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Introductory Notes

- These data are displayed by Academic Year, which is the same as the law school enrollment year. For example, academic year 2017 or 2017-2018 would indicate the academic year beginning in the fall of 2017 and extending into spring 2018.
- The Current Volume data tables include applicants for all academic terms. Current Volume reports published before 2017 summarized applicants for the fall term only and are not comparable to these new volume reports.
- 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.
- Data for the 2018-2019 academic year is not updated after 08/08/2018.
- Data for the 2019-2020 academic year will begin appearing in late November 2018.
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YTD ABA 2018 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of ABA 2018 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on Academic year 2018-2019 data received through 8/8/2018 and Academic Year 2017-2018 data received through 8/9/2017. The following figures are considered preliminary end-of-year data. This is the final Current Volume Summary published for Academic Year 2018-2019.

Currently there are 146 schools with an application volume increase, while 50 show a volume decrease, and 9 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 100% of the preliminary final applicant count.

Applicants

Region	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Far West	7,043	7,903	12.2%
Great Lakes	7,167	7,643	6.6%
Midsouth	6,625	7,072	6.7%
Midwest	1,830	2,131	16.4%
Mountain West	2,722	3,057	12.3%
New England	2,629	2,923	11.2%
Northeast	9,144	9,964	9.0%
Northwest	1,371	1,479	7.9%
Other	2,676	3,166	18.3%
South Central	6,423	6,790	5.7%
Southeast	8,512	8,550	0.4%
Total	56,142	60,678	8.1%

Applications

Region	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Far West	52,792	58,193	10.2%
Great Lakes	49,091	52,638	7.2%
Midsouth	65,507	70,257	7.3%
Midwest	11,171	11,701	4.7%
Mountain West	12,796	14,916	16.6%
New England	31,089	34,858	12.1%
Northeast	64,043	70,534	10.1%
Northwest	7,436	8,343	12.2%
South Central	26,322	28,517	8.3%
Southeast	34,912	36,074	3.3%
Total	355,159	386,031	8.7%

Law School Count by Volume Change

- Increase 100% or more: 1
- Increase 50% to 99%: 2
- Increase 40% to 49%: 2
- Increase 30% to 39%: 4
- Increase 20% to 29%: 21
- Increase 10% to 19%: 42
- Increase 1% to 9%: 74
- No Change: 9
- Decrease 1% to 9%: 33
- Decrease 10% to 19%: 9
- Decrease 20% to 29%: 4
- Decrease 30% to 39%: 0
- Decrease 40% to 49%: 0
- Decrease 50% or more: 4
- Total Schools: 205

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

US Ethnicity and School Type

The following table is a breakdown of 2018 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 Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	*	7	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	1287	1372	6.6%
Asian	5893	6706	13.8%
Black or African American	8439	8956	6.1%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	32	44	37.5%
Caucasian/White	35440	38494	8.6%
Hispanic/Latino	7433	8061	8.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	269	286	6.3%
Not Indicated	1322	1552	17.4%
Puerto Rican	1719	1748	1.7%
Total	61837	67226	8.1%

Applications

Law School Type	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Private	233,113	252,248	8.2%
Public	122,046	133,783	9.6%
Total	355,159	386,031	8.7%

US Sex and LSAT Scores

The following table is a breakdown of 2018 ABA law school applicants grouped by sex.

Applicants

Sex	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
Female	29,772	32,488	9.1%
Male	25,963	27,508	6.0%
Not Indicated	407	682	67.6%
Total	56,142	60,678	8.1%

The table below shows the group high LSAT scores of 2018 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
< 140	4,270	4,379	2.6%
140-144	5,891	5,985	1.6%
145-149	9,572	9,799	2.4%
150-154	11,146	11,646	4.5%
155-159	9,893	10,560	6.7%
160-164	7,235	8,283	14.5%
165-169	4,023	5,130	27.5%
170-174	2,106	2,411	14.5%
175-180	435	694	59.5%
Total	54,571	58,887	7.9%

US LSAT Scores

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2018 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 Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
120	38	39	2.6%
121	9	12	33.3%
122	11	20	81.8%
123	21	18	-14.3%
124	26	25	-3.8%
125	38	50	31.6%
126	65	63	-3.1%
127	31	41	32.3%
128	87	85	-2.3%
129	90	102	13.3%
130	164	152	-7.3%
131	209	215	2.9%
132	235	258	9.8%
133	273	214	-21.6%
134	315	294	-6.7%
135	358	419	17.0%
136	444	439	-1.1%
137	471	568	20.6%
138	653	628	-3.8%
139	732	737	0.7%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT ▲	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
140	1,009	1,011	0.2%
141	932	1,041	11.7%
142	1,258	1,306	3.8%
143	1,148	1,198	4.4%
144	1,544	1,429	-7.4%
145	1,843	2,026	9.9%
146	1,579	1,375	-12.9%
147	1,721	2,052	19.2%
148	2,265	2,319	2.4%
149	2,164	2,027	-6.3%
150	2,108	2,227	5.6%
151	2,153	1,982	-7.9%
152	2,522	2,713	7.6%
153	2,085	2,535	21.6%
154	2,278	2,189	-3.9%
155	2,181	2,315	6.1%
156	2,167	2,360	8.9%
157	2,010	2,314	15.1%
158	1,694	1,883	11.2%
159	1,841	1,688	-8.3%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT ▲	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
160	1,728	2,110	22.1%
161	1,298	1,789	37.8%
162	1,324	1,321	-0.2%
163	1,550	1,600	3.2%
164	1,335	1,463	9.6%
165	813	1,359	67.2%
166	943	942	-0.1%
167	888	1,253	41.1%
168	811	812	0.1%
169	568	764	34.5%
170	833	706	-15.2%
171	399	500	25.3%
172	359	484	34.8%
173	295	381	29.2%
174	220	340	54.5%
175	156	220	41.0%
176	57	167	193.0%
177	106	134	26.4%
178	56	59	5.4%
179	35	62	77.1%
180	25	52	108.0%

