

February 2009 Pennsylvania Bar Examination

Examination Statistics



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**Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners
Press Release Statistics
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Overall Data

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Successful Applicants | | |
| * Combined MBE and Scaled Essay/PT scores of 272 or greater | 318 | 57.09% |
| Unsuccessful Applicants | | |
| * Combined MBE and Scaled Essay/PT scores of 271 or less | 239 | 42.91% |
| Total Number of Applicants Tested: | 557 | |

MBE Scaled Score Data

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|---|----------------|
| Mean MBE Scaled Score for Applicants Testing in Pennsylvania | 137.446 |
| Mean MBE Scaled Score for Total Population (National) | 135.670 |
| Range of MBE Scaled Scores for Applicants Testing in Pennsylvania | 97.100-180.000 |
| Range of MBE Scaled Scores for Total Population (National) | 80.700-186.800 |
| Minimum Successful MBE Scaled Score in Pennsylvania | 119.700 |
| Maximum Successful MBE Scaled Score in Pennsylvania | 180.000 |
| Minimum Unsuccessful MBE Scaled Score in Pennsylvania | 97.100 |
| Maximum Unsuccessful MBE Scaled Score in Pennsylvania | 144.900 |

Essay/PT Scaled Score Data

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| Mean Essay/PT Scaled Score | 137.511 |
| Minimum Successful Essay/PT Scaled Score | 125.303 |
| Maximum Successful Essay/PT Scaled Score | 176.597 |
| Minimum Unsuccessful Essay/PT Scaled Score | 89.010 |
| Maximum Unsuccessful Essay/PT Scaled Score | 151.434 |

Passing Rates for Specific Attempts

| | <u>Successful</u> | <u>Unsuccessful</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Pass Rate</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Attempt | 235 | 73 | 308 | 76.30% |
| 2nd Attempt | 57 | 69 | 126 | 45.24% |
| 3rd Attempt | 15 | 32 | 47 | 31.91% |
| 4th or more Attempts | 11 | 65 | 76 | 14.47% |
| Total: | 318 | 239 | 557 | 57.09% |

Passing Rates for Pennsylvania Area Law Schools

| | <u>Successful</u> | <u>Unsuccessful</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Pass Rate</u> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Duquesne University School of Law | 6 | 11 | 17 | 35.29% |
| Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson School of Law | 10 | 12 | 22 | 45.45% |
| Rutgers University School of Law - Camden | 27 | 15 | 42 | 64.29% |
| Temple University - James E. Beasley School of Law | 30 | 23 | 53 | 56.60% |
| University of Pennsylvania Law School | 9 | 2 | 11 | 81.82% |
| University of Pittsburgh School of Law | 22 | 15 | 37 | 59.46% |
| Villanova University School of Law | 13 | 8 | 21 | 61.90% |
| Widener University School of Law - Delaware | 32 | 32 | 64 | 50.00% |
| Widener University School of Law - Harrisburg | 19 | 19 | 38 | 50.00% |



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Passing Rates for Specific Attempts for Pennsylvania Area Law Schools

| | <u>Attempts</u> | <u>Successful</u> | <u>Unsuccessful</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Pass Rate</u> |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Duquesne University School of Law | 1st | 3 | 1 | 4 | 75.00% |
| | 2 or more | 3 | 10 | 13 | 23.08% |
| Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson School of Law | 1st | 4 | 1 | 5 | 80.00% |
| | 2 or more | 6 | 11 | 17 | 35.29% |
| Rutgers University School of Law - Camden | 1st | 14 | 2 | 16 | 87.50% |
| | 2 or more | 13 | 13 | 26 | 50.00% |
| Temple University - James E. Beasley School of Law | 1st | 19 | 2 | 21 | 90.48% |
| | 2 or more | 11 | 21 | 32 | 34.38% |
| University of Pennsylvania Law School | 1st | 8 | 1 | 9 | 88.89% |
| | 2 or more | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50.00% |
| University of Pittsburgh School of Law | 1st | 16 | 3 | 19 | 84.21% |
| | 2 or more | 6 | 12 | 18 | 33.33% |
| Villanova University School of Law | 1st | 8 | 1 | 9 | 88.89% |
| | 2 or more | 5 | 7 | 12 | 41.67% |
| Widener University School of Law - Delaware | 1st | 21 | 8 | 29 | 72.41% |
| | 2 or more | 11 | 24 | 35 | 31.43% |
| Widener University School of Law - Harrisburg | 1st | 13 | 4 | 17 | 76.47% |
| | 2 or more | 6 | 15 | 21 | 28.57% |



