
1991 BAR EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Introduction

On the following pages are tables showing the number of persons taking and passing bar examinations in 1991, the number from ABA-Approved law schools, the number of first-timers and repeaters, and the number of persons admitted by examination and on motion for the last four years. Data for the tables appearing on pages 15 through 23 were provided by the reporting jurisdictions. All percent passing figures used in these statistics are rounded to the nearest whole percent. In reviewing data on the number of applicants taking examinations, the reader should keep in mind that a person may seek admission in more than one jurisdiction in a given year. Data are not available on the actual number of individuals admitted to practice in 1991.

Data for the Multistate Bar Examination and Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination statistics were provided by ACT.

Persons Taking and Passing the 1991 Bar Examination

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Number Taking February</i>	<i>Number Passing February</i>	<i>Percent Passing February</i>	<i>Number Taking July</i>	<i>Number Passing July</i>	<i>Percent Passing July</i>	<i>Total Taking</i>	<i>Total Passing</i>	<i>Total Percent Passing</i>
Alabama	179	104	58	378	289	76	557	393	71
Alaska	80	57	71	81	44	54	161	101	63
Arizona	368	265	72	512	385	75	880	650	74
Arkansas	108	102	94	188	161	86	296	263	89
California	3701	1869	50	7255	3980	55	10956	5849	53
<i>Attorney Exam</i>	215	151	70	189	73	39	404	224	55
Colorado	268	189	71	562	437	78	830	626	75
Connecticut	615	392	64	1638	1254	77	2253	1646	73
Delaware	<i>No February Examination</i>			163	98	60	163	98	60
District of Columbia	143	81	57	193	109	56	336	190	57
Florida ¹	1241	890	72	2206	1642	74	3447	2532	73
Georgia	990	774	78	684	442	65	1674	1216	73
Guam	16	10	63	10	7	70	26	17	65
Hawaii	132	87	66	201	127	63	333	214	64
Idaho	83	74	89	108	89	82	191	163	85
Illinois	994	807	81	2420	2066	85	3414	2873	84
Indiana	246	211	86	381	325	85	627	536	85
Iowa	95	66	69	253	191	75	348	257	74
	<i>(exam given in January and June in Iowa)</i>								
Kansas	216	192	89	302	258	85	518	450	87
Kentucky	124	105	85	315	265	84	439	370	84
Louisiana	337	186	55	851	530	62	1188	716	60
Maine	84	63	75	212	144	68	296	207	70
Maryland	555	338	61	1255	950	76	1810	1288	71
<i>Attorney Exam</i>	115	94	82	108	88	81	223	182	82
Massachusetts	649	425	65	2062	1613	78	2711	2038	75
Michigan	499	372	75	898	655	73	1397	1027	74
Minnesota	233	170	73	682	600	88	915	770	84
Mississippi	119	86	72	194	171	88	313	257	82
Missouri	274	227	83	723	641	89	997	868	87
Montana	24	17	71	78	62	79	102	79	77
Nebraska	37	25	68	184	152	83	221	177	80
Nevada	<i>No February Examination</i>			386	286	74	386	286	74
New Hampshire	144	99	69	181	124	69	325	223	69
New Jersey	1390	897	65	3650	2375	65	5040	3272	65

¹These are statistics for the Compensatory Model of the examination. In February 1991, 207 additional applicants submitted and in July 1991, 126 additional applicants submitted; thus the total number of applicants submitting to any portion of the General Bar Examination in 1991 was 3,780.

Persons Taking and Passing the 1991 Bar Examination

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Number Taking February</i>	<i>Number Passing February</i>	<i>Percent Passing February</i>	<i>Number Taking July</i>	<i>Number Passing July</i>	<i>Percent Passing July</i>	<i>Total Taking</i>	<i>Total Passing</i>	<i>Total Percent Passing</i>
New Mexico	119	98	82	245	197	80	364	295	81
New York	2432	1209	50	7221	5246	73	9653	6455	67
North Carolina	258	174	67	603	473	78	861	647	75
North Dakota	17	12	71	80	77	96	97	89	92
Ohio	631	484	77	1280	1068	83	1911	1552	81
Oklahoma	128	110	86	361	309	86	489	419	86
Oregon	258	196	76	496	358	72	754	554	73
Pennsylvania	1099	792	72	2947	2392	81	4046	3184	79
Puerto Rico	276	117	42	420	241	57	696	358	51
<i>(Exam given in March and September in Puerto Rico)</i>									
Rhode Island	86	69	80	140	111	79	226	180	80
Saipan	8	3	38	8	5	63	16	8	50
South Carolina	119	97	82	312	265	85	431	362	84
South Dakota	33	24	73	54	47	87	87	71	82
Tennessee	201	113	56	494	369	75	695	482	69
Texas	1003	706	70	2355	1864	79	3358	2570	77
Utah	79	68	86	181	162	90	260	230	88
Vermont	46	36	78	98	73	74	144	109	76
Virginia	392	277	71	1066	821	77	1458	1098	75
Washington	487	364	75	850	662	78	1337	1026	77
West Virginia	73	51	70	193	153	79	266	204	77
Wisconsin	84	67	80	179	154	86	263	221	84
Wyoming	31	21	68	69	56	81	100	77	77
TOTAL	22134	14513	66	49155	35736	73	71289	50249	70

