

Year To Date American Bar Association 2025 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2025 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on enrollment year 2025 data received through 4/28/2025 and enrollment year 2024 data received through 4/28/2024.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 19.6%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 25.2%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	7,762	9,297	19.8%
Great Lakes	7,144	8,325	16.5%
Midsouth	6,813	8,334	22.3%
Midwest	1,867	2,178	16.7%
Mountain West	3,118	3,692	18.4%
New England	2,809	3,490	24.2%
Northeast	9,008	11,052	22.7%
Northwest	1,470	1,880	27.9%
Other	2,446	2,645	8.1%
South Central	7,084	8,428	19.0%
Southeast	8,307	9,823	18.2%
Total	57,828	69,144	19.6%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 23.0%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 25.3%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	56,989	68,436	20.1%
Great Lakes	54,882	71,094	29.5%
Midsouth	69,873	85,406	22.2%
Midwest	11,178	13,693	22.5%
Mountain West	13,668	15,919	16.5%
New England	40,353	51,857	28.5%
Northeast	72,958	90,472	24.0%
Northwest	7,970	10,233	28.4%
South Central	34,788	40,934	17.7%
Southeast	37,541	44,239	17.8%
Total	400,200	492,283	23.0%

* The "Other" category includes applicants whose permanent residence is either unknown or outside of the United States.

Law School Count by Volume Change	Count
Increase 100% or more:	2
Increase 50% to 99%:	7
Increase 40% to 49%:	14
Increase 30% to 39%:	29
Increase 20% to 29%:	67
Increase 10% to 19%:	52
Increase 1% to 9%:	20
No Change:	0
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	5
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	0
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	0
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	0
Decrease of 40% to 49%:	0
Decrease of 50% or greater:	1
Total	197

Currently there are 191 schools with an application volume increase, while 6 show a volume decrease, and 0 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 89% of the final applicant count and 94% of the final application count.

US Ethnicity, School Type, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2025 ABA applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change from last year. The table shows the maximum number of races/ethnicities selected by each applicant. For example, an applicant who selected Asian and Caucasian/White is counted twice, once as Asian and once as Caucasian/White.

Applicants

Race/Ethnicity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	9	10	11.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,131	1,399	23.7%
Asian	7,629	9,184	20.4%
Black or African American	8,082	10,266	27.0%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	63	84	33.3%
Caucasian/White	33,318	39,416	18.3%
Hispanic/Latino	9,119	10,976	20.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	330	379	14.8%
Not Indicated	4,040	4,983	23.3%
Puerto Rican	1,652	1,950	18.0%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	261,868	323,922	23.7%
Public	138,332	168,361	21.7%
Total	400,200	492,283	23.0%



The following table is a breakdown of 2025 ABA law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Man	23,001	27,726	20.5%
Woman	33,080	39,344	18.9%
Gender Diverse	717	707	-1.4%
Not Indicated	1,030	1,367	32.7%
Total	57,828	69,144	19.6%

US LSAT Scores

Date Range

10/1/2024  4/28/2025 

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2025 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	2,159	2,409	11.6%
140-144	3,577	3,946	10.3%
145-149	7,068	7,687	8.8%
150-154	10,616	11,646	9.7%
155-159	10,806	12,395	14.7%
160-164	9,190	10,933	19.0%
165-169	6,313	8,228	30.3%
170-174	3,921	5,199	32.6%
175-180	1,419	1,976	39.3%
Total	55,069	64,419	17.0%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2025 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year. Please use the percent-change data with caution, as smaller cell counts may affect the reliability of the percentages

Applicants 120-139

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
120	45	58	28.9%
121	20	16	-20.0%
122	9	10	11.1%
123	16	14	-12.5%
124	15	20	33.3%
125	37	39	5.4%
126	25	24	-4.0%
127	42	42	0.0%
128	38	40	5.3%
129	53	46	-13.2%
130	68	74	8.8%
131	70	108	54.3%
132	89	96	7.9%
133	128	108	-15.6%
134	152	187	23.0%
135	186	234	25.8%
136	230	255	10.9%
137	274	277	1.1%
138	314	325	3.5%
139	348	436	25.3%



Applicants 140-159


High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	495	600	21.2%
141	603	696	15.4%
142	734	837	14.0%
143	805	805	0.0%
144	940	1,008	7.2%
145	1,079	1,321	22.4%
146	1,269	1,456	14.7%
147	1,436	1,470	2.4%
148	1,580	1,685	6.6%
149	1,704	1,755	3.0%
150	1,859	2,028	9.1%
151	2,193	2,522	15.0%
152	2,069	2,311	11.7%
153	2,254	2,361	4.7%
154	2,241	2,424	8.2%
155	2,300	2,604	13.2%
156	2,184	2,459	12.6%
157	2,158	2,402	11.3%
158	2,255	2,647	17.4%
159	1,909	2,283	19.6%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	2,183	2,333	6.9%
161	1,983	2,432	22.6%
162	1,710	2,199	28.6%
163	1,711	2,073	21.2%
164	1,603	1,896	18.3%
165	1,490	1,932	29.7%
166	1,309	1,716	31.1%
167	1,191	1,644	38.0%
168	1,220	1,560	27.9%
169	1,103	1,376	24.8%
170	1,056	1,353	28.1%
171	937	1,180	25.9%
172	771	1,044	35.4%
173	632	868	37.3%
174	525	754	43.6%
175	383	524	36.8%
176	328	497	51.5%
177	295	307	4.1%
178	170	275	61.8%
179	115	190	65.2%
180	128	183	43.0%

Date Range

10/1/2024  4/28/2025 



Year To Date Canadian Law School 2025 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2025 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on enrollment year 2025 data received through 4/28/2025 and enrollment year 2024 data received through 4/28/2024.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 13.7%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 21.8%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	3,668	4,073	11.0%
Other	932	1,251	34.2%
West Canada	2,261	2,478	9.6%
Total	6,861	7,802	13.7%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 14.5%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 24.6%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
	*	*	*
East Canada	20,853	23,792	14.1%
West Canada	7,568	8,750	15.6%
Total	28,421	32,542	14.5%

* East Canada - NB, NL, NS, ON, PE, QC

* West Canada - AB, BC, MB, NT, NU, SK, YT

* Other includes those applicants whose permanent residence is not available or is outside Canada.

