



**DEFINITIONS**

The definitions explain the terms used in the licensing processing activity for RNs, LPNs and APRNs.

**ACTIVE LICENSE** figures are based on 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.

**SPECIALTY LICENSES** contain data for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) groups: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS), CNS-Psych/mental health, and Nurse Practitioner (NP).

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*1999 Licensure and Examination Statistics*

NIS  
168,183<sup>1</sup>

EXM  
77,668

END  
75,446

KEY:

Summary of Practical/Vocational Nurse Licenses Processed

*1999 Licensure and Examination Statistics*

NIS  
56,157<sup>1</sup>

EXM  
34,440

END  
16,122

KEY:  
NIS: New in State Functions  
EXM: Examination

JD	Board of Nursing	RN	LPN/ LVN	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	YES
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 Nurses	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 Professional and Vocational Licensing Division	YES	YES	YES
IA	Iowa Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
ID	Idaho Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
IL	Illinois Department of Professional Regulation	YES	YES	YES
IN	Indiana State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
KS	Kansas State 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	YES
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 CIS/Bureau of Health Services	YES	YES	YES
MN	Minnesota Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
MO	Missouri State Board of Nursing	YES	YES	YES
MP	Northern Mariana 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 Health and Human Services System	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 State 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 and 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	YES
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 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 Department of Regulation and Licensing	YES	YES	YES
WVPN	West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed 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



## Registered Nurses: New in State Functions, by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Examination		Endorsement		New in State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	116	0.15	618	0.82	734	0.44
AL	1865	2.40	1025	1.36	2890	1.72
AR	1013	1.30	904	1.20	1917	1.14
AS	3	0.00	6	0.01	9	0.01
AZ	733	0.94	2341	3.10	3074	1.83
CARN	15100	19.44	5278	7.00	20378	12.12
CO	875	1.13	2646	3.51	3521	2.09
CT	925	1.19	1750	2.32	2675	1.59
DC	a	a	a	a	1210	0.72
DE	241	0.31	640	0.85	881	0.52
FL	3941	5.07	5621	7.45	9562	5.69
GARN	2420	3.12	2848	3.77	5268	3.13
GU	9	0.01	88	0.12	97	0.06
HI	232	0.30	684	0.91	916	0.54
IA	1083	1.39	852	1.13	1935	1.15
ID	307	0.40	650	0.86	957	0.57
IL	a	a	a	a	5529	3.29
IN			no information available			
KS	962					

## Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses: New in State Functions, by Jurisdiction

### 1999 Licensure and Examination Statistics

Jurisdiction	Examination		Endorsement		New in State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
AK	24	0.07%	69	0.43%	93	

