

## Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination Five Year First Time Taker Summary Report

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Definitions of the report headings are provided at the end of the report.  
All information is current as of the date the report was generated.

Class*	Class Graduation Year	Number of First Time Takers	Program First Time Taker Pass Rate
Class of 2020	2020	42	93%
Class of 2021	2021	45	87%
Class of 2022	2022	40	95%
Class of 2023	2023	41	78%
Class of 2024	2024	43	79%

Five Year First Time Taker Average Pass Rate for Program: 86%

\*Note: The PANCE testing window ends each year near mid-December. Classes that graduate in December may be required to test in the following calendar year due to their graduation dates. Similarly, individual December graduates may elect to test after the start of the new year. Accordingly, it may be appropriate for programs that graduate in December to compare their first-time taker pass rates with the national averages from the following calendar year.

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National First Time Taker Pass Rate By Calendar Year	
Year	Pass Rate
2020	95%
2021	93%
2022	92%
2023	92%
2024	92%
2025**	Available in 2026

Five Year National First Time Taker Average: 93%

**\*\*Note:** NCCPA conducts practice analysis and standard setting studies approximately every three to five years and, based on the most recent analyses, implemented a new PANCE blueprint and passing standard effective January 1, 2019. *The pass rate, based on first-time taker performance for the 2025 calendar year, will be available in early 2026.*

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Definitions of Report Headings	
Class	Class nomenclature and the individuals included in each class are determined by PA programs when assigning students to a particular class.
Class Graduation Year	Graduation year for the majority of the individuals in the specific class based on the confirmed graduation date provided by the PA program.
Number of First Time Takers	Number of individuals from the class who have taken PANCE for the first time as of the date the report was generated.
Program First Time Taker Pass Rate	Percent of the first time takers in the class who passed PANCE as of the date the report was generated.
National First Time Taker Pass Rate for the Class Graduation Year	National percent of first time takers who passed PANCE in the calendar year corresponding to the class graduation year. National pass rate data is not provided until the full calendar year's data is available.