

American Board of Emergency Medicine Application and Examination Activity Certification

Date	App's Rec'd	QUALIFYING EXAMINATION						ORAL EXAMINATION						
		EM Residency-eligible First-time Takers			Total Candidates ³			EM Residency-eligible First-time Takers			Total Candidates ³			
		# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	
1980 and prior	1,875	-	-	-	1,496	998	67	-	-	-	399	248	62	
1981	1,035	-	-	-	1,142	825	72	-	-	-	548	356	65	
1982	1,149	-	-	-	1,254	869	69	-	-	-	998	571	57	
1983	1,242	-	-	-	1,335	885	66	-	-	-	1,293	766	59	
1984	1,399	-	-	-	1,694	1,108	65	-	-	-	1,339	912	68	
1985	1,600	-	-	-	2,016	1,274	63	-	-	-	1,066	801	75	
1986	1,709	-	-	-	2,147	1,124	52	-	-	-	1,425	993	70	
1987	1,977	-	-	-	2,479	1,429	58	-	-	-	1,503	1,192	79	
1988	2,915	-	-	-	2,607	1,375	53	-	-	-	1,602	1,227	77	
1989	886	Postponed to 5/30/90						-	-	-	-	1,627	1,266	78
1990	1,069	-	-	-	3,446	1,953	57	-	-	-	1,350	1,059	78	
1991	624	-	-	-	1,510	853	56	-	-	-	1,464	1,185	81	
1992	742	-	-	-	1,396	820	59	-	-	-	1,446	1,146	79	
1993	964	-	-	-	1,281	822	64	-	-	-	977	753	77	
1994	785	-	-	-	1,329	781	59	-	-	-	1,095	894	82	
1995 ¹	847	753	664	88	1,249	769	62	692	669	97	1,028	890	87	
1996	860	839	756	90	1,290	899	70	703	658	94	968	808	83	
1997	943	920	811	89	1,335	903	68	795	711	89	934	795	85	
1998	1,005	1,003	909	91	1,426	1,036	73	864	788	91	1,059	895	85	
1999	1,099	1,092	972	89	1,457	1,053	72	988	851	86	1,083	901	83	
2000	1,108	1,087	985	91	1,488	1,085	73	1,040	957	92	1,272	1,124	88	
2001	1,173	1,155	1,026	89	1,471	1,135	77	1,064	1,000	94	1,257	1,133	90	
2002	1,171	1,176	1,057	90	1,516	1,181	78	1,142	1,040	91	1,291	1,140	88	
2003	1,198	1,179	1,092	93	1,496	1,205	81	1,158	1,058	91	1,278	1,140	89	
2004	1,256	1,242	1,099	88	1,490	1,188	80	1,204	1,142	95	1,335	1,237	93	
2005	1,299	1,287	1,164	90	1,593	1,283	81	1,197	1,132	95	1,325	1,233	93	
2006	1,329	1,302	1,200	92	1,606	1,344	84	1,239	1,166	94	1,289	1,204	93	
2007	1,411	1,408	1,267	90	1,645	1,363	83	1,328	1,254	94	1,431	1,340	94	
2008	1,387	1,366	1,246	91	1,638	1,371	84	1,357	1,288	95	1,434	1,353	94	
2009	1,448	1,430	1,295	91	1,717	1,429	83	1,408	1,337	95	1,484	1,397	94	
2010	1,517	1,519	1,381	91	1,779	1,515	85	1,416	1,335	94	1,470	1,378	94	
2011	1,584	1,560	1,417	91	1,827	1,540	84	1,534	1,487	97	1,665	1,603	96	
2012	1,612	1,615	1,511	94	1,898	1,653	87	1,548	1,515	98	1,643	1,599	97	
2013	1,711	1,704	1,520	89	1,952	1,617	83	1,704	1,675	98	1,712	1,678	98	
2014	1,739	1,709	1,536	90	2,028	1,676	83	1,620	1,559	96	1,638	1,571	96	
2015	1,811	1,807	1,639	91	2,118	1,788	84	1,684	1,648	98	1,729	1,682	97	
2016	1,867	1,853	1,732	93	2,129	1,893	89	1,765	1,722	98	1,827	1,778	97	
2017	1,986	1,975	1,834	93	2,215	1,961	89	1,894	1,818	96	1,952	1,868	96	
2018	2,133	2,101	1,999	95	2,364	2,173	92	1,954	1,895	97	2,006	1,943	97	
2019	2,285	2,299	2,123	92	2,522	2,238	89	2,169	2,051	95	2,277	2,133	94	
2020	2,485	2,435	2,192	90	2,632	2,324	88	0 ⁴	0 ⁴		0 ⁴	0 ⁴		
2021	2,519	2,450	2,260	92	2,715	2,450	90	4,470	4,170	93	4,763	4,421	93	
2022	2,652	2,639	2,391	91	2,890	2,552	88	2,423	2,249	93	2,498	2,312	93	
2023	2,797	2,732	2,405	88	3,052	2,615	86	2,610	2,446	94	2,984	2,764	93	
Total	66,203	45,637	41,483	91²	79,670	60,355	76²	42,970	40,621	95²	64,764	56,689	88²	

