

Illinois Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Program

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Test Availability

Computer-Based Testing

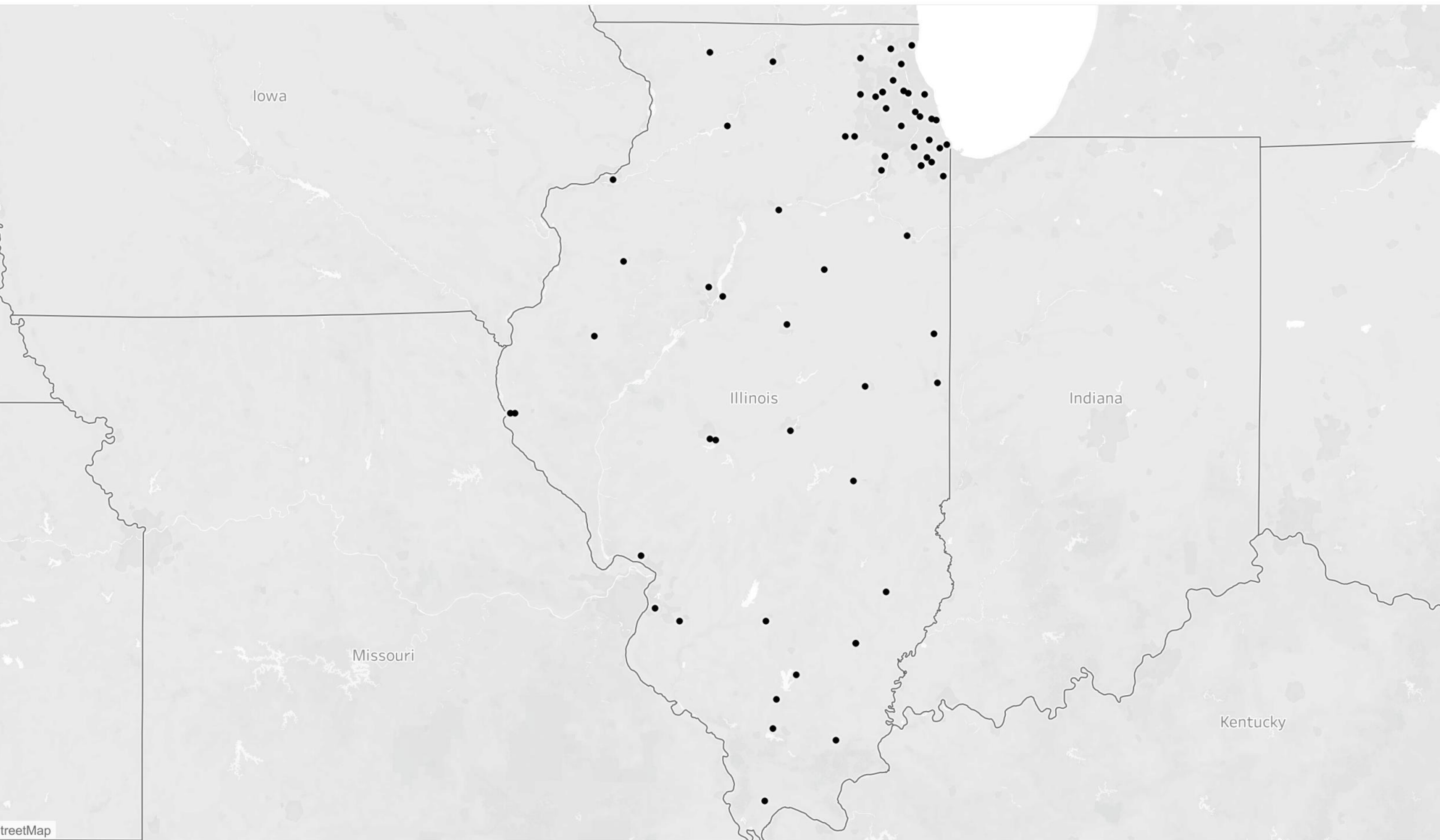
- ◇ 2018 – 732 Administrations
- ◇ 2019 – 1,100 Administrations (50% increase)
- ◇ 2020 – 1,721 Administrations (56% increase)
- ◇ 2021 – 2,153 Administrations (25% increase)
- ◇ 2022 – 2,400 Administrations (11% increase)
- ◇ 2023 – 3,930 Administrations (64% increase)
- ◇ 2024 – 4,370 Administrations (11% increase)
- ◇ **AVERAGE 86 TEST ADMINISTRATIONS PER WEEK**
- ◇ **AVERAGE 364 TEST ADMINISTRATIONS PER MONTH**

Test Availability Bandwidth Computer-Based Testing

- ◆ **4,370 Administrations**
- ◆ **32,115 Seats**
- ◆ **17,812 Individuals Tested in 2024**
- ◆ **14,303 More Seats Available than Used**
- ◆ **57% More Bandwidth than the actual number of test seats expended.**

