

## QUARTERLY EXAMINATION STATISTICS

### Volume, Pass Rates & First-Time Internationally Educated Candidates' Countries

Candidates must be competent before a nurse can safely enter the profession. The representative indicator:

- Graduating from a recognized nursing program,
- Meeting the specific requirements of the state board of nursing, and
- Passing the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX examination for registered nurses (RN) or practical/vocational nurses (PN/ V).

Because passing the NCLEX is the hallmark step in the nursing licensure process, the number of people passing the NCLEX (labeled as "i") is a good indication of how many new nurses are entering the profession in the U.S.

The ability to pass the most challenging exam on the NCLEX is one of the most significant accomplishments. In addition, NCSBN has the opportunity to help the new nurses succeed in the U.S. and those taking the NCLEX examination in hope of obtaining nursing employment in the U.S.

For more details on NCLEX Examination statistics, including historical data, see Exam Performance Report the NCLEX Examination section of NCSBN's website, [ncbn.org](http://ncbn.org).

For general information about the NCLEX, visit the NCLEX Examination section of NCSBN's website.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2. n	India 276	India 22	India 238	India 216	India 98
3.	Canada 36	Canada 63	Canada 70	Canada 48	Canada 67
4	Philippines 2	South Korea 29	South Korea 23	Philippines 48	Philippines 496
5	South Korea 06	Philippines 8	Philippines 09	South Korea 21	South Korea 482

In this table, the column of "i" represents the number of candidates who are first-time test takers in the RN or PN.

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