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# 2009 Statistics

This section includes data, by jurisdiction, on the number of persons taking and passing bar examinations in 2009, 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 graduates from non-ABA-approved law schools taking and passing bar examinations categorized by type of school, 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; a chart displaying relative admissions to the bar by examination, on motion, and by diploma privilege; and 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 10 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 31 and 35 show the use, by jurisdiction, of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE); pages 32–33 and 36–37 give data from the 2009 administrations of the MBE and the MPRE. Pages 39 and 41 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 2009 Bar Examination

Jurisdiction	February			July			Total		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	214	93	43%	485	362	75%	699	455	65%
Alaska	50	26	52%	63	40	63%	113	66	58%
Arizona	277	169	61%	559	438	78%	836	607	73%
Arkansas	102	59	58%	236	168	71%	338	227	67%
California	4,084	1,368	33%	8,667	4,890	56%	12,751	6,258	49%
Colorado	421	256	61%	880	711	81%	1,301	967	74%
Connecticut	355	226	64%	817	654	80%	1,172	880	75%
Delaware	No February examination			225	141	63%	225	141	63%
District of Columbia	262	118	45%	293	155	53%	555	273	49%
Florida	1,199	685	57%	2,883	2,097	73%	4,082	2,782	68%
Georgia	380	215	57%	1,213	1,002	83%	1,593	1,217	76%
Hawaii	61	39	64%	174	140	80%	235	179	76%
Idaho	68	47	69%	125	110	88%	193	157	81%
Illinois	963	668	69%	2,710	2,405	89%	3,673	3,073	84%
Indiana	260	175	67%	544	427	78%	804	602	75%
Iowa	99	77	78%	230	213	93%	329	290	88%
Kansas	175	140	80%	255	211	83%	430	351	82%
Kentucky	200	143	72%	423	335	79%	623	478	77%
Louisiana	327	220	67%	737	511	69%	1,064	731	69%
Maine	44	31	70%	155	122	79%	199	153	77%
Maryland	426	211	50%	1,429	1,066	75%	1,855	1,277	69%
Massachusetts	582	316	54%	2,158	1,849	86%	2,740	2,165	79%
Michigan	463	344	74%	800	680	85%	1,263	1,024	81%
Minnesota	221	157	71%	822	731	89%	1,043	888	85%
Mississippi	102	68	67%	243	200	82%	345	268	78%
Missouri	266	203	76%	819	740	90%	1,085	943	87%
Montana	64	52	81%	124	111	90%	188	163	87%
Nebraska	28	13	46%	111	96	86%	139	109	78%
Nevada	264	147	56%	386	245	63%	650	392	60%
New Hampshire	57	44	77%	127	110	87%	184	154	84%
New Jersey	773	431	56%	3,169	2,606	82%	3,942	3,037	77%
New Mexico	139	114	82%	215	184	86%	354	298	84%

## Persons Taking and Passing the 2009 Bar Examination (*continued*)

Jurisdiction	February			July			Total		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New York	3,560	1,486	42%	11,532	8,301	72%	15,092	9,787	65%
North Carolina	421	209	50%	1,120	823	73%	1,541	1,032	67%
North Dakota	17	11	65%	62	52	84%	79	63	80%
Ohio	387	237	61%	1,177	957	81%	1,564	1,194	76%
Oklahoma	110	62	56%	373	325	87%	483	387	80%
Oregon	267	176	66%	591	418	71%	858	594	69%
Pennsylvania	557	318	57%	1,998	1,625	81%	2,555	1,943	76%
Rhode Island	81	44	54%	201	165	82%	282	209	74%
South Carolina	218	136	62%	485	370	76%	703	506	72%
South Dakota	24	14	58%	76	69	91%	100	83	83%
Tennessee	288	147	51%	789	588	75%	1,077	735	68%
Texas	1,118	732	65%	2,791	2,320	83%	3,909	3,052	78%
Utah	126	92	73%	360	309	86%	486	401	83%
Vermont	25	15	60%	65	40	62%	90	55	61%
Virginia	492	241	49%	1,504	1,134	75%	1,996	1,375	69%
Washington	477	309	65%	912	626	69%	1,389	935	67%
West Virginia	89	65	73%	172	126	73%	261	191	73%
Wisconsin	94	80	85%	184	168	91%	278	248	89%
Wyoming	58	40	69%	92	73	79%	150	113	75%
Guam	9	5	56%	12	6	50%	21	11	52%
N. Mariana Islands	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%
Palau	No February examination			6	1	17%	6	1	17%
Puerto Rico <sup>a</sup>	459	176	38%	689	295	43%	1,148	471	41%
Virgin Islands	15	10	67%	36	23	64%	51	33	65%
TOTALS	21,820	11,462	53%	57,305	42,565	74%	79,125	54,027	68%

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

## Persons Taking and Passing the 2009 Bar Examination by Source of Legal Education

Jurisdiction	ABA-Approved Law School			Non-ABA-Approved Law School <sup>c</sup>			Law School Outside the USA			Law Office Study		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	450	379	84%	244	75	31%	5	1	20%	—	—	—
Alaska	111	66	59%	2	0	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona	829	604	73%	3	2	67%	4	1	25%	—	—	—
Arkansas	338	227	67%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
California	8,732 <sup>a,b</sup>	5,280 <sup>a,b</sup>	60%	2,330 <sup>a,b</sup>	382 <sup>a,b</sup>	16%	732	114	16%	9	3	33%
Colorado	1,295	966	75%	—	—	—	6	1	17%	—	—	—
Connecticut	1,066	845	79%	91	33	36%	15	2	13%	—	—	—
Delaware	225	141	63%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	456	249	55%	21	2	10%	78	22	28%	—	—	—
Florida	4,077	2,780	68%	4	2	50%	1	0	0%	—	—	—
Georgia	1,565	1,213	78%	24	2	8%	4	2	50%	—	—	—
Hawaii	231	178	77%	3	1	33%	1	0	0%	—	—	—
Idaho	193	157	81%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Illinois	3,641	3,066	84%	—	—	—	32	7	22%	—	—	—
Indiana	804	602	75%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iowa	329	290	88%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas	430	351	82%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	622	477	77%	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Louisiana	1,013	723	71%	—	—	—	51	8	16%	—	—	—
Maine	199	153	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maryland	1,836	1,268	69%	1	1	100%	18	8	44%	—	—	—
Massachusetts	2,356	1,990	84%	363	165	45%	21	10	48%	—	—	—
Michigan	1,256	1,021	81%	1	1	100%	6	2	33%	—	—	—
Minnesota	1,043	888	85%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	345	268	78%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	1,079	942	87%	—	—	—	6	1	17%	—	—	—
Montana	188	163	87%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	139	109	78%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>a</sup>California does not recognize U.S. attorneys taking the general bar examination as being from either ABA-approved or non-ABA-approved law schools. This number of applicants (924 taking, 477 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>Applicants under California's four-year qualification rule who did not earn J.D. degrees (24 taking, 2 passing) are not included in either the ABA-approved or non-ABA-approved categories. California's four-year qualification rule 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 2009 Bar Examination by Source of Legal Education *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	ABA-Approved Law School			Non-ABA-Approved Law School <sup>c</sup>			Law School Outside the USA			Law Office Study		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Nevada	643	391	61%	1	0	0%	6	1	17%	—	—	—
New Hampshire	164	141	86%	18	12	67%	2	1	50%	—	—	—
New Jersey	3,942	3,037	77%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	354	298	84%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	10,544	8,250	78%	5	2	40%	4,526	1,533	34%	17	2	12%
North Carolina	1,541	1,032	67%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Dakota	79	63	80%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio	1,551	1,189	77%	—	—	—	13	5	38%	—	—	—
Oklahoma	483	387	80%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon	853	592	69%	2	2	100%	3	0	0%	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	2,553	1,941	76%	—	—	—	2	2	100%	—	—	—
Rhode Island	275	207	75%	4	1	25%	3	1	33%	—	—	—
South Carolina	703	506	72%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	100	83	83%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	778	593	76%	186	111	60%	113	31	27%	—	—	—
Texas	3,874	3,039	78%	7	3	43%	28	10	36%	—	—	—
Utah	485	401	83%	—	—	—	1	0	0%	—	—	—
Vermont	74	53	72%	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	2	13%
Virginia	1,943	1,366	70%	—	—	—	45	8	18%	8	1	13%
Washington	1,352	914	68%	29	18	62%	—	—	—	8	3	38%
West Virginia	261	191	73%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	274	245	89%	3	3	100%	1	0	0%	—	—	—
Wyoming	150	113	75%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	21	11	52%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	3	3	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Palau	6	1	17%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	982	429	44%	166	42	25%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	51	33	65%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	68,887	50,905	74%	3,509	861	25%	5,723	1,771	31%	58	11	19%

<sup>c</sup>See page 20 for a breakdown of exam takers and passers from non-ABA-approved law schools by type of school.

