



## Current Volume Summary

### ABA Fall 2009 Applicant and Application Counts

The applicant and application information below is the 'preliminary final' data for the fall 2009 term. Therefore, this is the last time this report will be issued for the 2009 year. A report of the final count of applicants to the fall 2009 term will be produced sometime after the decision entry process is completed.

The following is a breakdown of ABA 2009 applicants and applications by region (based on ACES/ACES<sup>2</sup> data received through 08/08/09) and the percent change from last year:

Region	Applicants	Percent Change	Applications	Percent Change
Far West	11,221	+7.2%	83,950	+6.0%
Great Lakes	12,441	+2.1%	86,651	+4.1%
Midsouth	10,760	+3.5%	103,163	+8.4%
Midwest	3,118	+5.2%	15,217	+1.1%
Mountain West	4,530	+8.6%	17,413	+0.2%
New England	4,341	+5.1%	47,564	+11.4%
Northeast	14,487	+4.7%	101,028	+6.0%
Northwest	2,319	+2.2%	13,429	+3.6%
South Central	8,231	+3.7%	37,589	+6.8%
Southeast	12,227	+6.5%	58,977	+8.4%
Regional Total	83,675	+4.8%		
Other*	2,399	+11.9%		
Total	86,074	+5.0%	564,981	+6.5%

\* Other includes those applicants whose permanent residence is not available or is outside the U.S.

Currently there are 4 schools with an application volume increase of 40% or more, while 1 school shows a volume decrease of 30% or more. One hundred thirty-four schools show an increase in applications, while 60 show a decline and 4 show no change. A more detailed breakdown of school increases/decreases is shown below:

Increase of 100% or more:	1
Increase of 50% to 99%:	1
Increase of 40% to 49%:	2
Increase of 30% to 39%:	9
Increase of 20% to 29%:	15
Increase of 10% to 19%:	28
Increase of 1% to 9%:	78
No change:	4
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	46
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	11
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	2
Decrease of 30% to 39%:	1

Applications to private institutions are up 7.3%. While applications to public law schools are up 4.7%.

The following is a breakdown of ABA applicants by ethnic and gender groups:

American Indian/Alaska Native:	658, down 8.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	7,451, up 6.1%
Black/African-American:	9,843, up 5.7%
Caucasian/White:	54,522, up 5.1%
Chicano/Mexican American:	1,190, down 2.1%
Hispanic/Latino:	5,154, up 7.3%
Puerto Rican:	1,545, down 0.4%
Other:	4,315, up 5.4%
Not Indicated*:	1,396, down -0.3%

\*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 those who applied following LSAC's changes to categories and procedures are classified as "not indicated."

The following is a breakdown of 2009 ABA law school applicants by gender groups:

Female applicants:	41,472, up 2.8%
Male applicants:	44,435, up 7.3%
Not indicated:	167, down 22.9%

## Canadian Law School 2009 Fall Applicant and Application Counts

Applicants: 6,357, down 0.5%

Applications: 23,167, up 0.8%

The following is a breakdown of Canadian law school applicants by ethnic groups:

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Asian/Pacific Islander:	737, up 4.8%
Black/African-American:	223, up 9.9%
Canadian Aboriginal:	119, down 9.2%
Caucasian/White:	4,191, down 0.6%
Hispanic/Latino:	71, down 7.8%
Other:	818, down 1.2%
Not Indicated*:	198, down 15.4%

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The following is a breakdown of 2009 Canadian law school applicants by gender groups:

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Female applicants:	3,361, down 1.5%
Male applicants:	2,971, up 1%
Not indicated:	25, down 34.2%

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You can find additional descriptive information regarding applicant and application volumes, including a definition of the regions used above, by referring to [Current Volume Description](#).