



2003 Nurse Licensee Volume and NCLEX[®] Examination Statistics

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

JD	Board of Nursing	RN	LPN/LVN	Other Specialty Groups
AK	A B - f N	YES	YES	YES
AL	A B - f N	YES	YES	YES
AR	A S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
AS	A S H S R B -	YES	YES	YES
AZ	A S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
CARN	C f B - f R N	YES	NO	YES
CAVN	C f B - f V N P T E I	NO	YES	NO
CO	C B - f N	YES	YES	YES
CT	C B - f E I f N	YES	YES	YES
DC	D f C B - f N	YES	YES	YES
DE	D B - f N	YES	YES	YES
FL	F B - f N	YES	YES	YES
GAPN	G S B - f L P N	NO	YES	NO
GARN	G B - f N	YES	NO	YES
GU	G B - f N E I	YES	YES	YES
HI	H B - f N P f V L D	YES	YES	YES
IA	I B - f N	YES	YES	YES
ID	I B - f N	YES	YES	YES
IL	I D f P f R	YES	YES	YES
IN	I S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
KS	K S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
KY	K B - f N	YES	YES	YES
LAPN	L S B - f P N E I	NO	YES	NO
LARN	L S B - f N	YES	NO	YES
MA	M B - f R N	YES	YES	YES
MD	M B - f N	YES	YES	YES
ME	M S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
MI	M CIS/B f H S	YES	YES	YES
MN	M B - f N	YES	YES	YES
MO	M S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
MP	N M I - C I I B - f N E I	YES	YES	YES
MS	M S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
MT	M S B - f N	YES	YES	YES
NC	N C B - f N	YES	YES	YES
ND	N D B - f N	YES	YES	YES
NE	N H - H I S S I	YES	YES	YES
NH	N H B - f N	YES	YES	YES

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Table 2, *continued*

JD	Examination		Endorsement		Total New-in-State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
VA	1,906	2.67	3,134	3.84	5,040	3.22
VT	508	0.71	586	0.72	1,094	0.70
WA	1,418	1.99	2,140	2.62	3,558	2.28
WI		0.00		0.00	3,214	2.06
WVRN	780	1.09	770	0.94	1,550	0.99
WY	194	0.27	285	0.35	479	0.31
Total	71,383	100.00	81,706	100.00	156,303¹	100.00

¹Total new-in-state candidates = 3,214 of WI, 3,214 of VA, 3,214 of VT, 3,214 of WA, 3,214 of WY, 3,214 of WVRN, 3,214 of NC, 3,214 of SC, 3,214 of GA, 3,214 of IL, 3,214 of MD, 3,214 of NJ, 3,214 of NH, 3,214 of NY, 3,214 of PA, 3,214 of RI, 3,214 of UT, 3,214 of VT, 3,214 of WI.

Table 3. Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses: New-in-State Functions, by Jurisdiction

JD	Examination		Endorsement		Total New-in-State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	38	0.11	75	0.63	113	0.24
AL	788	2.32	210	1.78	998	2.15
AR	714	2.10	207	1.75	921	1.98
AZ	600	1.76	334	2.83	934	2.01
CAVN	4,259	12.53	556	4.70	4,815	10.36
CT	321	0.94	317	2.68	638	1.37
DC	28	0.08	168	1.42	196	0.42
FL	2,401	7.06	1,675	14.17	4,076	8.77
HI	169	0.50	127	1.07	296	0.64
IA	877	2.58	107	0.91	984	2.12
ID	170	0.50	79	0.67	249	0.54
IN	1,256	3.69	296	2.50	1,552	3.34
KS	622	1.83	232	1.96	854	1.84
KY	655	1.93	274	2.32	929	2.00
LAPN	973	2.86	224	1.90	1,197	2.57
MA	612	1.80	230	1.95	842	1.81
MD	461	1.36	666	5.63	1,127	2.42
ME	15	0.04	92	0.78	107	0.23
MI	1,133	3.33	202	1.71	1,335	2.87
MN	1,093	3.21	151	1.28	1,244	2.68
MO	991	2.91	347	2.94	1,338	2.88
MP	7	0.02	0	0.00	7	0.02
MS	570	1.68	179	1.51	749	1.61
NC	903	2.66	622	5.26	1,525	3.28
ND	196	0.58	51	0.43	247	0.53
NE	325	0.96	54	0.46	379	0.82
NJ	584	1.72	211	1.79	795	1.71
NM	150	0.44	181	1.53	331	0.71
OH	1,896	5.58	343	2.90	2,239	4.82
OK	1,006	2.96	146	1.24	1,152	2.48
OR	297	0.87	154	1.30	451	0.97
PA	1,461	4.30	475	4.02	1,936	4.16
RI	30	0.09	82	0.69	112	0.24
SC	534	1.57	362	3.06	896	1.93
SD	89	0.26	55	0.47	144	0.31
TN	1,235	3.63	466	3.94	1,701	3.66

Table 3, continued

JD	Examination		Endorsement		Total New-in-State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
TX	3,674	10.81	831	7.03	4,505	9.69
VA	1,504	4.42	480	4.06	1,984	4.27
VT	79	0.23	54	0.46	133	0.29
WA	818	2.41	238	2.01	1,056	2.27
WI		0.00		0.00	679	1.46
WV	352	1.04	210	1.78	562	1.21
WY	112	0.33	57	0.48	169	0.36
Total	33,998	100.00	11,820	100.00	46,497¹	100.00

¹Total new-in-state includes 679 of WI, which are included in the total new-in-state. New-in-state includes AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY.