Persons from ABA-Approved and Non-Approved Law Schools¹

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Total Taking From ABA-Approved Law School</i>	<i>Total Taking From Non-ABA-Approved Law School</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Total Taking From ABA-Approved Law School</i>	<i>Total Taking From Non-ABA-Approved Law School</i>
Alabama	311	146	Nebraska	221	—
Alaska	161	—	Nevada	386	—
Arizona	878	2	New Hampshire	325	—
Arkansas	296	—	New Jersey	5040	—
California	5046	2496	New Mexico	364	—
Colorado	818	12	New York	8702	951
Connecticut	2253	—	North Carolina	861	—
Delaware	163	—	North Dakota	97	—
District of Columbia	298	38	Ohio	1911	—
Florida	3437	10	Oklahoma	489	—
Georgia	1375	299	Oregon	754	—
Guam	—	—	Pennsylvania	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
Hawaii	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	Puerto Rico	696	—
Idaho	191	—	Rhode Island	226	—
Illinois	3414	—	Saipan	16	—
Indiana	624	3	South Carolina	—	431
Iowa	348	—	South Dakota	87	—
Kansas	518	—	Tennessee	688	7
Kentucky	439	—	Texas	3305	53
Louisiana	1172	16 ¹	Utah	260	—
Maine	296	—	Vermont	137	2
Maryland	1804	6	Virginia	1392	66 ²
Massachusetts	2654	107	Washington	— ³	—
Michigan	1397	—	West Virginia	262	4
Minnesota	915	—	Wisconsin	263	—
Mississippi	312	1	Wyoming	100	—
Missouri	997	—			
Montana	102	—	TOTAL	56801	4650

¹Foreign law graduates who received a "Certificate of Equivalency" before taking the exam.

²This figure includes 20 applicants taking the exam who were foreign attorneys. These applicants received a portion of their legal education in a foreign law school and received a degree from an ABA-approved law school other than an LL.B or a J.D.

³Information not available but applicants must graduate from ABA-approved law school or practice 3 out of 5 years in another state to qualify to sit or participate in our law clerk program.

First-Timers and Repeaters in 1991

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>1991 Administration</i>	<i>Total Taking</i>	<i>First-Timers Taking</i>	<i>First-Timers Percent Passing</i>	<i>Repeaters Taking</i>	<i>Repeaters Percent Passing</i>
Alabama	February	179	105	68	74	45
	July	378	327	83	51	31
Alaska	February	80	46	83	34	56
	July	81	65	62	16	25
Arizona	February	368	177	74	191	71
	July	512	417	81	95	52
Arkansas	February	108	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
	July	188	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
California	February	3701	1223	64	2478	90
	<i>Attorney Exam</i>	215				
	July	7255	5457	69	1798	26
	<i>Attorney Exam</i>	189				
Colorado	February	268	175	81	93	51
	July	562	493	84	24	35
Connecticut	February	615	367	71	248	53
	July	1638	1495	82	143	23
Delaware	<i>No February Examination</i>					
	July	163	144	—	19	—
District of Columbia	February	143	58	79	85	38
	July	193	131	74	62	13
Florida	February	1241	877	82	364	46
	July	2206	1950	80	256	29
Georgia	February	990	783	88	207	40
	July	684	490	80	194	25
Guam	February	16	10	63	6	33
	July	10	6	60	4	50
Hawaii	February	132	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
	July	201	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
Idaho	February	83	69	88	14	93
	July	108	104	84	4	50
Illinois	February	994	673	86	321	70
	July	2420	2233	89	187	38
Indiana	February	246	222	91	24	42
	January	381	355	87	26	58
Iowa	June	95	50	76	45	62
	July	253	234	78	19	47
Kansas	February	216	175	95	41	63
	July	302	286	88	16	56

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Kentucky	February	124	78	87	36	77
	July	315	297	87	18	22
Louisiana	February	337	96	41	241	61
	July	851	717	64	134	54
Maine	February	84	63	—	21	—
	July	212	191	—	21	—
Maryland	February	555	314	72	241	46
	<i>Attorney Exam</i>	115	104	90	11	73
	July	1255	1074	82	181	39
Massachusetts	February	649	332	75	317	—
	July	2062	1863	84	199	—
Michigan	February	499	309	83	190	62
	July	898	768	82	130	21
Minnesota	February	233	139	81	94	62
	July	682	637	92	45	33
Mississippi	February	119	80	80	39	56
	July	194	171	92	23	57
Missouri	February	274	184	67	90	69
	July	723	682	91	41	46
Montana	February	24	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
	July	78	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
Nebraska	February	37	18	83	19	53
	July	184	164	78	20	4
Nevada	<i>No February Examination</i>					
	July	386	352	74	34	74
New Hampshire	February	144	100	77	44	50
	July	181	154	71	27	52
New Jersey	February	1390	627	71	763	60
	July	3650	3298	69	352	27
New Mexico	February	119	88	86	31	70
	July	245	222	85	23	39
New York	February	2432	786	69	1646	40
	July	7221	6082	81	1139	27
North Carolina	February	258	138	79	120	55
	July	603	537	83	66	39
North Dakota	February	17	8	50	9	88
	July	80	78	97	2	50

