



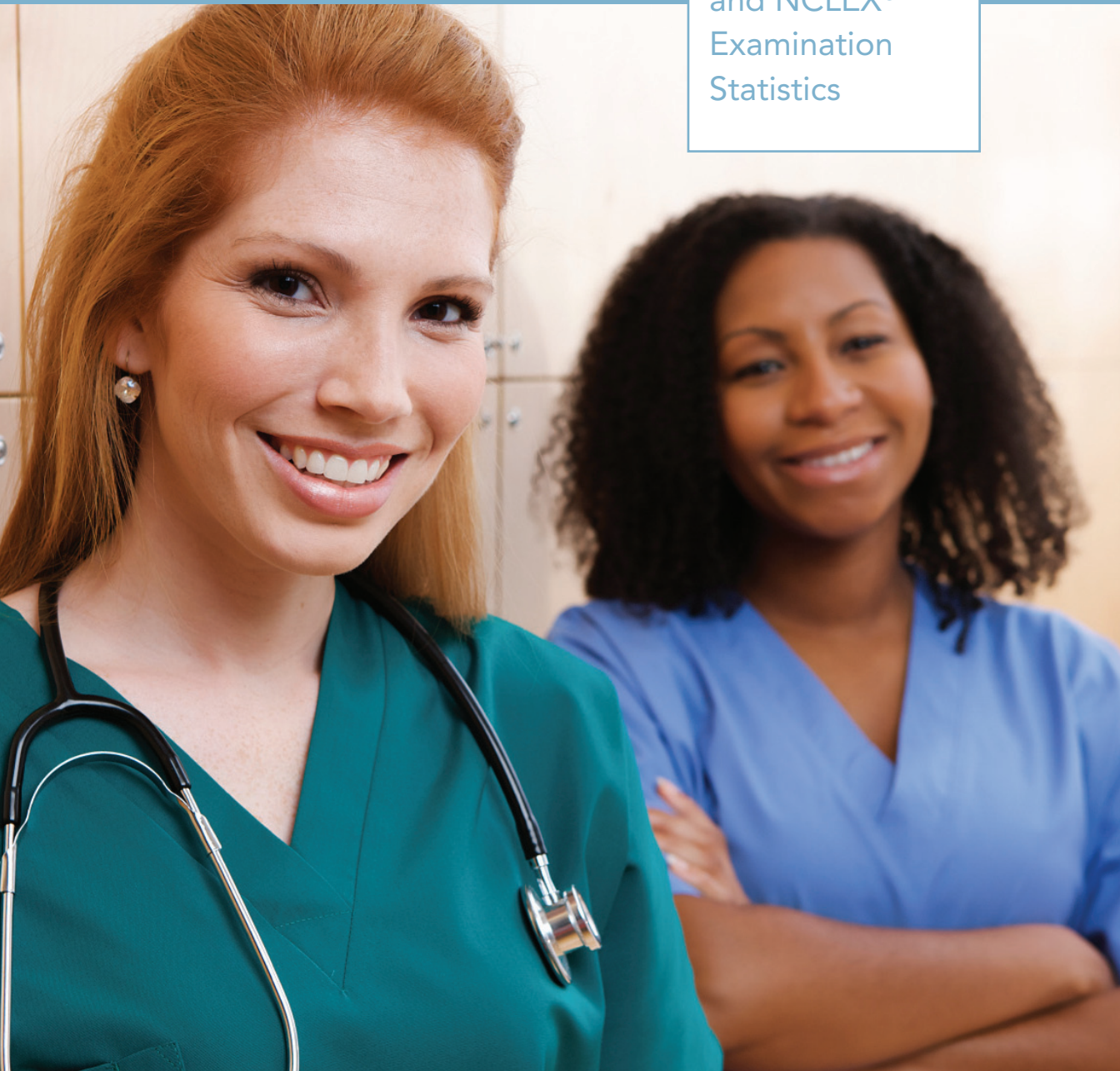
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INTRODUCTION

The mission of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN[®]) is to provide education, service, and research through collaborative leadership to promote evidence-based regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection. NCSBN is the vehicle through which boards of nursing act and counsel together on matters of common interest. These member boards that comprise NCSBN protect the public by ensuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses.

This publication provides statistics on the licensing activities of the NCSBN Member Boards and its two licensure examinations, the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN[®]) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN[®]).

Part I – Licensure Statistics

The data reported in Part I of this document include licensing statistics of the 60 state and territorial boards of nursing for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The numbers of new licenses by endorsement and examination, as well as the total number of active licenses, are provided for each jurisdiction.

Part II – NCLEX[®] Examination Statistics

The NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations are administered on behalf of 59 of the 60 NCSBN Member Boards (excluding the Nebraska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Board, which is not responsible for administering entry-level nurse licensure). The purpose of these examinations is to determine if a candidate possesses the minimum knowledge and abilities to provide entry-level nursing care that is safe and effective.

Candidate performance on the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations is summarized and reported by quarter and year. This publication provides a detailed breakdown of candidate performance for 2011, as well as historical data.

PART I – 2011 LICENSURE STATISTICS

The data reported in this section indicate licensure processing activity and the total number of individuals licensed to practice within each jurisdiction from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. All data were obtained from state and territorial boards of nursing (BONs). Estimates were provided where the exact figure requested for this collection of data was unknown.

Active license figures are based on the reported actual or estimated total number of individuals holding an active license within a jurisdiction and represent the nurses available for employment. Due to an unknown number of individuals holding active licenses in more than one jurisdiction, the total number of active licenses nationwide may be higher than the total number of nurses.

Advanced practice registered nurse licenses figures and tables contain data for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) groups: certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); certified nurse midwife (CNM); clinical nurse specialist (CNS); and certified nurse practitioner (CNP).

Table 1 lists the NCSBN Member Boards' jurisdiction and the types of licenses for which a BON has licensing authority.

| Table 1. Boards of Nursing Authorized to License RNs, LPN/VNs or APRNs | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| JD | BON | RN | LPN/VN | APRN |
| AK | Alaska Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| AL | Alabama Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| AR | Arkansas State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| AS | American Samoa Health Service Regulatory Board | YES | YES | YES |
| AZ | Arizona State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| CA-RN | California Board of Registered Nursing | YES | NO | YES |
| CA-VN | California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners | NO | YES | NO |
| CO | Colorado Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| CT | Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| DC | District of Columbia Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| DE | Delaware Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| FL | Florida Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| GA-PN | Georgia State Board of Licensed Practical Nurses | NO | YES | NO |
| GA-RN | Georgia Board of Nursing | YES | NO | YES |
| GU | Guam Board of Nurse Examiners | YES | YES | YES |
| HI | Hawaii Board of Nursing Professional and Vocational Licensing Division | YES | YES | YES |
| IA | Iowa Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| ID | Idaho Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| IL | Illinois Department of Professional Regulation | YES | YES | YES |
| IN | Indiana State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| KS | Kansas State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| KY | Kentucky Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| LA-PN | Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners | NO | YES | NO |
| LA-RN | Louisiana State Board of Nursing | YES | NO | YES |
| MA | Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| MD | Maryland Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| ME | Maine State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| MI | Michigan CIS/Bureau of Health Services | YES | YES | YES |
| MN | Minnesota Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| MO | Missouri State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| MP | Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners | YES | YES | YES |
| MS | Mississippi Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| MT | Montana State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| NC | North Carolina Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| ND | North Dakota Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| NE | Nebraska Health and Human Services System | YES | YES | YES |
| NE-AP | Nebraska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Board | NO | NO | YES |
| NH | New Hampshire Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| NJ | New Jersey Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| NM | New Mexico Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| NV | Nevada State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |

Table 1. Boards of Nursing Authorized to License RNs, LPN/VNs or APRNs

| JD | BON | RN | LPN/VN | APRN |
|-----------|--|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| NY | New York State Board for Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| OH | Ohio Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| OK | Oklahoma Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| OR | Oregon State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| PA | Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| RI | Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education | YES | YES | YES |
| SC | South Carolina State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| SD | South Dakota Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| TN | Tennessee State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| TX | Texas Board of Nurse Examiners | YES | YES | YES |
| UT | Utah State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| VA | Virginia Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| VI | Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure | YES | YES | YES |
| VT | Vermont State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |
| WA | Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission | YES | YES | YES |
| WI | Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing | YES | YES | YES |
| WV-PN | West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses | NO | YES | NO |
| WV-RN | West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses | YES | NO | YES |
| WY | Wyoming State Board of Nursing | YES | YES | YES |

Tables 2 through 4 provide data related to new licenses issued by endorsement or examination and the total numbers of active licenses (both RNs and LPN/VNs) by jurisdiction.

| Table 2. RNs: New in State by Jurisdiction | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Licensure by Examination | Licensure by Endorsement | Total Number of Newly licensed RNs in Jurisdiction |
| JD | N | N | N |
| AR | 1,565 | 770 | 2,335 |
| AS | | 10 | 10 |
| AZ | 2,800 | 2,394 | 5,194 |
| CA-RN | 14,154 | 8,794 | 22,948 |
| CO | 2,225 | 2,798 | 5,023 |
| CT | 1,514 | 1,728 | 3,242 |
| DC | 285 | 2,796 | 3,081 |
| DE | 476 | 974 | 1,450 |
| FL | 5,094 | 7,324 | 12,418 |
| GA-RN | 3,666 | 3,201 | 6,867 |
| GU | 35 | 105 | 140 |
| IA | 1,775 | 854 | 2,629 |
| ID | 702 | 760 | 1,462 |
| IL | 390 | 339 | 729 |
| IN | 4,357 | 2,331 | 6,688 |
| KS | 1,909 | 1,647 | 3,556 |
| KY | 2,373 | 1,290 | 3,663 |
| LA-RN | 2,460 | 1,316 | 3,776 |
| MA | 3,711 | 2,547 | 6,258 |
| ME | 669 | 732 | 1,401 |
| MI | 5,092 | 2,111 | 7,203 |
| MN | 3,440 | 2,732 | 6,172 |
| MO | 3,615 | 2,005 | 5,620 |

| Table 2. RNs: New in State by Jurisdiction | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Licensure by Examination | Licensure by Endorsement | Total Number of Newly licensed RNs in Jurisdiction |
| JD | N | N | N |
| MP | 61 | 6 | 67 |
| MT | 552 | 768 | 1,320 |
| NC | 4,495 | 3,094 | 7,589 |
| ND | 557 | 625 | 1,182 |
| NE | 1,016 | 258 | 1,274 |
| NH | 578 | 873 | 1,451 |
| NM | 1,053 | 291 | 1,344 |
| NV | 878 | 2,259 | 3,137 |
| OH | 7,744 | 3,354 | 11,098 |
| OK | 2,056 | 1,353 | 3,409 |
| OR | 1,487 | 1,879 | 3,366 |
| PA | 6,824 | 4,022 | 10,846 |
| RI | 463 | 613 | 1,076 |
| SD | 640 | 455 | 1,095 |
| TN | 3,099 | 1,979 | 5,078 |
| TX | 10,262 | 6,251 | 16,513 |
| VA | 3,471 | 2,741 | 6,212 |
| VT | | | 1,849 |
| WA | | | 5,831 |
| WI | 3,471 | 1,698 | 5,169 |
| WV-RN | 1,207 | 1,550 | 2,757 |
| WY | 189 | 765 | 954 |
| Total | 112,410 | 84,392 | 204,482 |

No information is available for Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Utah or Virgin Islands.

Table 3. LPN/VNs: New in State by Jurisdiction

| JD | Licensure by Examination | Licensure by Endorsement | Total Number of Newly licensed LPN/VNs in Jurisdiction |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | N | N | N |
| AR | 1,106 | 206 | 1,312 |
| AS | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| AZ | 565 | 353 | 918 |
| CA-VN | 8,809 | 464 | 9,273 |
| CO | 475 | 342 | 817 |
| CT | 561 | 101 | 662 |
| DC | 177 | 283 | 460 |
| DE | 307 | 89 | 396 |
| FL | 3,191 | 1,366 | 4,557 |
| GA-PN | 1,347 | 839 | 2,186 |
| GU | 26 | 6 | 32 |
| IA | 1,314 | 125 | 1,439 |
| ID | 328 | 85 | 413 |
| IL | 165 | 56 | 221 |
| IN | 1,448 | 452 | 1,900 |
| KS | 1,022 | 261 | 1,283 |
| KY | 968 | 326 | 1,294 |
| LA-PN | 1,207 | 238 | 1,445 |
| MA | 832 | 215 | 1,047 |
| ME | 103 | 60 | 163 |
| MI | 1,697 | 305 | 2,002 |
| MN | 1,621 | 249 | 1,870 |
| MO | 1,488 | 323 | 1,811 |

Table 3. LPN/VNs: New in State by Jurisdiction

| JD | Licensure by Examination | Licensure by Endorsement | Total Number of Newly licensed LPN/VNs in Jurisdiction |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | N | N | N |
| MP | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| MT | 137 | 192 | 329 |
| NC | 1,093 | 542 | 1,635 |
| ND | 289 | 90 | 379 |
| NE | 343 | 33 | 376 |
| NH | 170 | 120 | 290 |
| NM | 222 | 80 | 302 |
| NV | 89 | 259 | 348 |
| OH | 4,474 | 900 | 5,374 |
| OK | 1,174 | 221 | 1,395 |
| OR | 447 | 152 | 599 |
| PA | 2,566 | 685 | 3,251 |
| RI | 42 | 72 | 114 |
| SD | 167 | 50 | 217 |
| TN | 1,584 | 429 | 2,013 |
| TX | 5,629 | 1,116 | 6,745 |
| VA | 1,912 | 398 | 2,310 |
| VT | | | 101 |
| WA | | | 1,519 |
| WI | 1,146 | 194 | 1,340 |
| WV-PN | 433 | 243 | 676 |
| WY | 64 | 40 | 104 |
| Total | 50,748 | 12,561 | 64,929 |

No information is available for Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Utah or Virgin Islands.

Table 4. Total Number of Active Licenses: RNs and LPN/VNs, by Jurisdiction

| JD | RNs | LPN/VNs | Total Number |
|-------|---------|---------|--------------|
| | N | N | N |
| AL | 49,963 | 12,935 | 62,898 |
| AK | 10,741 | 1,075 | 11,816 |
| AR | 37,042 | 15,969 | 53,011 |
| AS | 86 | 102 | 188 |
| AZ | 71,726 | 11,511 | 83,237 |
| CA-RN | 366,815 | | 366,815 |
| CA-VN | | 119,538 | 119,538 |
| CO | 58,137 | 9,158 | 67,295 |
| CT | 56,616 | 13,190 | 69,806 |
| DC | 22,226 | 2,384 | 24,610 |
| DE | 16,702 | 3,254 | 19,956 |
| FL | 234,444 | 70,446 | 304,890 |
| GA | 102,956 | 32,443 | 135,399 |
| GU | 927 | 170 | 1,097 |
| HI | 20,159 | 2,740 | 22,899 |
| IA | 48,174 | 12,088 | 60,262 |
| ID | 17,809 | 3,883 | 21,692 |
| IL | 170,140 | 28,364 | 198,504 |
| IN | 93,626 | 27,348 | 120,974 |
| KS | 45,535 | 10,417 | 55,952 |
| KY | 57,925 | 14,946 | 72,871 |
| LA-RN | 55,107 | | 55,107 |
| LA-PN | | 23,087 | 23,087 |
| MA | 116,860 | 21,265 | 138,125 |
| ME | 22,529 | 2,638 | 25,167 |
| MD | 66,128 | 12,338 | 78,466 |
| MI | 132,632 | 26,806 | 159,438 |
| MN | 86,718 | 24,076 | 110,794 |
| MS | 39,840 | 12,553 | 52,393 |

Table 4. Total Number of Active Licenses: RNs and LPN/VNs, by Jurisdiction

| JD | RNs | LPN/VNs | Total Number |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | N | N | N |
| MO | 88,168 | 24,188 | 112,356 |
| MP | 1,269 | 39 | 1,308 |
| MT | 14,163 | 3,313 | 17,476 |
| NC | 114,920 | 21,394 | 136,314 |
| ND | 11,482 | 3,667 | 15,149 |
| NE | 27,381 | 6,921 | 34,302 |
| NH | 21,596 | 3,459 | 25,055 |
| NJ | 103,629 | 4,869 | 108,498 |
| NM | 24,060 | 3,250 | 27,310 |
| NV | 27,582 | 3,277 | 30,859 |
| NY | 272,267 | 70,123 | 342,390 |
| OH | 179,203 | 55,575 | 234,778 |
| OK | 43,586 | 17,991 | 61,577 |
| OR | 46,772 | 4,273 | 51,045 |
| PA | 213,057 | 57,760 | 270,817 |
| RI | 17,124 | 2,038 | 19,162 |
| SC | 49,352 | 11,971 | 61,323 |
| SD | 13,952 | 2,280 | 16,232 |
| TN | 83,647 | 29,899 | 113,546 |
| TX | 239,377 | 93,413 | 332,790 |
| UT | 21,950 | 3,411 | 25,361 |
| VA | 104,359 | 32,313 | 136,672 |
| VI | 640 | 281 | 921 |
| VT | 15,893 | | 15,893 |
| WA | 83,300 | 14,150 | 97,450 |
| WI | 164,446 | 46,701 | 211,147 |
| WV-LPN | | 7,470 | 7,470 |
| WV-RN | 29,196 | | 29,196 |
| WY | 8,399 | 1,113 | 9,512 |
| Total | 4,022,333 | 1,039,863 | 5,062,196¹ |

¹ Includes 766,965 total number of active licenses reported in 2010 for Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Utah and Virgin Islands.

Table 5 provides the total number of graduates of foreign nursing programs licensed by jurisdiction. Table 6 provides a summary of licensing activities by examination and endorsement for RNs, LPN/VNs and graduates of foreign nursing programs.

Table 5. Number of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs Licensed by Jurisdiction

| JD | RNs | LPN/VNs |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AR | 80 | |
| AS | 7 | |
| CA-RN | 3,473 | |
| CT | 113 | 10 |
| GA | 27 | |
| GU | 42 | 2 |
| IA | 3 | |
| ID | 12 | |
| IN | 5 | |
| KY | 12 | |
| LA-RN | 19 | |
| ME | 17 | 1 |
| MN | 382 | 4 |
| MO | 53 | 5 |
| MP | 62 | 1 |
| NC | 112 | 23 |
| ND | 12 | |
| NM | 79 | 15 |
| OK | 26 | |
| OR | 109 | 10 |
| PA | 176 | 4 |
| RI | 2 | |
| TX | 1,343 | 20 |
| VA | 12 | |
| WV-PN | | 8 |
| WV-RN | 1 | |
| Total | 6,179 | 103 |

Information is provided by 28 jurisdictions

Table 6. Summary of Licensing Activities

| Total Number of Newly Licensed Nurses in All Jurisdictions | |
|---|------------------|
| RNs | 204,482 |
| LPN/VNs | 64,929 |
| Total | 269,411 |
| Total number of Active Licenses in All Jurisdictions¹ | |
| RNs | 4,022,333 |
| LPN/VNs | 1,039,863 |
| Total | 5,062,196 |
| Total Number of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs in All Jurisdictions² | |
| RNs | 6,179 |
| LPN/VNs | 103 |
| Total | 6,282 |

¹ Includes 766,965 total number of active licenses reported in 2010 for Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Utah and Virgin Islands.

