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February 2026 California Bar Exam
General Statistics Report

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Table 1. February 2026 California Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Type and Exam Attempt Status

	Total Applicants			First-time Applicants			Repeat Applicants		
	Completed exam (N)	Passed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Passed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Passed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
General Bar Exam	3,931	1,211	30.8	1,456	640	44.0	2,475	571	23.1
Attorneys' Exam	477	272	57.0	317	212	66.9	160	60	37.5
Total applicants	4,408	1,483	33.6	1,773	852	48.1	2,635	631	23.9

Note: The February 2026 General Bar Exam was a two-day exam that included a written portion (essays and Performance Test) and the 200-question multiple-choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). The Attorneys' Exam included only the written portion. The remainder of this report's tables focus exclusively on the General Bar Exam. A total of 22 disciplined attorneys took the Attorneys' Exam and 1 disciplined attorney took the General Bar Exam. Of these 23 disciplined attorneys, 7 passed. Their results are reflected in the counts presented in this table.

Table 2. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Applicant Type, Law School Type, and Exam Attempt Status

	Total Applicants		First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
General Applicants						
CA ABA-approved	831	42.5	197	62.9	634	36.1
Out-of-State ABA-approved	447	36.2	160	55.0	287	25.8
CA Accredited Law Schools (CALS)	834	18.5	246	29.7	588	13.8
CA Unaccredited	77	16.9	15	53.3	62	8.1
Schools no longer in operation	73	4.1	6	33.3	67	1.5
Law Office Study Program	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign educated/ JD equivalent + one-year U.S. education	370	17.8	115	19.1	255	17.3
Four-year law study qualification	13	15.4	—	—	—	—
Attorney Applicants						
U.S. attorneys	354	70.3	286	76.9	68	42.6
Foreign attorneys	926	22.2	425	23.8	501	21.0

Note: Statistics are redacted to avoid data that could reasonably identify an applicant. As a general rule, therefore, statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—). Applicants from schools no longer in operation are not reasonably identifiable; their statistics are not redacted. Statistics for two percent of attorney applicants (both U.S and foreign) are reported in one of the "General Applicants" subcategories because they originally registered with the State Bar as general applicants before becoming licensed in another jurisdiction. This historical practice will be discontinued in future reports.

Definitions:

CA ABA-approved: Nonattorney graduates of currently operating California law schools approved by the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Out-of-State ABA-Approved: Nonattorney graduates of law schools currently operating outside of California and approved by the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

CA Accredited Law School (CALS): Nonattorney graduates of currently operating law schools accredited by the State Bar of California's Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

CA Unaccredited: Nonattorney graduates of currently operating California law schools that are registered with the CBE but are unaccredited.

Schools no longer in operation: Nonattorney graduates of schools no longer in operation.

Law Office Study Program: Nonattorney applicants who completed their legal education by studying law in a law office or a judge's chambers through the Law Office Study Program.

Foreign educated/ JD equivalent + one-year U.S. education: Nonattorney applicants who completed their law study, equivalent to a U.S. JD degree, outside of the United States, and completed one year of additional education through a U.S. JD or LLM program

Four-year law study qualification: Nonattorney applicants who qualify to take the General Bar exam through a combination of four years of law study without graduating from a law school.

U.S. attorneys: Applicants who have been admitted in other U.S. jurisdictions. U.S. attorney applicants who have been admitted in other U.S. jurisdictions for less than four years must take the General Bar Exam and those admitted for four or more years may elect to take the Attorneys' Exam.

Foreign attorneys: Applicants admitted in foreign jurisdictions. This group of attorney applicants must take the General Bar Exam.

Table 3. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates Race/Ethnicity, Gender Identity and Exam Attempt Status

	First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
Race/Ethnicity				
Asian	457	36.5	720	22.4
Black	81	35.8	214	16.4
Latino	169	32.0	433	18.7
Other	245	46.9	467	27.0
White	431	56.6	555	27.4
Declined	73	42.5	86	18.6
Gender Identity				
Men	592	47.8	892	23.2
Women	817	41.1	1,524	23.0
Other	—	—	22	18.2
Declined	38	44.7	37	24.3

Note: Statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—).

Definitions:
Other race/ethnicity includes applicants who selected more than one racial/ethnic group as well as those identifying as American Indian/Alaska Native, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern or North African, or a race/ethnicity not listed.

Other gender identity includes applicants who selected more than one gender identity, or a gender identity not listed.

Declined includes applicants who declined to report their race/ethnicity or gender identity.