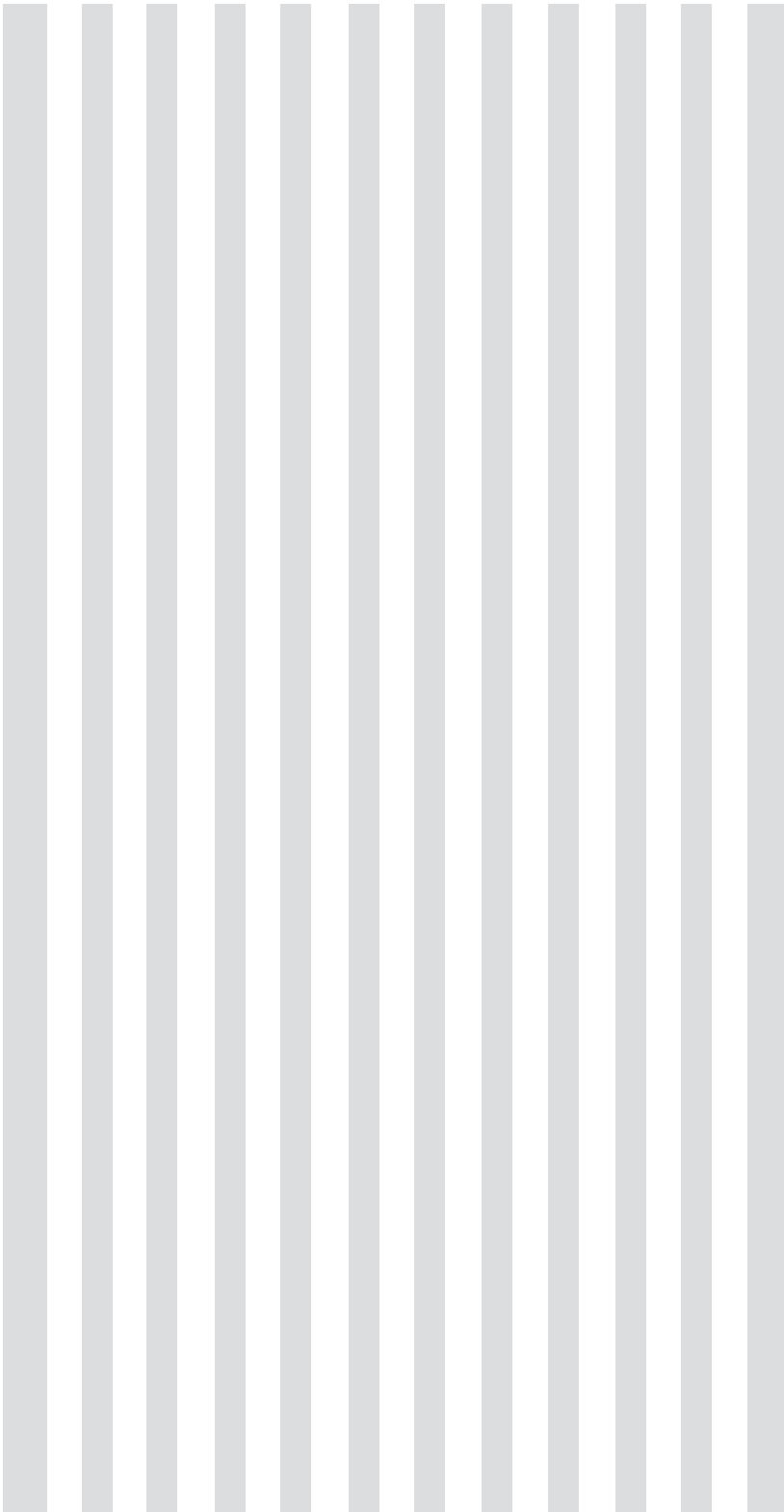
Table 4. Total Number of Active Licenses: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses, by Jurisdiction

JD	Registered Nurses		Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses		Total Number	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
AK	7,215	0.22	729	0.08	7,944	0.19
AL	45,445	1.42	17,474	1.97	62,919	1.54
AR	29,069	0.91	15,134	1.71	44,203	1.08
AS	46	0.00	104	0.01	150	0.00
AZ	52,338	1.63	10,161	1.15	62,499	1.53
CARN	280,653	8.74			280,653	6.85
CAVN			67,310	7.60	67,310	1.64
CO	51,282	1.60	10,264	1.16	61,546	1.50
CT	52,840	1.65	11,427	1.29	64,267	1.57
DC	18,944	0.59	2,258	0.25	21,202	0.52
FL	181,497	5.65	57,038	6.44	238,535	5.82
GAPN			30,144	3.40	30,144	0.74
GARN	90,000	2.80			90,000	2.20
HI	15,698	0.49	2,982	0.34	18,680	0.46
IA	38,901	1.21	9,772	1.10	48,673	1.19
ID	13,374	0.42	3,658	0.41	17,032	0.42
IL	142,644	4.44	26,626	3.01	169,270	4.13
IN	72,643	2.26	26,690	3.01	99,333	2.43
KS	33,650	1.05	8,350	0.94	42,000	1.03

Table 4, continued

JD	Registered Nurses		Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses		Total Number	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
OK	32,485	1.01	16,629	1.88	49,114	1.20
OR	38,042	1.18	4,053	0.46	42,095	1.03
PA	200,102	6.23	54,184	6.12	254,286	6.21
RI	17,359	0.54	2,610	0.29	19,969	0.49
SC	41,165	1.28	11,261	1.27	52,426	1.28
SD	10,802	0.34	2,157	0.24	12,959	0.32
TN	69,149	2.15	26,647	3.01	95,796	2.34
TXRN	173,695	5.41			173,695	4.24
TXVN			75,233	8.50	75,233	1.84
UT	19,278	0.60	3,518	0.40	22,796	0.56
VA	88,920	2.77	27,635	3.12	116,555	2.85
VT	8,987	0.28	1,848	0.21	10,835	0.26
WA	64,444	2.01	14,017	1.58	78,461	1.92
WI	69,950	2.18	14,547	1.64	84,497	2.06
WV PN			6,731	0.76	6,731	0.16
WVRN	22,516	0.70			22,516	0.55
WY	5,104	0.16	1,073	0.12	6,177	0.15
Total	3,210,456	100.00	885,559	100.00	4,096,015¹	100.00

¹1,792,786 RNs and 1,303,229 LPN/VNs = 3,096,015 2002 figures. All states, DC, GU, HI, MS, NV, PR, SD, TN, TXRN, TXVN, VA, WI, WY.



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Table 1. Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination, by Type of Candidate

Type of Candidate	NCLEX-RN® Examination: January 1 - December 31, 2003				Total: Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003										
	Jan 1-Mar 31, 2003	Apr 1-Jun 30, 2003	Jul 1-Sep 30, 2003	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2003	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003							
	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates							
	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed	Passed							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%							
Foreign-Born, U.S.-E	591	532	90.0	466	437	93.8	1,276	1,145	89.7	232	190	81.9	2,565	2,304	89.8
Domestic-Born, U.S.-E	9,011	7,849	87.1	13,281	11,948	90.0	21,829	18,891	86.5	3,294	2,556	77.6	47,415	41,244	87.0
Foreign-Born, U.S.-E	5,277	4,593	87.0	6,426	5,809	90.4	13,142	11,323	86.2	1,787	1,413	79.1	26,632	23,138	86.9
Domestic-Born, U.S.-E	16	8	50.0	22	13	59.1	26	17	65.4	12	7	58.3	76	45	59.2
Foreign-Born, U.S.-E	14,895	12,982	87.2	20,195	18,207	90.2	36,273	31,376	86.5	5,325	4,166	78.2	76,688	66,731	87.0
Domestic-Born, U.S.-E	4,037	2,039	50.5	3,941	2,038	51.7	3,697	1,872	50.6	5,802	3,141	54.1	17,477	9,090	52.0
Foreign-Born, U.S.-E															

