

Bar Exam Statistics

Fall 1977 Bar Examination General Statistics

1. Total number taking examination7393
Passed 3959 or 53.6 per cent
 - a. Number taking examination for first time5532
Passed 3690 or 66.7 per cent
 - b. Number taking examination for second time518
Passed 108 or 20.8 per cent
 - c. Number taking examination for third or more times1343
Passed 161 or 12.0 per cent
2. Total number from California law schools approved by American Bar Association3676
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Graduates3091
Passed 2342 or 75.8 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate1
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Graduated580
Passed 99 or 17.1 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate4
Passed 1 or 25.0 per cent
3. Total number from California law schools accredited but not approved by American Bar Association921
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Graduated335
Passed 205 or 61.2 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate3
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Graduated575
Passed 185 or 32.2 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate8
Passed 1 or 12.5 per cent
4. Total number from California law schools not accredited or approved by American Bar Association487
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Graduated67
Passed 14 or 20.9 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate7
Passed 1 or 14.3 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Graduated398
Passed 79 or 19.9 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate15
Passed 4 or 26.7 per cent
5. Total number from out-of-state law schools approved by American Bar Association549
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Graduated467
Passed 339 or 72.6 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate0
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Graduated82
Passed 18 or 22.0 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate0
6. Total number from out-of-state schools not approved by American Bar Association0
7. Total number who had graduated from but were not allocated to a law school because did not take examination within one year after graduation438
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Admitted in another state 197
Passed 117 or 59.4 per cent
 - (2) Not admitted in another state76
Passed 22 or 28.9 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Admitted in another state 70
Passed 18 or 25.7 per cent
 - (2) Not admitted in another state95
Passed 10 or 11.8 per cent
8. Total number of attorney applicants85
 - a. Number taking examination for first time38
Passed 3 or 7.9 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined 47
Passed 2 or 4.3 per cent
9. Total number from correspondence law schools55
 - a. Number taking examination for first time:
 - (1) Graduated18
Passed 10 or 55.6 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate1
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined:
 - (1) Graduated26
Passed 2 or 7.7 per cent
 - (2) Did not graduate10
Passed 2 or 20.0 per cent
10. Total number from law office study10
 - a. Number taking examination for first time6
Passed 3 or 50.0 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined 4
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent
11. Total number not classifiable ..18
 - a. Number taking examination for first time1
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent
 - b. Number previously examined17
Passed 2 or 11.8 per cent

**1978 Spring Bar Examination
General Statistics**

1. Total number taking examination	4222
Passed 1622 or 38.4 per cent	
a. Number taking examination for first time	1378
Passed 735 or 53.3 per cent	
b. Number taking examination for second time	1521
Passed 671 or 44.1 per cent	
c. Number taking examination for third or more times	1323
Passed 216 or 16.3 per cent	
2. Total number from California law schools approved by American Bar Association	1442
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Graduated	409
Passed 266 or 65.0 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	0
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Graduated	1027
Passed 415 or 40.4 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	6
Passed 2 or 33.3 per cent	
3. Total number from California law schools accredited but not approved by American Bar Association	1239
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Graduated	446
Passed 219 or 49.1 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	5
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent	
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Graduated	781
Passed 233 or 29.8 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	7
Passed 1 or 14.3 per cent	
4. Total number from California law schools not accredited or approved by American Bar Association	651
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Graduated	104
Passed 30 or 28.9 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	2
Passed 1 or 50.0 per cent	
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Graduated	520
Passed 102 or 19.6 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	25
Passed 1 or 4.0 per cent	
5. Total number from out-of-state law schools approved by American Bar Association	309
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Graduated	141
(2) Did not graduate	0
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Graduated	168
Passed 72 or 42.9 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	0
6. Total number from out-of-state schools not approved by American Bar Association	0
7. Total number who had graduated from but were not allocated to a law school because did not take examination within one year after graduation	397
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Admitted in another state	177
(2) Not admitted in another state	31
Passed 11 or 35.5 per cent	
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Admitted in another state	80
Passed 29 or 36.3 per cent	
(2) Not admitted in another state	109
Passed 18 or 16.5 per cent	
8. Total number of attorney applicants	108
a. Number taking examination for first time	54
Passed 19 or 35.2 per cent	
b. Number previously examined	54
Passed 6 or 11.1 per cent	
9. Total number from correspondence law schools	47
a. Number taking examination for first time:	
(1) Graduated	7
Passed 2 or 28.6 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	1
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent	
b. Number previously examined:	
(1) Graduated	29
Passed 7 or 24.1 per cent	
(2) Did not graduate	10
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent	
10. Total number from law office study	8
a. Number taking examination for first time	1
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent	
b. Number previously examined	7
Passed 0 or 00.0 per cent	
11. Total number not classifiable	21
a. Number taking examination for first time	0
b. Number previously examined	21
Passed 1 or 4.8 per cent	

