



## Reliability of exam reflected in consistent pass rates

*Nearly 40,000 exams were administered in 2014, an increase of 9.3% over 2013*

Year over year, the pass rates for first-time test-takers of ASWB’s licensing exams have remained consistent, attesting to the validity and reliability of the exams. Both measures are critical for these high-stakes exams, which assess minimum competency for practice. Pass rates of first-time test-takers are reported because they are the most reliable measure of ability.

The 2014 pass rates for first-time test-takers for all exam categories appear below and can be found on [ASWB’s website](#).

Associates exam	68.9%*
Bachelors exam	78.0%
Masters exam	82.1%
Advanced generalist exam	71.5%*
Clinical exam	77.8%

\*Rates are most representative for groups of more than 200 candidates. Associates (161) and Advanced Generalist (158) exam administrations fall below this threshold.

A total of 39,778 exams were administered in 2014, an increase of 9.3 percent compared to 2013. The Candidate Services Center (CSC) answered a record number of calls—78,197—from candidates registering for the exam, ordering exam guides or online practice tests, requesting testing accommodations, or asking general questions about how to become licensed. Satisfaction of candidates that the registration process went smoothly (91 percent) continues to reflect the outstanding customer service that ASWB’s staff delivers.