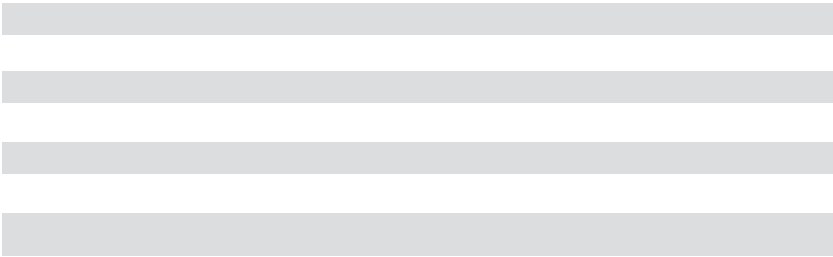
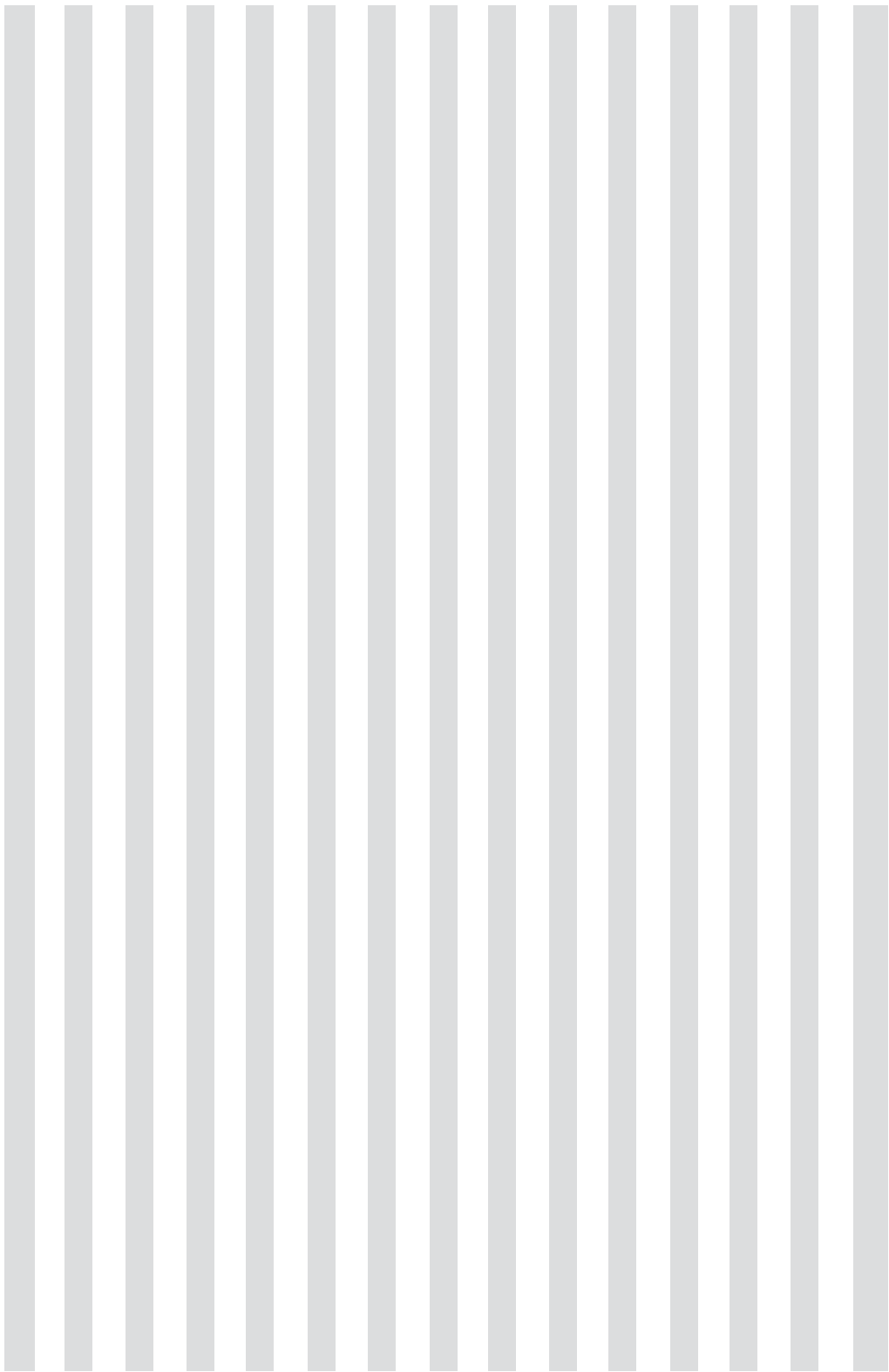


Table 4. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-RN® Examination, by Degree Type (April 1 - June 30, 2003)¹

Jurisdiction	RN-Diploma				RN-Associate Degree		RN-Baccalaureate		Total Apr 1-Jun 30, 2003			
	Candidates	Passed	%	Candidates	Passed	%	Candidates	Passed	%	Candidates	Passed	%
A I	0			198	173	87.4	146	138	94.5	344	311	90.4
A	0			2	2	100.0	18	16	88.9	20	18	90.0
A I S I	0			0			0			0		
A	0			248	237	95.6	73	66	90.4	321	303	94.4
A	36	27	75.0	126	117	92.9	124	120	96.8	286	264	92.3
C A f	0			693	593	85.6	296	255	86.1	989	848	85.7
C	0			140	125	89.3	102	90	88.2	242	215	88.8
C I A I	51	48	94.1	21	21	100.0	47	46	97.9	119	115	96.6
D	4	4	100.0	21	18	85.7	31	23	74.2	56	45	80.4
D A I A f C I	0			2	2	100.0	14	11	78.6	16	13	81.3
F	0			837	688	82.2	182	160	87.9	1,019	848	83.2
G	0			378	347	91.8	300	274	91.3	678	621	91.6
G I	0			0			1	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
H	0			13	10	76.9	23	21	91.3	36	31	86.1
I	0			91	85	93.4	25	25	100.0	116	110	94.8
I A	4	4	100.0	397	356	89.7	233	222	95.3	634	582	91.8
I A	3	3	100.0	400	368	92.0	227	205	90.3	630	576	91.4
I	0			226	212	93.8	103	88	85.4	329	300	91.2
K	0			165	151	91.5	75	71	94.7	240	222	92.5
K A I	0			525	482	91.8	150	140	93.3	675	622	92.1
L A	0			87	81	93.1	65	62	95.4	152	143	94.1
M	0			146	136	93.2	58	53	91.4	204	189	92.6
M	0			244	228	93.4	68	60	88.2	312	288	92.3
M I A I	14	14	100.0	272	252	92.6	114	105	92.1	400	371	92.8
M I A I	0			403	350	86.8	210	190	90.5	613	540	88.1
M A	0			568	518	91.2	176	167	94.9	744	685	92.1
M A A A	0			390	351	90.0	167	148	88.6	557	499	89.6