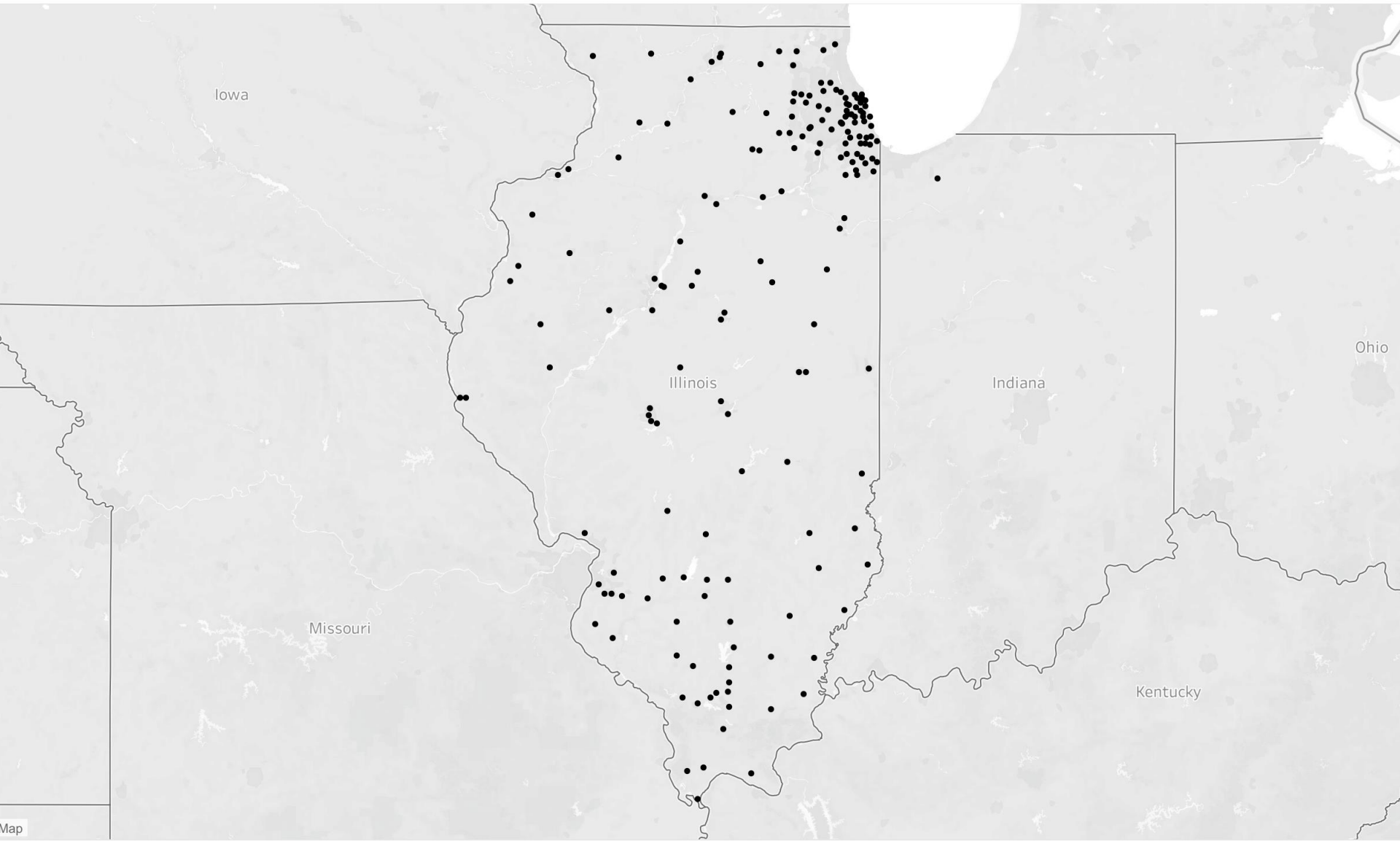
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