



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 10.2%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 31.6%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	9,292	10,245	10.3%
Great Lakes	8,333	9,404	12.9%
Midsouth	8,373	9,159	9.4%
Midwest	2,164	2,393	10.6%
Mountain West	3,692	4,192	13.5%
New England	3,487	3,776	8.3%
Northeast	11,034	12,203	10.6%
Northwest	1,873	2,067	10.4%
Other	2,624	2,567	-2.2%
South Central	8,424	9,339	10.9%
Southeast	9,789	10,786	10.2%
Total	69,085	76,131	10.2%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 12.3%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 38.1%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Far West	68,434	77,074	12.6%
Great Lakes	71,054	78,759	10.8%
Midsouth	85,571	94,110	10.0%
Midwest	13,697	15,738	14.9%
Mountain West	15,910	17,529	10.2%
New England	51,848	60,022	15.8%
Northeast	90,450	103,758	14.7%
Northwest	10,230	10,790	5.5%
South Central	40,918	45,445	11.1%
Southeast	44,200	49,787	12.6%
Total	492,312	553,012	12.3%

* 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%:	6
Increase 40% to 49%:	13
Increase 30% to 39%:	20
Increase 20% to 29%:	44
Increase 10% to 19%:	47
Increase 1% to 9%:	38
No Change:	9
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	14
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	3
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	1
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	0
Decrease of 40% to 49%:	0
Decrease of 50% or greater:	0
Total	197

Currently there are 170 schools with an application volume increase, while 18 show a volume decrease, and 9 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 90% of the final applicant count and 94% 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
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	11	12	9.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,410	1,432	1.6%
Asian	9,165	10,209	11.4%
Black or African American	10,233	11,511	12.5%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	84	65	-22.6%
Caucasian/White	36,974	40,619	9.9%
Hispanic/Latino	12,072	13,365	10.7%
Middle Eastern/North African	3,699	4,047	9.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	376	404	7.4%
Not Indicated	5,015	5,644	12.5%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
Private	324,014	365,007	12.7%
Public	168,298	188,005	11.7%
Total	492,312	553,012	12.3%

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	27,710	30,255	9.2%
Woman	39,319	43,732	11.2%
Gender Diverse	693	678	-2.2%
Not Indicated	1,363	1,466	7.6%
Total	69,085	76,131	10.2%



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	2,450	2,464	0.6%
140-144	3,880	4,227	8.9%
145-149	7,745	8,124	4.9%
150-154	11,842	12,469	5.3%
155-159	12,677	13,318	5.1%
160-164	11,094	12,312	11.0%
165-169	8,428	9,586	13.7%
170-174	5,401	6,241	15.6%
175-180	2,083	2,412	15.8%
Total	65,600	71,153	8.5%

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	65	48	-26.2%
121	13	12	-7.7%
122	11	13	18.2%
123	14	15	7.1%
124	21	14	-33.3%
125	40	25	-37.5%
126	29	31	6.9%
127	34	33	-2.9%
128	35	36	2.9%
129	51	74	45.1%
130	71	75	5.6%
131	116	119	2.6%
132	99	103	4.0%
133	114	141	23.7%
134	182	183	0.5%
135	224	212	-5.4%
136	266	256	-3.8%
137	281	264	-6.0%
138	338	377	11.5%
139	446	433	-2.9%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
140	573	586	2.3%
141	680	728	7.1%
142	835	845	1.2%
143	813	977	20.2%
144	979	1,091	11.4%
145	1,334	1,318	-1.2%
146	1,414	1,475	4.3%
147	1,509	1,643	8.9%
148	1,709	1,776	3.9%
149	1,779	1,912	7.5%
150	2,068	2,311	11.8%
151	2,528	2,368	-6.3%
152	2,391	2,601	8.8%
153	2,376	2,524	6.2%
154	2,479	2,665	7.5%
155	2,673	2,702	1.1%
156	2,519	2,668	5.9%
157	2,469	2,732	10.7%
158	2,672	2,654	-0.7%
159	2,344	2,562	9.3%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	2,366	2,696	13.9%
161	2,468	2,408	-2.4%
162	2,223	2,579	16.0%
163	2,099	2,429	15.7%
164	1,938	2,200	13.5%
165	1,986	2,218	11.7%
166	1,757	1,978	12.6%
167	1,686	1,912	13.4%
168	1,584	1,732	9.3%
169	1,415	1,746	23.4%
170	1,382	1,720	24.5%
171	1,226	1,300	6.0%
172	1,094	1,336	22.1%
173	913	1,100	20.5%
174	786	785	-0.1%
175	563	698	24.0%
176	513	498	-2.9%
177	330	466	41.2%
178	284	311	9.5%
179	201	173	-13.9%
180	192	266	38.5%