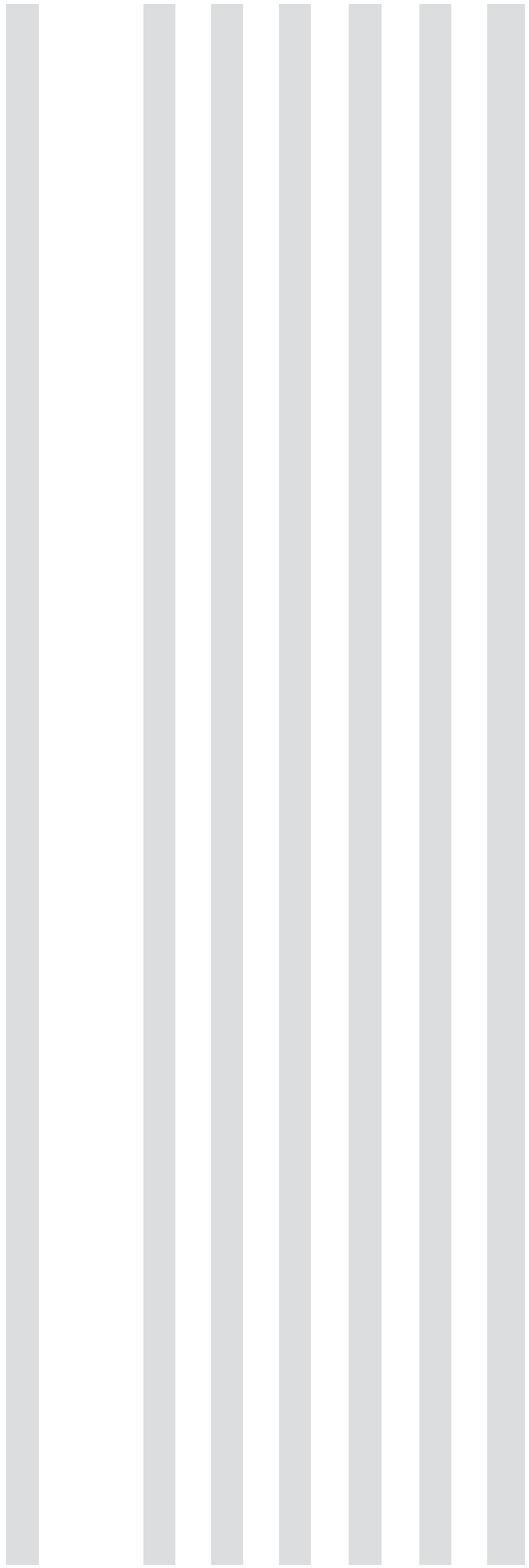


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Country of Education	NCLEX-RN® Examination: January 1 - December 31, 2003						Total Jan 1-Dec 31, 2003	
	Jan 1-Mar 31, 2003	Apr 1-Jun 30, 2003	Jul 1-Sep 30, 2003	Oct 1-Dec 31, 2003				
	Candidates Passed	%	Candidates Passed	%	Candidates Passed	%	Candidates Passed	%
S	0		0		2	1	2	1
S	1	100.0	0	0.0	0		3	1
S	4	75.0	5	60.0	1	0	12	8
S	2	50.0	0		1	0	3	1
T (R, f C)	29	51.7	24	37.5	42	26	146	79
T	0		0	100.0	1	1	1	100.0
T	2	0.0	3	33.3	2	0	8	2
T	10	40.0	7	57.1	15	8	43	21
T	0		0		1	0	8	5
T	8	62.5	7	28.6	5	2	20	9
T	0		0		1	0	1	0
T	2	0.0	3	100.0	4	3	11	7
T	0		0		0		1	0
U	1	0.0	2	50.0	3	2	7	3
U	8	50.0	8	62.5	6	5	19	4
U	1	100.0	0		2	1	4	18
U	85	67.1	74	67.6	78	59	333	224
U	1	0.0	1	0.0	6	1	21	4
V	1	0.0	0		1	1	3	1
V	1	0.0	1	100.0	0		2	1
V	0		0		1	0	1	0
W	1	0.0	0		0		1	0
Z	4	50.0	3	100.0	3	0	10	5
Z	2	100.0	3	66.7	5	3	16	12
Totals	3,838	2,165	3,908	2,230	4,268	2,461	16,489	9,264
		56.4		57.1		57.7		53.8
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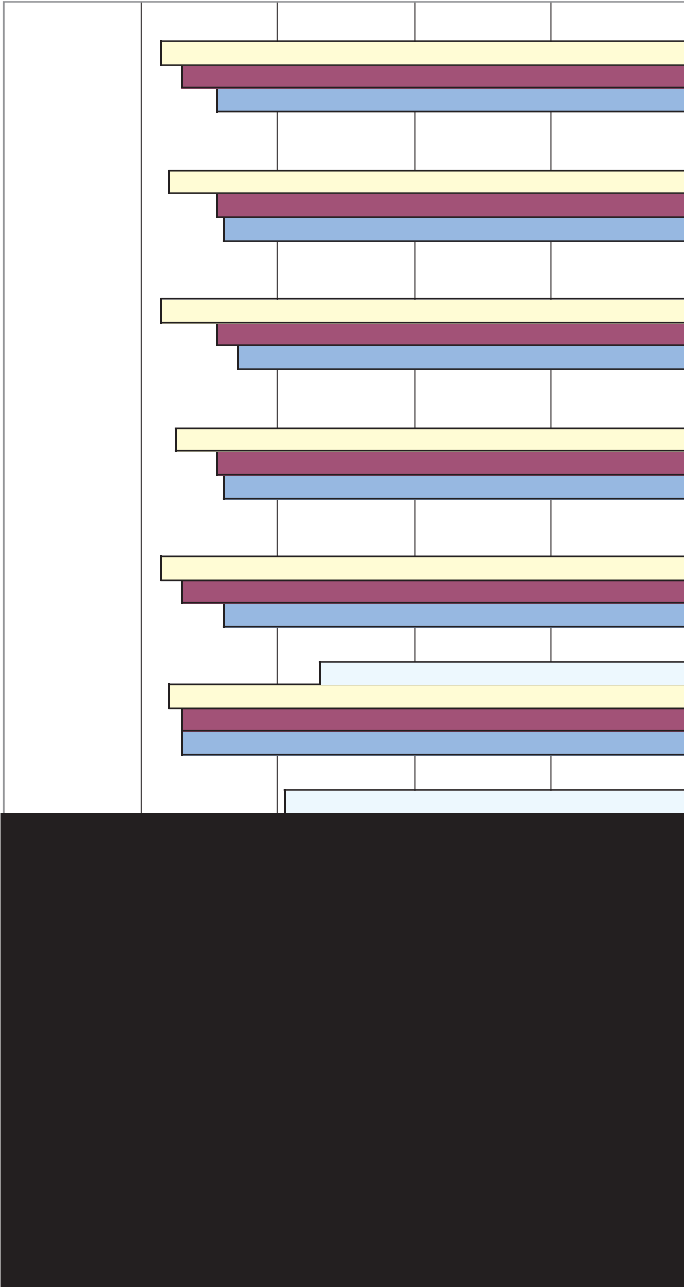
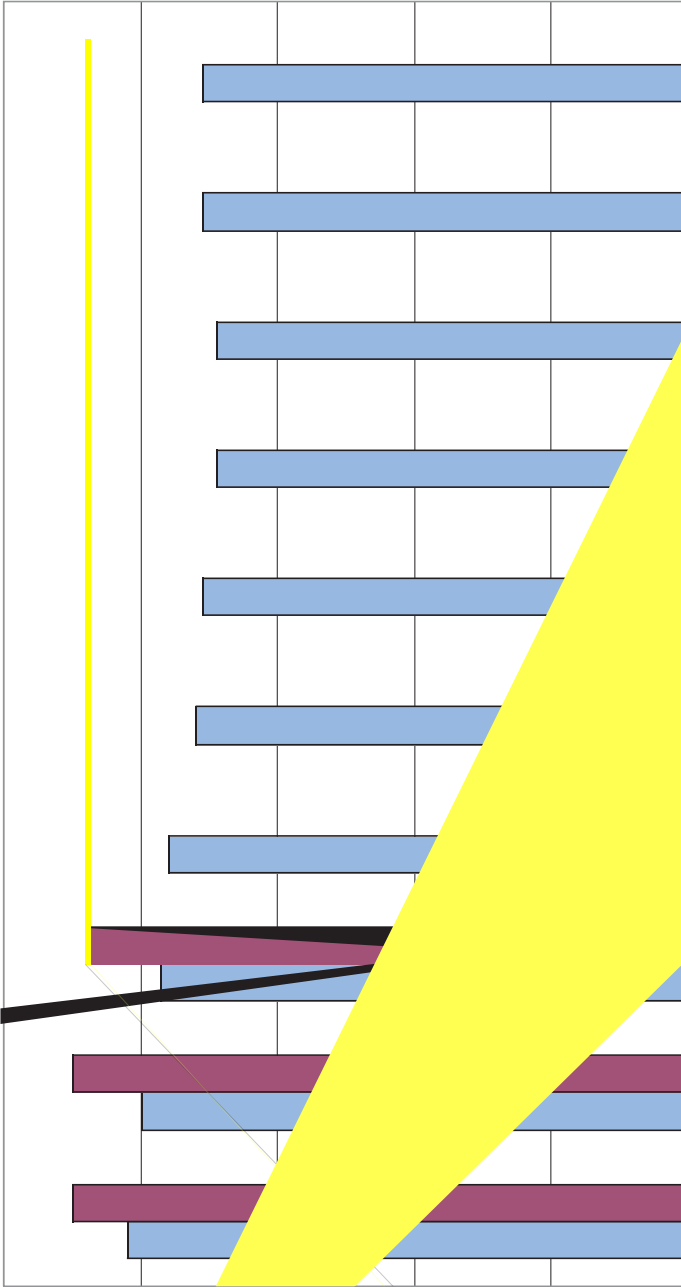


Figure 3. NCELEX-RN® Annual Pass Rates, April 1994 - December 2003



*A 1994 C I - A - A I T A (CAT) P S - -0.4766
 **0, 1995 P S - -0.4766, -0.42
 ***A 1998 P S - -0.42, -0.35



Table 9. Candidates Taking the NCLEX-PN® Examination, by Type of Candidate

