33%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	1,760	1,427	81%	46	2	4%	2	1	50%	—	—	—
Hawaii	253	193	76%	1	0	0%	2	1	50%	—	—	—
Idaho	202	145	72%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Illinois	3,804	3,233	85%	—	—	—	18	6	33%	—	—	—
Indiana	745	583	78%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iowa	315	269	85%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas	413	356	86%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	656	502	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Louisiana	1,027	663	65%	—	—	—	54	5	9%	—	—	—
Maine	188	162	86%	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maryland	1,890	1,418	75%	12	6	50%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	2,366	2,049	87%	394	167	42%	23	16	70%	—	—	—
Michigan	1,303	936	72%	—	—	—	5	2	40%	—	—	—
Minnesota	1,003	869	87%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	365	298	82%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	1,043	919	88%	—	—	—	32	12	38%	—	—	—
Montana	163	149	91%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	140	117	84%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>a</sup>California does not recognize attorneys taking the general bar examination as being from either ABA-approved or non-ABA-approved law schools. This number of applicants (1,021 taking, 612 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.

<sup>b</sup>California's non-ABA-approved law school applicants include 67 applicants taking and 8 applicants passing who did not earn J.D. degrees. These applicants were admitted under California's four-year qualification rule, which allows applicants to take the general bar examination through a combination of four years of law study without graduating from a law school.

## Persons Taking and Passing the 2008 Bar Examination by Source of Legal Education *(continued)*

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
Nevada	740	475	64%	—	—	—	9	4	44%	—	—	—
New Hampshire	171	150	88%	16	14	88%	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Jersey	4,076	3,124	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	396	337	85%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	10,355	8,267	80%	6	1	17%	4,386	1,857	42%	18	3	17%
North Carolina	1,496	1,063	71%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	79	61	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio	1,617	1,291	80%	—	—	—	21	8	38%	—	—	—
Oklahoma	451	402	89%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon	828	590	71%	6	3	50%	4	0	0%	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	2,563	1,977	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	279	212	76%	5	1	20%	3	1	33%	—	—	—
South Carolina	677	510	75%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	97	85	88%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	754	634	84%	176	109	62%	67	16	24%	—	—	—
Texas	3,785	2,951	78%	13	11	85%	26	9	35%	—	—	—
Utah	492	410	83%	—	—	—	1	0	0%	—	—	—
Vermont	81	57	70%	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	3	27%
Virginia	1,912	1,446	76%	—	—	—	68	12	18%	15	3	20%
Washington	1,412	1,030	73%	26	16	62%	—	—	—	8	3	38%
West Virginia	300	201	67%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	306	272	89%	3	3	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wyoming	154	98	64%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	12	9	75%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	12	10	83%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Palau	2	1	50%	—	—	—	1	1	100%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	955	454	48%	184	49	27%	2	0	0%	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	58	44	76%	—	—	—	1	1	100%	—	—	—
TOTALS	70,172	53,186	76%	3,638	999	27%	5,427	2,103	39%	62	15	24%

# First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2008

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	February	152	100	66%	83	27	33%
	July	395	332	84%	73	13	18%
	Total	547	432	79%	156	40	26%
Alaska	February	20	18	90%	17	9	53%
	July	51	39	76%	8	1	13%
	Total	71	57	80%	25	10	40%
Arizona	February	254	185	73%	96	36	38%
	July	632	558	88%	91	38	42%
	Total	886	743	84%	187	74	40%
Arkansas	February	75	59	79%	51	27	53%
	July	194	163	84%	28	3	11%
	Total	269	222	83%	79	30	38%
California	February	1,499	801	53%	3,034	996	33%
	July	6,257	4,682	75%	2,379	648	27%
	Total	7,756	5,483	71%	5,413	1,644	30%
Colorado	February	281	206	73%	181	68	38%
	July	794	688	87%	130	46	35%
	Total	1,075	894	83%	311	114	37%
Connecticut	February	267	223	84%	124	53	43%
	July	706	619	88%	81	23	28%
	Total	973	842	87%	205	76	37%
Delaware	February	No February examination					
	July	190	152	80%	63	33	52%
	Total	190	152	80%	63	33	52%
Dist. of Columbia	February	177	118	67%	104	32	31%
	July	192	139	72%	97	29	30%
	Total	369	257	70%	201	61	30%
Florida	February	984	752	76%	468	154	33%
	July	2,367	1,953	83%	362	96	27%
	Total	3,351	2,705	81%	830	250	30%
Georgia	February	299	247	83%	207	81	39%
	July	1,149	1,045	91%	153	57	37%
	Total	1,448	1,292	89%	360	138	38%
Hawaii	February	63	53	84%	36	15	42%
	July	131	117	89%	26	9	35%
	Total	194	170	88%	62	24	39%
Idaho	February	39	30	77%	24	11	46%
	July	119	96	81%	20	8	40%
	Total	158	126	80%	44	19	43%
Illinois	February	761	652	86%	332	181	55%
	July	2,497	2,305	92%	232	101	44%
	Total	3,258	2,957	91%	564	282	50%
Indiana	February	151	119	79%	75	38	51%
	July	464	400	86%	55	26	47%
	Total	615	519	84%	130	64	49%

# First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Iowa	February	72	62	86%	22	10	45%
	July	211	193	91%	10	4	40%
	Total	283	255	90%	32	14	44%
Kansas	February	179	160	89%	18	11	61%
	July	196	175	89%	20	10	50%
	Total	375	335	89%	38	21	55%
Kentucky	February	128	97	76%	69	36	52%
	July	404	345	85%	55	24	44%
	Total	532	442	83%	124	60	48%
Louisiana	February	128	64	50%	198	116	59%
	July	609	419	69%	146	69	47%
	Total	737	483	66%	344	185	54%
Maine	February	49	43	88%	17	9	53%
	July	114	105	92%	9	6	67%
	Total	163	148	91%	26	15	58%
Maryland	February	256	189	74%	284	123	43%
	July	1,174	1,032	88%	188	80	43%
	Total	1,430	1,221	85%	472	203	43%
Massachusetts	February	363	264	73%	301	138	46%
	July	1,895	1,746	92%	224	84	38%
	Total	2,258	2,010	89%	525	222	42%
Michigan	February	304	244	80%	125	43	34%
	July	751	621	83%	128	30	23%
	Total	1,055	865	82%	253	73	29%
Minnesota	February	137	119	87%	56	28	50%
	July	772	709	92%	38	13	34%
	Total	909	828	91%	94	41	44%
Mississippi	February	85	73	86%	33	15	45%
	July	227	202	89%	20	8	40%
	Total	312	275	88%	53	23	43%
Missouri	February	236	201	85%	77	39	51%
	July	711	664	93%	51	27	53%
	Total	947	865	91%	128	66	52%
Montana	February	49	42	86%	11	9	82%
	July	97	93	96%	6	5	83%
	Total	146	135	92%	17	14	82%
Nebraska	February	11	10	91%	5	2	40%
	July	118	105	89%	6	0	0%
	Total	129	115	89%	11	2	18%
Nevada	February	191	137	72%	122	42	34%
	July	328	262	80%	108	38	35%
	Total	519	399	77%	230	80	35%



## First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New Hampshire	February	50	39	78%	11	9	82%
	July	124	114	92%	2	2	100%
	Total	174	153	88%	13	11	85%
New Jersey	February	499	356	71%	453	198	44%
	July	2,787	2,427	87%	337	143	42%
	Total	3,286	2,783	85%	790	341	43%
New Mexico	February	122	112	92%	40	23	58%
	July	211	193	91%	23	9	39%
	Total	333	305	92%	63	32	51%
New York	February	1,444	925	64%	2,145	852	40%
	July	9,405	7,826	83%	1,771	525	30%
	Total	10,849	8,751	81%	3,916	1,377	35%
North Carolina	February	261	185	71%	235	97	41%
	July	820	708	86%	180	73	41%
	Total	1,081	893	83%	415	170	41%
North Dakota	February	11	7	64%	8	2	25%
	July	51	46	90%	9	6	67%
	Total	62	53	85%	17	8	47%
Ohio	February	234	194	83%	198	89	45%
	July	1,093	971	89%	113	45	40%
	Total	1,327	1,165	88%	311	134	43%
Oklahoma	February	87	76	87%	25	18	72%
	July	316	298	94%	23	10	43%
	Total	403	374	93%	48	28	58%
Oregon	February	165	116	70%	100	53	53%
	July	485	394	81%	88	30	34%
	Total	650	510	78%	188	83	44%
Pennsylvania	February	335	254	76%	317	141	44%
	July	1,671	1,485	89%	240	97	40%
	Total	2,006	1,739	87%	557	238	43%
Rhode Island	February	59	45	76%	30	11	37%
	July	184	147	80%	14	11	79%
	Total	243	192	79%	44	22	50%
South Carolina	February	135	109	81%	80	39	49%
	July	421	346	82%	41	16	39%
	Total	556	455	82%	121	55	45%
South Dakota	February	15	15	100%	11	5	45%
	July	68	64	94%	3	1	33%
	Total	83	79	95%	14	6	43%
Tennessee	February	146	104	71%	113	64	57%
	July	651	557	86%	87	34	39%
	Total	797	661	83%	200	98	49%

