Welcome to the 2015 NCARB by the Numbers

This is the fourth year that the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has published *NCARB by the Numbers*, and we are especially excited about this year's edition. You'll notice that we have divided our data into special sections—each providing you with a focused view of our findings and insights on the path to licensure.

Also new this year are some baseline comparisons from all 54 U.S. jurisdictions. Each licensing board has its own dashboard of information, providing a 2014 snapshot on the total number of architects, as well as candidate performance metrics for the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

Several findings leap off the pages of the 2015 report:
- The number of aspiring architects on the path to licensure continues to grow.
- Candidates are completing licensure requirements earlier and at a younger age.
- Graduates from NAAB-accredited architecture programs have advantages over their peers from non-accredited programs.
- The highest number of women to date are now on the path to licensure.
- Tomorrow’s architects will have more racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds.

As you can see, the profile and performance of those entering the architecture profession is changing. Licensing boards have certainly played a significant role in these changes, adopting new rules and laws such as allowing candidates to start the ARE before completing the IDP. Policy changes at NCARB include modifications to the IDP reporting requirement; the elimination of minimum duration experience requirements; simplification of IDP eligibility to a high school diploma; and shortening the ARE retest wait time from six months to 60 days. All of these changes, along with improved communications and customer service, have had a direct impact on behaviors along the path to licensure.

There is much to explore in our latest report. We hope you agree that the 2015 *NCARB by the Numbers* provides insights on emerging issues to better help the profession guide aspiring architects and practitioners in their careers. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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A Thriving Talent Pool Enters the Profession

The architecture profession is healthy and growing. NCARB’s 2014 Survey of Architectural Registration Boards reported 107,581 architects in 54 U.S. jurisdictions, an increase of 3 percent since 2011. The pipeline of new talent is also thriving. Last year, more than 37,000 aspiring architects were testing and/or reporting hours. A total of 3,543 candidates completed the Intern Development Program (IDP). And 3,719 exam candidates completed the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) in 2014, the highest number of completions since 2008. The figures below highlight changes from 2013 to 2014.
Next-Gen Architects Reach a Record High

The 37,178 aspiring architects who were testing and/or reporting hours in 2014 was the highest to date.

NCARB saw a significant increase in the number of aspiring architects—those testing and/or reporting hours—in 2014. The previous record high was 33,030 in 2009.

Effective July 1, 2009, NCARB implemented a new reporting requirement that required candidates to submit IDP experience within eight months.
IDP Gets Back on Track

The number of aspiring architects who completed the IDP returned to the all-time average.

The 3,543 aspiring architects who completed the IDP in 2014 represented an 85 percent growth since 2013. Considering the increase in new applicants (see page 36), NCARB expects growth to continue in future years.

*Effective July 1, 2009, NCARB implemented a new reporting requirement that required candidates to submit IDP experience within eight months.*
ARE Completions Reach Six-Year High

The number of exam candidates who successfully completed the ARE in 2014 marks the most since 2008.

In 2014, 3,719 candidates completed the ARE, a 17 percent increase since 2013. This is the highest number of ARE completions since 2008, a year that saw a dramatic spike in candidates completing the exam in advance of the transition from ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0.
Number of Architects on the Rise

Licensing boards reported a rise in the number of architects in 2014.

A separate NCARB survey of architectural registration boards recorded 107,581 architects across 54 jurisdictions. This represents an increase of 1,734 practitioners from 2013 to 2014. It also marks the third-consecutive year of growth in the number of architects.
Getting It Done Earlier

Not only are more aspiring architects reaching the goal of licensure, they are doing it sooner. Many start the path prior to graduation. Forty-nine of the 54 U.S. licensing boards now allow exam candidates to test prior to completing IDP requirements (called early eligibility). This increase in flexibility, without reducing rigor, has enabled candidates to more easily fit licensure requirements into their busy academic, professional, and personal lives.
IDP Completed in Less Than 5 Years

On average, aspiring architects completed the IDP in fewer years.

Of the aspiring architects who completed the IDP in 2014, the average completion time was 4.9 years, down from 5.5 years in 2013. The average completion time for 2014 was just under the 15-year average of 5.1 years.
ARE Completion Times Improve

Exam candidates, on average, completed the ARE in 2.5 years.

The average number of years it took candidates to complete the ARE in 2014 was down 3 percent from 2013.
More Students Start the Path to Licensure

The proportion of student applications was at a record high in 2014.

Forty-two percent of new NCARB Record applicants were students, compared to 34 percent in 2013.
Rise in Candidates Combining ARE and IDP

More than half of all ARE divisions were taken before the completion of IDP.

Of all the divisions taken in 2014, 52 percent were taken prior to the completion of IDP (known as early eligibility). Currently, 49 of 54 jurisdictions allow this overlap.
Architecture Profession Experiences a Youth Movement

Aspiring architects are starting and finishing the path to licensure at a younger age, with many students beginning the process before graduation. As a result, the average age of a newly licensed architect—33.3 in 2014—is at its lowest since 2001. Requirement changes by licensing boards have played a major role in reducing these numbers. Exam candidates in most jurisdictions now have the option to start testing prior to completing IDP experience requirements. The combined result: new architects are entering the profession at a younger age.

33.3 YEARS
Average Age at Initial Licensure

-2.7 YEARS
Since 2008
New Architects Are Younger

The average age of an architect upon initial licensure was at a 13-year low.

