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INTRODUCTION

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., is committed to maintaining itself as a clearinghouse of information on the activities of its sixty-one Member Boards of Nursing. This publication represents a continuation of the National Council's efforts to be responsive to the information needs of its Member Boards of Nursing and the public whom they protect through the regulation of nursing practice at the state level.

Provided in this publication are the 1994 statistics on the licensing activities of the National Council's Member Boards and on the National Council's two licensure examinations, the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN™) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN™). The final paper-and-pencil administration of NCLEX-PN occurred in October, 1993; and for NCLEX-RN, in February 1994. Beginning on April 1, 1994, the National Council began administering NCLEX™ via computerized adaptive testing (CAT). Since this methodology provides for year-round testing, the reporting conventions have been modified to reflect licensure- candidate performance over several months time rather than for one specific date. The purpose of these examinations is to determine candidates' capabilities to provide minimally safe and effective entry-level nursing care.

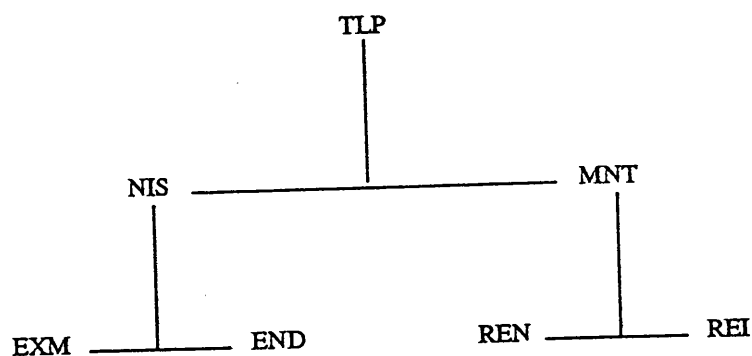
PART I

1994 LICENSURE STATISTICS

INTRODUCTION TO PART I: 1994 LICENSURE STATISTICS

The data reported in this section were obtained from the 61 Member Boards of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. They were requested to provide data that indicated licensure processing activity during 1994 and data on the total number of individuals licensed to practice within the jurisdiction during 1994.

The varied licensure procedures and methods which exist among the Member Boards of Nursing have been classified according to the common licensure practices in which each Member Board engages to fulfill its mission. Processing activity is the focal point about which the data are organized. As the figure below illustrates, four basic processing activities (Examination, Endorsement, Renewal, and Reinstatement), within two functional areas (New in State Functions and Maintenance Functions) represent the sources which contribute to the measure of the Total Number of Licenses Processed.



TLP:	Total Licenses Processed
NIS:	New in State Functions
MNT:	Maintenance Functions
EXM:	Examination
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REI:	Reinstatement

Member Boards of Nursing were asked to provide estimates based upon knowledge and experience whenever the exact figure requested for this collection of data was unknown. In this manner the National Council of State Boards of Nursing attempts to provide the best information available from informed sources in each jurisdiction.

When reviewing the statistics contained in this section, it should be noted that licensees in Puerto Rico are licensed by virtue of passing Puerto Rico's own spanish-language examination. In addition to taking this examination, some of the licensees have also taken and passed NCLEX-RN and/or NCLEX-PN.

DEFINITIONS:

REINSTATEMENT is defined as the reactivation of revoked, suspended, or lapsed licenses and is not considered part of routine renewal.

ACTIVE LICENSE figures are based upon the reported actual or estimated total number of individuals holding an active license within a jurisdiction. Whereas the processing figures provide a measure of the magnitude of board operations, the active license figures 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 does not represent the total number of licensees.

REPORTING CONVENTIONS:

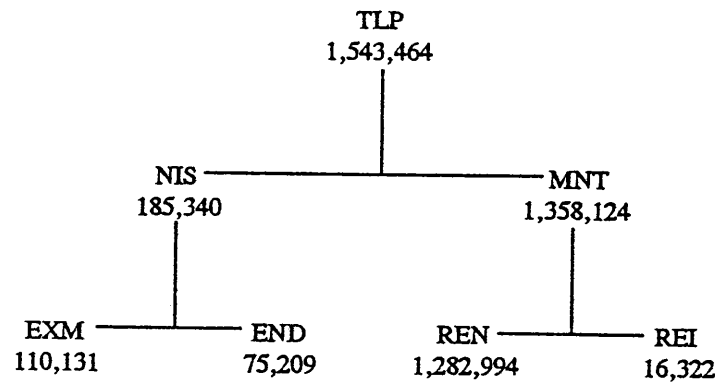
For easy reading and speedy reference, all tables which display individual Member Board figures contain one column headed JD (Jurisdiction). **TABLE 1** lists the National Council's Member Boards, the geographic locality within which a board has responsibility for regulating nursing practice (JD), the types of licenses for which a board has licensing authority, and whether they are empowered to issue licenses or certificates to practice in a specialty area of nursing.

Unless noted otherwise, all percentages are calculated in terms of column totals.

Table 1. Boards of Nursing Empowered to License Registered Nurses, Practical/Vocational Nurses, or Other Categories of Nursing Personnel

JD	Board of Nursing	RN	PN/VN	Other Specialty Groups
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
CARN	California Board of Registered Nursing	YES	NO	YES
CAVN	California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners	NO	YES	NO
CO	Colorado Board of Nursing	YES	YES	NO
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
GAPN	Georgia State Board of Licensed Practical Nursing	NO	YES	NO
GARN	Georgia Board of Nursing	YES	NO	YES
GU	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners	YES	YES	YES
HI	Hawaii Board of Nursing	YES	YES	NO
IA	Iowa Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
ID	Idaho Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
IL	Illinois Department of Professional Regulation	YES	YES	NO
IN	Indiana State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
KS	Kansas Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
KY	Kentucky Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
LAPN	Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners	NO	YES	NO
LARN	Louisiana State Board of Nursing	YES	NO	NO
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 Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
MN	Minnesota Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
MO	Missouri State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	NO
MP	Northern Marianna 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 Bureau of Examining Boards	YES	YES	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
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 Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
PR	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Board of Nurse Examiners	YES	YES	YES
RI	Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration & 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	NO
TXRN	Texas Board of Nurse Examiners	YES	NO	YES
TXVN	Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners	NO	YES	NO
UT	Utah State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
VA	Virginia State 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 Bureau of Health Professions	YES	YES	YES
WVPN	West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Practical Nurses	NO	YES	NO
WVRN	West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses	YES	NO	YES
WY	Wyoming State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES

**Summary
Registered Nurse Licenses Processed**



KEY:

- TLP: Total Licenses Processed
- NIS: New in State Functions
- MNT: Maintenance Functions
- EXM: Examination
- END: Endorsement
- REN: Renewal
- REI: Reinstatement

Table 2. Registered Nurses: Total Licenses Processed, by Jurisdiction

JD	New in State		Maintenance		Total Processed	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	533	0.29	0	0.00	533	0.03
AL	3469	1.87	34116	2.51	37585	2.44
AR	2593	1.40	10797	0.79	13390	0.87
AS						a
AZ	2762	1.49	17327	1.28	20089	1.30
CARN	9128	4.93	118432	8.72	127560	8.26
CO	3365	1.82	18510	1.36	21875	1.42
CT	2023	1.09	46586	3.43	48609	3.15
DC	1755	0.95	15050	1.11	16805	1.09
DE	878	0.47	10250	0.75	11128	0.72
FL	10571	5.70	124	0.01	10695	0.69
GARN	6059	3.27	60631	4.46	66690	4.32
GU	76	0.04	8	0.00	84	0.01
HI	1280	0.69	42	0.00	1322	0.09
IA	2315	1.25	10349	0.76	12664	0.82
ID	883	0.48	7811	0.58	8694	0.56
IL	7441	4.01	23517	1.73	30958	2.01
IN	4377	2.36	0	0.00	4377	0.28
KS	2789	1.50	12164	0.90	14953	0.97
KY	3195	1.72	36324	2.67	39519	2.56
LARN	4292	2.32	35995	2.65	40287	2.61
MA	4188	2.26	92816	6.83	97004	6.28
MD	4495	2.43	53560	3.94	58055	3.76
ME	1245	0.67	7053	0.52	8298	0.54
MI	7688	4.15	52295	3.85	59983	3.89
MN	2943	1.59	24655	1.82	27598	1.79
MO	4821	2.60	58418	4.30	63239	4.10
MP	12	0.01	57	0.00	69	0.00
MS	2488	1.34	20627	1.52	23115	1.50
MT	728	0.39	9513	0.70	10241	0.66
NC	6499	3.51	32373	2.38	38872	2.52
ND	423	0.23	3953	0.29	4376	0.28
NE	1294	0.70	16883	1.24	18177	1.18
NH	1593	0.86	7525	0.55	9118	0.59
NJ	6509	3.51	68282	5.03	74791	4.85
NM	1607	0.87	2115	0.16	3722	0.24
NV	1764	0.95	0	0.00	1764	0.11
NY	10282	5.55	0	0.00	10282	0.67
OH	6990	3.77	1001	0.07	7991	0.52
OK	3167	1.71	23218	1.71	26385	1.71
OR						a
PA	8146	4.40	92970	6.85	101116	6.55
PR	1059	0.57	0	0.00	1059	0.07
RI						a
SC	3060	1.65	27954	2.06	31014	2.01
SD	798	0.43	4563	0.34	5361	0.35
TN	5034	2.72	56929	4.19	61963	4.01
TXRN	12678	6.84	64445	4.75	77123	5.00
UT	1300	0.70	13018	0.96	14318	0.93
VA	5294	2.86	32087	2.36	37381	2.42
VI	201	0.11	549	0.04	750	0.05
VT	447	0.24	0	0.00	447	0.03
WA	3083	1.66	51286	3.78	54369	3.52
WI	3444	1.86	58808	4.33	62252	4.03
WVRN	1719	0.93	19371	1.43	21090	1.37
WY	557	0.30	3767	0.28	4324	0.28
Total	185340	100.00	1358124	100.00	1543464	100.00

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Table 3. Registered Nurses: New in State Functions, by Jurisdiction

JD	Examination		Endorsement		New in State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	112	0.10	421	0.56	533	0.29
AL	2525	2.29	944	1.26	3469	1.87
AR	1707	1.55	886	1.18	2593	1.40
AS						^a
AZ	817	0.74	1945	2.59	2762	1.49
CARN	5828	5.29	3300	4.39	9128	4.93
CO	1389	1.26	1976	2.63	3365	1.82
CT	947	0.86	1076	1.43	2023	1.09
DC	294	0.27	1461	1.94	1755	0.95
DE	341	0.31	537	0.71	878	0.47
FL	5759	5.23	4812	6.40	10571	5.70
GARN	2944	2.67	3115	4.14	6059	3.27
GU	17	0.02	59	0.08	76	0.04
HI	186	0.17	1094	1.45	1280	0.69
IA	1141	1.04	1174	1.56	2315	1.25
ID	319	0.29	564	0.75	883	0.48
IL	5602	5.09	1839	2.45	7441	4.01
IN	2773	2.52	1604	2.13	4377	2.36
KS	1717	1.56	1072	1.43	2789	1.50
KY	2242	2.04	953	1.27	3195	1.72
LARN	2051	1.86	2241	2.98	4292	2.32
MA	2738	2.49	1450	1.93	4188	2.26
MD	2569	2.33	1926	2.56	4495	2.43
ME	609	0.55	636	0.85	1245	0.67
MI	6041	5.49	1647	2.19	7688	4.15
MN	2049	1.86	894	1.19	2943	1.59
MO	2827	2.57	1994	2.65	4821	2.60
MP	1	0.00	11	0.01	12	0.01
MS	1644	1.49	844	1.12	2488	1.34
MT	338	0.31	390	0.52	728	0.39
NC	3262	2.96	3237	4.30	6499	3.51
ND	305	0.28	118	0.16	423	0.23
NE	868	0.79	426	0.57	1294	0.70
NH	480	0.44	1113	1.48	1593	0.86
NJ	4083	3.71	2426	3.23	6509	3.51
NM	604	0.55	1003	1.33	1607	0.87
NV	337	0.31	1427	1.90	1764	0.95
NY	8238	7.48	2044	2.72	10282	5.55
OH	5205	4.73	1785	2.37	6990	3.77
OK	2311	2.10	856	1.14	3167	1.71
OR						^a
PA	5680	5.16	2466	3.28	8146	4.40
PR	1059	0.96	0	0.00	1059	0.57
RI						^a
SC	1397	1.27	1663	2.21	3060	1.65
SD	442	0.40	356	0.47	798	0.43
TN	2880	2.62	2154	2.86	5034	2.72
TXRN	7301	6.63	5377	7.15	12678	6.84
UT	905	0.82	395	0.53	1300	0.70
VA	2309	2.10	2985	3.97	5294	2.86
VI	6	0.01	195	0.26	201	0.11
VT	208	0.19	239	0.32	447	0.24
WA	1472	1.34	1611	2.14	3083	1.66
WI	2192	1.99	1252	1.66	3444	1.86
WVRN	806	0.73	913	1.21	1719	0.93
WY	254	0.23	303	0.40	557	0.30
Total	110131	100.00	75209	100.00	185340	100.00