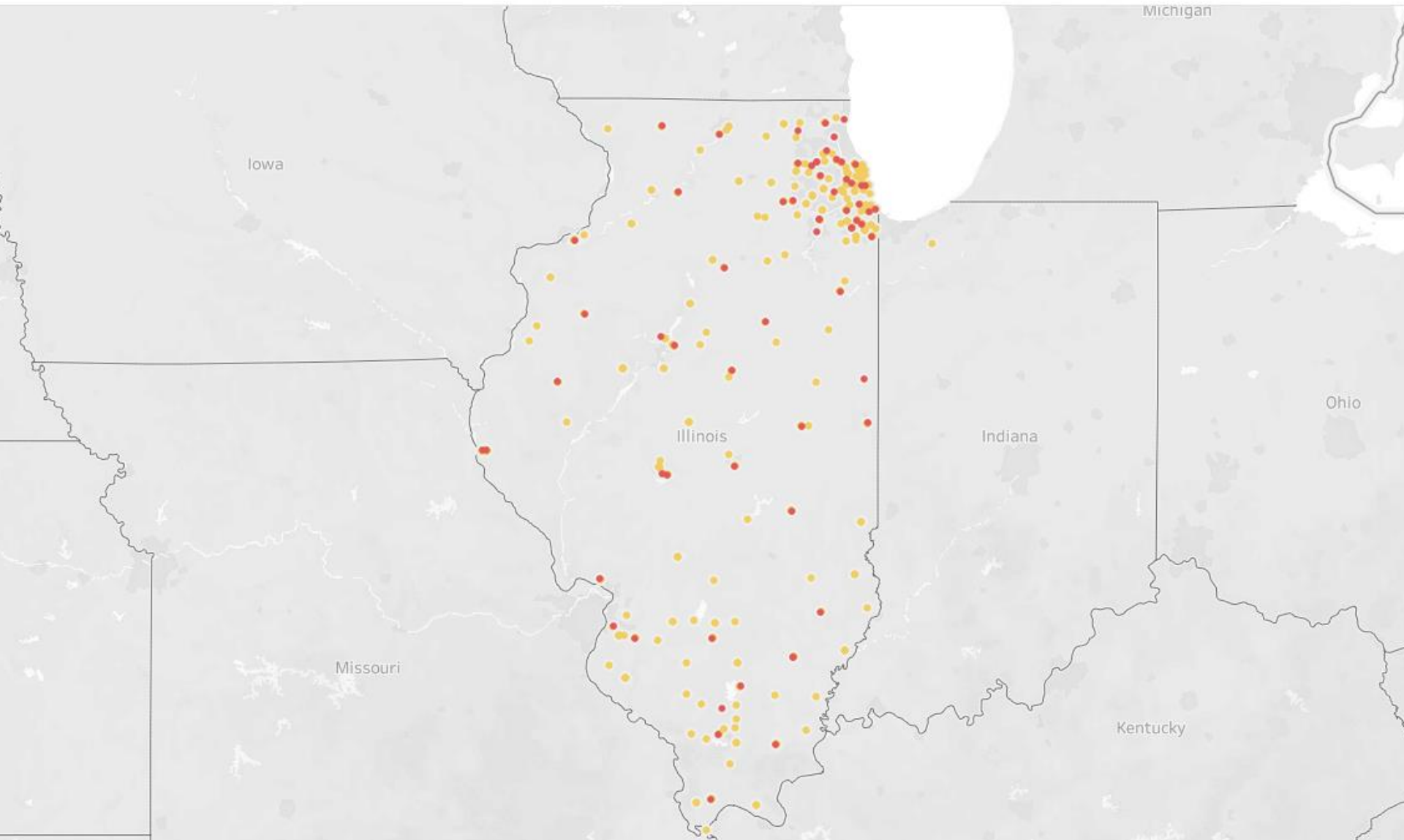
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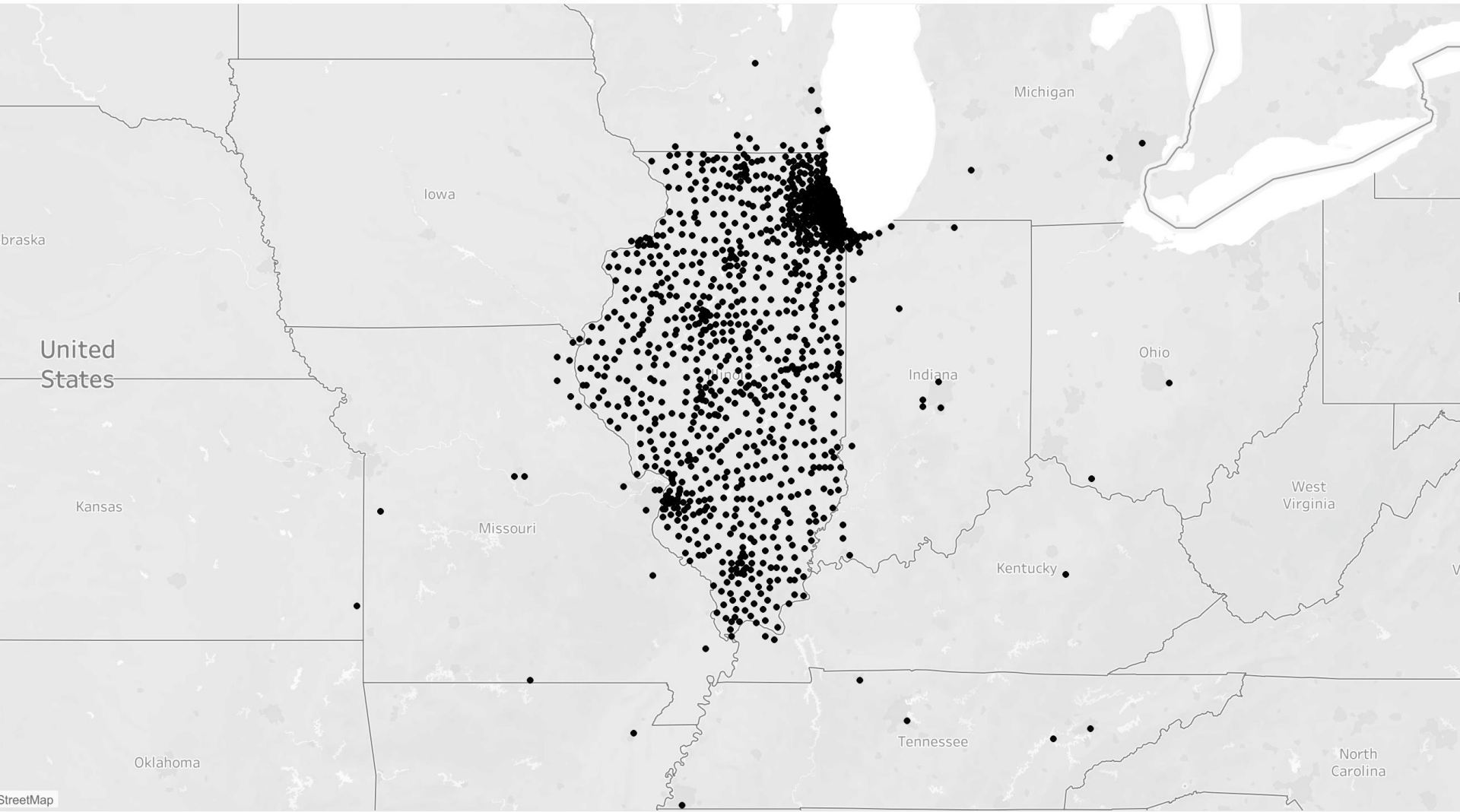