## First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2009

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	February	133	81	61%	81	12	15%
	July	412	340	83%	73	22	30%
	Total	545	421	77%	154	34	22%
Alaska	February	35	22	63%	15	4	27%
	July	44	35	80%	19	5	26%
	Total	79	57	72%	34	9	26%
Arizona	February	191	131	69%	86	38	44%
	July	473	398	84%	86	40	47%
	Total	664	529	80%	172	78	45%
Arkansas	February	58	42	72%	44	17	39%
	July	198	148	75%	38	20	53%
	Total	256	190	74%	82	37	45%
California	February	1,458	678	47%	2,626	690	26%
	July	6,152	4,334	70%	2,515	556	22%
	Total	7,610	5,012	66%	5,141	1,246	24%
Colorado	February	267	198	74%	154	58	38%
	July	748	669	89%	132	42	32%
	Total	1,015	867	85%	286	100	35%
Connecticut	February	248	187	75%	107	39	36%
	July	716	616	86%	101	38	38%
	Total	964	803	83%	208	77	37%
Delaware	February	No February examination			No February examination		
	July	171	122	71%	54	19	35%
	Total	171	122	71%	54	19	35%
Dist. of Columbia	February	167	96	57%	95	22	23%
	July	179	129	72%	114	26	23%
	Total	346	225	65%	209	48	23%
Florida	February	784	554	71%	415	131	32%
	July	2,503	2,003	80%	380	94	25%
	Total	3,287	2,557	78%	795	225	28%
Georgia	February	227	167	74%	153	48	31%
	July	1,066	948	89%	147	54	37%
	Total	1,293	1,115	86%	300	102	34%
Hawaii	February	44	33	75%	17	6	35%
	July	150	133	89%	24	7	29%
	Total	194	166	86%	41	13	32%
Idaho	February	44	31	70%	24	16	67%
	July	111	102	92%	14	8	57%
	Total	155	133	86%	38	24	63%
Illinois	February	702	590	84%	261	78	30%
	July	2,475	2,287	92%	235	118	50%
	Total	3,177	2,877	91%	496	196	40%
Indiana	February	175	137	78%	85	38	45%
	July	474	400	84%	70	27	39%
	Total	649	537	83%	155	65	42%

# First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Iowa	February	79	69	87%	20	8	40%
	July	214	204	95%	16	9	56%
	Total	293	273	93%	36	17	47%
Kansas	February	155	133	86%	20	7	35%
	July	230	199	87%	25	12	48%
	Total	385	332	86%	45	19	42%
Kentucky	February	112	104	93%	88	39	44%
	July	372	312	84%	51	23	45%
	Total	484	416	86%	139	62	45%
Louisiana	February	124	75	60%	203	145	71%
	July	621	461	74%	116	50	43%
	Total	745	536	72%	319	195	61%
Maine	February	35	28	80%	9	3	33%
	July	142	118	83%	13	4	31%
	Total	177	146	82%	22	7	32%
Maryland	February	230	143	62%	196	68	35%
	July	1,239	1,001	81%	190	65	34%
	Total	1,469	1,144	78%	386	133	34%
Massachusetts	February	354	245	69%	228	71	31%
	July	1,949	1,762	90%	209	87	42%
	Total	2,303	2,007	87%	437	158	36%
Michigan	February	289	252	87%	174	92	53%
	July	713	637	89%	87	43	49%
	Total	1,002	889	89%	261	135	52%
Minnesota	February	159	128	81%	62	29	47%
	July	772	706	91%	50	25	50%
	Total	931	834	90%	112	54	48%
Mississippi	February	71	59	83%	31	9	29%
	July	213	183	86%	30	17	57%
	Total	284	242	85%	61	26	43%
Missouri	February	211	179	85%	55	24	44%
	July	771	719	93%	48	21	44%
	Total	982	898	91%	103	45	44%
Montana	February	58	49	84%	6	3	50%
	July	118	107	91%	6	4	67%
	Total	176	156	89%	12	7	58%
Nebraska	February	19	11	58%	9	2	22%
	July	97	91	94%	14	5	36%
	Total	116	102	88%	23	7	30%
Nevada	February	173	120	69%	91	27	30%
	July	294	219	74%	92	26	28%
	Total	467	339	73%	183	53	29%



## First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New Hampshire	February	46	37	80%	11	7	64%
	July	124	107	86%	3	3	100%
	Total	170	144	85%	14	10	71%
New Jersey	February	440	298	68%	333	133	40%
	July	2,880	2,479	86%	289	127	44%
	Total	3,320	2,777	84%	622	260	42%
New Mexico	February	114	101	89%	25	13	52%
	July	194	178	92%	21	6	29%
	Total	308	279	91%	46	19	41%
New York	February	1,617	977	60%	1,943	509	26%
	July	9,778	7,803	80%	1,754	498	28%
	Total	11,395	8,780	77%	3,697	1,007	27%
North Carolina	February	260	163	63%	161	46	29%
	July	955	770	81%	165	53	32%
	Total	1,215	933	77%	326	99	30%
North Dakota	February	12	9	75%	5	2	40%
	July	56	50	89%	6	2	33%
	Total	68	59	87%	11	4	36%
Ohio	February	225	177	79%	162	60	37%
	July	1,046	918	88%	131	39	30%
	Total	1,271	1,095	86%	293	99	34%
Oklahoma	February	83	53	64%	27	9	33%
	July	325	301	93%	48	24	50%
	Total	408	354	87%	75	33	44%
Oregon	February	149	111	74%	118	65	55%
	July	516	399	77%	75	19	25%
	Total	665	510	77%	193	84	44%
Pennsylvania	February	308	235	76%	249	83	33%
	July	1,811	1,581	87%	187	44	24%
	Total	2,119	1,816	86%	436	127	29%
Rhode Island	February	61	37	61%	20	7	35%
	July	188	158	84%	13	7	54%
	Total	249	195	78%	33	14	42%
South Carolina	February	145	97	67%	73	39	53%
	July	419	344	82%	66	26	39%
	Total	564	441	78%	139	65	47%
South Dakota	February	18	13	72%	6	1	17%
	July	70	66	94%	6	3	50%
	Total	88	79	90%	12	4	33%
Tennessee	February	173	101	58%	115	46	40%
	July	671	547	82%	118	41	35%
	Total	844	648	77%	233	87	37%

# First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters in 2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	First-Timers			Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Texas	February	708	547	77%	410	185	45%
	July	2,450	2,147	88%	341	173	51%
	Total	3,158	2,694	85%	751	358	48%
Utah	February	89	76	85%	37	16	43%
	July	327	294	90%	33	15	45%
	Total	416	370	89%	70	31	44%
Vermont	February	13	8	62%	12	7	58%
	July	53	37	70%	12	3	25%
	Total	66	45	68%	24	10	42%
Virginia	February	272	158	58%	220	83	38%
	July	1,323	1,061	80%	181	73	40%
	Total	1,595	1,219	76%	401	156	39%
Washington	February	261	162	62%	216	147	68%
	July	780	560	72%	132	66	50%
	Total	1,041	722	69%	348	213	61%
West Virginia	February	12	10	83%	77	55	71%
	July	148	120	81%	24	6	25%
	Total	160	130	81%	101	61	60%
Wisconsin	February	77	71	92%	17	9	53%
	July	172	161	94%	12	7	58%
	Total	249	232	93%	29	16	55%
Wyoming	February	40	29	73%	18	11	61%
	July	81	67	83%	11	6	55%
	Total	121	96	79%	29	17	59%
Guam	February	6	4	67%	3	1	33%
	July	9	5	56%	3	1	33%
	Total	15	9	60%	6	2	33%
N. Mariana Islands	February	2	2	100%	—	—	—
	July	1	1	100%	—	—	—
	Total	3	3	100%	—	—	—
Palau	February	No February examination			No February examination		
	July	6	1	17%	—	—	—
	Total	6	1	17%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico <sup>a</sup>	February	125	47	38%	334	129	39%
	July	464	237	51%	225	58	26%
	Total	589	284	48%	559	187	33%
Virgin Islands	February	12	8	67%	3	2	67%
	July	31	22	71%	5	1	20%
	Total	43	30	70%	8	3	38%
TOTALS	February	11,870	8,073	68%	9,950	3,389	34%
	July	48,495	39,797	82%	8,810	2,768	31%
	Total	60,365	47,870	79%	18,760	6,157	33%