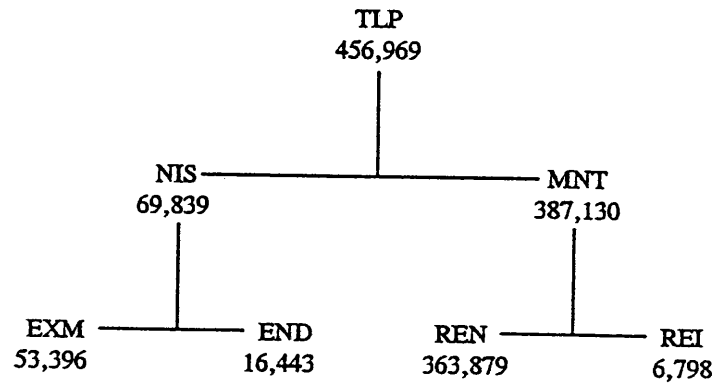
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Table 4. Registered Nurses: Maintenance Function, by Jurisdiction

JD	Renewal		Reinstatement		Total Maintenance	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK						a
AL	33842	2.64	274	1.68	34116	2.51
AR	10793	0.84	4	0.02	10797	0.79
AS						a
AZ	17119	1.33	208	1.27	17327	1.28
CARN	118420	9.23	12	0.07	118432	8.72
CO	18000	1.40	510	3.12	18510	1.36
CT	46425	3.62	161	0.99	46586	3.43
DC	14863	1.16	187	1.15	15050	1.11
DE	10150	0.79	100	0.61	10250	0.75
FL	0	0.00	124	0.76	124	0.01
GARN	60280	4.70	351	2.15	60631	4.46
GJ	0	0.00	8	0.05	8	0.00
HI	40	0.00	2	0.01	42	0.00
IA	9987	0.78	362	2.22	10349	0.76
ID	7751	0.60	60	0.37	7811	0.58
IL	21162	1.65	2355	14.43	23517	1.73
IN						a
KS	11599	0.90	565	3.46	12164	0.90
KY	35909	2.80	415	2.54	36324	2.67
LARN	35315	2.75	680	4.17	35995	2.65
MA	92806	7.23	10	0.06	92816	6.83
MD	53560	4.17	0	0.00	53560	3.94
ME	6820	0.53	233	1.43	7053	0.52
MI	51846	4.04	449	2.75	52295	3.85
MN	24181	1.88	474	2.90	24655	1.82
MO	58418	4.55	0	0.00	58418	4.30
MP	56	0.00	1	0.01	57	0.00
MS	20417	1.59	210	1.29	20627	1.52
MT	9408	0.73	105	0.64	9513	0.70
NC	31175	2.43	1198	7.34	32373	2.38
ND	3953	0.31	0	0.00	3953	0.29
NE	16783	1.31	100	0.61	16883	1.24
NH	7030	0.55	495	3.03	7525	0.55
NJ	68275	5.32	7	0.04	68282	5.03
NM	2115	0.16	0	0.00	2115	0.16
NV						a
NY						a
OH	0	0.00	1001	6.13	1001	0.07
OK	23200	1.81	18	0.11	23218	1.71
OR						a
PA	92000	7.17	970	5.94	92970	6.85
PR						a
RI						a
SC	27524	2.15	430	2.63	27954	2.06
SD	4436	0.35	127	0.78	4563	0.34
TN	56329	4.39	600	3.68	56929	4.19
TXRN	62542	4.87	1903	11.66	64445	4.75
UT	12968	1.01	50	0.31	13018	0.96
VA	30888	2.41	1199	7.35	32087	2.36
VI	499	0.04	50	0.31	549	0.04
VT						a
WA	51250	3.99	36	0.22	51286	3.78
WI					58808	4.33
WVRN	19093	1.49	278	1.70	19371	1.43
WY	3767	0.29	0	0.00	3767	0.28
Total	1282994	100.00	16322	100.00	1358124	100.00

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**Summary
Practical/Vocational Nurse Licenses Processed**



KEY:

- TLP:** Total Licenses Processed
- NIS:** New in State Functions
- MNT:** Maintenance Functions
- EXM:** Examination
- END:** Endorsement
- REN:** Renewal
- REI:** Reinstatement

Table 5. Practical/Vocational Nurses: Total Licenses Processed, by Jurisdiction

JD	New in State		Maintenance		Total Processed	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	89	0.13	0	0.00	89	0.02
AL	1888	2.70	3086	0.80	4974	1.09
AR	1157	1.66	7656	1.98	8813	1.93
AS						^a
AZ	1034	1.48	1029	0.27	2063	0.45
CAVN	5234	7.49	25482	6.58	30716	6.72
CO	1042	1.49	6850	1.77	7892	1.73
CT	556	0.80	11191	2.89	11747	2.57
DC	269	0.39	30	0.01	299	0.07
DE	293	0.42	2026	0.52	2319	0.51
FL	4085	5.85	25	0.01	4110	0.90
GAPN	1772	2.54	186	0.05	1958	0.43
GU	24	0.03	1	0.00	25	0.01
HI	512	0.73	20	0.01	532	0.12
IA	1283	1.84	2546	0.66	3829	0.84
ID	265	0.38	1889	0.49	2154	0.47
IL	1999	2.86	10186	2.63	12185	2.67
IN	1765	2.53	19427	5.02	21192	4.64
KS	1056	1.51	3414	0.88	4470	0.98
KY	1026	1.47	171	0.04	1197	0.26
LAPN	2029	2.91	18900	4.88	20929	4.58
MA	1072	1.53	10	0.00	1082	0.24
MD	746	1.07	9775	2.52	10521	2.30
ME	129	0.18	2072	0.54	2201	0.48
MI	2086	2.99	16299	4.21	18385	4.02
MN	1298	1.86	10444	2.70	11742	2.57
MO	1940	2.78	20329	5.25	22269	4.87
MP	3	0.00	4	0.00	7	0.00
MS	709	1.02	460	0.12	1169	0.26
MT	333	0.48	3231	0.83	3564	0.78
NC	2093	3.00	8484	2.19	10577	2.31
ND	110	0.16	1565	0.40	1675	0.37
NE	440	0.63	517	0.13	957	0.21
NH	381	0.55	1584	0.41	1965	0.43
NJ	2055	2.94	13802	3.57	15857	3.47
NM	331	0.47	3006	0.78	3337	0.73
NV	360	0.52	0	0.00	360	0.08
NY	7379	10.57	0	0.00	7379	1.61
OH	2402	3.44	38677	9.99	41079	8.99
OK	1369	1.96	38	0.01	1407	0.31
OR						^a
PA	3095	4.43	56162	14.51	59257	12.97
PR	1016	1.45	0	0.00	1016	0.22
RI						^a
SC	955	1.37	9715	2.51	10670	2.33
SD	146	0.21	1155	0.30	1301	0.28
TN	1722	2.47	25376	6.55	27098	5.93
TXVN	4797	6.87	0	0.00	4797	1.05
UT	950	1.36	2351	0.61	3301	0.72
VA	1655	2.37	11273	2.91	12928	2.83
VI	62	0.09	140	0.04	202	0.04
VT	121	0.17	1895	0.49	2016	0.44
WA	1241	1.78	10931	2.82	12172	2.66
WI	566	0.81	16453	4.25	17019	3.72
WVPN	747	1.07	6381	1.65	7128	1.56
WY	152	0.22	886	0.23	1038	0.23
Total	69839	100.00	387130	100.00	456969	100.00

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Table 6. Practical/Vocational Nurses: New in State Function, by Jurisdiction

JD	Examination		Endorsement		New in State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	15	0.03	74	0.45	89	0.13
AL	1592	2.98	296	1.80	1888	2.70
AR	794	1.49	363	2.21	1157	1.66
AS						
AZ	594	1.11	440	2.68		^a
CAVN	4700	8.80	534	3.25	1034	1.48
CO	608	1.14	434	2.64	5234	7.49
CT	370	0.69	186	1.13	1042	1.49
DC	137	0.26	132	0.80	556	0.80
DE	197	0.37	96	0.58	269	0.39
FL	2617	4.90	1468	8.93	293	0.42
GAPN	967	1.81	805	4.90	4085	5.85
GU	11	0.02	13	0.08	1772	2.54
HI	157	0.29	355	2.16	24	0.03
IA	1051	1.97	232	1.41	512	0.73
ID	138	0.26	127	0.77	1283	1.84
IL	1683	3.15	316	1.92	265	0.38
IN	1353	2.53	412	2.51	1999	2.86
KS	745	1.40	311	1.89	1765	2.53
KY	740	1.39	286	1.74	1056	1.51
LAPN	1518	2.84	511	3.11	1026	1.47
MA	873	1.63	199	1.21	2029	2.91
MD	300	0.56	446	2.71	1072	1.53
ME	44	0.08	85	0.52	746	1.07
MI	1788	3.35	298	1.81	129	0.18
MN	1126	2.11	172	1.05	2086	2.99
MO	1373	2.57	567	3.45	1298	1.86
MP	3	0.01	0	0.00	1940	2.78
MS	685	1.28	24	0.15	3	0.00
MT	254	0.48	79	0.48	709	1.02
NC	1215	2.28	878	5.34	333	0.48
ND	89	0.17	21	0.13	2093	3.00
NE	327	0.61	113	0.69	110	0.16
NH	243	0.46	138	0.84	440	0.63
NJ	1676	3.14	379	2.30	381	0.55
NM	180	0.34	151	0.92	2055	2.94
NV	98	0.18	262	1.59	331	0.47
NY	7042	13.19	337	2.05	360	0.52
OH	2019	3.78	383	2.33	7379	10.57
OK	1046	1.96	323	1.96	2402	3.44
OR					1369	1.96
PA	2794	5.23	301	1.83		^a
PR	1016	1.90	0	0.00	3095	4.43
RI					1016	1.45
SC	520	0.97	435	2.65		^a
SD	68	0.13	78	0.47	955	1.37
TN	1079	2.02	643	3.91	146	0.21
TXVN	3789	7.10	1008	6.13	1722	2.47
UT	830	1.55	120	0.73	4797	6.87
VA	1046	1.96	609	3.70	950	1.36
VI	25	0.05	37	0.23	1655	2.37
VT	64	0.12	57	0.35	62	0.09
WA	909	1.70	332	2.02	121	0.17
WI	294	0.55	272	1.65	1241	1.78
WVPN	520	0.97	227	1.38	566	0.81
WY	74	0.14	78	0.47	747	1.07
					152	0.22
Total	53396	100.00	16443	100.00	69839	100.00

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Table 7. Practical/Vocational Nurses: Maintenance Functions, by Jurisdiction

