

# LSAC VOLUME REPORT 2012

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL



## LSAC VOLUME SUMMARY

Year to date values measure through 04/27/12

Volumes rounded to nearest hundred

	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
<u>ABA Applicants</u>							
Year-to-Date	83,600	78,700	77,900	80,700	83,300	74,300	63,200
% Change from prior year	-7.3%	-5.9%	-1.1%	3.6%	3.2%	-10.8%	-14.9%
Final End-of-Year	88,700	84,000	83,400	86,600	87,900	78,500	
% Change from prior year	-7.4%	-5.2%	-0.8%	3.8%	1.5%	-10.7%	
<u>Admitted Applicants</u>							
End-of-Year	56,000	55,500	55,500	58,400	60,400	55,800	
% Change from prior year	-0.2%	-0.9%	0.0%	5.1%	3.5%	-7.7%	
<u>LSAC Matrics</u>							
End-of-Year	46,100	46,700	46,500	48,900	49,700	45,600	
% Change from prior year	0.7%	1.4%	-0.5%	5.3%	1.6%	-8.3%	
<u>ABA First Year Enrollment</u>							
End-of-Application-Year	48,900	49,100	49,400	51,600			
% Change from prior year	1.7%	0.3%	0.7%	4.5%			

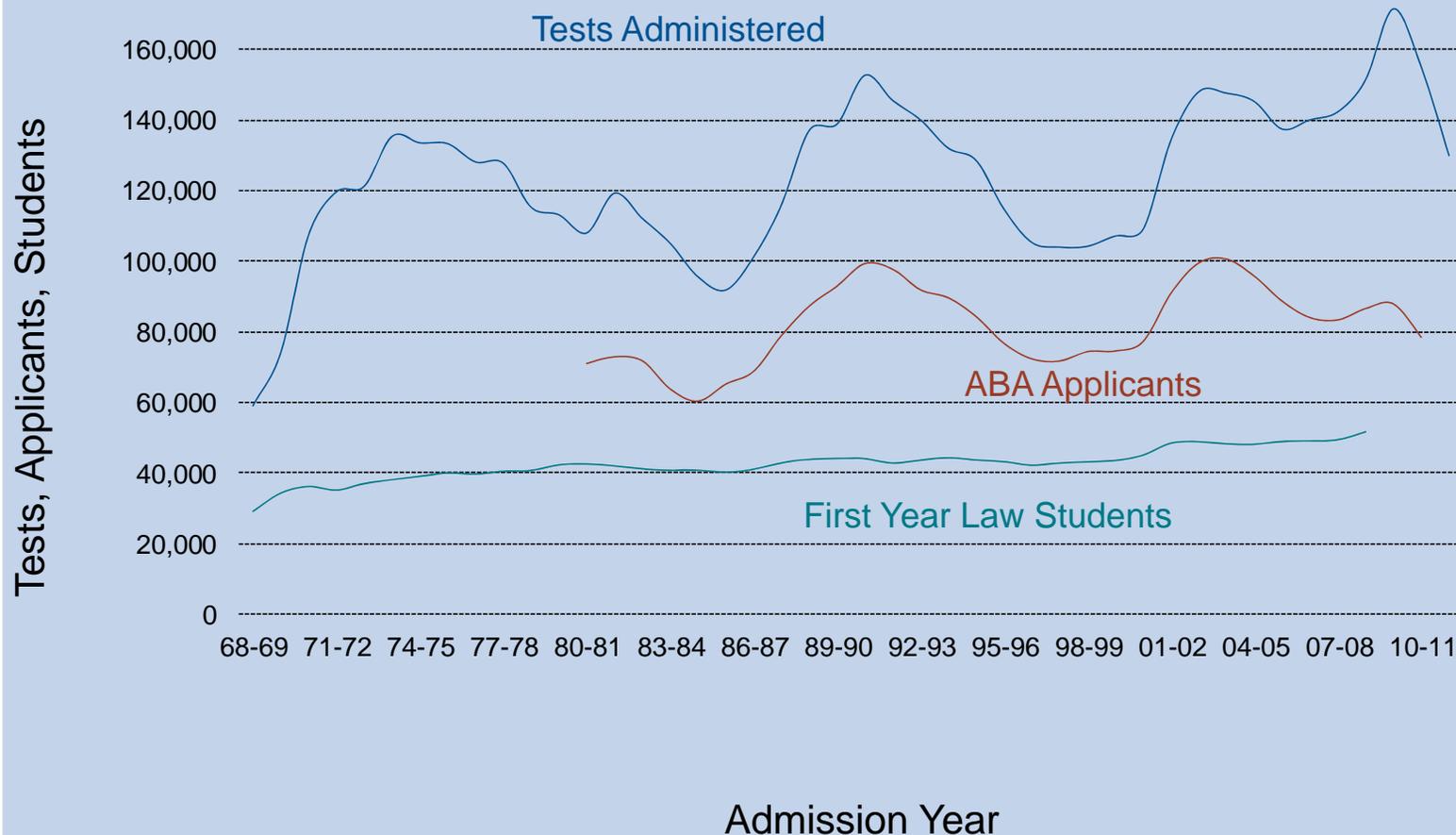
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<u>ABA Applications</u>							
Year-to-Date	518,700	504,000	519,300	550,100	589,500	523,700	456,300
% Change from prior year	-2.9%	-2.8%	3.0%	5.9%	7.2%	-11.2%	-12.9%
<u>Preliminary End-of-Year (8/8/YYYY)</u>							
End-of-Year	527,900	514,800	530,600	564,000	602,300	536,200	
% Change from prior year	-2.8%	-2.5%	3.1%	6.3%	6.8%	-11.0%	
<u>LSATs Administered</u>							
End-of-Year	137,400	140,000	142,300	151,400	171,500	155,100	130,000
% Change from prior year	-5.4%	1.9%	1.6%	6.4%	13.3%	-9.6%	-16.2%
<u>CAS</u>							
End-of-Year	80,900	78,300	78,200	80,600	87,900	70,000	61,900
% Change from prior year	-4.6%	-3.2%	-0.2%	3.1%	9.1%	-20.4%	-11.5%

