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Legal Education and

Admissions to the Bar

First-Time Bar Admission

Calendar year of graduation	Graduates in the calendar year	Graduates who took the bar exam before graduation*	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 pass rate**	ABA weighted average bar pass rate***	in bar pass	alternative pathways to	Total First- Time Bar Admission Rate: first time takers and alternative pathways to licensure
2024	96	0	74	22	0	17	91	52	57.14%	78.65%	-21.51%	0	57.14%
2023	95	0	74	21	0	15	89	53	59.55%	78.09%	-18.54%	0	59.55%
2022	89	-	-	16	0	26	99	58	58.59%	75.32%	-16.73%	0	58.59%

^{*}For 2022, 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 2024:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
ILLINOIS	78	45	57.69%	78.64%	-20.95%
9 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	13	7	53.85%	79.08%	-25.23%

Details 2023:

Jurisdiction	Takers Passers		Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
ILLINOIS	77	49	63.64%	78.28%	-14.64%
10 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	12	4	33.33%	77.60%	-44.27%

Details 2022:

Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers	Pass %	State Pass % for ABA approved law schools	Difference
ILLINOIS	75	45	60.00%	75.01%	-15.01%
14 REMAINING JURISDICTIONS	24	13	54.17%	77.60%	-23.43%

Two-Year Ultimate Bar Admission

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 Admission Rate Total % (incl. alternative pathways)
				# of takers	# who passed	% who passed		
2022	90	0	2	88	73	82.95%	0	82.95%
2021	83	0	8	75	68	90.67%	0	90.67%
2020	87	0	1	86	80	93.02%	0	93.02%

^{**}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.