# First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Texas	February	644	522	81%	428	240	56%
	July	2,462	2,098	85%	290	111	38%
	Total	3,106	2,620	84%	718	351	49%
Utah	February	121	96	79%	43	29	67%
	July	297	268	90%	32	17	53%
	Total	418	364	87%	75	46	61%
Vermont	February	21	16	76%	11	3	27%
	July	49	39	80%	11	2	18%
	Total	70	55	79%	22	5	23%
Virginia	February	260	168	65%	276	130	47%
	July	1,285	1,092	85%	174	71	41%
	Total	1,545	1,260	82%	450	201	45%
Washington	February	167	123	74%	317	238	75%
	July	755	560	74%	207	128	62%
	Total	922	683	74%	524	366	70%
West Virginia	February	5	4	80%	98	55	56%
	July	128	101	79%	69	41	59%
	Total	133	105	79%	167	96	57%
Wisconsin	February	76	71	93%	17	10	59%
	July	207	189	91%	9	5	56%
	Total	283	260	92%	26	15	58%
Wyoming	February	43	25	58%	20	8	40%
	July	69	50	72%	22	15	68%
	Total	112	75	67%	42	23	55%
Guam	February	5	4	80%	1	1	100%
	July	6	4	67%	—	—	—
	Total	11	8	73%	1	1	100%
N. Mariana Islands	February	6	6	100%	—	—	—
	July	6	4	67%	—	—	—
	Total	12	10	83%	—	—	—
Palau	February	—	—	—	—	—	—
	July	2	1	50%	1	1	100%
	Total	2	1	50%	1	1	100%
Puerto Rico	February	116	46	40%	306	133	43%
	July	493	268	54%	226	56	25%
	Total	609	314	52%	532	189	36%
Virgin Islands	February	24	20	83%	9	6	67%
	July	20	17	85%	6	2	33%
	Total	44	37	84%	15	8	53%
TOTALS	February	12,261	8,906	73%	11,462	4,803	42%
	July	47,811	40,226	84%	8,785	2,980	34%
	Total	60,072	49,132	82%	20,247	7,783	38%

## 2008 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	February	86	64	74%	15	6	40%
	July	324	301	93%	10	2	20%
	Total	410	365	89%	25	8	32%
Alaska	February	20	18	90%	17	9	53%
	July	51	39	76%	8	1	13%
	Total	71	57	80%	25	10	40%
Arizona	February	253	185	73%	95	36	38%
	July	630	557	88%	88	38	43%
	Total	883	742	84%	183	74	40%
Arkansas	February	75	59	79%	51	27	53%
	July	194	163	84%	28	3	11%
	Total	269	222	83%	79	30	38%
California	February	756	448	59%	1,886	798	42%
	July	5,269	4,256	81%	1,250	411	33%
	Total	6,025	4,704	78%	3,136	1,209	39%
Colorado	February	280	206	74%	178	66	37%
	July	791	686	87%	127	45	35%
	Total	1,071	892	83%	305	111	36%
Connecticut	February	252	215	85%	99	45	45%
	July	678	606	89%	60	18	30%
	Total	930	821	88%	159	63	40%
Delaware	February	No February examination					
	July	190	152	80%	63	33	52%
	Total	190	152	80%	63	33	52%
Dist. of Columbia	February	162	110	68%	71	27	38%
	July	171	131	77%	73	23	32%
	Total	333	241	72%	144	50	35%
Florida	February	983	752	77%	468	154	33%
	July	2,364	1,951	83%	360	96	27%
	Total	3,347	2,703	81%	828	250	30%
Georgia	February	299	247	83%	183	81	44%
	July	1,145	1,042	91%	133	57	43%
	Total	1,444	1,289	89%	316	138	44%
Hawaii	February	61	53	87%	36	15	42%
	July	130	116	89%	26	9	35%
	Total	191	169	88%	62	24	39%
Idaho	February	39	30	77%	24	11	46%
	July	119	96	81%	20	8	40%
	Total	158	126	80%	44	19	43%
Illinois	February	757	649	86%	329	181	55%
	July	2,489	2,303	93%	229	100	44%
	Total	3,246	2,952	91%	558	281	50%

## 2008 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Indiana	February	151	119	79%	75	38	51%
	July	464	400	86%	55	26	47%
	Total	615	519	84%	130	64	49%
Iowa	February	72	62	86%	22	10	45%
	July	211	193	91%	10	4	40%
	Total	283	255	90%	32	14	44%
Kansas	February	179	160	89%	18	11	61%
	July	196	175	89%	20	10	50%
	Total	375	335	89%	38	21	55%
Kentucky	February	128	97	76%	69	36	52%
	July	404	345	85%	55	24	44%
	Total	532	442	83%	124	60	48%
Louisiana	February	118	63	53%	193	116	60%
	July	598	419	70%	118	65	55%
	Total	716	482	67%	311	181	58%
Maine	February	48	42	88%	17	9	53%
	July	114	105	92%	9	6	67%
	Total	162	147	91%	26	15	58%
Maryland	February	252	186	74%	283	123	43%
	July	1,170	1,030	88%	185	79	43%
	Total	1,422	1,216	86%	468	202	43%
Massachusetts	February	268	213	79%	195	98	50%
	July	1,779	1,677	94%	124	61	49%
	Total	2,047	1,890	92%	319	159	50%
Michigan	February	303	244	81%	125	43	34%
	July	749	620	83%	126	29	23%
	Total	1,052	864	82%	251	72	29%
Minnesota	February	137	119	87%	56	28	50%
	July	772	709	92%	38	13	34%
	Total	909	828	91%	94	41	44%
Mississippi	February	85	73	86%	33	15	45%
	July	227	202	89%	20	8	40%
	Total	312	275	88%	52	22	42%
Missouri	February	216	191	88%	68	37	54%
	July	710	664	94%	49	27	55%
	Total	926	855	92%	117	64	55%
Montana	February	49	42	86%	11	9	82%
	July	97	93	96%	6	5	83%
	Total	146	135	92%	17	14	82%
Nebraska	February	11	10	91%	5	2	40%
	July	118	105	89%	6	0	0%
	Total	129	115	89%	11	2	18%
Nevada	February	188	135	72%	118	40	34%
	July	328	262	80%	106	38	36%
	Total	516	397	77%	224	78	35%

## 2008 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New Hampshire	February	42	32	76%	8	6	75%
	July	120	111	93%	1	1	100%
	Total	162	143	88%	9	7	78%
New Jersey	February	499	356	71%	453	198	44%
	July	2,787	2,427	87%	337	143	42%
	Total	3,286	2,783	85%	790	341	43%
New Mexico	February	122	112	92%	40	23	58%
	July	211	193	91%	23	9	39%
	Total	333	305	92%	63	32	51%
New York	February	912	696	76%	1,144	507	44%
	July	7,481	6,772	91%	818	292	36%
	Total	8,393	7,468	89%	1,962	799	41%
North Carolina	February	261	185	71%	235	97	41%
	July	820	708	86%	180	73	41%
	Total	1,081	893	83%	415	170	41%
North Dakota	February	11	7	64%	8	2	25%
	July	51	46	90%	9	6	67%
	Total	62	53	85%	17	8	47%
Ohio	February	229	190	83%	194	87	45%
	July	1,089	971	89%	105	43	41%
	Total	1,318	1,161	88%	299	130	43%
Oklahoma	February	87	76	87%	25	18	72%
	July	316	298	94%	23	10	43%
	Total	403	374	93%	48	28	58%
Oregon	February	164	116	71%	97	53	55%
	July	482	392	81%	85	29	34%
	Total	646	508	79%	182	82	45%
Pennsylvania	February	335	254	76%	317	141	44%
	July	1,671	1,485	89%	240	97	40%
	Total	2,006	1,739	87%	557	238	43%
Rhode Island	February	55	44	80%	30	11	37%
	July	181	144	80%	13	13	100%
	Total	236	188	80%	43	24	56%
South Carolina	February	135	109	81%	80	39	49%
	July	421	346	82%	41	16	39%
	Total	556	455	82%	121	55	45%
South Dakota	February	15	15	100%	11	5	45%
	July	68	64	94%	3	1	33%
	Total	83	79	95%	14	6	43%
Tennessee	February	117	91	78%	60	42	70%
	July	530	479	90%	47	22	47%
	Total	647	570	88%	107	64	60%

