

Outcomes for Law School Graduates (see note below)*

Questions: What is the bar exam passage rate for law graduates for first-time takers? Do bar passage rates vary by institution?

Why ask about the law school outcomes? The vast majority of students who enroll in law school have an expectation that they will pass the bar the first time they take the bar exam. Some students enroll in law school for other reasons. Some enroll for the enjoyment of learning about law with no expectation of taking the bar exam in their state. Others enroll while they are employed with no intention of changing jobs, and may not need or want to take the bar exam and have little expectation of salary increases.

Statewide Answers: Statewide, in July 2001, 82% of first-time bar examinees passed the bar.

Campus Answers: Significant differences in recent bar passage rates are evident among law schools in Ohio. Significant differences also are evident in the percentage of law school graduates employed in-state as well as in the salaries of full-time law graduates.

Bar Passage Rates for July Graduates First-Time Bar Takers*

State-Supported Universities	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
University of Akron	76%	79%	85%	78%	85%
University of Cincinnati	95%	88%	93%	93%	91%
Cleveland State University	66%	71%	68%	67%	75%
The Ohio State University	86%	85%	84%	86%	90%
University of Toledo	67%	69%	63%	78%	85%
Independent Universities					
Capital University	75%	66%	62%	63%	75%
Case Western Reserve University	79%	80%	85%	81%	85%
University of Dayton	75%	70%	68%	67%	79%
Ohio Northern University	58%	50%	54%	59%	74%

*Source: Ohio Supreme Court data provided to Ohio Board of Regents November 2001.

***Note: Law school graduate bar passage rates are not the only type of licensure passage rate of interest to readers of this report.** Students from Ohio's colleges and universities must pass externally administered examinations to enter many professions including, but not limited to, teaching, medicine, nursing, accountancy, respiratory care, and social work. This information was not available at the time the current report was developed. An effort will be made throughout this next year to gather the statewide and campus passage rates for first-time test takers in each of these disciplines. This information will be shared in next year's report. At the time this report was published, a report on the quality of teacher education, including institutional assessments was just released and may be viewed at:

http://www.ode.state.oh.us/comm/news/Oct_2001_news/10-08-01.htm