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

## 2009 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	February	79	58	73%	10	4	40%
	July	351	314	89%	10	3	30%
	Total	430	372	87%	20	7	35%
Alaska	February	34	22	65%	15	4	27%
	July	44	35	80%	18	5	28%
	Total	78	57	73%	33	9	27%
Arizona	February	191	131	69%	83	36	43%
	July	471	397	84%	84	40	48%
	Total	662	528	80%	167	76	46%
Arkansas	February	58	42	72%	44	17	39%
	July	198	148	75%	38	20	53%
	Total	256	190	74%	82	37	45%
California	February	756	382	51%	1,507	539	36%
	July	5,209	3,984	76%	1,260	375	30%
	Total	5,965	4,366	73%	2,767	914	33%
Colorado	February	266	198	74%	152	57	38%
	July	746	669	90%	131	42	32%
	Total	1,012	867	86%	283	99	35%
Connecticut	February	226	178	79%	77	29	38%
	July	688	604	88%	75	34	45%
	Total	914	782	86%	152	63	41%
Delaware	February	No February examination			No February examination		
	July	171	122	71%	54	19	35%
	Total	171	122	71%	54	19	35%
Dist. of Columbia	February	158	94	59%	63	17	27%
	July	153	118	77%	82	20	24%
	Total	311	212	68%	145	37	26%
Florida	February	784	554	71%	412	130	32%
	July	2,501	2,002	80%	380	94	25%
	Total	3,285	2,556	78%	792	224	28%
Georgia	February	226	166	73%	141	48	34%
	July	1,064	947	89%	134	52	39%
	Total	1,290	1,113	86%	275	100	36%
Hawaii	February	42	32	76%	16	6	38%
	July	150	133	89%	23	7	30%
	Total	192	165	86%	39	13	33%
Idaho	February	44	31	70%	24	16	67%
	July	111	102	92%	14	8	57%
	Total	155	133	86%	38	24	63%
Illinois	February	696	588	84%	254	77	30%
	July	2,464	2,284	93%	227	117	52%
	Total	3,160	2,872	91%	481	194	40%
Indiana	February	175	137	78%	85	38	45%
	July	474	400	84%	70	27	39%
	Total	649	537	83%	155	65	42%

## 2009 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Iowa	February	79	69	87%	20	8	40%
	July	214	204	95%	16	9	56%
	Total	293	273	93%	36	17	47%
Kansas	February	155	133	86%	20	7	35%
	July	230	199	87%	25	12	48%
	Total	385	332	86%	45	19	42%
Kentucky	February	111	103	93%	88	39	44%
	July	372	312	84%	51	23	45%
	Total	483	415	86%	139	62	45%
Louisiana	February	117	75	64%	192	142	74%
	July	610	461	76%	94	45	48%
	Total	727	536	74%	286	187	65%
Maine	February	35	28	80%	9	3	33%
	July	142	118	83%	13	4	31%
	Total	177	146	82%	22	7	32%
Maryland	February	226	140	62%	194	66	34%
	July	1,228	997	81%	188	65	35%
	Total	1,454	1,137	78%	382	131	34%
Massachusetts	February	268	198	74%	126	41	33%
	July	1,844	1,698	92%	118	53	45%
	Total	2,112	1,896	90%	244	94	39%
Michigan	February	287	251	87%	171	91	53%
	July	711	636	89%	87	43	49%
	Total	998	887	89%	258	134	52%
Minnesota	February	159	128	81%	62	29	47%
	July	772	706	91%	50	25	50%
	Total	931	834	90%	112	54	48%
Mississippi	February	71	59	83%	31	9	29%
	July	213	183	86%	30	17	57%
	Total	284	242	85%	61	26	43%
Missouri	February	208	178	86%	55	24	44%
	July	769	719	93%	47	21	45%
	Total	977	897	92%	102	45	44%
Montana	February	58	49	84%	6	3	50%
	July	118	107	91%	6	4	67%
	Total	176	156	89%	12	7	58%
Nebraska	February	19	11	58%	9	2	22%
	July	97	91	94%	14	5	36%
	Total	116	102	88%	23	7	30%
Nevada	February	170	119	70%	90	27	30%
	July	293	219	75%	90	26	29%
	Total	463	338	73%	180	53	29%

## 2009 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
New Hampshire	February	36	31	86%	10	7	70%
	July	116	101	87%	2	2	100%
	Total	152	132	87%	12	9	75%
New Jersey	February	440	298	68%	333	133	40%
	July	2,880	2,479	86%	289	127	44%
	Total	3,320	2,777	84%	622	260	42%
New Mexico	February	114	101	89%	25	13	52%
	July	194	178	92%	21	6	29%
	Total	308	279	91%	46	19	41%
New York	February	1,041	763	73%	936	327	35%
	July	7,811	6,895	88%	756	265	35%
	Total	8,852	7,658	87%	1,692	592	35%
North Carolina	February	260	163	63%	161	46	29%
	July	955	770	81%	165	53	32%
	Total	1,215	933	77%	326	99	30%
North Dakota	February	12	9	75%	5	2	40%
	July	56	50	89%	6	2	33%
	Total	68	59	87%	11	4	36%
Ohio	February	224	173	77%	156	61	39%
	July	1,043	917	88%	128	38	30%
	Total	1,267	1,090	86%	284	99	35%
Oklahoma	February	83	53	64%	27	9	33%
	July	325	301	93%	48	24	50%
	Total	408	354	87%	75	33	44%
Oregon	February	147	110	75%	117	65	56%
	July	514	398	77%	75	19	25%
	Total	661	508	77%	192	84	44%
Pennsylvania	February	306	233	76%	249	83	33%
	July	1,811	1,581	87%	187	44	24%
	Total	2,117	1,814	86%	436	127	29%
Rhode Island	February	58	37	64%	20	7	35%
	July	186	158	85%	11	5	45%
	Total	244	195	80%	31	12	39%
South Carolina	February	145	97	67%	73	39	53%
	July	419	344	82%	66	26	39%
	Total	564	441	78%	139	65	47%
South Dakota	February	18	13	72%	6	1	17%
	July	70	66	94%	6	3	50%
	Total	88	79	90%	12	4	33%
Tennessee	February	122	82	67%	61	27	44%
	July	533	458	86%	62	26	42%
	Total	655	540	82%	123	53	43%

## 2009 First-Time Exam Takers and Repeaters from ABA-Approved Law Schools *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	2009 Administration	ABA First-Timers			ABA Repeaters		
		Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Texas	February	700	543	78%	401	183	46%
	July	2,441	2,142	88%	332	171	52%
	Total	3,141	2,685	85%	733	354	48%
Utah	February	89	76	85%	36	16	44%
	July	327	294	90%	33	15	45%
	Total	416	370	89%	69	31	45%
Vermont	February	9	7	78%	9	6	67%
	July	51	37	73%	5	3	60%
	Total	60	44	73%	14	9	64%
Virginia	February	266	158	59%	201	79	39%
	July	1,312	1,058	81%	164	71	43%
	Total	1,578	1,216	77%	365	150	41%
Washington	February	258	212	82%	196	83	42%
	July	774	556	72%	124	63	51%
	Total	1,032	768	74%	320	146	46%
West Virginia	February	12	10	83%	77	55	71%
	July	148	120	81%	24	6	25%
	Total	160	130	81%	101	61	60%
Wisconsin	February	92	78	85%	1	1	100%
	July	169	159	94%	12	7	58%
	Total	261	237	91%	13	8	62%
Wyoming	February	40	29	73%	18	11	61%
	July	81	67	83%	11	6	55%
	Total	121	96	79%	29	17	59%
Guam	February	6	4	67%	3	1	33%
	July	9	5	56%	3	1	33%
	Total	15	9	60%	6	2	33%
N. Mariana Islands	February	2	2	100%	—	—	—
	July	1	1	100%	—	—	—
	Total	3	3	100%	—	—	—
Palau	February	No February examination			No February examination		
	July	6	1	17%	—	—	—
	Total	6	1	17%	—	—	—
Puerto Rico <sup>a</sup>	February	99	42	42%	265	109	41%
	July	438	228	52%	180	50	28%
	Total	537	270	50%	445	159	36%
Virgin Islands	February	12	8	67%	3	2	67%
	July	31	22	71%	5	1	20%
	Total	43	30	70%	8	3	38%
TOTALS	February	10,289	7,486	73%	7,345	2,875	39%
	July	45,109	38,295	85%	6,144	2,249	37%
	Total	55,398	45,781	83%	13,489	5,124	38%