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Ohio	February	631	278	36	353	40
	July	1280	1152	77	128	4
Oklahoma	February	128	104	91	24	63
	July	361	343	87	18	50
Oregon	February	258	164	83	94	64
	July	496	435	77	61	34
Pennsylvania	February	1099	661	85	438	53
	July	2947	2673	88	274	19
Puerto Rico	February	276	83	25	193	50
	July	420	277	68	143	36
Rhode Island	February	86	60	90	26	65
	July	140	132	82	8	13
Saipan	February	8	8	38	—	—
	July	8	6	50	2	100
South Carolina	February	119	71	87	48	75
	July	312	294	86	18	61
South Dakota	February	33	23	87	10	40
	July	54	47	94	7	43
Tennessee	February	201	113	73	88	35
	July	494	426	80	68	41
Texas	February	1003	647	65	356	58
	July	2355	2065	88	290	49
Utah	February	79	53	67	26	49
	July	181	163	90	18	53
Vermont	February	46	36	58	10	60
	July	98	90	78	8	38
Virginia	February	392	210	76	182	64
	July	1066	970	81	96	35
Washington	February	487	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
	July	850	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
West Virginia	February	73	8	63	65	71
	July	193	156	81	37	70
Wisconsin	February	84	69	81	15	73
	July	179	162	90	17	53
Wyoming	February	31	19	74	12	58
	July	69	63	86	6	33
TOTAL		71289				

Admission to Bar by States - 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991

State	<i>Admission by Examination</i>				<i>Admission on Motion</i>			
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1988	1989	1990	1991
Alabama	357	398	389	412	2	—	—	2
Alaska	94	86	116	101	10	8	12	14
Arizona ¹	634	530	506	650	—	—	—	—
Arkansas	195	245	228	263	—	—	—	—
California	6144	6581	6112	6073	—	—	—	—
Colorado	600	<i>Not Available</i>	587	<i>Not Available</i>	322	378	404	<i>Not Available</i>
Connecticut	1343	1521	1401	1646	300	83	87	132
Delaware	139	201	182	163	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	227	320	169	180	3619	4284	2953	3526
Florida	2480	2362	2447	2593	—	—	—	—
Georgia	966	1077	1018	1116	—	—	—	—
Guam	13	21	21	17	14	1	2	13
Hawaii	227	295	233	225	—	1	—	—
Idaho	138	144	147	163	—	—	—	—
Illinois	3102	3214	2653	2873	49	71	148	108
Indiana ²	523	508	501	525	61	72	74	49
Iowa	226	218	212	256	17	22	17	21
Kansas	251	400	397	450	11	3	5	4
Kentucky	334	353	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	23	45	40	42
Louisiana	715	588	595	716	—	—	—	—
Maine ³	263	207	253	206	—	—	—	—
Maryland	1135	1033	1088	1290	—	—	—	—
<i>Attorney Exam</i>	116	178	202	258	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	2018	<i>Not Available</i>	1936	<i>Not Available</i>	144	153	140	129
Michigan ⁴	1045	953	1041	958	105	129	122	105
Minnesota	721	711	711	731	125	134	129	135
Mississippi	228	200	229	257	6	4	5	6
Missouri	834	919	836	868	40	—	177	114
Montana	95	89	89	79	—	10	12	—
Nebraska	165	188	169	202	63	67	61	63
Nevada	195	217	254	286	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	223	212	223	214	—	—	—	—
New Jersey ⁵	2732	2833	2877	3081	—	—	—	—

¹Recommended for admission. If MPRE not satisfied, not admitted.

²All successful examinees are not admitted at the time of their passage of the bar examination – see A & D Rule 13 VII permitting examination prior to graduation.

³Eligible for admission. We do not keep statistics on whether applicants have been admitted yet or not.

⁴Also 7 restricted licenses (5 to practice for a specific corporation, 2 for special consultants in the law of a foreign country).

⁵New Jersey has no admission on motion. Law professors who have taught full-time in New Jersey for the previous five years may be admitted without examination. Approximately five law professors per year are admitted in this fashion.