NCLEX-PN® Examination: January 1 - December 31, 2003					
Type of Candidate	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2003 Candidates Passed %	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2003 Candidates Passed %	July 1 - Sep 30, 2003 Candidates Passed %	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2003 Candidates Passed %	Total Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003 Candidates Passed %
F. A. T. I.	8,904 7,736 86.9	7,498 6,464 86.2	17,759 16,105 90.7	9,914 8,574 86.5	44,075 38,879 88.2
U.S.-E. A.	2,221 1,039 46.8	2,151 985 45.8	1,991 884 44.4	2,051 936 45.6	8,414 3,844 45.7
R- A. U.S.-E. A.	549 302 55.0	521 281 53.9	566 288 50.9	562 290 51.6	2,198 1,161 52.8
R- A. E. A.	445 148 33.3	477 132 27.7	482 143 29.7	485 133 27.4	1,889 556 29.4
All Candidates	12,119 9,225 76.1	10,647 7,862 73.8	20,798 17,420 83.8	13,012 9,933 76.3	56,576 44,440 78.5

Table 10. Summary Statistics for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates

NCLEX-PN®	January-December 2003
P. A. S. A. -	-0.47 A. A. 1
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P. A. A. f C. A. T. A. A. M. A. I. N. I. f I. A. I	60.1%
P. A. A. f C. A. T. A. A. M. A. I. N. I. f I. A. I	14.0%
A. T. A. A. I. I	1. , 54 A. A
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Table 11. First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-PN® Examination