## 2008 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2008 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Texas	February	639	519	81%	415	233	56%
	July	2,446	2,089	85%	285	110	39%
	Total	3,085	2,608	85%	700	343	49%
Utah	February	121	96	79%	43	29	67%
	July	296	268	91%	32	17	53%
	Total	417	364	87%	75	46	61%
Vermont	February	20	16	80%	8	1	13%
	July	44	38	86%	9	2	22%
	Total	64	54	84%	17	3	18%
Virginia	February	246	168	68%	250	126	50%
	July	1,274	1,089	85%	142	63	44%
	Total	1,520	1,257	83%	392	189	48%
Washington	February	305	250	82%	167	103	62%
	July	730	520	71%	210	157	75%
	Total	1,035	770	74%	377	260	69%
West Virginia	February	5	4	80%	98	55	56%
	July	128	101	79%	69	41	59%
	Total	133	105	79%	167	96	57%
Wisconsin	February	73	68	93%	17	10	59%
	July	207	189	91%	9	5	56%
	Total	280	257	92%	26	15	58%
Wyoming	February	43	25	58%	20	8	40%
	July	69	50	72%	22	15	68%
	Total	112	75	67%	42	23	55%
Guam	February	5	4	80%	1	1	100%
	July	6	4	67%	—	—	—
	Total	11	8	73%	1	1	100%
N. Mariana Islands	February	6	6	100%	—	—	—
	July	6	4	67%	—	—	—
	Total	12	10	83%	—	—	—
Palau	February	—	—	—	—	—	—
	July	2	1	50%	—	—	—
	Total	2	1	50%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	February	85	35	41%	244	113	46%
	July	456	258	57%	170	48	28%
	Total	541	293	54%	414	161	39%
Virgin Islands	February	23	19	83%	9	6	67%
	July	20	17	85%	6	2	33%
	Total	43	36	84%	15	8	53%
TOTALS	February	10,783	8,285	77%	8,714	3,985	46%
	July	44,394	38,462	87%	6,281	2,454	39%
	Total	55,177	46,747	85%	14,995	6,439	43%

## Attorneys' Examinations in 2008

Jurisdiction	February			July			Total		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
California	378	150	40%	353	154	44%	731	304	42%
Georgia	121	102	84%	82	71	87%	203	173	85%
Maine	17	17	100%	6	6	100%	23	23	100%
Maryland	76	57	75%	72	53	74%	148	110	74%
Mississippi	5	4	80%	4	4	100%	9	8	89%
Rhode Island	22	13	59%	20	13	65%	42	26	62%
Utah	12	9	75%	6	6	100%	18	15	83%
Guam	4	2	50%	4	3	75%	8	5	63%
TOTALS	635	354	56%	547	310	57%	1,182	664	56%

## Examinations Administered to Disbarred or Suspended Attorneys as a Condition of Reinstatement in 2008

Jurisdiction	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Colorado	3	1	33%
Georgia	1	0	0%
Kentucky	1	1	100%
Michigan	2	1	50%
Missouri	3	1	33%
Nevada	1	1	100%
South Carolina	7	1	14%
Texas	1	0	0%
Wyoming	1	1	100%
TOTALS	20	7	35%

## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 1999–2008

Jurisdiction		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alabama	Overall	58%	55%	54%	55%	58%	63%	64%	65%	64%	67%
	First-Time	74%	71%	71%	78%	77%	83%	80%	80%	78%	79%
Alaska	Overall	58%	62%	69%	54%	56%	68%	63%	62%	60%	70%
	First-Time	67%	69%	77%	57%	73%	81%	75%	75%	82%	80%
Arizona	Overall	75%	73%	72%	70%	67%	67%	67%	68%	70%	76%
	First-Time	79%	80%	79%	77%	74%	74%	72%	75%	78%	84%
Arkansas	Overall	62%	49%	73%	68%	70%	69%	70%	69%	70%	72%
	First-Time	72%	59%	82%	80%	80%	78%	78%	80%	80%	83%
California	Overall	48%	50%	50%	45%	45%	44%	46%	47%	49%	54%
	First-Time	61%	64%	66%	61%	61%	60%	62%	65%	66%	71%
Colorado	Overall	74%	73%	73%	71%	70%	65%	68%	68%	69%	73%
	First-Time	81%	80%	79%	79%	75%	73%	78%	76%	78%	83%
Connecticut	Overall	74%	70%	75%	73%	76%	73%	74%	75%	77%	78%
	First-Time	79%	76%	81%	80%	82%	81%	81%	83%	86%	87%
Delaware	Overall	56%	63%	65%	62%	64%	61%	57%	59%	62%	73%
	First-Time	57%	69%	73%	69%	73%	67%	63%	67%	71%	80%
District of Columbia	Overall	59%	58%	59%	55%	51%	51%	51%	51%	54%	56%
	First-Time	80%	76%	69%	70%	70%	74%	69%	72%	76%	70%
Florida	Overall	72%	69%	71%	68%	67%	64%	60%	64%	66%	71%
	First-Time	80%	77%	80%	77%	76%	74%	71%	75%	78%	81%
Georgia	Overall	72%	69%	71%	70%	70%	72%	73%	76%	75%	79%
	First-Time	81%	81%	84%	83%	84%	85%	84%	86%	85%	89%
Hawaii	Overall	65%	66%	70%	68%	79%	66%	71%	71%	70%	76%
	First-Time	69%	75%	77%	77%	87%	74%	81%	77%	82%	88%
Idaho	Overall	72%	60%	71%	60%	70%	70%	74%	79%	76%	72%
	First-Time	74%	65%	78%	69%	78%	78%	80%	85%	81%	80%
Illinois	Overall	77%	76%	76%	72%	75%	76%	78%	79%	82%	85%
	First-Time	83%	83%	84%	81%	84%	85%	85%	87%	89%	91%
Indiana	Overall	79%	84%	76%	70%	70%	73%	75%	76%	76%	78%
	First-Time	83%	85%	81%	79%	78%	82%	84%	84%	84%	84%
Iowa	Overall	80%	81%	84%	80%	78%	80%	80%	81%	83%	85%
	First-Time	83%	86%	87%	86%	82%	87%	86%	88%	89%	90%
Kansas	Overall	85%	81%	76%	82%	78%	76%	76%	82%	87%	86%
	First-Time	88%	84%	81%	86%	83%	81%	81%	90%	91%	89%
Kentucky	Overall	78%	78%	78%	76%	70%	74%	72%	73%	77%	77%
	First-Time	83%	83%	82%	81%	76%	80%	80%	82%	87%	83%
Louisiana	Overall	64%	65%	70%	67%	61%	69%	69%	70%	61%	62%
	First-Time	64%	64%	72%	65%	61%	70%	72%	76%	63%	66%