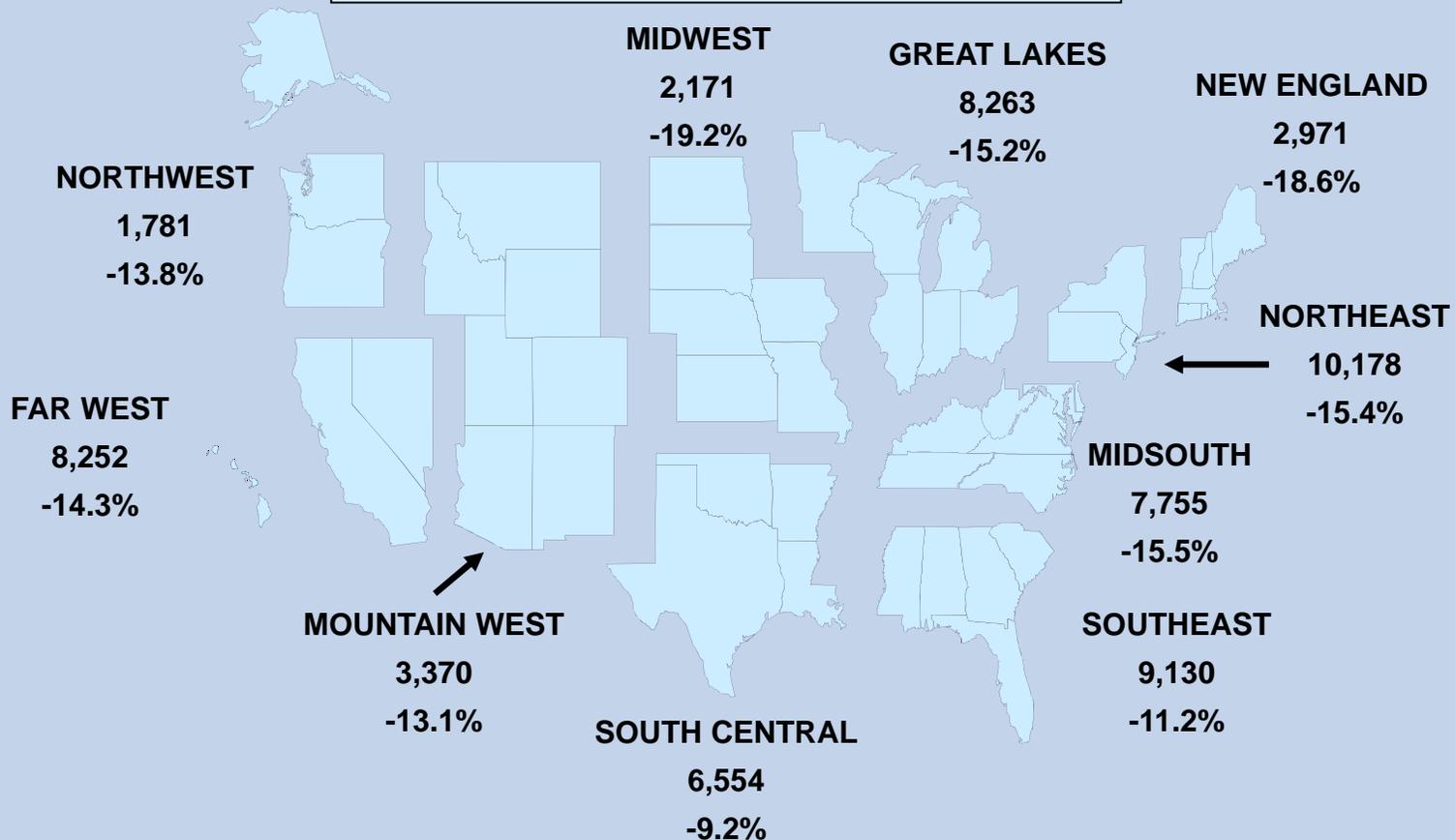
# TESTS ADMINISTERED, APPLICANTS AND FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS 1968-69 THROUGH 2011-12



