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# Legal Education and

Admissions to the Bar

# **First-Time Bar Passage**

Calendar year of graduation	Graduates in the calendar year	who took the bar exam	Graduates who took bar exam after graduation	who have not	Grads with no bar info	First time takers from prior grad years	Total first- time takers	Total who passed the bar	Law school bar passage rate*	ABA weighted average bar pass rate**	Difference in bar pass rate***	Graduates admitted via alternative pathways to licensure	Total First- Time Bar Passage Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2023	289	0	277	12	0	9	286	276	96.50%	79.39%	17.11%	0	96.50%
2022	327	-	-	9	1	5	322	308	95.65%	77.93%	17.72%	0	95.65%
2021	318	-	-	4	0	14	328	311	94.82%	79.90%	14.92%	0	94.82%

<sup>\*</sup>For 2022 and 2021, the ABA did not collect information about "graduates who took the bar exam before graduation" and "graduates who took the bar exam after graduation" as it does currently, so those data fields are not included in this report.

#### Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	77	77	100.00%	82.96%	17.04%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	76	73	96.05%	83.41%	12.64%
CALIFORNIA	28	25	89.29%	72.33%	16.96%
TEXAS	27	26	96.30%	79.17%	17.13%
VIRGINIA	17	17	100.00%	76.43%	23.57%
17 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	61	58	95.08%	73.80%	21.28%

# Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	97	92	94.85%	82.69%	12.16%
MARYLAND	45	45	100.00%	75.95%	24.05%
TEXAS	39	36	92.31%	75.31%	17.00%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	36	35	97.22%	79.62%	17.60%
CALIFORNIA	23	21	91.30%	72.15%	19.15%
VIRGINIA	13	13	100.00%	78.06%	21.94%
22 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	69	66	95.65%	74.77%	20.88%

# Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	80	78	97.50%	86.19%	11.31%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	68	68	100.00%	80.57%	19.43%
VIRGINIA	36	32	88.89%	78.07%	10.82%
TEXAS	28	27	96.43%	77.53%	18.90%
CALIFORNIA	26	24	92.31%	76.99%	15.32%
MARYLAND	15	15	100.00%	74.73%	25.27%

<sup>\*\*</sup>Law School pass rate is how the Law School's graduates performed across all jurisdictions where they took the bar examination for the first time.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>The ABA weighted average bar pass rate is the average pass rate for graduates from ABA-accredited law schools for each jurisdiction in which the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam. This number is weighted so that bar pass rates from jurisdictions where more of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam have a greater impact on the ABA weighted average bar pass rate than bar pass rates from jurisdictions where fewer of the Law School's graduates sat for the bar exam.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>The difference between the Law School pass rate and the ABA weighted average bar pass rate compares the performance of the Law School's graduates on the bar exam in all jurisdictions where they took the bar exam for the first time with the performance of graduates from all ABA-accredited law schools on the bar exam in those same jurisdictions.

PENNSYLVANIA	12	7	58.33%	75.00%	-16.67%
23 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	63	60	95.24%	76.53%	18.71%

# **Two-Year Ultimate Bar Passage**

Calendar year of graduation	Total graduates in calendar year	# of grads with no info	# who did not take a bar	Graduates who sat for a bar exam within two years of their date of graduation			Graduates who have been admitted via an alternative pathway to licensure	Ultimate Bar Passage Rate Total % (incl. alternative pathways)
				#	#	%		
				of takers	who passed	who passed		
2021	318	0	2	316	313	99.05%	0	99.05%
2020	313	0	4	309	307	99.35%	2	99.36%
2019	288	0	2	286	284	99.30%	0	99.30%