

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 6/10/2025 and enrollment year 2024 data received through 6/10/2024.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 19.2%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 25.2%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	8,191	9,748	19.0%
Great Lakes	7,604	8,810	15.9%
Midsouth	7,209	8,816	22.3%
Midwest	1,942	2,257	16.2%
Mountain West	3,312	3,897	17.7%
New England	2,976	3,690	24.0%
Northeast	9,612	11,770	22.5%
Northwest	1,531	1,949	27.3%
Other	2,524	2,758	9.3%
South Central	7,674	9,096	18.5%
Southeast	9,256	10,912	17.9%
Total	61,831	73,703	19.2%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 22.8%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 25.5%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	59,022	70,862	20.1%
Great Lakes	57,169	73,727	29.0%
Midsouth	71,889	87,794	22.1%
Midwest	11,588	14,153	22.1%
Mountain West	14,178	16,511	16.5%
New England	41,781	53,404	27.8%
Northeast	75,939	94,042	23.8%
Northwest	8,273	10,620	28.4%
South Central	36,915	43,260	17.2%
Southeast	40,977	48,493	18.3%
Total	417,731	512,866	22.8%

* 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%:	5
Increase 40% to 49%:	11
Increase 30% to 39%:	33
Increase 20% to 29%:	69
Increase 10% to 19%:	53
Increase 1% to 9%:	19
No Change:	2
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	1
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	1
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 192 schools with an application volume increase, while 3 show a volume decrease, and 2 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 95% of the final applicant count and 98% 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

<div>▲</div> Race/Ethnicity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	9	11	22.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,249	1,530	22.5%
Asian	8,000	9,637	20.5%
Black or African American	9,035	11,308	25.2%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	67	92	37.3%
Caucasian/White	35,196	41,574	18.1%
Hispanic/Latino	9,919	11,870	19.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	365	409	12.1%
Not Indicated	4,318	5,300	22.7%
Puerto Rican	1,821	2,153	18.2%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	272,931	336,785	23.4%
Public	144,800	176,081	21.6%
Total	417,731	512,866	22.8%

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	24,629	29,620	20.3%
Woman	35,328	41,873	18.5%
Gender Diverse	741	745	0.5%
Not Indicated	1,133	1,465	29.3%
Total	61,831	73,703	19.2%

US LSAT Scores

Date Range

10/1/2024

6/10/2025

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	2,618	2,920	11.5%
140-144	4,209	4,589	9.0%
145-149	7,979	8,657	8.5%
150-154	11,432	12,718	11.2%
155-159	11,309	13,180	16.5%
160-164	9,431	11,386	20.7%
165-169	6,431	8,467	31.7%
170-174	3,955	5,298	34.0%
175-180	1,424	2,007	40.9%
Total	58,788	69,222	17.7%

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	53	73	37.7%
121	23	15	-34.8%
122	14	14	0.0%
123	18	18	0.0%
124	17	29	70.6%
125	43	41	-4.7%
126	34	30	-11.8%
127	47	44	-6.4%
128	50	42	-16.0%
129	71	60	-15.5%
130	80	83	3.8%
131	83	129	55.4%
132	113	125	10.6%
133	151	134	-11.3%
134	184	214	16.3%
135	211	269	27.5%
136	279	320	14.7%
137	342	333	-2.6%
138	381	411	7.9%
139	424	536	26.4%

Applicants 140-159

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	586	680	16.0%
141	735	798	8.6%
142	871	976	12.1%
143	917	996	8.6%
144	1,100	1,139	3.5%
145	1,244	1,520	22.2%
146	1,430	1,622	13.4%
147	1,645	1,672	1.6%
148	1,778	1,895	6.6%
149	1,882	1,948	3.5%
150	2,025	2,255	11.4%
151	2,375	2,698	13.6%
152	2,243	2,597	15.8%
153	2,393	2,532	5.8%
154	2,396	2,636	10.0%
155	2,407	2,801	16.4%
156	2,324	2,623	12.9%
157	2,265	2,555	12.8%
158	2,347	2,792	19.0%
159	1,966	2,409	22.5%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	2,237	2,445	9.3%
161	2,042	2,563	25.5%
162	1,762	2,279	29.3%
163	1,746	2,143	22.7%
164	1,644	1,956	19.0%
165	1,523	2,009	31.9%
166	1,341	1,762	31.4%
167	1,206	1,680	39.3%
168	1,237	1,601	29.4%
169	1,124	1,415	25.9%
170	1,069	1,379	29.0%
171	943	1,200	27.3%
172	778	1,060	36.2%
173	637	885	38.9%
174	528	774	46.6%
175	384	533	38.8%
176	329	505	53.5%
177	295	315	6.8%
178	171	278	62.6%
179	115	193	67.8%
180	130	183	40.8%

Year To Date Canadian Law School 2025

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 21.2%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	3,773	4,191	11.1%
Other	959	1,279	33.4%
West Canada	2,304	2,521	9.4%
Total	7,036	7,991	13.6%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 14.4%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 24.2%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
	*	*	*
East Canada	21,126	24,072	13.9%
West Canada	7,622	8,812	15.6%
Total	28,748	32,884	14.4%

* 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 100% of the final applicant count and 100% 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

<div>▲</div> Race/Ethnicity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	10	10	0.0%
Asian	2,398	2,662	11.0%
Black or African American	464	604	30.2%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	244	267	9.4%
Caucasian/White	3,526	4,009	13.7%
Hispanic/Latino	208	259	24.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11	12	9.1%
Not Indicated	688	782	13.7%
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	2,574	2,848	10.6%
Woman	4,221	4,877	15.5%
Gender Diverse	82	77	-6.1%
Not Indicated	159	189	18.9%
Total	7,036	7,991	13.6%

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	334	399	19.5%
140-144	419	509	21.5%
145-149	732	788	7.7%
150-154	1,200	1,320	10.0%
155-159	1,513	1,660	9.7%
160-164	1,423	1,585	11.4%
165-169	751	899	19.7%
170-174	318	385	21.1%
175-180	63	102	61.9%
Total	6,753	7,647	13.2%

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	*	5	*
127	6	5	-16.7%
128	6	14	133.3%
129	9	9	0.0%
130	15	13	-13.3%
131	17	14	-17.6%
132	18	22	22.2%
133	16	24	50.0%
134	22	34	54.5%
135	26	46	76.9%
136	39	41	5.1%
137	39	33	-15.4%
138	51	57	11.8%
139	53	57	7.5%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
142	68	98	44.1%
141	73	104	42.5%
151	225	289	28.4%
144	117	145	23.9%
147	128	158	23.4%
152	238	288	21.0%
145	114	136	19.3%
149	169	200	18.3%
159	263	311	18.3%
155	305	348	14.1%
154	264	294	11.4%
140	64	71	10.9%
157	314	346	10.2%
158	345	359	4.1%
156	286	296	3.5%
150	198	199	0.5%
146	144	136	-5.6%
143	97	91	-6.2%
153	275	250	-9.1%
148	177	158	-10.7%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	346	361	4.3%
161	265	358	35.1%
162	303	296	-2.3%
163	295	287	-2.7%
164	214	283	32.2%
165	212	250	17.9%
166	170	201	18.2%
167	147	172	17.0%
168	120	162	35.0%
169	102	114	11.8%
170	101	130	28.7%
171	80	88	10.0%
172	58	68	17.2%
173	53	50	-5.7%
174	26	49	88.5%
175	14	35	150.0%
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?
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