Note: Due to changes in data collection methods, ABA applicant data beginning in 1999-2000 is not directly comparable to prior applicant data.

# WHERE ARE ABA LAW SCHOOL APPLICANTS COMING FROM? % CHANGE FALL 2011 TO FALL 2012 AS OF: YEAR-TO-DATE (04/27/12)

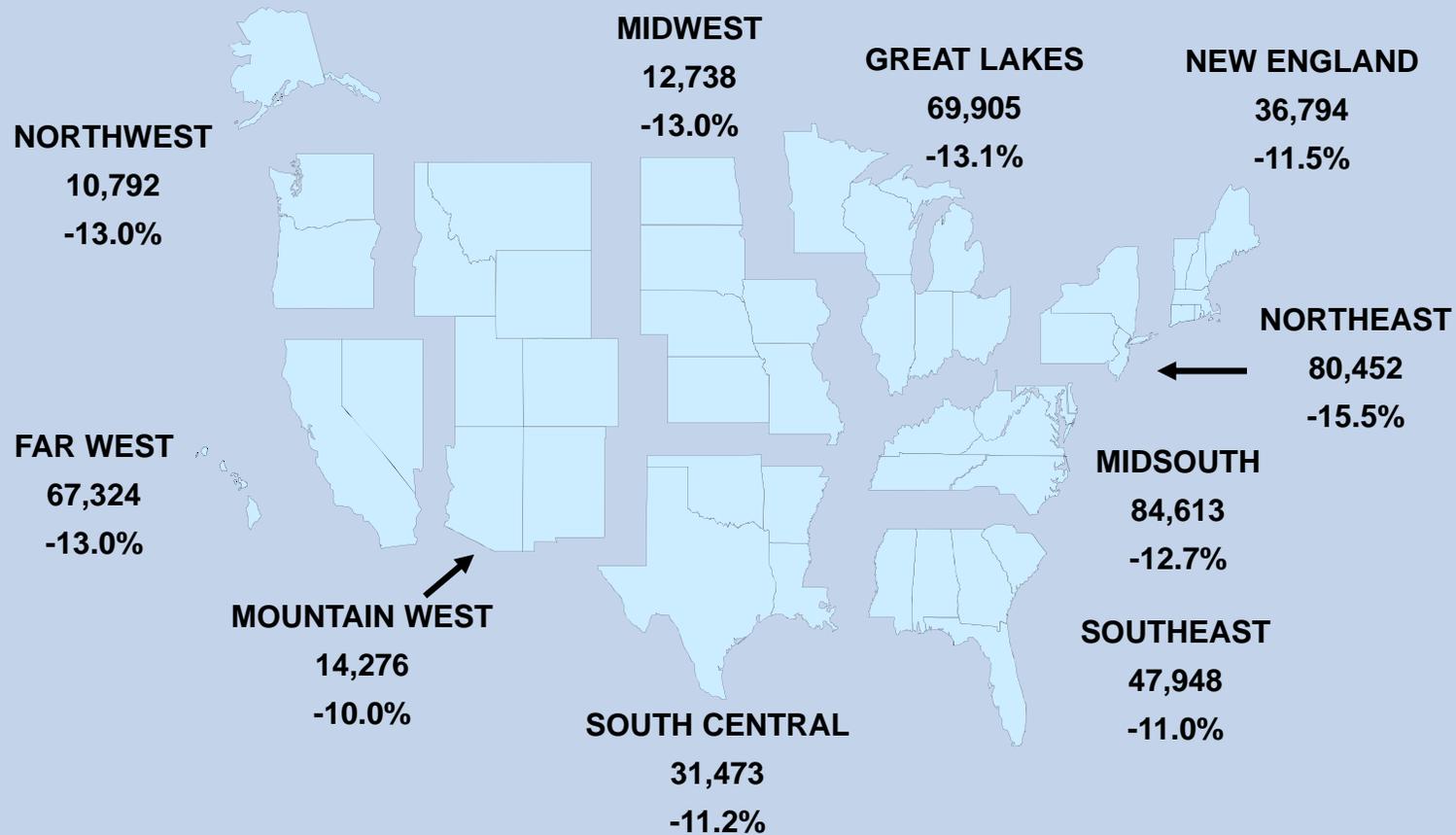
National Volume & % Change: 60,425/-14.1%  
Total Volume & % Change: 63,199/-14.9%