JD	Renewal		Reinstatement		Total Maintenance	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK						a
AL	2588	0.71	498	7.33	3086	0.80
AR	7652	2.10	4	0.06	7656	1.98
AS						a
AZ	1023	0.28	6	0.09	1029	0.27
CAVN	25474	7.00	8	0.12	25482	6.58
CO	6600	1.81	250	3.68	6850	1.77
CT	11145	3.06	46	0.68	11191	2.89
DC	0	0.00	30	0.44	30	0.01
DE	2000	0.55	26	0.38	2026	0.52
FL	0	0.00	25	0.37	25	0.01
GAPN	43	0.01	143	2.10	186	0.05
GU	0	0.00	1	0.01	1	0.00
HI	20	0.01	0	0.00	20	0.01
IA	2377	0.65	169	2.49	2546	0.66
ID	1857	0.51	32	0.47	1889	0.49
IL	9879	2.71	307	4.52	10186	2.63
IN	19427	5.34	0	0.00	19427	5.02
KS	3144	0.86	270	3.97	3414	0.88
KY	1	0.00	170	2.50	171	0.04
LAPN	18598	5.11	302	4.44	18900	4.88
MA	0	0.00	10	0.15	10	0.00
MD	9775	2.69	0	0.00	9775	2.52
ME	1961	0.54	111	1.63	2072	0.54
MI	16033	4.41	266	3.91	16299	4.21
MN	10180	2.80	264	3.88	10444	2.70
MO	20329	5.59	0	0.00	20329	5.25
MP	4	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.00
MS	0	0.00	460	6.77	460	0.12
MT	3156	0.87	75	1.10	3231	0.83
NC	7938	2.18	546	8.03	8484	2.19
ND	1565	0.43	0	0.00	1565	0.40
NE	399	0.11	118	1.74	517	0.13
NH	1449	0.40	135	1.99	1584	0.41
NJ	13800	3.79	2	0.03	13802	3.57
NM	3006	0.83	0	0.00	3006	0.78
NV	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
NY	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
OH	37663	10.35	1014	14.92	38677	9.99
OK	0	0.00	38	0.56	38	0.01
OR						a
PA	56070	15.41	92	1.35	56162	14.51
PR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
RI						a
SC	9474	2.60	241	3.55	9715	2.51
SD	1121	0.31	34	0.50	1155	0.30
TN	25076	6.89	300	4.41	25376	6.55
TXVN						a
UT	2316	0.64	35	0.51	2351	0.61
VA	10726	2.95	547	8.05	11273	2.91
VI	135	0.04	5	0.07	140	0.04
VT	1895	0.52	0	0.00	1895	0.49
WA	10920	3.00	11	0.16	10931	2.82
WI		a				a
WVPM	6174	1.70	207	3.05	6381	1.65
WY	886	0.24	0	0.00	886	0.23
Total	363879	100.00	6798	100.00	387130	100.00

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Table 8. Total Number of Active Licenses: Registered Nurses and Practical/Vocational Nurses, by Jurisdiction

JD	Registered Nurses		Practical Nurses		Total Number	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK						a
AL	34116	1.18	18097	1.98	52213	1.37
AR	23960	0.83	16441	1.80	40401	1.06
AS						a
AZ	39818	1.38	9150	1.00	48968	1.29
CARN	316702	10.95	0	0.00	316702	8.32
CAVN	0	0.00	65757	7.21	65757	1.73
CO	38800	1.34	8537	0.94	47337	1.24
CT	47735	1.65	11368	1.25	59103	1.55
DC	17123	0.59	884	0.10	18007	0.47
DE	11128	0.38	2319	0.25	13447	0.35
FL	182617	6.31	64770	7.10	247387	6.50
GAPN	0	0.00	27736	3.04	27736	0.73
GARN	64070	2.21	0	0.00	64070	1.68
GU	546	0.02	170	0.02	716	0.02
HI	12542	0.43	3137	0.34	15679	0.41
IA	30559	1.06	9900	1.08	40459	1.06
ID	10416	0.36	3486	0.38	13902	0.37
IL	128235	4.43	30930	3.39	159165	4.18
IN	67952	2.35	21192	2.32	89144	2.34
KS	28355	0.98	8452	0.93	36807	0.97
KY	34813	1.20	13250	1.45	48063	1.26
LAPN	0	0.00	20929	2.29	20929	0.55
LARN	35995	1.24	0	0.00	35995	0.95
MA	97004	3.35	24560	2.69	121564	3.19
MD	58775	2.03	10521	1.15	69296	1.82
ME	15969	0.55	4441	0.49	20410	0.54
MI	111148	3.84	35540	3.89	146688	3.85
MN	52877	1.83	23414	2.57	76291	2.00
MO	58418	2.02	20329	2.23	78747	2.07
MP	188	0.01	36	0.00	224	0.01
MS	22882	0.79	11045	1.21	33927	0.89
MT	9408	0.33	3156	0.35	12564	0.33
NC	69703	2.41	20640	2.26	90343	2.37
ND	7690	0.27	3023	0.33	10713	0.28
NE	18570	0.64	6785	0.74	25355	0.67
NH	15500	0.54	3150	0.35	18650	0.49
NJ	109509	3.79	29579	3.24	139088	3.66
NM	13931	0.48	3101	0.34	17032	0.45
NV	10162	0.35	2317	0.25	12479	0.33
NY	225698	7.80	68276	7.48	293974	7.73
OH	131940	4.56	40763	4.47	172703	4.54
OK	25870	0.89	15478	1.70	41348	1.09
OR						a
PA	223919	7.74	60817	6.66	284736	7.48
PR	16674	0.58	11077	1.21	27751	0.73
RI						a
SC	26987	0.93	10205	1.12	37192	0.98
SD	9467	0.33	2403	0.26	11870	0.31
TN	55276	1.91	24717	2.71	79993	2.10
TXRN	142578	4.93	0	0.00	142578	3.75
TXVN	0	0.00	70892	7.77	70892	1.86
UT	15104	0.52	3301	0.36	18405	0.48
VA	72886	2.52	25318	2.77	98204	2.58
VI	750	0.03	202	0.02	952	0.03
VT	7526	0.26	2051	0.22	9577	0.25
WA	55738	1.93	14405	1.58	70143	1.84
WI	58703	2.03	16409	1.80	75112	1.97
WVPN	0	0.00	7080	0.78	7080	0.19
WVRN	22014	0.76	0	0.00	22014	0.58
WY	4374	0.15	1049	0.11	5423	0.14
Total	2892720	100.00	912585	100.00	3805305	100.00

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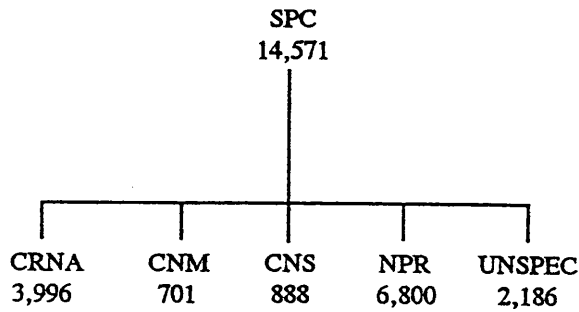
Table 9. Number of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs Licensed by Jurisdiction

JD	RN Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs		PN/VN Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs	
	n	%	n	%
AK				a
AL	10	0.13	0	0.00
AR	82	1.09	0	0.00
AS				a
AZ	483	6.44	0	0.00
CARN	934	12.46	0	0.00
CAVN	0	0.00		a
CO	275	3.67	25	2.46
CT	10	0.13	3	0.30
DC	0	0.00	0	0.00
DE	12	0.16	0	0.00
FL	1022	13.63	162	15.96
GAPN	0	0.00		a
GARN			0	0.00
GU	19	0.25	11	1.08
HI	80	1.07	0	0.00
IA	10	0.13	3	0.30
ID	15	0.20	0	0.00
IL				a
IN				a
KS				a
KY	15	0.20	0	0.00
LAPN	0	0.00		a
LARN			0	0.00
MA	45	0.60	10	0.99
MD	132	1.76	0	0.00
ME	138	1.84	2	0.20
MI				a
MN	320	4.27	0	0.00
MO	99	1.32	0	0.00
MP				a
MS	156	2.08	0	0.00
MT	55	0.73	0	0.00
NC	483	6.44	10	0.99
ND				a
NE	27	0.36	0	0.00
NH				a
NJ	136	1.81	34	3.35
NM	13	0.17	0	0.00
NV				a
NY	2546	33.96	714	70.34
OH	92	1.23	4	0.39
OK	32	0.43	3	0.30
OR				a
PA				a
PR				a
RI				a
SC	50	0.67	4	0.39
SD	14	0.19	0	0.00
TN				a
TXRN				a
TXVN				a
UT	20	0.27	15	1.48
VA	40	0.53	4	0.39
VI	9	0.12	0	0.00
VT				a
WA	35	0.47	11	1.08
WI	83	1.11	0	0.00
WVPN				a
WVRN	5	0.07	0	0.00
WY				a
Total	7497	100.00	1015	100.00

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Summary

Specialty Licenses Processed



KEY:

- SPC: Total Specialty Licenses Processed
- CRNA: Nurse Anesthetist
- CNM: Nurse Midwife
- CNS: Clinical Nurse Specialists
- NPR: All categories of nurse practitioners
- UNSPEC: Unspecified

Table 10. Distribution of Licensing Boards Empowered to Grant Specialty Licenses, by Specialty Category.

Abbreviation	Category	Number of Boards Empowered to Issue	
		n	% ¹
CRNA	nurse anesthetist	36	72.0
CNM	nurse midwife	39	78.0
CNS-Psych/M.H.	clinical nurse specialist psych/mental health	15	30.0
CNS	clinical nurse specialist	18	36.0
<u>Nurse Practitioners</u>			
NEO	neonatal	21	42.0
FAM	family	23	46.0
FPN	family planning	10	20.0
GER	geriatric	21	42.0
EMR	emergency	11	22.0
SCH	school	17	34.0
COL	college	7	14.0
WOM	ob-gyn/women's health	24	48.0
PSY	psychiatric/mental health	13	26.0
PRI	primary care	7	14.0
AHP	adult health	23	46.0
CHP	child health	22	44.0
NPR	nurse practitioner (no designation)	20	40.0
OTS	other specialty	15	30.0
Total Number of Boards Empowered to Issue Specialty Licenses or Certificates		50	

¹Percent of total number of Member Boards empowered to grant specialty licenses.

Table 11. Distribution of Specialty Licenses Processed Within Each Specialty Category, by Jurisdiction.