Law School Count by Volume Change	Count
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Increase 50% to 99%:	0
Increase 40% to 49%:	1
Increase 30% to 39%:	0
Increase 20% to 29%:	5
Increase 10% to 19%:	9
Increase 1% to 9%:	3
No Change:	0
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	0
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	0
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	0
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	0
Decrease of 40% to 49%:	0
Decrease of 50% or greater:	0
Total	18

Currently there are 18 schools with an application volume increase, while 0 show a volume decrease, and 0 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 97% of the final applicant count and 99% of the final application count.

Canadian Ethnicity, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2025 Canadian law school applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change from last year. The table shows the maximum number of races/ethnicities selected by each applicant. For example, an applicant who selected Asian and Caucasian/White is counted twice, once as Asian and once as Caucasian/White.

Applicants



Race/Ethnicity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	10	0.0%
Asian	2,316	2,577	11.3%
Black or African American	457	598	30.9%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	239	265	10.9%
Caucasian/White	3,452	3,927	13.8%
Hispanic/Latino	203	256	26.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11	12	9.1%
Not Indicated	675	761	12.7%
Puerto Rican	*	*	*


The following table is a breakdown of 2025 Canadian law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Man	2,481	2,778	12.0%
Woman	4,145	4,766	15.0%
Gender Diverse	81	75	-7.4%
Not Indicated	154	183	18.8%
Total	6,861	7,802	13.7%

Date Range

10/1/2024  4/28/2025 



Canadian LSAT Scores

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2025 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	331	393	18.7%
140-144	415	504	21.4%
145-149	720	781	8.5%
150-154	1,176	1,286	9.4%
155-159	1,472	1,599	8.6%
160-164	1,369	1,548	13.1%
165-169	723	874	20.9%
170-174	311	378	21.5%
175-180	62	102	64.5%
Total	6,579	7,465	13.5%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2025 Canadian applicants with the percent change from last year. Please use the percent-change data with caution, as smaller cell counts may affect the reliability of the percentages

Applicants 120-139

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
120	*	*	*
121	*	*	*
122	*	*	*
123	*	*	*
124	*	6	*
125	7	7	0.0%
126	*	*	*
127	6	5	-16.7%
128	6	14	133.3%
129	9	9	0.0%
130	15	14	-6.7%
131	16	13	-18.8%
132	18	22	22.2%
133	16	23	43.8%
134	22	34	54.5%
135	26	46	76.9%
136	39	40	2.6%
137	39	33	-15.4%
138	50	56	12.0%
139	52	57	9.6%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
141	72	105	45.8%
142	68	96	41.2%
151	221	283	28.1%
145	111	137	23.4%
147	126	154	22.2%
144	116	141	21.6%
149	167	199	19.2%
152	234	277	18.4%
159	252	298	18.3%
140	62	71	14.5%
154	254	286	12.6%
155	301	334	11.0%
157	305	328	7.5%
158	337	352	4.5%
156	277	287	3.6%
150	196	196	0.0%
146	142	134	-5.6%
143	97	91	-6.2%
148	174	157	-9.8%
153	271	244	-10.0%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	331	355	7.3%
161	251	348	38.6%
162	293	288	-1.7%
163	288	281	-2.4%
164	206	276	34.0%
165	200	241	20.5%
166	167	200	19.8%
167	141	168	19.1%
168	117	156	33.3%
169	98	109	11.2%
170	100	128	28.0%
171	78	85	9.0%
172	56	67	19.6%
173	51	49	-3.9%
174	26	49	88.5%
175	13	35	169.2%
176	16	25	56.3%
177	14	15	7.1%
178	7	14	100.0%
179	6	10	66.7%
180	6	*	*

Notes

- These data are displayed with reference to the academic year for which applicants are applying. For example, 2022 or 2022-2023 would indicate the applications submitted during 2021-2022 for enrollment in the 2022 or 2022-2023 academic year.
- The Current Volume data tables include applicants for all academic terms. Archived Volume reports for enrollment years 2015 and prior include applicants for the fall term only and are not comparable to more recent volume data.
- ABA data reflect applicants and applications for ABA-approved law schools.
- Deferrals are not included in either the ABA or Canadian data. Deferrals are defined as "applicants admitted for a prior term who were granted a postponed enrollment to the current term."
- Please note as defined in this report, an applicant is a candidate who submits one or more applications for any academic term.
- This report is best viewed in Chrome, Edge, or Safari.
- Additional Gender categories became available June, 2018.

FAQs

1. How do I print this report?

Click on the Download PDF link in the upper right corner.

2. Why do I see an asterisk instead of data in some places?

In the data grids, an asterisk will be shown when there are fewer than 5 applicants.

3. Can I navigate this report without using a mouse?

There are keyboard shortcuts available:

Across the product

Ctrl+F6	Move focus between sections
Enter	Select item in focus
Esc	Close out of current section
Tab	Move focus forward in section
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Alt+shift+F11	Show data

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