



The Pathway to Practice

Statistics from NCSBN

Number of Candidates Taking the NCLEX® Examination and
Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

2025

| RN ¹ | Jan. – March | | April – June | | July – Sept. | | Oct. – Dec. | | YTD Total | |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Type of Candidate | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| First-time, U.S.-educated | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diploma | 685 | 87.30% | | | | | | | 685 | 87.30% |
| Baccalaureate Degree | 26,589 | 88.52% | | | | | | | 26,589 | 88.52% |
| Associate Degree | 25,526 | 88.41% | | | | | | | 25,526 | 88.41% |
| Invalid or Special Program Codes | 97 | 46.39% | | | | | | | 97 | 46.39% |
| Total First-time, U.S.-educated | 52,897 | 88.37% | | | | | | | 52,897 | 88.37% |
| Repeat, U.S.-educated | 7,681 | 51.44% | | | | | | | 7,681 | 51.44% |
| First-time, Internationally Educated | 13,068 | 46.55% | | | | | | | 13,068 | 46.55% |
| Repeat, Internationally Educated | 9,782 | 30.15% | | | | | | | 9,782 | 30.15% |
| All Candidates | 83,428 | 71.59% | | | | | | | 83,428 | 71.59% |
| PN ² | Jan. – March | | April – June | | July – Sept. | | Oct. – Dec. | | YTD Total | |
| Type of Candidate | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| First-time, U.S.-educated | 13,292 | 86.28% | | | | | | | 13,292 | 86.28% |
| Repeat, U.S.-educated | 2,925 | 38.22% | | | | | | | 2,925 | 38.22% |
| First-time, Internationally Educated | 124 | 61.29% | | | | | | | 124 | 61.29% |
| Repeat, Internationally Educated | 96 | 36.46% | | | | | | | 96 | 36.46% |
| All Candidates | 16,437 | 77.25% | | | | | | | 16,437 | 77.25% |

¹ The RN Passing Standard is 0.00 logits.

² The PN Passing Standard is -0.18 logits.

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