Applicant counts based on region of state of permanent residence

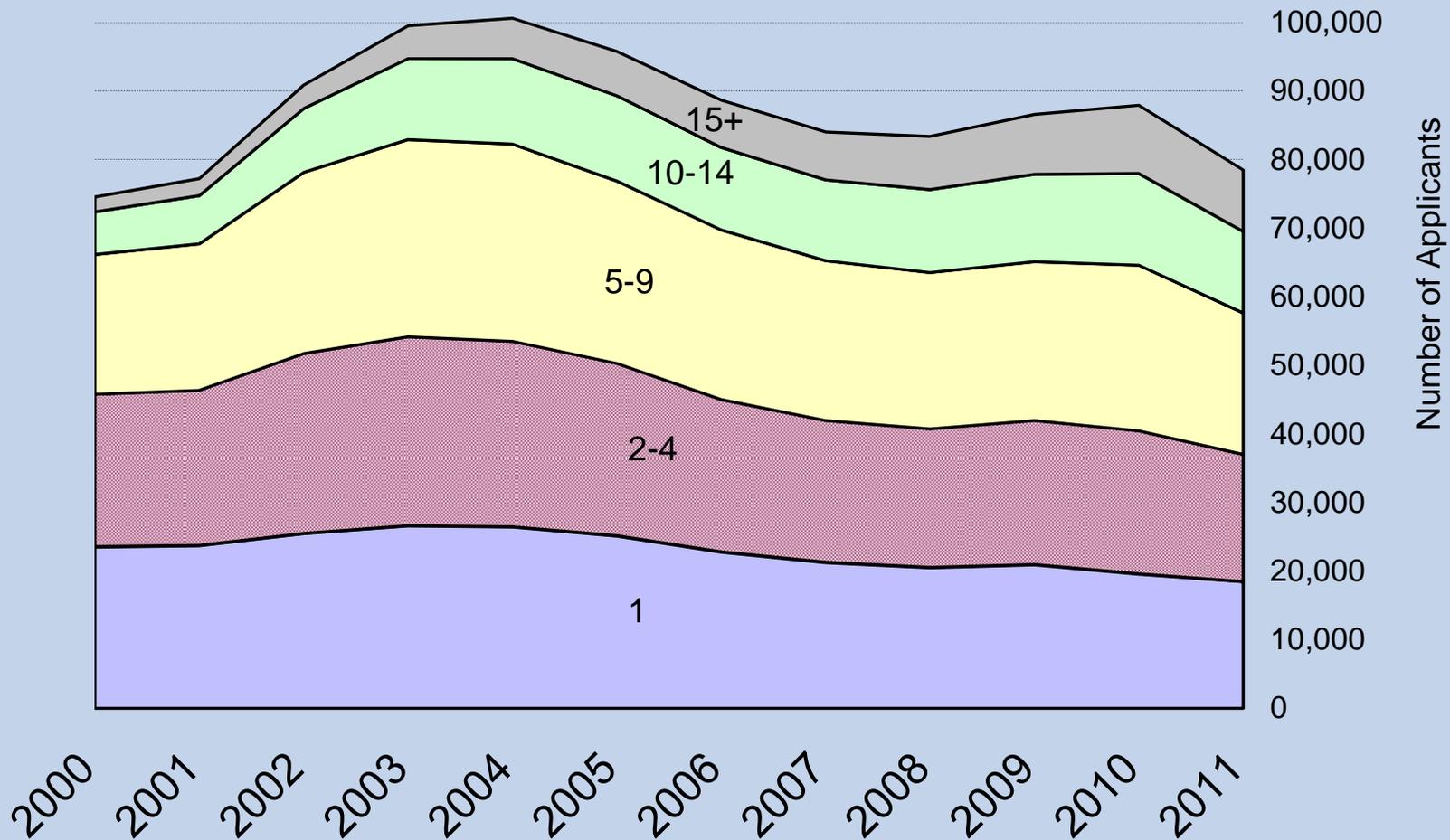
# WHERE ARE ABA LAW SCHOOL APPLICATIONS GOING TO? % CHANGE FALL 2011 TO FALL 2012 AS OF: YEAR-TO-DATE (04/27/12)