² Information is provided by 28 jurisdictions.

Tables 7 and 8 provide the numbers of APRN licenses issued within each jurisdiction by role and population.

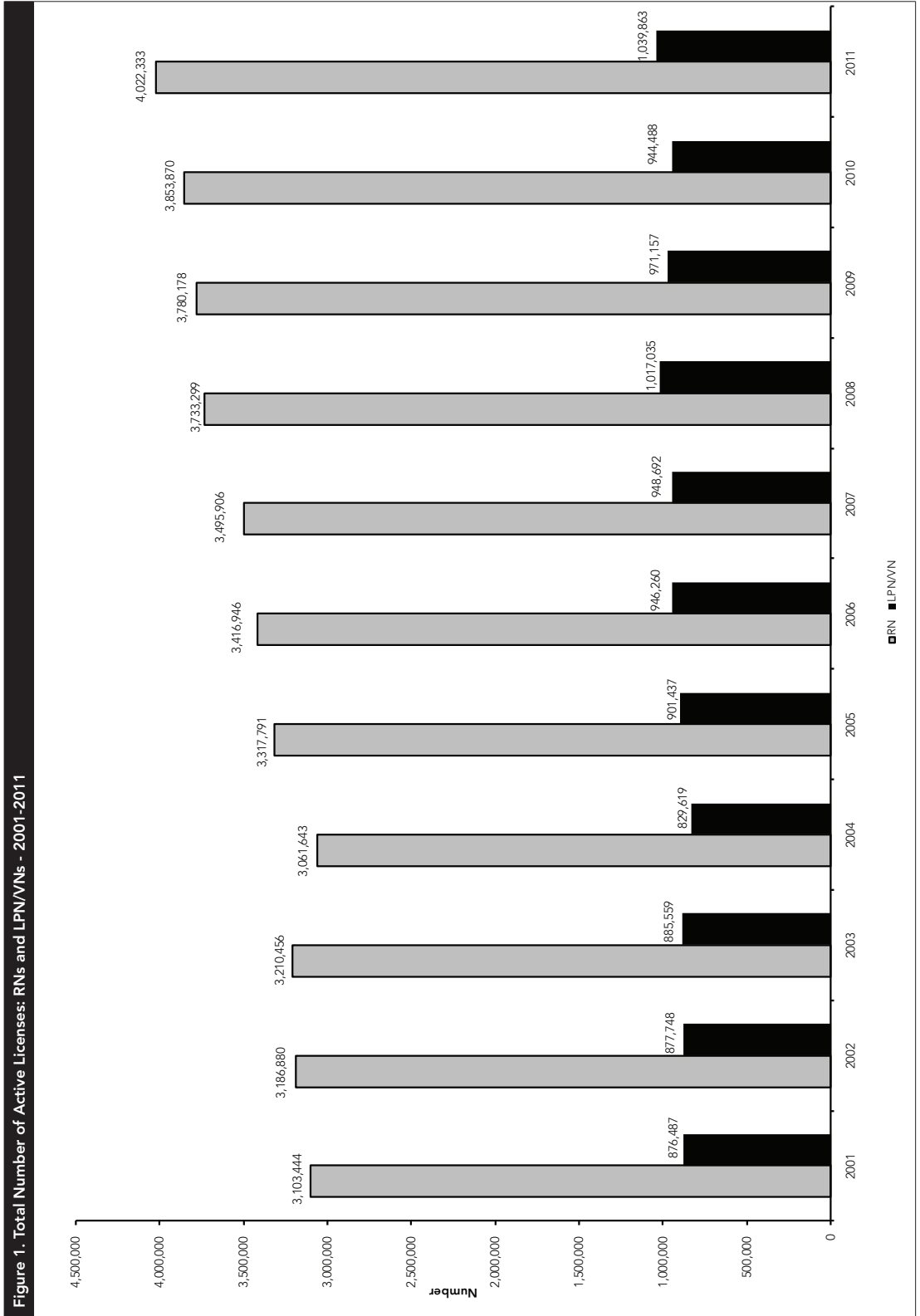
| Abbreviation | Category | Active Licenses | |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| | | N | % |
| CNM | Certified Nurse Midwife | 7,406 | 3.9% |
| CRNA | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist | 41,238 | 21.7% |
| CNS | Clinical Nurse Specialist | 14,775 | 7.8% |
| Nurse Practitioners | | | |
| NP | No specialty designation | 78,750 | 41.5% |
| AC | Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner | 1,590 | 0.8% |
| AHP | Adult/General Health Nurse Practitioner | 5,393 | 2.8% |
| CHP | Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner | 2,168 | 1.1% |
| FAM | Family | 23,124 | 12.2% |
| NEO | Neonatal | 1,829 | 1.0% |
| WOM | Obstetrical and/or Gynecological and/or Women's Health | 3,072 | 1.6% |
| PSY | Psychiatric and/or Mental Health | 1,889 | 1.0% |
| Other | Other Types of Nurse Practitioners | 8,519 | 4.5% |
| Total | | 189,753 | 100.0% |

| JD | CNM | CRNA | CNS | Nurse Practitioners | | | | | | | | | Total Active Licenses | |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|--------|
| | | | | No Specialty Designation | NP | AC | AHP | CHP | FNP | NEO | WOM | PSY | | Other |
| | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| AR | 28 | 699 | 133 | 1,318 | | | | | | | | | | 2,178 |
| AS | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | | | 11 |
| AZ | 206 | 540 | 150 | | 106 | 542 | 296 | 1,731 | 171 | 319 | 295 | 79 | | 4,435 |
| CA-RN | 1,191 | 2,047 | 3,099 | 16,181 | | | | | | | | | | 22,518 |
| CO | 300 | 480 | 658 | 2,775 | | | | | | | | | | 4,213 |
| CT | 219 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 219 |
| DC | 57 | 105 | 40 | 684 | | | | | | | | | | 886 |
| DE | 19 | 149 | 95 | 138 | | | | 251 | 20 | 44 | 8 | | | 724 |
| FL | 676 | 4,318 | 46 | 12,951 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 123 | 7 | 15 | 25 | | | 18,179 |
| GA-RN & -PN | 415 | 1,664 | 285 | 4,611 | | | | | | | | | | 6,975 |
| GU | 7 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | | 2 | | | | 29 |
| IA | 80 | 392 | 90 | | 43 | 95 | 178 | 723 | 28 | 140 | 72 | 50 | | 1,891 |
| ID | 33 | 390 | 43 | 668 | | | | | | | | | | 1,134 |
| IL | 410 | 1,747 | 1,022 | 4,789 | | | | | | | | | | 7,968 |
| IN | 82 | | 182 | 2,752 | | | | | | | | | | 3,016 |
| KS | 72 | 870 | 611 | 21 | 78 | 228 | 179 | 1,267 | 147 | 102 | 71 | | | 3,646 |
| KY | 99 | 1,145 | 169 | 2 | 69 | 282 | 218 | 1,877 | 34 | 204 | 103 | | | 4,202 |

Table 8. Total Number of APRNs by Role/Population and Jurisdiction

| JD | CNM | CRNA | CNS | Nurse Practitioners | | | | | | | | | Total Active Licenses |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | NP No Specialty Designation | AC | AHP | CHP | FNP | NEO | WOM | PSY | Other | |
| | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| LA-RN | 40 | 1,355 | 256 | 145 | 119 | 278 | 8 | 1,320 | 169 | 105 | 63 | | 3,858 |
| MA | 467 | 1,147 | 941 | 6,556 | | | | | | | | | 9,111 |
| ME | 83 | 394 | 119 | 19 | 19 | 165 | 63 | 690 | 14 | 63 | 161 | 11 | 1,801 |
| MI | 318 | 2,440 | | 4,056 | | | | | | | | | 6,814 |
| MN | 245 | 1,637 | 529 | | 2 | 495 | 28 | 1,257 | 156 | 256 | 90 | 767 | 5,462 |
| MO | 98 | 1,618 | 393 | 598 | 104 | 657 | 11 | 1,995 | 203 | 282 | 71 | | 6,030 |
| MP | 4 | | | 9 | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| MT | 46 | 152 | 46 | 517 | | | | | | | | | 761 |
| NC | 204 | 2,978 | 1,055 | 386 | 120 | 710 | 309 | 1,970 | 166 | 129 | 99 | | 8,126 |
| ND | 11 | 301 | 48 | | 9 | 16 | 13 | 362 | 7 | 29 | 11 | | 807 |
| NE | 32 | 513 | 99 | 1,052 | | | | | | | | | 1,696 |
| NH | 8 | 30 | | 3 | 2 | 19 | | 39 | 3 | 1 | 10 | | 115 |
| NM | | 383 | 161 | 1,167 | | | | | | | | | 1,711 |
| OH | 334 | 2,539 | 1,689 | 5,251 | | | | | | | | | 9,813 |
| OK | 58 | 611 | 249 | 1,092 | | | | | | | | | 2,010 |
| OR | 266 | 516 | 200 | | 38 | 333 | 137 | 1,137 | 45 | 111 | 409 | | 3,192 |
| PA | | | 88 | | | | | | | | | 7,457 | 7,545 |
| RI | 74 | 227 | 118 | 529 | | 27 | | 79 | | 2 | 8 | 54 | 1,118 |
| SD | 28 | 405 | 76 | 489 | | | | | | | | | 998 |
| TN | 142 | 2,382 | 121 | 6,115 | | | | | | | | | 8,760 |
| TX | 382 | 3,745 | 1,439 | | 601 | 819 | 156 | 4,788 | 479 | 992 | 272 | | 13,673 |
| VA | 236 | 1,989 | 449 | | 258 | 658 | 531 | 2,520 | 153 | 199 | 113 | | 7,106 |
| VT | | | | | | | | | | | | 101 | 101 |
| WA | 361 | 817 | | 3,852 | | | | | | | | | 5,030 |
| WV-RN | 60 | 393 | 67 | | 15 | 37 | 31 | 760 | 25 | 53 | | | 1,441 |
| WY | 14 | 111 | 7 | 19 | 5 | 16 | 6 | 226 | 2 | 23 | 8 | | 437 |
| Total | 7,406 | 41,238 | 14,775 | 78,750 | 1,590 | 5,393 | 2,168 | 23,124 | 1,829 | 3,072 | 1,889 | 8,519 | 189,753 |

Figure 1 provides a review of the numbers of active licenses for the years 2001-2011. Unless noted otherwise, all numbers are calculated in terms of column totals.



PART II – 2011 NCLEX® EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Introduction

In 1982, NCSBN substantially revised the State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE). NCSBN changed the examination from a norm-referenced test to a criterion-referenced test, implemented a new test plan and used Rasch's (1960) one parameter logistic model to calibrate items and measure candidates' abilities. At that time, NCSBN renamed the examinations the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®). However, these NCLEX® examinations were very different than the NCLEX examinations taken by candidates today. These examinations were only administered twice a year in a pencil-and-paper format; each administration lasted two days.

In 1986, the NCSBN Board of Directors (BOD) funded an initial investigation on the feasibility of using computerized adaptive testing (CAT) procedures. CAT held the promise of making examinations available year round, shortening examination length by only giving candidates items that were appropriate for their ability and providing greater security for the content of the items. On April 1, 1994, NCSBN began administering the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN Examinations exclusively via CAT. This publication provides a detailed breakdown of candidate performance for 2011, as well as historical data.

CAT

CAT is a method of administering examinations that combines the power and speed of current computer technology with modern measurement theory. With CAT, each candidate's test is unique; it is assembled interactively as the individual is tested. As the candidate answers each question, the computer calculates an ability estimate based on all earlier answers. The test administration software then identifies the content area for the next item. Next, the software scans through available items within the identified content area for an item that has a degree of difficulty sufficient to give the candidate approximately a 50% chance of answering it correctly. This item is selected and presented to the

candidate on the computer screen. This process is repeated for each item, creating an examination tailored to the individual's ability level, while fulfilling all NCLEX test plan requirements. The examination continues in this way until a pass-fail decision can be determined. Because the examination could end at any time after the minimum number of items has been answered, it is important that the test plan specifications are met throughout the entire test.

Setting the Passing Standard

To ensure a consistent standard of competence in nursing practice, NCSBN uses a criterion-referenced standard, which means that passing or failing depends solely upon a candidate's level of performance in relation to the established point that represents safe entry-level competence. There is no preassigned percentage of candidates that pass or fail each examination. Because the practice of nursing changes over time, it is necessary to reevaluate the appropriateness of the passing standard from time to time. To ensure that the passing standards for the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations accurately reflects the knowledge, skills and abilities essential for entry-level nurse practice, NCSBN's BOD reevaluates the passing standard every three years or when the test plan changes. In evaluating the passing standard, the BOD considers information from a variety of sources. Although there is no limit on the information it may consider, the BOD is typically presented with the following information:

1. The results of a standard-setting exercise undertaken by the panel of judges. Currently, this exercise consists of a modified Angoff procedure with additional statistical compromise procedures. A list of the members on the panel of judges and their qualifications is also included.
2. A historical record of the passing standard and annual summaries of candidate performance on the NCLEX examination since the implementation of the CAT methodology in 1994.
3. The results from the annual standard-setting survey, which solicits the opinions of employers

and educators regarding the competence of the current cohort of entry-level nurses.

4. Information detailing the educational readiness of high school graduates who expressed an interest in nursing.

In April 1998, the passing standard for the NCLEX-RN Examination increased from -0.42 logits to -0.35 logits. In April 2001, this standard was retained for another three years. In April 2004, the standard increased to -0.28 logits. In April 2007, the standard increased again to -0.21 logits. In April 2010, the standard increased to -0.16 logits.

The passing standard for the NCLEX-PN Examination has experienced a similar increase over time. In April 1999, the passing standard for the NCLEX-PN Examination increased from -0.51 logits to -0.47 logits. In April 2002, this standard was retained for another three years. In April 2005, the NCLEX-PN passing standard increased from -0.47 to -0.42 logits. In April 2008, the standard increased to -0.37 logits. In April 2011, the standard increased to -0.27 logits. It is important to note that the RN and PN standards are not directly comparable because they are based on different item pools and different scopes of practice.

Pass-Fail Decisions

Candidate performance on the NCLEX examinations is reported only as a pass-fail decision. Scores are never reported. As a result, almost all the statistics presented here are pass rates or statistics based upon a pass-fail decision.

To make pass-fail decisions, the computer seeks to determine with 95% certainty whether the candidate's true ability is above or below the passing standard. To do this, three pieces of information must be known: the current person ability estimate, the precision of that estimate and the passing standard. After the minimum number of items has been answered, the computer compares the candidate's ability level to the standard required for passing. Candidates clearly above the passing standard pass. Candidates clearly below the passing standard fail.

If the candidate's ability level is close enough to the passing standard that it is not clear which side of the passing standard his or her ability falls, the

computer continues asking items. As more items are answered, the candidate's ability estimate becomes more precise. After each item, the candidate's ability level is recomputed, using all of the information (answers to all the items asked) available at that point. When it becomes clear on which side of the passing standard the candidate's ability falls, the examination ends.

Some candidates' abilities are very close to the passing standard. For these candidates, all items in the item pool might not provide enough information to be certain their ability is truly above or below the passing standard. These are the candidates who take the maximum number of items. Once the maximum number of items is administered, the computer waives the 95% certainty requirement and makes a pass or fail decision based upon the candidate's final ability estimate. If the candidate's ability estimate is above the passing standard, the candidate passes. If not, he or she fails.

If an NCLEX examination ends because time runs out, then the computer does not have enough information to make a clear pass-fail decision; if it did, it already would have stopped administering items. However, when the response patterns of people who ran out of time were investigated, it was found that some had been performing consistently above the passing standard, and their ability level appeared to be above passing, although close to it. A mechanism is therefore provided for these candidates to pass. The key word here is "consistently." If a candidate's ability estimate has been consistently above the passing standard over the last 60 items, then he or she will pass, despite having run out of time.

Table 2. Summary Statistics for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates

| NCLEX-RN® | January-December 2011 |
|--|------------------------------|
| Passing Standard ¹ | -0.16 logits |
| Estimated Decision Consistency ² | 0.93 |
| Average Test Length ³ | 117 items |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Minimum Number of Items | 53.5% |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Maximum Number of Items | 13.2% |
| Average Testing Time ⁴ | 2 hours, 16 minutes |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Maximum Amount of Time | 1.1% |

1 The NCLEX-RN passing standard scale uses logits as the unit of measurement. Logits is short for log-odds-units. These units have no inherent meaning with regard to nursing content and in fact have an arbitrary zero point, but logits are practical because the probability of a correct response can easily be computed when the candidate's ability and the item's difficulty are known. Typically, the logit range on the NCLEX-RN scale is from -2.00 (easy items or low ability candidates) to 2.00 (difficult items or high ability candidates).

2 Estimated Decision Consistency is an indicator of reliability. Conceptually, it is the proportion of pass-fail decisions that would remain the same if the same population were retested immediately after their first test (assuming no learning or fatigue effects) using a different set of items.