The average age of an architect upon initial licensure, 33.3 in 2014, was at its lowest since 2001. This is 2.7 years below the 2008 peak and a full year below the 15-year average.
An Earlier Start

The average age of aspiring architects starting the path to licensure remained below the 15-year average.

The average age of an aspiring architect in 2014 was 25.7, slightly up from 2013, but down significantly from 2000.

Effective July 1, 2009, NCARB implemented a new reporting requirement that required candidates to submit IDP experience within eight months.
Age at IDP Completion Stays Consistent

The average age of an aspiring architect completing IDP increased slightly in 2014.

The average age for IDP completion was 30.7 in 2014. This is slightly above the 15-year average of 30.3.
Age of New Test Takers Drops

The average age of a new exam candidate reached a historic low in 2014.

In 2014, the average age of first-time ARE test takers was 29.9, down from 31.7 in 2004. Most licensing boards now allow candidates to start the examination process prior to completing the IDP. A growing number of candidates are taking advantage of getting started earlier on the exam.
Advantage: NAAB-Accredited Programs

Education, along with experience and examination, is a vital step on the path to licensure. Today, there are more than 150 programs at 123 institutions that are accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). NCARB’s 2014 data suggests that graduates from NAAB-accredited programs are better equipped to pursue their architectural aspirations.

- **69%** of New Exam Candidates Have Graduated From a NAAB-Accredited Program
- **2.4 YEARS** Time it Takes Graduates From NAAB-Accredited Programs to Complete the ARE
  - Almost half a year (0.46%) sooner than graduates from non-accredited programs.

- **24,989** Students Enrolled in NAAB-Accredited Programs*
- **69%** ARE Success Rate for Graduates From NAAB-Accredited Programs
  - Compared to 58% of graduates from non-accredited programs.

*This data is provided to NAAB by accredited programs and was published in the 2014 NAAB Annual Report, available at www.naab.org.
Most Candidates From NAAB-Accredited Programs

Nearly 70 percent of aspiring architects held degrees from NAAB-accredited programs.

The first step on the path to licensure involves creating an account with NCARB, known as an NCARB Record. In 2014, 69 percent of new Record holders graduated from NAAB-accredited programs.
Graduates From NAAB-Accredited Programs Have the Edge

Exam candidates from NAAB-accredited programs achieved higher overall ARE success rates.

Based on all ARE 4.0 divisions taken in 2014, candidates from NAAB-accredited programs had a 69 percent success rate versus a 58 percent success rate by candidates from non-accredited programs.
Higher ARE Division Pass Rates

Exam candidates from NAAB-accredited programs outperformed candidates from non-accredited programs across all ARE divisions.

The largest gap in pass rates occurred in Building Systems (BS). Candidates from NAAB-accredited programs had a pass rate of 71 percent compared to 59 percent for candidates from non-accredited programs.

* This data set compares the pass rates of all ARE 4.0 divisions taken from July 2008 through December 2014.
Faster ARE Completion

Exam candidates from NAAB-accredited programs completed the ARE in less time than candidates from non-accredited programs.

Candidates from NAAB-accredited programs have had faster average ARE completion times for 13 of the past 15 years. In 2014, candidates from NAAB-accredited programs completed the ARE in 2.4 years, versus 2.8 years for those from non-accredited programs.
Student Enrollment Drops Slightly

The number of students enrolled in NAAB-accredited programs dropped slightly over the last two years.

The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reported that 24,989 students were enrolled in NAAB-accredited architecture programs during the 2013-2014 school year.

This data is provided to NAAB by accredited programs and was published in various NAAB Annual Reports, available at www.naab.org. NAAB is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture. (Note: This does not include students enrolled in non-accredited architect programs or students who intend to join architect programs after completing other four-year preprofessional degrees.)
Lower Number of Graduates

The number of degrees awarded from NAAB-accredited programs was slightly lower in 2014.

The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reported that there were 5,918 degrees awarded during the 2013-2014 school year.

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More Women Enter the Profession

The pipeline of aspiring architects suggests that women continue to move forward in the profession. Women generally start earlier than men—getting a head start on the IDP and the ARE. And the proportions of IDP and ARE completions by women has steadily grown in the 21st century. Among practitioners, women are still under represented, as indicated by the percentage of women Certificate holders and IDP supervisors. However, this should improve over time given the increasing number of women on the path to licensure.

- **24.8 YEARS** Age Women Start Licensure Process
  Compared to 26.2 years for men

- **29 YEARS** Age Women Start the ARE
  Compared to 30.5 years for men

- **38%** Proportion of IDP Completions by Women

- **35%** Proportion of ARE Completions by Women
Gender Balance for IDP Improving

Nearly 40 percent of IDP completions were by women in 2014.

Women made up 38 percent of those who completed the IDP in 2014. This was an increase from the 35 percent of IDP completions achieved by women in 2013. The 15-year trend indicates steady, positive growth in the proportion of aspiring women architects. In 2000, less than 25 percent of IDP completions were achieved by women.
An Upward Trend in ARE Completions

Women accounted for 35 percent of ARE completions—the second highest percentage on record.

The percentage of ARE completions by women in 2014 nearly doubled since 2000.
Getting a Head Start

Aspiring women architects started the licensure process earlier than men.