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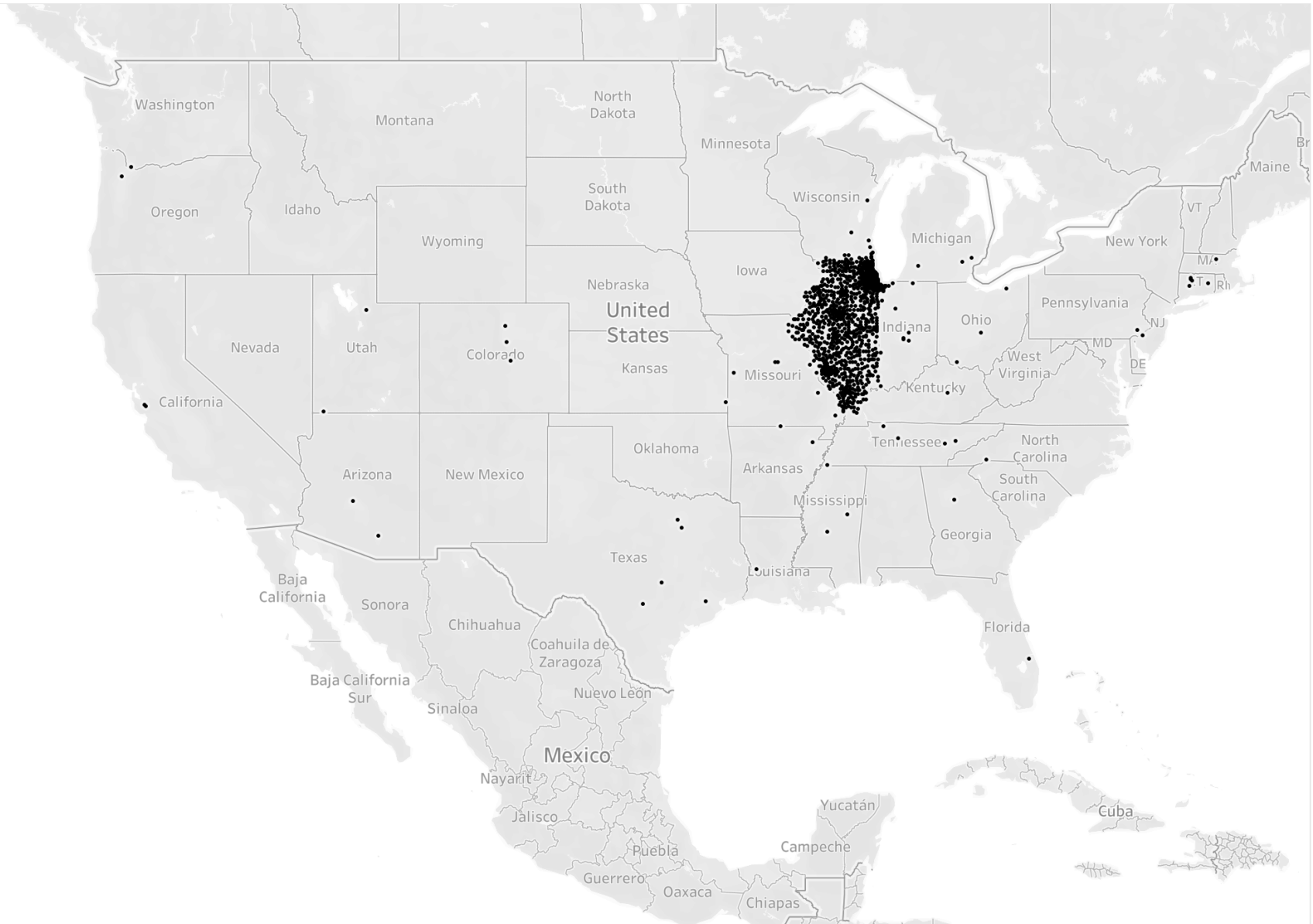