3 NCLEX-RN Examinations consist of 75 to 265 items.

4 The standard amount of allotted testing time for the NCLEX-RN Examination is six hours.

Table 3. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Jan. 1 - March 31, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 0 | | | 325 | 301 | 92.6 | 319 | 281 | 88.1 | 644 | 582 | 90.4 |
| ALASKA | 0 | | | 33 | 31 | 93.9 | 37 | 34 | 91.9 | 70 | 65 | 92.9 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| ARIZONA | 0 | | | 254 | 235 | 92.5 | 719 | 663 | 92.2 | 973 | 898 | 92.3 |
| ARKANSAS | 74 | 64 | 86.5 | 95 | 84 | 88.4 | 335 | 300 | 89.6 | 504 | 448 | 88.9 |
| CALIFORNIA – RN | 0 | | | 1,075 | 977 | 90.9 | 2,384 | 2,145 | 90.0 | 3,465 | 3,126 | 90.2 |
| COLORADO | 0 | | | 331 | 307 | 92.8 | 232 | 214 | 92.2 | 563 | 521 | 92.5 |
| CONNECTICUT | 104 | 98 | 94.2 | 58 | 55 | 94.8 | 134 | 117 | 87.3 | 298 | 272 | 91.3 |
| DELAWARE | 0 | | | 7 | 7 | 100.0 | 136 | 120 | 88.2 | 143 | 127 | 88.8 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 0 | | | 51 | 47 | 92.2 | 33 | 22 | 66.7 | 84 | 69 | 82.1 |
| FLORIDA | 0 | | | 313 | 297 | 94.9 | 1,670 | 1,463 | 87.6 | 1,984 | 1,760 | 88.7 |
| GEORGIA – RN | 0 | | | 539 | 494 | 91.7 | 385 | 348 | 90.4 | 924 | 842 | 91.1 |
| GUAM | 0 | | | 0 | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| HAWAII | 0 | | | 132 | 112 | 84.9 | 60 | 53 | 88.3 | 192 | 165 | 85.9 |
| IDAHO | 0 | | | 96 | 92 | 95.8 | 123 | 107 | 87.0 | 219 | 199 | 90.9 |
| ILLINOIS | 0 | | | 652 | 591 | 90.6 | 706 | 626 | 88.7 | 1,359 | 1,217 | 89.6 |
| INDIANA | 15 | 11 | 73.3 | 365 | 324 | 88.8 | 621 | 493 | 79.4 | 1,001 | 828 | 82.7 |
| IOWA | 0 | | | 150 | 129 | 86.0 | 333 | 290 | 87.1 | 483 | 419 | 86.8 |
| KANSAS | 0 | | | 117 | 101 | 86.3 | 262 | 226 | 86.3 | 379 | 327 | 86.3 |
| KENTUCKY | 0 | | | 311 | 292 | 93.9 | 432 | 385 | 89.1 | 743 | 677 | 91.1 |
| LOUISIANA – RN | 27 | 27 | 100.0 | 469 | 446 | 95.1 | 453 | 417 | 92.1 | 949 | 890 | 93.8 |
| MAINE | 0 | | | 74 | 68 | 91.9 | 36 | 33 | 91.7 | 110 | 101 | 91.8 |
| MARYLAND | 0 | | | 216 | 188 | 87.0 | 479 | 420 | 87.7 | 695 | 608 | 87.5 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 0 | | | 422 | 389 | 92.2 | 396 | 364 | 91.9 | 821 | 756 | 92.1 |
| MICHIGAN | 0 | | | 643 | 590 | 91.8 | 534 | 475 | 89.0 | 1,177 | 1,065 | 90.5 |
| MINNESOTA | 0 | | | 222 | 201 | 90.5 | 547 | 474 | 86.7 | 769 | 675 | 87.8 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 0 | | | 122 | 109 | 89.3 | 373 | 331 | 88.7 | 495 | 440 | 88.9 |
| MISSOURI | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 332 | 305 | 91.9 | 482 | 434 | 90.0 | 823 | 747 | 90.8 |
| MONTANA | 0 | | | 70 | 66 | 94.3 | 49 | 42 | 85.7 | 119 | 108 | 90.8 |
| NEBRASKA | 0 | | | 292 | 271 | 92.8 | 14 | 10 | 71.4 | 306 | 281 | 91.8 |
| NEVADA | 0 | | | 114 | 107 | 93.9 | 134 | 124 | 92.5 | 248 | 231 | 93.2 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 0 | | | 45 | 43 | 95.6 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 57 | 55 | 96.5 |
| NEW JERSEY | 193 | 184 | 95.3 | 91 | 79 | 86.8 | 268 | 245 | 91.4 | 554 | 509 | 91.9 |
| NEW MEXICO | 0 | | | 77 | 67 | 87.0 | 218 | 171 | 78.4 | 295 | 238 | 80.7 |
| NEW YORK | 0 | | | 565 | 492 | 87.1 | 1,433 | 1,241 | 86.6 | 2,000 | 1,733 | 86.7 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 65 | 65 | 100.0 | 425 | 399 | 93.9 | 337 | 294 | 87.2 | 827 | 758 | 91.7 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 73 | 66 | 90.4 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 74 | 67 | 90.5 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| OHIO | 41 | 33 | 80.5 | 423 | 374 | 88.4 | 1,114 | 972 | 87.3 | 1,578 | 1,379 | 87.4 |
| OKLAHOMA | 0 | | | 129 | 122 | 94.6 | 277 | 249 | 89.9 | 407 | 372 | 91.4 |

Table 3. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Jan. 1 - March 31, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2011 | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| OREGON | 0 | | | 85 | 79 | 92.9 | 13 | 12 | 92.3 | 98 | 91 | 92.9 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 168 | 153 | 91.1 | 452 | 414 | 91.6 | 472 | 406 | 86.0 | 1,095 | 976 | 89.1 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 0 | | | 93 | 82 | 88.2 | 72 | 68 | 94.4 | 165 | 150 | 90.9 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 0 | | | 218 | 188 | 86.2 | 316 | 291 | 92.1 | 534 | 479 | 89.7 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 87 | 77 | 88.5 | 54 | 46 | 85.2 | 141 | 123 | 87.2 |
| TENNESSEE | 0 | | | 459 | 443 | 96.5 | 393 | 367 | 93.4 | 852 | 810 | 95.1 |
| TEXAS | 60 | 54 | 90.0 | 1,285 | 1,185 | 92.2 | 1,723 | 1,469 | 85.3 | 3,068 | 2,708 | 88.3 |
| UTAH | 0 | | | 54 | 47 | 87.0 | 314 | 275 | 87.6 | 368 | 322 | 87.5 |
| VERMONT | 0 | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| VIRGINIA | 53 | 51 | 96.2 | 445 | 401 | 90.1 | 251 | 215 | 85.7 | 749 | 667 | 89.1 |
| WASHINGTON | 0 | | | 170 | 153 | 90.0 | 259 | 232 | 89.6 | 429 | 385 | 89.7 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – RN | 0 | | | 117 | 83 | 70.9 | 113 | 101 | 89.4 | 230 | 184 | 80.0 |
| WISCONSIN | 0 | | | 374 | 323 | 86.4 | 726 | 645 | 88.8 | 1,100 | 968 | 88.0 |
| WYOMING | 0 | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 55 | 40 | 72.7 | 56 | 41 | 73.2 |
| TOTAL | 808 | 747 | 92.5 | 13,550 | 12,336 | 91.0 | 20,840 | 18,364 | 88.1 | 35,222 | 31,464 | 89.3 |

¹ Data does not include Special Program Codes.

Table 4. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (April 1 - June 30, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Apr. 1 - June 30, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|------|---------------------|--------|------|---------------------------------|--------|------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 0 | | | 525 | 502 | 95.6 | 878 | 797 | 90.8 | 1,403 | 1,299 | 92.6 |
| ALASKA | 0 | | | 23 | 22 | 95.7 | 33 | 29 | 87.9 | 56 | 51 | 91.1 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| ARIZONA | 0 | | | 251 | 238 | 94.8 | 602 | 563 | 93.5 | 853 | 801 | 93.9 |
| ARKANSAS | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 118 | 108 | 91.5 | 109 | 95 | 87.2 | 235 | 208 | 88.5 |
| CALIFORNIA – RN | 0 | | | 965 | 866 | 89.7 | 1,425 | 1,283 | 90.0 | 2,400 | 2,157 | 89.9 |
| COLORADO | 0 | | | 303 | 272 | 89.8 | 342 | 317 | 92.7 | 645 | 589 | 91.3 |
| CONNECTICUT | 54 | 47 | 87.0 | 164 | 156 | 95.1 | 131 | 117 | 89.3 | 353 | 324 | 91.8 |
| DELAWARE | 26 | 23 | 88.5 | 75 | 62 | 82.7 | 75 | 67 | 89.3 | 176 | 152 | 86.4 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 0 | | | 75 | 72 | 96.0 | 18 | 11 | 61.1 | 93 | 83 | 89.3 |
| FLORIDA | 0 | | | 677 | 631 | 93.2 | 1,651 | 1,499 | 90.8 | 2,329 | 2,130 | 91.5 |
| GEORGIA – RN | 0 | | | 742 | 701 | 94.5 | 655 | 608 | 92.8 | 1,397 | 1,309 | 93.7 |
| GUAM | 0 | | | 0 | | | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| HAWAII | 0 | | | 39 | 29 | 74.4 | 17 | 16 | 94.1 | 56 | 45 | 80.4 |
| IDAHO | 0 | | | 104 | 101 | 97.1 | 135 | 130 | 96.3 | 239 | 231 | 96.7 |
| ILLINOIS | 20 | 18 | 90.0 | 800 | 756 | 94.5 | 704 | 648 | 92.1 | 1,527 | 1,425 | 93.3 |
| INDIANA | 14 | 11 | 78.6 | 815 | 767 | 94.1 | 888 | 764 | 86.0 | 1,717 | 1,542 | 89.8 |
| IOWA | 0 | | | 233 | 214 | 91.9 | 449 | 410 | 91.3 | 682 | 624 | 91.5 |
| KANSAS | 0 | | | 480 | 436 | 90.8 | 613 | 551 | 89.9 | 1,093 | 987 | 90.3 |
| KENTUCKY | 0 | | | 356 | 340 | 95.5 | 768 | 700 | 91.2 | 1,124 | 1,040 | 92.5 |
| LOUISIANA – RN | 0 | | | 204 | 187 | 91.7 | 268 | 255 | 95.2 | 472 | 442 | 93.6 |
| MAINE | 0 | | | 139 | 123 | 88.5 | 268 | 255 | 95.2 | 407 | 378 | 92.9 |
| MARYLAND | 0 | | | 203 | 173 | 85.2 | 437 | 406 | 92.9 | 640 | 579 | 90.5 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 52 | 48 | 92.3 | 329 | 299 | 90.9 | 316 | 298 | 94.3 | 698 | 645 | 92.4 |
| MICHIGAN | 0 | | | 410 | 380 | 92.7 | 684 | 632 | 92.4 | 1,096 | 1,014 | 92.5 |
| MINNESOTA | 0 | | | 563 | 514 | 91.3 | 995 | 881 | 88.5 | 1,560 | 1,396 | 89.5 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 0 | | | 262 | 240 | 91.6 | 837 | 756 | 90.3 | 1,099 | 996 | 90.6 |
| MISSOURI | 11 | 11 | 100.0 | 571 | 546 | 95.6 | 467 | 428 | 91.7 | 1,050 | 986 | 93.9 |
| MONTANA | 0 | | | 89 | 81 | 91.0 | 92 | 77 | 83.7 | 181 | 158 | 87.3 |
| NEBRASKA | 0 | | | 295 | 284 | 96.3 | 175 | 156 | 89.1 | 470 | 440 | 93.6 |
| NEVADA | 0 | | | 154 | 142 | 92.2 | 121 | 113 | 93.4 | 275 | 255 | 92.7 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 0 | | | 72 | 71 | 98.6 | 253 | 246 | 97.2 | 326 | 317 | 97.2 |
| NEW JERSEY | 108 | 104 | 96.3 | 136 | 124 | 91.2 | 220 | 196 | 89.1 | 468 | 426 | 91.0 |
| NEW MEXICO | 0 | | | 74 | 69 | 93.2 | 181 | 156 | 86.2 | 255 | 225 | 88.2 |
| NEW YORK | 0 | | | 567 | 493 | 87.0 | 1,383 | 1,184 | 85.6 | 1,950 | 1,677 | 86.0 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 26 | 25 | 96.2 | 662 | 636 | 96.1 | 1,648 | 1,530 | 92.8 | 2,336 | 2,191 | 93.8 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 224 | 215 | 96.0 | 59 | 57 | 96.6 | 283 | 272 | 96.1 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| OHIO | 92 | 75 | 81.5 | 846 | 771 | 91.1 | 1,035 | 924 | 89.3 | 1,973 | 1,770 | 89.7 |
| OKLAHOMA | 0 | | | 371 | 343 | 92.5 | 474 | 430 | 90.7 | 847 | 775 | 91.5 |

Table 4. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (April 1 - June 30, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Apr. 1 - June 30, 2011 | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| OREGON | 0 | | | 274 | 248 | 90.5 | 75 | 75 | 100.0 | 349 | 323 | 92.6 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 139 | 124 | 89.2 | 558 | 526 | 94.3 | 498 | 426 | 85.5 | 1,196 | 1,077 | 90.1 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 5 | 5 | 100.0 | 32 | 30 | 93.8 | 23 | 22 | 95.7 | 60 | 57 | 95.0 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 0 | | | 552 | 512 | 92.8 | 468 | 445 | 95.1 | 1,022 | 958 | 93.7 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 179 | 167 | 93.3 | 190 | 174 | 91.6 | 369 | 341 | 92.4 |
| TENNESSEE | 0 | | | 720 | 676 | 93.9 | 700 | 663 | 94.7 | 1,420 | 1,339 | 94.3 |
| TEXAS | 26 | 23 | 88.5 | 1,408 | 1,309 | 93.0 | 2,466 | 2,195 | 89.0 | 3,900 | 3,527 | 90.4 |
| UTAH | 0 | | | 176 | 173 | 98.3 | 433 | 384 | 88.7 | 610 | 558 | 91.5 |
| VERMONT | 0 | | | 43 | 43 | 100.0 | 118 | 106 | 89.8 | 161 | 149 | 92.6 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| VIRGINIA | 157 | 148 | 94.3 | 383 | 350 | 91.4 | 619 | 563 | 91.0 | 1,159 | 1,061 | 91.5 |
| WASHINGTON | 0 | | | 173 | 161 | 93.1 | 353 | 328 | 92.9 | 526 | 489 | 93.0 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – RN | 0 | | | 257 | 207 | 80.5 | 256 | 232 | 90.6 | 513 | 439 | 85.6 |
| WISCONSIN | 0 | | | 374 | 357 | 95.5 | 456 | 427 | 93.6 | 830 | 784 | 94.5 |
| WYOMING | 0 | | | 18 | 17 | 94.4 | 109 | 98 | 89.9 | 127 | 115 | 90.6 |
| TOTAL | 738 | 667 | 90.4 | 18,063 | 16,740 | 92.7 | 26,174 | 23,725 | 90.6 | 45,010 | 41,158 | 91.4 |

¹ Data does not include Special Program Codes.

Table 5. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 0 | | | 428 | 370 | 86.5 | 639 | 523 | 81.9 | 1,067 | 893 | 83.7 |
| ALASKA | 0 | | | 27 | 21 | 77.8 | 13 | 8 | 61.5 | 40 | 29 | 72.5 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| ARIZONA | 0 | | | 316 | 284 | 89.9 | 489 | 423 | 86.5 | 805 | 707 | 87.8 |
| ARKANSAS | 135 | 120 | 88.9 | 343 | 290 | 84.6 | 319 | 263 | 82.5 | 797 | 673 | 84.4 |
| CALIFORNIA – RN | 0 | | | 1,344 | 1,153 | 85.8 | 2,438 | 2,113 | 86.7 | 3,785 | 3,267 | 86.3 |
| COLORADO | 0 | | | 320 | 282 | 88.1 | 215 | 170 | 79.1 | 535 | 452 | 84.5 |
| CONNECTICUT | 5 | 3 | 60.0 | 340 | 317 | 93.2 | 354 | 327 | 92.4 | 700 | 648 | 92.6 |
| DELAWARE | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 157 | 134 | 85.4 | 51 | 40 | 78.4 | 211 | 177 | 83.9 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 0 | | | 115 | 93 | 80.9 | 21 | 14 | 66.7 | 136 | 107 | 78.7 |
| FLORIDA | 0 | | | 940 | 852 | 90.6 | 1,690 | 1,453 | 86.0 | 2,630 | 2,305 | 87.6 |
| GEORGIA – RN | 0 | | | 493 | 418 | 84.8 | 448 | 377 | 84.2 | 941 | 795 | 84.5 |
| GUAM | 0 | | | 8 | 8 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 9 | 9 | 100.0 |
| HAWAII | 0 | | | 166 | 138 | 83.1 | 97 | 79 | 81.4 | 265 | 218 | 82.3 |
| IDAHO | 0 | | | 67 | 58 | 86.6 | 121 | 101 | 83.5 | 188 | 159 | 84.6 |
| ILLINOIS | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 1,001 | 836 | 83.5 | 1,464 | 1,246 | 85.1 | 2,469 | 2,085 | 84.4 |
| INDIANA | 33 | 27 | 81.8 | 497 | 426 | 85.7 | 590 | 463 | 78.5 | 1,120 | 916 | 81.8 |
| IOWA | 0 | | | 243 | 208 | 85.6 | 518 | 423 | 81.7 | 761 | 631 | 82.9 |
| KANSAS | 0 | | | 121 | 89 | 73.6 | 118 | 87 | 73.7 | 239 | 176 | 73.6 |
| KENTUCKY | 0 | | | 229 | 198 | 86.5 | 416 | 344 | 82.7 | 645 | 542 | 84.0 |
| LOUISIANA – RN | 0 | | | 424 | 367 | 86.6 | 314 | 269 | 85.7 | 738 | 636 | 86.2 |
| MAINE | 0 | | | 86 | 71 | 82.6 | 61 | 50 | 82.0 | 147 | 121 | 82.3 |
| MARYLAND | 0 | | | 634 | 525 | 82.8 | 565 | 481 | 85.1 | 1,199 | 1,006 | 83.9 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 50 | 39 | 78.0 | 1,105 | 952 | 86.2 | 794 | 697 | 87.8 | 1,950 | 1,689 | 86.6 |
| MICHIGAN | 0 | | | 816 | 708 | 86.8 | 1,335 | 1,141 | 85.5 | 2,153 | 1,850 | 85.9 |
| MINNESOTA | 0 | | | 287 | 232 | 80.8 | 420 | 316 | 75.2 | 708 | 549 | 77.5 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 0 | | | 83 | 63 | 75.9 | 174 | 115 | 66.1 | 257 | 178 | 69.3 |
| MISSOURI | 6 | 5 | 83.3 | 688 | 626 | 91.0 | 531 | 438 | 82.5 | 1,226 | 1,069 | 87.2 |
| MONTANA | 0 | | | 33 | 28 | 84.9 | 77 | 54 | 70.1 | 110 | 82 | 74.5 |
| NEBRASKA | 0 | | | 181 | 153 | 84.5 | 160 | 132 | 82.5 | 341 | 285 | 83.6 |
| NEVADA | 0 | | | 91 | 75 | 82.4 | 193 | 165 | 85.5 | 284 | 240 | 84.5 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 0 | | | 99 | 91 | 91.9 | 199 | 165 | 82.9 | 298 | 256 | 85.9 |
| NEW JERSEY | 340 | 301 | 88.5 | 523 | 452 | 86.4 | 627 | 576 | 91.9 | 1,492 | 1,331 | 89.2 |
| NEW MEXICO | 0 | | | 22 | 19 | 86.4 | 280 | 206 | 73.6 | 302 | 225 | 74.5 |
| NEW YORK | 8 | 8 | 100.0 | 1,697 | 1,374 | 81.0 | 3,045 | 2,591 | 85.1 | 4,752 | 3,974 | 83.6 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 43 | 41 | 95.4 | 231 | 191 | 82.7 | 336 | 264 | 78.6 | 610 | 496 | 81.3 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 61 | 46 | 75.4 | 38 | 30 | 79.0 | 99 | 76 | 76.8 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 10 | 6 | 60.0 | 10 | 6 | 60.0 |
| OHIO | 123 | 93 | 75.6 | 1,388 | 1,191 | 85.8 | 1,928 | 1,628 | 84.4 | 3,439 | 2,912 | 84.7 |
| OKLAHOMA | 0 | | | 418 | 348 | 83.3 | 430 | 332 | 77.2 | 850 | 682 | 80.2 |