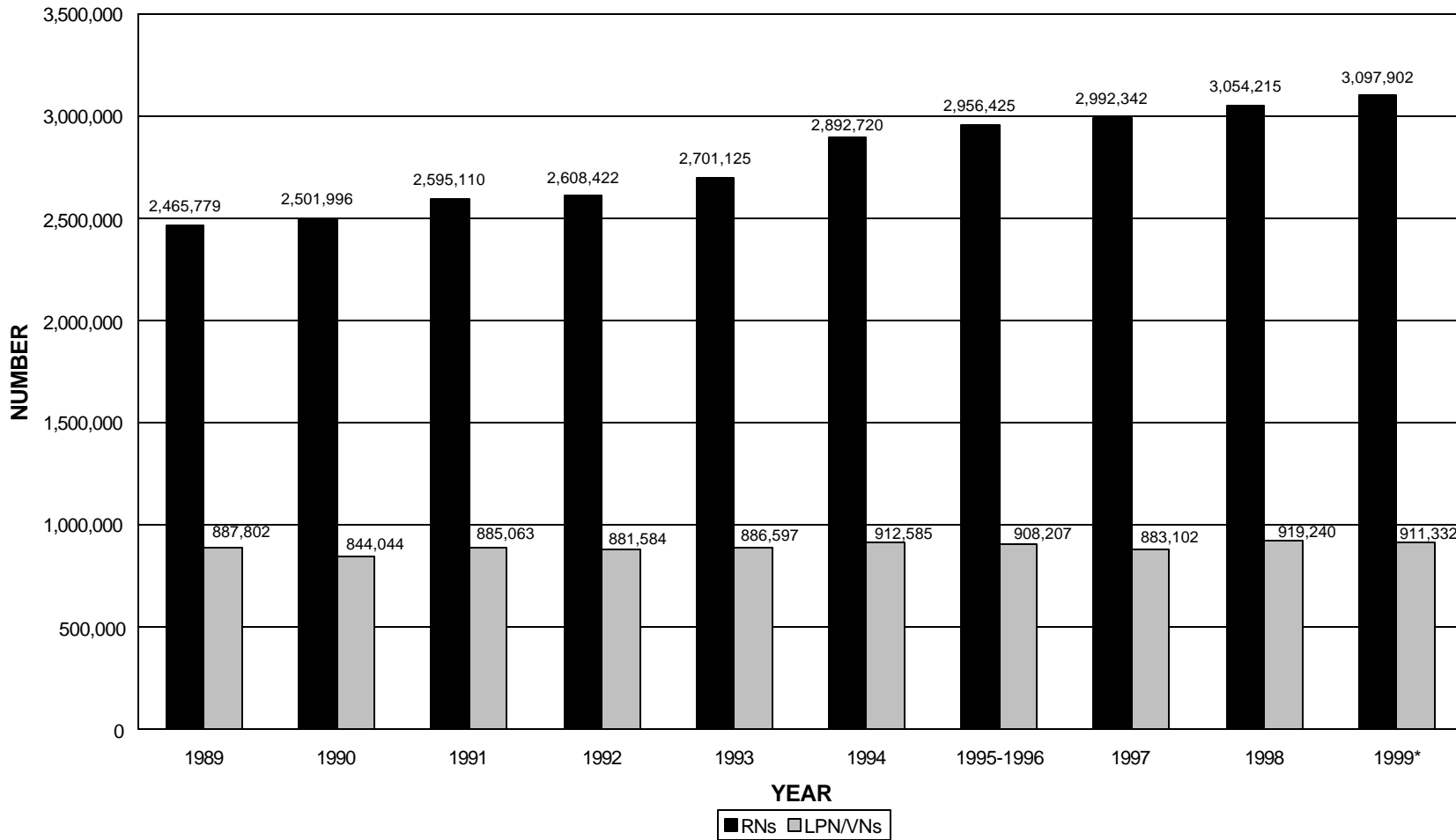


**Total Number of Active Licenses: Registered Nurses and Licensed  
Practical/Vocational Nurses, by Jurisdiction**

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VA	81,939	2.64%	26,747	2.93%	108,686	2.71%
VI	717	0.02%	129	0.01%	846	0.02%
VT	7,480	0.24%	2,136	0.23%	9,616	0.24%
WA	60,207	1.94%	13,984	1.53%	74,191	1.85%
WI	64,797	2.09%	14,585	1.60%	79,382	1.98%
WV	0	0.00%	6,789	0.74%	6,789	0.17%
WY	22,393	0.72%	0	0.00%	22,393	0.56%
WY	4,786	0.15%	1,093	0.12%	5,879	0.15%
Total	3,097,902	100.00%	911,332	100.00%	4,009,234	100.00%

**1989-1999**  
**Total Number of Active Licenses: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses**



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

\*Includes 94,357 RN and 37,680 LPN/VN active licenses reported in 1998 for Indiana, Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico





RI				
SC				
SD				
TN				
TXRN	584	42.04	0	0.00
TXVN				
UT				
VA				
VI	1	0.07	0	0.00
VT				
WA				
WI				
WVPN				
WVRN				
WY				
Total	1389	100.00	40	100.00

### Total Number of Active Specialty Licenses within the Member Board Jurisdictions

Abbreviation	Category	Active Licenses	
		n	%
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife	6,560	5.9
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	26,361	23.7
CNS-PSYCH	Clinical Nurse Specialist - Psychiatry and/or Mental Health (including all its subspecialties)	1,369	1.2
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist (all others)	3,397	3.1
CNS-no designation	Clinical Nurse Specialist (no designation)	4,710	4.2
<u>Nurse Practitioners</u>			
AC	Acute Care	377	0.3
AHP	Adult Health	4,387	3.9
CHP	Child Health/Pediatric	3,512	3.2
COL	College Health	12	0.0
EMR	Emergency	65	0.1
FAM	Family	14,302	12.9
FPN	Family Planning	101	0.1
GER	Geriatric	1,366	1.2
NEO	Neonatal	1,640	1.5
WOM	Obstetrical and/or Gynecological and/or Women's Health	4,538	4.1
PSY	Psychiatric and/or Mental Health	1,776	1.6
SCH	School Health	171	0.2
NP	Nurse Practitioner - no specialty designation	28,081	25.3
OTS	Other Specialty (unspecified)	8,358	7.5
Total		*111,083	100.0

\*Excludes 3,608 licenses not available by specialty license category

## Distribution of Active Specialty Licenses within each Specialty Category, by Jurisdiction

JD						Types of Nurse Practitioners				
	CNM n	CRNA n	CNS PSYCH n	CNS n	CNS no designatio n n	AC n	AHP n	CHP n	COL n	EMR n
AK	43	82	0	0		1	24	34	0	0
AL	44	1141			107	28	112	76		
AR	22	524		66						
AS	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
AZ	242	200	0	34		0	324	235	0	0
CARN	993	1430	0	0	1080					



RI	55	153								
SC	117	1149	29	56		45	94	84	6	0
SD	8	252	91							
TN										
TXRN	324	2156	405	1234		49	300	503	1	20
UT	89	150								
VA	175	1214			436	36	450	361		28
VI	11	10		2		1	3	1		
VT	40	50	43	0		3	70	30		
WA	224	125	310				339	185		
WI	96									
WVRN	53	641			87	3	46	25		
WY	7	85			13	1	8	3	0	0
Total	6560	26361	1369	3397	4710	377	4387	3512	12	65



SC	541	4	14	84	95	0	4	2		2324
SD								193		544
TN									1980	1980
TXRN	1338	0	172	214	809	29	58		23	7635
UT									778	1017
VA	1162	4	50	100	221		1		2	4240
VI	0	5	0	2	2					37
VT	94	0	10	6	6	0	3	33	4	392
WA	860	0	91	31	244		3		22	2434
WI							0			96
WVRN	257	0	3	20	36		2		19	1192
WY	64	1	4	0	27		0			

## Definitions

The definitions explain the selected statistical terms used in the Licensure Examination Summary Statistics for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® examinations.