JD	CNS																	Total	
	CRNA n	CNM n	PSYCH n	CNS n	NEO n	FAM n	FPN n	GER n	EMR n	SCH n	COL n	WOM n	PSY n	PRI n	AHP n	CHP n	NPR n		OTS n
AK																			
AL	1385	41			37	187		7		1		133			44	62	20	1	a
AR	92	2																	1918
AS																	540		634
AZ			18		6	53													a
CARN	92	57										38	10		24	10			159
CT	a	14		a									13				532		694
DC	14	11															a	224	238
DE	20	3	3	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	6	58		83
FL	162	24	32	0	0	110	1	13	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	2	54
GARN	457	121	52	0	14	64	0	9	0	0	0	37	0	0	60	39	0	0	479
GU	1	a													14	31	0	0	801
IA	19	7	0	14	1	4	0	1		2		11	0	0	3	5	3		4
ID	29																0	0	67
IN		5															17		46
KS	31	4	22	59	1		1					3		1	1	1			5
KY	53	7	0	8	0	24	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	5	39	0	124
MA	41	36	92														254		146
MD	26	17	46														96		423
ME	24	1				7													185
MI	a	a										3			3	4		2	44
MN																	a		312
MP		10																520	520
MS	55	3			1	89	0	1				2			9	6			10
MT	10	4		2															166
NC		25			20	46	0	7	0	0		12					20		36
ND	165	6		22											8			9	127
NE	17	0			1	10		0		0		6	4		1	4	97		290
NH	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	4	a	a	43
NJ	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	406
NM	20			18													a	a	1218
NV	15																56		94
NY					20	157		30		0	0	73	57		180	82	29		44
OH		18		2														29	628
OK	40	2		27													9		29
OR																	28		97
PA					9	37		7	5	3		4	3	4	40	32		a	144
PR	345	120			1		9	2	2	1		130	91		53			610	1362
RI																			a
SC	73	8	5	2	10	33	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	10			163
SD	18	1				15						3			3	1			41
TXRN	146	50	80	256	28	95		15		2		69			30	46			817
UT	7	10	9	8															80
VA	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	30	16	250
VI	1	4		2													a	a	7
VT	77	27	0	0	4	64	0	0	0	3	0	32	39	0	49	30	0	11	336
WA	34	21	47		5	66		4				28			42	0	0	23	270
WI		a																	a
WVRN	456	38		52	10	59		4				22			31	15		132	819
WY	71	4		8		27	2	4				24	4		7	6		1	158
Total	3996	701	406	482	170	1149	13	105	8	12	0	685	221	5	576	448	1828	1580	14571

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Table 12. Total Number of Active Specialty Licenses within the Member Board Jurisdiction.

Abbreviation	Category	Active Licenses	
		n	%
CRNA	nurse anesthetist	15,098	29.2
CNM	nurse midwife	3,228	6.2
CNS-Psych/M.H.	clinical nurse specialist psych/mental health	2,531	4.9
CNS	clinical nurse specialist	2,356	4.5
<u>Nurse Practitioners</u>			
NEO	neonatal	730	1.4
FAM	family	4,860	9.4
FPN	family planning	124	0.2
GER	geriatric	546	0.8
EMR	emergency	37	0.0
SCH	school	173	0.3
COL	college	6	0.0
WOM	ob-gyn/women's health	2,586	5.0
PSY	psychiatric/mental health	591	0.9
PRI	primary care	32	0.0
AHP	adult health	2,315	4.4
CHP	child health	1,979	4.0
NPR	nurse practitioner (no designation)	12,448	24.1
OTS	other specialty	1,949	3.7
Total		51,589 ¹	99.0 ²

¹ Excludes 12,060 licenses not broken down by category² Adds to less than 100% due to rounding

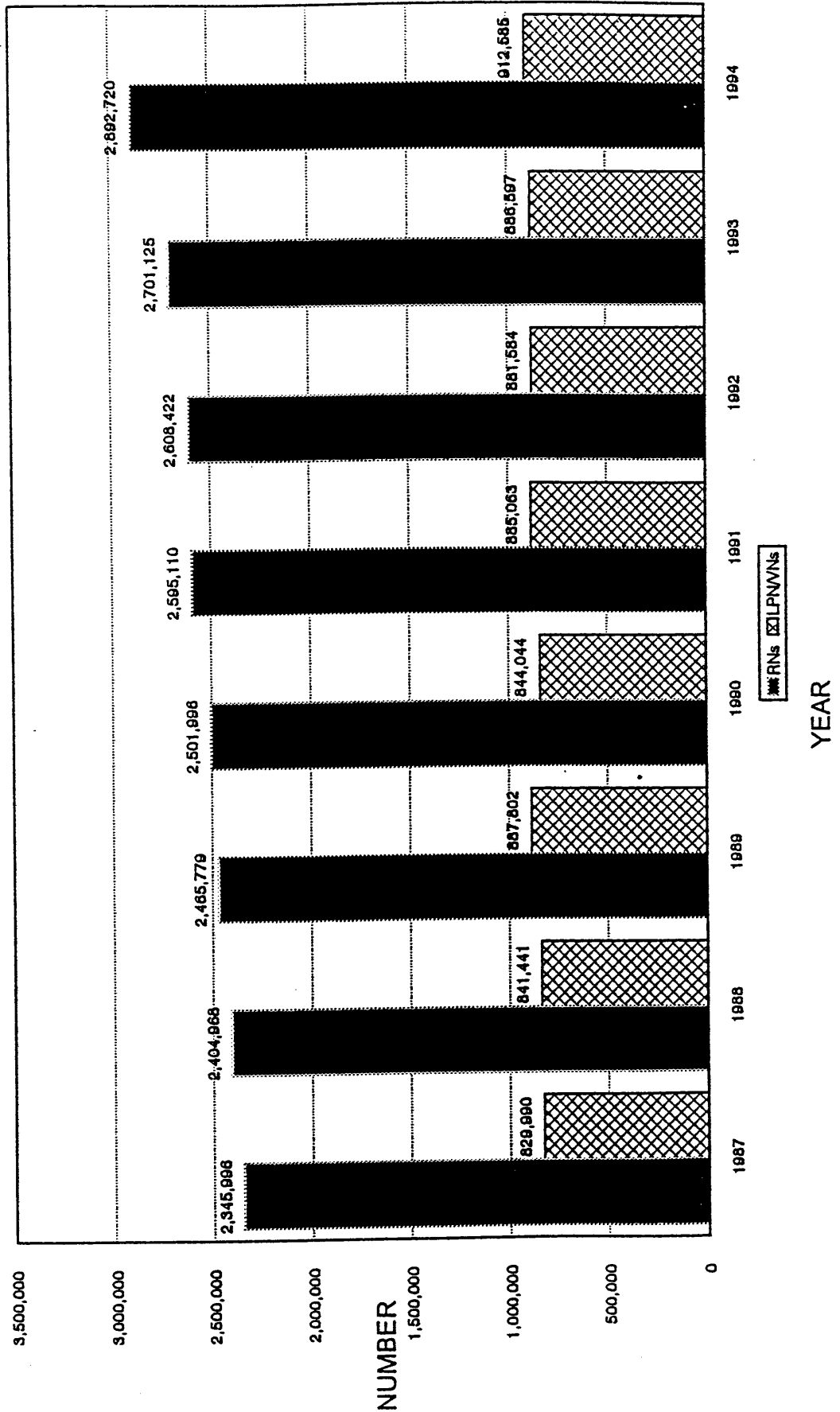
Table 13. Distribution of Active Specialty Licenses Within Each Specialty Category, by Jurisdiction.

JD	CRNA n	CNM n	CNS		NEO n	FAM n	FPN n	GER n	EMR n	SCH n	COL n	WOM n	PSY n	PRI n	AHP n	CHP n	NPR n	OTS n	Total Active Licenses	
			PSYCH n	CNS n																
AK																				
AL	1385	41			37	187		7		1		133			44	62				a
AR	263	9															20	1		1918
AS																	941			1213
AZ		99			97	272				13		158	10		140	124				a
CARN	1440	760											400				6361			913
CT	a	102		a													a	1033		8961
DC	142	61															260			1135
DE	135	3	17	11	11	15	4	2	0	0	0	28	0	0	17	25				463
FL	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	0	a	a	0	5		273
GARN	562	115	161	0	15	291	0	14	0	0	0	219	0	0	78	69				5012
GU	4	3															0	0		1524
IA	243	17	0	30	3	0	54	3	0	12	0	72	13	0	5	105				19
ID	232																0	0		557
IN		26															132			364
KS	395	10	107	247	14	168	4		10			45	1	16	11	9				26
KY	619	71		32	2	130		11		1		85		0	30	45	0	8		1045
LARN	746	19		560											0	0	304	0		1330
MA	835	309	737												0	0	229	0		1554
MD	269	196	233														2254	0		4135
ME	284	32			1	161	8	6		3	2	45		15	39	51				1666
MI	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	6		651
MN																	a	a		2595
MP		10																		a
MS	472	41			5	198	5	5				37			33	26				10
MT	137	24		2																822
NC		132			78	398	20	15		2		79			25	55	170			333
ND	276	9		35														10		814
NE	320	3															148			468
NH	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	80			403
NJ	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	560
NM	231			88													a	a		1218
NV	76	6			11	51	16	7				41	3		4	22	317			636
NY					111	992		212		38		282	118		1067	637		3		240
OH		123		2														333		3790
OK	351	17	28	70	24	45		4		3		110	3		5	66	14			139
OR																		2		728
PA	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
PR	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	1319
RI																				1362
SC	683	88	16	28	50	147	5	7	0	4	4	74	0	1	40	53	0			a
SD	233	6			30	55		1		1		7			7					1196
TXRN	2505	351	434	1100	118	555		83		87		590			148	357				340
UT	131	69	51	89																6328
VA	1076	107	387		76	437	6	41	27	1		170			273	222	238	208		786
VI	1	4		2														3		2826
VT	77	27	0	0	4	64	0	0	0	3	0	32	39	0	49	30				7
WA	448	234	360		33	608		120		4		333			262		0	11		336
WI		62															193			2595
WVRN	456	38		52	10	59		4												62
WY	71	4		8		27		4				22			31	15		132		819
Total	15098	3228	2531	2356	730	4860	124	546	37	173	6	2586	591	32	2315	1979	12448	1949	63649*	158

a no information available

* Includes 12,060 licenses not broken down by category

FIGURE 1
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE LICENSES: RNs AND LPN/VNs



Numbers do not reflect number of licensees due to potential issuance of a license in more than one jurisdiction.

PART II

1994 LICENSURE EXAMINATION STATISTICS

INTRODUCTION TO PART II: 1994 Licensure Examination Statistics

The National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)[™] and the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)[™] are administered to licensure candidates on behalf of The National Council's Member Boards of Nursing. The purpose of the licensing examination is to determine if a licensure candidate possesses the minimum knowledge, skills and abilities to provide minimally safe and effective nursing care.

The NCLEX-RN administered in February 1994 was the last paper-and-pencil examination. On April 1, 1994, the National Council instituted the use of computerized adaptive testing (CAT) for both NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN. Since this methodology provided opportunities for year-round testing, the following changes were made in the reporting of statistical information provided by the National Council's test services. Three sets of data are reported for NCLEX-RN. One set represents candidate performance on the February 2-3, 1994, NCLEX-RN administered via the paper-and-pencil mode. Two additional sets of reports represent candidate performance on NCLEX-RN administered via CAT for the periods April 1 - June 30, 1994 and July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994. The last paper and pencil administration of NCLEX-PN occurred in October 1993. Therefore, two sets of 1994 data are reported relative to candidate performance on NCLEX-PN administered via CAT: April 1 - June 30, 1994 and July 1 - December 31, 1994.

In keeping with the purpose of licensure examinations, the results are reported as the percent passing. The passing criterion is equivalent to the level of competence a candidate must demonstrate in order to provide minimally safe and effective entry-level nursing care. Definitions of selected statistical terms are provided in an appendix.

TABLE 1. Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX™ and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

Type of Candidate	NCLEX-PN April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
First-Time U.S. Educated	15193	90.8
Repeat U.S. Educated	2792	51.4
First-Time Foreign Educated	497	62.4
Repeat Foreign Educated	517	48.0
Total	18999	83.1
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	4	
Invalid Program Codes:	79	

TABLE 2. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions

NCLEX-PN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
Jurisdiction Code	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing	
AL	722	85.7	
AK	0	*0.0	
AS	1	0.0	
AZ	328	94.5	
AR	265	92.1	
CA	1131	86.7	
CO	123	96.8	
CT	337	96.7	
DE	24	87.5	
DC	27	85.2	
FL	839	92.0	
GA	507	87.2	
GU	0	*0.0	
HI	31	96.8	
ID	33	87.9	
IL	288	94.4	
IN	455	92.3	
IA	379	92.9	
KS	230	91.7	
KY	256	93.4	
LA	840	92.6	
ME	3	100.0	
MD	32	87.5	
MA	64	95.3	
MI	338	95.2	
MN	415	88.7	
MS	165	81.2	
MO	361	89.5	
MP	0	*0.0	
MT	69	92.8	
NE	137	90.5	
NV	20	100.0	
NH	87	96.6	
NJ	409	87.8	
NM	13	92.3	
NY	845	87.9	
NC	179	92.7	
ND	59	91.5	
OH	560	92.5	
OK	225	91.1	
OR	56	100.0	

TABLE 2. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions (cont.)