Table 5. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| OREGON | 0 | | | 308 | 276 | 89.6 | 485 | 443 | 91.3 | 793 | 719 | 90.7 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 609 | 557 | 91.5 | 1,722 | 1,532 | 89.0 | 1,757 | 1,503 | 85.5 | 4,088 | 3,592 | 87.9 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 14 | 14 | 100.0 | 171 | 156 | 91.2 | 144 | 132 | 91.7 | 329 | 302 | 91.8 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 0 | | | 135 | 91 | 67.4 | 340 | 295 | 86.8 | 477 | 388 | 81.3 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 77 | 70 | 90.9 | 127 | 107 | 84.3 | 205 | 178 | 86.8 |
| TENNESSEE | 0 | | | 441 | 393 | 89.1 | 313 | 248 | 79.2 | 754 | 641 | 85.0 |
| TEXAS | 44 | 38 | 86.4 | 779 | 655 | 84.1 | 1,294 | 990 | 76.5 | 2,117 | 1,683 | 79.5 |
| UTAH | 0 | | | 110 | 102 | 92.7 | 287 | 231 | 80.5 | 398 | 334 | 83.9 |
| VERMONT | 0 | | | 60 | 56 | 93.3 | 69 | 60 | 87.0 | 129 | 116 | 89.9 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 0 | | | 11 | 8 | 72.7 | 14 | 14 | 100.0 | 25 | 22 | 88.0 |
| VIRGINIA | 120 | 112 | 93.3 | 513 | 446 | 86.9 | 886 | 746 | 84.2 | 1,519 | 1,304 | 85.8 |
| WASHINGTON | 0 | | | 452 | 419 | 92.7 | 962 | 854 | 88.8 | 1,414 | 1,273 | 90.0 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – RN | 0 | | | 170 | 127 | 74.7 | 189 | 152 | 80.4 | 359 | 279 | 77.7 |
| WISCONSIN | 0 | | | 711 | 624 | 87.8 | 498 | 440 | 88.4 | 1,209 | 1,064 | 88.0 |
| WYOMING | 0 | | | 47 | 42 | 89.4 | 116 | 95 | 81.9 | 163 | 137 | 84.0 |
| TOTAL | 1,536 | 1,363 | 88.7 | 21,729 | 18,684 | 86.0 | 29,002 | 24,422 | 84.2 | 52,289 | 44,485 | 85.1 |

¹ Data does not include Special Program Codes.

Table 6. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 0 | | | 85 | 64 | 75.3 | 137 | 112 | 81.8 | 222 | 176 | 79.3 |
| ALASKA | 0 | | | 19 | 13 | 68.4 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 22 | 16 | 72.7 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| ARIZONA | 0 | | | 106 | 95 | 89.6 | 84 | 75 | 89.3 | 190 | 170 | 89.5 |
| ARKANSAS | 8 | 6 | 75.0 | 17 | 14 | 82.4 | 93 | 81 | 87.1 | 118 | 101 | 85.6 |
| CALIFORNIA – RN | 0 | | | 488 | 417 | 85.5 | 492 | 412 | 83.7 | 983 | 830 | 84.4 |
| COLORADO | 0 | | | 112 | 105 | 93.8 | 78 | 62 | 79.5 | 190 | 167 | 87.9 |
| CONNECTICUT | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 66 | 59 | 89.4 | 55 | 46 | 83.6 | 123 | 107 | 87.0 |
| DELAWARE | 0 | | | 15 | 12 | 80.0 | 11 | 7 | 63.6 | 26 | 19 | 73.1 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 0 | | | 10 | 8 | 80.0 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 20 | 18 | 90.0 |
| FLORIDA | 0 | | | 271 | 234 | 86.4 | 904 | 720 | 79.7 | 1,175 | 954 | 81.2 |
| GEORGIA – RN | 0 | | | 71 | 60 | 84.5 | 53 | 46 | 86.8 | 124 | 106 | 85.5 |
| GUAM | 0 | | | 10 | 8 | 80.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 11 | 9 | 81.8 |
| HAWAII | 0 | | | 71 | 52 | 73.2 | 10 | 7 | 70.0 | 81 | 59 | 72.8 |
| IDAHO | 0 | | | 9 | 8 | 88.9 | 32 | 28 | 87.5 | 41 | 36 | 87.8 |
| ILLINOIS | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 167 | 145 | 86.8 | 150 | 107 | 71.3 | 319 | 253 | 79.3 |
| INDIANA | 15 | 12 | 80.0 | 106 | 87 | 82.1 | 198 | 142 | 71.7 | 319 | 241 | 75.5 |
| IOWA | 0 | | | 21 | 15 | 71.4 | 138 | 110 | 79.7 | 159 | 125 | 78.6 |
| KANSAS | 0 | | | 125 | 121 | 96.8 | 167 | 137 | 82.0 | 292 | 258 | 88.4 |
| KENTUCKY | 0 | | | 25 | 24 | 96.0 | 159 | 142 | 89.3 | 184 | 166 | 90.2 |
| LOUISIANA – RN | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 65 | 53 | 81.5 | 69 | 60 | 87.0 | 135 | 114 | 84.4 |
| MAINE | 0 | | | 34 | 28 | 82.4 | 15 | 14 | 93.3 | 50 | 43 | 86.0 |
| MARYLAND | 0 | | | 55 | 31 | 56.4 | 68 | 58 | 85.3 | 123 | 89 | 72.4 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 0 | | | 93 | 69 | 74.2 | 83 | 57 | 68.7 | 176 | 126 | 71.6 |
| MICHIGAN | 0 | | | 281 | 264 | 94.0 | 364 | 312 | 85.7 | 645 | 576 | 89.3 |
| MINNESOTA | 0 | | | 31 | 20 | 64.5 | 65 | 41 | 63.1 | 96 | 61 | 63.5 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 0 | | | 10 | 6 | 60.0 | 43 | 38 | 88.4 | 53 | 44 | 83.0 |
| MISSOURI | 21 | 21 | 100.0 | 250 | 221 | 88.4 | 46 | 36 | 78.3 | 317 | 278 | 87.7 |
| MONTANA | 0 | | | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 5 | 3 | 60.0 | 8 | 6 | 75.0 |
| NEBRASKA | 0 | | | 30 | 26 | 86.7 | 40 | 32 | 80.0 | 70 | 58 | 82.9 |
| NEVADA | 0 | | | 43 | 32 | 74.4 | 59 | 54 | 91.5 | 102 | 86 | 84.3 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 0 | | | 2 | | | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 |
| NEW JERSEY | 41 | 34 | 82.9 | 253 | 205 | 81.0 | 110 | 89 | 80.9 | 406 | 330 | 81.3 |
| NEW MEXICO | 0 | | | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 148 | 113 | 76.4 | 151 | 116 | 76.8 |
| NEW YORK | 0 | | | 322 | 245 | 76.1 | 712 | 554 | 77.8 | 1,035 | 800 | 77.3 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 30 | 25 | 83.3 | 42 | 32 | 76.2 | 73 | 58 | 79.5 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 7 | 5 | 71.4 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 5 | 1 | 20.0 | 5 | 1 | 20.0 |
| OHIO | 20 | 17 | 85.0 | 390 | 331 | 84.9 | 639 | 548 | 85.8 | 1,050 | 896 | 85.3 |
| OKLAHOMA | 0 | | | 30 | 25 | 83.3 | 69 | 48 | 69.6 | 100 | 74 | 74.0 |

Table 6. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011)¹

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | Total Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| OREGON | 0 | | | 34 | 31 | 91.2 | 20 | 19 | 95.0 | 54 | 50 | 92.6 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 218 | 194 | 89.0 | 399 | 360 | 90.2 | 234 | 184 | 78.6 | 851 | 738 | 86.7 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 0 | | | 13 | 11 | 84.6 | 16 | 12 | 75.0 | 29 | 23 | 79.3 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 0 | | | 57 | 49 | 86.0 | 124 | 111 | 89.5 | 182 | 161 | 88.5 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 25 | 23 | 92.0 | 10 | 4 | 40.0 | 35 | 27 | 77.1 |
| TENNESSEE | 0 | | | 94 | 84 | 89.4 | 15 | 11 | 73.3 | 109 | 95 | 87.2 |
| TEXAS | 0 | | | 296 | 250 | 84.5 | 368 | 303 | 82.3 | 664 | 553 | 83.3 |
| UTAH | 0 | | | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 85 | 71 | 83.5 | 93 | 78 | 83.9 |
| VERMONT | 0 | | | 7 | 7 | 100.0 | 5 | 5 | 100.0 | 12 | 12 | 100.0 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 0 | | | 0 | | | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| VIRGINIA | 22 | 20 | 90.9 | 65 | 52 | 80.0 | 241 | 194 | 80.5 | 328 | 266 | 81.1 |
| WASHINGTON | 0 | | | 38 | 33 | 86.8 | 195 | 170 | 87.2 | 233 | 203 | 87.1 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – RN | 0 | | | 74 | 46 | 62.2 | 8 | 6 | 75.0 | 82 | 52 | 63.4 |
| WISCONSIN | 0 | | | 79 | 68 | 86.1 | 49 | 39 | 79.6 | 128 | 107 | 83.6 |
| WYOMING | 0 | | | 12 | 9 | 75.0 | 10 | 8 | 80.0 | 22 | 17 | 77.3 |
| TOTAL | 350 | 309 | 88.3 | 4,925 | 4,162 | 84.5 | 6,747 | 5,483 | 81.3 | 12,033 | 9,961 | 82.8 |

¹ Data does not include Special Program Codes.

Table 7. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011)

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | RN-Special Program Codes | | | Total Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|------|---------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------|-----|------------------------------|--------|------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 0 | | | 1,363 | 1,237 | 90.8 | 1,973 | 1,713 | 86.8 | 0 | | | 3,336 | 2,950 | 88.4 |
| ALASKA | 0 | | | 102 | 87 | 85.3 | 86 | 74 | 86.0 | 0 | | | 188 | 161 | 85.6 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 0 | | | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| ARIZONA | 0 | | | 927 | 852 | 91.9 | 1,894 | 1,724 | 91.0 | 0 | | | 2,821 | 2,576 | 91.3 |
| ARKANSAS | 225 | 195 | 86.7 | 573 | 496 | 86.6 | 856 | 739 | 86.3 | 0 | | | 1,654 | 1,430 | 86.5 |
| CALIFORNIA – RN | 0 | | | 3,872 | 3,413 | 88.1 | 6,739 | 5,953 | 88.3 | 22 | 14 | 0.6 | 10,633 | 9,380 | 88.2 |
| COLORADO | 0 | | | 1,066 | 966 | 90.6 | 867 | 763 | 88.0 | 0 | | | 1,933 | 1,729 | 89.4 |
| CONNECTICUT | 165 | 150 | 90.9 | 628 | 587 | 93.5 | 674 | 607 | 90.1 | 7 | 7 | 1.0 | 1,474 | 1,351 | 91.7 |
| DELAWARE | 29 | 26 | 89.7 | 254 | 215 | 84.6 | 273 | 234 | 85.7 | 0 | | | 556 | 475 | 85.4 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 0 | | | 251 | 220 | 87.6 | 82 | 57 | 69.5 | 0 | | | 333 | 277 | 83.2 |
| FLORIDA | 0 | | | 2,201 | 2,014 | 91.5 | 5,915 | 5,135 | 86.8 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 8,118 | 7,149 | 88.1 |
| GEORGIA – RN | 0 | | | 1,845 | 1,673 | 90.7 | 1,541 | 1,379 | 89.5 | 0 | | | 3,386 | 3,052 | 90.1 |
| GUAM | 0 | | | 18 | 16 | 88.9 | 7 | 6 | 85.7 | 0 | | | 25 | 22 | 88.0 |
| HAWAII | 0 | | | 408 | 331 | 81.1 | 184 | 155 | 84.2 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 594 | 487 | 82.0 |
| IDAHO | 0 | | | 276 | 259 | 93.8 | 411 | 366 | 89.1 | 0 | | | 687 | 625 | 91.0 |
| ILLINOIS | 24 | 21 | 87.5 | 2,620 | 2,328 | 88.9 | 3,024 | 2,627 | 86.9 | 6 | 4 | 0.7 | 5,674 | 4,980 | 87.8 |
| INDIANA | 77 | 61 | 79.2 | 1,783 | 1,604 | 90.0 | 2,297 | 1,862 | 81.1 | 0 | | | 4,157 | 3,527 | 84.8 |
| IOWA | 0 | | | 647 | 566 | 87.5 | 1,438 | 1,233 | 85.7 | 0 | | | 2,085 | 1,799 | 86.3 |
| KANSAS | 0 | | | 843 | 747 | 88.6 | 1,160 | 1,001 | 86.3 | 0 | | | 2,003 | 1,748 | 87.3 |
| KENTUCKY | 0 | | | 921 | 854 | 92.7 | 1,775 | 1,571 | 88.5 | 0 | | | 2,696 | 2,425 | 89.9 |
| LOUISIANA – RN | 28 | 28 | 100.0 | 1,162 | 1,053 | 90.6 | 1,104 | 1,001 | 90.7 | 0 | | | 2,294 | 2,082 | 90.8 |
| MAINE | 0 | | | 333 | 290 | 87.1 | 380 | 352 | 92.6 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 714 | 643 | 90.1 |
| MARYLAND | 0 | | | 1,108 | 917 | 82.8 | 1,549 | 1,365 | 88.1 | 0 | | | 2,657 | 2,282 | 85.9 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 102 | 87 | 85.3 | 1,949 | 1,709 | 87.7 | 1,589 | 1,416 | 89.1 | 5 | 4 | 0.8 | 3,645 | 3,216 | 88.2 |
| MICHIGAN | 0 | | | 2,150 | 1,942 | 90.3 | 2,917 | 2,560 | 87.8 | 4 | 3 | 0.8 | 5,071 | 4,505 | 88.8 |
| MINNESOTA | 0 | | | 1,103 | 967 | 87.7 | 2,027 | 1,712 | 84.5 | 3 | 2 | 0.7 | 3,133 | 2,681 | 85.6 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 0 | | | 477 | 418 | 87.6 | 1,427 | 1,240 | 86.9 | 0 | | | 1,904 | 1,658 | 87.1 |
| MISSOURI | 46 | 44 | 95.7 | 1,841 | 1,698 | 92.2 | 1,526 | 1,336 | 87.5 | 3 | 2 | 0.7 | 3,416 | 3,080 | 90.2 |
| MONTANA | 0 | | | 195 | 178 | 91.3 | 223 | 176 | 78.9 | 0 | | | 418 | 354 | 84.7 |
| NEBRASKA | 0 | | | 798 | 734 | 92.0 | 389 | 330 | 84.8 | 0 | | | 1,187 | 1,064 | 89.6 |

Table 7. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Degree Type (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011)

| Jurisdiction | RN-Diploma | | | RN-Baccalaureate | | | RN-Associate Degree | | | RN-Special Program Codes | | | Total Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| NEVADA | 0 | | | 402 | 356 | 88.6 | 507 | 456 | 89.9 | 0 | | | 909 | 812 | 89.3 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 0 | | | 218 | 205 | 94.0 | 466 | 424 | 91.0 | 3 | 2 | 0.7 | 687 | 631 | 91.8 |
| NEW JERSEY | 682 | 623 | 91.3 | 1,003 | 860 | 85.7 | 1,225 | 1,106 | 90.3 | 10 | 7 | 0.7 | 2,920 | 2,596 | 88.9 |
| NEW MEXICO | 0 | | | 176 | 158 | 89.8 | 827 | 646 | 78.1 | 0 | | | 1,003 | 804 | 80.2 |
| NEW YORK | 8 | 8 | 100.0 | 3,151 | 2,604 | 82.6 | 6,573 | 5,570 | 84.7 | 5 | 2 | 0.4 | 9,737 | 8,184 | 84.1 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 135 | 132 | 97.8 | 1,348 | 1,251 | 92.8 | 2,363 | 2,120 | 89.7 | 0 | | | 3,846 | 3,503 | 91.1 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 363 | 331 | 91.2 | 100 | 89 | 89.0 | 0 | | | 463 | 420 | 90.7 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 16 | 7 | 43.8 | 0 | | | 16 | 7 | 43.8 |
| OHIO | 276 | 218 | 79.0 | 3,047 | 2,667 | 87.5 | 4,716 | 4,072 | 86.3 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 8,040 | 6,957 | 86.5 |
| OKLAHOMA | 0 | | | 948 | 838 | 88.4 | 1,250 | 1,059 | 84.7 | 6 | 6 | 1.0 | 2,204 | 1,903 | 86.3 |
| OREGON | 0 | | | 701 | 634 | 90.4 | 593 | 549 | 92.6 | 0 | | | 1,294 | 1,183 | 91.4 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,134 | 1,028 | 90.7 | 3,131 | 2,832 | 90.5 | 2,961 | 2,519 | 85.1 | 4 | 4 | 1.0 | 7,230 | 6,383 | 88.3 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 19 | 19 | 100.0 | 309 | 279 | 90.3 | 255 | 234 | 91.8 | 0 | | | 583 | 532 | 91.3 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 0 | | | 962 | 840 | 87.3 | 1,248 | 1,142 | 91.5 | 5 | 4 | 0.8 | 2,215 | 1,986 | 89.7 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 0 | | | 368 | 337 | 91.6 | 381 | 331 | 86.9 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 750 | 669 | 89.2 |
| TENNESSEE | 0 | | | 1,714 | 1,596 | 93.1 | 1,421 | 1,289 | 90.7 | 0 | | | 3,135 | 2,885 | 92.0 |
| TEXAS | 130 | 115 | 88.5 | 3,768 | 3,399 | 90.2 | 5,851 | 4,957 | 84.7 | 0 | | | 9,749 | 8,471 | 86.9 |
| UTAH | 0 | | | 348 | 329 | 94.5 | 1,119 | 961 | 85.9 | 2 | 2 | 1.0 | 1,469 | 1,292 | 88.0 |
| VERMONT | 0 | | | 112 | 108 | 96.4 | 193 | 172 | 89.1 | 0 | | | 305 | 280 | 91.8 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 0 | | | 11 | 8 | 72.7 | 17 | 17 | 100.0 | 0 | | | 28 | 25 | 89.3 |
| VIRGINIA | 352 | 331 | 94.0 | 1,406 | 1,249 | 88.8 | 1,997 | 1,718 | 86.0 | 0 | | | 3,755 | 3,298 | 87.8 |
| WASHINGTON | 0 | | | 833 | 766 | 92.0 | 1,769 | 1,584 | 89.5 | 0 | | | 2,602 | 2,350 | 90.3 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – RN | 0 | | | 618 | 463 | 74.9 | 566 | 491 | 86.7 | 0 | | | 1,184 | 954 | 80.6 |
| WISCONSIN | 0 | | | 1,538 | 1,372 | 89.2 | 1,729 | 1,551 | 89.7 | 0 | | | 3,267 | 2,923 | 89.5 |
| WYOMING | 0 | | | 78 | 69 | 88.5 | 290 | 241 | 83.1 | 0 | | | 368 | 310 | 84.2 |
| TOTAL | 3,432 | 3,086 | 89.9 | 58,267 | 51,922 | 89.1 | 82,763 | 71,994 | 87.0 | 92 | 66 | 71.7 | 144,554 | 127,068 | 87.9 |