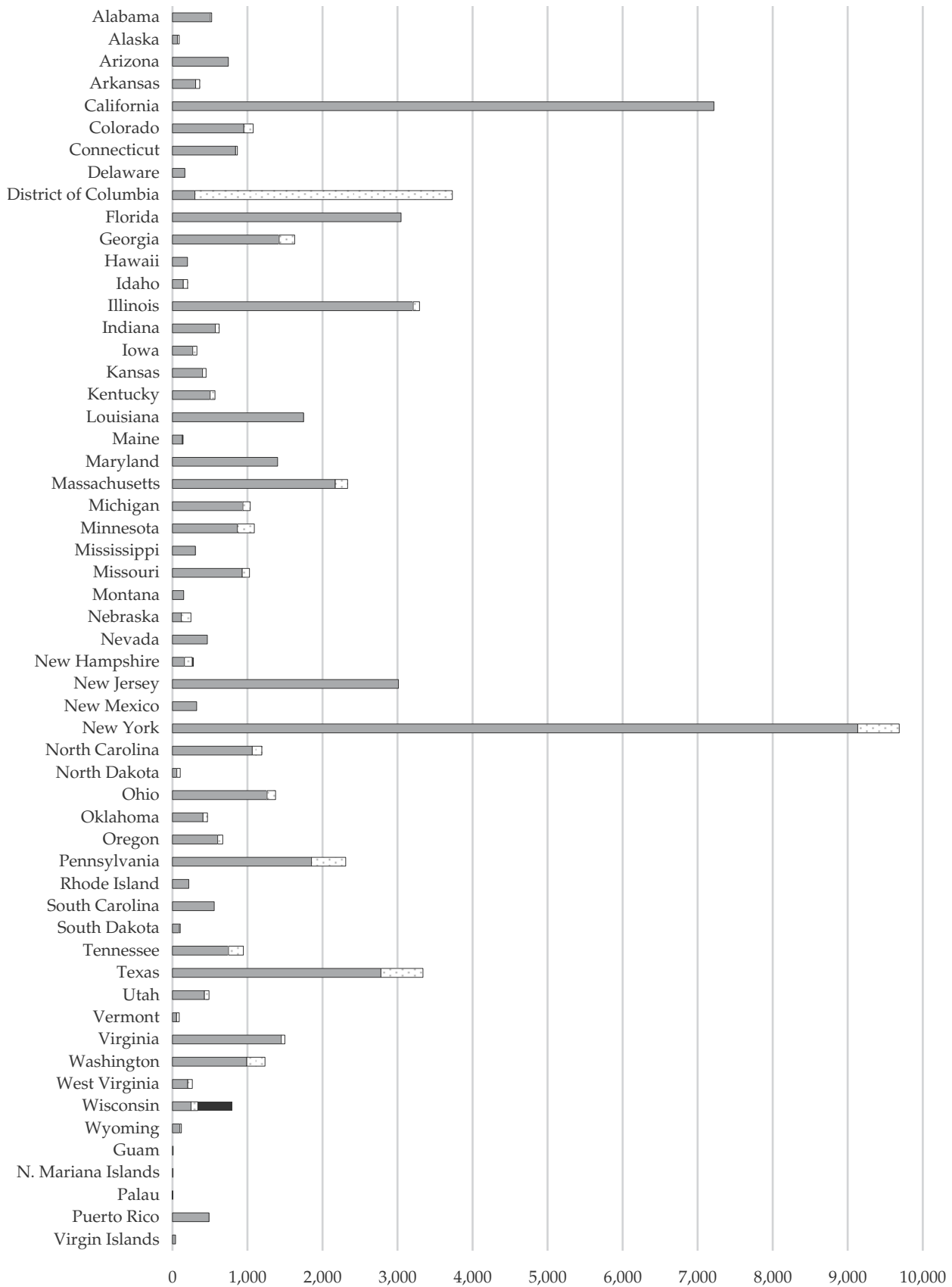
## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 1999–2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Maine	Overall	62%	59%	62%	62%	64%	63%	70%	73%	80%	86%
	First-Time	67%	60%	68%	69%	76%	71%	81%	81%	84%	91%
Maryland	Overall	65%	69%	65%	61%	62%	61%	65%	66%	67%	75%
	First-Time	72%	77%	74%	72%	72%	71%	74%	78%	76%	85%
Massachusetts	Overall	69%	68%	69%	66%	65%	73%	72%	77%	77%	80%
	First-Time	78%	77%	81%	79%	79%	84%	82%	87%	86%	89%
Michigan	Overall	68%	71%	64%	74%	67%	64%	64%	78%	76%	72%
	First-Time	77%	79%	73%	81%	75%	75%	75%	87%	86%	82%
Minnesota	Overall	81%	82%	86%	82%	85%	83%	81%	86%	88%	87%
	First-Time	88%	89%	92%	89%	91%	89%	88%	91%	93%	91%
Mississippi	Overall	82%	79%	88%	81%	86%	86%	85%	80%	81%	82%
	First-Time	82%	86%	91%	88%	92%	91%	88%	86%	88%	88%
Missouri	Overall	75%	73%	74%	73%	73%	81%	81%	82%	84%	87%
	First-Time	79%	78%	80%	81%	82%	88%	88%	88%	90%	91%
Montana	Overall	85%	88%	89%	79%	81%	79%	84%	91%	89%	91%
	First-Time	86%	89%	90%	78%	81%	83%	89%	92%	88%	92%
Nebraska	Overall	88%	81%	82%	76%	79%	77%	73%	80%	83%	84%
	First-Time	89%	85%	84%	81%	84%	86%	85%	83%	89%	89%
Nevada	Overall	64%	59%	64%	59%	61%	56%	59%	61%	60%	64%
	First-Time	69%	62%	70%	67%	65%	69%	68%	72%	74%	77%
New Hampshire	Overall	73%	66%	65%	60%	60%	56%	54%	77%	77%	88%
	First-Time	79%	71%	67%	67%	63%	63%	61%	82%	84%	88%
New Jersey	Overall	66%	63%	66%	63%	64%	69%	70%	73%	73%	77%
	First-Time	74%	72%	74%	71%	73%	78%	77%	81%	82%	85%
New Mexico	Overall	87%	86%	87%	86%	81%	79%	81%	86%	78%	85%
	First-Time	91%	89%	92%	89%	84%	85%	85%	91%	83%	92%
New York	Overall	64%	62%	65%	61%	63%	62%	62%	63%	64%	69%
	First-Time	74%	76%	76%	74%	75%	74%	74%	77%	77%	81%
North Carolina	Overall	69%	65%	68%	65%	65%	63%	64%	64%	65%	71%
	First-Time	76%	74%	79%	77%	75%	75%	71%	75%	76%	83%
North Dakota	Overall	85%	88%	91%	85%	75%	75%	83%	72%	69%	77%
	First-Time	89%	88%	94%	85%	78%	79%	90%	83%	79%	85%
Ohio	Overall	68%	67%	71%	65%	68%	67%	71%	74%	76%	79%
	First-Time	75%	75%	81%	76%	78%	80%	80%	83%	86%	88%
Oklahoma	Overall	80%	76%	77%	69%	71%	73%	82%	83%	85%	89%
	First-Time	83%	80%	82%	77%	80%	83%	89%	91%	91%	93%
Oregon	Overall	64%	68%	74%	71%	72%	67%	67%	72%	74%	71%
	First-Time	70%	73%	81%	78%	79%	75%	74%	80%	81%	78%

## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 1999–2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Pennsylvania	Overall	66%	65%	67%	65%	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	77%
	First-Time	73%	73%	75%	76%	76%	79%	80%	83%	83%	87%
Rhode Island	Overall	68%	59%	74%	57%	62%	70%	65%	71%	75%	75%
	First-Time	78%	64%	82%	68%	66%	76%	71%	77%	79%	79%
South Carolina	Overall	73%	79%	82%	78%	75%	77%	80%	77%	79%	75%
	First-Time	75%	82%	87%	81%	80%	82%	85%	78%	82%	82%
South Dakota	Overall	80%	83%	92%	93%	80%	69%	72%	77%	85%	88%
	First-Time	84%	88%	95%	93%	81%	71%	83%	85%	89%	95%
Tennessee	Overall	71%	77%	75%	67%	75%	77%	74%	75%	71%	76%
	First-Time	78%	82%	81%	76%	80%	83%	80%	79%	80%	83%
Texas	Overall	75%	72%	74%	68%	72%	68%	71%	74%	76%	78%
	First-Time	81%	80%	81%	77%	81%	77%	80%	82%	84%	84%
Utah	Overall	87%	91%	90%	84%	87%	87%	86%	83%	81%	83%
	First-Time	88%	93%	94%	86%	90%	89%	90%	89%	85%	87%
Vermont	Overall	71%	65%	66%	71%	75%	75%	73%	68%	66%	65%
	First-Time	80%	73%	76%	76%	82%	83%	80%	78%	70%	79%
Virginia	Overall	68%	65%	67%	64%	65%	64%	68%	68%	67%	73%
	First-Time	73%	72%	74%	74%	73%	72%	76%	74%	76%	82%
Washington	Overall	75%	76%	72%	71%	70%	73%	71%	78%	77%	73%
	First-Time	80%	80%	77%	76%	71%	79%	77%	80%	78%	74%
West Virginia	Overall	76%	73%	68%	64%	62%	69%	64%	60%	63%	67%
	First-Time	81%	78%	68%	72%	71%	77%	71%	64%	74%	79%
Wisconsin	Overall	88%	78%	75%	74%	74%	79%	77%	78%	89%	89%
	First-Time	89%	82%	79%	78%	81%	80%	80%	82%	92%	92%
Wyoming	Overall	61%	63%	82%	66%	67%	60%	72%	72%	62%	64%
	First-Time	67%	72%	82%	67%	68%	63%	80%	74%	70%	67%
Guam	Overall	60%	35%	57%	53%	67%	53%	77%	75%	76%	75%
	First-Time	68%	44%	78%	70%	75%	67%	100%	70%	79%	73%
N. Mariana Islands	Overall	43%	67%	55%	46%	60%	70%	100%	88%	88%	83%
	First-Time	29%	89%	71%	55%	50%	75%	100%	88%	86%	83%
Palau	Overall	40%	67%	100%	88%	67%	100%	71%	27%	—	67%
	First-Time	50%	71%	100%	88%	100%	100%	71%	27%	—	50%
Puerto Rico	Overall	48%	48%	46%	49%	48%	47%	38%	46%	42%	44%
	First-Time	58%	60%	56%	61%	56%	54%	46%	57%	52%	52%
Virgin Islands	Overall	88%	56%	69%	56%	58%	55%	69%	73%	56%	76%
	First-Time	87%	59%	73%	59%	66%	76%	70%	70%	65%	84%
AVERAGES	Overall	66%	65%	66%	63%	64%	64%	64%	67%	67%	71%
	First-Time	75%	75%	77%	74%	75%	75%	76%	78%	79%	82%

## 2008 Admissions to the Bar by Examination, on Motion, and by Diploma Privilege



# Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2004–2008

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination					Admission on Motion				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alabama	509	530	549	538	504	—	—	1	11	21
Alaska	80	83	92	78	67	30	39	30	43	25
Arizona	690	656	740	747	745	—	—	—	—	—
Arkansas	231	246	282	254	308	—	60	63	68	56
California	5,626	5,965	6,799	6,729	7,216	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado	715	865	950	1,003	952	94	124	155	136	125
Connecticut	691	758	848	747	841	12	—	—	—	26
Delaware	146	155	163	146	165	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	337	305	334	325	299	2,629	2,741	3,621	3,137	3,434
Florida	2,863	2,980	3,133	3,166	3,047	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	1,183	1,190	1,344	1,372	1,422	181	146	173	197	208
Hawaii	171	235	203	239	200	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	128	154	110	158	145	66	51	62	80	59
Illinois	2,696	1,787	3,204	3,307	3,208	79	95	80	78	87
Indiana	589	618	595	626	572	71	67	93	37	52
Iowa	275	411	286	313	269	48	45	46	73	58
Kansas	378	362	292	390	400	—	44	140	84	50
Kentucky	461	644	459	581	503	54	55	47	60	65
Louisiana	707	738	640	540	1,747	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	178	163	149	161	133	—	4	7	8	9
Maryland	1,409	1,586	1,470	1,437	1,401	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	1,839	1,887	2,139	2,160	2,169	168	163	198	164	167
Michigan	862	918	1,131	950	938	143	111	138	110	100
Minnesota	736	729	848	952	866	134	164	180	214	226
Mississippi	389	339	334	314	306	10	—	—	—	—
Missouri	981	917	961	976	930	87	93	138	96	98
Montana	145	155	157	129	149	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	157	141	132	105	117	111	105	97	129	131

## Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2004–2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination <i>(cont.)</i>					Admission on Motion <i>(cont.)</i>				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nevada	451	476	498	495	465	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	135	131	187	146	160	98	77	110	82	104
New Jersey	2,663	2,781	3,215	3,078	3,012	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	241	272	282	290	322	—	—	—	—	—
New York	8,103	8,058	8,138	8,349	9,134	389	457	503	487	554
North Carolina	721	851	918	954	1,063	95	99	117	152	130
North Dakota	44	55	35	46	57	22	28	29	42	49
Ohio	1,270	1,356	1,353	1,401	1,260	49	76	71	74	116
Oklahoma	346	418	450	398	407	64	97	65	51	62
Oregon	497	504	627	618	602	77	48	75	100	69
Pennsylvania	1,773	1,950	1,455	1,910	1,853	168	324	141	180	457
Rhode Island	193	157	199	222	217	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	396	465	463	561	557	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	84	92	85	73	90	13	18	19	12	16
Tennessee	694	680	753	682	746	161	145	214	228	201
Texas	2,614	2,727	2,793	2,711	2,778	284	303	450	608	562
Utah	310	390	364	365	425	49	12	36	41	64
Vermont	65	87	99	78	55	49	37	35	26	36
Virginia	1,175	1,301	1,337	1,405	1,450	71	72	94	78	49
Washington	1,094	1,000	1,108	1,318	991	241	60	143	110	244
West Virginia	235	214	221	188	203	51	47	53	53	64
Wisconsin	211	217	253	294	248	66	69	93	145	92
Wyoming	76	89	93	75	99	26	9	23	22	22
Guam	9	9	11	16	9	8	—	9	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	16	3	13	10	7	11	—	—	—	—
Palau	4	5	3	4	1	—	—	2	—	—
Puerto Rico	519	420	539	477	487	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	16	45	35	11	40	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	49,127	50,270	53,871	54,618	56,357	5,909	6,085	7,551	7,216	7,888

## Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2004–2008 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	Foreign Legal Consultants					Admission by Diploma Privilege				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Arizona	—	1	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—
California	3	7	5	8	10	—	—	—	—	—
Delaware	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	9	9	7	13	14	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	31	30	24	28	31	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Illinois	1	1	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13 <sup>a</sup>
New Jersey	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	14	7	14	13	18	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Texas	3	2	3	2	8	—	—	—	—	—
Washington	—	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	—	—	—	—	—	412	436	474	479	455
TOTALS	67	60	60	71	99	412	436	474	479	468

<sup>a</sup>The 13 individuals admitted in New Hampshire by diploma privilege were graduates of its Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program.

# THE MBE

MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has produced the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) since 1972. In 2008, the MBE was used in 53 jurisdictions.

The MBE is a 200-item multiple-choice examination covering constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, real property, and torts. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each examinee. Raw scores on different forms of the test are not comparable due to differences in the difficulty of test forms. Scaled scores are produced by a statistical procedure called equating that involves repeating items from previous examinations. A comparison of the performance of the current examinee population on the repeated items to performance of the prior examinee group allows conclusions to be drawn about the relative difficulty of the new items on the exam, and test scores are adjusted accordingly. Scaled scores are comparable across administrations of the examination.