Table 4. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Race/Ethnicity: California and Out-of-State ABA-Approved Schools, CALS, and California Unaccredited Schools

	CA ABA-Approved		Out-of-State ABA-Approved		CALS		CA Unaccredited	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants								
Asian	33	63.6	35	57.1	13	38.5	—	—
Black	13	61.5	—	—	26	11.5	0	N/A
Latino	24	54.2	13	30.8	50	28.0	—	—
Other	60	61.7	38	57.9	58	31.0	—	—
White	59	66.1	60	58.3	93	32.3	—	—
Declined	8	75.0	8	75.0	6	50.0	2	50.0
Repeat Applicants								
Asian	136	33.8	68	20.6	77	18.2	13	7.7
Black	38	36.8	41	17.1	69	4.3	—	—
Latino	103	33.0	50	16.0	162	11.7	12	8.3
Other	174	41.4	60	28.3	119	17.6	12	8.3
White	160	35.6	65	43.1	142	16.9	16	12.5
Declined	23	26.1	3	0.0	19	0.0	4	0.0

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Definitions:

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Declined includes applicants who declined to report their race/ethnicity.

Table 5. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Race/Ethnicity: Foreign School with a JD Equivalent and One Year of U.S. Education, Four-year Law Study, Law Office Study Program, or School No Longer in Operation

	Foreign Educated/JD Equivalent + One Year U.S. Education		Four-year Law Study		Law Office Study Program		Schools No Longer in Operation	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants								
Asian	64	15.6	—	—	0	N/A	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	0	N/A	0	N/A
Latino	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	11	9.1	0	N/A	0	N/A	—	—
White	29	31.0	0	N/A	—	—	—	—
Declined	5	20.0	1	0.0	0	N/A	0	N/A
Repeat Applicants								
Asian	131	16.0	—	—	0	N/A	—	—
Black	—	—	—	—	0	N/A	14	7.1
Latino	11	18.2	0	N/A	—	—	14	0.0
Other	33	12.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	66	22.7	—	—	—	—	16	0.0
Declined	4	25.0	0	N/A	0	N/A	4	0.0

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Definitions:
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Table 6. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Race/Ethnicity: U.S. Attorneys and Foreign Attorneys

	U.S. Attorneys		Foreign Attorneys	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants				
Asian	67	71.6	240	25.0
Black	21	61.9	11	27.3
Latino	14	85.7	59	15.3
Other	45	71.1	29	17.2
White	121	85.1	61	36.1
Declined	18	66.7	25	8.0
Repeat Applicants				
Asian	17	35.3	265	21.9
Black	—	—	29	13.8
Latino	—	—	76	22.4
Other	—	—	47	17.0
White	26	50.0	60	20.0
Declined	5	60.0	24	25.0

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Definitions:
Other race/ethnicity includes applicants who selected more than one racial/ethnic group as well as those identifying as American Indian/Alaska Native, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern or North African, or a race/ethnicity not listed.

Declined includes applicants who declined to report their race/ethnicity.

Table 7. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Gender Identity: California and Out-of-State ABA-Approved Schools, CALS, and California Unaccredited Schools

	CA ABA-Approved		Out-of-State ABA-Approved		CALS		CA Unaccredited	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants								
Men	86	65.1	83	51.8	90	34.4	—	—
Women	104	60.6	73	58.9	151	25.8	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	N/A
Declined	3	66.7	3	66.7	4	75.0	2	50.0
Repeat Applicants								
Men	218	36.2	113	23.0	210	14.3	36	8.3
Women	389	36.8	169	28.4	372	13.4	25	8.0
Other	15	20.0	—	—	—	—	0	N/A
Declined	12	33.3	2	0.0	4	0.0	1	0.0

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Definitions:
Other gender identity includes applicants who selected more than one gender identity, or a gender identity not listed.

Declined includes applicants who declined to report their gender identity.

Table 8. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Gender Identity: Foreign School with a JD Equivalent and One Year of U.S. Education, Four-year Law Study, Law Office Study Program, and Schools No Longer in Operation

	Foreign Educated/JD Equivalent + One Year of U.S. Education		Four-year Law Study		Law Office Study Program		Schools No Longer in Operation	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants								
Men	38	21.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Women	76	18.4	—	—	0	N/A	—	—
Other	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Declined	1	0.0	0	N/A	1	100.0	0	N/A
Repeat Applicants								
Men	77	14.3	—	—	—	—	30	3.3
Women	176	18.2	—	—	—	—	36	0.0
Other	—	—	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Declined	1	100.0	0	N/A	0	N/A	1	100.0

Note: Statistics are redacted to avoid data that could reasonably identify an applicant. As a general rule, therefore, statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—). Applicants who declined to report their race/ethnicity or gender identity are not reasonably identifiable; their statistics are not redacted. "N/A" indicates that a pass rate is not applicable because the group had zero applicants who completed the exam.

Definitions:
Other gender identity includes applicants who selected more than one gender identity, or a gender identity not listed.

