

Current Volume Summary

Introductory Notes

- These data are displayed with reference to the academic year for which applicants are applying. For example, 2021 or 2021-2022 would indicate the applications submitted during 2020-2021 for enrollment in the 2021 or 2021-2022 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.
- The data for this report are updated every evening and will reflect current volumes as of that time.
- This report is best viewed in Chrome, Edge, Internet Explorer, or Safari.
- Additional Gender categories became available June, 2018.

YTD ABA 2021 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2021 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on enrollment year 2021 data received through 4/9/2021 and enrollment year 2020 data received through 4/9/2020.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 20.6%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 16.5%.

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 32.2%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 28.3%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	6,978	8,425	20.7%
Great Lakes	6,410	7,458	16.3%
Midsouth	5,928	7,110	19.9%
Midwest	1,705	2,098	23.0%
Mountain West	2,647	3,239	22.4%
New England	2,494	3,107	24.6%
Northeast	8,411	10,035	19.3%
Northwest	1,339	1,695	26.6%
Other	3,952	4,656	17.8%
South Central	5,794	6,899	19.1%
Southeast	6,525	8,200	25.7%
Total	52,183	62,922	20.6%

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	49,851	65,069	30.5%
Great Lakes	44,847	57,034	27.2%
Midsouth	61,938	83,546	34.9%
Midwest	9,107	12,087	32.7%
Mountain West	12,693	16,436	29.5%
New England	32,538	44,836	37.8%
Northeast	63,906	84,213	31.8%
Northwest	6,657	9,268	39.2%
South Central	26,481	34,258	29.4%
Southeast	27,069	36,294	34.1%
Total	335,087	443,041	32.2%

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

Currently there are 190 schools with an application volume increase, while 9 show a volume decrease, and 1 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 83% of the preliminary final applicant count.

Increase 100% or more:	2
Increase 50% to 99%:	18
Increase 40% to 49%:	23
Increase 30% to 39%:	47
Increase 20% to 29%:	44
Increase 10% to 19%:	44
Increase 1% to 9%:	12
No Change:	1
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	4
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	4
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	200

US Ethnicity, School Type, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2021 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	*	5	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,047	1,209	15.5%
Asian	6,535	7,453	14.0%
Black or African American	6,568	8,092	23.2%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	48	42	-12.5%
Caucasian/White	32,230	39,100	21.3%
Hispanic/Latino	7,166	8,710	21.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	267	355	33.0%
Not Indicated	3,094	3,606	16.5%
Puerto Rican	1,165	1,870	60.5%
Total	58,124	70,442	21.2%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	221,304	293,058	32.4%
Public	113,783	149,983	31.8%
Total	335,087	443,041	32.2%

The following table is a breakdown of 2021 ABA law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Additional gender category	56	105	87.5%
Agender	67	89	32.8%
Androgyne	10	16	60.0%
Demigender	13	28	115.4%
Genderqueer or gender fluid	176	288	63.6%
Man	22,186	26,101	17.6%
Non-transgender man	3,900	5,211	33.6%
Non-transgender woman	5,058	7,173	41.8%
Prefer not to answer	740	863	16.6%
Questioning or unsure	51	93	82.4%
Transgender man	62	67	8.1%
Transgender woman	27	42	55.6%
Woman	28,584	35,045	22.6%
Total	60,930	75,122	23.3%

US LSAT Scores

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2021 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

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	2,124	2,330	9.7%
140-144	3,755	3,908	4.1%
145-149	7,208	7,338	1.8%
150-154	10,167	10,936	7.6%
155-159	10,138	11,579	14.2%
160-164	7,850	10,085	28.5%
165-169	5,589	7,179	28.4%
170-174	2,694	4,154	54.2%
175-180	721	1,442	100.0%
Total	50,246	58,951	17.3%

The table below shows the group high LSAT scores of 2021 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

Applicants 120-139

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
120	37	44	18.9%
121	*	6	*
122	11	10	-9.1%
123	6	13	116.7%
124	18	18	0.0%
125	20	31	55.0%
126	18	24	33.3%
127	30	32	6.7%
128	46	48	4.3%
129	55	60	9.1%
130	63	76	20.6%
131	82	102	24.4%
132	121	101	-16.5%
133	124	146	17.7%
134	133	149	12.0%
135	181	203	12.2%
136	238	254	6.7%
137	266	266	0.0%
138	277	355	28.2%
139	394	392	-0.5%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	498	569	14.3%
141	623	638	2.4%
142	790	779	-1.4%
143	873	891	2.1%
144	971	1,031	6.2%
145	1,270	1,194	-6.0%
146	1,239	1,160	-6.4%
147	1,539	1,690	9.8%
148	1,577	1,603	1.6%
149	1,583	1,691	6.8%
150	2,082	2,054	-1.3%
151	1,930	2,014	4.4%
152	2,081	2,229	7.1%
153	2,035	2,411	18.5%
154	2,039	2,228	9.3%
155	2,015	2,216	10.0%
156	2,040	2,417	18.5%
157	2,263	2,323	2.7%
158	1,917	2,311	20.6%
159	1,903	2,312	21.5%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	1,847	2,147	16.2%
161	1,573	2,066	31.3%
162	1,409	2,059	46.1%
163	1,504	1,841	22.4%
164	1,517	1,972	30.0%
165	1,134	1,601	41.2%
166	1,366	1,713	25.4%
167	1,054	1,461	38.6%
168	975	1,280	31.3%
169	1,060	1,124	6.0%
170	676	1,141	68.8%
171	652	966	48.2%
172	530	816	54.0%
173	486	749	54.1%
174	350	482	37.7%
175	209	461	120.6%
176	176	287	63.1%
177	143	281	96.5%
178	94	163	73.4%
179	53	126	137.7%
180	46	124	169.6%

