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Year to Date American Bar Association
2024 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2024 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on enrollment year 2024 data received through 3/27/2024 and enrollment year 2023 data received through 3/27/2023.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 5.0%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 2.1%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	6,344	6,662	5.0%
Great Lakes	5,929	6,184	4.3%
Midsouth	5,793	5,945	2.6%
Midwest	1,606	1,616	0.6%
Mountain West	2,536	2,763	9.0%
New England	2,368	2,367	-0.0%
Northeast	7,697	7,770	0.9%
Northwest	1,276	1,301	2.0%
Other	5,392	6,530	21.1%
South Central	6,056	6,210	2.5%
Southeast	7,004	7,232	3.3%
Total	52,001	54,580	5.0%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 1.5%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are down 1.5%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	51,311	53,159	3.6%
Great Lakes	48,566	52,299	7.7%
Midsouth	70,422	67,402	-4.3%
Midwest	10,757	10,631	-1.2%
Mountain West	12,923	13,036	0.9%
New England	39,419	38,243	-3.0%
Northeast	68,147	69,909	2.6%
Northwest	7,150	7,618	6.5%
South Central	31,346	32,898	5.0%
Southeast	34,261	34,862	1.8%
Total	374,302	380,057	1.5%

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

Law School Count by Volume Change	#
Increase 100% or more:	0
Increase 50% to 99%:	4
Increase 40% to 49%:	5
Increase 30% to 39%:	3
Increase 20% to 29%:	25
Increase 10% to 19%:	27
Increase 1% to 9%:	50
No Change:	8
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	42
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	23
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	7
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	1
Decrease of 40% to 49%:	0
Decrease of 50% or greater:	2
Total	197

Currently there are 114 schools with an application volume increase, while 75 show a volume decrease, and 8 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 85% of the final applicant count and 90% of the final application count.

US Ethnicity, School Type, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2024 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	9	80.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,006	1,049	4.3%
Asian	6,840	7,295	6.7%
Black or African American	6,989	7,454	6.7%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	59	59	0.0%
Caucasian/White	30,932	31,747	2.6%
Hispanic/Latino	7,811	8,474	8.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	263	292	11.0%
Not Indicated	3,301	3,803	15.2%
Puerto Rican	1,382	1,425	3.1%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	245,540	248,912	1.4%
Public	128,762	131,145	1.9%
Total	374,302	380,057	1.5%

The following table is a breakdown of 2024 ABA law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Man	20,984	21,648	3.2%
Woman	29,422	31,266	6.3%
Gender Diverse	679	690	1.6%
Not Indicated	916	976	6.6%
Total	52,001	54,580	5.0%

US LSAT Scores

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The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2024 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	1,955	1,868	-4.5%
140-144	3,098	3,259	5.2%
145-149	6,201	6,330	2.1%
150-154	9,397	9,742	3.7%
155-159	9,708	10,201	5.1%
160-164	8,235	8,793	6.8%
165-169	5,978	6,124	2.4%
170-174	3,790	3,682	-2.8%
175-180	1,337	1,320	-1.3%
Total	49,699	51,319	3.3%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2024 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	39	28	-28.2%
121	19	16	-15.8%
122	15	7	-53.3%
123	21	10	-52.4%
124	14	11	-21.4%
125	29	34	17.2%
126	29	19	-34.5%
127	40	34	-15.0%
128	47	38	-19.1%
129	54	38	-29.6%
130	83	69	-16.9%
131	48	61	27.1%
132	79	66	-16.5%
133	120	105	-12.5%
134	133	143	7.5%
135	183	157	-14.2%
136	182	200	9.9%
137	238	232	-2.5%
138	276	285	3.3%
139	306	315	2.9%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	424	446	5.2%
141	530	552	4.2%
142	580	631	8.8%
143	758	762	0.5%
144	806	868	7.7%
145	992	985	-0.7%
146	1,111	1,151	3.6%
147	1,308	1,270	-2.9%
148	1,326	1,394	5.1%
149	1,464	1,530	4.5%
150	1,799	1,693	-5.9%
151	1,783	2,011	12.8%
152	1,993	1,899	-4.7%
153	1,959	2,097	7.0%
154	1,863	2,042	9.6%
155	1,967	2,202	11.9%
156	1,955	2,025	3.6%
157	2,001	2,077	3.8%
158	1,864	2,079	11.5%
159	1,921	1,818	-5.4%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	1,869	2,083	11.4%
161	1,774	1,885	6.3%
162	1,649	1,645	-0.2%
163	1,487	1,654	11.2%
164	1,456	1,526	4.8%
165	1,385	1,440	4.0%
166	1,246	1,265	1.5%
167	1,207	1,154	-4.4%
168	1,127	1,186	5.2%
169	1,013	1,079	6.5%
170	998	1,003	0.5%
171	906	878	-3.1%
172	713	728	2.1%
173	648	594	-8.3%
174	525	479	-8.8%
175	364	352	-3.3%
176	315	300	-4.8%
177	264	279	5.7%
178	167	156	-6.6%
179	99	110	11.1%
180	128	123	-3.9%