¹1995 was the first year that a reference group of EM residency-eligible, first-time test takers was used to construct the written certification examination, now known as the qualifying examination.

²Number indicates the percent of the total that passed.

³Candidates do not include former diplomates attempting to regain certification through the qualifying and/or oral examination.

⁴The 2020 Oral Certification Examination administrations were canceled due to the COVID pandemic. The December 2020 administration counts are included in the 2021 counts.

American Board of Emergency Medicine Application and Examination Activity Recertification

METHOD CHOSEN		WRITTEN RECERTIFICATION			ORAL RECERTIFICATION			WRITTEN CERTIFICATION			ORAL CERTIFICATION		
Date	App's Rec'd	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass
1989 and prior	275	88	83	94	67	61	91	0	-	-	0	-	-
1990	258	247	239	97	22	22	100	9	9	100	1	1	100
1991	306	304	295	97	20	17	85	10	10	100	1	1	100
1992	438	372	357	96	17	17	100	10	8	80	10	7	70
1993	716	583	548	94	33	30	91	13	9	69	19	15	79
1994	743	795	748	94	Oral Recert Discontinued			12	9	75	34	24	71
1995	792	755	709	94				11	8	73	46	33	72
1996	910	929	852	92				10	8	80	54	40	74
1997	1,011	1,088	1,007	93				19	13	68	54	36	67
1998	1,260	1,248	1,181	95				3	2	67	65	48	74
1999	1,267	1,247	1,133	91				2	2	100	55	36	65
2000	1,379	1,301	1,203	92				6	4	67	49	32	65
2001	1,432	1,399	1,263	90				0	0	0	53	39	74
2002	1,298	1,234	1,070	87				4	1	25	40	27	68
2003	1,518	1,420	1,298	91				3	2	67	49	32	65
Total	13,603	13,010	11,986	92	159	147	92	112	85	76	530	371	70

ConCert™ Examination

Year	Diplomates			Former Diplomates		
	# Took	# Pass	% Pass	# Took	# Pass	% Pass
2004	1,264	1,169	92	127	60	47
2005	1,407	1,295	92	157	92	59
2006	1,367	1,296	95	206	129	63
2007	1,569	1,483	95	135	81	60
2008	1,778	1,687	95	138	104	75
2009	1,657	1,576	95	119	82	69
2010	1,955	1,897	97	121	94	78
2011	2,022	1,943	96	147	99	67
2012	1,762	1,681	95	154	100	65
2013	1,971	1,895	96	189	132	70
2014	2,391	2,335	98	142	102	72
2015	2,503	2,412	96	124	74	60
2016	2,582	2,478	96	136	78	57
2017	2,653	2,535	96	146	79	54
2018	2,544	2,433	96	147	82	56
2019	2,431	2,330	96	189	106	56
2020	2,446	2,218	91	156	71	46
2021	951	916	96	57	8	14
2022	113	98	87	24	13	54
Total	35,366	33,677	95¹	2,614	1,586	61¹

¹Number indicates the percent of the total who passed.

Statistics are reported by calendar year. The statistics accurately reflect the examinations administered during the designated periods, and all examination data are included. Candidates who took more than one examination are included more than once.

Total number of active ABEM-certified physicians on 12/31/2023 was 46,087; an additional 139 physicians held retired status.