Table 8. First-Time, Internationally Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination by Country of Education (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011)

| Country of Education | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2011 | | | Apr. 1 - June 30, 2011 | | | July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 | | | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | | Total Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALBANIA | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 9 | 2 | 22.2 |
| ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| ARGENTINA | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 |
| ARMENIA | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 7 | 4 | 57.1 | 11 | 4 | 36.4 | 32 | 12 | 37.5 |
| AUSTRALIA | 14 | 6 | 42.9 | 11 | 6 | 54.6 | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 | 36 | 19 | 52.8 |
| AZERBAIJAN | | | | | | | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BAHAMAS | | | | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BANGLADESH | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| BARBADOS | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| BELARUS | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 9 | 3 | 33.3 |
| BELGIUM | | | | | | | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | | | | 5 | 4 | 80.0 |
| BELIZE | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 5 | 3 | 60.0 |
| BENIN | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BHUTAN | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BRAZIL | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 1 | 20.0 | 20 | 6 | 30.0 |
| BULGARIA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 |
| BURKINA FASO | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| BURUNDI | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| CAMEROON | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 6 | 2 | 33.3 | 7 | 1 | 14.3 | 10 | 1 | 10.0 | 30 | 6 | 20.0 |
| CANADA | 130 | 73 | 56.2 | 161 | 103 | 64.0 | 153 | 106 | 69.3 | 167 | 106 | 63.5 | 611 | 388 | 63.5 |
| CHILE | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 5 | 4 | 80.0 |
| CHINA | 43 | 17 | 39.5 | 41 | 20 | 48.8 | 35 | 14 | 40.0 | 31 | 11 | 35.5 | 150 | 62 | 41.3 |
| COLOMBIA | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 23 | 7 | 30.4 |
| CONGO | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| COSTA RICA | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| CUBA | 16 | 5 | 31.3 | 23 | 6 | 26.1 | 21 | 4 | 19.0 | 20 | 7 | 35.0 | 80 | 22 | 27.5 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| DENMARK | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |

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|---------------------------|------------------------|----|--------|-----|----|-------|------------------------|----|--------|-----|-------|------|-------------------------|-------|--------|----|------|---|------------------------|-----|--------|---|-----|---|------------------------------|-----|--------|---|-----|--|
| | Candidates | | Passed | | % | | Candidates | | Passed | | % | | Candidates | | Passed | | % | | Candidates | | Passed | | % | | Candidates | | Passed | | % | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ECUADOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EGYPT | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EL SALVADOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ERITREA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| ETHIOPIA | 20 | 6 | 30.0 | 22 | 6 | 27.3 | 13 | 6 | 46.2 | 11 | 46.2 | 11 | 1 | 9.1 | 66 | 19 | 28.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FUJI | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FINLAND | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 5 | 2 | 40.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FRANCE | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 6 | 5 | 83.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GAMBIA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEORGIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GERMANY | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | 8 | 4 | 50.0 | 11 | 7 | 63.6 | 8 | 87.5 | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 32 | 22 | 68.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GHANA | 8 | 1 | 12.5 | 18 | 7 | 38.9 | 12 | 4 | 33.3 | 4 | 25.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 42 | 13 | 31.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRENADA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GUATEMALA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GUYANA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 1 | 33.3 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 1 | 14.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HAITI | 20 | 4 | 20.0 | 22 | 3 | 13.6 | 18 | 4 | 22.2 | 19 | 10.5 | 19 | 2 | 10.5 | 79 | 13 | 16.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HONG KONG | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HUNGARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ICELAND | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INDIA | 201 | 31 | 15.4 | 200 | 65 | 32.5 | 202 | 55 | 27.2 | 234 | 52 | 22.2 | 837 | 203 | 24.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INDONESIA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 1 | 14.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF | 12 | 2 | 16.7 | 13 | 3 | 23.1 | 12 | 4 | 33.3 | 10 | 30.0 | 10 | 3 | 30.0 | 47 | 12 | 25.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRAQ | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRELAND | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ISRAEL | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 6 | 3 | 50.0 | 10 | 7 | 70.0 | 8 | 62.5 | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 32 | 20 | 62.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ITALY | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JAMAICA | 11 | 4 | 36.4 | 19 | 6 | 31.6 | 13 | 6 | 46.2 | 14 | 21.4 | 14 | 3 | 21.4 | 57 | 19 | 33.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JAPAN | 13 | 3 | 23.1 | 16 | 7 | 43.8 | 15 | 12 | 80.0 | 18 | 5 | 27.8 | 62 | 27 | 43.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JORDAN | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 6 | 2 | 33.3 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 20 | 4 | 20.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Country of Education | Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2011 | | | Apr. 1 - June 30, 2011 | | | July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 | | | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | | Total Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| KAZAKHSTAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KENYA | 11 | 3 | 27.3 | 8 | 3 | 37.5 | 11 | 3 | 27.3 | 13 | 3 | 23.1 | 43 | 12 | 27.9 |
| KOREA, NORTH | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| KOREA, SOUTH | 194 | 98 | 50.5 | 181 | 96 | 53.0 | 153 | 79 | 51.6 | 138 | 63 | 45.7 | 666 | 336 | 50.5 |
| LATVIA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| KUWAIT | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| KYRGYZSTAN | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| LEBANON | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 12 | 6 | 50.0 |
| LIBERIA | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 13 | 2 | 15.4 |
| LITHUANIA | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | | | | 7 | 2 | 28.6 |
| MALTA | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| MEXICO | 16 | 5 | 31.3 | 16 | 3 | 18.8 | 12 | 1 | 8.3 | 10 | 6 | 60.0 | 54 | 15 | 27.8 |
| MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| MONGOLIA | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| MYANMAR | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NEPAL | 19 | 5 | 26.3 | 23 | 12 | 52.2 | 23 | 10 | 43.5 | 20 | 5 | 25.0 | 85 | 32 | 37.6 |
| NETHERLANDS | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 4 | 4 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 12 | 9 | 75.0 |
| NICARAGUA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NIGERIA | 54 | 15 | 27.8 | 45 | 8 | 17.8 | 50 | 12 | 24.0 | 63 | 16 | 25.4 | 212 | 51 | 24.1 |
| OMAN | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| PAKISTAN | 9 | 5 | 55.6 | 7 | 1 | 14.3 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 2 | 20.0 | 31 | 8 | 25.8 |
| PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, OCCUPIED | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| PANAMA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| PERU | | | | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 5 | 1 | 20.0 | 9 | 0 | 0.0 | 18 | 4 | 22.2 |
| PHILIPPINES | 1,329 | 384 | 28.9 | 1,407 | 467 | 33.2 | 1,280 | 411 | 32.1 | 1,190 | 325 | 27.3 | 5,206 | 1,587 | 30.5 |
| PITCAIRN | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| POLAND | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 5 | 2 | 40.0 | 6 | 2 | 33.3 | 23 | 6 | 26.1 |
| PORTUGAL | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |

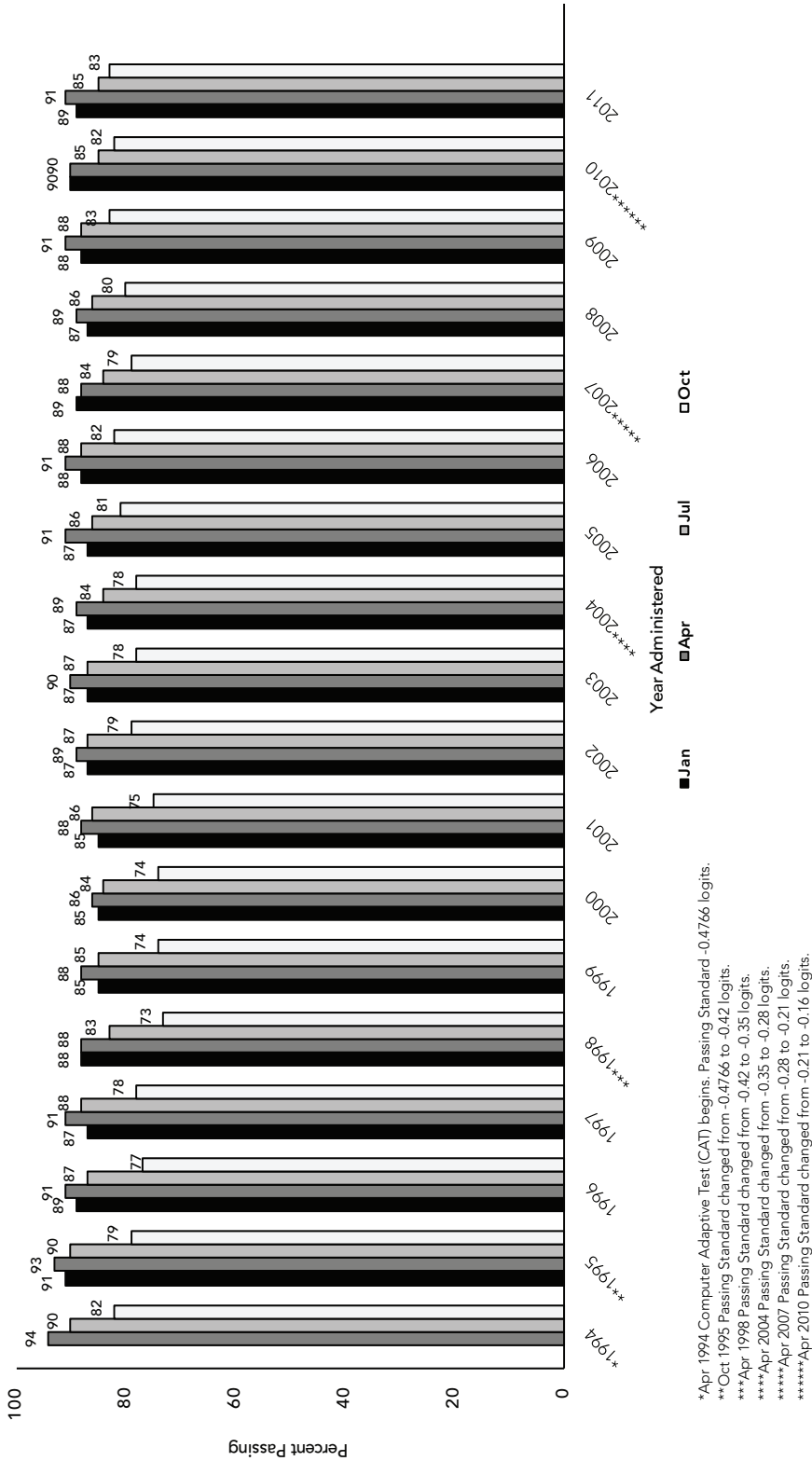
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|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------|------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| PUERTO RICO | 82 | 38 | 46.3 | 76 | 23 | 30.3 | 74 | 20 | 27.0 | 71 | 20 | 28.2 | 303 | 101 | 33.3 |
| ROMANIA | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 15 | 8 | 53.3 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 3 | 33.3 | 36 | 13 | 36.1 |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION | 20 | 4 | 20.0 | 31 | 14 | 45.2 | 26 | 8 | 30.8 | 33 | 11 | 33.3 | 110 | 37 | 33.6 |
| RWANDA | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SAINT LUCIA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 5 | 1 | 20.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 2 | 14.3 |
| SERBIA | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SIERRA LEONE | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 7 | 0 | 0.0 | 17 | 1 | 5.9 |
| SINGAPORE | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 5 | 2 | 40.0 | 8 | 2 | 25.0 |
| SLOVAKIA | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | | | | | | | 5 | 3 | 60.0 |
| SOMALIA | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 4 | 100.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 10 | 6 | 60.0 |
| SPAIN | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 6 | 4 | 66.7 |
| SRI LANKA | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| SWEDEN | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 6 | 75.0 |
| SWITZERLAND | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TAIWAN | 10 | 1 | 10.0 | 26 | 5 | 19.2 | 23 | 5 | 21.7 | 8 | 2 | 25.0 | 67 | 13 | 19.4 |
| TAJIKISTAN | | | | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 |
| THAILAND | 18 | 3 | 16.7 | 18 | 5 | 27.8 | 11 | 3 | 27.3 | 9 | 4 | 44.4 | 56 | 15 | 26.8 |
| TOGO | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 |
| TURKEY | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 4 | 28.6 |
| TURKMENISTAN | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| UGANDA | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 5 | 3 | 60.0 |
| UKRAINE | 16 | 2 | 12.5 | 19 | 13 | 68.4 | 19 | 8 | 42.1 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | 61 | 26 | 42.6 |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |

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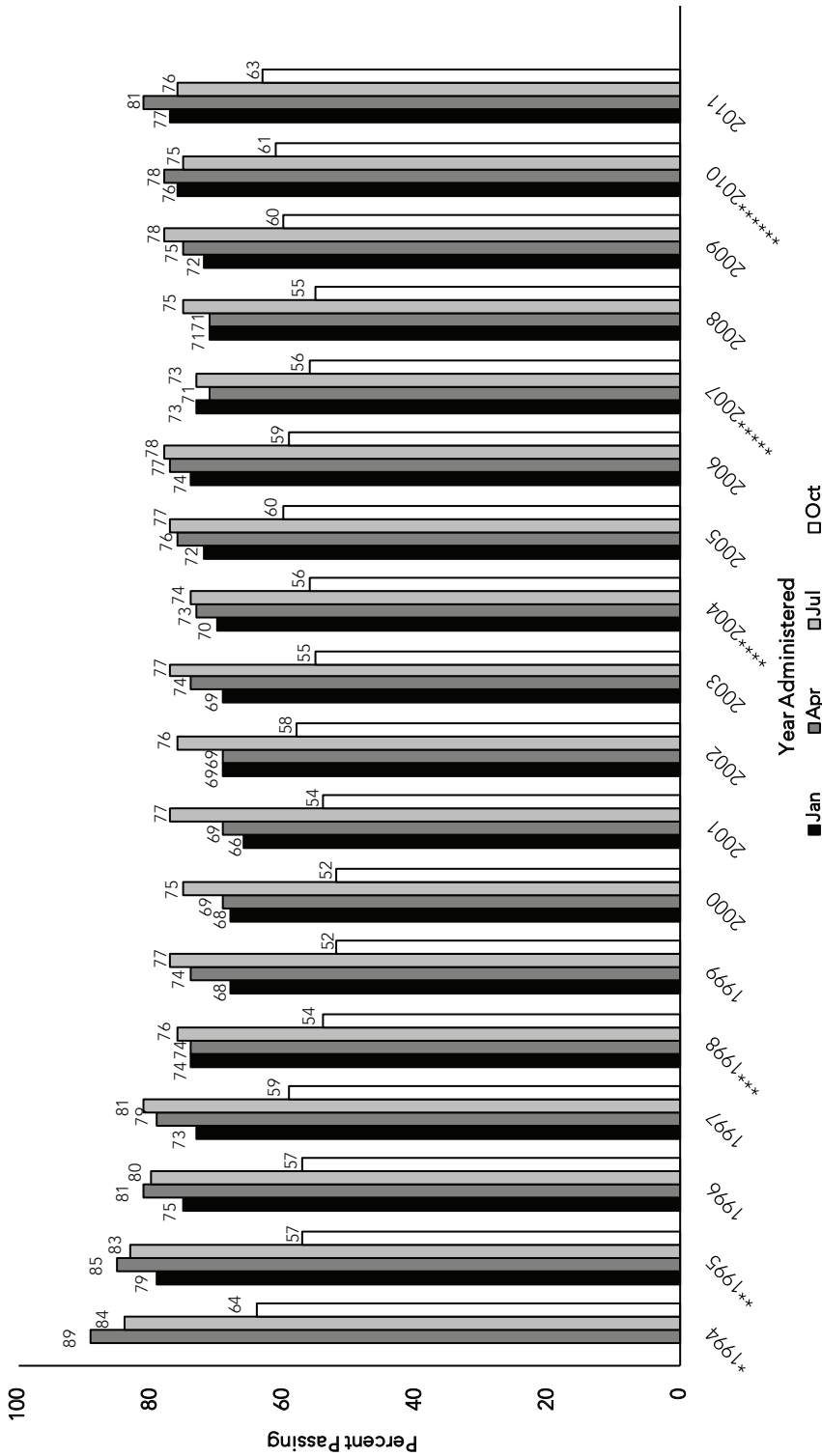
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|----------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 16 | 5 | 31.3 | 21 | 13 | 61.9 | 20 | 9 | 45.0 | 15 | 6 | 40.0 | 72 | 33 | 45.8 |
| UZBEKISTAN | 11 | 2 | 18.2 | 14 | 1 | 7.1 | 12 | 2 | 16.7 | 14 | 0 | 0.0 | 51 | 5 | 9.8 |
| VENEZUELA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| ZAMBIA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| ZIMBABWE | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| TOTAL | 2,415 | 768 | 31.8 | 2,623 | 968 | 36.9 | 2,375 | 856 | 36.0 | 2,309 | 711 | 30.8 | 9,722 | 3,303 | 34.0 |