Illinois Exams

National Exams



National Exams



Remote Testing Update

- ◆ Remote Testing Continues on a Limited Scale
- ◆ Work in partnership with College of Lake County to deliver remote tests on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Out-of-State Candidates

Out-of-State Reciprocity

- ◆ In 2024, the project processed and added 2,255 candidates from outside of Illinois that wanted to be added to the IDPH HCW Registry for employment in Illinois.
- ◆ This is a 35% decrease from 2023 when there were 3,450 added to the HCW Registry.

Recertifications

- ◆ In 2024, the project processed 5,412 candidates that had been without paid employment for 24 months. Of those, 1,851 (34%) sat for the competency exam.
- ◆ A total of 1,617 (87%) candidates completed the recertification process and became active on the HCW Registry.

Other IDPH Approvals

- ◆ In 2024, the project processed 859 Fundamentals of Nursing candidates. Of those 832 were added to the IDPH HCW Registry for employment in Illinois.
- ◆ In 2024 the project processed 56 Foreign Trained Nurse Candidates. Of those 39 were added to the IDPH HCW Registry for employment in Illinois

Total Candidate Tests

YEAR	PASS	FAIL	NO SHOW	TOTAL
2018	12,474	2,224	982	15,680
2019	11,719	2,051	798	14,568
2020	7,648	1,597	2,141	11,386
2021	10,826	2,440	1,321	14,587
2022	11,157	2,440	1,117	14,714
2023	13,788	2,468	926	17,182 (+17%)
2024	15,532	1,501	779	17,812 (+4%)

Historical Pass Rates 2023

Overall Pass Rate 85% Fail Rate 15% Mean 79%

Computer-Based Testing (n=16,256)

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PASS	13,788	85%
FAIL	2,468	15%

Historical Pass Rates 2024

Overall Pass Rate 91% Fail Rate 9% Mean 81%

Computer-Based Testing (n=17,033)

PASS

15,532

91%

FAIL

1,501

9%

ILLINOIS NURSE ASSISTANT/AIDE COMPETENCY EXAM Program Cluster Scores Summary Report

Program Name: ALL PROGRAMS (EX. nursing&recerts)

Test Date: January	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Number Tested:	12,723	13,475
Mean Percent Score:	79%	81%
First Time Pass Rate:	85%	91%

Score by Cluster:

<u>Test Content Clusters</u>	2023/2024 <u>Mean Score</u>
A. Communicating Information (12)	80%-84%
B. Performing Basic Nursing Skills (22)	76%-77%
C. Performing Personal Care Skills (16)	80%-83%
D. Performing Basic Restorative (16)	80%-80%
E. Providing Mental Health & Social Service (4)	75%-87%
F. Providing Resident's Rights (5)	83%- 81%

Annual Program Cluster Summary Reports (2016-2024)

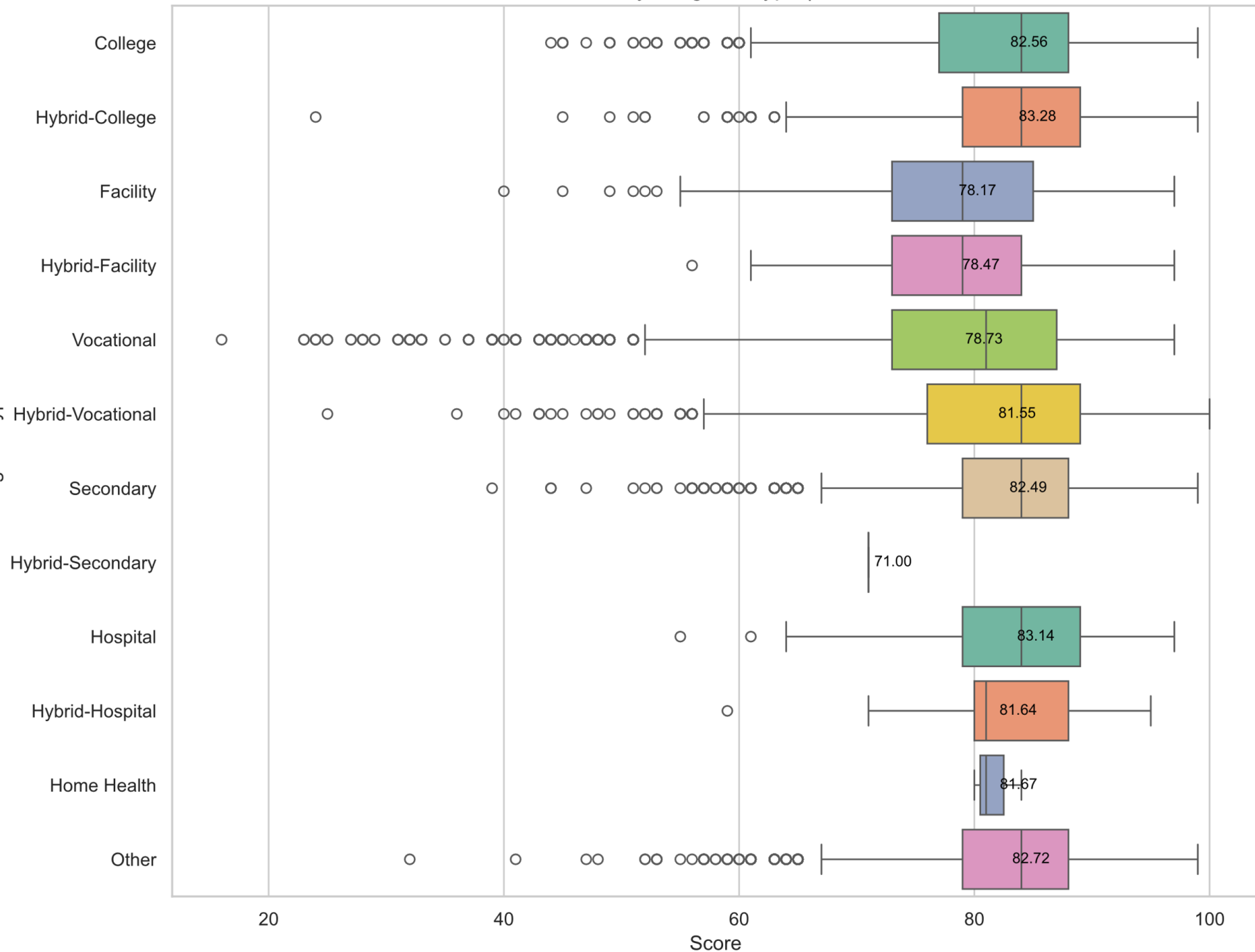
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Annual Exam Results by Program Type