Jurisdiction	NCLEX-PN® Examination: January 1 - December 31, 2003				NCLEX-PN® Examination: January 1 - Dec 31, 2003										
	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2003	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2003	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2003	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2003	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2003	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2003	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2003	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2003							
	Candidates	% Passed	Candidates	% Passed	Candidates	% Passed	Candidates	% Passed							
A	329	86.9	86	76.7	317	279	88.0	300	248	82.7	1,032	879	85.2		
A	6	100.0	7	100.0	2	2	100.0	4	4	100.0	19	19	100.0		
Alaska	0		3	66.7	2	0	0.0	2	1	50.0	7	3	42.9		
Ala.	166	155	93.4	146	137	93.8	241	229	95.0	114	107	93.9	667	628	94.2
A	223	199	89.2	59	55	93.2	335	310	92.5	197	175	88.8	814	739	90.8
Calif.	1,045	800	76.6	897	655	73.0	1,178	894	75.9	938	721	76.9	4,058	3,070	75.7
C	128	120	93.8	160	155	96.9	333	318	95.5	74	65	87.8	695	658	94.7
C	4	4	100.0	52	52	100.0	5	4	80.0	9	9	100.0	70	69	98.6
D	0		17	94.1	106	94	88.7	6	4	66.7	129	114	88.4		
D	206	121	58.7	279	148	53.0	195	107	54.9	354	225	63.6	1,034	601	58.1
F	636	557	87.6	594	492	82.8	814	716	88.0	592	473	79.9	2,636	2,238	84.9
G	280	258	92.1	265	242	91.3	276	253	91.7	311	280	90.0	1,132	1,033	91.3
G	0		0		0		0		1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0	
H	19	14	73.7	25	25	100.0	47	45	95.7	50	47	94.0	141	131	92.9
I	68	65	95.6	15	13	86.7	79	71	89.9	11	11	100.0	173	160	92.5
I	157	143	91.1	101	86	85.1	628	583	92.8	267	249	93.3	1,153	1,061	92.0
I	337	314	93.2	133	124	93.2	462	439	95.0	264	240	90.9	1,196	1,117	93.4
I	139	125	89.9	188	184	97.9	600	566	94.3	125	109	87.2	1,052	984	93.5
K	110	100	90.9	95	90	94.7	395	360	91.1	42	34	81.0	642	584	91.0
K	196	175	89.3	228	202	88.6	165	141	85.5	114	89	78.1	703	607	86.3
L	353	303	85.8	215	195	90.7	224	200	89.3	159	133	83.6	951	831	87.4
M	1	1	100.0	0			13	13	100.0	0			14	14	100.0
M	14	11	78.6	21	16	76.2	152	148	97.4	64	61	95.3	251	236	94.0
M	22	20	90.9	7	6	85.7	598	544	91.0	34	29	85.3	661	599	90.6
M	208	202	97.1	202	192	95.0	469	456	97.2	141	137	97.2	1,020	987	96.8
M	277	247	89.2	261	243	93.1	586	547	93.3	135	111	82.2	1,259	1,148	91.2
M	136	109	80.1	11	8	72.7	410	365	89.0	82	74	90.2	639	556	87.0

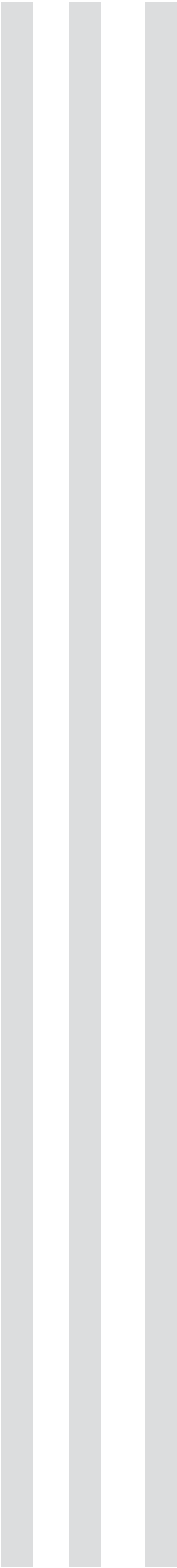
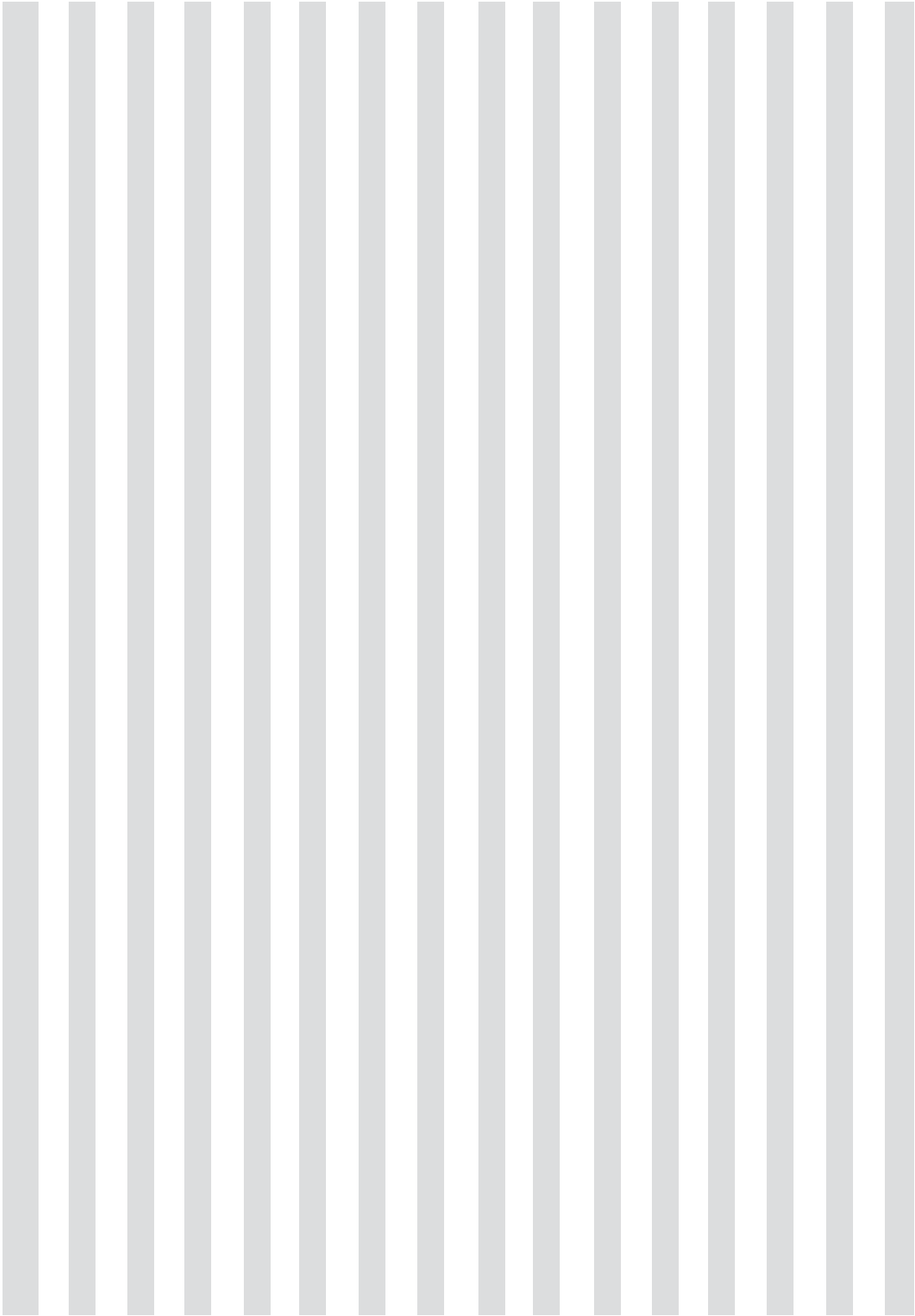