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As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 6.8%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are down 3.9%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	3,520	3,614	2.7%
Other	650	941	44.8%
West Canada	2,196	2,247	2.3%
Total	6,366	6,802	6.8%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 8.8%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are down 2.5%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	18,970	20,749	9.4%
West Canada	7,045	7,556	7.3%
Total	26,015	28,305	8.8%

- * 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.

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Increase 1% to 9%:	7
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Decrease of 1% to 9%:	4
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 14 schools with an application volume increase, while 4 show a volume decrease, and 0 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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Canadian Ethnicity, and Gender Identity

The following table is a breakdown of 2024 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	8	-11.1%
Asian	2,056	2,300	11.9%
Black or African American	440	444	0.9%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	238	238	0.0%
Caucasian/White	3,253	3,426	5.3%
Hispanic/Latino	161	197	22.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	15	10	-33.3%
Not Indicated	649	666	2.6%
Puerto Rican	*	*	*

The following table is a breakdown of 2024 Canadian law school applicants grouped by gender identity.

Gender Identity

Gender Identity	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Man	2,369	2,456	3.7%
Woman	3,794	4,110	8.3%
Gender Diverse	77	81	5.2%
Not Indicated	126	155	23.0%
Total	6,366	6,802	6.8%

Canadian LSAT Scores

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2024 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
< 140	278	337	21.2%
140-144	345	413	19.7%
145-149	661	740	12.0%
150-154	1,027	1,169	13.8%
155-159	1,402	1,468	4.7%
160-164	1,300	1,326	2.0%
165-169	756	689	-8.9%
170-174	241	285	18.3%
175-180	77	59	-23.4%
Total	6,087	6,486	6.6%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2024 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	7	*	*
125	*	7	*
126	*	*	*
127	8	5	-37.5%
128	6	6	0.0%
129	10	10	0.0%
130	7	14	100.0%
131	7	17	142.9%
132	13	18	38.5%
133	12	16	33.3%
134	17	25	47.1%
135	19	28	47.4%
136	19	38	100.0%
137	36	41	13.9%
138	41	47	14.6%
139	59	53	-10.2%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	43	63	46.5%
141	61	74	21.3%
142	69	65	-5.8%
143	84	95	13.1%
144	88	116	31.8%
145	103	113	9.7%
146	152	152	0.0%
147	117	125	6.8%
148	137	179	30.7%
149	152	171	12.5%
150	193	203	5.2%
151	200	225	12.5%
152	206	227	10.2%
153	209	268	28.2%
154	219	246	12.3%
155	233	303	30.0%
156	309	271	-12.3%
157	284	312	9.9%
158	273	343	25.6%
159	303	239	-21.1%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	300	325	8.3%
161	303	234	-22.8%
162	229	295	28.8%
163	252	280	11.1%
164	216	192	-11.1%
165	205	192	-6.3%
166	179	155	-13.4%
167	142	135	-4.9%
168	125	113	-9.6%
169	105	94	-10.5%
170	74	90	21.6%
171	47	74	57.4%
172	51	51	0.0%
173	39	48	23.1%
174	30	22	-26.7%
175	25	11	-56.0%
176	20	16	-20.0%
177	9	14	55.6%
178	10	6	-40.0%
179	6	6	0.0%
180	7	6	-14.3%

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, Internet Explorer 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.
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