

The American Board of Pediatrics
Initial Certifying Examination First-Time Taker Passing Rates

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
Examination	N	% Pass	N	% Pass	N	% Pass	N	% Pass	N	% Pass
General Pediatrics	3,383	87%	3,224	87%	3,423	81%	3,364	80%	3,402	82%
Adolescent Medicine*	--	--	60(47)	87%	--	--	67(57)	91%	--	--
Cardiology	--	--	298	90%	--	--	322	88%	--	--
Child Abuse Pediatrics	--	--	19	100%	--	--	31	97%	--	--
Critical Care Medicine	--	--	345	87%	--	--	387	80%	--	--
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics	62	92%	--	--	60	93%	--	--	80	93%
Emergency Medicine*	337(295)	87%	--	--	362(327)	93%	--	--	391(34)	88%
Endocrinology	159	84%	--	--	145	83%	--	--	142	88%
Gastroenterology	205	94%	--	--	207	86%	--	--	220	85%
Hematology-Oncology	313	89%	--	--	316	86%	--	--	326	86%
Hospital Medicine	1491	84%	--	--	--	--	1,331	89%	--	--
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*	--	--	644(71)	85%	--	--	754(73)	85%	--	--
Infectious Diseases	96	84%	--	--	117	92%	--	--	112	86%
Medical Toxicology*	--	--	70(2)	79%	--	--	77(1)	92%	--	--
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	--	--	405	86%	--	--	586	88%	--	--
Nephrology	--	--	50	94%	--	--	81	91%	--	--
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities*	<i>Initial certification is now obtained through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology</i>									
Pulmonology	--	--	94	0.862	--	--	111	69%	--	--
Rheumatology	57	90%	--	--	53	91%	--	--	60	98%
Sleep Medicine*	344(41)	95%	--	--	344(41)	88%	--	--	356(23)	94%
Sports Medicine*	337(31)	86%	292(31)	92%	328(19)	89%	347(23)	88%	373(27)	92%
Pediatric Transplant Hepatology	--	--	20	0.95	--	--	23	91%	--	--

1. Columns represent the number of candidates taking the certifying examination for the first time (N) and the percent passing (%).

2. Subspecialty initial certification examinations are not offered every year. Data are provided for all years in which an examination was administered.

3. Passing rates for examinations with a small number of candidates should be used with caution. If the number of candidates is fewer than 5, results will show n/a to protect anonymity.

4. Joint-board examinations are noted with an asterisk (*). Examinees for all participating boards are included with the number of pediatricians in parentheses. The pass rate reflects all first-time examinees.