



# Year To Date American Bar Association 2026 Applicant and Application Counts

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As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 8.7%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 29.4%.

## Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	9,747	10,690	9.7%
Great Lakes	8,824	9,797	11.0%
Midsouth	8,858	9,573	8.1%
Midwest	2,249	2,467	9.7%
Mountain West	3,903	4,387	12.4%
New England	3,698	3,941	6.6%
Northeast	11,773	12,841	9.1%
Northwest	1,947	2,132	9.5%
Other	2,731	2,645	-3.1%
South Central	9,108	9,946	9.2%
Southeast	10,863	11,721	7.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,701</b>	<b>80,140</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 11.3%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 36.5%.

## Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	70,887	79,275	11.8%
Great Lakes	73,740	81,152	10.1%
Midsouth	88,058	96,404	9.5%
Midwest	14,171	16,131	13.8%
Mountain West	16,521	18,107	9.6%
New England	53,428	61,307	14.7%
Northeast	94,109	106,995	13.7%
Northwest	10,643	11,173	5.0%
South Central	43,281	47,416	9.6%
Southeast	48,490	53,374	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>513,328</b>	<b>571,334</b>	<b>11.3%</b>

\* 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%:	2
Increase 40% to 49%:	9
Increase 30% to 39%:	16
Increase 20% to 29%:	43
Increase 10% to 19%:	53
Increase 1% to 9%:	41
No Change:	4
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	22
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	5
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	0
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	0
Decrease of 40% to 49%:	0
Decrease of 50% or greater:	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>

Currently there are 166 schools with an application volume increase, while 27 show a volume decrease, and 4 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 96% of the final applicant count and 98% of the final application count.



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# US Ethnicity, School Type, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2026 ABA applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change from last year. The table can be toggled between a single ethnicity per applicant or all ethnicities selected by each applicant. For more information, please refer to the Ethnicity Notes page.

Applicants	Maximum		Single
	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Ethnicity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	12	13	8.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,547	1,546	-0.1%
Asian	9,616	10,601	10.2%
Black or African American	11,305	12,509	10.7%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	91	67	-26.4%
Caucasian/White	39,026	42,375	8.6%
Hispanic/Latino	13,091	14,260	8.9%
Middle Eastern/North African	3,910	4,229	8.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	409	440	7.6%
Not Indicated	5,339	5,899	10.5%

## Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	337,159	376,622	11.7%
Public	176,169	194,712	10.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>513,328</b>	<b>571,334</b>	<b>11.3%</b>

The following table is a breakdown of 2026 ABA law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

## Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Man	29,630	31,896	7.6%
Woman	41,874	46,014	9.9%
Gender Diverse	732	703	-4.0%
Not Indicated	1,465	1,527	4.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,701</b>	<b>80,140</b>	<b>8.7%</b>



# US LSAT Scores

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The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2026 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

## LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	2,936	2,911	-0.9%
140-144	4,523	4,775	5.6%
145-149	8,669	8,881	2.4%
150-154	12,805	13,359	4.3%
155-159	13,314	13,992	5.1%
160-164	11,482	12,720	10.8%
165-169	8,590	9,808	14.2%
170-174	5,467	6,352	16.2%
175-180	2,105	2,453	16.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,891</b>	<b>75,251</b>	<b>7.7%</b>

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2026 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	75	64	-14.7%
121	16	18	12.5%
122	14	17	21.4%
123	16	22	37.5%
124	24	18	-25.0%
125	44	27	-38.6%
126	38	35	-7.9%
127	41	37	-9.8%
128	41	49	19.5%
129	62	84	35.5%
130	85	84	-1.2%
131	132	136	3.0%
132	122	136	11.5%
133	137	170	24.1%
134	213	220	3.3%
135	266	250	-6.0%
136	325	301	-7.4%
137	338	316	-6.5%
138	412	416	1.0%
139	535	511	-4.5%

### Applicants 140-159

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	666	670	0.6%
141	793	837	5.5%
142	960	966	0.6%
143	991	1,081	9.1%
144	1,113	1,221	9.7%
145	1,509	1,458	-3.4%
146	1,596	1,613	1.1%
147	1,702	1,814	6.6%
148	1,905	1,934	1.5%
149	1,957	2,062	5.4%
150	2,264	2,508	10.8%
151	2,708	2,559	-5.5%
152	2,633	2,768	5.1%
153	2,540	2,705	6.5%
154	2,660	2,819	6.0%
155	2,845	2,866	0.7%
156	2,654	2,810	5.9%
157	2,583	2,882	11.6%
158	2,780	2,748	-1.2%
159	2,452	2,686	9.5%

### Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	2,480	2,807	13.2%
161	2,563	2,491	-2.8%
162	2,293	2,679	16.8%
163	2,156	2,473	14.7%
164	1,990	2,270	14.1%
165	2,044	2,282	11.6%
166	1,786	2,022	13.2%
167	1,716	1,961	14.3%
168	1,611	1,767	9.7%
169	1,433	1,776	23.9%
170	1,402	1,747	24.6%
171	1,236	1,332	7.8%
172	1,109	1,352	21.9%
173	923	1,124	21.8%
174	797	797	0.0%
175	571	712	24.7%
176	520	507	-2.5%
177	332	473	42.5%
178	288	313	8.7%
179	202	178	-11.9%
180	192	270	40.6%



# Year To Date Canadian Law School 2026 Applicant and Application Counts

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As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 13.6%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 29.0%.

## Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	4,246	4,568	7.6%
Other	1,188	1,802	51.7%
West Canada	2,559	2,708	5.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,993</b>	<b>9,078</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 15.3%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 31.9%.

## Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	24,073	27,839	15.6%
West Canada	8,814	10,086	14.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,887</b>	<b>37,925</b>	<b>15.3%</b>

\* 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%:	0
Increase 30% to 39%:	1
Increase 20% to 29%:	3
Increase 10% to 19%:	10
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:	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Currently there are 17 schools with an application volume increase, while 1 show a volume decrease, and 0 schools show no change in application volumes.

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## Canadian Ethnicity, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2026 Canadian law school applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change from last year. The table can be toggled between a single ethnicity per applicant or all ethnicities selected by each applicant. For more information, please refer to the Ethnicity Notes page.

Applicants	Maximum		Single
	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	7	-30.0%
Asian	2,343	2,771	18.3%
Black or African American	482	527	9.3%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	152	168	10.5%
Caucasian/White	2,875	3,126	8.7%
Hispanic/Latino	136	149	9.6%
Middle Eastern/North African	506	641	26.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	12	20.0%
Not Indicated	791	876	10.7%
Two or More	688	801	16.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,993</b>	<b>9,078</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

The following table is a breakdown of 2026 Canadian law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

### Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Gender Diverse	78	106	35.9%
Man	2,846	3,255	14.4%
Woman	4,881	5,518	13.1%
Not Indicated	188	199	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,993</b>	<b>9,078</b>	<b>13.6%</b>



# Canadian LSAT Scores

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## LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	393	405	3.1%
140-144	492	560	13.8%
145-149	776	930	19.8%
150-154	1,320	1,459	10.5%
155-159	1,687	1,838	9.0%
160-164	1,597	1,732	8.5%
165-169	928	1,169	26.0%
170-174	401	487	21.4%
175-180	104	126	21.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,698</b>	<b>8,706</b>	<b>13.1%</b>

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### Applicants 120-139

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
120	*	5	*
121	5	*	*
122	*	*	*
123	*	*	*
124	6	*	*
125	7	*	*
126	5	6	20.0%
127	7	*	*
128	12	8	-33.3%
129	9	9	0.0%
130	11	9	-18.2%
131	11	11	0.0%
132	22	22	0.0%
133	25	28	12.0%
134	35	37	5.7%
135	46	44	-4.3%
136	41	51	24.4%
137	31	29	-6.5%
138	57	69	21.1%
139	55	61	10.9%

### Applicants 140-159

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	66	89	34.8%
141	99	111	12.1%
142	95	86	-9.5%
143	93	131	40.9%
144	139	143	2.9%
145	132	163	23.5%
146	136	165	21.3%
147	154	176	14.3%
148	155	189	21.9%
149	199	237	19.1%
150	196	275	40.3%
151	285	248	-13.0%
152	293	302	3.1%
153	249	296	18.9%
154	297	338	13.8%
155	351	337	-4.0%
156	301	373	23.9%
157	351	343	-2.3%
158	361	390	8.0%
159	323	395	22.3%

### Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	362	421	16.3%
161	363	332	-8.5%
162	299	374	25.1%
163	287	294	2.4%
164	286	311	8.7%
165	256	287	12.1%
166	210	274	30.5%
167	178	231	29.8%
168	168	199	18.5%
169	116	178	53.4%
170	132	158	19.7%
171	90	111	23.3%
172	75	101	34.7%
173	53	65	22.6%
174	51	52	2.0%
175	36	40	11.1%
176	25	22	-12.0%
177	15	23	53.3%
178	14	21	50.0%
179	10	10	0.0%
180	*	10	*



## 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.



# Notes on Ethnicity

- This report displays both maximum and single reporting of ethnicity. Applicants can select multiple ethnicities. The Maximum toggle counts all races/ethnicities selected by each applicant. For example, an applicant who selected both Asian and Caucasian/White is counted twice, once as Asian and once as Caucasian/White. The Single toggle counts each applicant once and any applicant with more than one ethnicity is counted in the Two or More category with the below noted exceptions.
- LSAC is committed to improving how data is collected and reported. Given conversations with community leaders and advocates, American Indian or Alaska Native students include those who identify exclusively or in part (multiracial or ethnoracial by selecting American Indian or Alaska Native and one other racial or ethnic category) as American Indian or Alaska Native. Santos, J., & Tachine, A. R. (2024). *Layers of Identity: Rethinking American Indian and Alaska Native Data Collection in Higher Education*. *Institute for Higher Education Policy*.
- Hispanic or Latina/é/o/x students counted here are those who identify as only Hispanic or Latina/é/o/x including Puerto Rican. This category is not Hispanic or Latina/é/o/x of any race. Ethnoracial Hispanic or Latina/é/o/x students are counted under multiracial or ethnoracial (two or more).
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander includes anyone who identifies exclusively or in part (multiracial or ethnoracial by selecting Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and one other racial or ethnic category) as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.
- The term “ethnoracial” refers to a combination of racial and ethnic identities and thereby offers a more accurate representation of the lived experiences of individuals with those combined identities (Goldberg, 1993). For example, Black/African American people are not a monolithic group and describing someone who is Afro-Latina/é/o/x or Afro-Caribbean only as “African American” obscures key ethnic aspects of their identities. Different ethnic identities often imply distinctly different experiences due, in part, to different immigration histories and the political-economic circumstances of each group. Goldberg, D. T. (1993). *Racist culture: Philosophy and the politics of meaning*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

# 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

<b>Ctrl+F6</b>	Move focus between sections
<b>Enter</b>	Select item in focus
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<b>Tab</b>	Move focus forward in section
<b>Shift+Tab</b>	Move focus backward in section
<b>?</b>	Show keyboard shortcuts

## On visual

<b>Alt+Shift+F10</b>	Move focus to visual menu
<b>Alt+shift+F11</b>	Show data

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