Total Volume & % Change: 456,315/-12.9%



Application counts based on region of each law school

# ABA APPLICATIONS PER APPLICANT FALL 2000 – 2011



**ABA APPLICANTS BY AGE GROUPS  
 % OF TOTAL APPLICANT POPULATION  
 FALL 2007 THROUGH FALL 2011  
 EOY BASED ON PRELIMINARY FINAL APPLICANT VOLUMES**

Age Group	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011
22 & Under	26.3%	25.5%	24.6%	24.7%	25.0%
23-25	37.9%	38.1%	38.0%	37.8%	37.3%
26-30	21.1%	21.6%	22.5%	22.5%	22.1%
31-35	6.7%	6.8%	7.1%	7.3%	7.7%
Over 35	7.9%	8.0%	7.9%	7.7%	8.0%

**ABA APPLICANTS BY ETHNIC GROUP  
% OF TOTAL APPLICANT POPULATION  
Fall 2010-Fall 2011  
EOY BASED ON PRELIMINARY FINAL APPLICANT VOLUMES**

Ethnic Group	Fall 2010	Fall 2011
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Is	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Nati	0.5%	0.5%
Asian	7.6%	8.1%
Black or African American	11.1%	11.5%
Canadian Aboriginal	0.0%	0.0%
Caucasian/White	60.4%	54.8%
Hispanic/Latino	6.9%	6.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacif	0.1%	0.1%
Puerto Rican	1.8%	1.9%
Two or More	3.8%	5.5%
Not Indicated	5.7%	9.4%
Missing	2.1%	1.3%