Figure 1. NCLEX-RN® Pass Rates for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates



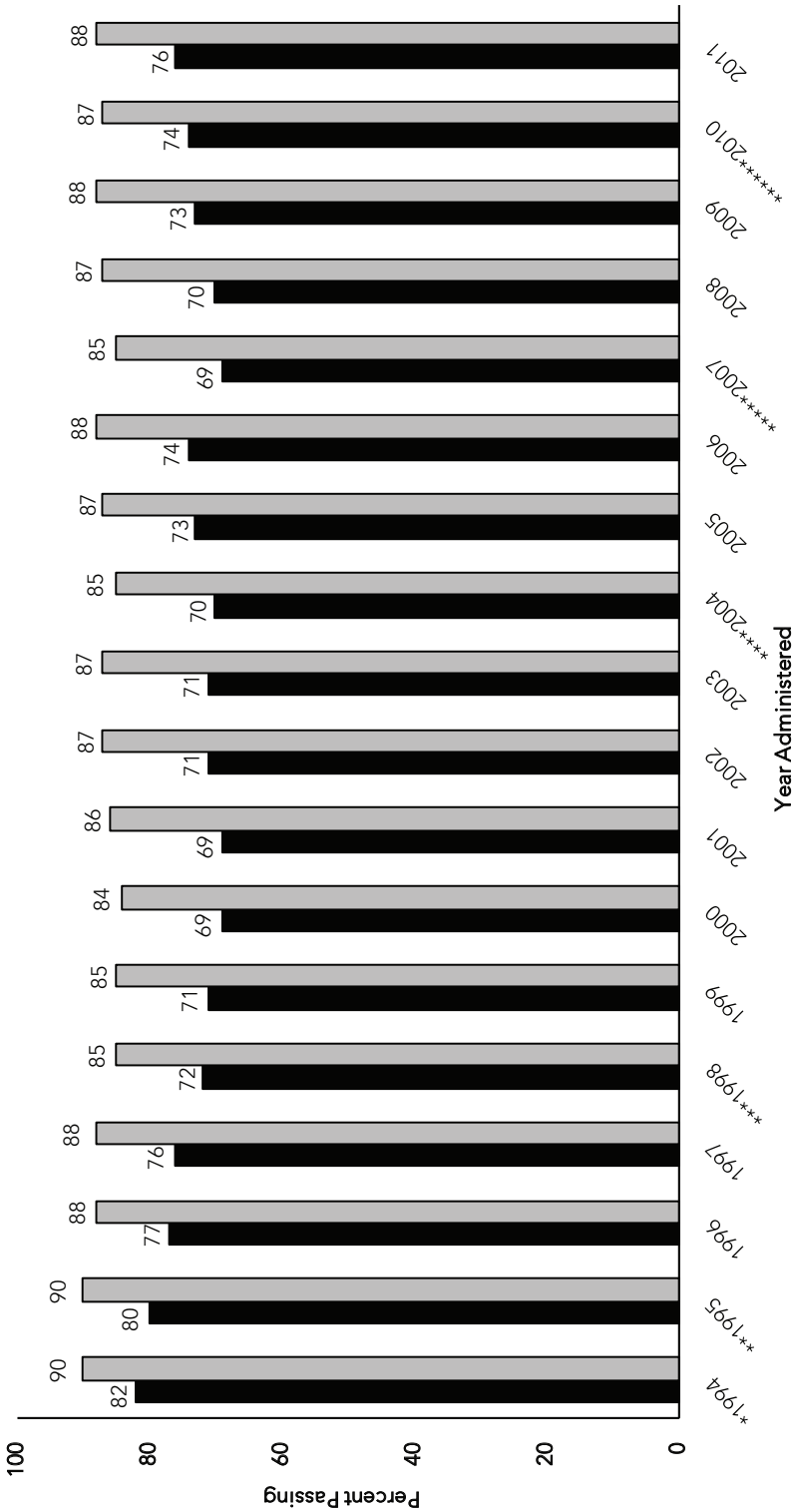
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 ****Apr 2004 Passing Standard changed from -0.35 to -0.28 logits.
 *****Apr 2007 Passing Standard changed from -0.28 to -0.21 logits.
 *****Apr 2010 Passing Standard changed from -0.21 to -0.16 logits.

Figure 2. NCLEX-RN® Pass Rates for All Candidates



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Figure 3. NCLEX-RN® Annual Pass Rates, April 1994 - December 2011



■ All Candidates □ First-Time, U.S.-Educated

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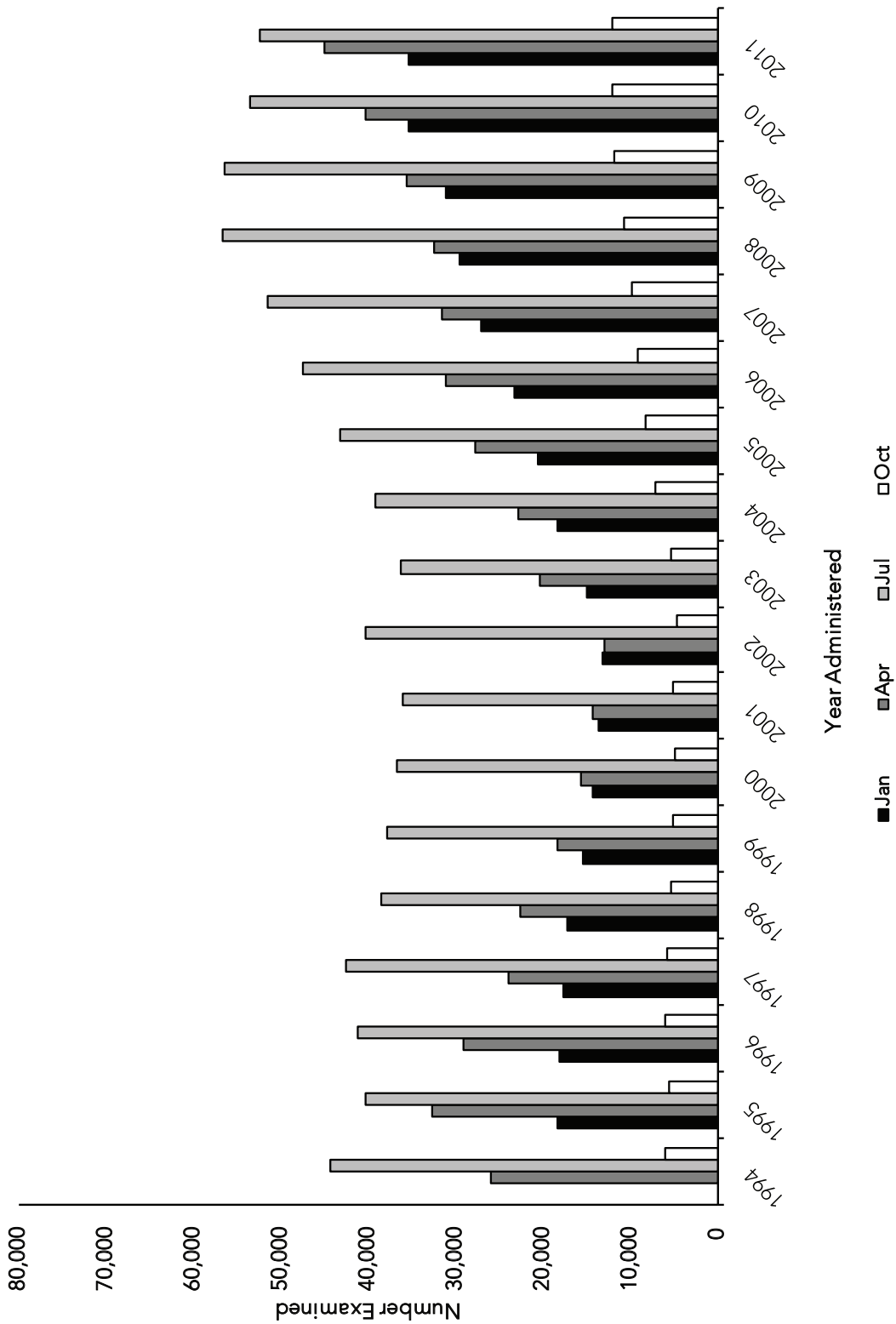
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Figure 4. NCLEX-RN® Volume for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates



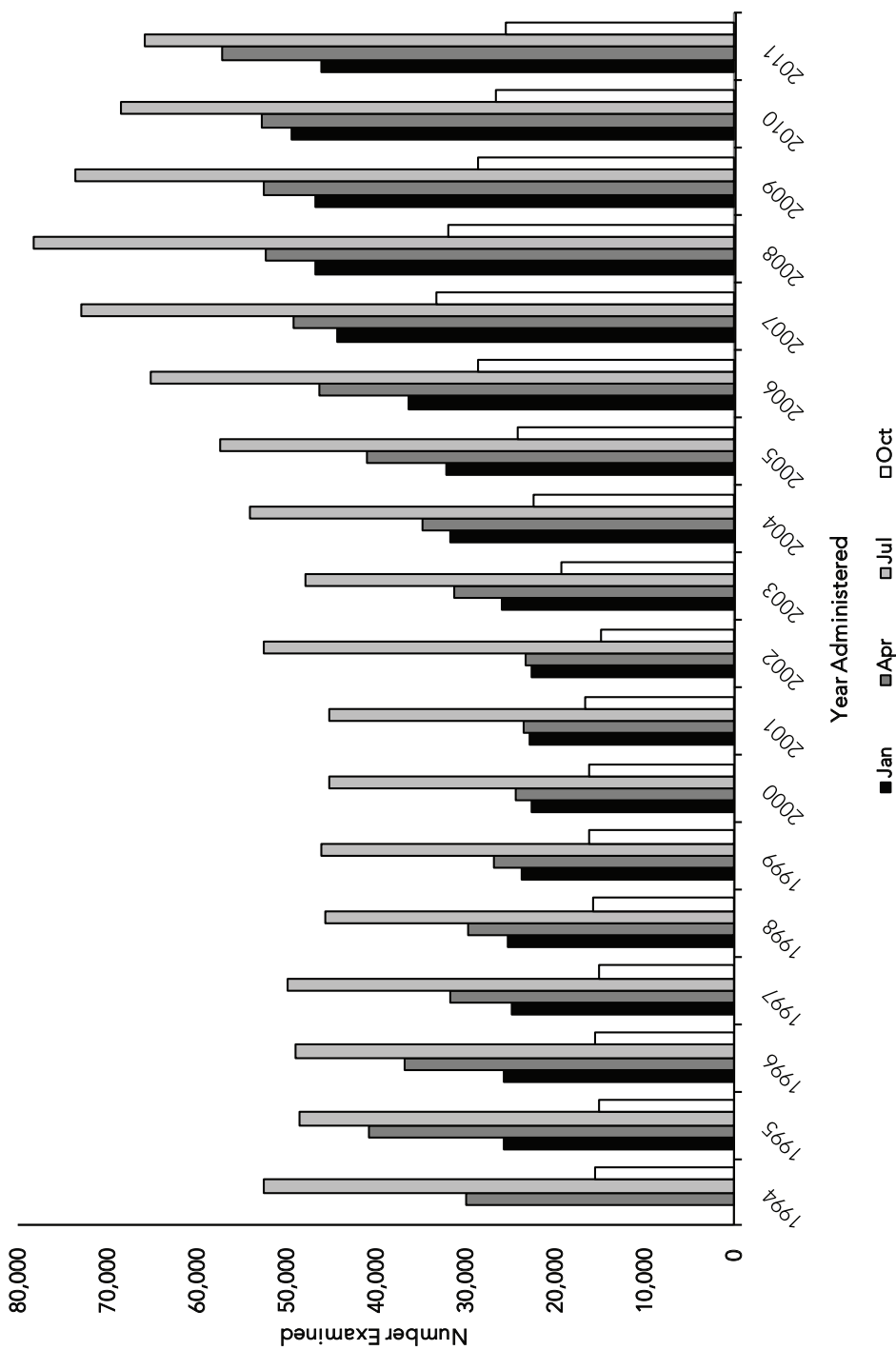


Figure 5. NCLEX-RN® Volume for All Candidates

Figure 6. NCLEX-RN® Annual Volume, April 1994 – December 2011

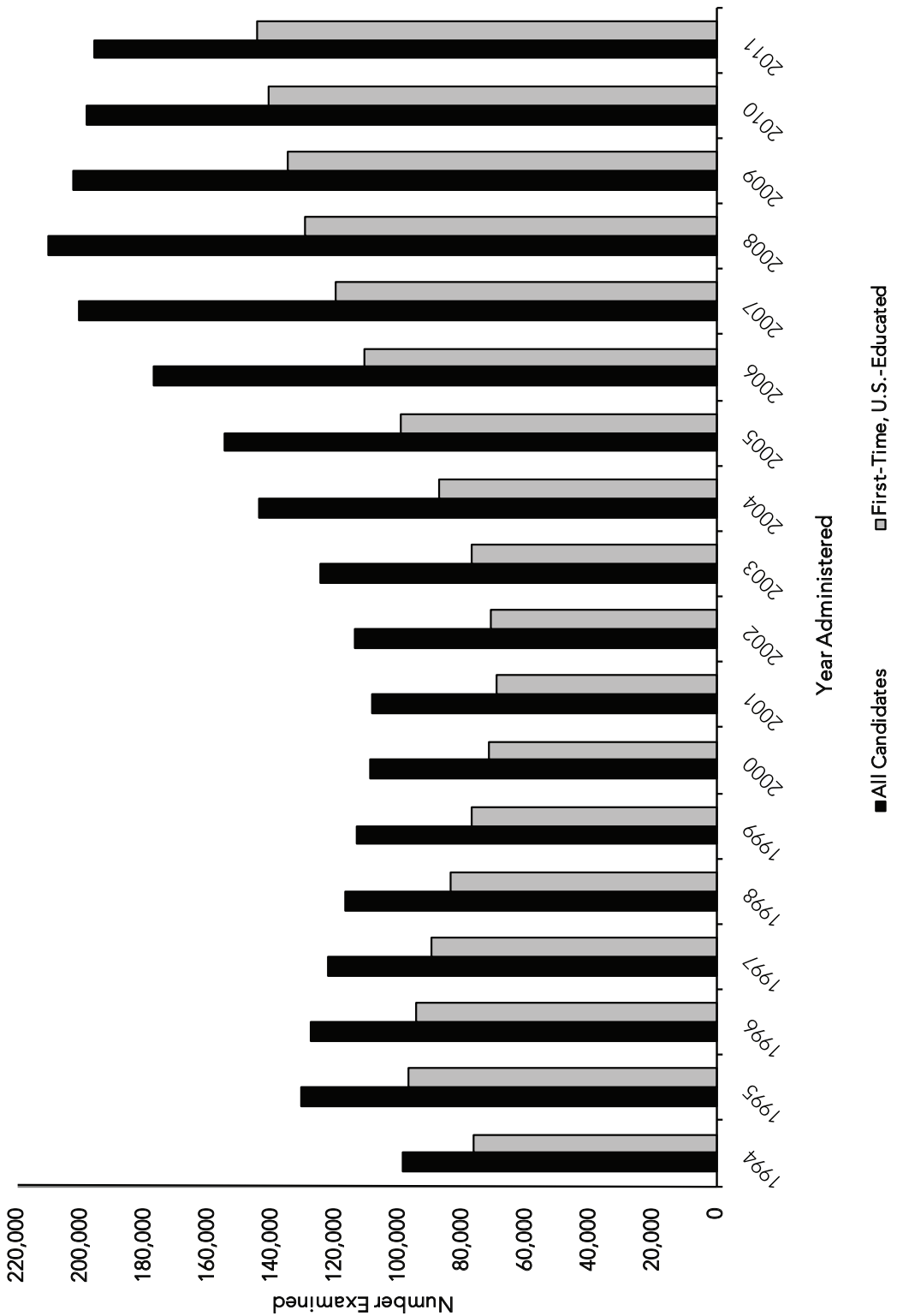


Table 9. Candidates Taking the NCLEX-PN® Examination by Type of Candidate

| Type of Candidate | NCLEX-PN® Examination: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Jan. 1 - March 31, 2011 | | April 1 - June 30, 2011 | | July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011 | | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | Total Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 | | | |
| | Candidates | % | Candidates | % | Candidates | % | Candidates | % | Candidates | % | Passed | % |
| First-Time, U.S.-Educated | 16,516 | 87.6 | 13,121 | 82.1 | 22,289 | 87.0 | 13,401 | 80.5 | 65,327 | 84.8 | 55,424 | 84.8 |
| Repeat, U.S.-Educated | 3,258 | 42.7 | 3,428 | 27.5 | 3,502 | 35.3 | 3,789 | 34.6 | 13,977 | 34.9 | 4,879 | 34.9 |
| First-Time, Internationally Educated | 211 | 51.7 | 214 | 36.5 | 159 | 49.1 | 171 | 46.2 | 755 | 45.6 | 344 | 45.6 |
| Repeat, Internationally Educated | 226 | 27.9 | 244 | 16.4 | 214 | 12.6 | 201 | 16.4 | 885 | 18.4 | 163 | 18.4 |
| All Candidates | 20,211 | 79.3 | 17,007 | 69.6 | 26,164 | 79.3 | 17,562 | 69.6 | 80,944 | 75.1 | 60,810 | 75.1 |

¹ Performance of PN Educational Programs. The following is a summary of the 2011 NCLEX pass rates for U.S. PN education programs based upon first-time candidate performance: In 2011 1,630 U.S. PN programs had at least one first-time candidate. The mean pass rate for those programs was 85.2% (SD 18.2%). When including only those programs with at least ten first-time examinees (N=1,386), the mean pass rate was 85.9% (SD 15.1%).