The average age of women starting the path to licensure in 2014 was 24.8, more than a year younger than the average age of men. This age disparity has stayed consistent over the last 15 years.
Women Testing Earlier

Women candidates started taking the ARE at a younger age than men. Women, on average, took their first division at the age of 29 in 2014. Men are slightly older when starting the ARE, beginning at the average age of 30.5.
More Women on the Path

The proportion of women practitioners is set to increase.

A 2014 comparison of the ratio of women and men at different stages of their architectural careers indicated that the proportion of women practitioners is likely to rise. Among architects, women are still under represented, as indicated by the percentage of women Certificate holders and IDP supervisors. However, with women representing more than a third of those on the path to licensure, this should improve over time.
Profession’s Racial and Ethnic Diversity Gains Ground

NCARB’s 2014 data finds that the number of aspiring architects from racial and ethnic minority groups is slowly growing, with the potential to represent a larger proportion of the future architect workforce.

41% in 2014

22% in 2007

Racial and Ethnic Diversity Grew 19 Percentage Points Since 2007
Racial Diversity Grows Among Record Holders

For the fourth-straight year, NCARB Record holders became more racially diverse.

Applicants who identified themselves as non-white represented 33 percent of new NCARB Record holders in 2014. This compares favorably to 22 percent of the non-white U.S. population, based on 2010 Census Bureau data.
Ethnicity Adds to the Expanding Mosaic

The percentage of NCARB Record holders who are Hispanic/Latino was on the rise in 2014.

When Hispanic/Latino ethnicity is factored in, minorities made up 41 percent of the talent pool in 2014. This compares to 38 percent of racial and ethnic minorities who make up the U.S. population, based on the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data. The largest minority groups were: 15 percent Asian, 10 percent Other (Hispanic/Latino), 4 percent Other (Not Hispanic/Latino), and 4 percent Black or African-American.
Inside NCARB

The 14-member NCARB Board of Directors is made up of volunteers and includes 12 architects, one public member, and one executive from a licensing board. NCARB also relies on the work of hundreds of volunteer practitioners and aspiring architects. These volunteers make up committees on education, experience, examination, and other subject-specific issues to help guide NCARB and the 54 U.S. licensing boards.

This section provides additional data about the path to licensure, the wide range of ages of IDP supervisors, the number of NCARB volunteers that help guide the profession, and the makeup of the 54 U.S. licensing boards.

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NCARB Volunteers

17 Committees

72 Charges

35,000 Volunteer Hours

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Nearly 10,000 Start the Path to Licensure

The number of aspiring architects beginning the path to licensure continued to grow.

In 2014, 9,953 new aspiring architects started the path to licensure by creating an NCARB Record, up 61 percent since 2000 and up 4 percent from last year.

Effective July 1, 2009, NCARB implemented a new reporting requirement that required candidates to submit IDP experience within eight months.
Architects Continue to Value Certification

More than 39,000 architects were NCARB Certificate holders.

This represents a 20 percent increase since 2000, when NCARB reported 32,552 Certificate holders.
IDP Supervisors: A Broad Range of Ages

The average age of an IDP architect supervisor was 49.2 in 2014.

Aspiring architects reported to IDP supervisors of widely varying ages and levels of experience. The most common age of an IDP architect supervisor was between 45-54.
Exam Candidates Test More Frequently

For the second-straight year, the number of ARE divisions administered increased.

The 45,023 ARE divisions administered in 2014 represent a 23 percent increase since 2013. This is the highest number of ARE divisions administered since 2009, when many candidates rushed to complete the exam before it transitioned from ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0.
ARE Division Pass Rates Between 62 and 77 Percent

Schematic Design had the highest pass rate at 77 percent in 2014.

The ARE 4.0 division with the lowest pass rate was Construction Documents & Services.

Exam Candidates must pass all seven divisions to complete the ARE.
IDP Experience Impacts ARE Pass Rate

Exam Candidates who were close to completing IDP experience requirements had the highest ARE division pass rates.

Of candidates who took advantage of early eligibility—taking the exam before completing IDP—those who tested right before completing IDP had the highest success rate: 81 percent.
Prospective Architects

These 10 jurisdictions had the highest number of aspiring architects in 2014.

- California: 8,783
- New York: 7,630
- Texas: 4,276
- Illinois: 2,822
- Massachusetts: 2,543
- Florida: 2,494
- New Jersey: 2,029
- Pennsylvania: 1,774
- Washington: 1,654
- Virginia: 1,454
NCARB’s Global Presence

Aspiring architects and Certificate holders are based around the world.

Outside the United States, the majority of Record holders were based in Canada (664), China (195), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (99), the Republic of Korea (99), Japan (35), and Germany (21).
54 U.S. Licensing Boards

NCARB works with jurisdictions to lead the regulation of architects.

Fifty-four U.S. licensing boards regulate the architecture profession. In 2014, this included 28 multi-professional boards and 26 that solely regulate architects. The licensing boards were served by 419 volunteers, including 226 architects, 60 public members, and 133 who sat on joint boards and represented various professions.
419 Volunteers on the Boards

91 Women (22%)
328 Men (78%)

133 Sit on Joint Boards
226 Architects
60 Public Members
Jurisdictions by the Numbers

The following section includes baseline comparisons for NCARB’s 54 Member Boards, which include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each page includes a 2014 snapshot of the jurisdiction’s IDP completion rate, ARE divisional success rate, number of licenses, and completion time for the ARE and IDP.