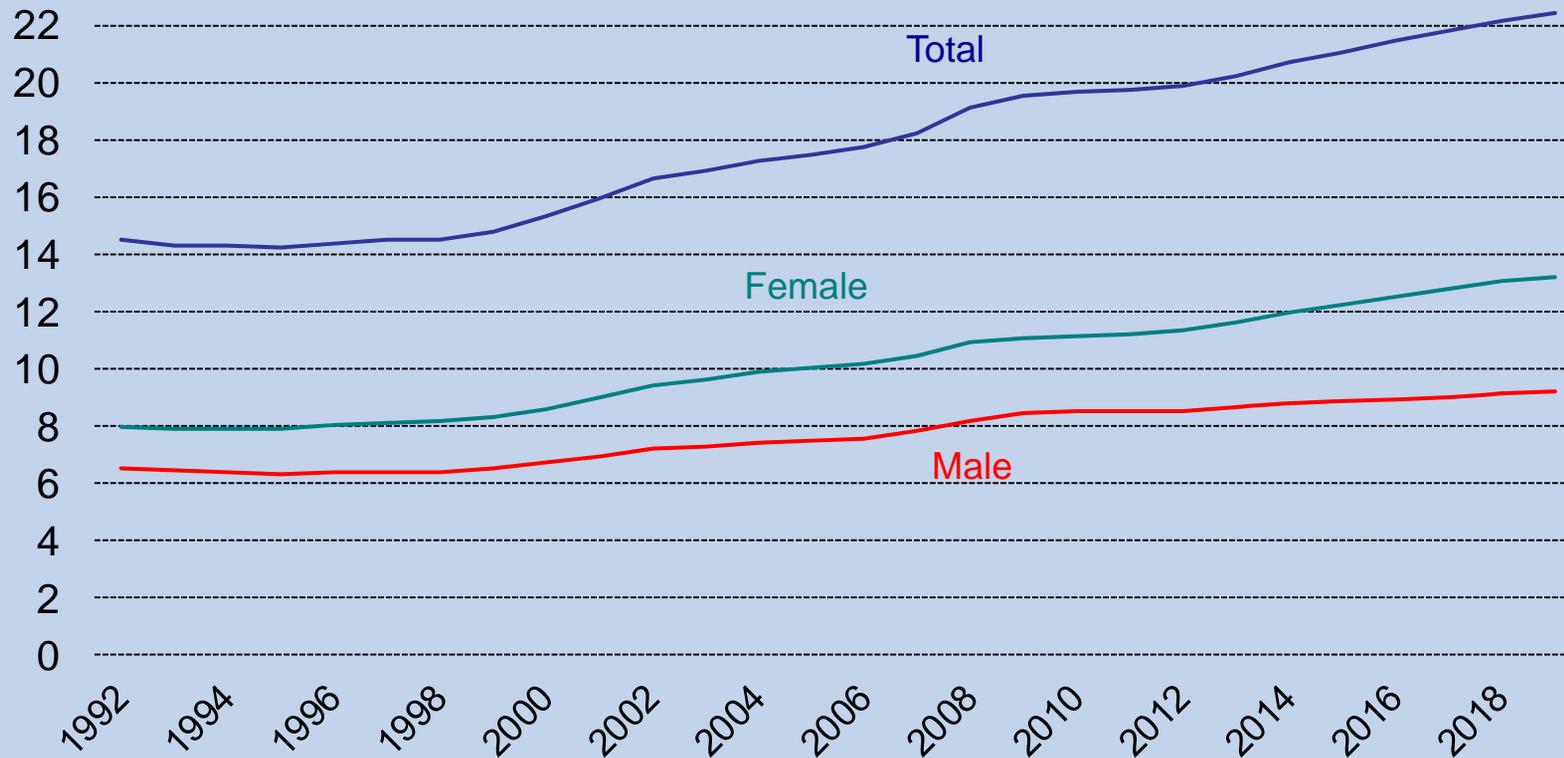
\*In response to the U.S. Department of Education's change in race/ethnicity data collection and reporting policies, LSAC in late July, 2009, changed both the race/ethnicity categories and data collection procedures (e.g., allowed for multiple selection of race/ethnicity). Therefore comparisons can not be made with prior years' ethnic groups.

**ABA APPLICANTS BY GENDER  
% OF TOTAL APPLICANT POPULATION  
FALL 2006 THROUGH FALL 2011  
EOY BASED ON PRELIMINARY FINAL APPLICANT VOLUMES**

Gender Group	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011
Females	48.3%	49.0%	49.1%	48.2%	47.4%	47.7%
Males	51.5%	50.7%	50.6%	51.6%	52.4%	51.4%
Not Indicated	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.9%

# ENROLLMENT IN DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS BY GENDER WITH PROJECTIONS FALL 1992 THROUGH FALL 2019