Table 10. Summary Statistics for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates

| NCLEX-PN® | January - December 2011 |
|--|-------------------------|
| Passing Standard ¹ | -0.27 |
| Estimated Decision Consistency ² | 0.90 |
| Average Test Length ³ | 112 items |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Minimum Number of Items | 57.2% |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Maximum Number of Items | 13.5% |
| Average Testing Time ⁴ | Two hours, 14 minutes |
| Percent of Candidates Taking the Maximum Amount of Time | 1.1% |

¹ The NCLEX-PN scale uses logits as the unit of measurement. Logits is short for log-odds-units. These units have no inherent meaning with regard to nursing content and, in fact, have an arbitrary zero point, but logits are practical because the probability of a correct response can easily be computed when the candidate's ability and the item's difficulty are known. Typically, the logit range on the NCLEX-PN scale is from -2.00 (easy items or low ability candidates) to 2.00 (difficult items or high ability candidates).

² Estimated Decision Consistency is an indicator of reliability. Conceptually, it is the proportion of pass-fail decisions that would remain the same if the same population were retested immediately after their first test (assuming no learning or fatigue effects) using a different set of items.

³ NCLEX-PN examinations consist of 85 to 205 items.

⁴ The standard amount of allotted testing time for the NCLEX-PN Examination is five hours.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------|------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ALABAMA | 331 | 319 | 96.4 | 97 | 88 | 90.7 | 347 | 327 | 94.2 | 126 | 111 | 88.1 | 901 | 845 | 93.8 |
| ALASKA | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 16 | 14 | 87.5 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 0 | | | 0 | | | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 5 | 3 | 60.0 |
| ARIZONA | 111 | 104 | 93.7 | 144 | 138 | 95.8 | 185 | 176 | 95.1 | 103 | 97 | 94.2 | 543 | 515 | 94.8 |
| ARKANSAS | 264 | 241 | 91.3 | 106 | 90 | 84.9 | 597 | 536 | 89.8 | 132 | 104 | 78.8 | 1,099 | 971 | 88.4 |
| CALIFORNIA – VN | 2,752 | 2,149 | 78.1 | 1,957 | 1,365 | 69.8 | 2,073 | 1,501 | 72.4 | 1,879 | 1,346 | 71.6 | 8,661 | 6,361 | 73.4 |
| COLORADO | 83 | 79 | 95.2 | 94 | 88 | 93.6 | 187 | 178 | 95.2 | 62 | 59 | 95.2 | 426 | 404 | 94.8 |
| CONNECTICUT | 155 | 142 | 91.6 | 37 | 33 | 89.2 | 324 | 289 | 89.2 | 156 | 137 | 87.8 | 672 | 601 | 89.4 |
| DELAWARE | 81 | 62 | 76.5 | 90 | 67 | 74.4 | 88 | 62 | 70.5 | 70 | 39 | 55.7 | 329 | 230 | 69.9 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 116 | 88 | 75.9 | 97 | 66 | 68.0 | 80 | 63 | 78.8 | 65 | 47 | 72.3 | 358 | 264 | 73.7 |
| FLORIDA | 1,292 | 1,111 | 86.0 | 1,001 | 757 | 75.6 | 1,417 | 1,151 | 81.2 | 1,096 | 802 | 73.2 | 4,806 | 3,821 | 79.5 |
| GEORGIA – PN | 316 | 301 | 95.3 | 361 | 319 | 88.4 | 350 | 327 | 93.4 | 254 | 236 | 92.9 | 1,281 | 1,183 | 92.4 |
| GUAM | 12 | 11 | 91.7 | 22 | 12 | 54.6 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 37 | 23 | 62.2 |
| HAWAII | 63 | 61 | 96.8 | 9 | 9 | 100.0 | 68 | 64 | 94.1 | 44 | 39 | 88.6 | 184 | 173 | 94.0 |
| IDAHO | 115 | 110 | 95.7 | 27 | 25 | 92.6 | 107 | 101 | 94.4 | 34 | 33 | 97.1 | 283 | 269 | 95.1 |
| ILLINOIS | 452 | 411 | 90.9 | 213 | 175 | 82.2 | 930 | 817 | 87.9 | 350 | 290 | 82.9 | 1,945 | 1,693 | 87.0 |
| INDIANA | 395 | 342 | 86.6 | 196 | 157 | 80.1 | 335 | 302 | 90.2 | 274 | 236 | 86.1 | 1,200 | 1,037 | 86.4 |
| IOWA | 286 | 275 | 96.2 | 269 | 259 | 96.3 | 514 | 482 | 93.8 | 164 | 148 | 90.2 | 1,233 | 1,164 | 94.4 |
| KANSAS | 277 | 260 | 93.9 | 401 | 372 | 92.8 | 277 | 257 | 92.8 | 83 | 73 | 88.0 | 1,038 | 962 | 92.7 |
| KENTUCKY | 350 | 321 | 91.7 | 289 | 255 | 88.2 | 322 | 280 | 87.0 | 211 | 178 | 84.4 | 1,172 | 1,034 | 88.2 |
| LOUISIANA – PN | 488 | 446 | 91.4 | 328 | 276 | 84.2 | 277 | 217 | 78.3 | 112 | 87 | 77.7 | 1,205 | 1,026 | 85.2 |
| MAINE | 16 | 15 | 93.8 | 30 | 27 | 90.0 | 20 | 17 | 85.0 | 18 | 17 | 94.4 | 84 | 76 | 90.5 |
| MARYLAND | 42 | 37 | 88.1 | 39 | 33 | 84.6 | 105 | 99 | 94.3 | 58 | 53 | 91.4 | 244 | 222 | 91.0 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 81 | 81 | 100.0 | 39 | 32 | 82.1 | 644 | 592 | 91.9 | 112 | 99 | 88.4 | 876 | 804 | 91.8 |
| MICHIGAN | 374 | 344 | 92.0 | 324 | 297 | 91.7 | 446 | 414 | 92.8 | 294 | 270 | 91.8 | 1,438 | 1,325 | 92.1 |
| MINNESOTA | 485 | 446 | 92.0 | 547 | 484 | 88.5 | 608 | 524 | 86.2 | 175 | 138 | 78.9 | 1,815 | 1,592 | 87.7 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 229 | 207 | 90.4 | 30 | 27 | 90.0 | 395 | 340 | 86.1 | 47 | 36 | 76.6 | 701 | 610 | 87.0 |
| MISSOURI | 289 | 273 | 94.5 | 197 | 174 | 88.3 | 768 | 714 | 93.0 | 200 | 183 | 91.5 | 1,454 | 1,344 | 92.4 |
| MONTANA | 41 | 40 | 97.6 | 32 | 31 | 96.9 | 42 | 41 | 97.6 | 4 | 4 | 100.0 | 119 | 116 | 97.5 |
| NEBRASKA | 56 | 51 | 91.1 | 94 | 85 | 90.4 | 175 | 152 | 86.9 | 76 | 57 | 75.0 | 401 | 345 | 86.0 |

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| NEVADA | 26 | 26 | 100.0 | 24 | 20 | 83.3 | 19 | 15 | 79.0 | 13 | 13 | 100.0 | 82 | 74 | 90.2 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 60 | 50 | 83.3 | 77 | 71 | 92.2 | 58 | 48 | 82.8 | 42 | 25 | 59.5 | 237 | 194 | 81.9 |
| NEW JERSEY | 698 | 525 | 75.2 | 769 | 501 | 65.2 | 745 | 535 | 71.8 | 714 | 475 | 66.5 | 2,926 | 2,036 | 69.6 |
| NEW MEXICO | 37 | 36 | 97.3 | 48 | 48 | 100.0 | 72 | 67 | 93.1 | 17 | 14 | 82.4 | 174 | 165 | 94.8 |
| NEW YORK | 432 | 325 | 75.2 | 518 | 388 | 74.9 | 1,407 | 1,207 | 85.8 | 1,090 | 797 | 73.1 | 3,447 | 2,717 | 78.8 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 156 | 144 | 92.3 | 150 | 133 | 88.7 | 557 | 535 | 96.1 | 179 | 159 | 88.8 | 1,042 | 971 | 93.2 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 27 | 26 | 96.3 | 27 | 25 | 92.6 | 101 | 96 | 95.1 | 4 | 3 | 75.0 | 159 | 150 | 94.3 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| OHIO | 981 | 898 | 91.5 | 778 | 687 | 88.3 | 1,374 | 1,219 | 88.7 | 1,342 | 1,175 | 87.6 | 4,475 | 3,979 | 88.9 |
| OKLAHOMA | 222 | 200 | 90.1 | 199 | 165 | 82.9 | 509 | 457 | 89.8 | 202 | 181 | 89.6 | 1,132 | 1,003 | 88.6 |
| OREGON | 96 | 94 | 97.9 | 112 | 104 | 92.9 | 174 | 162 | 93.1 | 129 | 115 | 89.2 | 511 | 475 | 93.0 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 722 | 665 | 92.1 | 425 | 352 | 82.8 | 609 | 545 | 89.5 | 776 | 690 | 88.9 | 2,532 | 2,252 | 88.9 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 6 | 5 | 83.3 | 7 | 7 | 100.0 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 26 | 25 | 96.2 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 130 | 126 | 96.9 | 108 | 102 | 94.4 | 225 | 211 | 93.8 | 136 | 131 | 96.3 | 599 | 570 | 95.2 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 63 | 56 | 88.9 | 16 | 14 | 87.5 | 107 | 99 | 92.5 | 18 | 13 | 72.2 | 204 | 182 | 89.2 |
| TENNESSEE | 379 | 361 | 95.3 | 474 | 434 | 91.6 | 500 | 465 | 93.0 | 327 | 279 | 85.3 | 1,680 | 1,539 | 91.6 |
| TEXAS | 1,743 | 1,556 | 89.3 | 963 | 816 | 84.7 | 1,913 | 1,711 | 89.4 | 1,257 | 1,013 | 80.6 | 5,876 | 5,096 | 86.7 |
| UTAH | 92 | 91 | 98.9 | 214 | 214 | 100.0 | 144 | 136 | 94.4 | 42 | 41 | 97.6 | 492 | 482 | 98.0 |
| VERMONT | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 | 156 | 146 | 93.6 | 8 | 6 | 75.0 | 168 | 156 | 92.9 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | 4 | 1 | 25.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 7 | 4 | 57.1 | 17 | 8 | 47.1 |
| VIRGINIA | 526 | 422 | 80.2 | 561 | 411 | 73.3 | 782 | 652 | 83.4 | 477 | 357 | 74.8 | 2,346 | 1,842 | 78.5 |
| WASHINGTON | 143 | 131 | 91.6 | 265 | 245 | 92.5 | 364 | 342 | 94.0 | 234 | 207 | 88.5 | 1,006 | 925 | 92.0 |
| WEST VIRGINIA – PN | 79 | 72 | 91.1 | 37 | 29 | 78.4 | 275 | 245 | 89.1 | 80 | 75 | 93.8 | 471 | 421 | 89.4 |
| WISCONSIN | 301 | 292 | 97.0 | 251 | 240 | 95.6 | 447 | 415 | 92.8 | 85 | 79 | 92.9 | 1,084 | 1,026 | 94.7 |
| WYOMING | 35 | 33 | 94.3 | 20 | 19 | 95.0 | 52 | 50 | 96.2 | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 115 | 109 | 94.8 |
| TOTAL | 16,516 | 14,469 | 87.6 | 13,121 | 10,770 | 82.1 | 22,289 | 19,393 | 87.0 | 13,401 | 10,792 | 80.5 | 65,327 | 55,424 | 84.8 |

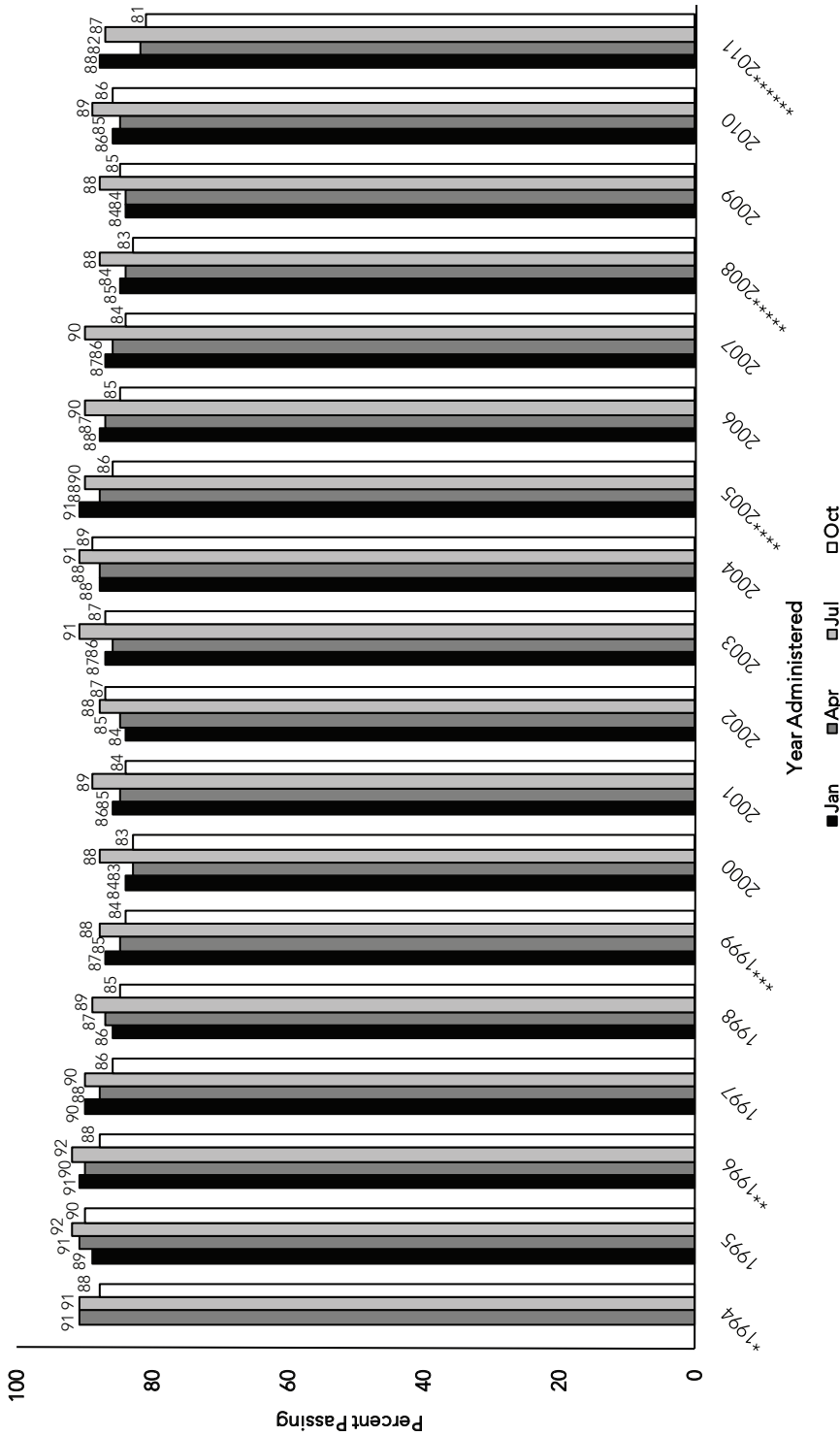
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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| ARMENIA | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| BELGIUM | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BELIZE | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| BULGARIA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| CAMEROON | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| CANADA | 9 | 7 | 77.8 | 9 | 7 | 77.8 | 8 | 7 | 87.5 | 16 | 10 | 62.5 | 42 | 31 | 73.8 |
| CHINA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | | | | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| COSTA RICA | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| CUBA | 14 | 8 | 57.1 | 5 | 2 | 40.0 | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 21 | 7 | 33.3 | 48 | 22 | 45.8 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| DOMINICA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| EGYPT | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| EL SALVADOR | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| ETHIOPIA | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| FUJI | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| GAMBIA | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| GERMANY | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| GHANA | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| GRENADA | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| GUYANA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| HAITI | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 5 | 3 | 60.0 |
| INDIA | 18 | 11 | 61.1 | 19 | 8 | 42.1 | 20 | 8 | 40.0 | 17 | 8 | 47.1 | 74 | 35 | 47.3 |
| INDONESIA | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| ISRAEL | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| JAMAICA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 5 | 3 | 60.0 | 9 | 5 | 55.6 |

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % | Candidates | Passed | % |
| JAPAN | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| JORDAN | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| KENYA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 7 | 2 | 28.6 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 10 | 5 | 50.0 |
| KOREA, SOUTH | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| KYRGYZSTAN | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| LEBANON | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| LIBERIA | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| MEXICO | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| MONGOLIA | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| MOROCCO | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NETHERLANDS | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| NIGER | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NIGERIA | 17 | 8 | 47.1 | 12 | 4 | 33.3 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | 9 | 6 | 66.7 | 45 | 21 | 46.7 |
| PAKISTAN | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| PERU | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| PHILIPPINES | 123 | 65 | 52.9 | 122 | 42 | 34.4 | 88 | 40 | 45.5 | 84 | 34 | 40.5 | 417 | 181 | 43.4 |
| POLAND | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 4 | 2 | 50.0 |
| PUERTO RICO | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 1 | 16.7 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 11 | 1 | 9.1 |
| ROMANIA | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SERBIA | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| SIERRA LEONE | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| TAIWAN | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 33.3 |
| THAILAND | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| UGANDA | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 50.0 |
| UKRAINE | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | | | | 4 | 1 | 25.0 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 100.0 |
| UZBEKISTAN | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 211 | 109 | 51.7 | 214 | 78 | 36.5 | 159 | 78 | 49.1 | 171 | 79 | 46.2 | 755 | 344 | 45.6 |

Figure 7. NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates



*Apr 1994 Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) begins. Passing Standard -0.56 logits.
 **Oct 1996 Passing Standard changed from -0.56 to -0.51 logits.
 ***Apr 1999 Passing Standard changed from -0.51 to -0.47 logits.
 ****Apr 2005 Passing Standard changed from -0.47 to -0.42 logits.
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 *****Apr 2011 Passing Standard changed from -0.37 to -0.27 logits.