Jurisdiction Code	NCLEX-PN April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing
PA	743	89.9
PR	9	11.1
RI	4	75.0
SC	176	98.9
SD	0	0.0
TN	491	92.8
TX	1285	92.0
UT	237	97.1
VT	0	*0.0
VI	3	66.7
VA	778	87.5
WA	327	96.6
WV	126	92.1
WI	78	89.7
WY	0	*0.0
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	4	
Invalid Program Codes:	79	
Total	15193	90.8

*no candidates tested

TABLE 3. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing

NCLEX-PN	April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Bahamas	1	00.0
Belize (British Honduras)	1	100.0
Bulgaria	1	100.0
Canada	10	70.0
Chile	1	100.0
Cmwlth of Staes-USSR	6	83.0
Colombia	5	100.0
Czechoslovakia	1	100.0
Ecuador	1	100.0
El Salvador	1	0.0
England	13	62.0
Ethiopia	3	100.0
Gambia	1	0.0
Germany United	2	100.0
Ghana	2	50.0
Guayana	3	67.0
Haiti	9	44.0
Honduras	2	50.0
Hong Kong	5	100.0
Hungary	1	0.0
Iceland	1	100.0
India	52	73.0
Indonesia	1	0.0
Iran	1	100.0
Ireland	1	100.0
Israel	1	100.0
Jamaica	1	100.0
Japan	2	50.0
Korea	1	0.0
Latvia	1	100.0
Lebanon	1	0.0
Liberia	1	0.0
Mexico	3	0.0
New Zealand	1	0.0
Nigeria	17	59.0
North Ireland	1	0.0
Pakistan	1	100.0
Panama, Republic of	2	0.0
Peoples Republic of China	12	67.0
Peru	5	60.0
Philippines	278	63.0
Poland	4	50.0
Rumania Romania	1	100.0

TABLE 3. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

NCLEX-PN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Scotland	3	67.0
Sierra Leone	3	0.0
St. Lucia	1	100.0
St. Thomas & Principe	1	0.0
Sweden	1	100.0
Switzerland	1	100.0
Taiwan (Repub. of China)	11	36.0
Thailand	5	20.0
Trinidad & Tobago	4	75.0
Turkey	1	0.0
Uganda	1	0.0
Western Samoa	1	0.0
Yugoslavia	5	40.0
Total	497	62.4

TABLE 4. Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

NCLEX-PN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994	
Type of Candidate	Number of Candidates		Percent Passing
First-Time U.S. Educated	31630		89.7
Repeat U.S. Educated	3459		47.4
First-Time Foreign Educated	1197		50.9
Repeat Foreign Educated	1426		33.3
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	12		
Invalid Program Codes:	1128		
Total	37712		82.25

TABLE 5. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction Code	NCLEX-PN	
	July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994	
	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing
AL	885	85.3
AK	0	*0.0
AS	1	0.0
AZ	295	93.8
AR	528	88.4
CA	1922	80.7
CO	354	94.3
CT	35	91.4
DE	135	85.1
DC	66	66.6
FL	1879	85.9
GA	593	88.7
GU	0	*0.0
HI	149	90.6
ID	97	96.9
IL	1186	90.3
IN	857	92.9
IA	740	93.9
KS	460	95.6
KY	552	89.4
LA	691	93.7
ME	43	93.0
MD	236	92.3
MA	737	95.2
MI	759	94.2
MN	797	89.8
MP	0	*0.0
MS	596	83.0
MO	1033	94.8
MT	73	87.6
NE	188	94.6
NV	54	100.0
NH	81	92.5
NJ	714	87.6
NM	156	91.6
NY	2467	82.7
NC	949	97.0
ND	47	74.4
OH	1514	94.1
OK	841	90.9

TABLE 5. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions (cont.)

Jurisdiction Code	NCLEX-PN	
	July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994	
	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing
OR	178	98.8
PA	1353	89.5
PR	6	50.0
RI	33	87.8
SC	327	92.9
SD	63	100.0
TN	642	93.9
TX	3186	91.4
UT	396	98.7
VT	74	93.2
VI	8	37.5
VA	343	88.6
WA	534	97.5
WV	6412	93.6
WI	162	92.5
WY	78	100.0
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	12	
Invalid Program Codes	1128	
Total	31630	89.7

*no candidates tested

TABLE 6. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing

NCLEX-PN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994	
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing	
Argentina	1	0.0	
Australia	2	100.0	
Bahamas	3	67.0	
Bangladesh	1	100.0	
Belgium	1	100.0	
Bolivia	1	0.0	
Brazil	3	0.0	
Bulgaria	2	50.0	
Burma	1	100.0	
Cameroon, Free Republic of	1	100.0	
Canada	27	62.9	
Cmnwlth of States - USSR	37	29.7	
Colombia	5	60.0	
Costa Rica	1	0.0	
Cuba	12	50.0	
Czechoslovakia	1	0.0	
Dominican Republic	2	0.0	
El Salvador	3	33.0	
England	25	44.0	
Ethiopia	7	66.6	
France	2	100.0	
Germany United	8	62.5	
Ghana	6	67.0	
Greenland	1	100.0	
Grenada and The Grenadines	1	100.0	
Guayana	15	60.0	
Haiti	28	28.5	
Honduras	1	100.0	
Hong Kong	5	0.0	
Hungary	74	51.0	
India	125	53.6	
Indonesia	4	25.0	
Iran	8	62.5	
Ireland	2	100.0	
Israel	8	0.0	
Italy	1	0.0	
Jamaica	21	28.6	
Japan	3	33.3	
Kenya	4	25.0	
Korea	6	33.0	
Laos	1	100.0	
Latvia	1	100.0	
Lebanon	1	100.0	
Malawi	1	0.0	

TABLE 6. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

NCLEX-PN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994	
Country of Education	Number of Candidates		Percent Passing
Mexico	13		30.7
Nepal	1		0.0
New Hebrides	1		0.0
New Zealand	1		0.0
Nicaragua	8		37.5
Nigeria	61		65.5
Northern Ireland	1		100.0
Pakistan	14		35.7
Panama, Republic of	3		100.0
Peoples Republic of China	28		67.8
Peru	7		57.1
Philippines	622		50.5
Poland	5		20.0
Rumania Romania	7		14.2
Sierra Leone	4		25.0
South Africa	2		0.0
St. Vincent	2		50.0
Switzerland	1		100.0
Surinam	1		0.0
Taiwan (Republic of China)	25		68.0
Thailand	1		100.0
Trinidad & Tobago	2		50.0
Uganda	1		100.0
Turkey	2		100.0
Venezuela	2		0.0
Wales	1		100.0
Yugoslavia	6		33.3
Total	1197		50.9

TABLE 7. Summary Statistics for First-Time Candidates taking NCLEX-PN April - June 1994 and July - December 1994

	April-June 1994	July-December 1994
Number of Test Items ^a	b	b
Number of Items Omitted	b	b
KR-20	b	b
Mean Item P-Value	b	b
Mean Point Biserial	b	b
* Mean Candidate Competence	.03	.04
*Mean Standard Error of Ability Estimate	.24	.24
* Passing Standard	-.56	-.56
* Mean Rasch Difficulty	b	b
Overall Estimated Decision Consistency	.93	.92
Average Number of Items Taken	107.9	108.8
Percent Taking Minimum Number of Items	64.7	63.6
Percent Taking Maximum Number of Items	12.3	13.1
Average Testing Time	1.78 hrs.	1.79 hrs
Percent Taking Maximum Amount of Time	0.30	0.47

^a See Appendix A for definitions of terms

^b Use discontinued following implementation of computerized adaptive testing.

* These statistics are in units on the Rasch measurement scale.

FIGURE 2

NATIONAL PASSING RATE: LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSES, 1988-1994

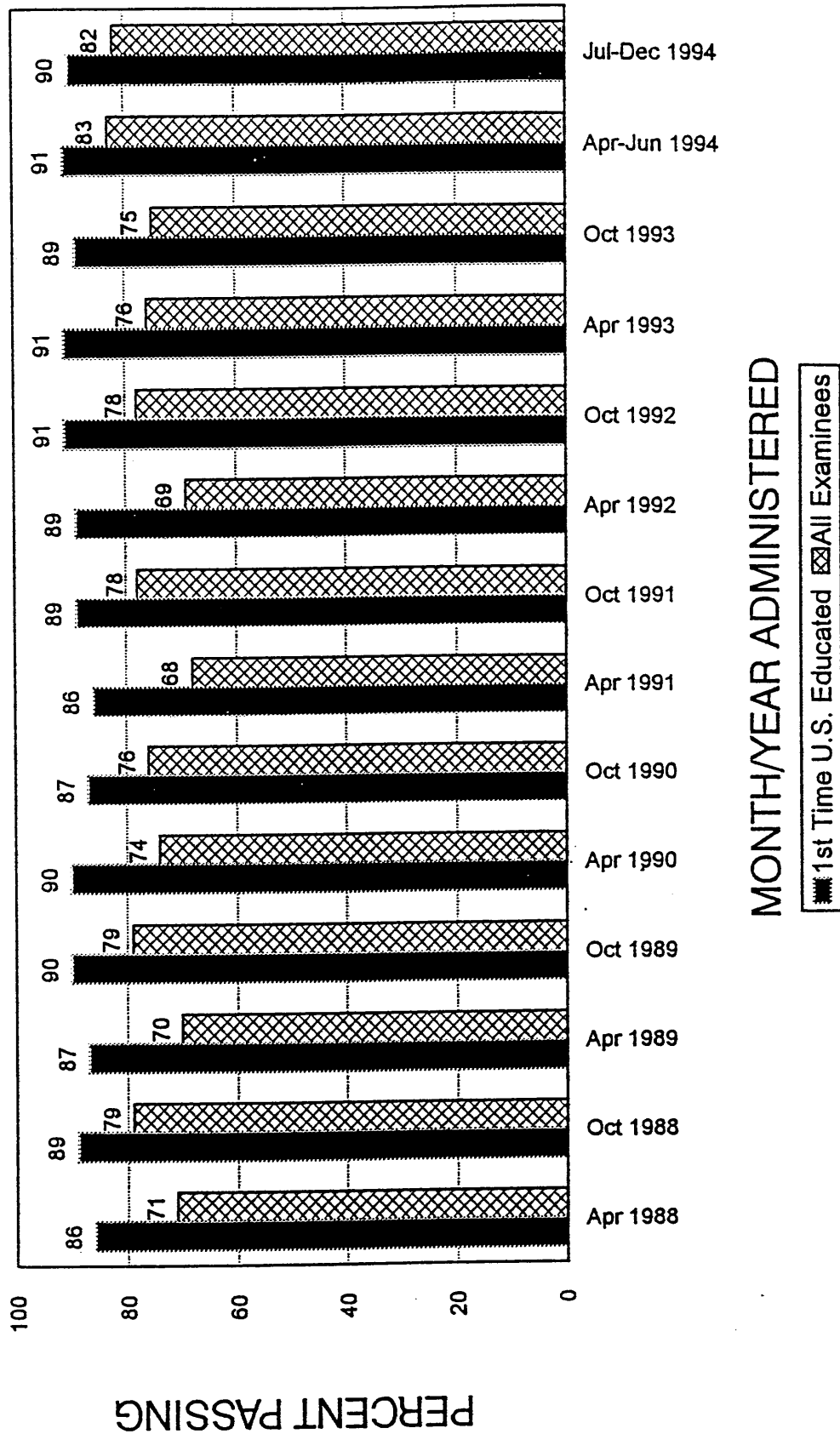
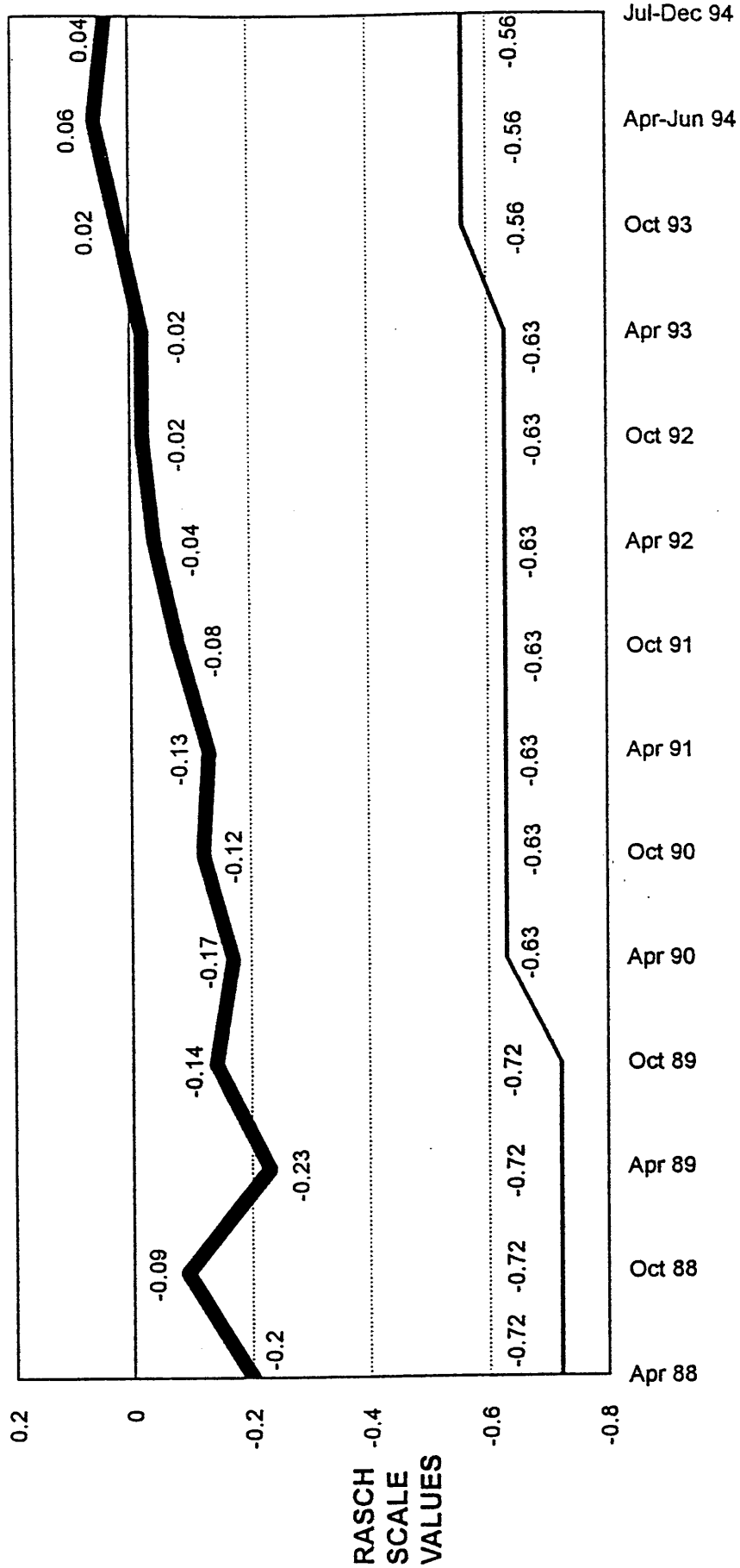


