



## JULY 2015 NEW YORK BAR RESULT STATISTICS

- **6,535 out of 10,671 candidates passed – 61%**
- **4,136 of all candidates were unsuccessful – 39%**
- **79% of first-time takers from ABA accredited law schools passed**

The required passing score for the New York Bar Examination is 665 points. Based on the values assigned to the various components of the exam, the following breakdown demonstrates how many “weighted score” points were required in each category to arrive at a final score of 665:

Category of the New York Bar Examination	Each Category’s Percentage Toward Final Score	Raw Number To Hit Benchmark	Number of Points Needed To Reach Benchmark Weighted
Written (essays plus MPT)	50 percent	48.5 written avg.	332.5 (50% of 665)
NY Multiple Choice	10 percent	28 raw* out of 50	66.5 (10% of 665)
Multistate	40 percent	123 raw* out of 200 133 scaled out of 200	266 (40% of 665)
<b>Final Score</b>	<b>100 percent</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>665 (100% of 665)</b>

\*Since the BOLE no longer provides raw scores, these raw numbers are estimates based on the February 2006 exam.

To the extent your “Weighted Score” in any category is above the benchmark score, your final score benefited from your performance in that category. To the extent your “Weighted Score” in any category is below the benchmark score, your final score suffered from your performance in that category.

### NATIONWIDE MBE SCORES

The most recently released July 2014 National Conference of Bar Examiners’ nationwide statistics for the Multistate Bar Exam are as follows:

Mean “Scaled” Score	141.5 out of 200
Median Score	142.2 out of 200
Maximum Score	187.5 out of 200
Minimum Score	44.4 out of 200

The overall NYS bar pass rate for the July 2015 was 61%, down from 65% in July 2014 and 69% in July 2013. The pass rate for graduates from New York and other ABA accredited law schools taking the exam for the first time was 79%, down from 83% in July 2014 and 88% in July 2013.

The NYS bar pass rate for foreign-educated lawyers in July 2015 was 33%, but for first-time takers, it was 42%. These percentages are down from 33% and 44%, respectively. Twenty-nine percent of the 10,671 candidates were (3,154) foreign-educated.

**Essay Order: (1) Real Property/Family Law, (2) Wills/UCC-9, (3) Contracts/UCC-2, (4) Torts, (5) Admin Law**

## Raw Score to Scaled Score Conversion

Scaled	Raw
Up to 20	0
Up to 25	1
Up to 35	2
Up to 40	3
Up to 45	4
Up to 50	5
Up to 55	6
Up to 60	7
Up to 65	8
Up to 70	9
Up to 75	10

### Value of Improvement

**Each MBE question is worth about 2 points toward your 665**

Example: If your Weighted MBE score is 246, you needed to get about 10 more questions correct to hit 266,  
i.e.,  $2 \times 10 = 20$  ( $246 + 20 = 266$ )

**Each NYMC question is worth about 1.5-2.0 points toward your 665.**

Example: If your Weighted NYMC Score is 62.04, you needed to get 2-3 more questions correct to hit 66.5,  
i.e.,  $1.5 \times 3 = 4.5$  ( $62 \text{ plus } 4.5 = 66.5$ )

**Each point you raise your Written Average is worth about 6 points toward your 665.**

Example: If your Written Average was 45.5 giving you a Weighted Score around 314.5, raising the Written Average 3 points to 48.5 would be worth about the 18 points you need for a Weighted Score of 332.5,  
i.e.,  $6 \times 3 = 18$  ( $314.5 + 18 = 332.5$ )