Admission to Bar by States - 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991

State	<u>Admission by Examination</u>				<u>Admission on Motion</u>			
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1988	1989	1990	1991
New Mexico	257	280	272	295	—	—	—	—
New York	5757	5784	5723	6155 ⁶	532	492	415	245
North Carolina ⁷	572	581	564	647	75	63	46	49
North Dakota	59	55	45	81	11	5	12	12
Ohio	1295	1509	1045	1552	39	68	102	96
Oklahoma	465	432	456	429	13	21	16	12
Oregon	382	452	493	531	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	1803	1591	2192	1796	—	550	770	879
Puerto Rico	260	315	267	358	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island ⁸	121	152	200	Not Available	9	18	24	Not Available
Saipan	10	15	13	7	—	16	17	16
South Carolina	319	331	294 ⁹	372 ¹⁰	—	—	3	1 ¹¹
South Dakota	53	70	55	71	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	508	461	434	482	64	55	56	74
Texas	2280	2401	2711	2637	137	184	172	225
Attorney Exam	40	70	81	79	—	—	—	—
Utah	169	184	213	230	—	—	—	—
Vermont	77	100	93	77	23	42	35	25
Virginia	1081	1081	992	1098	116	164	215	184
Washington	859	843	1019	1026	—	—	—	—
West Virginia	81	134	165	201	26	25	29	36
Wisconsin	141	176	190	207	123	205	87	89
Wyoming	45	65	45	81	5	10	20	34
TOTAL ¹²	45112	43884	45384	45264	6084	7383	6407	6195

State	<u>Admission by Diploma</u>			
	1988	1989	1990	1991
West Virginia	93	—	—	—
Wisconsin	436	439	416	489
TOTAL	529	439	416	489

⁶This figure includes all 421 applicants admitted in the Fourth Department, which was unable to provide separate figures for examination and motion.

⁷These figures do not include any applicants who took the exam but whose results are sealed pending a final determination by the Board as to their character and fitness.

⁸Motion applicants must now take one day examination.

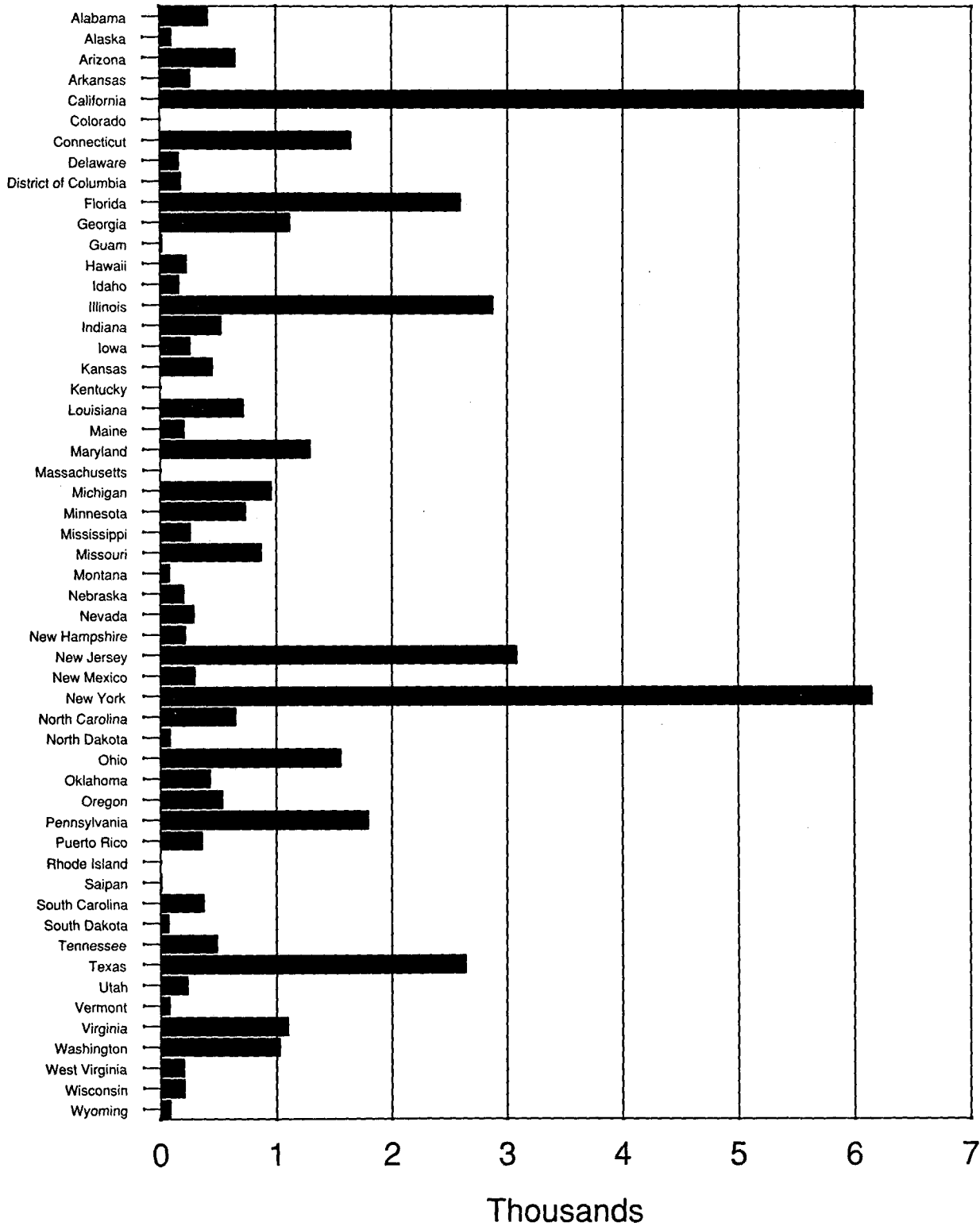
⁹10 issued Limited Certificates to Practice (no examination required).