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

## 2009 Exam Takers and Passers from Non-ABA-Approved Law Schools by Type of School

Jurisdiction	Distance Education								
	Conventional Law School <sup>a</sup>			Correspondence Law School <sup>b</sup>			Online Law School <sup>c</sup>		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Alabama	244	75	31%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alaska	2	0	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona	3	2	67%	—	—	—	—	—	—
California	1,814	285	16%	144	23	16%	372	74	20%
Connecticut	91	33	36%	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	18	2	11%	3	0	0%	—	—	—
Florida	4	2	50%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	24	2	8%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hawaii	3	1	33%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maryland	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	362	164	45%	—	—	—	1	1	100%
Michigan	1	1	100%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nevada	1	0	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	18	12	67%	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	5	2	40%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	—	—	—
Rhode Island	4	1	25%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	186	111	60%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Texas	7	3	43%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Washington	29	18	62%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	100%
Puerto Rico	166	42	25%	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2,985	759	25%	148	24	16%	376	78	21%

<sup>a</sup>Conventional law schools are fixed-facility schools that conduct instruction principally in physical classroom facilities.

<sup>b</sup>Correspondence law schools are schools that conduct instruction principally by correspondence.

<sup>c</sup>Online law schools are schools that conduct instruction and provide interactive classes principally by technological means.

## Attorneys' Examinations in 2009

Jurisdiction	February			July			Total		
	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing	Taking	Passing	% Passing
California	361	163	45%	329	107	33%	690	270	39%
Georgia	99	74	75%	95	82	86%	194	156	80%
Maine	7	6	86%	39	29	74%	46	35	76%
Maryland	83	71	86%	75	63	84%	158	134	85%
Rhode Island	20	10	50%	15	10	67%	35	20	57%
Utah	3	2	67%	7	6	86%	10	8	80%
Guam	2	0	0%	5	1	20%	7	1	14%
N. Mariana Islands	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	2	2	100%
TOTALS	576	327	57%	566	299	53%	1,142	626	55%

## Examinations Administered to Disbarred or Suspended Attorneys as a Condition of Reinstatement in 2009<sup>a</sup>

Jurisdiction	Taking	Passing	% Passing
Arizona	2	0	0%
Colorado	4	1	25%
Georgia	1	0	0%
Idaho	3	2	67%
Kentucky	2	2	100%
Maine	1	1	100%
Michigan	4	3	75%
Minnesota	5	4	80%
Missouri	4	2	50%
South Carolina	9	2	22%
Texas	4	4	100%
Virginia	1	0	0%
Washington	6	4	67%
Wyoming	1	0	0%
TOTALS	47	25	53%

<sup>a</sup>The form of examination administered to disbarred or suspended attorneys varies among jurisdictions as follows: regular bar exam (11 jurisdictions), MPT only (1), local essay and MEE only (1), and local essay only (1).



## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 2000–2009

Jurisdiction		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Alabama	Overall	55%	54%	55%	58%	63%	64%	65%	64%	67%	65%
	First-Time	71%	71%	78%	77%	83%	80%	80%	78%	79%	77%
Alaska	Overall	62%	69%	54%	56%	68%	63%	62%	60%	70%	58%
	First-Time	69%	77%	57%	73%	81%	75%	75%	82%	80%	72%
Arizona	Overall	73%	72%	70%	67%	67%	67%	68%	70%	76%	73%
	First-Time	80%	79%	77%	74%	74%	72%	75%	78%	84%	80%
Arkansas	Overall	49%	73%	68%	70%	69%	70%	69%	70%	72%	67%
	First-Time	59%	82%	80%	80%	78%	78%	80%	80%	83%	74%
California	Overall	50%	50%	45%	45%	44%	46%	47%	49%	54%	49%
	First-Time	64%	66%	61%	61%	60%	62%	65%	66%	71%	66%
Colorado	Overall	73%	73%	71%	70%	65%	68%	68%	69%	73%	74%
	First-Time	80%	79%	79%	75%	73%	78%	76%	78%	83%	85%
Connecticut	Overall	70%	75%	73%	76%	73%	74%	75%	77%	78%	75%
	First-Time	76%	81%	80%	82%	81%	81%	83%	86%	87%	83%
Delaware	Overall	63%	65%	62%	64%	61%	57%	59%	62%	73%	63%
	First-Time	69%	73%	69%	73%	67%	63%	67%	71%	80%	71%
District of Columbia	Overall	58%	59%	55%	51%	51%	51%	51%	54%	56%	49%
	First-Time	76%	69%	70%	70%	74%	69%	72%	76%	70%	65%
Florida	Overall	69%	71%	68%	67%	64%	60%	64%	66%	71%	68%
	First-Time	77%	80%	77%	76%	74%	71%	75%	78%	81%	78%
Georgia	Overall	69%	71%	70%	70%	72%	73%	76%	75%	79%	76%
	First-Time	81%	84%	83%	84%	85%	84%	86%	85%	89%	86%
Hawaii	Overall	66%	70%	68%	79%	66%	71%	71%	70%	76%	76%
	First-Time	75%	77%	77%	87%	74%	81%	77%	82%	88%	86%
Idaho	Overall	60%	71%	60%	70%	70%	74%	79%	76%	72%	81%
	First-Time	65%	78%	69%	78%	78%	80%	85%	81%	80%	86%
Illinois	Overall	76%	76%	72%	75%	76%	78%	79%	82%	85%	84%
	First-Time	83%	84%	81%	84%	85%	85%	87%	89%	91%	91%
Indiana	Overall	84%	76%	70%	70%	73%	75%	76%	76%	78%	75%
	First-Time	85%	81%	79%	78%	82%	84%	84%	84%	84%	83%

## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 2000–2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Iowa	Overall	81%	84%	80%	78%	80%	80%	81%	83%	85%	88%
	First-Time	86%	87%	86%	82%	87%	86%	88%	89%	90%	93%
Kansas	Overall	81%	76%	82%	78%	76%	76%	82%	87%	86%	82%
	First-Time	84%	81%	86%	83%	81%	81%	90%	91%	89%	86%
Kentucky	Overall	78%	78%	76%	70%	74%	72%	73%	77%	77%	77%
	First-Time	83%	82%	81%	76%	80%	80%	82%	87%	83%	86%
Louisiana	Overall	65%	70%	67%	61%	69%	69%	70%	61%	62%	69%
	First-Time	64%	72%	65%	61%	70%	72%	76%	63%	66%	72%
Maine	Overall	59%	62%	62%	64%	63%	70%	73%	80%	86%	77%
	First-Time	60%	68%	69%	76%	71%	81%	81%	84%	91%	82%
Maryland	Overall	69%	65%	61%	62%	61%	65%	66%	67%	75%	69%
	First-Time	77%	74%	72%	72%	71%	74%	78%	76%	85%	78%
Massachusetts	Overall	68%	69%	66%	65%	73%	72%	77%	77%	80%	79%
	First-Time	77%	81%	79%	79%	84%	82%	87%	86%	89%	87%
Michigan	Overall	71%	64%	74%	67%	64%	64%	78%	76%	72%	81%
	First-Time	79%	73%	81%	75%	75%	75%	87%	86%	82%	89%
Minnesota	Overall	82%	86%	82%	85%	83%	81%	86%	88%	87%	85%
	First-Time	89%	92%	89%	91%	89%	88%	91%	93%	91%	90%
Mississippi	Overall	79%	88%	81%	86%	86%	85%	80%	81%	82%	78%
	First-Time	86%	91%	88%	92%	91%	88%	86%	88%	88%	85%
Missouri	Overall	73%	74%	73%	73%	81%	81%	82%	84%	87%	87%
	First-Time	78%	80%	81%	82%	88%	88%	88%	90%	91%	91%
Montana	Overall	88%	89%	79%	81%	79%	84%	91%	89%	91%	87%
	First-Time	89%	90%	78%	81%	83%	89%	92%	88%	92%	89%
Nebraska	Overall	81%	82%	76%	79%	77%	73%	80%	83%	84%	78%
	First-Time	85%	84%	81%	84%	86%	85%	83%	89%	89%	88%
Nevada	Overall	59%	64%	59%	61%	56%	59%	61%	60%	64%	60%
	First-Time	62%	70%	67%	65%	69%	68%	72%	74%	77%	73%