**Average Number of Test Items (questions) Taken.** Average number of items (questions) on which candidate performance is determined. In a variable-length Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT), candidates are administered items only until they satisfy one of the following stopping rules:

- 1) A candidate's measure of competence is known to be above or below the passing standard with at least 95 percent confidence (is significantly above or below the standard) and at least the minimum number of questions has been answered.
- 2) A candidate has taken the maximum number of questions.
- 3) A candidate has been testing for the maximum time.

**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.

**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.

**\*Passing Standard.** The minimum level of competence a candidate must demonstrate to pass the examination. Currently, the passing standard effective April 1998 is -0.35 for the NCLEX-RN® examination. In April 1999, the passing standard was raised from -0.51 to -0.47 logits for the NCLEX-PN® examination. The RN and PN standards are not directly comparable because they are based on different item pools.

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\*These statistics are in units, called logits, 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).

Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX<sup>®</sup> Examination and Percent Passing, by Type of CandidateNCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> Examination

Type of Candidate	Jan 1- Mar 31, 1999		Apr 1- Jun 30, 1999		Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999		Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999		Totals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
First Time, U.S.- Educated	7,452	86.9	6,183	85.0	14,793	88.2	8,944	83.7	37,372	86.4
Invalid Program Codes	23	52.2	20	65.0	26	73.1	24	54.2	93	61.3
Repeat, U.S.-educated	1,902	46.3	1,812	42.1	1,755	42.1	1,909	39.2	7,378	42.4
First Time, Foreign-educated	301	51.5	360	48.1	361	44.3	335	45.4	1,357	47.2
Repeat, Foreign-educated	391	20.5	386	19.2	514	17.7	488	21.7	1,779	19.7
All candidates	10,069	75.5	8,761	71.6	17,449	80.5	11,700	72.7	47,979	75.9





\*no candidates tested



Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> Examination and Percent Passing

NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> Examination

Country of Education	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1999			Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1999			Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999			Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999		
	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Albania				1	1	100.0						
Angola							1	0	0.0			
Argentina										1	0	0.0
Australia	1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0						
Bahamas				1	1	100.0						
Bangladesh				1	1	100.0						
Barbados							1	1	100.01	0	2	B T c

Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX-PN®

## Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX-PN® Examination and Percent Passing (continued)

## NCLEX-PN® Examination

Country of Education	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1999			Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1999			Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999			Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999		
	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidate s Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Korea (North)	1	1	100.0									
Liberia							1	0	0.0			
Lithuania										1	0	0.0
Macau	1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0						
Marshall Islands							1	1	100.0			
Mexico	3	0	0.0	4	3	75.0	3	0	0.0			
Moldova										1	1	100.0
Nepal	1	0	0.0				1	1	100.0	1	0	0.0
Nicaragua										1	0	0.0
Niger										1	0	0.0
Nigeria	19	10	52.6	27	16	59.3	28	20	71.4	29	13	44.8
Norway							1	0	0.0			
Pakistan	1	0	0.0				1	0	0.0			
Panama, Republic of							1	0	0.0			
Peoples Republic of China	2	1	50.0	9	4	44.4	6	2	33.3	6	3	50.0
Peru	1	0	0.0	3	2	66.7	1	1	100.0	2	2	100.0
Philippines	131	66	50.4	158	71	44.9	164	66	40.2	164	77	47.0
Poland	4	3	75.0	3	2	66.7	2	1	50.0	4	1	25.0
Rumania Romaia	3	1	33.3	1	0	0.0	1	1	100.0	3	2	66.7
Russia	25	10	40.0	18	7	38.9	10	4	40.0	19	8	42.1
Scotland				1	1	100.0						
Sierra Leone	1	1	100.0	5	2	40.0	1	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
Singapore	1	1	100.0									
South Africa				2	2	100.0						
St Vincent				1	1	100.0				1	0	0.0
Sweden				1	0	0.0	1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0
Taiwan (Republic of China)	3	2	66.7	4	3	75.0	3	1	33.3	1	0	0.0



Summary Statistics for First-time, U.S.-educated Candidates Taking NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> Examination, January - December 1999

NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> Examination

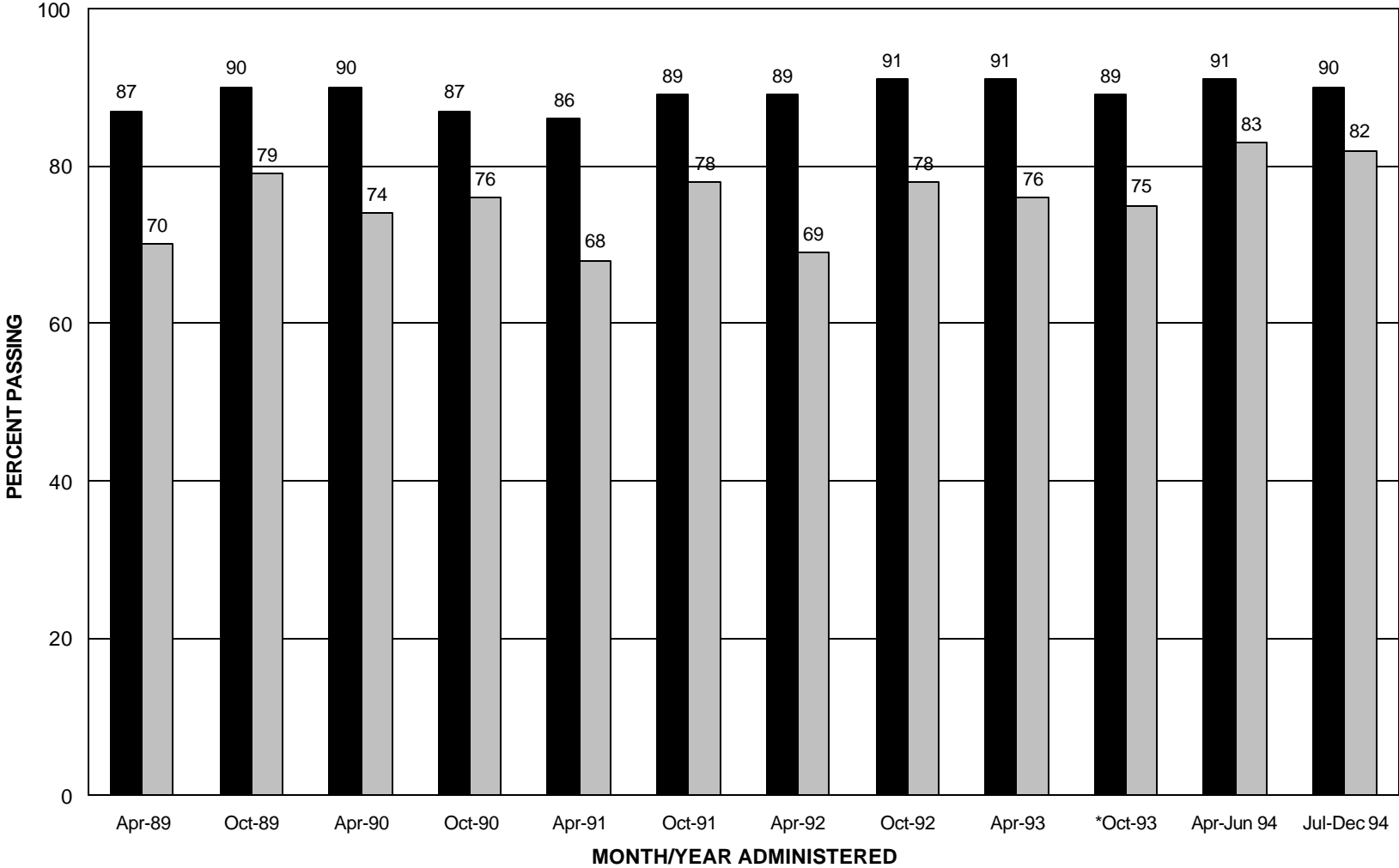
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