¹⁰2 issued Limited Certificates to Practice (no examination required).

¹¹Tenured professor (no examination required).

¹²The examination totals for 1989-91 and the motion totals for 1991 are inaccurate insofar as some figures were not available from Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

■ Admitted by Examination

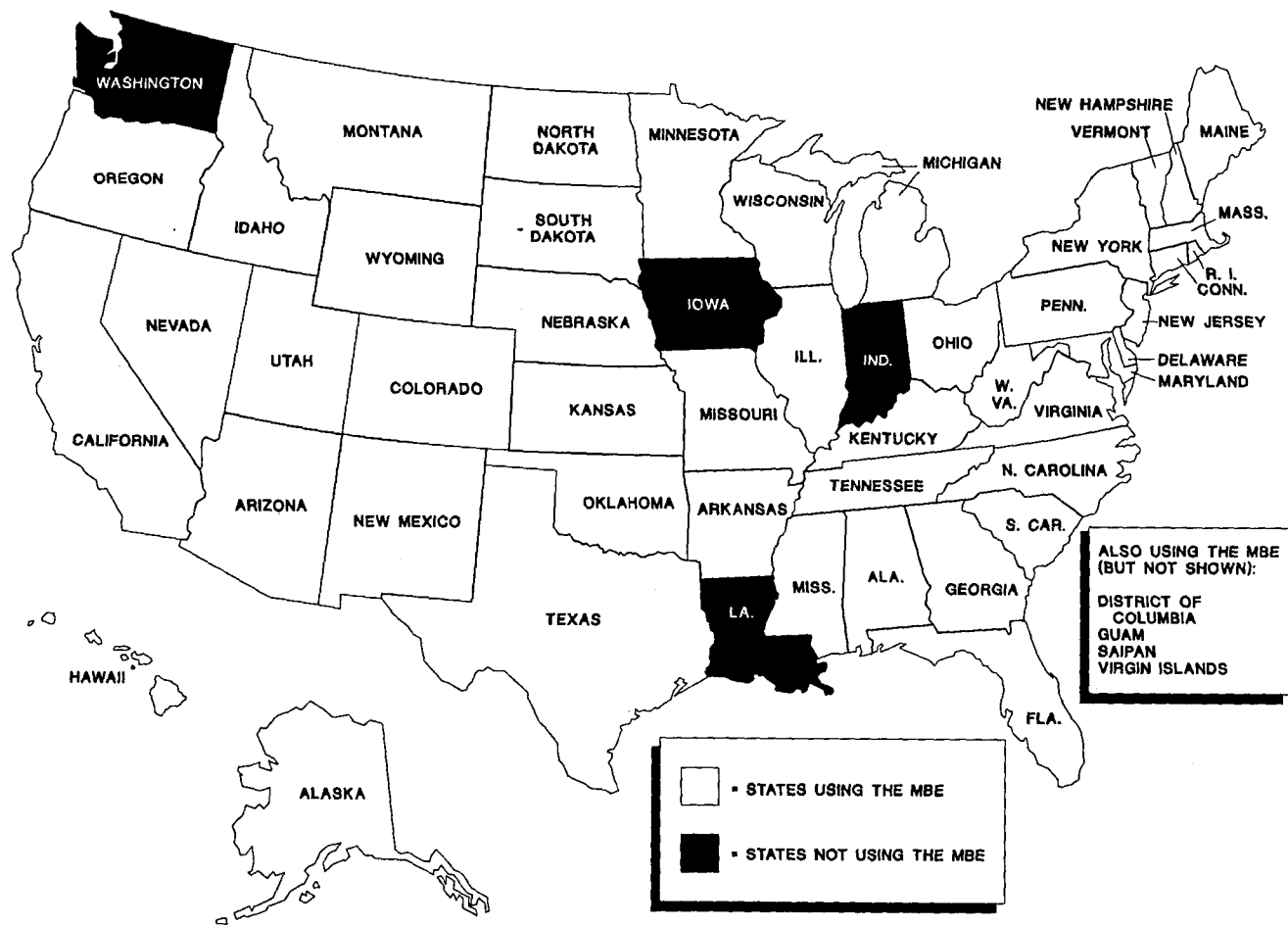


MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION STATISTICS

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has administered the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) since 1972. The MBE is currently used in 50 jurisdictions.

The MBE is a 200-item multiple-choice examination covering six topics. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each applicant. 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 applicant population on the repeated items to performance of the prior applicant 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.