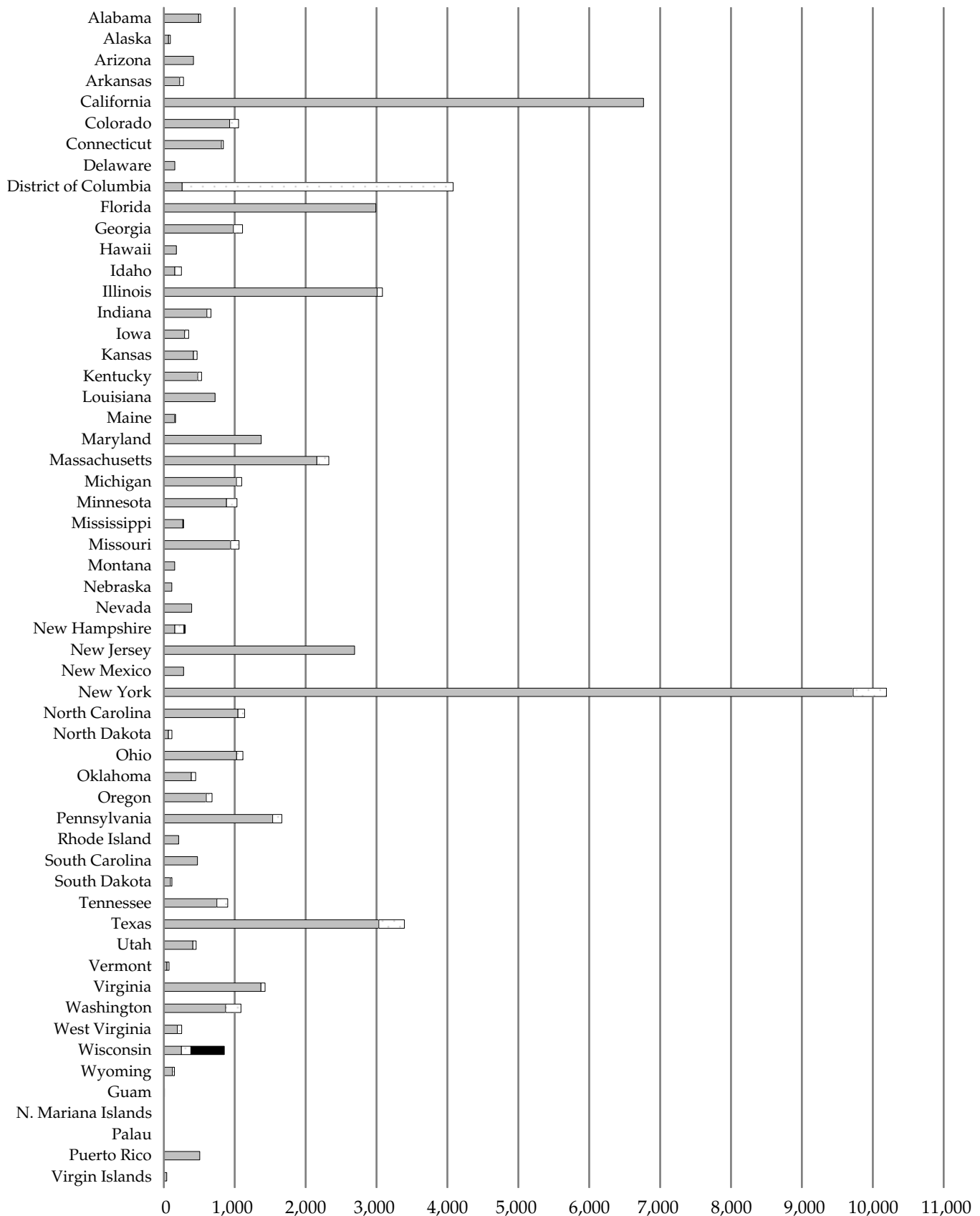
## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 2000–2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Hampshire	Overall	66%	65%	60%	60%	56%	54%	77%	77%	88%	84%
	First-Time	71%	67%	67%	63%	63%	61%	82%	84%	88%	85%
New Jersey	Overall	63%	66%	63%	64%	69%	70%	73%	73%	77%	77%
	First-Time	72%	74%	71%	73%	78%	77%	81%	82%	85%	84%
New Mexico	Overall	86%	87%	86%	81%	79%	81%	86%	78%	85%	84%
	First-Time	89%	92%	89%	84%	85%	85%	91%	83%	92%	91%
New York	Overall	62%	65%	61%	63%	62%	62%	63%	64%	69%	65%
	First-Time	76%	76%	74%	75%	74%	74%	77%	77%	81%	77%
North Carolina	Overall	65%	68%	65%	65%	63%	64%	64%	65%	71%	67%
	First-Time	74%	79%	77%	75%	75%	71%	75%	76%	83%	77%
North Dakota	Overall	88%	91%	85%	75%	75%	83%	72%	69%	77%	80%
	First-Time	88%	94%	85%	78%	79%	90%	83%	79%	85%	87%
Ohio	Overall	67%	71%	65%	68%	67%	71%	74%	76%	79%	76%
	First-Time	75%	81%	76%	78%	80%	80%	83%	86%	88%	86%
Oklahoma	Overall	76%	77%	69%	71%	73%	82%	83%	85%	89%	80%
	First-Time	80%	82%	77%	80%	83%	89%	91%	91%	93%	87%
Oregon	Overall	68%	74%	71%	72%	67%	67%	72%	74%	71%	69%
	First-Time	73%	81%	78%	79%	75%	74%	80%	81%	78%	77%
Pennsylvania	Overall	65%	67%	65%	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	77%	76%
	First-Time	73%	75%	76%	76%	79%	80%	83%	83%	87%	86%
Rhode Island	Overall	59%	74%	57%	62%	70%	65%	71%	75%	75%	74%
	First-Time	64%	82%	68%	66%	76%	71%	77%	79%	79%	78%
South Carolina	Overall	79%	82%	78%	75%	77%	80%	77%	79%	75%	72%
	First-Time	82%	87%	81%	80%	82%	85%	78%	82%	82%	78%
South Dakota	Overall	83%	92%	93%	80%	69%	72%	77%	85%	88%	83%
	First-Time	88%	95%	93%	81%	71%	83%	85%	89%	95%	90%
Tennessee	Overall	77%	75%	67%	75%	77%	74%	75%	71%	76%	68%
	First-Time	82%	81%	76%	80%	83%	80%	79%	80%	83%	77%