FIGURE 3

SUMMARY OF SELECTED NCLEX-PN STATISTICS 1988-1994



MONTH/YEAR ADMINISTERED

■ Candidate Competence — Passing Standard

TABLE 8. Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

NCLEX-RN294		February 2-3, 1994	
Type of Candidate	Number of Candidates		Percent Passing
First-Time U.S. Educated	22469		89.9
Repeat U.S. Educated	7548		56.1
First-Time Foreign Educated	5853		50.4
Repeat Foreign Educated	9440		16.2
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	52		
Invalid Country Codes:	47		
Total	45310		63.8

TABLE 9. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, By Degree Type

Jurisdiction Code	Number of Candidates Examined	NCLEX-RN294			February 2-3, 1994	
		Percent of Candidates Passing: Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree	
AL	676	93.0	93.9	*0.0	91.5	
AK	14	78.6	*0.0	*0.0	78.6	
AS	2	50.0	50.0	*0.0	*0.0	
AZ	344	94.5	95.9	*0.0	90.9	
AR	460	89.6	91.1	89.6	80.0	
CA	1972	87.4	88.7	85.7	83.6	
CO	187	90.4	90.3	*0.0	90.5	
CT	80	88.8	92.6	*0.0	80.8	
DE	50	88.0	88.0	*0.0	*0.0	
DC	41	80.5	25.0	*0.0	86.5	
FL	1515	92.2	92.5	88.6	90.5	
GA	283	89.4	86.4	*0.0	94.9	
HI	99	85.9	93.9	*0.0	78.0	
ID	32	87.5	84.2	*0.0	92.3	
IL	1001	91.9	93.0	91.3	90.2	
IN	698	91.4	93.8	50.0	88.7	
IA	485	89.5	87.5	91.3	94.2	
KS	288	90.6	92.8	*0.0	88.2	
KY	486	94.4	95.3	*0.0	91.9	
LA	768	95.8	96.2	100.0	95.0	
ME	64	82.8	87.5	*0.0	82.1	
MD	384	88.8	89.9	84.6	87.5	
MA	374	92.5	93.0	87.0	93.6	
MI	793	90.9	93.2	91.8	86.5	
MN	127	92.9	94.5	*0.0	82.4	
MS	342	89.8	91.7	*0.0	86.9	
MO	555	92.3	95.7	95.6	84.0	
MT	78	89.7	100.0	*0.0	89.6	
NE	217	85.7	76.9	81.8	88.0	
NV	43	93.0	92.0	*0.0	94.4	
NH	7	57.1	75.0	*0.0	33.3	
NJ	550	92.0	90.5	95.4	33.3	
NM	195	88.7	88.3	*0.0	90.2	
NY	2002	88.3	90.1	89.0	78.6	
NC	313	92.3	96.0	95.1	81.6	
ND	47	87.2	*0.0	*0.0	87.2	
OH	1077	89.0	90.4	90.3	83.2	
OK	187	89.3	88.9	*0.0	91.2	
OR	21	71.4	87.5	*0.0	61.5	

TABLE 9. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions (cont.)

Jurisdiction Code	Number of Candidates Examined	NCLEX-RN294 February 2-3, 1994			
		Percent of Candidates Passing:			
		Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree
PA	937	87.2	82.5	91.8	81.4
PR	80	16.3	9.1	*0.0	19.0
RI	34	76.5	92.0	*0.0	33.3
SC	377	90.2	90.0	*0.0	90.6
SD	76	84.2	70.0	*0.0	89.3
TN	551	92.2	87.9	97.0	92.4
TX	1727	93.5	93.5	92.5	93.4
UT	226	88.5	85.8	*0.0	93.6
VT	26	88.5	91.7	*0.0	50.0
VI	3	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
VA	356	87.1	87.6	88.5	83.3
WA	252	90.1	91.5	*0.0	87.5
WV	36	52.8	56.5	*0.0	46.2
WI	821	89.4	89.3	100.0	89.5
WY	16	93.8	93.8	*0.0	*0.0
Total	22469	89.9	91.0	91.5	87.7
Special Codes:	35				
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	25				
Invalid Program Codes:	34				
Total	22469				

*no candidates tested

TABLE 10. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing

	NCLEX-RN294	February 2-3, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Albania	1	0.0
Argentina	1	0.0
Ascension	1	100.0
Australia	81	80.2
Austria	3	66.7
Azores	1	0.0
Bahamas	15	40.0
Bangladesh	1	0.0
Barbados	8	50.0
Belgium	3	33.3
Bolivia	1	100.0
Botswana	2	0.0
Brazil	4	25.0
Bulgaria	4	0.0
Cameroon, Free Republic of	2	50.0
Canada	722	83.4
Chile	5	40.0
Cmwlth of States-USSR	138	31.9
Colombia	16	25.0
Costa Rica	3	0.0
Cyprus	1	0.0
Czechoslovakia	2	100.0
Denmark	5	60.0
Dominica	1	100.0
Dominican Republic	2	0.0
Egypt, Arab Republic of	4	0.0
El Salvador	7	28.6
England	285	72.6
Ethiopia	14	14.3
Fiji Islands	1	100.0
Finland	1	100.0
France	4	50.0
Gambia	2	0.0
Germany United	30	60.0
Ghana	21	47.6
Greenland	1	100.0
Grenada and the Grenadines	1	0.0
Guatemala	2	50.0
Guayana	27	33.3
Haiti	35	5.7
Honduras	4	0.0
Hong Kong	66	43.9
Hungary	4	25.0
Iceland	1	100.0

TABLE 10. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

	NCLEX-RN 294	February 2-3, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
India	328	39.6
Indonesia	6	0.0
Iran	19	15.8
Iraq	1	0.0
Ireland	68	85.3
Israel	22	50.0
Jamaica	54	51.9
Japan	18	38.9
Jordan	6	50.0
Kenya	5	60.0
Korea	156	57.1
Korea (North)	2	100.0
Lebanon	5	40.0
Leeward Islands	3	33.3
Liberia	8	0.0
Malawi	1	0.0
Malaysia	3	33.3
Malta	1	0.0
Mexico	30	23.3
Namibia (S.W. Africa)	1	100.0
Netherlands	9	77.8
New Zealand	93	74.2
Nicaragua	7	0.0
Nigeria	190	45.3
Northern Ireland	3	33.3
Norway	5	60.0
Okinawa	1	0.0
Pakistan	28	21.4
Palestine	1	100.0
Panama, Republic of	6	0.0
Paraguay	1	0.0
Peoples Republic of China	71	46.5
Peru	20	20.0
Phillipines	2746	43.1
Pitcairn Islanda	1	100.0
Poland	50	24.0
Portugal	1	0.0
Rhodesia	5	20.0
Rumania Romania	15	26.7
Saudi Arabia	1	0.0
Scotland	32	78.1
Sierra Leone	1	100.0
Singapore	3	66.7
Somali Dem Republic Somalia	1	100.0

TABLE 10. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

	NCLEX-RN 294	February 2-3, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
South Africa	86	67.4
Spain	3	33.3
St. Lucia	1	0.0
St Thomas & Principe	1	0.0
St Vincent	1	0.0
Sweden	11	54.5
Switzerland	3	33.3
Syria	1	0.0
Taiwan (Republic of China)	91	30.8
Tanzania, United Republic of	1	0.0
Thailand	17	35.3
Trinidad & Tobago	15	46.7
Turkey	2	0.0
Turks Island	1	0.0
Uganda	3	33.3
Venezuela	2	0.0
Vietnam	1	0.0
Wales	4	75.0
Windward Islands	8	12.5
Yugoslavia	9	22.2
Zambia	2	0.0
Invalid Country Codes:	29	75.9
Total	5853	50.4

TABLE 11. Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

NCLEX-RN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
Type of Candidate	Number of Candidates		Percent Passing
First-Time U.S. Educated	25862		93.5
Repeat U.S. Educated	2324		59.2
First-Time Foreign Educated	951		77.8
Repeat Foreign Educated	950		55.6
Total	30087		89.1
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	7		
Invalid Program Codes:	22		