2014 National Averages

- **IDP Completion Rate**: 13% Completion Rate
  - Proportion of total IDP participants who completed in 2014

- **ARE Divisional Success Rate**: 65% Success Rate

- **IDP Completion Timeline**
  - **IDP**: 4.9 Years

- **ARE Completion Timeline**
  - **ARE**: 2.5 Years

- **Licensure**
  - **Reciprocal Licenses**: 53% of total licenses
  - **Resident Licenses**: 47% of total licenses
  - **Total Licenses Per Jurisdiction**: 4,204
54 Jurisdictions

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Alabama

IDP

- 251 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 14 Completions
- National Average Completion Rate: 6%

National Average: 13%

ARE

- 113 Eligible Testers
- 236 Divisions Taken
- 19 Completions
- National Average Success Rate: 69%

5.8 yrs

COMPLETION TIMELINE

- IDP: 5.8 yrs (National Average: 4.9 yrs)
- ARE: 2.6 yrs (National Average: 2.5 yrs)

LICENSURE

- 2,741 Total Licenses
- 67% Reciprocal Licenses
- 33% Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Alaska

**IDP**
- **168** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **15** Completions

**ARE**
- **31** Eligible Testers
- **97** Divisions Taken
- **10** Completions

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP: **5.8 yrs** (National Average: 2.5 years)
- ARE: **2.6 yrs** (National Average: 4.9 years)

**Licensure**
- Total Licenses: **567**
- Reciprocal: 57%
- Resident: 43%
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Arizona

**IDP**
- 360 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 68 Completions

**National Average:** 13%

**Completion Rate:** 19%

**ARE**
- 318 Eligible Testers
- 64 Completions

**National Average:** 65%

**Success Rate:** 67%

**Divisions Taken:** 825

**LICENSURE**
- 55% Reciprocal Licenses
- 45% Resident Licenses

**Total Licenses:** 4,920

**IDP LICENSURE COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 4.9 years

**ARE LICENSURE COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 2.5 years

**National Average:** 47% Resident

47% Reciprocal
Arkansas

**IDP**

- **113** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **13%** Completion Rate

**ARE**

- **83** Eligible Testers
- **233** Divisions Taken
- **23** Completions
- **71%** Success Rate

**Completion Timeline**

- **IDP**
  - **4.2 yrs**
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- **ARE**
  - **2.5 yrs**
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**Licensure**

- **63%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **37%** Resident Licenses

- **1,345** Total Licenses
  - National Average:
    - **47%** Resident
    - **53%** Reciprocal
California

**IDP**

- 4,109 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 509 Completions

**ARE**

- 3,057 Eligible Testers
- 7,108 Divisions Taken
- 434 Completions

**Completion Timeline**

- **IDP**
  - National Average: 4.9 years
  - 5 yrs

- **ARE**
  - National Average: 2.5 years
  - 3.5 yrs

**Licensure**

- 19% Reciprocal Licenses
- 81% Resident Licenses

- 20,595 Total Licenses

**National Average**

- IDP: 13%
- ARE: 65%
- Reciprocal: 53%
- Resident: 47%
Colorado

IDP

640
Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

14%
Completion Rate

91
Completions

National Average: 13%

ARE

530
Eligible Testers

73%
Success Rate

1,610
Divisions Taken

125
Completions

National Average: 65%

COMPLETION TIMELINE

National Average: 4.9 years

IDP

5.9 yrs

National Average: 2.5 years

ARE

1.7 yrs

LICENSURE

51%
Reciprocal Licenses

49%
Resident Licenses

6,704
Total Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

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Connecticut

**IDP**
- 341 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 35 Completions

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP 4.4 yrs
- ARE 2.3 yrs

**ARE**
- 84 Eligible Testers
- 208 Divisions Taken
- 25 Completions

**Licensure**
- 66% Reciprocal Licenses
- 34% Resident Licenses
- 4,191 Total Licenses

**National Average**
- 13% Completion Rate
- 4.9 years IDP Completion Time
- 2.5 years ARE Completion Time
- 65% Resident Licenses
- 34% Reciprocal Licenses

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Delaware

IDP

14 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
1 Completions

7% Completion Rate

National Average: 13%

ARE

8 Eligible Testers
12 Divisions Taken
1 Completions

33% Success Rate

National Average: 65%

COMPLETION TIMELINE

IDP

National Average: 4.9 years
16.1 yrs

ARE

National Average: 2.5 years
NA

LICENSURE

93% Reciprocal Licenses
7% Resident Licenses

1,590 Total Licenses

National Average:
47% Resident
53% Reciprocal
District of Columbia

### IDP

- **570** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **54** Completions

*Completion Rate: 9%*

### ARE

- **345** Eligible Testers
- **973** Divisions Taken
- **84** Completions

*Success Rate: 72%*

### COMPLETION TIMELINE

- **IDP**: 4.5 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- **ARE**: 2 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

### LICENSURE

- **81%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **19%** Resident Licenses

*Total Licenses: 3,215* (National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal)
Florida

**IDP**
- 1,101 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 13% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- 735 Eligible Testers
- 1,740 Divisions Taken
- 114 Completions
- 58% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP: 4.5 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 3.8 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**Licensure**
- 9,891 Total Licenses
- 48% Reciprocal Licenses
- 52% Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Georgia