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1977 Bar Examination Law School Statistics and Cumulative Statistics for 1975-1977		Graduated									
		Took Exam 1st Time			Passed 1st Exam			Failed 1st Exam			% Pass
											After Taking 2 Exams (3)
		Spring 1977	Fall 1977	Total	Spring 1977	Fall 1977	Total	Took Next Exam	Passed Next Exam	Did Not Take Next Exam	
Name of Law School											
ACCREDITED											
California Western University	1	10	128	138	3	62	65	55	20	18	47.1 70.1
Golden Gate College of Law	2	40	149	189	28	107	135	42	24	12	71.4 89.3
LaVerne College of Law	3	14	49	63	8	20	28	31	17	4	44.4 76.3
Loyola University Sch. of Law	4	59	284	343	54	241	295	37	20	11	86.0 94.7
McGeorge Sch. of Law U. Pac.	5	6	270	276	4	248	252	17	12	5	91.3 97.1
Northrop Inst. School of Law	6	1	18	19	0	10	10	7	1	2	52.6 64.7
Pepperdine Univ. Sch. of Law	7	14	140	154	10	102	112	33	14	8	72.7 86.3
San Francisco Law School	8	2	45	47	2	35	37	9	3	1	78.7 87.0
San Joaquin College of Law	9	1	19	20	1	16	17	3	1	0	85.0 90.0
Southwestern Univ. Sch. of Law	10	55	368	423	38	216	254	131	58	38	60.0 81.0
Stanford Law School	11	4	83	87	3	64	67	13	9	6	77.0 93.8
University of California:											
Hastings College of Law	12	25	414	439	18	324	342	80	40	17	77.9 90.7
Berkeley School of Law	13	9	228	237	6	196	202	29	16	6	85.2 94.4
Davis School of Law	14	9	151	160	2	117	119	30	14	11	74.4 89.1
Los Angeles School of Law	15	22	278	300	13	218	231	54	38	15	77.0 94.4
Univ. San Diego Sch. of Law	16	55	202	257	40	155	195	49	23	13	75.9 89.3
Univ. San Fernando Sch. of Law	17	43	210	253	27	99	126	115	46	12	49.8 71.4
Univ. San Francisco Sch. of Law	18	29	157	186	22	103	125	44	24	17	79.6 88.2
Univ. Santa Clara Sch. of Law	19	25	224	249	15	168	183	50	12	16	73.5 83.7
Univ. Southern Ca. Law Ctr.	20	17	145	162	16	119	135	20	10	7	83.3 93.5
Univ. West Los Angeles	21	15	79	94	8	52	60	28	12	6	63.8 81.8
Ventura College of Law	22	4	16	20	3	14	17	3	1	0	85.0 90.0
Western State University:											
College of Law, Orange Co.	23	159	288	447	89	135	224	191	57	32	50.1 67.7
College of Law, San Diego	24	95	178	273	66	89	155	98	34	20	56.8 74.7
Whittier College, Sch. of Law	25	1	76	77	1	68	69	8	6	0	89.6 97.4
*Glendale College of Law	26	8	47	55	3	25	28	22	4	5	50.9 64.0
*John F. Kennedy Law School	27	1	17	18	0	9	9	6	2	2	55.5 68.5
*Lincoln University Law School Sacramento	28	0	39	39	0	29	29	8	4	2	74.4 89.2
UNACCREDITED											
American College of Law	29	11	20	31	2	4	6	17	2	8	19.4 34.8
Armstrong College of Law	30	1	28	29	0	10	10	14	6	5	34.5 66.7
Cabrillo Pacific Univ.	31	5	21	26	0	3	3	18	4	5	11.5 33.3
California College of Law:											
Los Angeles	32	4	8	12	0	1	1	6	1	5	8.3 28.6
West Covina	33	2	4	6	1	1	2	3	1	1	33.3 60.0
Citrus Belt Law School	34	1	22	23	0	6	6	11	2	6	26.1 47.1
Empire College, Sch. of Law	35	0	17	17	0	12	12	5	4	0	70.6 94.1
Golden West School of Law	36	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	00.0 00.0
Humphreys College of Law:											
Fresno	37	0	10	10	0	1	1	9	2	0	10.0 30.0
Stockton	38	2	19	21	0	9	9	6	2	4	42.9 64.7
Irvine Univ. School of Law	39	1	6	7	1	2	3	4	1	0	42.9 57.1
Lincoln University Law School:											
San Francisco	40	4	74	78	2	36	38	35	10	5	48.7 65.8
San Jose	41	0	32	32	0	19	19	10	5	3	59.4 82.8
Magna Carta University	42	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	33.3 33.3
Mid-Valley College of Law	43	10	43	62	5	10	10	35	13	8	30.6 59.3
Monterey College of Law	44	0	11	11	0	3	3	7	3	1	27.3 60.0
New College of Ca. School of Law	45	0	13	13	0	11	11	1	1	1	84.6 100.0
Ocean Univ. College of Law	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pacific Coast Univ. Col. of Law	47	0	9	9	0	4	4	4	1	1	44.4 62.5
San Mateo Law School	48	0	7	7	0	2	2	4	0	1	28.6 33.3
South Bay College of Law	49	3	17	20	0	3	3	12	0	5	15.0 20.0
Valley University Sch. of Law	50	5	28	33	1	7	8	21	2	4	24.2 34.2
Van Norman Univ. College of Law	51	1	5	6	0	1	1	4	1	1	16.7 40.0
OUT OF STATE											
Harvard Law School	52	5	59	64	5	54	59	4	4	1	92.2 100.0
University of Michigan	53	5	28	33	4	25	29	3	1	1	87.9 93.8
Yale Law School	54	1	18	19	1	16	17	2	2	0	89.5 100.0
All Others	55	102	361	463	68	244	312	103	51	48	67.4 87.5