Table 12. First-Time, Internationally Educated Candidates Taking the NCLEX-PN® Examination, by Country of Education

Country of Education	NCLEX-PN® Examination: January 1 - December 31, 2003					
	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2003	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2003	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 2003	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2003	Total Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003	
	Candidates Passed	% Candidates Passed	Candidates Passed	% Candidates Passed	Candidates Passed	% Candidates Passed
Australia	0	0	0	2	1	50.0
Austria	0	0	1	1	100.0	1
Belgium	0	1	100.0	0	0	100.0
Canada	2	1	50.0	5	1	20.0
China	0	0	0	1	1	100.0
Denmark	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
France	0	0	0	1	1	100.0
Germany	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Greece	1	1	100.0	2	1	50.0
Hong Kong	6	1	16.7	3	3	100.0
India	0	0	0	4	3	75.0
Italy	2	1	50.0	1	1	100.0
Japan	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Korea	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Malaysia	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.0
Philippines	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Russia	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Taiwan	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Thailand	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
United Kingdom	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
United States	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Other	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0



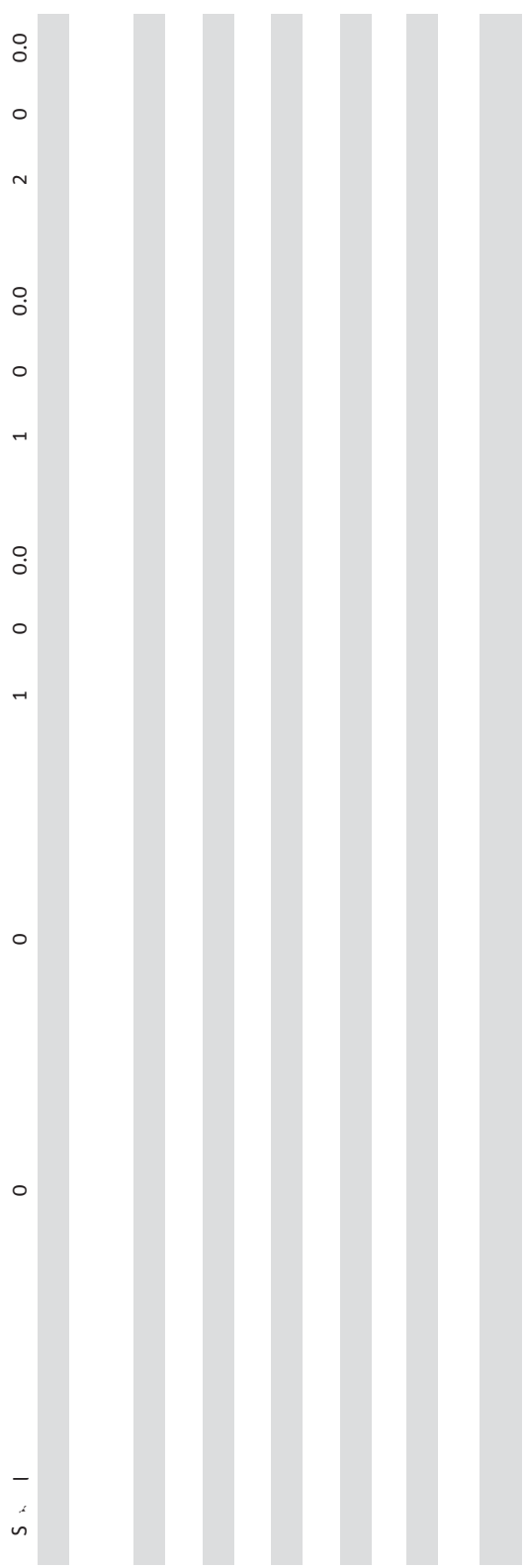
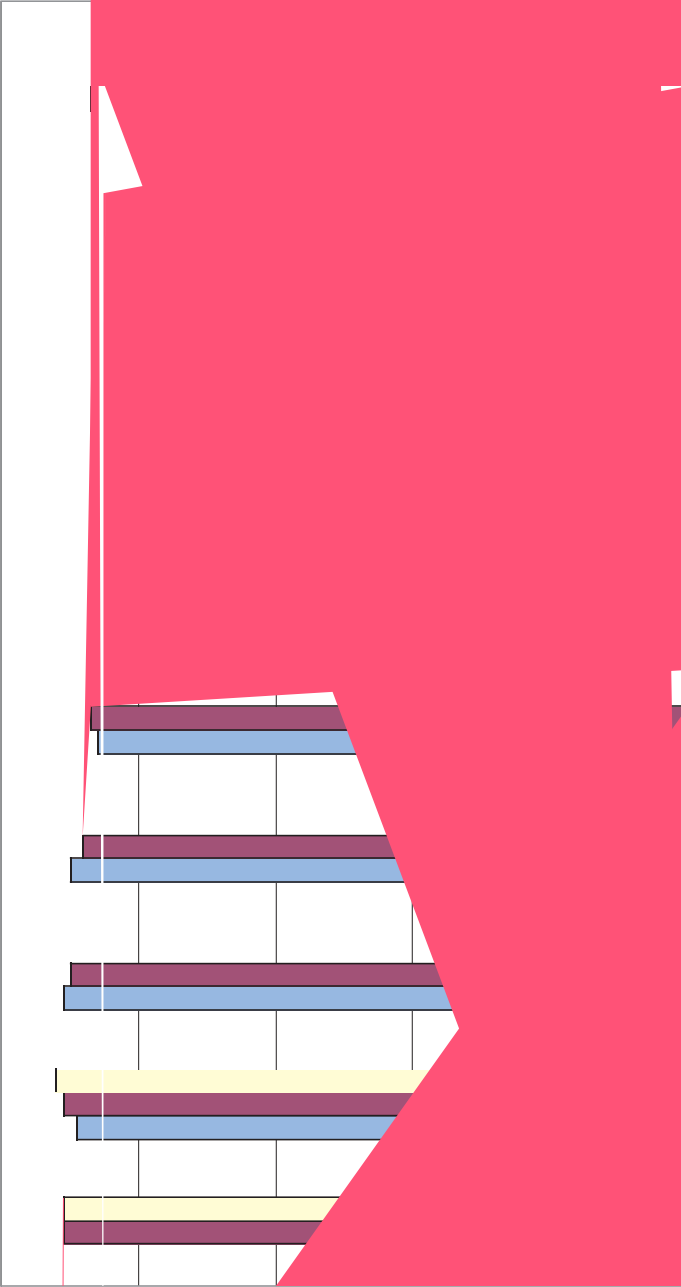