**IDP**
- Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours: 591
- Completion Rate: 11%
- Completions: 66

**ARE**
- Eligible Testers: 285
- Divisions Taken: 757
- Completions: 49

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 4.6 yrs (National Average: 4.9 yrs)
- ARE: 2.4 yrs (National Average: 2.5 yrs)

**LICENSURE**
- Total Licenses: 5,356
- Reciprocal Licenses: 55%
- Resident Licenses: 45%

**National Average**
- Residencies: 53%
- Reciprocity: 47%
Guam

**IDP**
- 4 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 0 Completions

**ARE**
- 5 Eligible Testers
- 8 Divisions Taken
- 0 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**

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National Average: 4.9 years

**LICENSURE**
- 112 Total Licenses
- 70% Reciprocal Licenses
- 30% Resident Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Hawaii

**IDP**
- 154 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 21 Completions

**ARE**
- 100 Eligible Testers
- 242 Divisions Taken
- 22 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- **IDP**
  - National Average: 4.9 years
  - 5.5 yrs
- **ARE**
  - National Average: 2.5 years
  - 2 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- 56% Reciprocal Licenses
- 44% Resident Licenses
- 2,263 Total Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

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Idaho

IDP

88
Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

14
Completions

16%
Completion Rate

Are

41
Eligible Testers

105
Divisions Taken

17
Completions

76%
Success Rate

Completion Timeline

IDP

4.9 yrs
National Average: 4.9 years

ARE

1.9 yrs
National Average: 2.5 years

Licensure

70%
Reciprocal Licenses

30%
Resident Licenses

1,666
Total Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal
**Indiana**

**IDP**
- 209 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 14% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- 108 Eligible Testers
- 272 Divisions Taken
- 28 Completions
- 74% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- 5.9 yrs IDP (National Average: 4.9 years)
- 2.2 yrs ARE (National Average: 2.5 years)

**LICENSURE**
- 69% Reciprocal Licenses
- 31% Resident Licenses
- Total Licenses: 3,291
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal

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Iowa

**IDP**

- **202** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **12%** Completion Rate
- **24** Completions

**ARE**

- **119** Eligible Testers
- **75%** Success Rate
- **281** Divisions Taken
- **29** Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**

- **IDP**: National Average: 4.9 years, 5.2 yrs
- **ARE**: National Average: 2.5 years, 2.4 yrs

**LICENSURE**

- **1,974** Total Licenses
- **71%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **29%** Resident Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Kansas

### IDP
- **202** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **28** Completions

**Completion Timeline**
- **IDP**: 6 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- **ARE**: 3.6 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

### ARE
- **152** Eligible Testers
- **401** Divisions Taken
- **38** Completions

**Success Rate**
- **76%**

### LICENSURE
- **2,647** Total Licenses
- **64%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **36%** Resident Licenses

- **National Average**: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Kentucky

**IDP**

- **118** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **14%** Completion Rate
- **17** Completions

**ARE**

- **67** Eligible Testers
- **65%** Success Rate
- **164** Divisions Taken
- **16** Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**

- **IDP**
  - **5.2 yrs**
  - National Average: 4.9 years

- **ARE**
  - **3 yrs**
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**

- **2,523** Total Licenses
- **71%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **29%** Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident 53% Reciprocal
Louisiana

**IDP**
- 325 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 55 Completions
- 17% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 267 Eligible Testers
- 636 Divisions Taken
- 59 Completions
- 71% Success Rate

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP: 5.3 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.5 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**Licensure**
- 63% Reciprocal Licenses
- 37% Resident Licenses
- 3,257 Total Licenses

- National Average: 47% Resident
- 53% Reciprocal
Maine

IDP
53 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
10 Completions

Completion Rate: 19%

National Average: 13%

National Average: 2.5 years

COMPLETION TIMELINE

National Average: 4.9 years

ARE
37 Eligible Testers
91 Divisions Taken
12 Completions

Success Rate: 75%

National Average: 65%

LICENSURE
72% Reciprocal Licenses
28% Resident Licenses

Total Licenses: 1,503

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

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Maryland

**IDP**
- 486 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 16% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- 354 Eligible Testers
- 69% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%
- 957 Divisions Taken
- 89 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 5.5 yrs
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- ARE: 2.4 yrs
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**
- 6,448 Total Licenses
- 41% Resident Licenses
- 59% Reciprocal Licenses
- National Average:
  - 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal
Massachusetts

**IDP**
- 1,369 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 12% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%
- 163 Completions

**ARE**
- 822 Eligible Testers
- 2,140 Divisions Taken
- 185 Completions
- National Average: 65%
- 71% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 5 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)
- ARE: 2.3 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)

**LICENSURE**
- 6,710 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident licenses, 53% Reciprocal licenses
- 44% Reciprocal Licenses
- 56% Resident Licenses

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Michigan

**IDP**
- 438 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 11% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- 209 Eligible Testers
- 69% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%

**Completions**
- 49

**Complections**
- 43

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP: 4.8 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.4 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**Licensure**
- 55% Reciprocal Licenses
- 45% Resident Licenses
- 5,683 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Minnesota

**IDP**
- 448 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 60 Completions
- 13% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 222 Eligible Testers
- 596 Divisions Taken
- 58 Completions
- 78% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: National Average: 4.9 years, 5.4 yrs
- ARE: National Average: 2.5 years, 1.8 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- 43% Reciprocal Licenses
- 57% Resident Licenses
- 3,209 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Mississippi