*These schools prov. accredited July 1978 prior to publication of these statistics.

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Cumulative Statistics for 1975-1977													
Graduated							Did Not Graduate [2]						
1st Time		Failed First Exam			% Pass		1st Time		Failed 1st Time			% Pass	
Took	Passed	Took Next Exam	Passed Next Exam	Did Not Take Next Exam	1st Exam	After Taking 2 Exams [3]	Took	Passed	Took Next Exam	Passed Next Exam	Did Not Take Next Exam	1st Exam	After Taking 2 Exams [3]
380	237	110	39	35	62.4	80.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
538	393	111	61	34	73.0	90.1	3	1	2	0	0	33.3	33.3
126	60	57	25	9	47.6	72.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005	810	157	82	38	80.6	92.2	1	1	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
804	721	72	50	11	89.7	97.2	3	1	2	1	0	33.3	66.7
39	21	16	7	2	53.8	75.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
431	298	108	56	25	69.1	87.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
152	109	40	18	3	71.7	85.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49	44	4	1	1	89.8	93.8	1	0	0	0	1	00.0	00.0
1141	719	336	144	86	63.0	81.8	3	0	0	0	3	00.0	00.0
299	255	25	16	19	85.3	96.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1332	1052	228	108	52	79.0	90.6	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
728	605	91	36	32	83.1	92.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
454	330	99	46	25	72.7	87.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
876	711	130	74	35	81.2	93.3	1	1	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
697	575	99	51	23	82.5	92.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
729	367	317	119	45	50.3	71.1	7	0	6	0	1	00.0	00.0
564	377	142	71	45	66.8	86.3	1	0	0	0	1	00.0	00.0
700	551	115	39	34	78.7	88.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
457	382	61	31	14	83.6	93.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
241	141	86	26	14	58.5	73.6	5	1	4	0	0	20.0	20.0
47	33	14	5	0	70.2	80.9	2	1	1	1	0	50.0	100.0
1059	560	426	138	73	52.9	70.8	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
509	292	187	68	30	57.4	75.2	1	1	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
212	189	22	16	1	89.2	97.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
135	70	57	19	8	51.9	70.1	9	1	7	0	1	11.1	12.5
48	17	25	10	5	35.4	62.8	10	4	6	2	0	40.0	60.0
113	58	46	14	9	51.3	69.2	4	1	3	1	0	25.0	50.0
68	16	40	6	12	23.5	39.3	10	1	6	0	3	10.0	14.3
68	24	31	8	13	35.3	58.2	2	0	2	0	0	00.0	00.0
58	4	41	6	13	6.9	22.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	4	10	2	9	16.7	40.0	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
29	5	19	4	5	17.2	37.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	17	28	6	10	30.9	51.1	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
17	12	5	4	0	70.6	94.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	0	2	0	0	00.0	00.0	3	0	3	1	0	00.0	33.3
36	6	28	7	2	16.7	38.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
70	30	30	22	10	42.9	68.3	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
9	4	5	2	0	44.4	66.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.3	82	66	19	15	50.3	68.2	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
96	52	38	14	6	54.2	73.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	1	2	0	0	33.3	33.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
139	46	78	25	15	33.1	59.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	3	7	3	1	27.3	60.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	11	1	1	1	84.6	100.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	0	0	0	2	00.0	00.0	1	0	1	0	0	00.0	00.0
29	11	17	4	1	37.9	53.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	8	8	0	2	44.4	50.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
58	23	26	2	9	39.7	51.0	4	2	1	0	1	50.0	66.7
76	30	39	6	7	39.5	52.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	2	11	1	7	10.0	23.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
210	173	30	21	7	82.4	95.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
90	82	7	2	1	91.1	94.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	55	7	6	3	84.6	98.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1286	894	250	126	142	69.5	89.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