## Ten-Year Summary of Bar Passage Rates, 2000–2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Texas	Overall	72%	74%	68%	72%	68%	71%	74%	76%	78%	78%
	First-Time	80%	81%	77%	81%	77%	80%	82%	84%	84%	85%
Utah	Overall	91%	90%	84%	87%	87%	86%	83%	81%	83%	83%
	First-Time	93%	94%	86%	90%	89%	90%	89%	85%	87%	89%
Vermont	Overall	65%	66%	71%	75%	75%	73%	68%	66%	65%	61%
	First-Time	73%	76%	76%	82%	83%	80%	78%	70%	79%	68%
Virginia	Overall	65%	67%	64%	65%	64%	68%	68%	67%	73%	69%
	First-Time	72%	74%	74%	73%	72%	76%	74%	76%	82%	76%
Washington	Overall	76%	72%	71%	70%	73%	71%	78%	77%	73%	67%
	First-Time	80%	77%	76%	71%	79%	77%	80%	78%	74%	69%
West Virginia	Overall	73%	68%	64%	62%	69%	64%	60%	63%	67%	73%
	First-Time	78%	68%	72%	71%	77%	71%	64%	74%	79%	81%
Wisconsin	Overall	78%	75%	74%	74%	79%	77%	78%	89%	89%	89%
	First-Time	82%	79%	78%	81%	80%	80%	82%	92%	92%	93%
Wyoming	Overall	63%	82%	66%	67%	60%	72%	72%	62%	64%	75%
	First-Time	72%	82%	67%	68%	63%	80%	74%	70%	67%	79%
Guam	Overall	35%	57%	53%	67%	53%	77%	75%	76%	75%	52%
	First-Time	44%	78%	70%	75%	67%	100%	70%	79%	73%	60%
N. Mariana Islands	Overall	67%	55%	46%	60%	70%	100%	88%	88%	83%	100%
	First-Time	89%	71%	55%	50%	75%	100%	88%	86%	83%	100%
Palau	Overall	67%	100%	88%	67%	100%	71%	27%	—	67%	17%
	First-Time	71%	100%	88%	100%	100%	71%	27%	—	50%	17%
Puerto Rico	Overall	48%	46%	49%	48%	47%	38%	46%	42%	44%	41%
	First-Time	60%	56%	61%	56%	54%	46%	57%	52%	52%	48%
Virgin Islands	Overall	56%	69%	56%	58%	55%	69%	73%	56%	76%	65%
	First-Time	59%	73%	59%	66%	76%	70%	70%	65%	84%	70%
AVERAGES	Overall	65%	66%	63%	64%	64%	64%	67%	67%	71%	68%
	First-Time	75%	77%	74%	75%	75%	76%	78%	79%	82%	79%

## 2009 Admissions to the Bar by Examination, on Motion, and by Diploma Privilege



## Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2005–2009

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination					Admission on Motion				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Alabama	530	549	538	504	492	—	1	11	21	30
Alaska	83	92	78	67	66	39	30	43	25	27
Arizona	656	740	747	745	418	—	—	—	—	—
Arkansas	246	282	254	308	222	60	63	68	56	56
California	5,965	6,799	6,729	7,216	6,766	—	—	—	—	—
Colorado	865	950	1,003	952	928	124	155	136	125	127
Connecticut	758	848	747	841	811	—	—	—	26	30
Delaware	155	163	146	165	154	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	305	334	325	299	259	2,741	3,621	3,137	3,434	3,823
Florida	2,980	3,133	3,166	3,047	2,990	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	1,190	1,344	1,372	1,422	980	146	173	197	208	132
Hawaii	235	203	239	200	176	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	154	110	158	145	155	51	62	80	59	94
Illinois	1,787	3,204	3,307	3,208	3,008	95	80	78	87	77
Indiana	618	595	626	572	607	67	93	37	52	59
Iowa	411	286	313	269	292	45	46	73	58	59
Kansas	362	292	390	400	418	44	140	84	50	52
Kentucky	644	459	581	503	477	55	47	60	65	56
Louisiana	738	640	540	1,747	723	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	163	149	161	133	153	4	7	8	9	13
Maryland	1,586	1,470	1,437	1,401	1,373	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	1,887	2,139	2,160	2,169	2,158	163	198	164	167	170
Michigan	918	1,131	950	938	1,024	111	138	110	100	75
Minnesota	729	848	952	866	883	164	180	214	226	151
Mississippi	339	334	314	306	268	—	—	—	—	13
Missouri	917	961	976	930	941	93	138	96	98	121
Montana	155	157	129	149	153	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	141	132	105	117	112	105	97	129	131	—

## Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2005–2009 *(continued)*

Jurisdiction	Admission by Examination <i>(cont.)</i>					Admission on Motion <i>(cont.)</i>				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nevada	476	498	495	465	392	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	131	187	146	160	154	77	110	82	104	132
New Jersey	2,781	3,215	3,078	3,012	2,691	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	272	282	290	322	278	—	—	—	—	—
New York	8,058	8,138	8,349	9,134	9,724	457	503	487	554	470
North Carolina	851	918	954	1,063	1,045	99	117	152	130	95
North Dakota	55	35	46	57	65	28	29	42	49	50
Ohio	1,356	1,353	1,401	1,260	1,026	76	71	74	116	91
Oklahoma	418	450	398	407	387	97	65	51	62	63
Oregon	504	627	618	602	598	48	75	100	69	84
Pennsylvania	1,950	1,455	1,910	1,853	1,534	324	141	180	457	132
Rhode Island	157	199	222	217	209	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	465	463	561	557	475	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	92	85	73	90	91	18	19	12	16	24
Tennessee	680	753	682	746	748	145	214	228	201	155
Texas	2,727	2,793	2,711	2,778	3,032	303	450	608	562	363
Utah	390	364	365	425	409	12	36	41	64	49
Vermont	87	99	78	55	45	37	35	26	36	29
Virginia	1,301	1,337	1,405	1,450	1,370	72	94	78	49	60
Washington	1,000	1,108	1,318	991	870	60	143	110	244	220
West Virginia	214	221	188	203	191	47	53	53	64	63
Wisconsin	217	253	294	248	248	69	93	145	92	135
Wyoming	89	93	75	99	121	9	23	22	22	30
Guam	9	11	16	9	8	—	9	—	—	—
N. Mariana Islands	3	13	10	7	3	—	—	—	—	—
Palau	5	3	4	1	0	—	2	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	420	539	477	487	506	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands	45	35	11	40	41	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	50,270	53,871	54,618	56,357	53,268	6,085	7,551	7,216	7,888	7,410

## Admissions to the Bar by Type, 2005–2009 (*continued*)

Jurisdiction	Foreign Legal Consultants				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Arizona	1	3	1	3	5
California	7	5	8	10	10
Delaware	—	—	—	4	2
District of Columbia	9	7	13	14	13
Florida	30	24	28	31	29
Illinois	1	2	2	4	2
Massachusetts	—	1	—	1	1
Michigan	1	—	1	1	—
New Jersey	—	1	1	—	—
New York	7	14	13	18	10
Ohio	1	—	—	—	1
Pennsylvania	—	—	1	1	—
Texas	2	3	2	8	11
Utah	—	—	—	—	1
Washington	1	—	1	4	—
TOTALS	60	60	71	99	85

Jurisdiction	Admission by Diploma Privilege				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Hampshire	—	—	—	13 <sup>a</sup>	14 <sup>a</sup>
Wisconsin	436	474	479	455	472
TOTALS	436	474	479	468	486

<sup>a</sup>The 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 2009, the MBE was part of the bar examination 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.



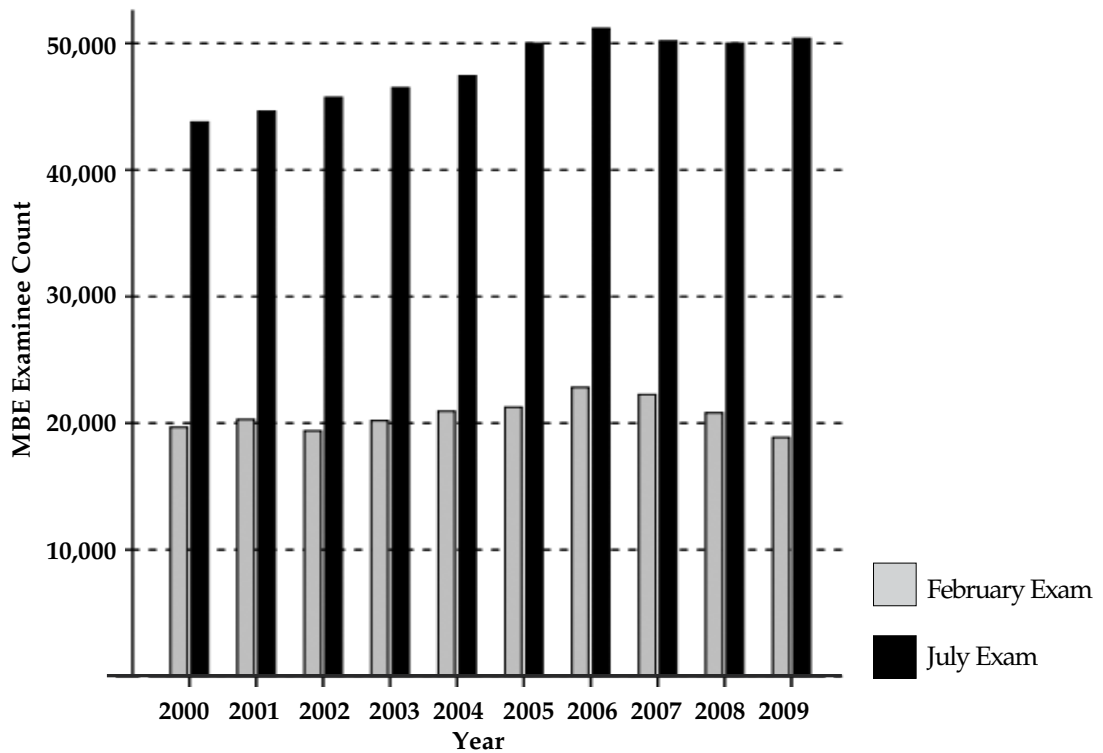
### 2009 MBE National Summary Statistics<sup>a</sup>

