



Oregon State  
Board of  
Bar Examiners

## Oregon bar exam – July 2011 exam Selected statistics & 5 year pass rate history

### 1. Laptop versus handwriters

Applicants taking the exam by laptop had an overall pass rate of 75% compared to handwriters who had an overall pass rate of 68%. Analysis by the Board's statistician indicates that this is a "statistically significant" figure.

### 2. Gender difference in exam performance

Male: n=277

Female: n=252

The gender split in July 2011 exam applicants was fairly even, with a slightly higher number of male applicants (see above).

The overall pass rate for female and male applicants was statistically identical. However, there was a slight difference between the genders on performance on the various bar exam components:

Male applicants performed slightly better on the MBE and MPT portions of the exam. Female applicants outperformed male applicants on the essay portion of the exam.

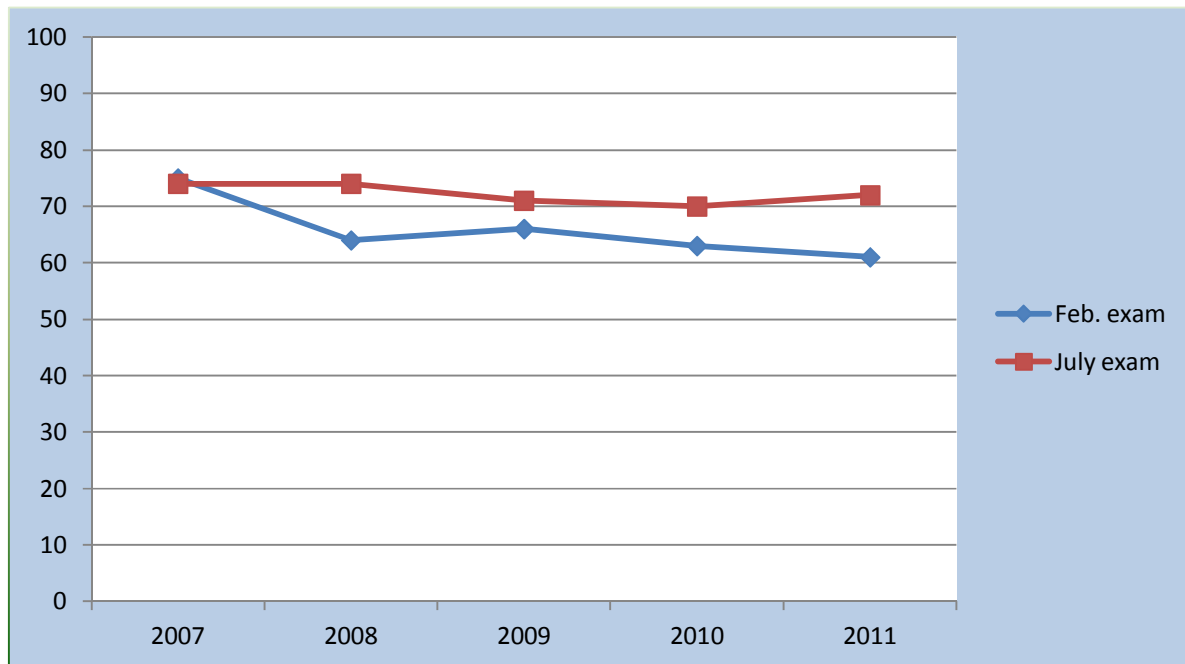
### 3. Pass rate by times taken

The pass rate for first-time test takers has consistently been in the range of 80% across exam administrations. A more detailed breakdown for this exam can be found in the chart below.

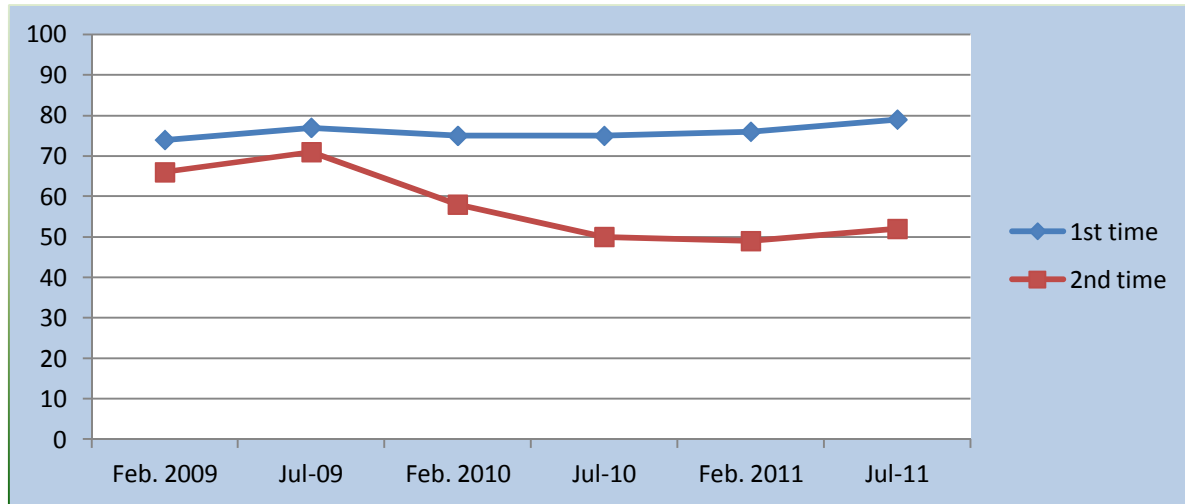
### July 2011 Oregon Bar Examination Pass/Fail Statistic

	First Time Applicants	Second Time Applicant	Multi-Repeat (3X or >)	Overall
Passed	78.8%	52.5%	33.3%	72%
Failed	21.2%	47.5%	66.7%	28%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100%	100%

### Passing percentage (overall) 2007-2011



## Pass rate by time exam taken



## Recent past July exam pass rates

2011 – 72%

2010 – 70%

2009 – 71%

2008 – 74%

2007 – 74%

2006 – 74%