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Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

First-Time Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation	in the	who took the bar exam	who took bar exam after	not	with	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	412	11	386	15	0	12	409	359	87.78%	82.40%	5.38%	0	87.78%
2022	402	=	-	23	7	13	385	349	90.65%	82.09%	8.56%	0	90.65%
2021	404	-	-	17	0	12	399	374	93.74%	85.33%	8.41%	0	93.73%

^{*}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	385	344	89.35%	82.96%	6.39%
10 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	24	15	62.50%	75.18%	-12.68%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	360	328	91.11%	82.69%	8.42%
12 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	25	21	84.00%	74.29%	9.71%

Details 2021:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
NEW YORK	374	352	94.12%	86.19%	7.93%
NEW JERSEY	12	11	91.67%	68.91%	22.76%
CALIFORNIA	10	8	80.00%	76.99%	3.01%
3 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	3	3	100.00%	72.42%	27.58%

Two-Year Ultimate Bar Passage

Calendar year of graduation			# 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	404	9	0	395	388	98.23%	0	98.23%
2020	397	20	2	375	365	97.33%	0	97.33%
2019	382	0	17	365	353	96.71%	0	96.71%

^{**}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.

^{***}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.

^{****}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.