Jurisdictions Using the Multistate Bar Examination



MBE Summary Statistics

February 1991—17,954 Applicants

	Constitutional		Criminal		Real Property	Torts	Total Raw	Total Scaled
	Law	Contracts	Law	Evidence				
Mean	21.2	27.1	18.6	20.1	17.7	24.8	117.3	137.7
Standard Deviation	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	4.3	16.5	15.6
Maximum	30.0	40.0	30.0	30.0	29.0	39.0	175.0	192.0
Minimum	4.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	29.0
Median	22.1	27.9	19.2	20.8	18.3	25.5	117.7	138.3

July 1991—39,621 Applicants

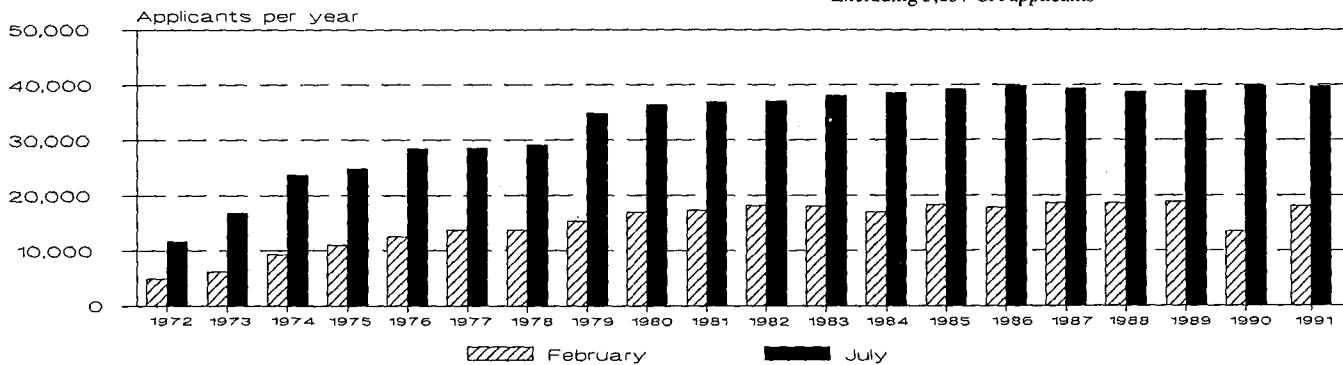
	Constitutional		Criminal		Real Property	Torts	Total Raw	Total Scaled
	Law	Contracts	Law	Evidence				
Mean	21.3	27.1	18.6	20.1	17.7	24.8	129.8	142.1
Standard Deviation	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	4.3	17.5	15.3
Maximum	30.0	40.0	30.0	30.0	29.0	39.0	181.0	187.0
Minimum	4.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	48.0	70.0
Median	22.1	27.9	19.2	20.8	18.3	25.5	131.4	143.4

Number of Applicants Taking the MBE

	February Applicants	July Applicants	Total Number Applicants		February Applicants	July Applicants	Total Number Applicants
1972	4,955	11,672	16,627	1982	18,150	36,995	55,145
1973	6,182	16,826	23,008	1983	17,964	38,034	55,998
1974	9,316	23,728	33,044	1984	16,938	38,511	55,449
1975	10,963	24,835	35,798	1985	18,303	39,149	57,452
1976	12,610	28,381	40,991	1986	17,825	39,774	57,599
1977	13,738	28,608	42,346	1987	18,606	39,335	57,941
1978	13,715	29,171	42,886	1988	18,610	38,765	*57,375
1979	15,341	34,818	50,159	1989	18,821	38,900	57,721
1980	16,948	36,368	53,316	1990	13,545**	39,750	53,295
1981	17,289	36,846	54,135	1991	17,954	39,621	57,575