YTD Canadian Law School 2021 Applicant and Application Counts

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As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 18.7%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 20.9%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	3,774	4,417	17.0%
Other	520	662	27.3%
West Canada	2,352	2,812	19.6%
Total	6,646	7,891	18.7%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 11.4%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 17.2%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	18,667	19,603	5.0%
West Canada	6,673	8,635	29.4%
Total	25,340	28,238	11.4%

* 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.

Currently there are 16 schools with an application volume increase, while 2 show a volume decrease, and 0 schools show no change in application volumes.

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

Increase 100% or more:	0
Increase 50% to 99%:	0
Increase 40% to 49%:	3
Increase 30% to 39%:	4
Increase 20% to 29%:	5
Increase 10% to 19%:	3
Increase 1% to 9%:	1
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:	2
Total	18

Canadian Ethnicity, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2021 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	9	16	77.8%
Asian	1,916	2,202	14.9%
Black or African American	370	509	37.6%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	228	264	15.8%
Caucasian/White	3,585	4,228	17.9%
Hispanic/Latino	174	215	23.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	9	-10.0%
Not Indicated	788	930	18.0%
Puerto Rican	*	*	*
Total	7,084	8,377	18.3%

The following table is a breakdown of 2021 Canadian law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Additional gender category	11	13	18.2%
Agender	8	16	100.0%
Androgyne	*	*	*
Demigender	*	5	*
Genderqueer or gender fluid	26	29	11.5%
Man	2,620	2,860	9.2%
Non-transgender man	377	472	25.2%
Non-transgender woman	532	779	46.4%
Prefer not to answer	113	125	10.6%
Questioning or unsure	12	11	-8.3%
Transgender man	6	7	16.7%
Transgender woman	*	*	*
Woman	3,839	4,793	24.9%
Total	7,550	9,116	20.7%

Canadian LSAT Scores

The table below shows the group high LSAT scores of 2021 Canadian applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	282	281	-0.4%
140-144	381	435	14.2%
145-149	782	748	-4.3%
150-154	1,304	1,328	1.8%
155-159	1,675	1,796	7.2%
160-164	1,261	1,668	32.3%
165-169	555	853	53.7%
170-174	150	287	91.3%
175-180	32	74	131.3%
Total	6,422	7,470	16.3%

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Applicants 120-139

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
120	*	*	*
121	*	*	*
122	*	*	*
123	*	*	*
124	*	*	*
125	*	*	*
126	*	*	*
127	*	8	*
128	6	*	*
129	*	8	*
130	5	14	180.0%
131	9	11	22.2%
132	16	11	-31.3%
133	18	9	-50.0%
134	21	26	23.8%
135	24	26	8.3%
136	35	19	-45.7%
137	33	29	-12.1%
138	44	46	4.5%
139	57	59	3.5%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	52	62	19.2%
141	69	70	1.4%
142	90	93	3.3%
143	75	89	18.7%
144	95	121	27.4%
145	138	111	-19.6%
146	153	104	-32.0%
147	142	153	7.7%
148	173	177	2.3%
149	176	203	15.3%
150	228	220	-3.5%
151	228	244	7.0%
152	266	281	5.6%
153	257	281	9.3%
154	325	302	-7.1%
155	292	330	13.0%
156	344	385	11.9%
157	364	362	-0.5%
158	326	357	9.5%
159	349	362	3.7%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	311	374	20.3%
161	293	368	25.6%
162	209	343	64.1%
163	237	288	21.5%
164	211	295	39.8%
165	151	214	41.7%
166	146	239	63.7%
167	101	170	68.3%
168	83	124	49.4%
169	74	106	43.2%
170	40	112	180.0%
171	34	60	76.5%
172	28	41	46.4%
173	27	40	48.1%
174	21	34	61.9%
175	7	27	285.7%
176	8	16	100.0%
177	6	15	150.0%
178	*	7	*
179	7	5	-28.6%
180	*	*	*