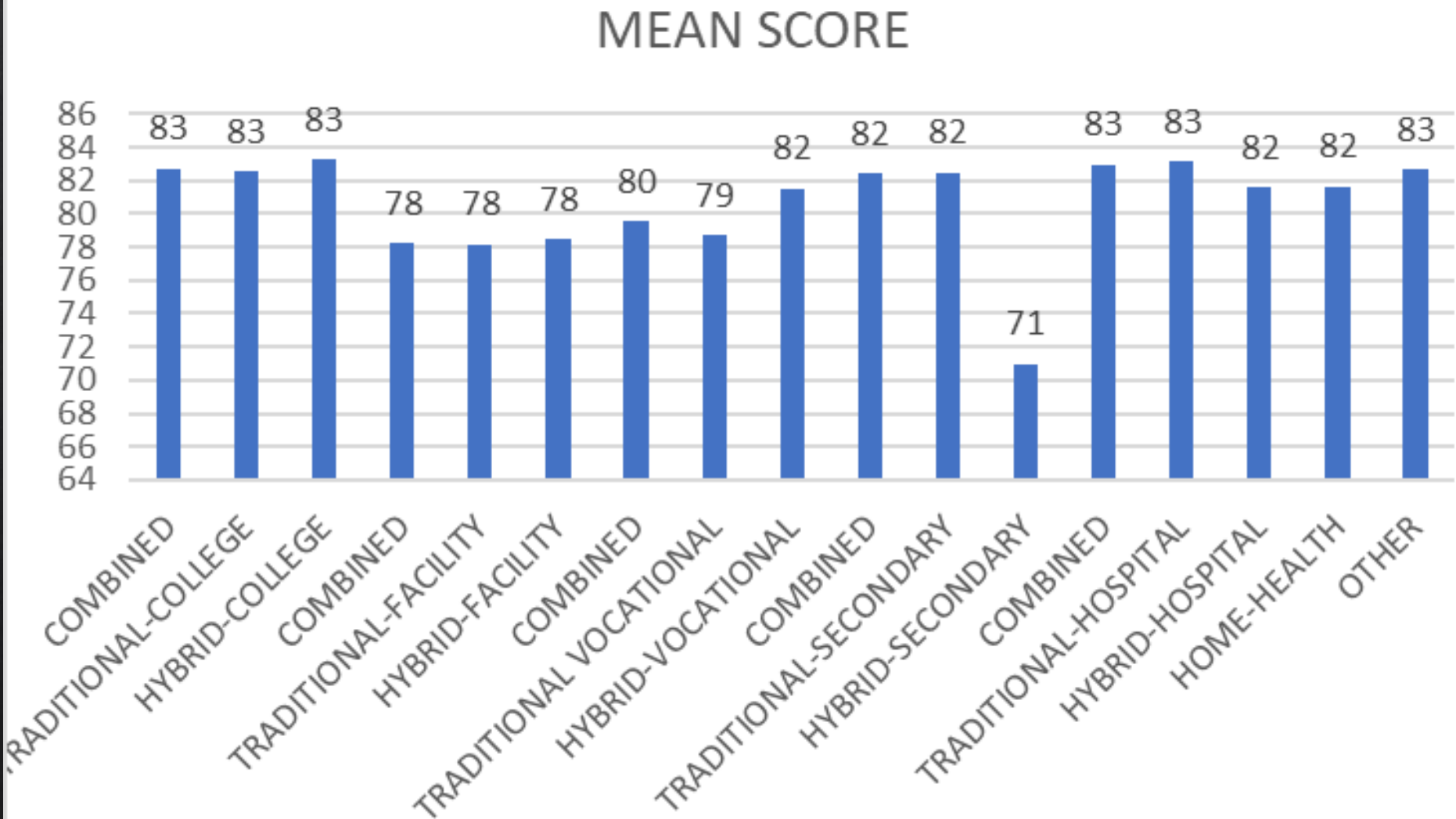
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Score Distribution by Program Type | With Mean Score