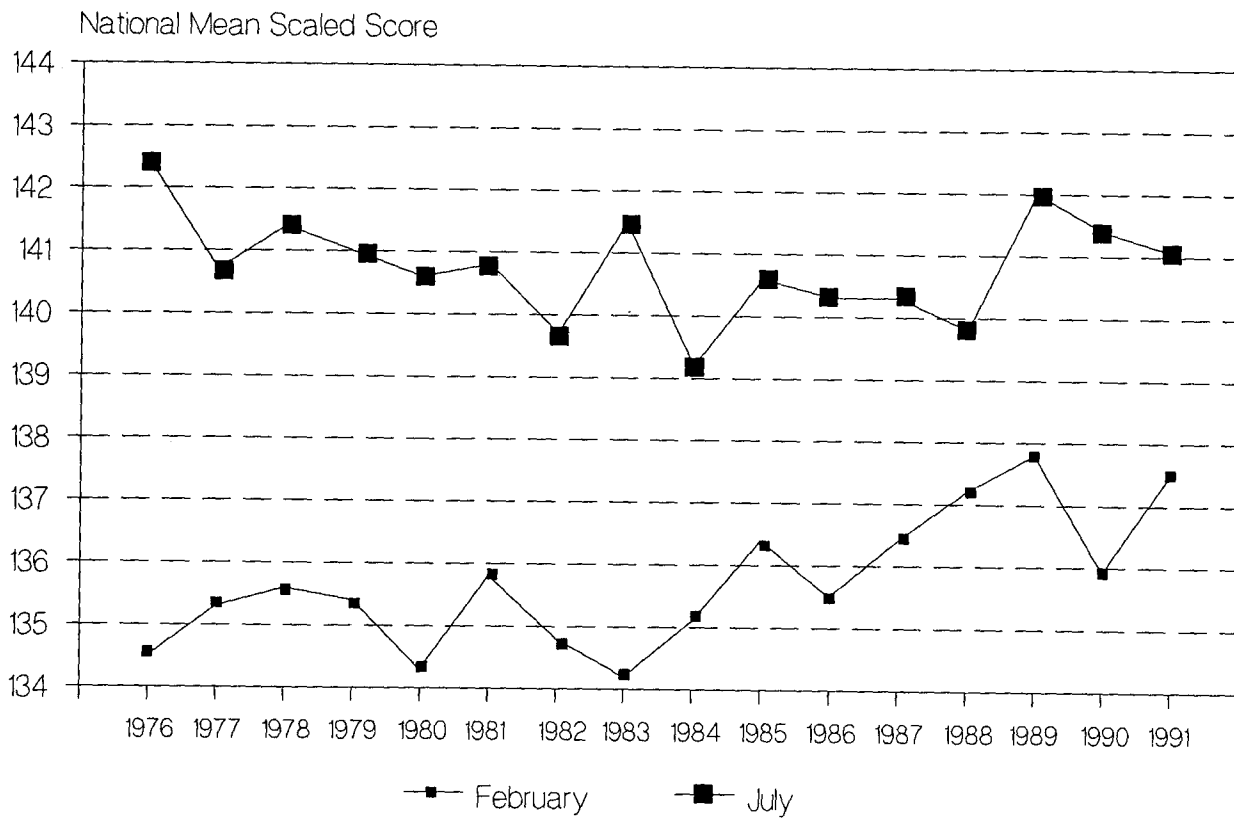
*519 NY applicants not included

**Excluding 3,837 CA applicants



National Mean Scaled Score

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
February	134.5	135.3	135.6	135.4	134.3	135.8	134.8	134.2
July	142.4	140.7	141.4	141.0	140.6	140.8	139.7	141.5
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
February	135.1	136.4	135.5	136.4	137.2	137.8	135.9	137.5
July	139.2	140.6	140.3	140.3	139.8	142.0	141.4	141.1