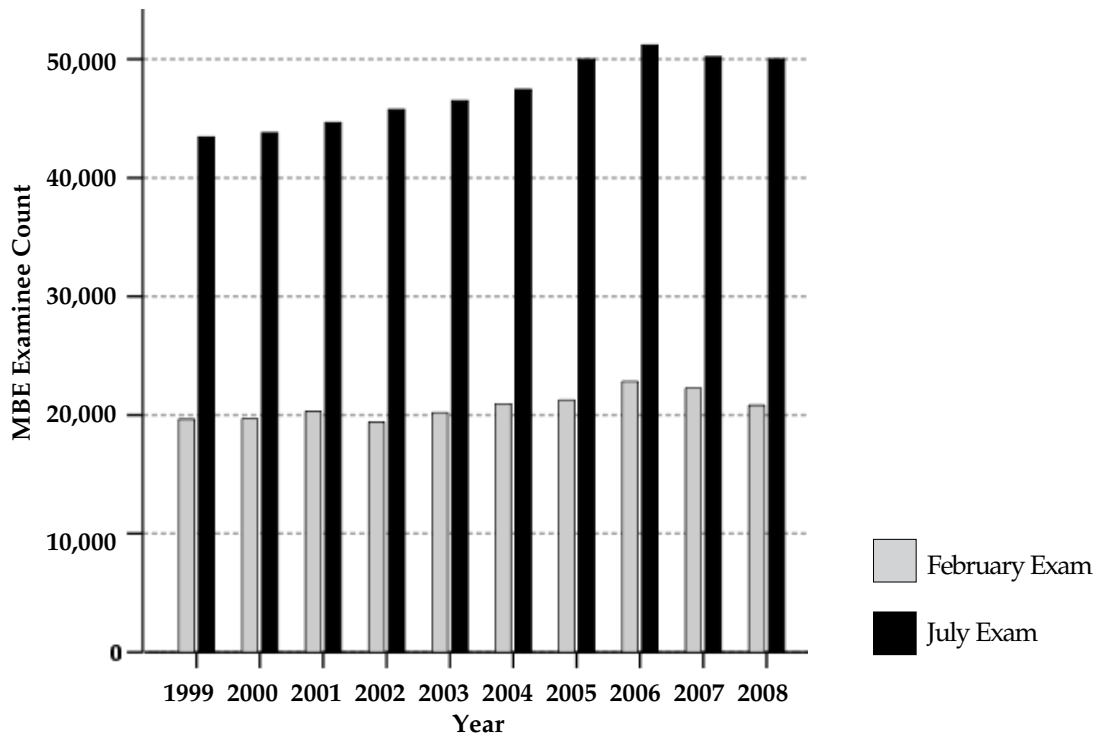
### 2008 MBE National Summary Statistics<sup>a</sup>

	February	July	2008 Total
Number of Examinees	20,822	50,011	70,833
Mean Scaled Score	137.7	145.6	143.3
Standard Deviation	15.2	15.6	15.9
Maximum	184	190	190
Minimum	72	75	72
Median	138	147	144

### MBE National Examinee Counts and Mean Scaled Scores by Year<sup>a</sup>

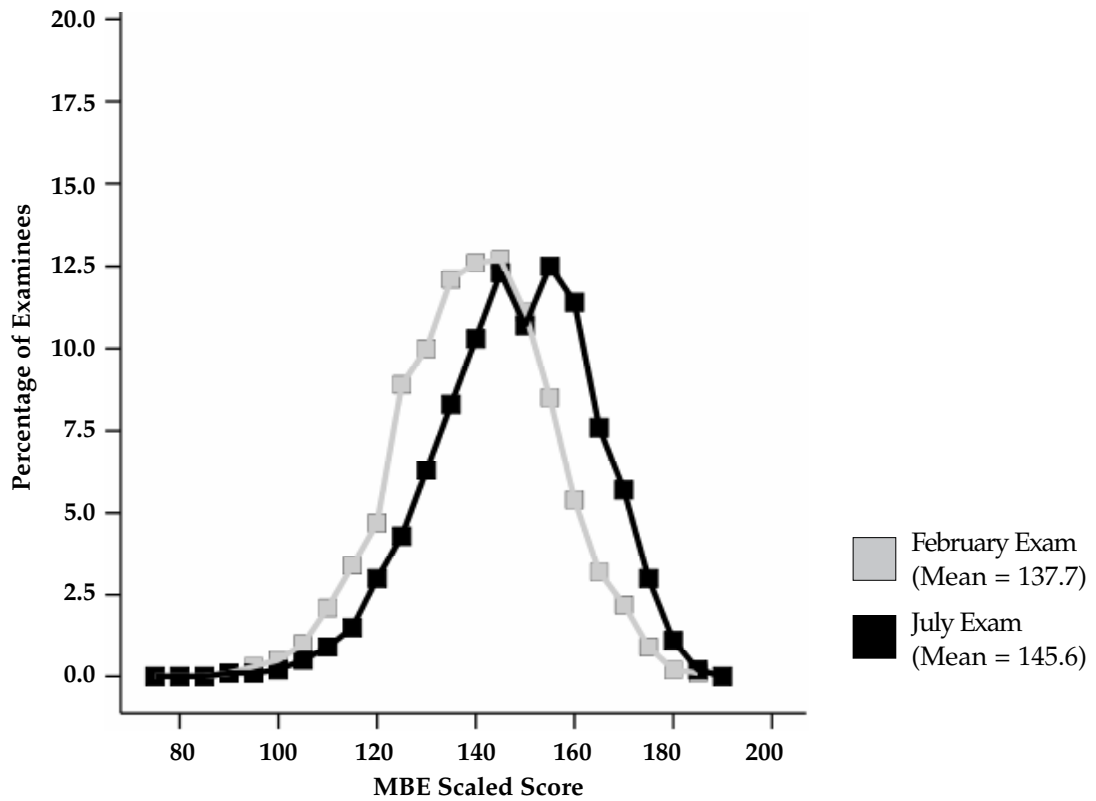
	Number of Examinees			Mean Scaled Scores		
	February	July	Year Total	February	July	Year Total
1999	19,646	43,416	63,062	137.9	142.3	140.9
2000	19,673	43,791	63,464	136.9	142.0	140.4
2001	20,288	44,637	64,925	136.5	142.8	140.9
2002	19,399	45,732	65,131	135.3	141.2	139.4
2003	20,204	46,486	66,690	135.7	141.6	139.8
2004	20,946	47,433	68,379	135.9	141.2	139.6
2005	21,265	49,998	71,263	137.7	141.6	140.4
2006	22,824	51,176	74,000	137.5	143.3	141.5
2007	22,250	50,181	72,431	136.9	143.7	141.6
2008	20,822	50,011	70,833	137.7	145.6	143.3

### MBE National Examinee Count by Year<sup>a</sup>

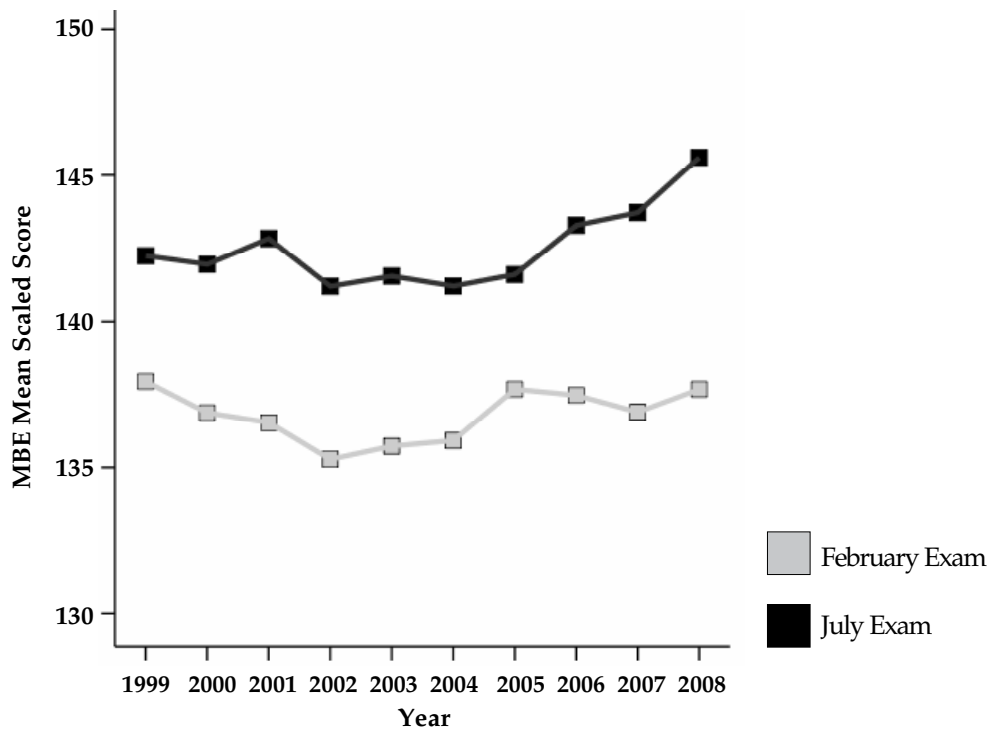


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## 2008 MBE National Score Distributions<sup>a</sup>



## MBE National Mean Scaled Scores by Year<sup>a</sup>



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# THE MPRE



**MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION**

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has produced the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) since 1980. In 2008, the MPRE was used in 52 jurisdictions.