Figure 7. NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates for First-Time, U.S.-Educated Candidates



*A 1994 P Pass Rate = 56% (CAT) and 1994 A Pass Rate = 51% (CAT)

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***A 1999 P Pass Rate = 51% (CAT) and 1999 A Pass Rate = 47% (CAT)

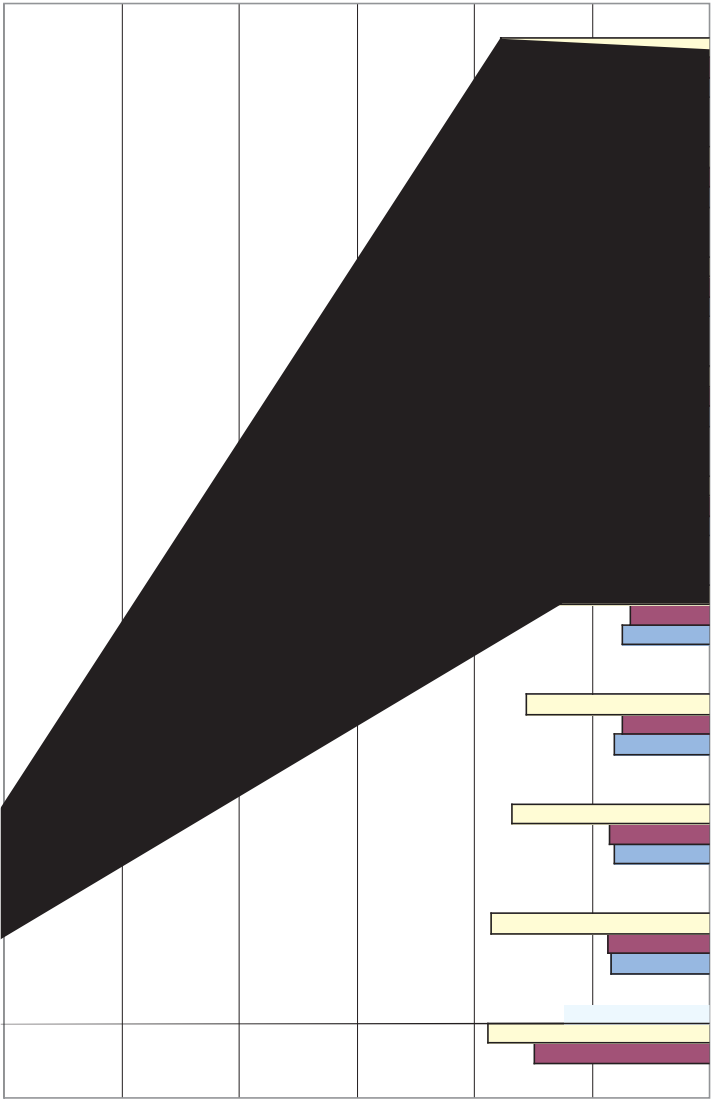
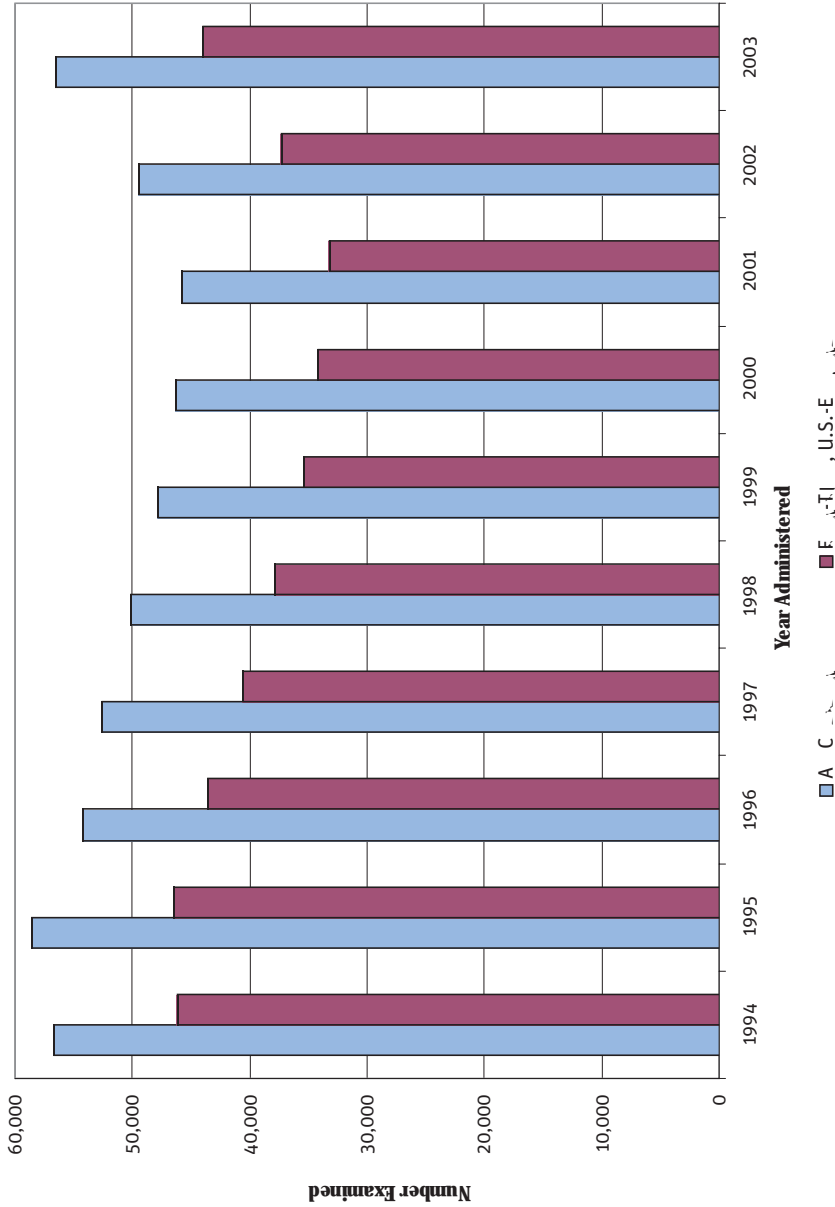


Figure 12. NCLEX-PN® Annual Volume, April 1994 - December 2003





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