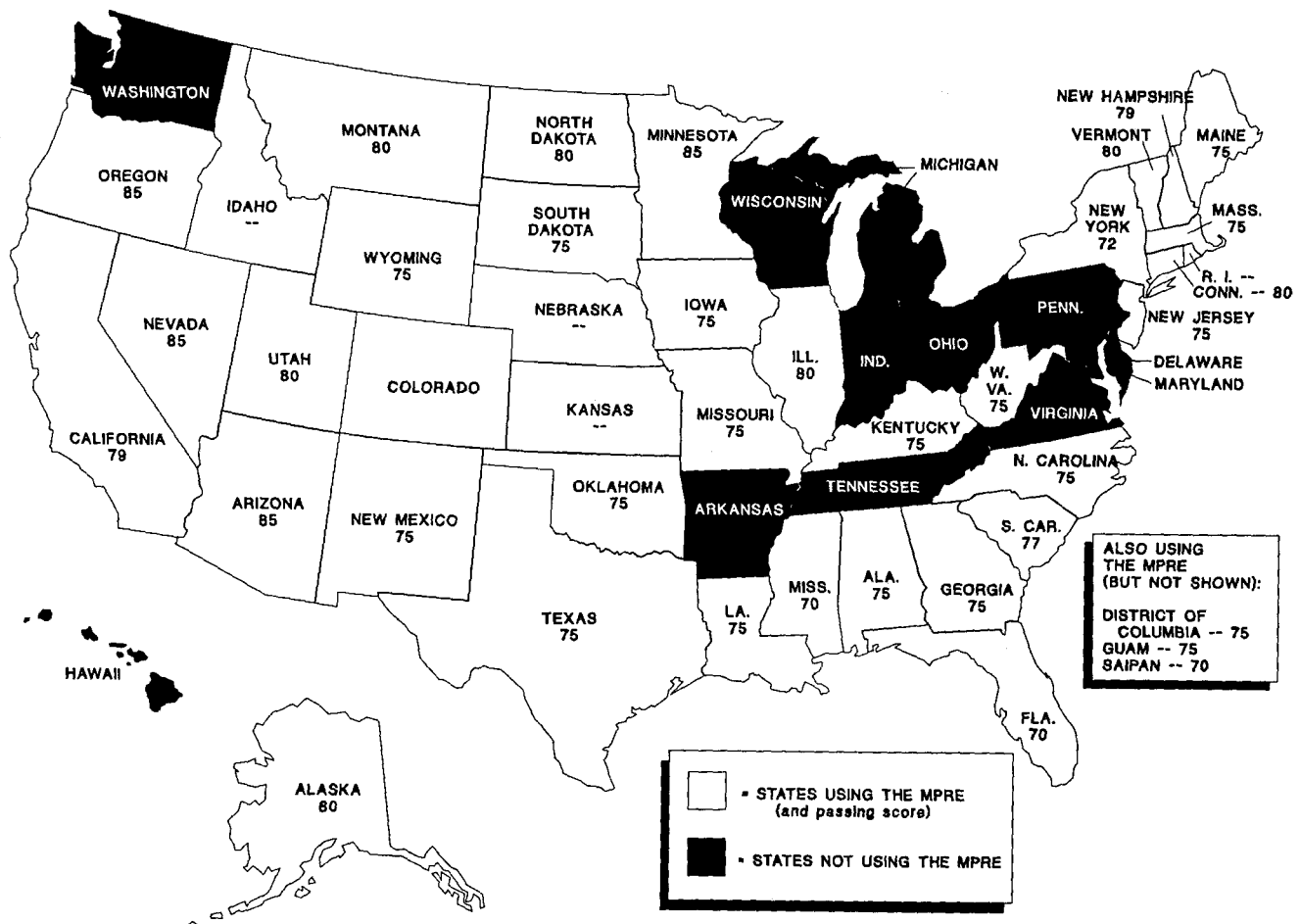


MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION STATISTICS

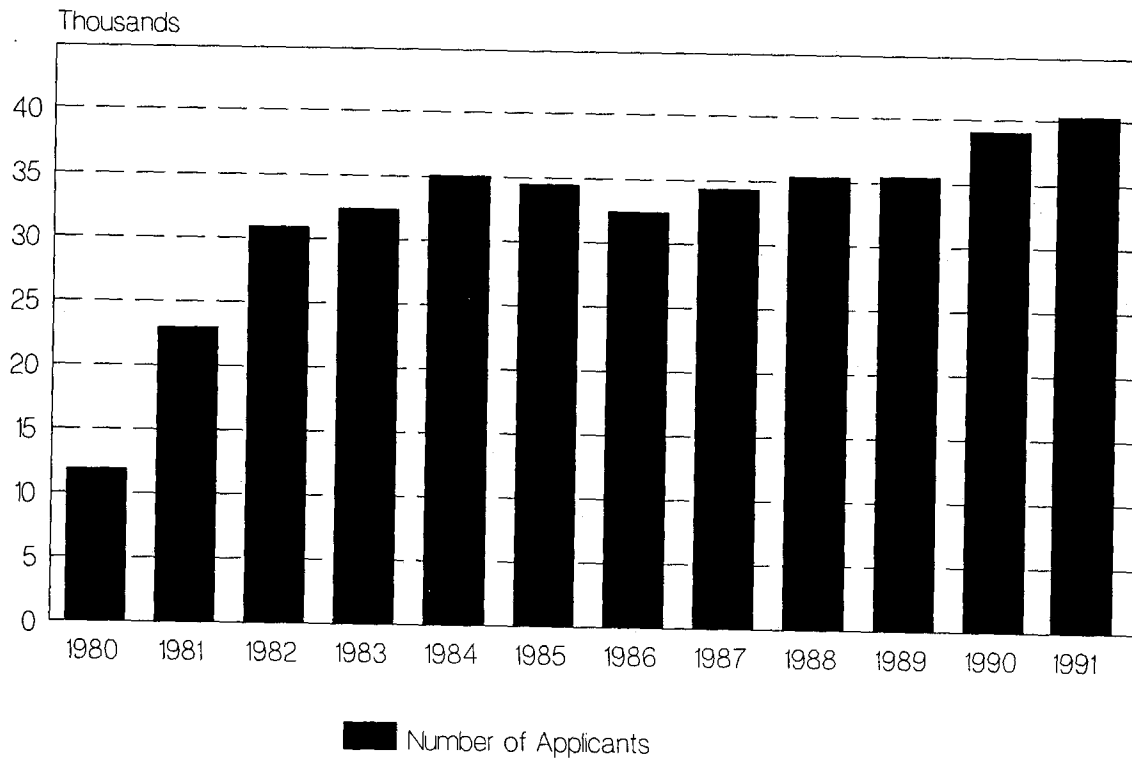
The National Conference of Bar Examiners has administered the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) since 1980. Forty jurisdictions are now participating jurisdictions.

The MPRE consists of fifty multiple-choice questions. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each applicant. 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 applicant population on the repeated items to performance of the prior applicant 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



MPRE Statistics



	<i>1981</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>1983</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>
Number of Applicants	22,982	30,902	32,402	35,113	34,507	32,456	34,358	35,440	35,532	39,192	40,448

	<i>March 1991</i>	<i>August 1991</i>	<i>November 1991</i>	<i>Total 1991</i>
Number of Applicants	16,280	12,026	12,142	40,448
Mean	103.02	100.46	101.88	101.88
Maximum	150.00	150.00	149.00	150.00
Minimum	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00

<i>Scaled Scores</i>	<i>Percent Earning Scaled Scores Below</i>			
	<i>March 1991</i>	<i>August 1991</i>	<i>November 1991</i>	<i>Total 1991</i>
90	29	30	29	28
85	16	23	22	20
80	12	17	17	13
75	8	9	9	9
70	6	6	6	6
65	4	5	5	4
60	3	3	3	3