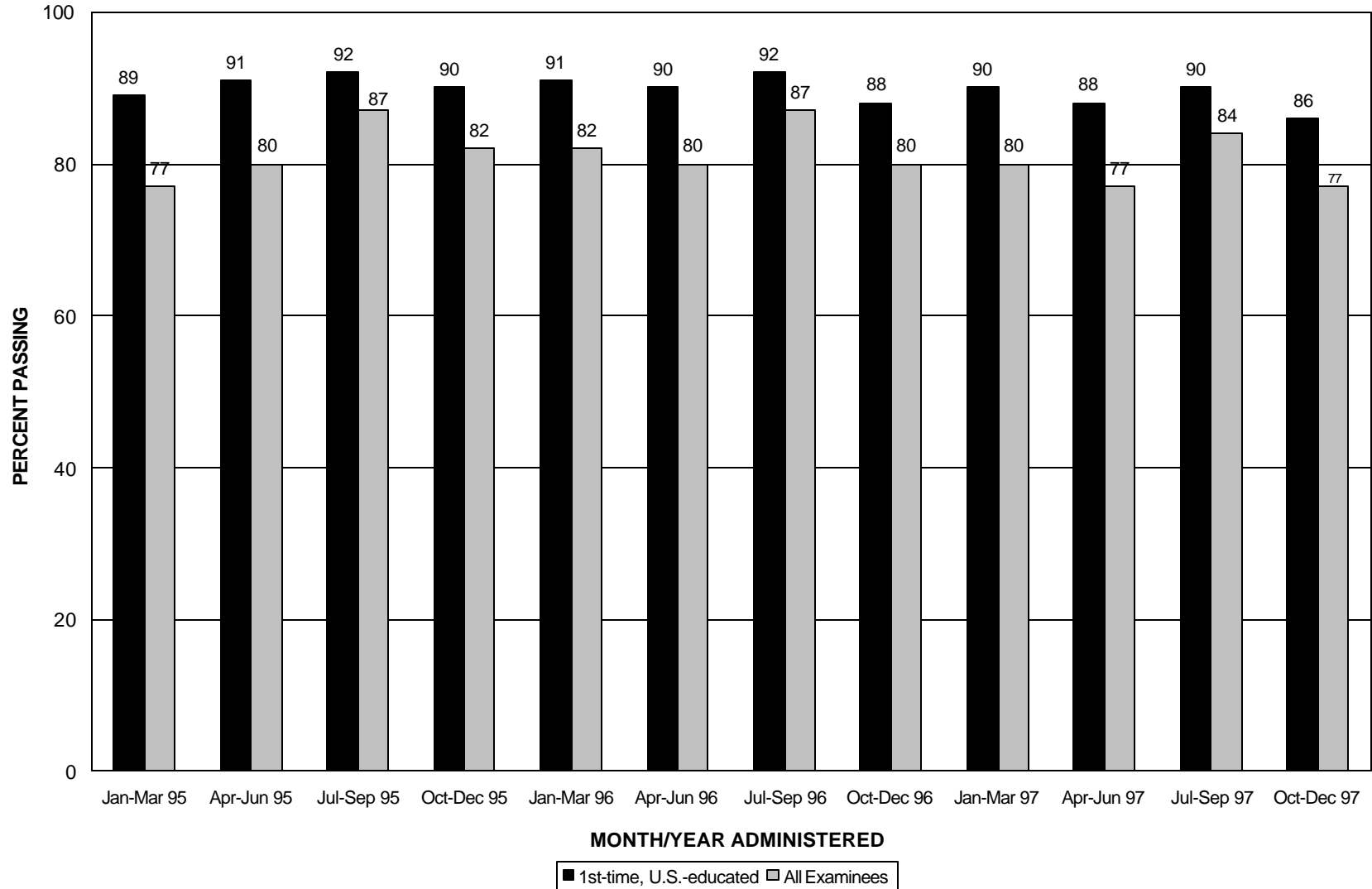
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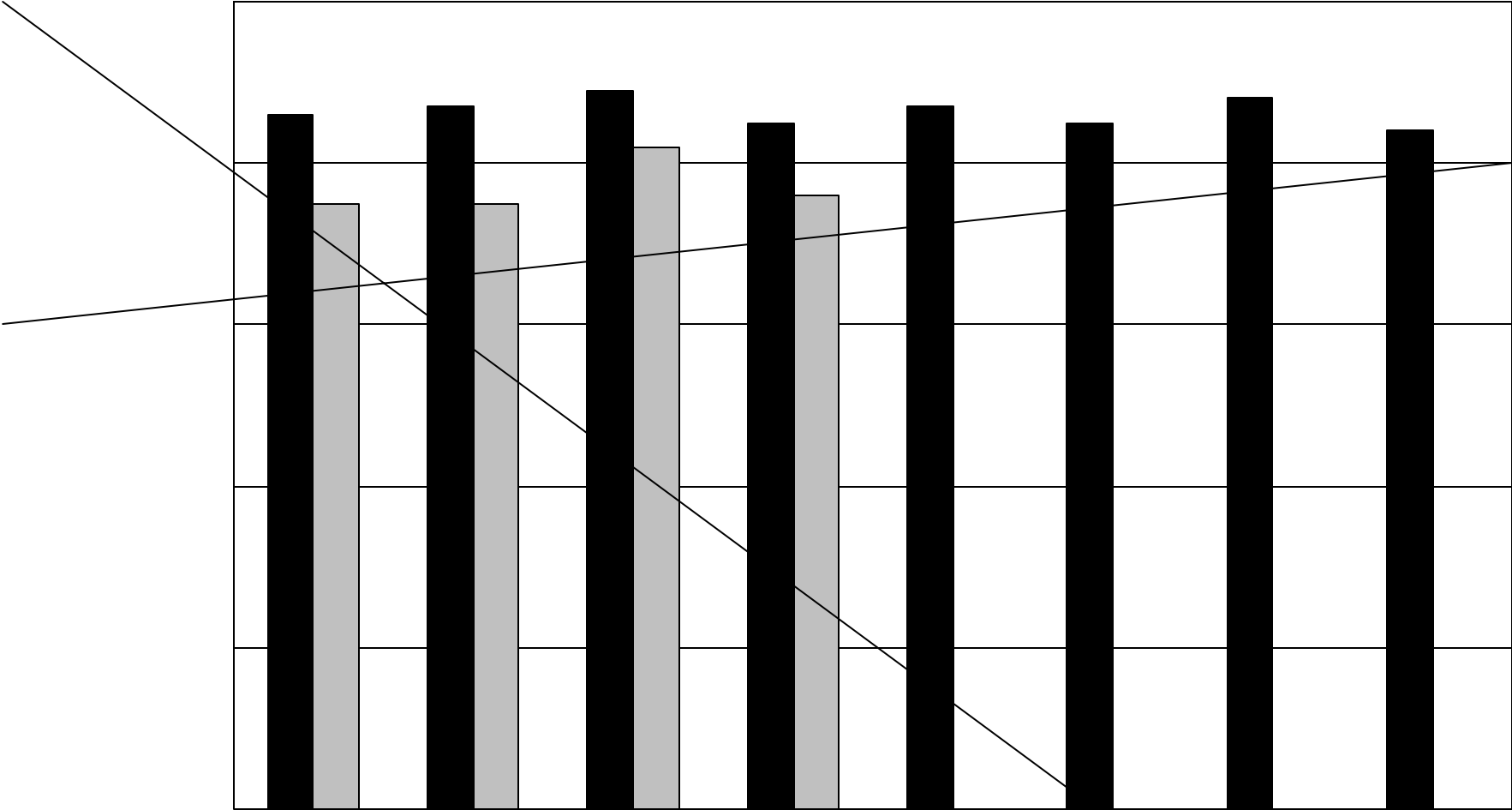