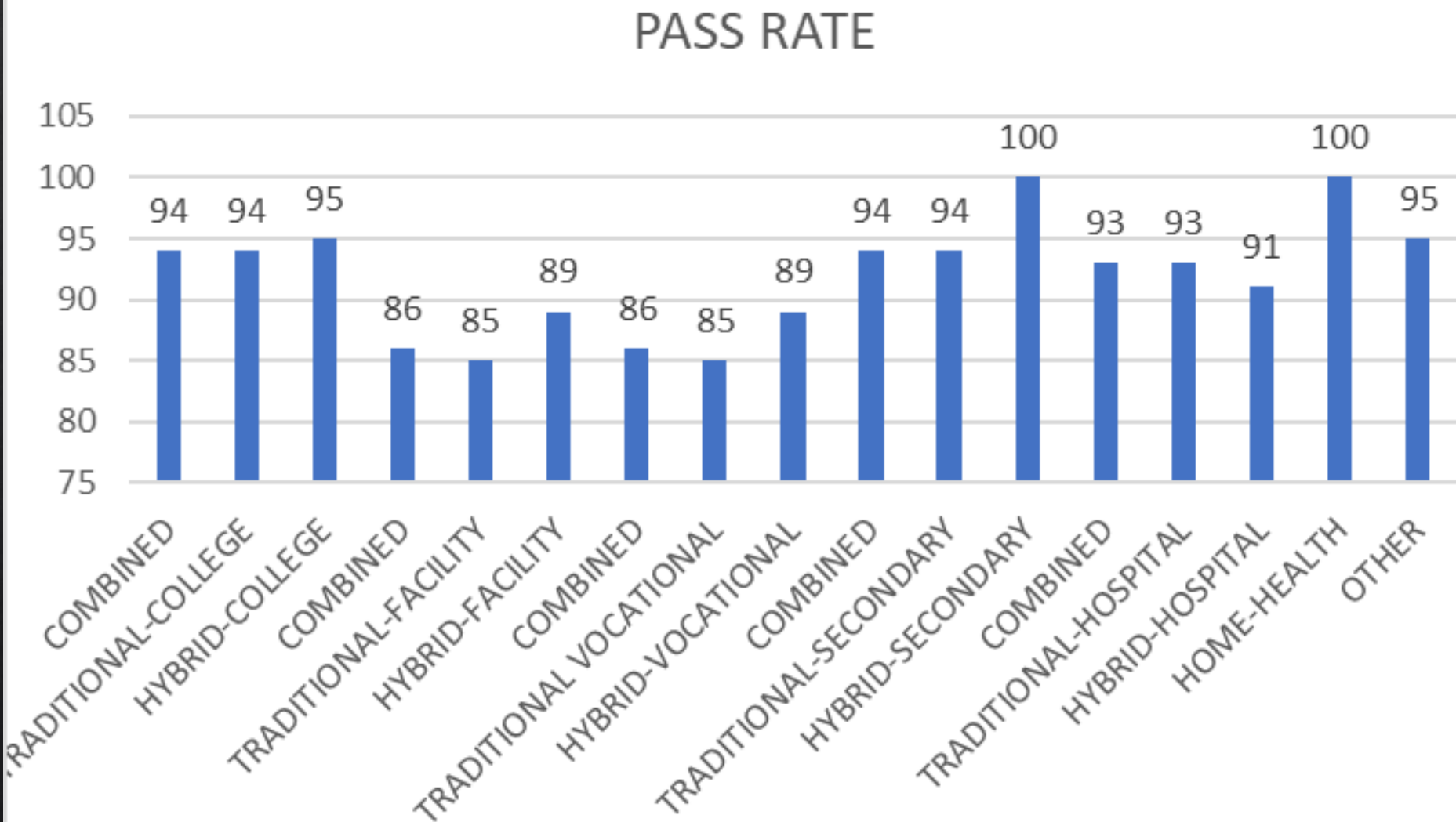
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MEAN SCORE BY PROGRAM TYPE



PASS RATE BY PROGRAM TYPE



Spanish Translation Update

- ◆ We have been working with DxR Development Group since August 2024 to modify the INACE testing program to provide the competency exam in English and Spanish.
- ◆ We do have a paper-based version available.
- ◆ DxR estimates that we will have a preliminary look at the Spanish test by end of April.

