Jurisdiction Bar Examination Data
(First-time and repeat test taker status based on an examinee’s testing experience in the reporting jurisdiction only.)

**2019 TOTALS**
- **Total persons taking:** 68,305
- **35%** of 2019 examinees were repeaters
- **65%** of 2019 examinees were first-time takers
- **58%** total persons passing

**JULY 2019 TOTALS**
- **July persons taking:** 46,370
- **23%** of July 2019 examinees were repeaters
- **77%** of July 2019 examinees were first-time takers
- **64%** July persons passing

**FEBRUARY 2019 TOTALS**
- **February persons taking:** 21,935
- **61%** of February 2019 examinees were repeaters
- **39%** of February 2019 examinees were first-time takers
- **46%** February persons passing

**Percentage of first-timers passing**
- **February first-timers:** 60%
- **July first-timers:** 76%
- **Percentage of repeaters passing**
- **February repeaters:** 36%
- **July repeaters:** 27%

**TOTAL PERSONS TAKING**
- **February:** 21,935
- **July:** 46,370

**Persons taking**
- **February:** 8,609
- **July:** 35,758
- **February repeaters:** 13,326
- **July repeaters:** 10,612

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The first-time and repeat test taker data on the previous page are those obtained from the jurisdictions and are based on the examinees’ testing experience in the reporting jurisdiction only. Therefore, they do not account for possible previous attempts at the bar examination in other jurisdictions. The data below are based on an examinee having previously taken the MBE in any jurisdiction.*

* The first-time and repeat test taker information calculated by NCBE is an approximation based on biographic data and the NCBE Number, which have not been used consistently in all jurisdictions across time. Use of the NCBE Number as a unique identifier has increased steadily since it was introduced in 2011. It was used in all but three of the jurisdictions that administered the MBE in February 2019, and in all but two of the jurisdictions that administered the MBE in July 2019, identifying about 98% of the February and July 2019 examinees. Repeat test takers in the NCBE MBE-based data are defined as those who were identified as having taken an MBE in any jurisdiction at least once prior to the current administration. However, the identification of repeat test takers is less certain in the case of earlier previous exam administrations than for more recent administrations, depending on when a jurisdiction began using the NCBE Number. Approximately 10% of examinees are unable to be tracked with certainty by NCBE as either first-time or repeat takers due to either a jurisdiction’s non-use or only recent use of the NCBE Number or a lack of sufficient biographic information. The differences in the numbers of persons taking the MBE in the NCBE MBE-based data displayed above and those taking the bar examination as reported by jurisdictions in the jurisdiction bar examination data displayed on the previous page are accounted for by the following: (1) the fact that two jurisdictions do not administer the MBE (and are therefore not represented on this page but would be represented on the previous page), (2) concurrent administrations of the bar examination in certain jurisdictions, (3) the fact that jurisdictions typically track repeaters within their own jurisdiction whereas NCBE tracks repeaters across jurisdictions, and/or (4) the acceptance of banked or transferred scores in certain jurisdictions. (Note: The counts and percentages in the NCBE MBE-based data above are based on the designations effective at the time of publication. Because these designations may change as more information becomes available over time to more completely identify examinees, the counts and percentages published above may differ slightly from previously published counts and percentages.)