

FEBRUARY 2002 PENNSYLVANIA BAR EXAMINATION

Examination Statistics



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EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Overall Data		
Total Number of Applicants Testing	690	
	Total	Percent
Successful Applicants	324	46.96%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined MBE and Essay/MPT scores greater than or equal to 272 		
Unsuccessful Applicants	366	53.04%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined MBE and Essay/MPT scores less than 272 		

MBE Score Data	
Mean MBE Scaled Score for Applicants Testing in Pennsylvania	135.12
Mean MBE Scaled Score for the Total Population (National)	135.28
Range of MBE Scaled Scores for Applicants Testing in Pennsylvania	82 – 174
Range of MBE Scaled Scores for the Total Population (National)	63 – 187
Minimum Successful MBE Scaled Score	124
Maximum Successful MBE Scaled Score	174
Minimum Unsuccessful MBE Scaled Score	82
Maximum Unsuccessful MBE Scaled Score	151

Essay/MPT Scaled Score Data	
Mean Essay Scaled Score	135.21
Minimum Successful Essay/MPT Scaled Score	127
Maximum Successful Essay/MPT Scaled Score	178
Minimum Unsuccessful Essay/MPT Scaled Score	81
Maximum Unsuccessful Essay/MPT Scaled Score	146

Scaled Score Formula Statistics

The following statistics are used in calculating the scaled essay score for each applicant. The formula used for calculating the scaled score is known as the standard deviation method of calculating scaled scores. A breakdown of the formula and its components follows, along with the actual data used for this examination.

$$\left(\frac{S_{MBE}}{S_E} \right) (X_E - \bar{X}_E) + \bar{X}_{MBE} = Scaled_Essay_Score$$

Scaled Score Formula

Examination Statistics for February 2002

Standard Deviation of the Equated (Scaled) MBE Scores	S_{MBE}	14.18
Standard Deviation of the Applicants' Total Essay Scores	S_E	13.61
Applicant's Individual Total Essay Score	X_E	
Mean of the Applicants' Total Essay Scores	\bar{X}_E	80.48
Mean of the Equated (Scaled) MBE Scores	\bar{X}_{MBE}	135.12

Passing Rates for Specific Attempts				
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass rate
First Attempt	197	94	291	67.70%
Second Attempt	93	194	287	32.40%
Third Attempt	14	25	39	35.90%
Four or more Attempts	20	53	73	27.40%

Passing Rates for Pennsylvania Area Law Schools				
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson School of Law	12	16	28	42.86%
Duquesne University School of Law	18	35	53	33.96%
Temple University School of Law	55	54	109	50.46%
University of Pennsylvania Law School	6	2	8	75.00%
University of Pittsburgh School of Law	23	33	56	41.07%
Villanova University School of Law	9	22	31	29.03%
Widener University School of Law - Harrisburg	12	30	42	28.57%
Widener University School of Law - Delaware	52	55	107	48.60%
Rutgers University – Camden	23	25	48	47.92%

Passing Rates for Specific Attempts for Pennsylvania Area Law Schools

Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson School of Law	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	4	4	8	50.00%
Two or more attempts	8	12	20	40.00%
Duquesne University School of Law	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	6	4	10	60.00%
Two or more attempts	12	31	43	27.91%
Temple University School of Law	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	34	14	48	70.83%
Two or more attempts	21	40	61	34.43%
University of Pennsylvania Law School	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	5	0	5	100.00%
Two or more attempts	1	2	3	33.33%
University of Pittsburgh School of Law	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	12	4	16	75.00%
Two or more attempts	11	29	40	27.50%
Villanova University School of Law	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	4	5	9	44.44%
Two or more attempts	5	17	22	22.73%
Widener University School of Law – Harrisburg	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	4	4	8	50.00%
Two or more attempts	8	26	34	23.53%
Widener University School of Law – Delaware	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	24	11	35	68.57%
Two or more attempts	28	44	72	38.89%
Rutgers University – Camden	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total	% Pass Rate
First attempt	14	10	24	58.33%
Two or more attempts	9	15	24	37.50%

LAW SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Law School Name	Number of Applicants
AMERICAN UNIV. WASHINGTON C.O.L.-1940	5
BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL-1932	2
BOSTON UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1925	2
BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL-1937	1
CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW-1962	1
CAPITAL UNIV. LAW SCHOOL-1950	5
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIV. S.O.L-1923	4
CATHOLIC UNIV. OF AMERICA S.O.L-1925	4
CITY UNIV. OF NY LAW SCHOOL/QUEENS-1985	1
CLEVELAND S.U. CLEVELAND-MARSHALL-1957	4
COL. OF WILLIAM & MARY MARSH. S/L-1932	2
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	3
CORNELL LAW SCHOOL-1923	2
CREIGHTON UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1924	1
DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW-1941	2
DISTRICT OF COL L/S - U. OF DC SOL- 1991	2
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1931	3
DUQUESNE UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW - 1960	53
EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	4

