US Population Demographics and the Pathway to the Legal Profession

Sex	US population 2024	Bachelor's Degrees Conferred 2022-2023	ABA Applicants 2024	ABA Admitted Applicants 2024	ABA Matriculants 2024	JD Degrees 2024	Lawyers 2024
Female	50.5%	58.4%	57.2%	55.7%	55.5%	N/A	42.0%
Male	49.5%	41.5%	40.1%	41.5%	42.6%	N/A	58.0%

Race/Ethnicity	US Population 2024	Bachelor's Degrees Conferred 2022-2023	ABA Applicants 2024	ABA Admitted Applicants 2024	ABA Matriculants 2024	JD Degrees 2024	Lawyers 2024
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	
Asian	6.2%	9.0%	10.0%	9.9%	9.5%	8.5%	6.5%
Black or African American	11.7%	10.2%	12.0%	7.7%	7.6%	7.7%	7.0%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Caucasian/White	56.3%	58.2%	43.5%	50.1%	50.8%	62.4%	85.0%
Hispanic/Latinx	20.0%	17.5%	11.8%	9.7%	9.7%	12.9%	6.3%
Middle Eastern/North African			3.0%	2.9%	2.9%		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	
Not Indicated			7.0%	7.5%	7.4%	3.9%	
Some Other Race	0.5%						
Two or More	4.6%	4.4%	12.1%	11.8%	11.8%	4.1%	

These data are collected by different agencies using different methodologies. Because of this, due caution should be exercised in interpreting specific entries in this table or making comparisons across columns. All data reflects single reporting except for lawyers/jobs which uses maximum reporting (i.e., an individual can be counted in more than one racial/ethnic category). Further information on each data source is available in the links provided below:

US Population: U.S. Census Bureau **https://data.census.gov/table?tid=ACSDP1Y2024.DP05**

Bachelor's Degrees Conferred: National Center for Education Statistics' Digest of Education Statistics **https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d24/tables/dt24_322.20.asp**

JD Degrees: American Bar Association **http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/Disclosure509.aspx**

Lawyers: Bureau of Labor Statistics **https://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat11.htm**

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Notes About This Data

US Population: White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/AK Native counts are of non-Hispanics indicating only one race.

Bachelor's Degrees Conferred: Bachelor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions.

ABA Applicants: Data use single reporting for race/ethnicity and include data for all terms excluding deferrals.

ABA Matriculants: Data use single reporting for race/ethnicity and include data for all terms including deferrals.

Lawyers: Survey respondents of Hispanic or Latinx ethnicity may be included in multiple race groups in addition to being shown separately. All respondents may indicate one race or multiple races. Consequently, column entries do not add to 100%.

Additional information about understanding and interpreting diversity data can be found here:
https://www.lsac.org/data-research/research/understanding-and-interpreting-law-school-enrollment-data-focus-race-and

Sources

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Bachelor's Degrees Conferred: National Center for Education Statistics' Digest of Education Statistics
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ABA Applicants: Law School Admission Council

ABA Matriculants: Law School Admission Council

JD Degrees: American Bar Association
http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/Disclosure509.aspx

Lawyers: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018 Current Population Survey
https://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsaat11.htm

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