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Year To Date Canadian Law School 2026 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2026 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on enrollment year 2026 data received through 4/28/2026 and enrollment year 2025 data received through 4/28/2025.

As compared to one year ago, current year applicants are up 13.2%. As compared to two years ago, current year applicants are up 28.7%.

Applicants

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	4,126	4,428	7.3%
Other	1,163	1,752	50.6%
West Canada	2,513	2,648	5.4%
Total	7,802	8,828	13.2%

As compared to one year ago, current year applications are up 15.1%. As compared to two years ago, current year applications are up 31.7%.

Applications

Region	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
East Canada	23,792	27,445	15.4%
West Canada	8,750	9,996	14.2%
Total	32,542	37,441	15.1%

* 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
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Increase 1% to 9%:	2
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
Total	18

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.

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



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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	2,265	2,654	17.2%
Black or African American	477	519	8.8%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	151	166	9.9%
Caucasian/White	2,820	3,065	8.7%
Hispanic/Latino	135	149	10.4%
Middle Eastern/North African	487	624	28.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	12	20.0%
Not Indicated	769	852	10.8%
Two or More	678	780	15.0%
Total	7,802	8,828	13.2%

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	75	105	40.0%
Man	2,775	3,161	13.9%
Woman	4,770	5,369	12.6%
Not Indicated	182	193	6.0%
Total	7,802	8,828	13.2%



Canadian 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	391	404	3.3%
140-144	488	558	14.3%
145-149	771	924	19.8%
150-154	1,276	1,418	11.1%
155-159	1,623	1,767	8.9%
160-164	1,558	1,667	7.0%
165-169	909	1,129	24.2%
170-174	392	471	20.2%
175-180	104	122	17.3%
Total	7,512	8,460	12.6%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2026 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	*	6	*
121	*	*	*
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	10	-9.1%
132	22	22	0.0%
133	25	27	8.0%
134	35	37	5.7%
135	45	43	-4.4%
136	41	52	26.8%
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	110	11.1%
142	94	86	-8.5%
143	91	131	44.0%
144	138	142	2.9%
145	131	160	22.1%
146	135	163	20.7%
147	152	175	15.1%
148	155	190	22.6%
149	198	236	19.2%
150	189	270	42.9%
151	277	238	-14.1%
152	284	296	4.2%
153	241	284	17.8%
154	285	330	15.8%
155	336	325	-3.3%
156	291	358	23.0%
157	333	330	-0.9%
158	353	375	6.2%
159	310	379	22.3%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT	Last Year	Current Year	Percent Change
160	356	405	13.8%
161	351	320	-8.8%
162	294	362	23.1%
163	279	280	0.4%
164	278	300	7.9%
165	250	280	12.0%
166	208	260	25.0%
167	176	223	26.7%
168	164	194	18.3%
169	111	172	55.0%
170	129	149	15.5%
171	86	107	24.4%
172	74	99	33.8%
173	52	64	23.1%
174	51	52	2.0%
175	36	39	8.3%
176	25	21	-16.0%
177	15	23	53.3%
178	14	19	35.7%
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

Ctrl+F6	Move focus between sections
Enter	Select item in focus
Esc	Close out of current section
Tab	Move focus forward in section
Shift+Tab	Move focus backward in section
?	Show keyboard shortcuts

On visual

Alt+Shift+F10	Move focus to visual menu
Alt+shift+F11	Show data

For information about using a screen reader, please go to:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/power-bi/desktop-accessibility#consuming-a-power-bi-desktop-report-with-a-keyboard-or-screen-reader>