



The Pathway to Practice

## Statistics from NCSBN

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

2023

| RN <sup>1</sup>                             | Jan. – March   |               | April – June  |               | July – Sept.  |               | Oct. – Dec.   |               | YTD Total      |               |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Type of Candidate                           | Count          | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count          | Percentage    |
| <b>First-time, U.S.-educated</b>            |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                |               |
| Diploma                                     | 631            | 78.45%        | 651           | 94.93%        | 666           | 93.24%        | 236           | 88.98%        | 2,184          | 89.01%        |
| Baccalaureate Degree                        | 29,444         | 83.26%        | 31,608        | 95.34%        | 28,968        | 91.50%        | 9,310         | 90.34%        | 99,330         | 90.17%        |
| Associate Degree                            | 26,193         | 79.14%        | 28,252        | 93.94%        | 21,381        | 90.08%        | 7,561         | 87.87%        | 83,387         | 87.75%        |
| Invalid or Special Program Codes            | 704            | 15.63%        | 333           | 27.93%        | 209           | 32.54%        | 203           | 37.93%        | 1,449          | 24.02%        |
| <b>Total First-time, U.S.-educated</b>      | <b>56,972</b>  | <b>80.48%</b> | <b>60,844</b> | <b>94.32%</b> | <b>51,224</b> | <b>90.69%</b> | <b>17,310</b> | <b>88.63%</b> | <b>186,350</b> | <b>88.56%</b> |
| <b>Repeat, U.S.-educated</b>                | 24,041         | 40.66%        | 12,773        | 62.15%        | 12,074        | 56.61%        | 9,786         | 55.81%        | 58,674         | 51.15%        |
| <b>First-time, Internationally Educated</b> | 21,978         | 39.86%        | 11,612        | 57.69%        | 15,608        | 58.37%        | 16,768        | 60.40%        | 65,966         | 52.60%        |
| <b>Repeat, Internationally Educated</b>     | 16,806         | 28.85%        | 8,134         | 51.33%        | 11,248        | 50.03%        | 11,820        | 48.06%        | 48,008         | 42.35%        |
| <b>All Candidates</b>                       | <b>119,797</b> | <b>57.79%</b> | <b>93,363</b> | <b>81.61%</b> | <b>90,154</b> | <b>75.46%</b> | <b>55,684</b> | <b>65.75%</b> | <b>358,998</b> | <b>69.66%</b> |
| PN <sup>2</sup>                             | Jan. – March   |               | April – June  |               | July – Sept.  |               | Oct. – Dec.   |               | YTD Total      |               |
| Type of Candidate                           | Count          | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count         | Percentage    | Count          | Percentage    |
| <b>First-time, U.S.-educated</b>            | 13,970         | 79.56%        | 8,818         | 90.07%        | 15,237        | 90.65%        | 9,527         | 87.59%        | 47,552         | 86.67%        |
| <b>Repeat, U.S.-educated</b>                | 6,693          | 37.83%        | 3,625         | 49.88%        | 3,463         | 43.11%        | 3,422         | 44.89%        | 17,203         | 42.84%        |
| <b>First-time, Internationally Educated</b> | 137            | 47.45%        | 77            | 63.64%        | 87            | 50.57%        | 108           | 58.33%        | 409            | 54.03%        |
| <b>Repeat, Internationally Educated</b>     | 201            | 25.87%        | 100           | 33.00%        | 96            | 29.17%        | 118           | 31.36%        | 515            | 29.13%        |
| <b>All Candidates</b>                       | <b>21,001</b>  | <b>65.53%</b> | <b>12,620</b> | <b>77.91%</b> | <b>18,883</b> | <b>81.44%</b> | <b>13,175</b> | <b>75.76%</b> | <b>65,679</b>  | <b>74.54%</b> |

<sup>1</sup> The RN Passing Standard is 0.00 logits.

<sup>2</sup> The PN Passing Standard is -0.18 logits.

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