1. Schools outside California approved by American Bar Association are accredited schools.
2. Includes only those non-graduates who had been admitted to the senior class.
3. Percentage computed by dividing number who passed either of two successive examinations by total number who passed their first examination and number who, having failed first examination, took the next examination.

STATISTICS REGARDING JULY 1977 BAR EXAMINATION GROUPED BY SEX, RACE AND TYPE OF LAW SCHOOL

Beginning with the July 1977 Bar Examination, the Committee of Bar Examiners has been collecting information on the race and sex of applicants for use in statistical studies on the effect of the bar examination and the individual parts thereof on various groups of applicants. Some of the information developed is thought to be of general interest. With respect to that group of July 1977 applicants for whom the pertinent data was available, the following tables indicate for (a) first time takers and (b) repeaters, the numbers of applicants who took the examination and percentage passed in various categories, according to legal education and sex or race.

FIRST TIME TAKERS

TYPE LAW SCHOOL OR LEGAL EDUCATION	APPLICANTS FOR WHOM SEX DATA AVAILABLE				APPLICANTS FOR WHOM RACIAL DATA AVAILABLE					
	# Taking % Passing	Males	Females	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other Minority	Total
CAL ABA APPROVED	# Taking	2,265	938	3,203	2,820	97	154	112	23	3,206
	% Pass	76.3	75.4	76.0	80.7	30.9	40.9	50.9	47.8	76.0
OTHER CAL ACCRED.	# Taking	741	167	908	856	10	27	9	6	908
	% Pass	50.7	53.9	51.3	52.1	10.0	37.0	66.7	50.0	51.3
CAL NOT ACCRED.	# Taking	424	102	526	486	12	14	10	6	528
	% Pass	40.6	49.0	42.2	42.8	16.7	28.6	60.0	33.3	42.0
OUT OF STATE ABA APPROVED	# Taking	332	112	444	391	22	16	12	3	444
	% Pass	76.8	66.1	74.1	77.7	50.0	56.3	41.7	0.0	74.1
OTHERS	# Taking	230	59	289	246	17	11	8	8	290
	% Pass	47.8	54.2	49.1	54.5	5.9	27.3	50.0	0.0	49.0
TOTALS	# Taking	3,992	1,378	5,370	4,799	158	222	151	46	5,376
	% Pass	66.2	69.2	66.9	70.2	28.5	40.1	51.7	34.8	66.9

APPLICANTS WHO HAD TAKEN ONE OR MORE PREVIOUS EXAMINATIONS

TYPE LAW SCHOOL OR LEGAL EDUCATION	APPLICANTS FOR WHOM SEX DATA AVAILABLE				APPLICANTS FOR WHOM RACIAL DATA AVAILABLE					
	# Taking % Passing	Males	Females	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other Minority	Total
CAL ABA APPROVED	# Taking	439	118	557	338	80	87	41	11	557
	% Pass	20.3	16.9	19.6	23.4	10.0	13.8	22.0	9.1	19.6
OTHER CAL ACCRED.	# Taking	350	81	431	384	8	24	7	8	431
	% Pass	14.6	19.8	15.5	15.4	0.0	16.7	28.6	25.0	15.5
CAL NOT ACCRED.	# Taking	317	50	367	288	30	26	11	12	367
	% Pass	7.3	16.0	8.4	9.0	6.7	7.7	9.1	0.0	8.4
OUT OF STATE ABA APPROVED	# Taking	54	19	73	44	15	5	8	1	73
	% Pass	18.5	42.1	24.7	36.4	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	24.7
OTHERS	# Taking	169	20	189	126	22	12	5	24	189
	% Pass	14.2	10.0	13.8	17.5	9.1	16.7	0.0	0.0	13.8
TOTALS	# Taking	1,329	288	1,617	1,180	155	154	72	56	1,617
	% Pass	14.8	18.8	15.5	17.1	7.7	13.0	19.4	5.4	15.5