\*Last paper-and-pencil examination

■ 1st-time, U.S.-educated    □ All Examinees

**NATIONAL PASSING RATE: LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSES, 1995-1997**







## Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX-RN® Examination and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

## NCLEX-RN® Examination

Type of Candidate	Jan 1- Mar 31, 1999		Apr 1- Jun 30, 1999		Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999		Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999		Totals	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
First-time, U.S.-educated										
Diploma	864	85.0	575	91.3	1,448	85.1	274	75.5	3,161	85.3
Associate Degree	8,687	83.9	11,288	87.7	22,196	84.9	3,084	75.2	45,255	84.7
Baccalaureate Degree	5,861	85.7	6,410	89.1	14,180	84.1	1,656	70.7	28,107	84.8
Type Total	15,412	84.7	18,273	88.3	37,824	84.6	5,014	73.7	76,523	84.8
Invalid Program Codes	17	58.8	22	54.5	24	66.7	21	47.6	84	57.1
Repeat, U.S.-educated	4,799	46.4	4,851	51.9	4,231	50.1	6,850	52.6	20,731	50.5
First-time, Foreign-educated	1,372	43.7	1,535	49.1	1,686	51.2	1,788	46.1	6,381	47.7
Repeat, Foreign-educated	2,144	16.6	2,321	19.4	2,421	19.0	2,589	15.0	9,475	17.5
All candidates	23,744	68.4	27,002	73.6	46,186	76.8	16,262	52.4	113,194	70.8







Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, by Degree Type  
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NCLEX-RN® Examination

April 1 - June 30, 1999

Jurisdiction	Total			Diploma			Associate Degree			Baccalaureate Degree		
	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Alabama	456	376	82.5	0	0	0.0*	355	292	82.3	101	84	83.2
Alaska	7	7	100.0	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	7	7	100.0
American Samoa	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*
Arizona	272	250	91.9	0	0	0.0*	187	171	91.4	85	79	92.9
Arkansas	495	438	88.5	3	3	100.0	298	263	88.3	194	172	88.7
California	894	752	84.1	0	0	0.0*	638	537	84.2	256	215	84.0*
Colorado	245	221	90.2	0	0	0.0*	155	139	89.7	90	82	91.1

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Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, by Degree Type  
(continued)

NCLEX-RN® Examination

July 1 - September 30, 1999

Jurisdiction	Total			Diploma			Associate Degree			Baccalaureate Degree		
	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Alabama	919	779	84.8	0	0	0.0*	555	460	82.9	364	319	87.6
Alaska	53	50	94.3	0	0	0.0*	20	19	95.0	33	31	93.9
American Samoa	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*
Arizona	338	294	87.0	0	0	0.0*	239	206	86.2	99	88	88.9
Arkansas	220	176	80.0	2	2	100.0	119	94	79.0	99	80	80.8
California	2462	2088	84.8	0	0	0.0*	1688	1452	86.0	774	636	82.2
Colorado	350	294	84.0	0	0	0.0*	162	133	82.1	188	161	85.6
Connecticut	532	485	91.2	11	11	100.0	234	215	91.9	287	259	90.2
Delaware	159	138	86.8	6	5	83.3	52	50	96.2	101	83	82.2
District of Columbia	139	96	69.1	0	0	0.0*	12	7	58.3	127	89	70.1
Florida	1921	1637	85.2	0	0	0.0*	1385	1198	86.5	536	439	81.9
Georgia	871	728	83.6	0	0	0.0*	475	408	85.9	396	320	80.8
Guam	12	9	75.0	0	0	0.0*	0	0	0.0*	12	9	75.0
Hawaii	148	116	78.4	0	0	0.0*	68	55	80.9	80	61	76.3
Idaho	189	157	83.1	0	0	0.0*	127	100	78.7	62	57	91.9
Illinois	1989	1655	83.2	22	18	81.8	1195	1024	85.7	772	613	79.4
Indiana	834	710	85.1	7	6	85.7	513	430	83.8	314	274	87.3
Iowa	588	484	82.3	4	4	100.0	431	359	83.3	153	121	79.1
Kansas	672	548	81.5	0	0	0.0*	336	271	80.7	336	277	82.4
Kentucky	463	394	85.1	0	0	0.0*	351	296	84.3	112	98	87.5
Louisiana	844	771	91.4	0	0	0.0*	398	362	91.0	446	409	91.7
Maine	189	152	80.4	0	0	0.0*	111	83	74.8	78	69	88.5
Maryland	678	602	88.8	9	9	100.0	314	282	89.8	355	311	87.6
Massachusetts	1223	1035	84.6	145	120	82.8	554	468	84.5	524	447	85.3
Michigan	1252	1091	87.1	0	0	0.0*	862	751	87.1	390	340	87.2
Minnesota	1006	875	87.0	0	0	0.0*	599	514	85.8	407	361	88.7
Mississippi	311	262	84.2	0	0	0.0*	209	181	86.6	102	81	79.4
Missouri	1058	884	83.6	50	34	68.0	526	452	85.9	482	398	82.6

Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, by Degree Type  
(continued)

NCLEX-RN® Examination

July 1 - September 30, 1999

Jurisdiction	Total			Diploma			Associate Degree			Baccalaureate Degree		
	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Montana	112	94	83.9	0	0	0.0*	59	47	79.7	53	47	88.7
Nebraska	170	145	85.3	31	27	87.1	44	38	86.4	95	80	84.2
Nevada	145	126	86.9	0	0	0.0*	81	70	86.4	64	56	87.5
New Hampshire	328	286	87.2	0	0	0.0*	208	182	87.5	120	104	86.7
New Jersey	814	691	84.9	236	199	84.3	388	343	88.4	190	149	78.4
New Mexico	265	222	83.8	0	0	0.0*	222	182	82.0	43	40	93.0
New York	3308	2725	82.4	88	75	85.2	2270	1903	83.8	950	747	78.6
North Carolina	1083	901	83.2	49	39	79.6						



Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, by Degree Type  
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October 1 - December 31, 1999