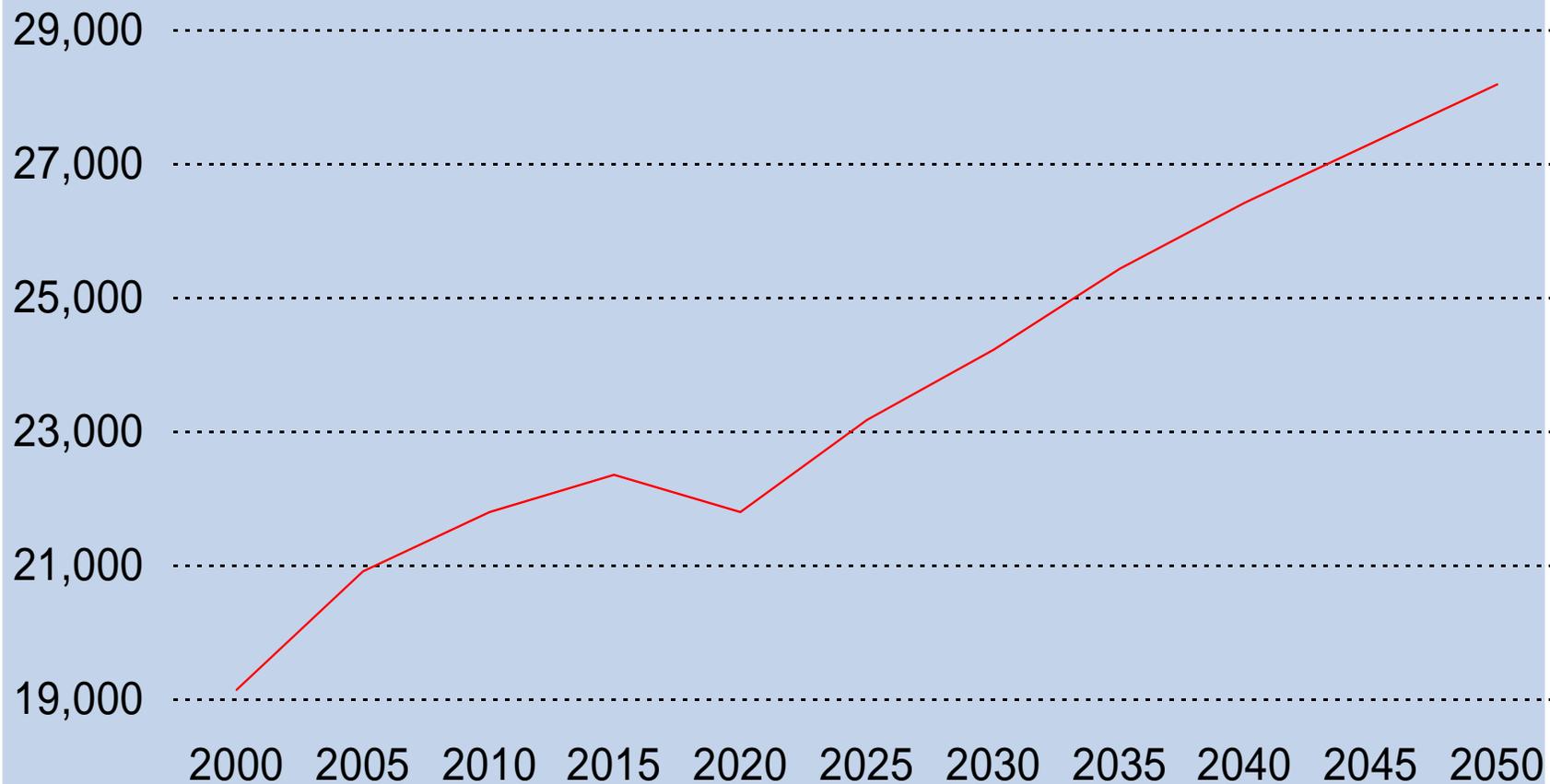
(Millions)



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Projections of Education Statistics to 2016.  
Chart prepared by Law School Admission Council

# ESTIMATED NUMBER OF U.S. 20-24 YEAR OLDS SELECTED YEARS 2000-2050

Numbers in Thousands



Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau (8/08)  
Graph produced by Law School Admission Council (2/11)

## PERCENTAGES OF VARIOUS POPULATIONS

Gender/Ethnicity	US Population* 2010	Bachelor's Degrees Conferred** 2008-09	ABA Applicants Fall 2011	ABA Matrics Fall 2011	J.D. Degrees 2009-10	Lawyers 2011
Male	49.4%	42.8%	51.5%	53.0%	52.9%	68.1%
Female	51.1%	57.2%	47.8%	46.6%	47.1%	31.9%
White	64.1%	71.5%	55.1%	60.5%	67.4%	87.3%
Black	12.3%	9.8%	11.6%	7.2%	6.4%	5.3%
Hispanic	16.4%	8.1%	8.9%	7.6%	7.1%	3.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.9%	7.0%	8.2%	7.8%	7.6%	4.2%
American Indian/AK Native	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.4%	0.8%	
Source:	1	2	3	3	4	5

\*White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/AK Native counts are of non-Hispanics indicating only one race

\*\* Bachelor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions

1 - U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division (NC-EST2009-03)