**IDP**
- 71 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 7 Completions
- National Average: 13% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 60 Eligible Testers
- 157 Divisions Taken
- 12 Completions
- National Average: 65% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 5.2 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.3 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**LICENSURE**
- 80% Reciprocal Licenses
- 20% Resident Licenses
- 1,764 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Missouri

**IDP**
- 542 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 13% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- 366 Eligible Testers
- 1,038 Divisions Taken
- 104 Completions
- 74% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- **IDP**
  - 6.7 yrs
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- **ARE**
  - 2.7 yrs
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**
- 60% Reciprocal Licenses
- 40% Resident Licenses
- 5,125 Total Licenses
- National Average:
  - 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal
Montana

**IDP**

- **112** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **6%** Completion Rate
- **7** Completions

**ARE**

- **65** Eligible Testers
- **72%** Success Rate
- **177** Divisions Taken
- **17** Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**

- **IDP**
  - **5.5 yrs**
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- **ARE**
  - **2.4 yrs**
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**

- **69%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **31%** Resident Licenses
- **1,372** Total Licenses
  - National Average: 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal
Nebraska

### IDP
- 105 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 18 Completions
- National Average: 13%

### ARE
- 80 Eligible Testers
- 195 Divisions Taken
- 20 Completions
- 79% Success Rate

### COMPLETION TIMELINE
- National Average: 4.9 years
- IDP: 4.4 yrs
- ARE: 2.1 yrs

### LICENSURE
- 70% Reciprocal Licenses
- 30% Resident Licenses
- 1,784 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident 53% Reciprocal
Nevada

**IDP**
- 125 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 10 Completions

**ARE**
- 47 Eligible Testers
- 103 Divisions Taken
- 5 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 4.9 years
- IDP: 4.8 yrs
- ARE: 2.9 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- 76% Reciprocal Licenses
- 24% Resident Licenses
- 2,921 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
New Hampshire

**IDP**
- **55** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **11** Completions

**National Average: 13%**
**20% Completion Rate**

**ARE**
- **33** Eligible Testers
- **87** Divisions Taken
- **8** Completions

**77% Success Rate**

**LICENSURE**
- **83%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **17%** Resident Licenses

**1,822** Total Licenses

**National Average:**
- IDP: 4.9 years
- ARE: 2.5 years
- Total Licenses: 2.5 years

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New Jersey

**IDP**
- 637 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 129 Completions

**Completion Timeline**
- IDP: 4.4 yrs
- ARE: 2.5 yrs

**ARE**
- 206 Eligible Testers
- 544 Divisions Taken
- 39 Completions

**Licensure**
- 58% Reciprocal Licenses
- 42% Resident Licenses
- 8,064 Total Licenses

**National Average**
- IDP: 4.9 years
- ARE: 2.5 years
- Resident Licenses: 65%
- Reciprocal Licenses: 47%
- Total Licenses: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
New Mexico

**IDP**
- 95 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 17 Completions

**ARE**
- 80 Eligible Testers
- 212 Divisions Taken
- 18 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 4.9 years

**LICENSURE**
- 2,100 Total Licenses
- 68% Reciprocal Licenses
- 32% Resident Licenses

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New York

**IDP**

- 4,316 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 515 Completions
- Completion Rate: 12%

**ARE**

- 2,898 Eligible Testers
- 7,662 Divisions Taken
- 588 Completions
- Success Rate: 64%

**Completion Timeline**

- IDP: 4.5 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.4 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**Licensure**

- 16,809 Total Licenses
- 41% Reciprocal Licenses
- 59% Resident Licenses
- Resident Licenses: 47%
- Reciprocal Licenses: 53%
- National Average: 47% Resident
- National Average: 53% Reciprocal

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North Carolina

IDP

415
Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

44
Completions

National Average: 13%

Completion Rate 11%

COMPLETION TIMELINE

National Average: 4.9 years

National Average: 2.5 years

ARE

241
Eligible Testers

71%
Success Rate

National Average: 65%

615
Divisions Taken

55
Completions

LICENSURE

56%
Reciprocal Licenses

44%
Resident Licenses

5,225
Total Licenses

National Average:
47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

5,225
Total Licenses

National Average:
47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

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North Dakota

**IDP**
- 102 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 7 Completions
- National Average: 13%
- 7% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 42 Eligible Testers
- 116 Divisions Taken
- 6 Completions
- 72% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 2.9 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 1yr (National Average: 2.5 years)

**LICENSURE**
- 86% Reciprocal Licenses
- 14% Resident Licenses
- 1,154 Total Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident
  53% Reciprocal
Ohio

**IDP**
- **641** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **12%** Completion Rate

**ARE**
- **319** Eligible Testers
- **764** Divisions Taken
- **74%** Success Rate

**Completion Timeline**
- **IDP**
  - **5.7 yrs**
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- **ARE**
  - **2.8 yrs**
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**Licensure**
- **6,314** Total Licenses
- **49%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **51%** Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal

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Oklahoma

IDP

184 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

31 Completions

National Average: 13%

17% Completion Rate

COMPETITION TIMELINE

IDP

National Average: 4.9 years

ARE

2.8 yrs

National Average: 2.5 years

ARE

135 Eligible Testers

329 Divisions Taken

24 Completions

66% Success Rate

LICENSURE

64% Reciprocal Licenses

36% Resident Licenses

2,228 Total Licenses

National Average: 65% of Reciprocal Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident Licenses