Declined includes applicants who declined to report their gender identity.

Table 9. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates by Exam Attempt Status and Gender Identity: U.S. Attorneys and Foreign Attorneys

	U.S. Attorneys		Foreign Attorneys	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
First-time Applicants				
Men	123	76.4	160	28.1
Women	155	76.1	246	22.4
Other	—	—	—	—
Declined	7	100.0	17	5.9
Repeat Applicants				
Men	31	45.2	171	23.4
Women	34	38.2	316	19.9
Other	0	N/A	—	—
Declined	3	66.7	13	15.4

Note: Statistics are redacted to avoid data that could reasonably identify an applicant. As a general rule, therefore, statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—). Applicants who declined to report their race/ethnicity or gender identity are not reasonably identifiable; their statistics are not redacted. "N/A" indicates that a pass rate is not applicable because the group had zero applicants who completed the exam.

Definitions:
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Declined includes applicants who declined to report their gender identity.

Table 10. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates: California ABA-Approved Law Schools

	First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
California Western School of Law	28	50.0	74	27.0
Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law	—	—	36	50.0
Loyola Law School Los Angeles	—	—	71	42.3
Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso School of Law	—	—	21	33.3
Santa Clara University School of Law	15	86.7	46	32.6
Southwestern Law School	25	64.0	114	34.2
University of California Law San Francisco	13	53.8	62	40.3
University of California Berkeley School of Law	12	83.3	—	—
University of California Davis School of Law	—	—	17	52.9
University of California Irvine School of Law	—	—	17	58.8
University of California Los Angeles School of Law	—	—	—	—
University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law	25	56.0	63	22.2
University of San Diego School of Law	12	75.0	28	39.3
University of San Francisco School of Law	—	—	26	38.5
University of Southern California Gould School of Law	—	—	16	43.8
Western State College of Law at Westcliff University	22	68.2	25	28.0

Note: This table reports results for CA ABA-approved law schools that are currently in operation and had 11 or more total applicants. A total of 4 applicants who completed the exam attended a CA ABA-approved law school that had fewer than 11 total applicants and are not reflected in this table. Note: Statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—).

Table 11. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates: Out-of-State ABA-Approved Law Schools

	First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law	—	—	—	—
George Washington University Law School	—	—	—	—
Gonzaga University School of Law	—	—	—	—
Seattle University School of Law	—	—	—	—

Note: This table reports results for out-of-state ABA-approved law schools that are currently in operation and had 11 or more total applicants. A total of 396 applicants who completed the exam attended an out-of-state ABA-approved law school that had fewer than 11 total applicants and are not reflected in this table. Statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—). "N/A" indicates that a pass rate is not applicable because the group had zero applicants who completed the exam.

Table 12. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates: California Accredited Law Schools (CALS)

	First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
Empire College School of Law	—	—	12	25.0
Golden Gate University School of Law	—	—	42	11.9
Humphreys University Drivon School of Law	—	—	15	6.7
JFK School of Law at National University	—	—	14	7.1
Lincoln Law School of Sacramento	—	—	38	18.4
Lincoln Law School of San Jose	—	—	13	15.4
Monterey College of Law	21	23.8	20	5.0
Monterey College of Law - Kern County College of Law	—	—	—	—
Monterey College of Law - San Luis Obispo College of Law	—	—	—	—
Northwestern California University School of Law	15	20.0	15	26.7
Purdue Global Law School	30	33.3	25	8.0
San Joaquin College of Law	—	—	24	8.3
St. Francis School of Law	—	—	—	—
The Colleges of Law - Santa Barbara Campus	—	—	—	—
The Colleges of Law - Ventura Campus	39	43.6	30	20.0
Thomas Jefferson School of Law	21	28.6	87	12.6
Trinity Law School	18	27.8	49	14.3
University of La Verne School of Law and Public Service	17	17.6	67	22.4
University of West Los Angeles School of Law	33	12.1	102	6.9

Note: This table reports results for CALS that are currently in operation and had 11 or more total applicants. A total of 8 applicants who completed the exam attended a CALS that had fewer than 11 total applicants and are not reflected in this table. Statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—).

Table 13. February 2026 General Bar Exam Pass Rates: California Unaccredited Law Schools

	First-time Applicants		Repeat Applicants	
	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)	Completed exam (N)	Pass rate (%)
Abraham Lincoln University School of Law	—	—	19	10.5
Pacific Coast University School of Law	—	—	17	5.9

Note: This table reports results for California unaccredited schools that are currently in operation and had 11 or more total applicants. A total of 35 applicants who completed the exam attended a California unaccredited law school that had fewer than 11 total applicants and are not reflected in this table. Statistics are redacted for applicant groups with at least one but fewer than 11 individuals who completed the exam and are indicated with a dash (—).