2 - National Center for Education Statistics' Digest of Education Statistics: 2010

3 - Law School Admission Council, National Decision Profile

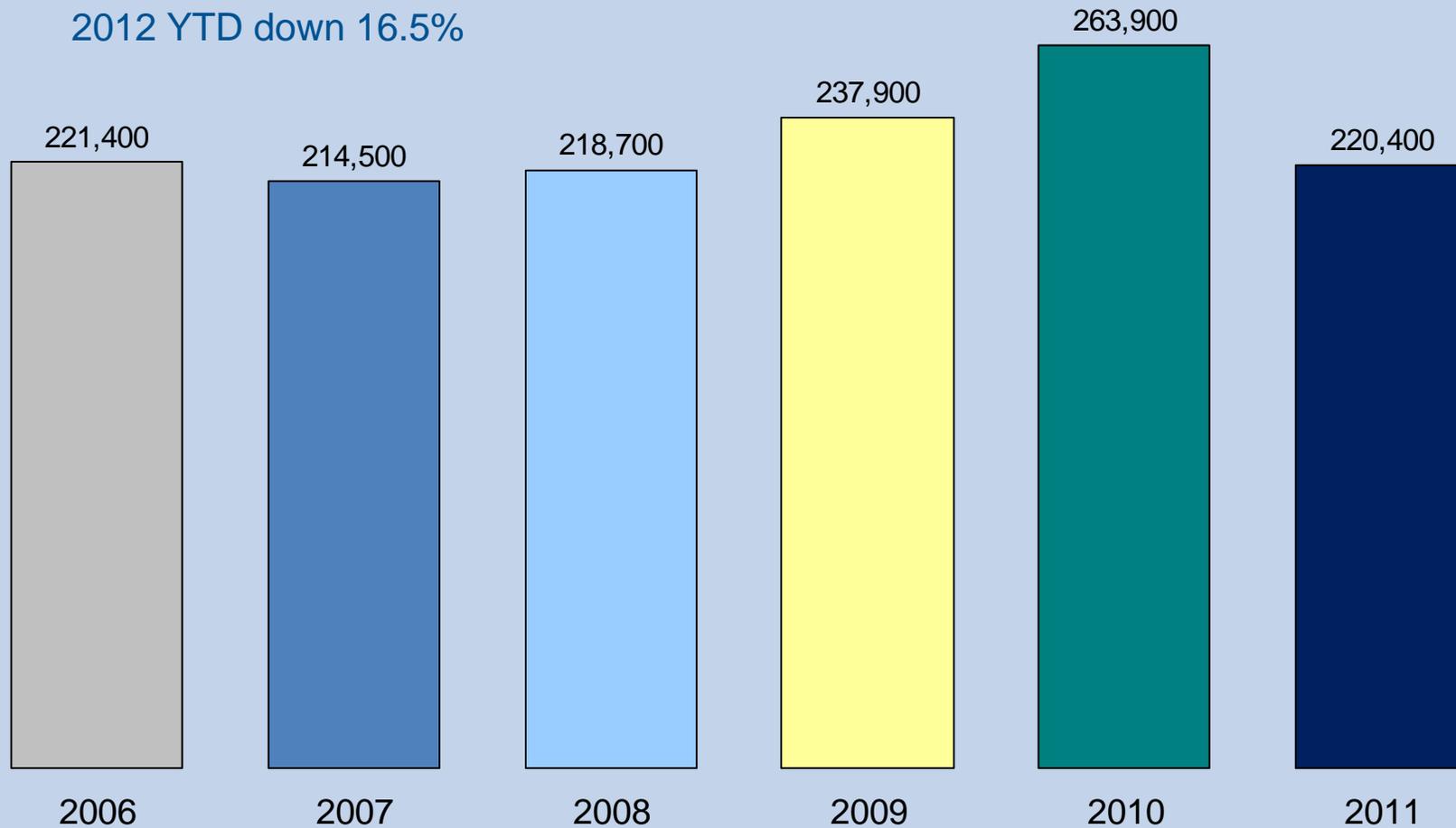
4 - LSAC-ABA Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools, 2011 Edition

5 - U.S. Census Bureau: 2011 Current Population Survey Note: Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

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# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SERVICE - LETTERS RECEIVED -

2012 YTD down 16.5%



# ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED APPLICATIONS

2011 98% of all applications were submitted electronically