National Average: 53% Reciprocal Licenses

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Oregon

**IDP**
- 427 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 12% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%
- 53 Completions

**ARE**
- 256 Eligible Testers
- 80% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%
- 693 Divisions Taken
- 72 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 5.7 yrs
  - National Average: 4.9 years
- ARE: 1.8 yrs
  - National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**
- 44% Reciprocal Licenses
- 56% Resident Licenses
- 3,021 Total Licenses
  - National Average: 65%
  - 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal

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Pennsylvania

**IDP**
- **844** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **135** Completions

**ARE**
- **624** Eligible Testers
- **1,564** Divisions Taken
- **144** Completions

**Completion Timeline**
- **IDP**: 5.4 yrs (National Average: 4.9 yrs)
- **ARE**: 2.3 yrs (National Average: 2.5 yrs)

**Licensure**
- **7,865** Total Licenses
- **54%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **46%** Resident Licenses

- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
Puerto Rico

**IDP**

- Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours: 112
- Completion Rate: 9%
- Completions: 10

**ARE**

- Eligible Testers: 143
- Divisions Taken: 271
- Completions: 17

**Completion Timeline**

- IDP: 4 yrs
- ARE: 5.2 yrs

**Licensure**

- Total Licenses: 659
- National Average: 4.9 years
- Residents: 53%
- Reciprocal: 47%
- National Average: 2.5 years

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Rhode Island

**IDP**
- 88 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 13 Completions

**ARE**
- National Average: 13%
- 36 Eligible Testers
- 108 Divisions Taken
- 7 Completions
- National Average: 65%
- 64% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 4.9 years
  - IDP: 4.5 yrs
  - ARE: 2.2 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- National Average: 47% Resident
  - 81% Reciprocal Licenses
  - 19% Resident Licenses
- Total Licenses: 1,420
  - 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal

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South Carolina

**IDP**
- 187 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 15% Completion Rate
- National Average: 13%
- 28 Completions

**ARE**
- 124 Eligible Testers
- 69% Success Rate
- National Average: 65%
- 331 Divisions Taken
- 26 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 6.1 yrs, National Average: 4.9 years
- ARE: 2.1 yrs, National Average: 2.5 years

**LICENSURE**
- 3,859 Total Licenses
- 72% Reciprocal Licenses
- 28% Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident, 53% Reciprocal
South Dakota

IDP

35
Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

0
Completions

0% Completion Rate

National Average: 13%

ARE

16
Eligible Testers

44
Divisions Taken

3
Completions

70% Success Rate

National Average: 65%

Completions

National Average: 13%

Completion Rate

Divisions Taken

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

Licensure

87%
Reciprocal Licenses

13%
Resident Licenses

831
Total Licenses

National Average: 2.5 years

IDP LICENSURE COMPLETION TIMELINE ARE

National Average: 4.9 years

National Average: 2.5 years
Tennessee

**IDP**
- 293 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 13% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 139 Eligible Testers
- 73% Success Rate
- 391 Divisions Taken
- 33 Completions

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- National Average: 4.9 years
  - IDP: 4.4 yrs
- National Average: 2.5 years
  - ARE: 1.7 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- 60% Reciprocal Licenses
- 40% Resident Licenses
- 3,790 Total Licenses
  - National Average: 47% Resident
  - 53% Reciprocal

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Texas

**IDP**
- **2,168** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **13%** Completion Rate
- **280** Completions
- National Average: 13%

**ARE**
- **1,303** Eligible Testers
- **3,341** Divisions Taken
- **230** Completions
- National Average: 65%
- **63%** Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: **5.0 yrs**
- ARE: **2.9 yrs**
- National Average: 2.5 years
- National Average: 4.9 years

**LICENSURE**
- **12,920** Total Licenses
- **34%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **66%** Resident Licenses
- National Average: 47% Resident
- National Average: 53% Reciprocal
U.S. Virgin Islands

IDP

Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours: 4
Completion Rate: 0%
Completions: 0

National Average: 13%

ARE

Eligible Testers: 1
Divisions Taken: 2
Completions: 0

National Average: 65%
National Average: 50%

COMPLETION TIMELINE

IDP

NA
National Average: 4.9 years

ARE

NA
National Average: 2.5 years

LICENSURE

Total Licenses: 1,111
Reciprocal Licenses: 85%
Resident Licenses: 15%

National Average: 47% Resident
National Average: 53% Reciprocal

National Average: 2.5 years

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Utah

**IDP**
- 187 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 34 Completions
- 18% Completion Rate

**ARE**
- 143 Eligible Testers
- 373 Divisions Taken
- 39 Completions
- 72% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 4.9 yrs (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.3 yrs (National Average: 2.5 years)