Law School Name	Number of Applicants
FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW - 1999	2
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1936	1
FRANKLIN PIERCE LAW CENTER-1974	1
GEORGE MASON UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1980	1
GEORGE WASH. UNIV. NATIONAL L.C.-1923	5
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER-1924	3
HARVARD UNIV. LAW SCHOOL-1923	2
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1971	1
HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1931	3
ILLINOIS INST. OF TECH. CHICAGO-C/L-1936	1
JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL-1951	3
LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL (LOS ANGELES)-1935	2
LOYOLA UNIV. S.O.L.(NEW ORLEANS)-1931	1
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW-1980	1
NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW-1969	1
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL-1954	4
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1930	3
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIV. S.O.L-1950	2
NORTHEASTERN UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1969	5

Law School Name	Number of Applicants
NOVA UNIV. CENTER FOR THE S.O.L.-1975	5
OHIO NORTH. UNIV. CLAUDE PETTIT C/L-1948	4
OHIO STATE UNIV. COLLEGE OF LAW-1923	2
PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1978	1
PSU - DICKINSON SCHL OF LAW - 1931	28
REGENT UNIV (FORM. CBN UNIV) VA-1989	3
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY S.O.L.-1995	2
RUTGERS-STATE UNIV OF NJ S/L- CAM.-1951	48
RUTGERS-STATE UNIV OF NJ S/L-NEWARK-1941	4
SETON HALL UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1951	7
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW-1959	2
SOUTHERN UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1953	1
SOUTHWESTERN UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1970	1
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY S.O.L.-1937	3
ST. THOMAS UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW (FLORIDA)	1
STANFORD LAW SCHOOL-1923	1
STATE UNIV. OF N.Y. AT BUFFALO -1936	1
STETSON UNIV. COLLEGE OF LAW-1930	2
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL-1953	1
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW-1923	3

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TEMPLE UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1933	109
THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL-1975	10
TOURO COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW-1983	2
TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1925	2
UNION UNIV. ALBANY LAW SCHOOL-1930	1
UNIV OF THE PACIFIC/MCGEORGE S/L - 1969	1
UNIV. OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW-1961	2
UNIV. OF BALTIMORE LAW SCHOOL-1972	3
UNIV. OF BRIDGEPORT (QUINNIPIAC)	3
UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA SCH./LAW (L.A.)-1950	1
UNIV. OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL-1923	1
UNIV. OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	1
UNIV. OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW-1975	2
UNIV. OF DETROIT MERCY S/L LAW-1933	2
UNIV. OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF LAW-1925	1
UNIV. OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW-1923	2
UNIV. OF LOUISVILLE S. OF LAW-1931	1
UNIV. OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW-1930	3
UNIV. OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW-1941	2
UNIV. OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL-1923	2

Law School Name	Number of Applicants
UNIV. OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY-1936	2
UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW-1948	1
UNIV. OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL-1925	2
UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCH.-1923	8
UNIV. OF PITTSBURGH SCH. OF L.-1923	56
UNIV. OF RICHMOND T.C. WILLIAMS S/L-1928	2
UNIV. OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW-1961	2
UNIV. OF SAN FRANCISCO S.O.L.-1935	1
UNIV. OF SANTA CLARA SCHOOL OF LAW-1937	1
UNIV. OF SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	1
UNIV. OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF LAW-1925	1
UNIV. OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	1
UNIV. OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL-1923	1

Law School Name	Number of Applicants
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1925	1
VERMONT LAW SCHOOL-1975	4
VILLANOVA UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1954	31
WAKE FORREST UNIVERSITY S.O.L.-1935	2
WASHBURN UNIV. OF TOPEKA S.O.L.-1923	1
WASHINGTON & LEE UNIV. S.O.L.-1923	1
WASHINGTON UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW-1923	1
WEST VIRGINIA UNIV. COLLEGE OF LAW-1923	4
WHITTIER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW-1978	1
WIDENER SCHOOL OF LAW (HARRISBURG-1989)	42
WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-1975	107
YALE LAW SCHOOL-1923	1
YESHIVA UNI BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO S/L-1978	1