Important

- ◆ Corrections to submitted rosters should be sent to inat@siu.edu. Either the student or the PC can contact the NAT office to provide corrected information (name, SSN, DOB or email, error in program completion date).

Important

- ◆ Students are eligible to receive Individualized Education Plan (IEP) accommodations when taking the CNA exam.
- ◆ Accommodation documents should be sent to the NAT office as soon as possible, once the training program determines the accommodations that will be granted.

Important

- ◆ Voucher checks should be sent to the NAT office shortly after the course begins. This will allow time for receipt of check by mail and processing so that the BNATP will have the vouchers on hand as soon as the course is completed.

Important

- ◆ Testers **MUST HAVE** their login ID and password and should use it to access their account a few days before the test.
- ◆ Autosaving this information on the INACE website on their phone contributes to the tester's inability to recall the login ID and password.

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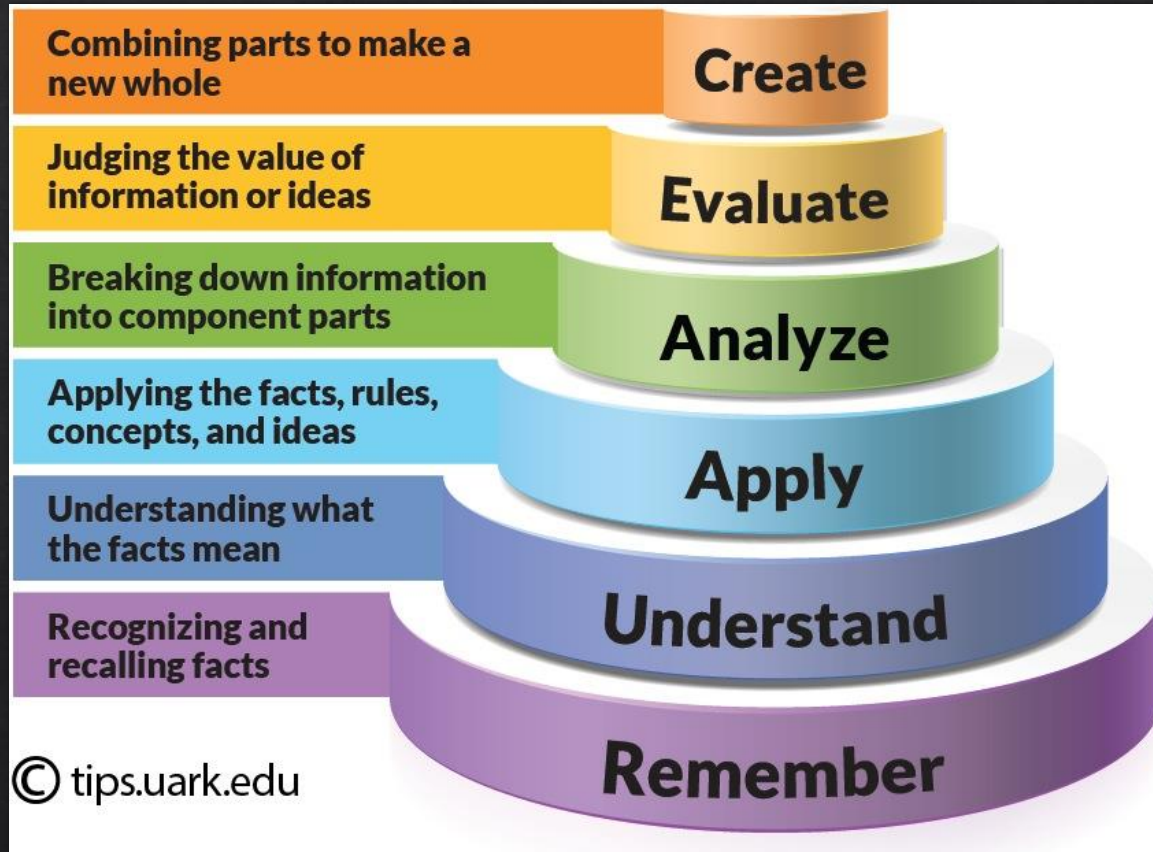
- ◆ Testers **MUST HAVE** their photo ID to present to the test site staff and should arrive at least 20-30 minutes early.

Pre-Submitted Question

- ◆ What format or style of question is used in the state exam? The publishers use very detailed & long application questions. Is that aligned with the style questions the applicant gets on the state exam? Is there a Bloom's taxonomy guideline we can use to know what percent should be understand vs apply vs evaluate & so on?

Answer

Application Level



Example

Which of the following is the most appropriate action for a nursing assistant to take when assisting a resident with eating who is at risk for aspiration?

- A) Provide the resident with a straw and encourage them to drink fluids quickly.
- B) Place the resident in a reclining position to ensure comfort while eating.
- C) Offer small, bite-sized portions and ensure the resident is sitting upright during meals.
- D) Allow the resident to eat independently without supervision for safety.

THANK YOU