The MPRE consists of 60 multiple-choice questions. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each examinee. Raw scores on different forms of the test are not comparable due to differences in the difficulty of test forms. Scaled scores are produced by a statistical procedure called equating that involves repeating items from previous examinations. A comparison of the performance of the current examinee population on the repeated items to performance of the prior examinee group allows conclusions to be drawn about the relative difficulty of the new items on the exam, and test scores are adjusted accordingly. Scaled scores are produced on a range of 50 to 150 and are comparable across administrations of the examination.

# Jurisdictions Using the MPRE in 2008 with Pass/Fail Standards Indicated



	<p><b>Jurisdictions Using the MPRE</b> Includes the District of Columbia (75), Guam (80), Northern Mariana Islands (75), Palau (75), and Virgin Islands (75) (not shown on map)</p>
	<p><b>Jurisdictions Not Using the MPRE</b> Includes Puerto Rico (not shown on map)</p>

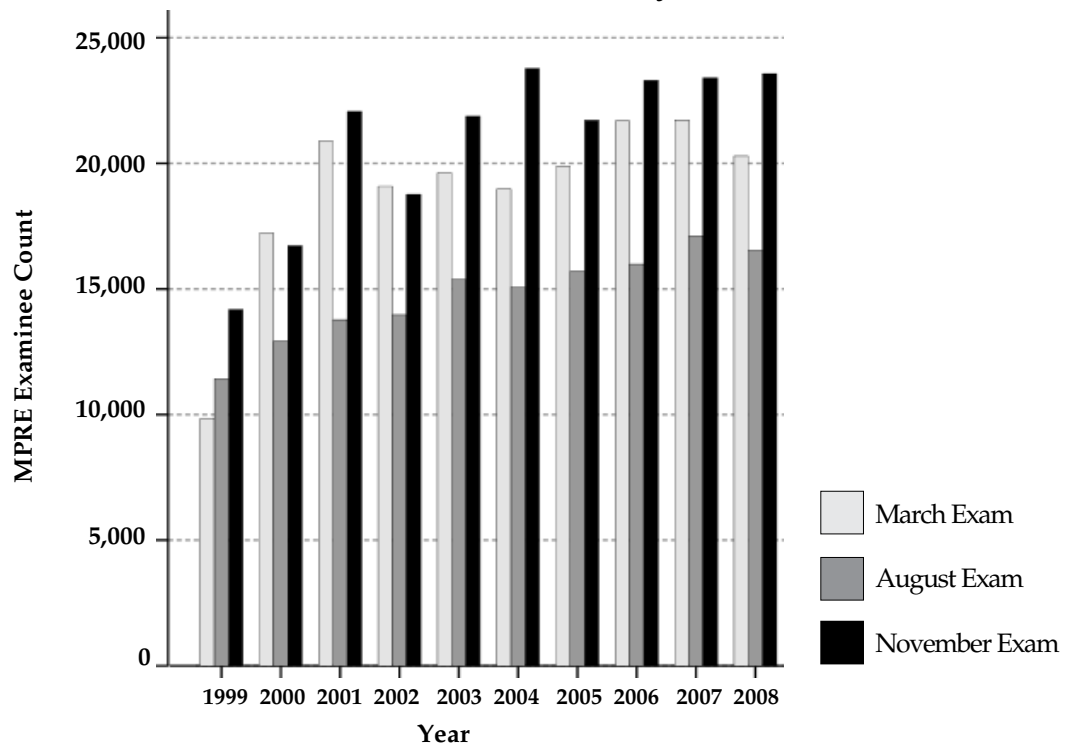
## 2008 MPRE National Summary Statistics<sup>a</sup>

	March	August	November	2008 Total
Number of Examinees	20,288	16,536	23,568	60,392
Mean Scaled Score	98.9	95.6	97.9	97.6
Standard Deviation	19.8	20.1	19.7	19.9
Maximum	150	150	150	150
Minimum	50	50	50	50
Median	100	95	97	98

## MPRE National Examinee Counts and Mean Scaled Scores by Year<sup>a</sup>

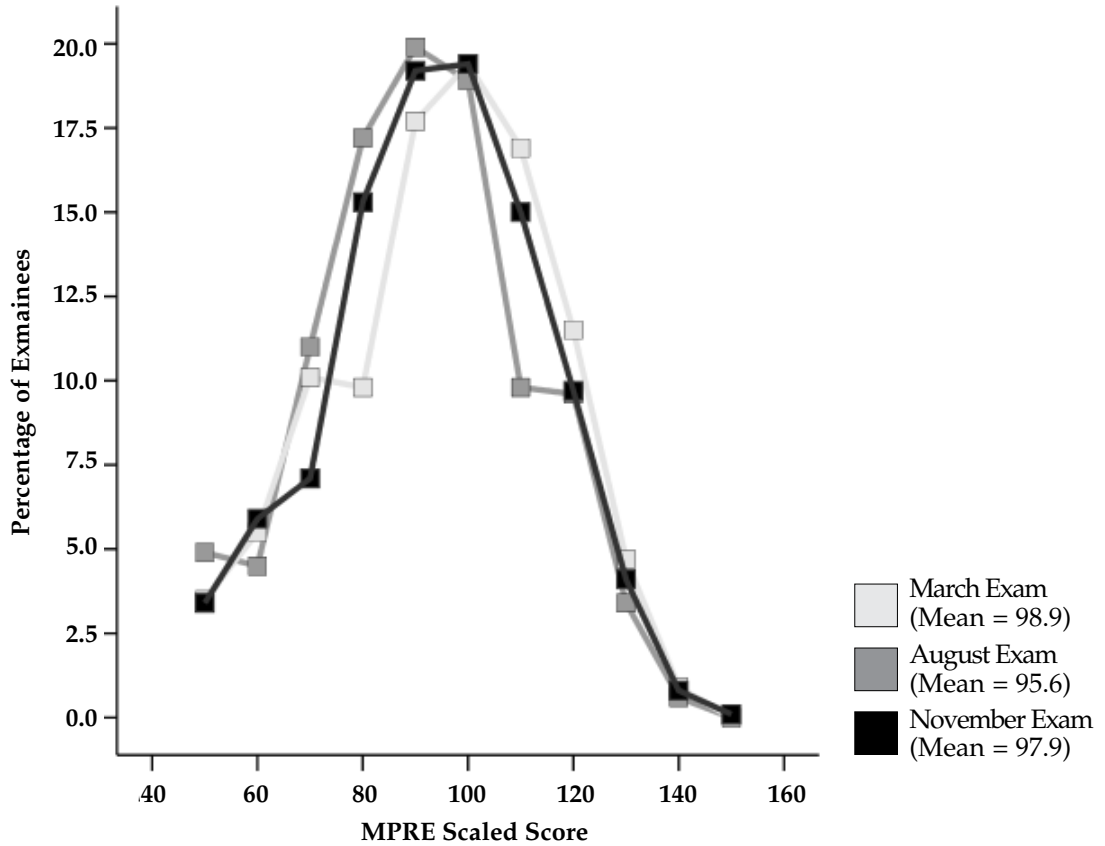
	Number of Examinees				Mean Scaled Scores			
	March	August	November	Year Total	March	August	November	Year Total
1999	9,834	11,428	14,182	35,444	100.1	99.1	98.3	99.1
2000	17,215	12,924	16,725	46,864	98.9	98.6	97.3	98.2
2001	20,880	13,776	22,060	56,716	100.3	97.1	97.6	98.5
2002	19,085	13,972	18,768	51,825	99.0	98.5	99.6	99.1
2003	19,611	15,372	21,870	56,853	99.2	96.9	99.8	98.8
2004	18,972	15,082	23,775	57,829	100.3	97.5	99.1	99.1
2005	19,869	15,703	21,716	57,288	98.3	98.0	99.6	98.7
2006	21,684	15,986	23,308	60,978	98.6	96.9	98.1	98.0
2007	21,724	17,107	23,404	62,235	98.5	98.0	99.2	98.6
2008	20,288	16,536	23,568	60,392	98.9	95.6	97.9	97.6