YTD Canadian Law School 2018 Applicant and Application Counts

The following tables are breakdowns of Canadian 2018 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on Academic year 2018-2019 data received through 8/8/2018 and Academic Year 2017-2018 data received through 8/9/2017. The following figures are considered preliminary end-of-year data. This is the final Current Volume Summary published for Academic Year 2018-2019.

Currently there are 11 schools with an application volume increase, while 6 show a volume decrease, and 0 schools show no change in application volumes.

Last year at this time, we had 100% of the preliminary final applicant count.

Applicants

Applications

Region	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
East Canada	3,783	3,986	5.4%
Other	375	389	3.7%
West Canada	2,508	2,514	0.2%
Total	6,666	6,889	3.3%

Region	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
East Canada	16,745	18,762	12.0%
West Canada	7,310	7,006	-4.2%
Total	24,055	25,768	7.1%

Law School Count by Volume Change

Increase 100% or more: 0
 Increase 50% to 99%: 0
 Increase 40% to 49%: 0
 Increase 30% to 39%: 0
 Increase 20% to 29%: 0
 Increase 10% to 19%: 6
 Increase 1% to 9%: 5
 No Change: 0
 Decrease 1% to 9%: 4
 Decrease 10% to 19%: 2
 Decrease 20% to 29%: 0
 Decrease 30% to 39%: 0
 Decrease 40% to 49%: 0
 Decrease 50% or more: 0
 Total Schools: 17

* 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.

Canadian Ethnicity

The following table is a breakdown of 2018 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 Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	14	100.0%
Asian	1678	1854	10.5%
Black or African American	313	348	11.2%
Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous	228	236	3.5%
Caucasian/White	4213	4198	-0.4%
Hispanic/Latino	165	160	-3.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12	17	41.7%
Not Indicated	406	416	2.5%
Puerto Rican	*	*	*
Total	7026	7245	3.3%

Canadian Sex and LSAT Scores

The following table is a breakdown of 2018 Canadian law school applicants grouped by sex.

Applicants

Sex	Last Year Total	Current Year Total
Female	3,618	3,805
Male	2,972	2,957
Not Indicated	76	127
Total	6,666	6,889

The table below shows the group high LSAT scores of 2018 Canadian applicants with the percent change from last year.

LSAT Scores

Highest LSAT	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
< 140	267	338	26.6%
140-144	395	412	4.3%
145-149	733	781	6.5%
150-154	1,225	1,278	4.3%
155-159	1,693	1,601	-5.4%
160-164	1,325	1,373	3.6%
165-169	572	610	6.6%
170-174	164	171	4.3%
175-180	23	31	34.8%
Total	6,397	6,595	3.1%

Canadian LSAT Scores

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT scores of 2018 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 Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
120	*	*	*
122	*	*	*
123	*	*	*
124	*	*	*
125	*	*	*
126	*	*	*
127	*	7	*
128	*	*	*
129	*	5	*
130	10	14	40.0%
131	5	17	240.0%
132	14	10	-28.6%
133	21	17	-19.0%
134	23	26	13.0%
135	21	28	33.3%
136	40	37	-7.5%
137	27	53	96.3%
138	36	37	2.8%
139	46	76	65.2%

Applicants 140-159

High LSAT ▲	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
140	79	50	-36.7%
141	57	81	42.1%
142	78	94	20.5%
143	77	81	5.2%
144	104	106	1.9%
145	139	161	15.8%
146	122	103	-15.6%
147	129	175	35.7%
148	163	171	4.9%
149	180	171	-5.0%
150	196	223	13.8%
151	217	219	0.9%
152	271	268	-1.1%
153	235	305	29.8%
154	306	263	-14.1%
155	289	303	4.8%
156	369	325	-11.9%
157	373	364	-2.4%
158	301	303	0.7%
159	361	306	-15.2%

Applicants 160-180

High LSAT ▲	Last Year Total	Current Year Total	Percent Change
160	337	357	5.9%
161	239	284	18.8%
162	260	237	-8.8%
163	253	258	2.0%
164	236	237	0.4%
165	130	196	50.8%
166	153	131	-14.4%
167	132	145	9.8%
168	77	76	-1.3%
169	80	62	-22.5%
170	72	60	-16.7%
171	33	33	0.0%
172	25	31	24.0%
173	16	22	37.5%
174	18	25	38.9%
175	9	11	22.2%
176	*	5	*
177	5	6	20.0%
178	*	*	*
179	*	5	*
180	*	*	*

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