

The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE)



Profile of 2008 exam candidates

November 2008

By Degree

Degree	%
MPH	84.4
MS/MA	4.2
MSPH	2.2
MHA	0.6
PhD/ScD	5.4
DrPH	3.1

By Degree Concentration

Concentration	%
Biostatistics	1.9
Epidemiology	23.4
Social/Behavioral/Community	19.5
Environmental/Occup. Health	6.3
Health Management and Policy	14.0
Maternal/Child Health	3.2
Global/International Health	6.0
Other/Missing	25.8


Date of Graduation

<u>Year</u>	<u>%</u>
2008	35.1
2007	15.4
2006	8.3
2004-2005	13.7
2000-2003	11.4
1995-1999	7.4
1990-1994	2.6
Before 1990	5.8

Other Degrees

Degree	%
MD	11.6
MS	3.1
JD	0.8
MA	0.1
MSW	0.7
RN	1.7
Other	18.5
None/no answer	63.5

By Gender



Gender	%
Female	65.9
Male	32.6
Declined/Missing	1.5

By Ethnicity

Ethnicity	%
White	58.5
Black/African Amer.	14.6
Asian	14.4
Hispanic/Latino	4.8
Other	2.2
Decline to respond/No response	5.5

Other Characteristics

Characteristic	%
Permanent Country is US	94.3
Not US	5.7
English as Prim. Lang.	87.9
English not Prim. Lang.	12.1
Veteran/Still Serving	6.0
Not Veteran	94.0

Employment Setting

In	%
Gov. Public Health Entity	27.7
Academic/Education	24.5
Private/Non Profit	12.1
Hospital	8.2
Business or Corporation	4.4
Clinical	3.3
Other	3.6
Not currently employed	16.0

Employment Level

In	%
Local	30.3
Regional	7.3
State	22.4
National	20.4
No response	16.3

Years in Pub Hlth, Mean= 6.39, s= 7.38

Years	%
0-1	26.9
2-4	26.8
5-7	14.7
8-10	9.5
11-15	8.3
16-20	5.1
21-30	5.7
Greater than 30	0.6
Unknown	2.5

General Results

Difficulty of items from High to Low

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Social and Behavioral
- Health Management and Policy
- Cross-Cutting
- Environmental Health

Some other interesting findings

- No significant relationship of the total score and **graduation year**
- No significant relationship between total score and **age**
- No significant difference in the pass vs. non-pass rates by graduation year or age
- Conclusion: Older graduates generally did as well as newer graduates on the total score and pass rate



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