## MPRE National Examinee Count by Year<sup>a</sup>

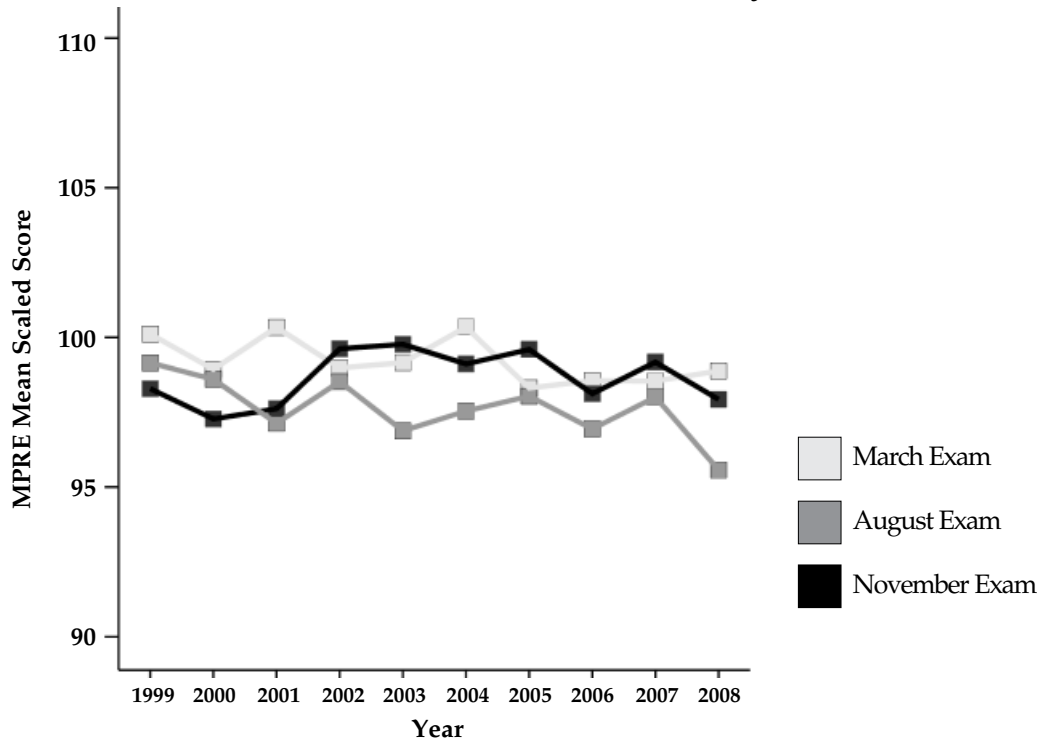


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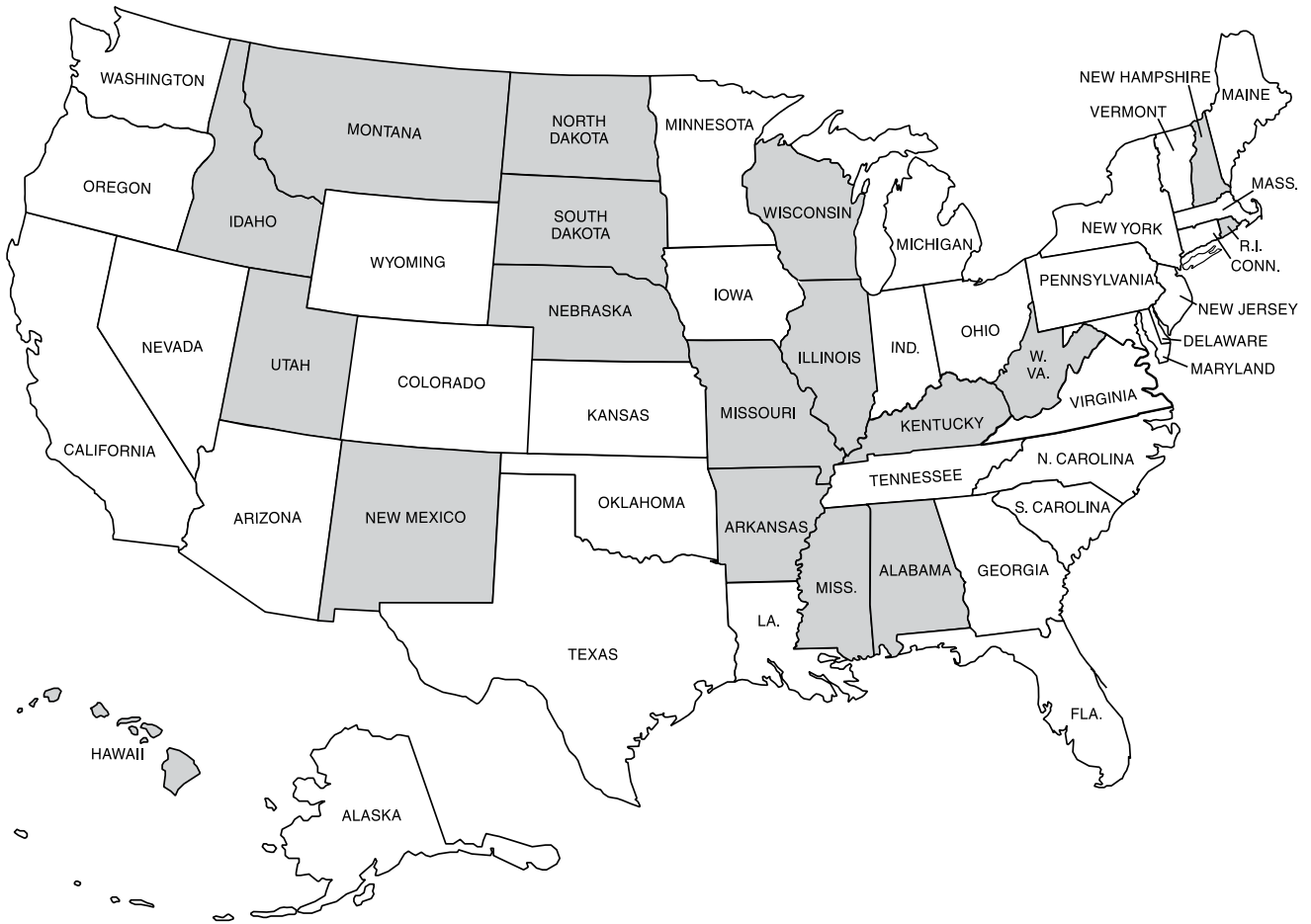
# THE MEE



MULTISTATE ESSAY EXAMINATION

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has produced the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) since 1988. In 2008, the MEE was used in 21 jurisdictions.

The MEE is an essay examination offering nine 30-minute questions; user jurisdictions may elect which of the nine questions they wish to use. The areas of law that may be covered by the questions are business associations (agency and partnership; corporations and limited liability companies), conflict of laws, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, family law, federal civil procedure, real property, torts, trusts and estates (decedents' estates; trusts and future interests), and Uniform Commercial Code (negotiable instruments (commercial paper); secured transactions). Some questions may include issues in more than one area of law. The purpose of the MEE is to test the examinee's ability to (1) identify legal issues raised by a hypothetical factual situation; (2) separate material which is relevant from that which is not; (3) present a reasoned analysis of the relevant issues in a clear, concise, and well-organized composition; and (4) demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental legal principles relevant to the probable solution of the issues raised by the factual situation. Each jurisdiction determines its own policy with regard to the relative weight given to the MEE and other scores. Grading of the MEE is the exclusive responsibility of the jurisdiction administering the exam.

## Jurisdictions Using the MEE in 2008



	<p><b>Jurisdictions Using the MEE</b> Includes the District of Columbia, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands (not shown on map)</p>
	<p><b>Jurisdictions Not Using the MEE</b> Includes Palau, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands (not shown on map)</p>



# THE MPT

MULTISTATE PERFORMANCE TEST

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has produced the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) since 1997. In 2008, the MPT was used in 34 jurisdictions.

The MPT is designed to test an examinee's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. Each test evaluates an examinee's ability to complete a task that a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish. The MPT requires examinees to (1) sort detailed factual materials and separate relevant from irrelevant facts; (2) analyze statutory, case, and administrative materials for relevant principles of law; (3) apply the relevant law to the relevant facts in a manner likely to resolve a client's problem; (4) identify and resolve ethical dilemmas, when present; (5) communicate effectively in writing; and (6) complete a lawyering task within time constraints. Each jurisdiction determines its own policy with regard to the relative weight given to the MPT and other scores. Grading of the MPT is the exclusive responsibility of the jurisdiction administering the exam.