TABLE 12. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction Code	NCLEX-RN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994		
	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing:			
		Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree
AL	462	94.5	94.9	*0.0	94.2
AK	50	96.0	96.4	*0.0	95.4
AS	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
AZ	259	94.2	94.3	*0.0	93.6
AR	511	89.6	89.6	50.0	90.3
CA	39	92.3	95.6	100.0	86.6
CO	374	93.5	91.8	*0.0	96.0
CT	150	95.3	95.8	100.0	93.9
DE	96	94.7	94.3	100.0	100.0
DC	29	89.6	100.0	*0.0	87.5
FL	763	95.0	96.3	*0.0	89.6
GA	342	96.2	96.3	*0.0	96.0
GU	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
HI	40	97.5	97.3	*0.0	100.0
ID	150	90.0	93.7	*0.0	69.5
IL	789	95.0	95.9	95.0	92.9
IN	1082	95.2	96.3	89.4	93.5
IA	487	89.1	90.6	90.4	84.9
KS	532	92.2	92.0	0.0	92.7
KY	681	93.1	94.0	0.0	90.1
LA	294	96.2	97.7	0.0	94.9
ME	269	94.8	95.7	0.0	92.5
MD	596	95.8	94.9	94.0	98.2
MA	771	95.5	96.8	91.8	93.8
MI	655	96.0	96.8	100.0	93.6
MN	293	96.9	96.7	*0.0	97.4
MP	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
MS	1053	91.9	91.4	*0.0	93.2
MO	622	91.9	91.2	93.4	92.8
MT	65	95.3	97.5	*0.0	92.0
NE	419	91.4	91.0	100.0	90.9
NV	74	87.8	86.6	*0.0	89.6
NH	88	94.3	93.8	*0.0	100.0
NJ	563	96.6	96.4	96.8	96.8
NM	166	93.3	92.8	*0.0	100.0
NY	355	96.0	95.7	75.0	100.0
NC	1637	92.9	94.1	93.8	90.7
ND	165	92.2	*0.0	*0.0	92.1
OH	1726	92.7	92.2	96.7	91.9
OK	1051	89.8	91.2	*0.0	86.7

TABLE 12. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions (cont.)

Jurisdiction Code	Number of Candidates Examined	NCLEX-RN			
		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994			
		Percent of Candidates Passing:			
		Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree
OR	197	98.9	100.0	*0.0	97.7
PA	737	92.5	94.7	92.9	89.9
PR	8	12.5	*0.0	*0.0	25.0
RI	88	86.3	*0.0	76.9	91.8
SC	512	95.3	94.8	*0.0	96.3
SD	162	93.8	94.5	*0.0	92.1
TN	1262	93.9	94.4	94.8	92.1
TX	2739	93.7	93.8	93.7	93.4
UT	264	94.7	93.3	*0.0	96.9
VT	74	93.2	96.3	*0.0	84.2
VI	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
VA	828	92.5	90.7	96.1	94.6
WA	249	95.9	95.5	*0.0	96.7
WV	433	89.1	90.8	100.0	83.0
WI	428	94.3	95.5	100.0	92.7
WY	125	96.0	97.0	*0.0	91.6
Total	25862	93.5	93.9	94.3	92.4
Special Codes:	29				
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	7				
Invalid Program Codes:	22				

*no candidates tested

TABLE 13. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing

NCLEX-RN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Australia	10	100.0
Austria	2	50.0
Belgium	1	100.0
Brazil	1	0.0
Bulgaria	1	0.0
Canada	142	87.0
Chile	1	100.0
Cmnwth of States - USSR	5	20.0
Colombia	2	50.0
Costa Rica	1	100.0
Denmark	1	100.0
England	37	70.0
Estonia	1	0.0
France	1	100.0
Gambia	1	0.0
Germany United	16	81.0
Ghana	1	100.0
Greece	1	0.0
Guayana	4	100.0
Hong Kong	1	0.0
Hungary	2	50.0
India	33	55.0
Ireland	7	86.0
Israel	2	50.0
Jamaica	1	100.0
Japan	1	100.0
Korea	5	80.0
Lebanon	1	100.0
Liberia	1	0.0
Malaysia	1	100.0
Mexico	3	33.0
Netherlands	1	100.0
New Zealand	2	50.0
Nigeria	25	68.0
Northern Ireland	2	50.0
Pakistan	2	50.0
Paraguay	1	100.0
Peoples Republic of China	2	100.0
Peru	1	100.0
Phillipines	593	80.0
Poland	6	33.3
Rhodesia	1	100.0

TABLE 13. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

NCLEX-RN		April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994	
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing	
Rumania Romania	3	100.0	
Scotland	3	100.0	
Sierra Leone	1	100.0	
South Africa	2	100.0	
Sweden	1	100.0	
Taiwan (Repub. of China)	2	50.0	
Thailand	4	50.0	
Trinidad & Tobago	2	100.0	
Yugoslavia	1	0.0	
Invalid Country Codes:			
Total	951	78.0	

TABLE 14. Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

Type of Candidate	NCLEX-RN July 1, 1994 -December 31, 1994	
	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
First-Time U.S. Educated	50356	88.7
Repeat U.S. Educated	7276	58.6
First-Time Foreign Educated	5541	63.6
Repeat Foreign Educated	5102	34.2
Total	68275	79.4
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	38	
Invalid Program Codes:	235	

TABLE 15. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction Code	NCLEX-RN Number of Candidates Examined	July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994			
		Percent of Candidates Passing:			
		Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree
AL	1793	91.8	90.6	96.9	87.4
AK	15	100.0	100.0	*0.0	100.0
AS	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
AZ	393	92.3	91.7	*0.0	91.1
AR	404	80.9	87.8	56.2	82.5
CA	3213	90.4	91.4	87.7	87.9
CO	469	87.4	87.7	*0.0	87.1
CT	601	91.5	90.5	96.4	89.2
DE	230	84.7	92.7	88.8	77.5
DC	167	80.2	80.7	*0.0	80.1
FL	2474	87.5	88.2	84.3	85.0
GA	1940	90.5	91.9	66.6	86.8
GU	15	53.3	*0.0	*0.0	53.3
HI	158	86.7	85.5	*0.0	89.3
ID	127	91.3	91.5	*0.0	90.6
IL	2490	87.5	89.4	78.2	85.5
IN	948	88.9	89.7	89.1	87.6
IA	815	86.3	87.4	89.6	78.9
KS	544	81.6	85.2	*0.0	77.6
KY	990	88.8	87.6	*0.0	92.7
LA	957	92.2	93.0	100.0	91.5
ME	262	83.5	88.0	*0.0	78.3
MD	639	89.2	90.7	85.2	87.5
MA	1434	89.2	90.7	90.4	86.6
MI	1892	89.5	91.3	93.0	84.3
MN	1243	92.2	94.2	*0.0	89.0
MP	0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
MS	210	85.2	81.4	*0.0	88.4
MO	1468	91.8	91.0	97.4	88.5
MT	121	88.4	83.0	*0.0	96.0
NE	274	83.5	84.5	91.8	81.3
NV	118	86.4	87.6	*0.0	83.7
NH	392	88.7	90.3	100.0	84.5
NJ	1358	90.8	91.7	93.5	83.9
NM	262	87.7	88.6	*0.0	82.9
NY	5479	88.6	90.5	91.3	82.3
NC	994	89.8	91.7	88.6	79.8
ND	99	91.9	*0.0	*0.0	91.9
OH	2264	89.6	89.6	93.7	86.9
OK	191	78.5	79.8	*0.0	76.8

TABLE 15. Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions (cont.)

NCLEX-RN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994			
Jurisdiction Code	Number of Candidates Examined	Percent of Candidates Passing:			
		Total	Associate Degree	Diploma	Baccalaureate Degree
OR	501	91.2	92.8	*0.0	88.8
PA	4340	88.2	89.9	92.2	81.9
PR	76	19.7	17.6	*0.0	20.3
RI	378	83.5	91.5	100.0	74.8
SC	439	89.9	90.6	*0.0	88.4
SD	254	81.4	77.7	*0.0	87.9
TN	738	88.8	89.9	93.3	84.2
TX	1820	88.9	87.3	94.2	90.4
UT	398	89.6	88.2	*0.0	93.9
VT	125	83.2	85.4	*0.0	75.8
VI	8	62.5	60.0	*0.0	66.6
VA	1221	88.6	89.2	94.9	85.1
WA	939	91.6	92.1	*0.0	90.7
WV	491	84.1	84.9	100.0	78.9
WI	860	89.4	91.1	82.1	88.1
WY	105	90.4	91.8	*0.0	87.0
Total	50356	88.7	89.9	92.2	85.4
Invalid Jurisdiction Codes:	38				
Invalid Program Codes:	235				

*no candidates tested

TABLE 16. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing

NCLEX-RN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Afghanistan	1	0.0
Argentina	6	33.3
Australia	32	96.8
Austria	3	100.0
Azores	1	0.0
Bahamas	16	25.0
Barbados	3	33.3
Belgium	1	100.0
Botswana	2	100.0
Bolivia	2	50.0
Brazil	8	37.5
Bulgaria	1	100.0
Burma	1	0.0
Canada	833	85.8
Cayman	1	100.0
Colombia	14	64.2
Cmnwlth of States - USSR	60	41.6
Costa Rica	1	0.0
Cuba	12	8.3
Czechoslovakia	5	40.0
Denmark	2	50.0
Dominica	1	0.0
Dominican Republic	4	50.0
Egypt, Arab Republic of	4	0.0
El Salvador	1	0.0
England	188	67.0
Ethiopia	9	66.6
Finland	5	60.0
France	7	85.7
Gambia	6	33.3
Germany United	37	56.7
Ghana	14	50.0
Grenada and the Grenadines	4	50.0
Guatemala	4	25.0
Guayana	17	70.5
Guinea, Republic of	1	0.0
Haiti	24	20.8
Honduras	5	40.0
Hong Kong	16	68.7
Iceland	2	100.0
India	411	43.5

TABLE 16. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

NCLEX-RN		July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Indonesia	2	0.0
Iran	16	75.0
Ireland	81	74.0
Israel	14	71.4
Italy	2	50.0
Jamaica	50	54.0
Japan	18	50.0
Jordan	16	81.2
Kenya	6	33.3
Korea	98	64.0
Lebanon	13	30.7
Leeward Islands	4	25.0
Liberia	13	61.5
Macao	1	0.0
Malaysia	1	100.0
Malta	1	0.0
Mexico	29	58.6
Moroco	1	0.0
Nepal	1	100.0
Netherlands	3	33.3
New Zealand	9	100.0
Nicaragua	6	16.6
Nigeria	182	38.4
Northern Ireland	5	40.0
Norway	6	33.3
Pakistan	22	27.2
Panama, Republic of	8	50.0
Paraguay	2	50.0
Peoples Republic of China	48	72.9
Peru	21	28.5
Philippines	2817	64.1
Poland	43	48.8
Rhodesia	2	50.0
Rumania Romania	10	40.0
Santa Cruz Island	1	100.0
Saudi Arabia	1	100.0
Scotland	18	88.8

TABLE 16. Number of First-Time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX and Percent Passing (cont.)

