

Initial Certification Pass Rates

Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2025

Ultimate Pass Rate ⁽¹⁾
98%

⁽¹⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2021-2025 First-Time Taker Pass Rates⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Key: # - Number of Physicians; % - Pass Rate

Exam Area ⁽⁴⁾	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	9506	88%	9868	87%	10003	87%	10533	87%	10743	86%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease ⁽⁵⁾	32	91%	--	--	31	81%	--	--	25	84%
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	--	--	191	97%	--	--	165	98%	--	--
Cardiovascular Disease	1065	86%	1061	86%	1121	86%	1157	85%	1209	86%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	127	93%	127	91%	168	95%	157	93%	161	93%
Critical Care Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	853	92%	924	89%	950	85%	963	89%	1030	86%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	365	74%	334	74%	347	82%	375	85%	361	79%
Gastroenterology	624	96%	623	95%	639	96%	655	97%	679	94%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	270	92%	287	94%	301	93%	287	89%	229	94%
Hematology	531	90%	522	94%	592	92%	562	94%	627	93%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	754	85%	--	--	823	85%	423	84%
Infectious Disease	372	92%	379	94%	407	96%	409	96%	390	93%
Interventional Cardiology	349	88%	324	91%	335	93%	363	88%	343	90%
Medical Oncology	630	91%	678	92%	702	92%	720	90%	749	90%
Nephrology	385	75%	377	82%	397	80%	415	82%	442	83%
Pulmonary Disease	704	95%	732	96%	739	94%	776	93%	824	93%
Rheumatology	254	93%	270	87%	256	88%	304	90%	285	92%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	344	88%	--	--	356	94%	195	90%	227	83%
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁷⁾	--	--	115	95%	--	--	110	93%	--	--

⁽²⁾ Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 200 takers should be interpreted cautiously. Pass rates for examinations with less than 10 takers are not reported (indicated with "--").

⁽³⁾ Examinations that are not administered in a specific year are indicated with "--".

⁽⁴⁾ For information on exam administration history, please visit our website at: <https://www.abim.org/about/abim-exams/exam-administration-history/>

⁽⁵⁾ Includes ABIM, qualifying, and/or co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes ABIM co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

⁽⁷⁾ Includes only ABIM candidates.