	February	July	2009 Total
Number of Examinees	18,868	50,385	69,253
Mean Scaled Score	135.7	144.5	142.1
Standard Deviation	15.2	15.8	16.1
Maximum	187	188	188
Minimum	81	65	65
Median	136	145	143

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

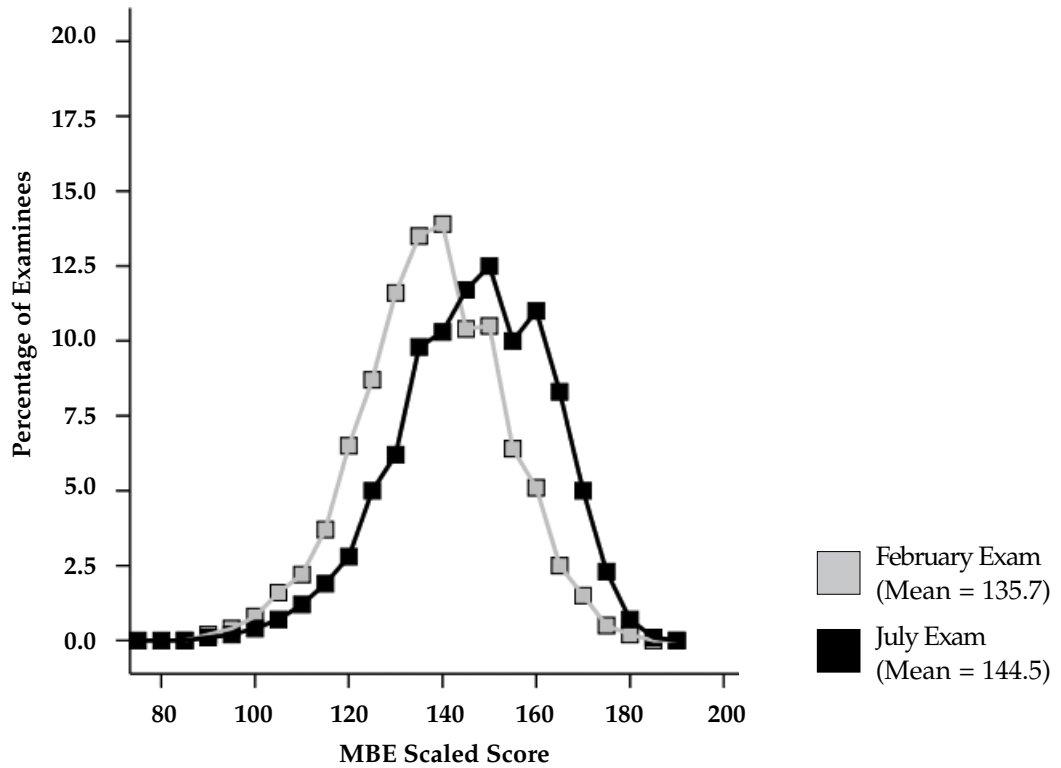
	Number of Examinees			Mean Scaled Scores		
	February	July	Year Total	February	July	Year Total
2000	19,673	43,791	63,464	136.9	142.0	140.4
2001	20,288	44,637	64,925	136.5	142.8	140.9
2002	19,399	45,732	65,131	135.3	141.2	139.4
2003	20,204	46,486	66,690	135.7	141.6	139.8
2004	20,946	47,433	68,379	135.9	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
2009	18,868	50,385	69,253	135.7	144.5	142.1

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

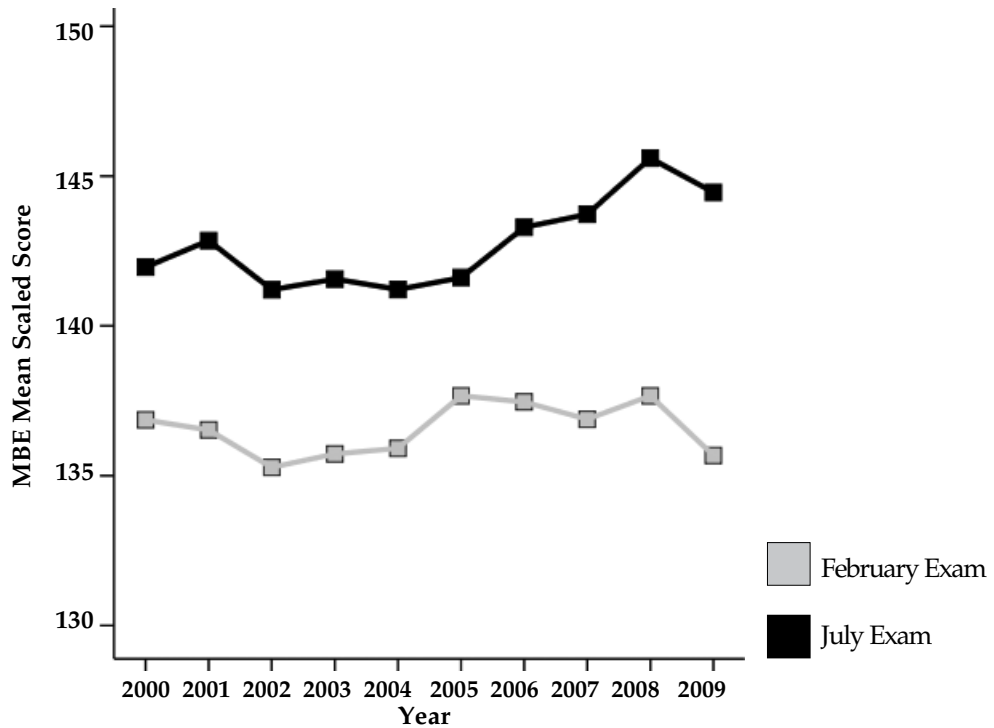


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## 2009 MBE National Score Distributions<sup>a</sup>



## 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 2009, 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 2009 with Pass/Fail Standards Indicated