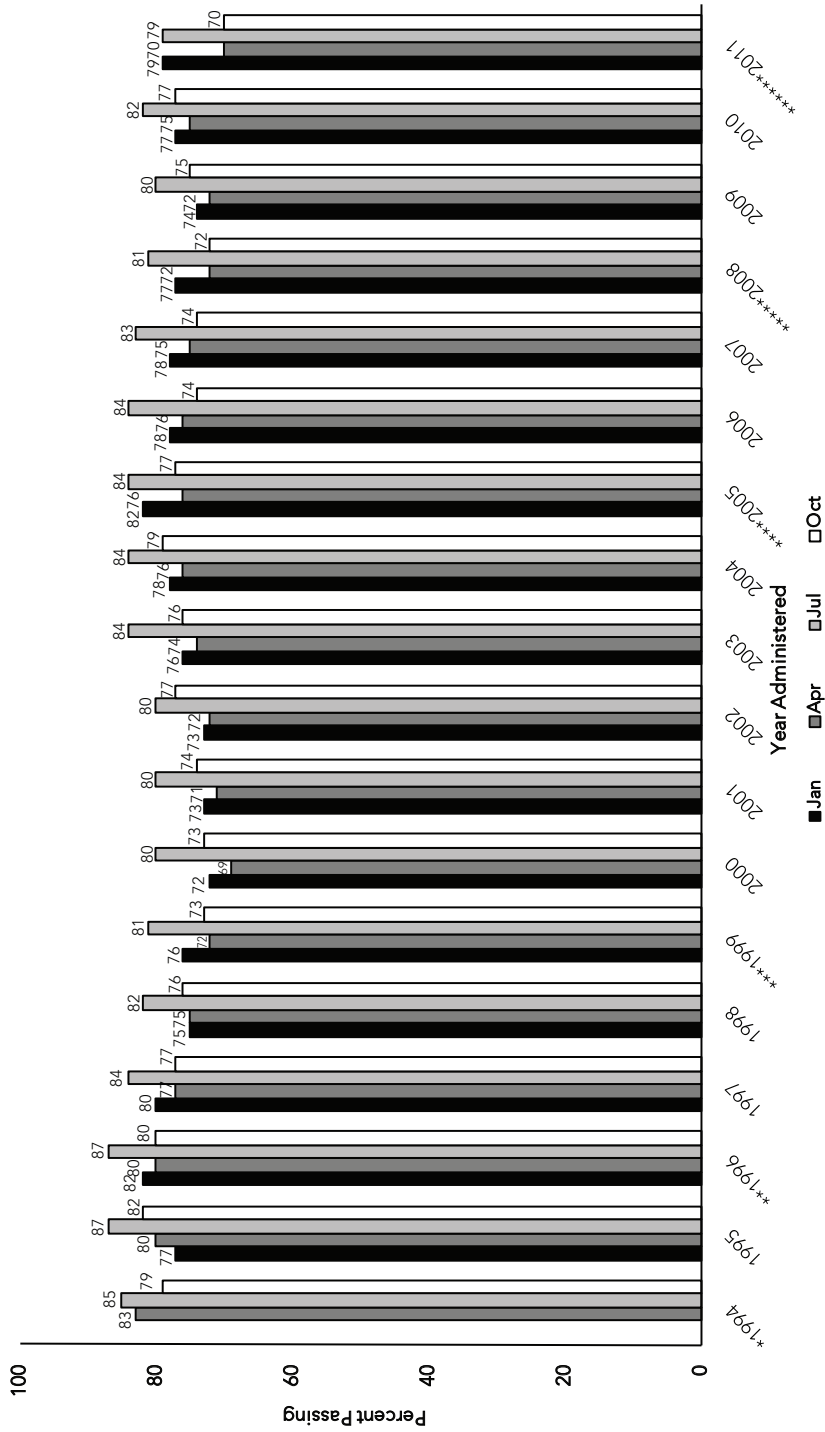
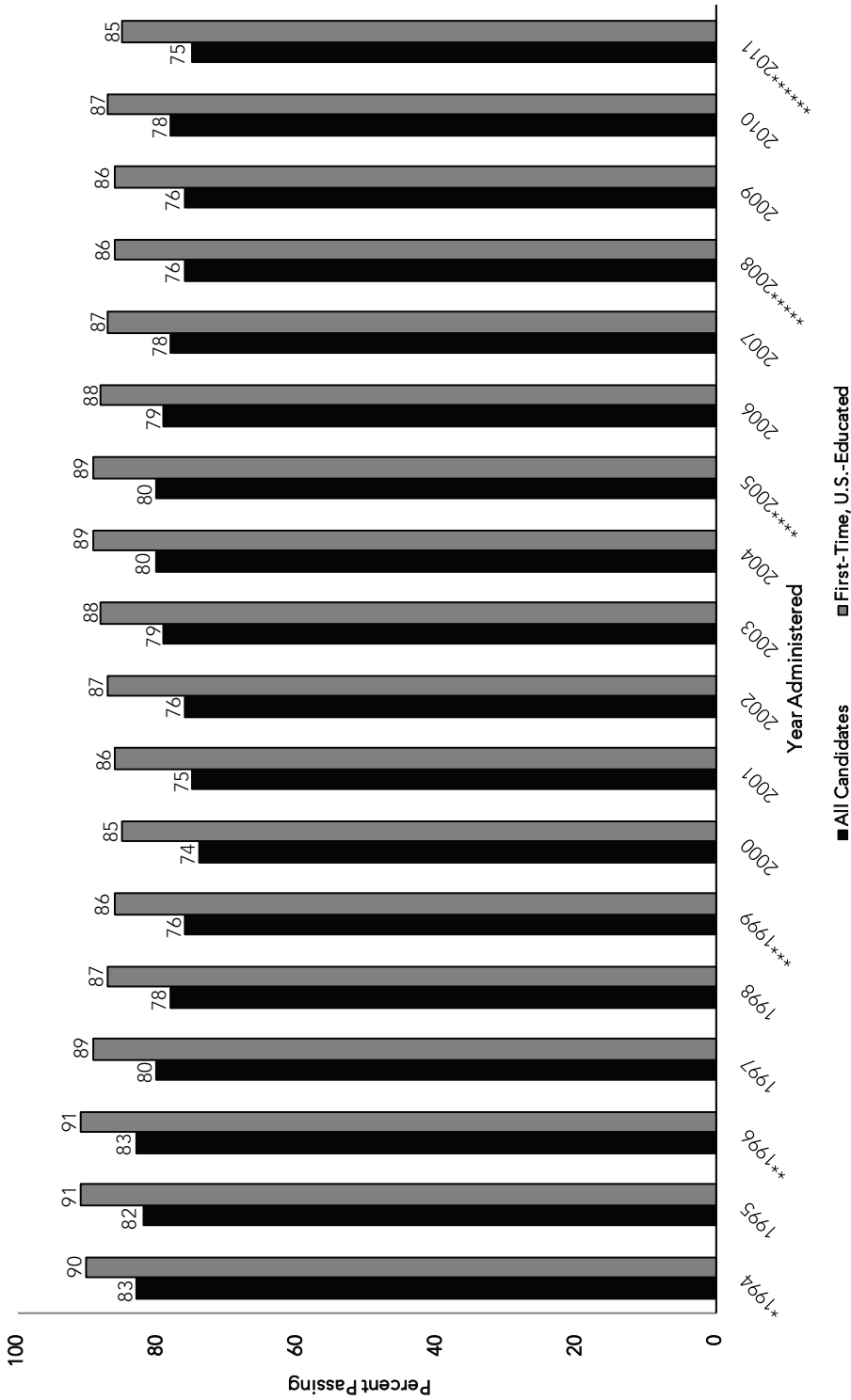


Figure 8. NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates for All Candidates

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Figure 9. NCLEX-PN® Annual Pass Rates, April 1994 - December 2011



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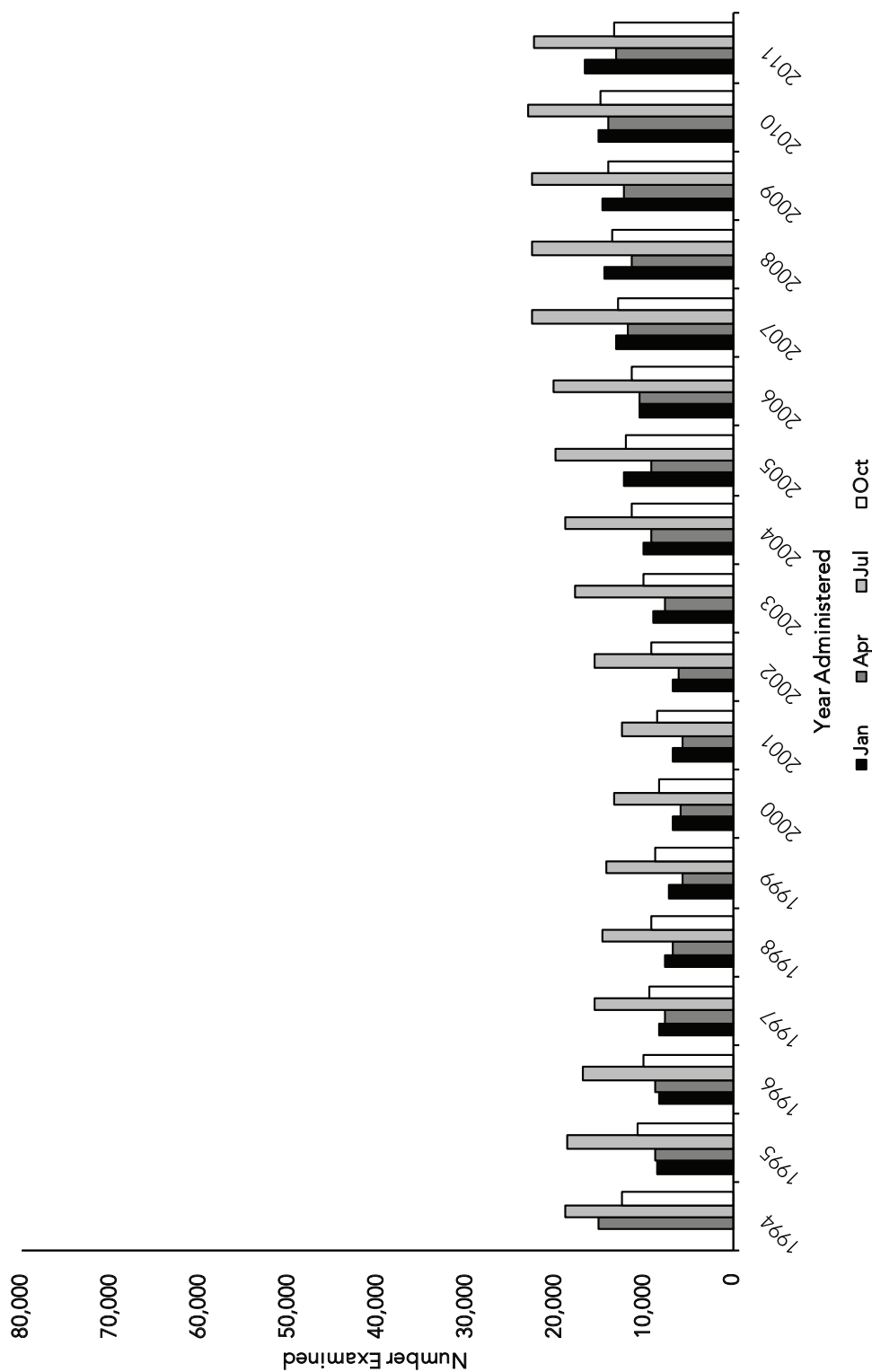
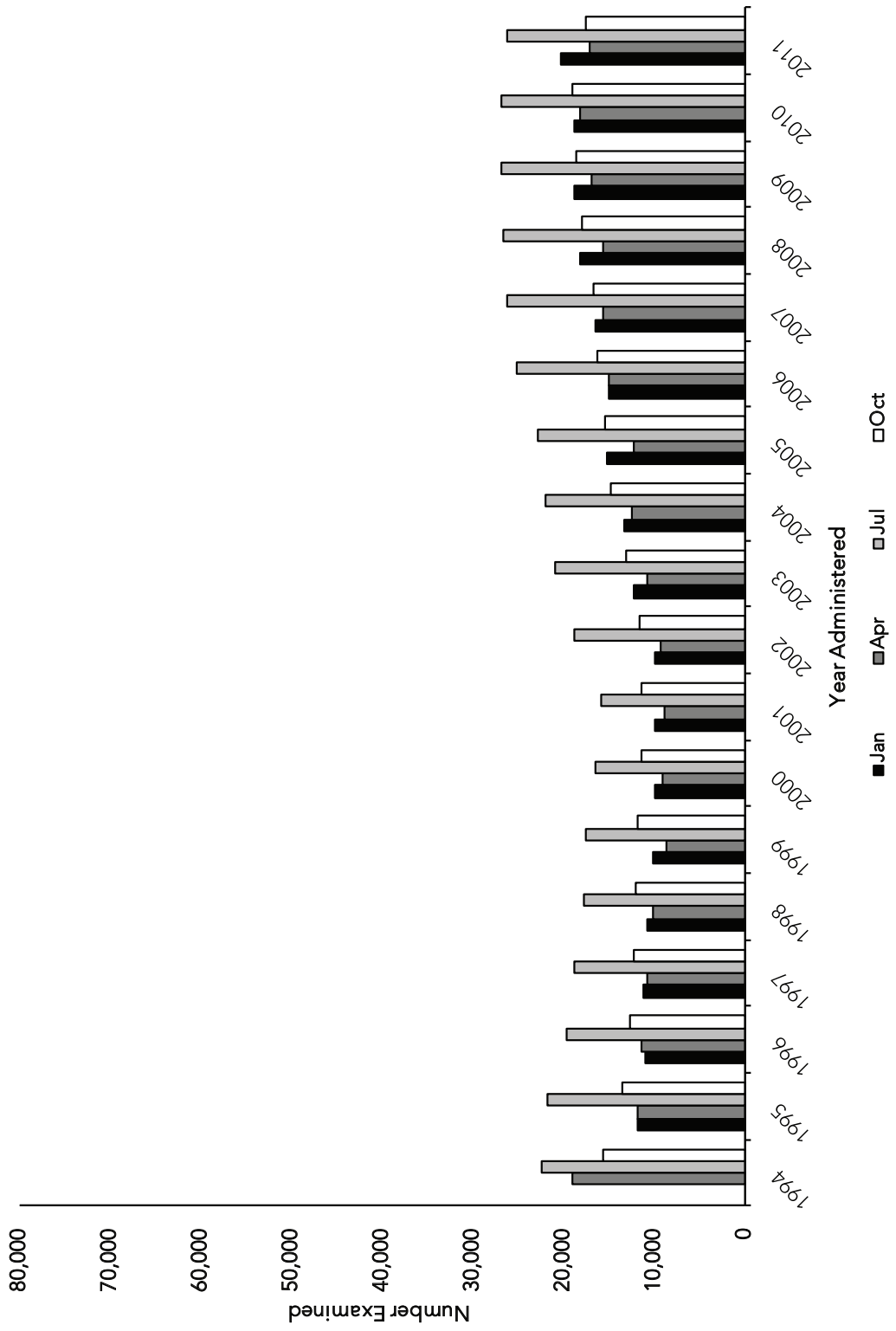
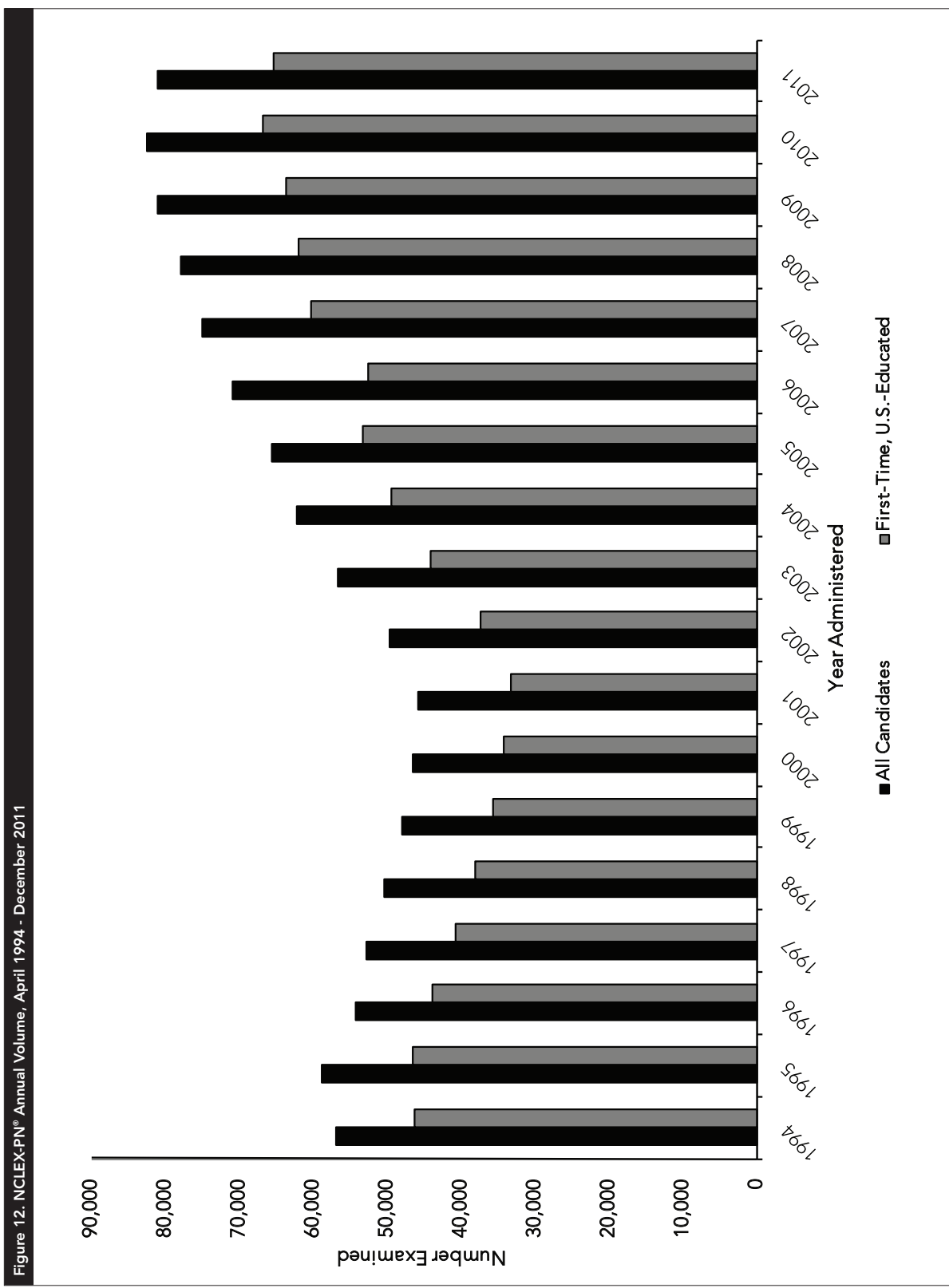


Figure 10. NCLEX-PN® Volume for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates

Figure 11. NCLEX-PN® Volume for All Candidates







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