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Law Schools Represented

| <u>Number of Applicants</u> | <u>Law School Name</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 3 | Albany Law School of Union University |
| 5 | American University - Washington College of Law |
| 1 | Arizona State University College of Law |
| 2 | Barry University – Dwayne O Andreas School of Law |
| 1 | Benjamin N Cardozo School of Law - Yeshiva University |
| 1 | Boston College Law School |
| 3 | Boston University School of Law |
| 2 | Brooklyn Law School |
| 1 | Campbell University - Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law |
| 2 | Capital University Law School |
| 3 | Case Western Reserve University - Franklin Thomas Backus School of Law |
| 5 | Catholic University of America - Columbus School of Law |
| 1 | Chapman University School of Law |
| 5 | Cleveland State University - Cleveland-Marshall College of Law |
| 2 | Cornell Law School |
| 1 | Depaul University College of Law |
| 3 | Duke University School of Law |
| 17 | Duquesne University School of Law |
| 4 | Florida Coastal School of Law |
| 5 | Florida State University College of Law |
| 3 | Fordham University School of Law |
| 2 | George Washington University Law School |
| 4 | Georgetown University Law Center |
| 3 | Hamline University School of Law |
| 3 | Harvard University Law School |
| 1 | Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| 4 | Hofstra University School of Law |
| 2 | Howard University School of Law |
| 1 | Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago-Kent College of Law |
| 3 | Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington |
| 2 | Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis |
| 1 | John Marshall Law School (Illinois) |
| 2 | Lewis & Clark Law School |
| 2 | Loyola University - Chicago School of Law |
| 1 | Loyola University - New Orleans School of Law |
| 4 | Michigan State University College of Law |
| 5 | New England School of Law |
| 6 | New York Law School |
| 2 | New York University School of Law |



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| 1 | North Carolina Central University School of Law |
| 1 | Northeastern University School of Law |
| 1 | Northwestern University School of Law |
| 2 | Ohio Northern University - Claude W. Pettit College of Law |
| 1 | Ohio State University Moritz College of Law |
| 2 | Pace University School of Law |
| 22 | Pennsylvania State University - Dickinson School of Law |
| 1 | Pepperdine University School of Law |
| 4 | Regent University School of Law |
| 2 | Roger Williams University School of Law |
| 42 | Rutgers University School of Law - Camden |
| 1 | Rutgers University School of Law - Newark |
| 6 | Seton Hall University School of Law |
| 1 | South Texas College of Law |
| 1 | Southern Illinois University School of Law |
| 2 | Southern University Law Center |
| 2 | Southwestern Law School |
| 2 | St. John's University School of Law |
| 1 | St. Thomas University School of Law |
| 4 | State University of New York - Buffalo Law School |
| 4 | Stetson University College of Law |
| 2 | Suffolk University Law School |
| 1 | Syracuse University |
| 1 | Tel-Aviv University Law School |
| 53 | Temple University - James E. Beasley School of Law |
| 2 | Texas Southern University - Thurgood Marshall School of Law |
| 1 | Thomas Jefferson School of Law |
| 27 | Thomas M. Cooley Law School |
| 1 | Touro Law, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center |
| 1 | Tulane University Law School |
| 2 | University of Akron |
| 1 | University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law |
| 5 | University of Baltimore School of Law |
| 1 | University of California - Davis School of Law |
| 1 | University of California - Hastings College of Law |
| 1 | University of California - Los Angeles School of Law |
| 3 | University of Connecticut School of Law |
| 2 | University of Denver Sturm College of Law |
| 4 | University of Detroit Mercy School of Law |



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| 2 | University of Florida - Frederic G. Levin College of Law |
| 1 | University of Georgia School of Law |
| 1 | University of Houston Law Center |
| 1 | University of Kentucky College of Law |
| 2 | University of Louisville |
| 4 | University of Maryland School of Law |
| 3 | University of Miami School of Law |
| 3 | University of Michigan Law School |
| 1 | University of Minnesota Law School |
| 1 | University of Montana School of Law |
| 3 | University of New Hampshire School of Law |
| 2 | University of North Carolina School of Law |
| 11 | University of Pennsylvania Law School |
| 37 | University of Pittsburgh School of Law |
| 1 | University of South Carolina School of Law |
| 2 | University of Southern California Law School |
| 1 | University of Toledo College of Law |
| 1 | University of Tulsa College of Law |
| 2 | University of Wisconsin Law School |
| 2 | Valparaiso University School of Law |
| 1 | Vanderbilt University Law School |
| 4 | Vermont Law School |
| 21 | Villanova University School of Law |
| 2 | Wake Forest University School of Law |
| 2 | Washington and Lee University School of Law |
| 1 | Washington University Law School |
| 11 | West Virginia University College of Law |
| 2 | Western New England College School of Law |
| 64 | Widener University School of Law - Delaware |
| 38 | Widener University School of Law - Harrisburg |

Law Schools Represented: 108