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

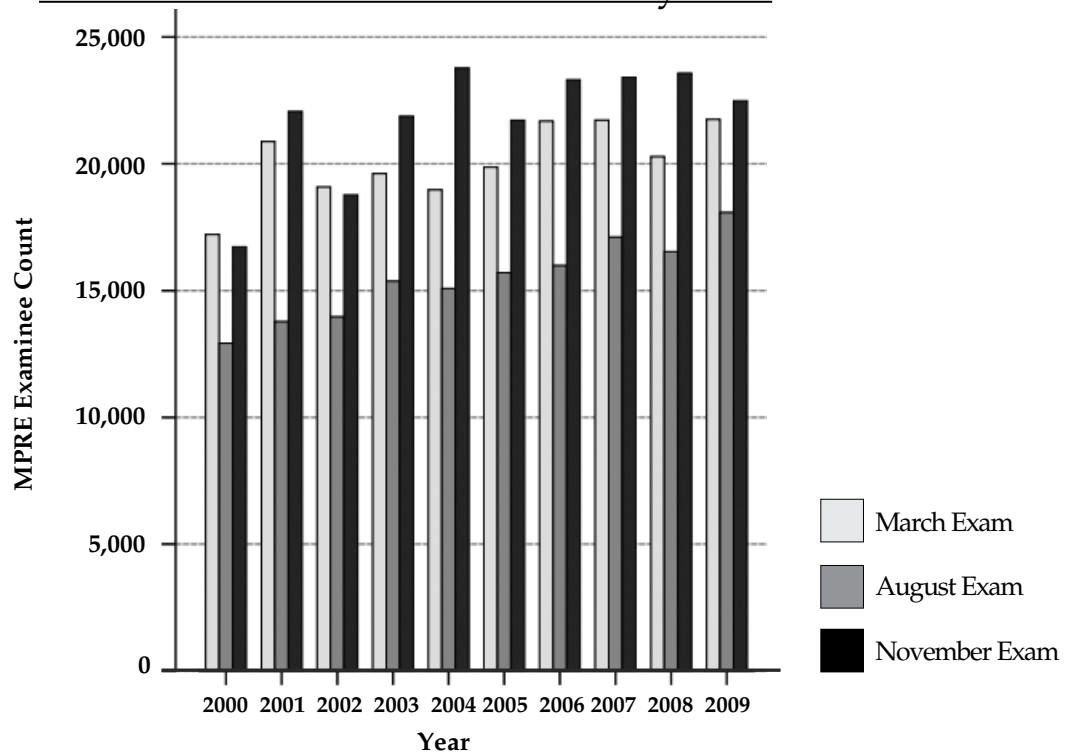
## 2009 MPRE National Summary Statistics<sup>a</sup>

	March	August	November	2009 Total
Number of Examinees	21,755	18,085	22,483	62,323
Mean Scaled Score	98.8	95.8	97.3	97.4
Standard Deviation	19.9	19.7	19.5	19.7
Maximum	150	150	149	150
Minimum	50	50	50	50
Median	100	97	98	98

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

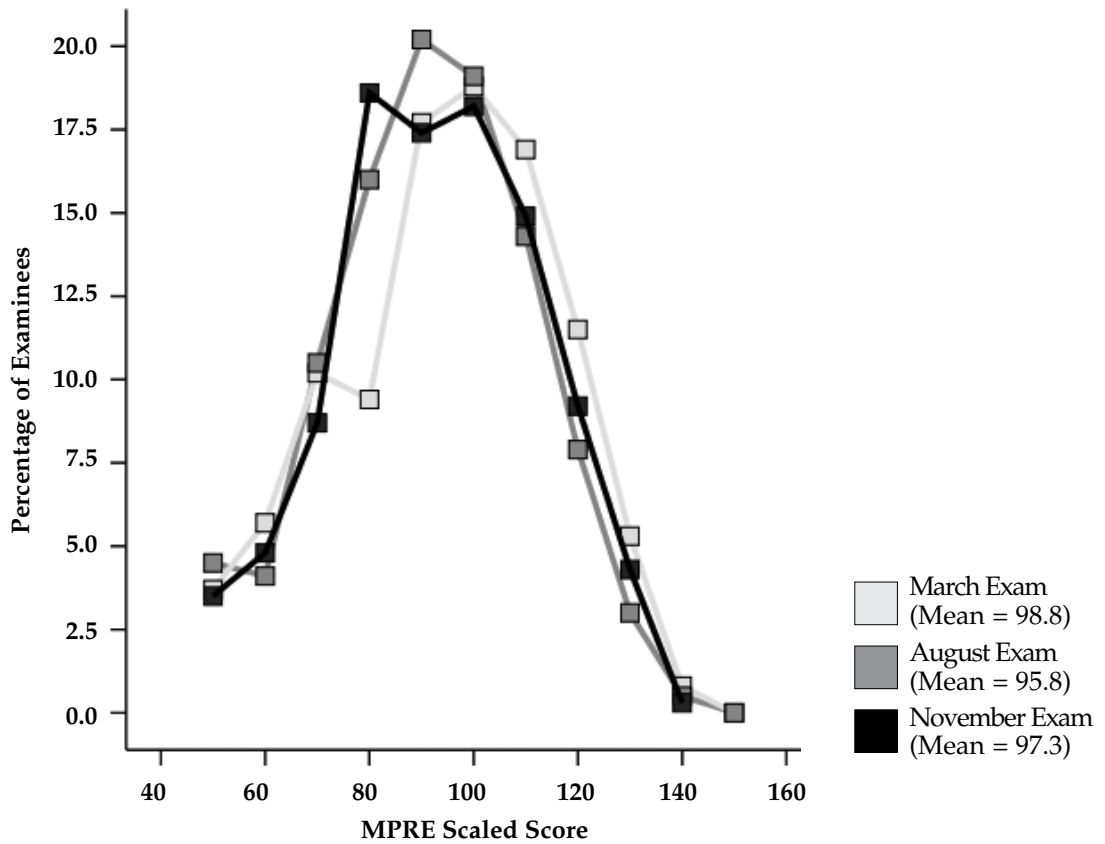
	Number of Examinees				Mean Scaled Scores			
	March	August	November	Year Total	March	August	November	Year Total
2000	17,215	12,924	16,725	46,864	98.9	98.6	97.3	98.2
2001	20,880	13,776	22,060	56,716	100.3	97.1	97.6	98.5
2002	19,085	13,972	18,768	51,825	99.0	98.5	99.6	99.1
2003	19,611	15,372	21,870	56,853	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
2009	21,755	18,085	22,483	62,323	98.8	95.8	97.3	97.4

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

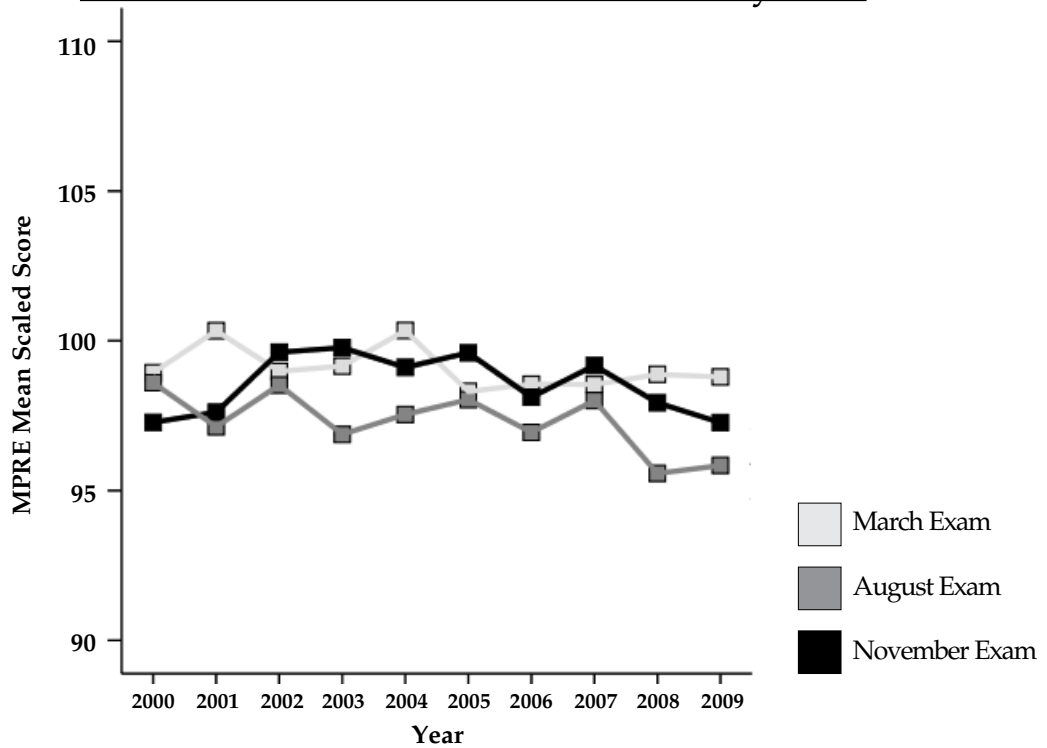


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## 2009 MPRE National Score Distributions<sup>a</sup>



## MPRE National Mean Scaled Scores 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 2009, the MEE was used in 23 jurisdictions (with one of those jurisdictions beginning administration in July 2009).

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 2009



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

\*Colorado began administering the MEE in July 2009.

# THE MPT

MULTISTATE PERFORMANCE TEST

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has produced the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) since 1997. In 2009, 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.

