

Pass Rates for the Past Ten Years by Population-Type

Table 1. February California General Bar Exam (2-Day) Pass Rate by Demographic Group (2015–2025)

Demographic Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015-2024 Average Number of Test Takers	2015-2024 Average Pass Rate	2025 Number of Test Takers	2025 Pass Rate
Men	39%	34%	34%	26%	32%	26%	35%	38%	31%	32%	1,898	33%	1,453	58.2%
Women	40%	37%	35%	28%	31%	27%	39%	30%	33%	35%	2,197	33%	2,329	54.5%
Asian	34%	30%	32%	22%	27%	23%	30%	31%	30%	28%	875	29%	1,088	51.0%
Black	30%	16%	23%	18%	20%	17%	24%	17%	19%	22%	346	21%	305	52.5%
Hispanic	34%	31%	34%	25%	27%	21%	31%	25%	24%	27%	647	28%	604	52.0%
White	44%	43%	39%	33%	39%	32%	46%	43%	41%	42%	1,669	40%	1,037	63.9%
Other	38%	32%	29%	23%	24%	28%	43%	35%	36%	40%	475	33%	718	56.0%
Decline to Answer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41%	46%	48%	39%	38%	127	42%	134	58.2%

Note: Number of test takers and pass rates for 2025 are preliminary and are subject to change. Final exam statistics are published on the State Bar's Exam Statistics webpage following the release of results, certification from law schools, and updates are made when necessary. "Men" and "Women" groups include those that selected only one gender, those that selected more than one gender, "Decline to answer", or "Other" are not included. For race/ethnicity groups, "Other" is comprised of American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, individuals who selected more than one racial/ethnic group, and individuals who selected the racial/ethnic category "Other." "Declined to answer" was not a reporting category in 2015 through 2019. Data is missing for 1% of test takers' race/ethnicity data in 2017 due to suppressed data values for groups <11 in State Bar reports.

Table 2. February California Bar Exam Pass Rate by Applicant Group (2015–2025)

Applicant Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015-2024 Average Number of Test Takers	2015-2024 Average Pass Rate	2025 Number of Test Takers	2025 Pass Rate
All Test Takers	40%	36%	35%	29%	33%	28%	40%	37%	35%	36%	4,578	35%	4,231	57.6%
With Testing Accommodations	38%	27%	27%	15%	N/A*	27%	39%	32%	37%	40%	303	31%	456	65.1%
Attorneys' Exam (1-Day)	46%	43%	45%	43%	47%	39%	57%	62%	57%	53%	376	49%	331	77.9%
Disciplined Attorneys*	0%	8%	14%	0%	26%	0%	13%	30%	6%	23%	22	12%	14	42.9%
General Bar Exam (2-Day)	40%	36%	35%	27%	31%	27%	37%	34%	33%	34%	4,142	33%	3,886	55.9%
First Time Takers	47%	45%	39%	39%	41%	38%	53%	53%	45%	45%	1,231	44%	1,162	62.1%
Repeat Takers	36%	32%	33%	23%	28%	22%	27%	24%	28%	29%	2,912	28%	2,724	53.2%
US Attorneys Taking the General Bar Exam	61%	62%	56%	60%	62%	53%	77%	74%	68%	69%	436	64%	313	87.9%
ABA Approved (Total)	46%	43%	43%	32%	38%	32%	46%	38%	39%	42%	2,115	40%	1,516	68.4%
ABA Approved (CA)	49%	46%	46%	34%	39%	33%	49%	39%	39%	44%	1,524	42%	1,078	69.0%
ABA Approved (Out-of-state)	39%	35%	35%	29%	34%	29%	40%	36%	37%	38%	591	35%	438	66.9%
CA Accredited	20%	18%	16%	12%	16%	11%	23%	19%	20%	22%	631	17%	739	46.1%
CA Registered Unaccredited	21%	14%	11%	11%	16%	10%	22%	16%	13%	16%	232	15%	111	45.9%

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Law Office or Judges' Chambers Study*	50%	25%
Foreign Attorneys	23%	16%	17%	16%	17%	20%	23%	29%	24%	24%	498	21%	811	44.6%
Foreign Educated/JD Equivalent Plus One Year of US Education	21%	13%	16%	11%	16%	13%	16%	15%	22%	19%	209	16%	323	31.0%

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*In 2019, the State Bar launched the online Applicant Portal. During the transition period, testing accommodations applications were submitted in both hard-copy and online formats. Because of this, staff were unable to verify the 2019 data in time for the Board meeting. As a result, the 2019 figures are not included in this table.