Jurisdiction	Total			Diploma			Associate Degree			Baccalaureate Degree		
	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Alabama	161	127	78.9	0	0	0.0*	57	37	64.9	104	90	86.5
Alaska	8	6	75.0	0	0	0.0*	1	1	100.0	7	5	71.4
American Samoa	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0*	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0*
Arizona	21	15	71.4	0	0	0.0*	13	8	61.5	8	7	87.5

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Number of Candidates Examined and Passing Rates for First-time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions, by Degree Type  
(continued)

NCLEX-RN® Examination

October 1 - December 31, 1999

**Total**

**Diploma**

Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX®

Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX®



## Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX® Examination and Percent Passing (continued)

## NCLEX-RN® Examination

Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1999

Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1999

## Number of First-time Candidates Not Educated in Member Board Jurisdictions Taking NCLEX® Examination and Percent Passing (continued)

## NCLEX-RN® Examination

Country of Education	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1999			Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1999			Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1999			Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1999		
	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed	Candidates Examined	Number Passed	Percent Passed
Rumania Romania	5	1	20.0	10	5	50.0	8	3	37.5	4	2	50.0
Russia	28	12	42.9	42	16	38.1	37	17	45.9	33	12	36.4
Rwanda										1	0	0.0
Scotland	6	3	50.0	4	4	100.0	7	5	71.4	5	4	80.0
Sierra Leone	7	2	28.6				5	0	0.0	4	2	50.0
Singapore	1	1	100.0				1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0
Slovakia							1	1	100.0			
Somail Dem Republic Somalia										1	1	100.0
South Africa	11	9	81.8	12	11	91.7	25	20	80.0	15	10	66.7
Spain	2	2	100.0	1	1	100.0	2	2	100.0	1	0	0.0
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)				1	0	0.0						
St Lucia										2	1	50.0
St. Vincent	1	0	0.0				1	0	0.0			
Sudan										1	0	0.0
Surinam				1	0	0.0				1	0	0.0
Sweden	4	3	75.0	2	1	50.0	2	2	100.0	5	4	80.0
Switzerland	1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0	3	3	100.0	1	1	100.0
Taiwan (Republic of China)	8	0	0.0	11	6	54.5	12	4	33.3	14	5	35.7
Tajikistan							4	2	50.0	2	1	50.0
Tanzania, United Republic of				1	1	100.0				1	0	0.0
Thailand	5	3	60.0	9	3	33.3	3	3	100.0	4	1	25.0
Tonga				1	0	0.0						





