



Licensure examination pass rates

Status: Holding steady

Kentucky licensure examination pass rates

Licensure Examination	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	National Pass Rate**
NCLEX-Bachelor's	90%	88%	95%	89%	94%	91%	90%	89%	NA	86%
NCLEX-Associate	86%	92%	92%	92%	90%	90%	88%	81%	NA	84%
NCLEX-Practical Nursing	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	95%	91%	95%	NA	87%
Physical Therapy	74%*	88%*	82%	83%	67%	83%	89%	91%	90%*	87%
Engineering	77%*	83%*	85%*	81%*	86%*	74%*	65%*	79%*	79%*	78%
Kentucky Bar Exam	83%*	81%	78%	76%	69%	72%	85%*	86%*	86%*	NA
National Dental Board Exam	98%*	98%*	NA	96%*	92%*	98%*	99%*	96%*	96%*	94%
Pharmacy	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	NA
Medicine	96%*	91%*	95%*	100%*	94%*	95%*	92%*	96%*	95%*	92%
Radiologic Technology	87%*	89%*	88%*	85%*	91%*	91%*	95%*	98%*	98%*	89%
Respiratory Care	75%*	88%*	91%*	81%*	91%*	78%*	86%*	92%*	86%*	80%

* The average pass rate for KY publics is used in place of state pass rate.

** The national pass rate reflects the most current year available, which may not match the year of the most recent Kentucky result.

Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky licensing boards.

Highlights

- On the 11 licensure exams tracked by the Council, one pass rate increased, three fell, four remained unchanged, and three were unavailable.
- All of Kentucky's 2008 available pass rates exceeded national pass rates (national pass rates are not available for pharmacy and law exams).

About this measure

Performance on professional licensure examinations is a strong indicator of college graduates' readiness for life and work in Kentucky. Licensure exams directly measure students' employability in their chosen field and provide a useful comparison to other states.

This indicator tracks annual pass rates for participating public institutions for each professional exam. The most recent national pass rate available is included to provide a context for understanding these results.