**LICENSURE**
- 66% Reciprocal Licenses
- 34% Resident Licenses
- 2,379 Total Licenses
- National Average: 65%

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Vermont

IDP

53
Aspiring Architects
Reporting Hours

6
Completions

National Average: 13%

11%
Completion Rate

ARE

29
Eligible Testers

66
Divisions Taken

76%
Success Rate

National Average: 65%

6
Completions

LICENSURE

72%
Reciprocal Licenses

28%
Resident Licenses

1,142
Total Licenses

National Average:
47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

IDP LICENSURE COMPLETION TIMELINE

4.8 yrs
National Average: 4.9 years

1.5 yrs
National Average: 2.5 years

YEARS
Virginia

IDP

585 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

113 Completions

19% Completion Rate

National Average: 13%

ARE

327 Eligible Testers

851 Divisions Taken

76 Completions

75% Success Rate

National Average: 65%

COMPLETION TIMELINE

IDP

National Average: 4.9 years

6.2 yrs

ARE

National Average: 2.5 years

1.8 yrs

LICENSURE

60% Reciprocal Licenses

40% Resident Licenses

7,085 Total Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal

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Aspiring Architects

- Reporting Hours: 8,444
- Completion Rate: 14%
- Completions: 121

Completion Timeline

- IDP: 5.6 years (National Average: 4.9 years)
- ARE: 2.8 years (National Average: 2.5 years)

Eligible Testers: 528
- Success Rate: 72%
- Divisions Taken: 1,342
- Completions: 125

Licensure

- Reciprocal Licenses: 38%
- Resident Licenses: 62%
- Total Licenses: 6,263
- Resident: 47%
- Reciprocal: 53%
West Virginia

IDP

26
Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours

2
Completions

National Average: 13%

8%
Completion Rate

ARE

15
Eligible Testers

29
Divisions Taken

National Average: 65%

72%
Success Rate

2
Completions

Completion Timeline

IDP

4 yrs

National Average: 4.9 years

National Average: 2.5 years

ARE

3.1 yrs

Licensure

91%
Reciprocal Licenses

9%
Resident Licenses

1,093
Total Licenses

National Average: 47% Resident
53% Reciprocal
Wisconsin

**IDP**
- 301 Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- 13% Completion Rate
- 39 Completions

**ARE**
- 290 Eligible Testers
- 756 Divisions Taken
- 64 Completions
- 70% Success Rate

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- IDP: 5.4 yrs
- ARE: 2.9 yrs

**LICENSURE**
- 66% Reciprocal Licenses
- 34% Resident Licenses
- 4,250 Total Licenses
- National Average: 4.9 years
- National Average: 2.5 years
**Wyoming**

**IDP**
- **30** Aspiring Architects Reporting Hours
- **1** Completions

**3%** Completion Rate

**ARE**
- **25** Eligible Testers
- **70** Divisions Taken
- **8** Completions

**77%** Success Rate

**LICENSURE**
- **89%** Reciprocal Licenses
- **11%** Resident Licenses

**1,181** Total Licenses

**COMPLETION TIMELINE**
- **IDP**
  - **National Average: 4.9 years**
  - **3.8 yrs**

- **ARE**
  - **National Average: 2.5 years**
  - **1.5 yrs**

**National Average: 65%**

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About This Report

This is the fourth annual analysis of data collected by NCARB. This report is based on data collected by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) during the 2014 calendar year, providing insight on the path to licensure.

NCARB maintains a database on aspiring architects and Certificate holders. This allows us to track the progression of candidates as they move through the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), and receive an initial license.

Some of the data is self-reported, such as age, race, and geographic location. Other data is triggered by candidate actions such as starting the IDP or completing the ARE. NCARB also collects data from the U.S. jurisdictions to provide a total count of architects.

Note: Data from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) was also used in this report to provide the reader with the number of students entering into and graduating from NAAB-accredited programs.
About NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards’ membership is made up of the architectural registration boards of all 50 states as well as those of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCARB assists its member registration boards in carrying out their duties and provides a certification program for individual architects.

NCARB protects the public health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of the practice of architecture through the development and application of standards for licensure and credentialing of architects. In order to achieve these goals, the Council develops and recommends standards to be required of an applicant for architectural registration; develops and recommends standards regulating the practice of architecture; provides to Member Boards a process for certifying the qualifications of an architect for registration; and represents the interests of Member Boards before public and private agencies. NCARB has established reciprocal registration for architects in the United States and Canada.

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Definitions

**Age:** Median age based on self-reported dates of birth.

**ARE:** The Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) assesses candidates for their knowledge, skills, and ability to provide the various services required in the practice of architecture. The ARE was updated in 2008, from ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0.

**ARE Completion:** The date on which a candidate has successfully completed all seven ARE 4.0 divisions.

**Aspiring Architect:** NCARB Record holders who are currently completing the IDP.

**Early Eligibility:** The ability to sit for the ARE before completing the IDP. Today, 49 jurisdictions allow early eligibility.

**Exam Candidate:** NCARB Record holders who are currently taking the ARE.

**IDP:** The Intern Development Program (IDP) helps guide aspiring architects as they fulfill experience requirements for initial licensure.

**IDP Completion:** When an NCARB Record is evaluated and marked as having satisfied all IDP experience requirements.

**NAAB:** The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredits professional programs in architecture offered by institutions accredited by a U.S. regional accrediting agency.

**New Record:** Date when a new candidate successfully applies for an NCARB Record and begins the path to licensure.

**NCARB Certification:** Licensed architects have the option to become Certificate holders to signify that they have met national standards established by U.S. licensing boards for protecting public health, safety, and welfare. Certification also facilitates reciprocal registration in all 54 jurisdictions, 11 Canadian jurisdictions, and can be used to support an application for licensure in other countries.

**New Reporting Requirement:** Effective July 1, 2009, NCARB implemented a new reporting requirement that required candidates to submit IDP experience within eight months.