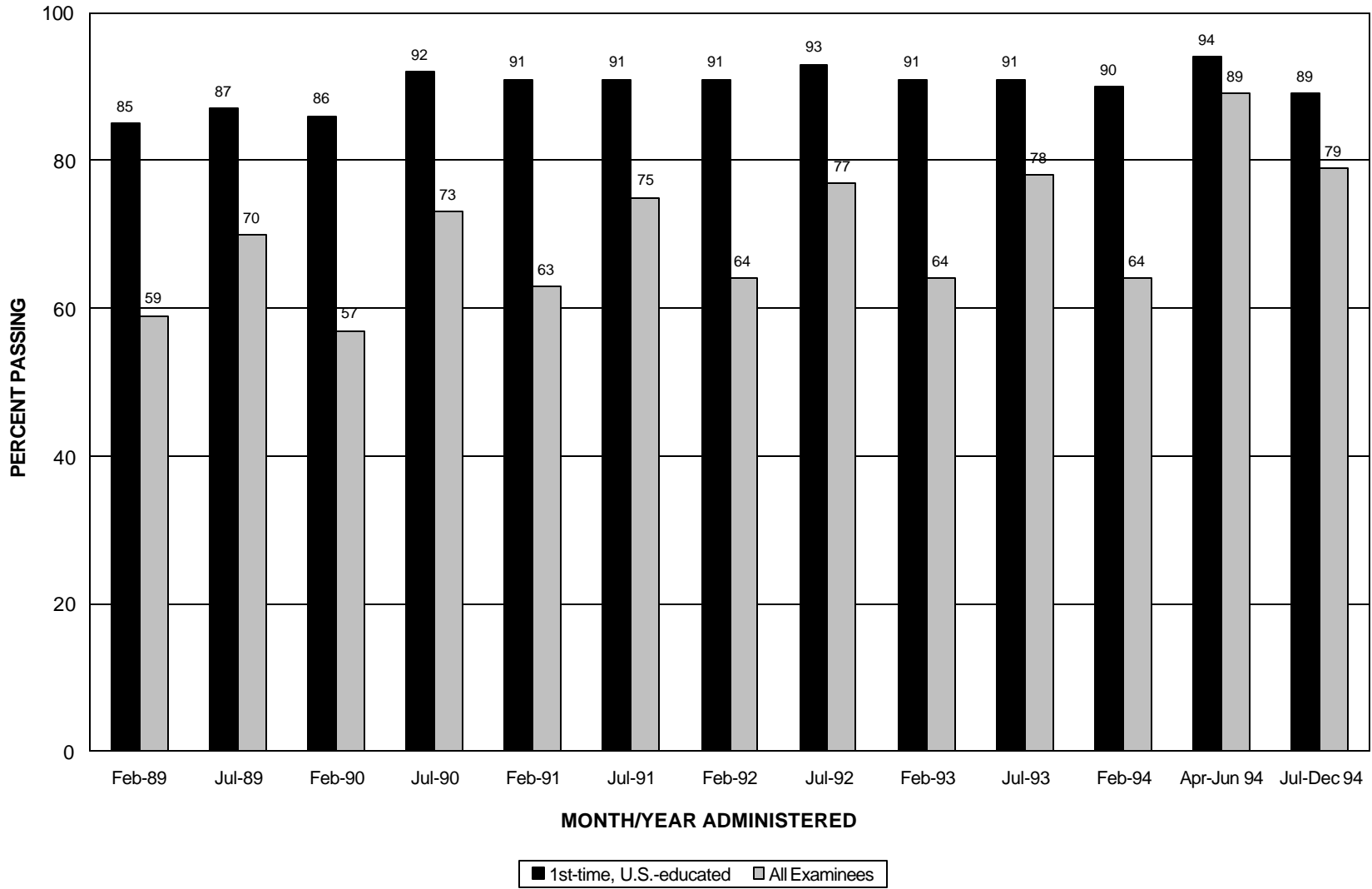
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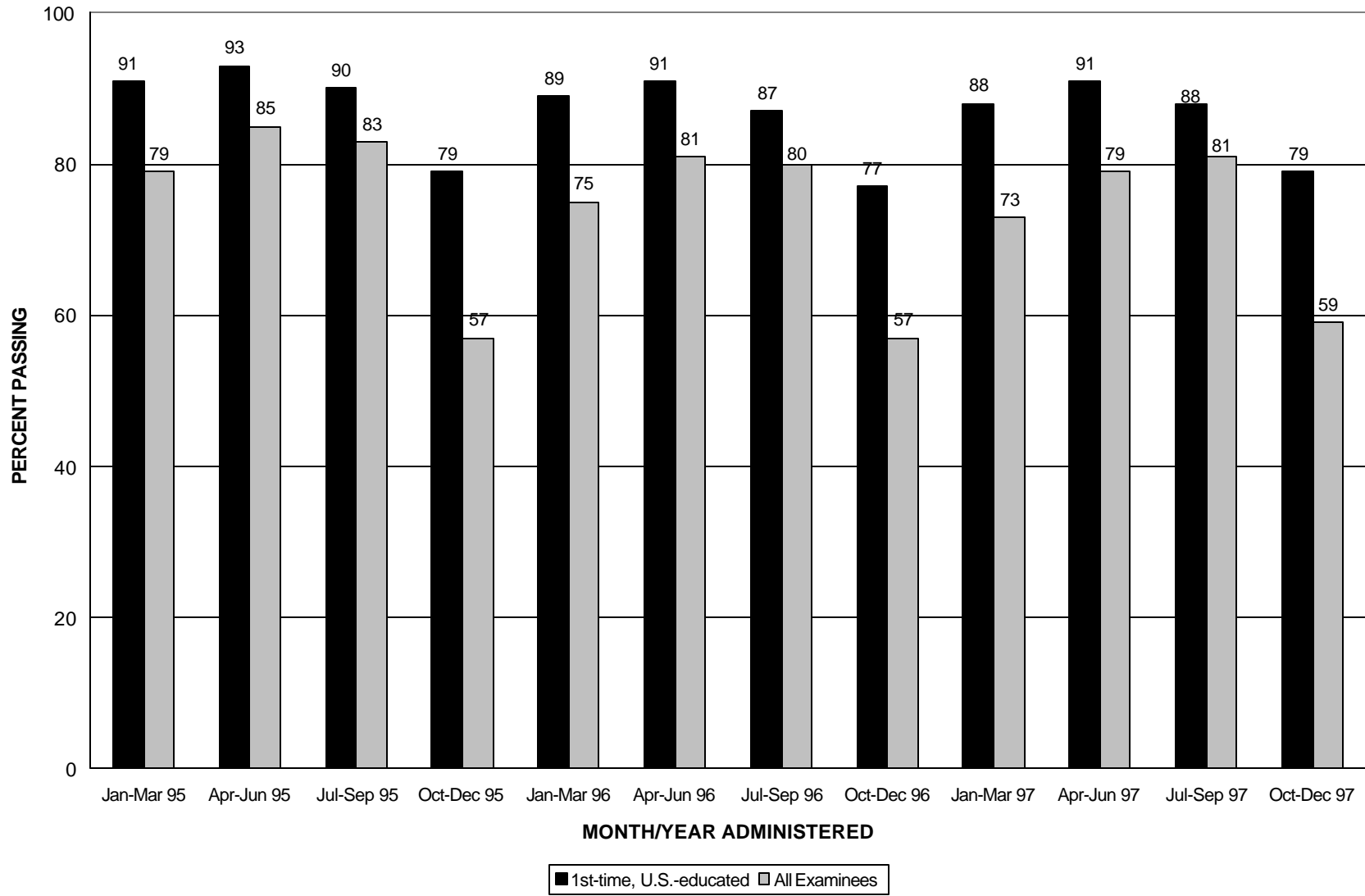
	January - December 1999
*Passing Standard	-0.35
Estimated Decision Consistency	0.90
Average Number of Test Items (Questions) Taken	123.3
Percent Taking Minimum Number of Items	48.4%
Percent Taking Maximum Number of Items	13.4%
Average Testing Time	2.30 hrs
Percent Taking Maximum Amount of Time	4.0%

\*The passing standard is presented in units, called logits, on the Rasch measurement scale.

### NATIONAL PASSING RATE: REGISTERED NURSES, 1989-1994



**NATIONAL PASSING RATE: REGISTERED NURSES, 1995-1997**



**NATIONAL PASSING RATE: REGISTERED NURSES, 1998-1999**