NCLEX-RN

July 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

Country of Education	Number of Candidates	Percent Passing
Sierra Leone	3	66.6
South Africa	70	67.5
Spain	2	50.0
St. Thomas & Principe	1	0.0
St. Vincent	5	40.0
Surinam	3	66.6
Sweden	12	66.6
Switzerland	7	71.4
Taiwan (Repub. of China)	46	52.1
Tanzania, United Republic of	1	100.0
Thailand	22	59.0
Trinidad & Tobago	23	60.8
Turkey	2	50.0
Venezuela	2	0.0
Wales	5	100.0
Yugoslavia	6	33.3
Zambia	1	0.0
Zimbabwe	2	0.0
Total:	5541	63.6

Invalid Country Codes:

TABLE 17. Summary Statistics for First-Time Candidates taking NCLEX-RN February 1994, April - June 1994, and July - December 1994

	February 1994	April-June 1994	July-December 1994
Number of Test Items ^a	300	b	b
Number of Items Omitted	0	b	b
KR-20	.90	b	b
Mean Item P-Value	.69	b	b
Mean Point Biserial	.17	b	b
* Mean Candidate Competence	.04	.13	.03
*Mean Standard Error of Ability Estimate	.13	.24	.23
* Passing Standard	-.4766	-.4766	-.4766
* Mean Rasch Difficulty	-1.08	b	b
Overall Estimated Decision Consistency	c	.93	.92
Average Number of Items Taken	c	105.1	112.6
Percent Taking Minimum Number of Items	c	63.5	56.8
Percent Taking Maximum Number of Items	c	8.5	10.5
Average Testing Time	c	1.81 hrs	2.00 hrs
Percent Taking Maximum Amount of Time	c	1.20	2.1

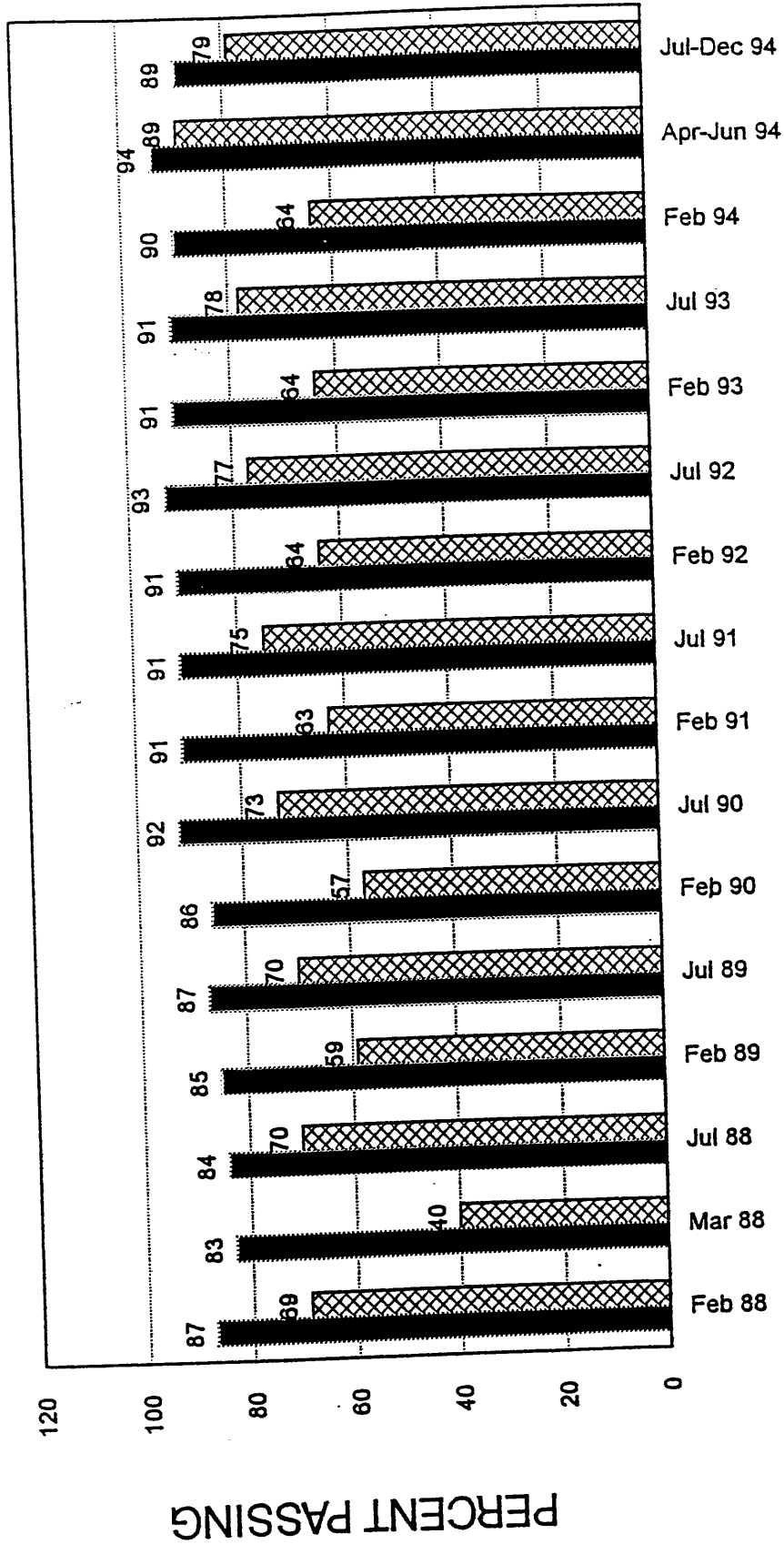
^a See Appendix A for definitions of terms

^b Use discontinued following implementation of computerized adaptive testing.

^c Not relevant prior to implementation of computerized adaptive testing.

* These statistics are in units on the Rasch measurement scale.

FIGURE 4
NATIONAL PASSING RATE: REGISTERED NURSES 1988-1994



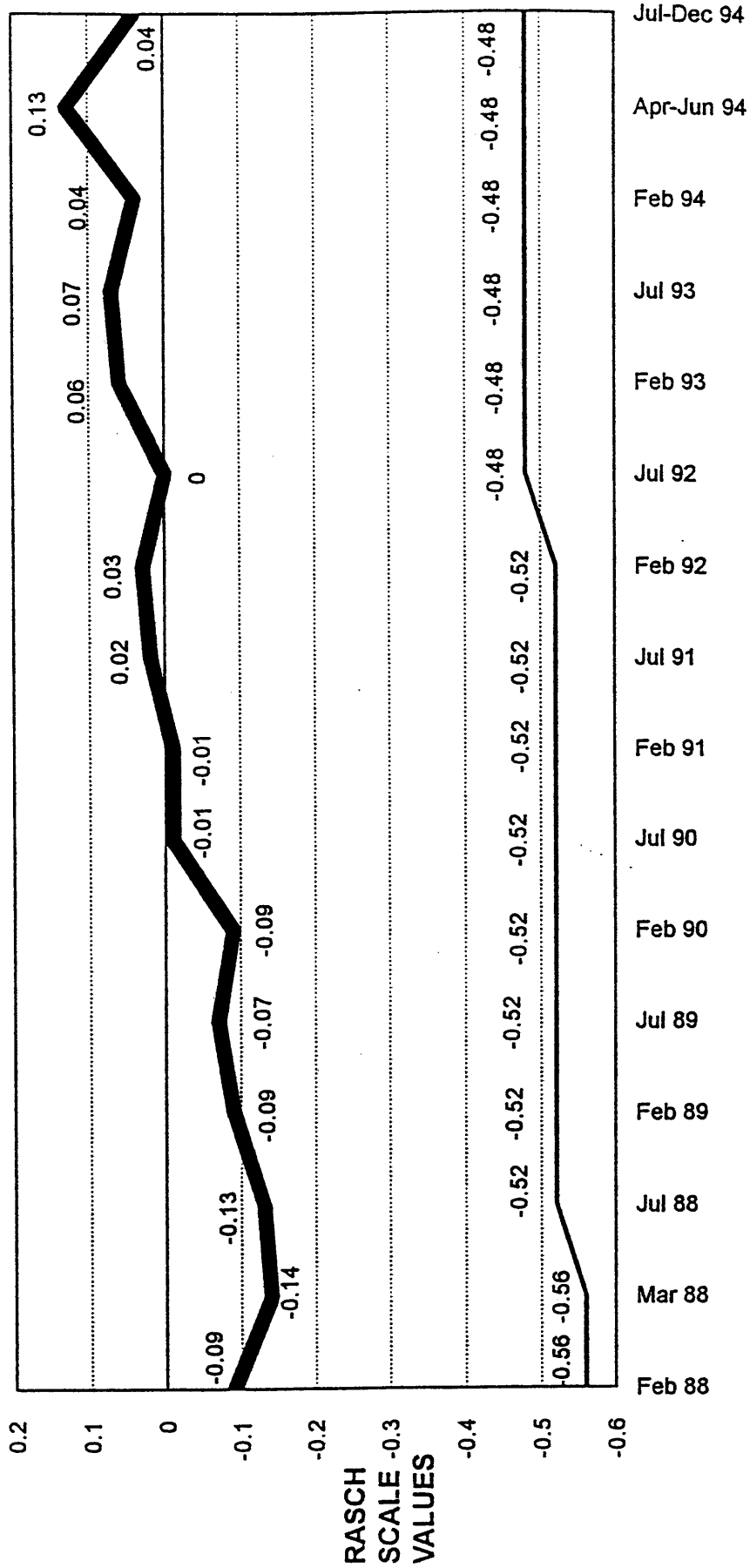
MONTH/YEAR ADMINISTERED

■ 1st TIME U.S. EDUCATED ▨ ALL EXAMINEES

PART OF 2/88 POPULATION TESTED IN 3/88 DUE TO SECURITY BREACH

FIGURE 5

SUMMARY OF SELECTED NCLEX-RN STATISTICS 1988-1994



MONTH/YEAR ADMINISTERED

■ CANDIDATE COMPETENCE — PASSING STANDARD

APPENDIX A

LICENSURE EXAMINATION SUMMARY STATISTICS DEFINITIONS

CAT-Computerized Adaptive Testing. Candidates are administered items appropriate for their current estimated competence level until a confident pass or fail decision can be made, the maximum number of items is answered, or they run out of time.

Number of Test Items. Actual number of items on which candidate performance is determined.

Number of Items Omitted. These items were intended to be used for scoring, but were omitted due to questions about the items' content or unacceptable item statistics. For example, items are omitted if they have statistics that indicate that less competent candidates perform better on the item than more competent candidates.

KR-20. This is a measure of the internal consistency of the items in a test, or in other words, the extent to which candidates who do well on one question also do well on the others. If the questions are highly related to each other in the sense that they measure the same trait, the reliability will be high. This statistic also depends in part on the number of questions in the examination.

Mean Item P-Value. The value reported represents the average p-value of scored items on the test. An item's p-value is the proportion of first-time, US educated candidates who answered the item correctly.

Mean Point Biserial. The value reported represents the average point-biserial correlation for all scored items. The point biserial correlation represents how well item scores correlate with overall test performance. An item correlates positively if candidates who answer the item correctly do better on the test than candidates answer the item incorrectly. The more positive the mean point biserial correlation of the test, the more effectively the items are working together to measure the same thing. This is a primary contributor to examination reliability.

*** Mean Candidate Competence.** The value reported represents the average level of estimated competence for safe and effective entry-level nursing practice among all US educated candidates who took this examination for the first time.

*** Standard Error of Ability Estimate.** This statistic is an estimate of the amount of variation expected in a candidate's estimated competence, if the candidate were somehow retested again and again with the same instrument and with no learning or forgetting. Two-thirds of the candidate's scores would be expected to fall within a range of plus or minus one standard error of the original estimate.

*** Passing Standard.** The minimum level of competence a candidate must demonstrate in order to pass the examination. Currently, the passing standard is -.4766 for NCLEX-RN and -.5600 for NCLEX-PN. The RN and PN standards are not directly comparable, however, because they are based on different item pools.

*** Mean Rasch Difficulty.** The value reported represents the average difficulty of scored test items. Using this statistic, (unlike mean item p-value, above), the difficulty of tests can be compared directly and independently of differences in the competence of candidates who took the tests.

Overall Estimated Decision Consistency. A measure of examination reliability appropriate for CAT. It is the proportion of pass/fail decisions that would remain the same if all candidates were to be retested with parallel examinations.

* These statistics are in units on the Rasch measurement scale. There is no inherent meaning of the units; they represent an arbitrary scale useful for reporting relative differences. This scale can be used for two purposes: (1) to measure degree of candidate competence (-2 = low; +2 = high), and (2) degree of item difficulty (-2 = easy; +2 = hard).