



# Current Volume Summary

## Introductory Notes

These figures are based on 2016 data received through 08/08/2016, and 2015 data received through 08/08/2015. This is the final publication for the 2015–2016 application year data. These figures show preliminary end-of-year data. The following data include applicants to all academic terms. Previous Current Volume reports summarized applicants to the fall term only. The following ABA and Canadian data do not include deferrals. Deferrals are defined as “applicants, admitted for a prior term, who were granted a postponed enrollment to the current term.” Please note that the following summary defines an applicant as a candidate making one or more applications to any academic term.

## ABA 2016 Applicant and Application Counts (All Terms)

The following is a breakdown of ABA 2015 and 2016 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on 2016 data received through 08/08/2016, and 2015 data received through 08/08/2015. These are preliminary end-of-year figures.

Region	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change	2015 Applications	2016 Applications	Percent Change
Far West	7,188	7,200	0.2%	52,353	52,289	-0.1%
Great Lakes	6,899	6,944	0.7%	48,741	48,821	0.2%
Midsouth	6,612	6,726	1.7%	63,794	65,148	2.1%
Midwest	1,837	1,918	4.4%	10,382	10,709	3.1%
Mountain West	2,833	2,802	-1.1%	11,935	12,601	5.6%
New England	2,406	2,517	4.6%	27,963	29,675	6.1%
Northeast	8,735	8,982	2.8%	59,367	61,400	3.4%
Northwest	1,362	1,332	-2.2%	8,318	7,578	-8.9%
South Central	6,331	6,505	2.7%	24,809	25,647	3.4%
Southeast	8,634	8,452	-2.1%	35,362	35,683	0.9%
Regional Total	52,837	53,378	1.0%			
Other*	2,789	2,748	-1.5%			
Total	55,626	56,126	0.9%	343,024	349,551	1.9%

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

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

Currently there are 3 schools with an application volume increase of 40% or more, while 2 show a volume decrease of 30% or more. Ninety-nine show an increase in applications, while 94 show a decline and 11 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%:	2
Increase of 40% to 49%:	0
Increase of 30% to 39%:	3
Increase of 20% to 29%:	9
Increase of 10% to 19%:	21
Increase of 1% to 9%:	63
No change:	11
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	56
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	28
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	8
Decrease of 30% or greater:	2

Applications to private institutions are up 1.1%, and applications to public law schools are up 3.5%.

The following is a breakdown of 2015 and 2016 ABA applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change from 2015 to 2016. The chart 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.

Race/Ethnicity	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	3	5	66.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,275	1,268	-0.5%
Asian	5,747	5,823	1.3%
Black or African American	8,688	8,496	-2.2%
Canadian Aboriginal	41	46	12.2%
Caucasian/White	34,482	35,097	1.8%
Hispanic/Latino	6,867	7,371	7.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	272	252	-7.4%
Puerto Rican	1,757	1,638	-6.8%
Not Indicated	1,487	1,480	-0.5%
Missing	5	2	-60.0%

The following is a breakdown of 2015 and 2016 ABA law school applicants by gender groups:

Sex	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change
Female	28,317	29,339	3.6%
Male	27,243	26,709	-2.0%
Not indicated	66	78	18.2%

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2015 and 2016 ABA applicants with the percent change:

Highest LSAT	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	5,192	5,058	-2.6%
140-144	6,363	6,333	-0.5%
145-149	8,832	9,111	3.2%
150-154	10,629	10,412	-2.0%
155-159	9,685	9,620	-0.7%
160-164	6,712	7,125	6.2%
165-169	3,994	4,536	13.6%
170-174	1,866	2,084	11.7%
175-180	431	529	22.7%

Below, ABA applicants' LSAT scores have been expanded to include all scores. Please use the percent-change data with caution, as smaller cell counts may affect the reliability of the percentages. The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT score of 2015 and 2016 ABA applicants with the percent change:

Highest LSAT	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	5,192	5,058	-2.6%
140	1,110	1,010	-9.0%
141	1,209	1,167	-3.5%
142	1,149	1,214	5.7%
143	1,383	1,350	-2.4%
144	1,512	1,592	5.3%
145	1,420	1,446	1.8%
146	1,918	1,967	2.6%
147	1,749	1,560	-10.8%
148	1,654	1,983	19.9%
149	2,091	2,155	3.1%
150	1,995	1,743	-12.6%
151	2,052	2,153	4.9%
152	2,232	2,413	8.1%
153	2,336	2,083	-10.8%
154	2,014	2,020	0.3%
155	2,219	1,970	-11.2%
156	1,916	2,139	11.6%
157	1,815	1,760	-3.0%
158	2,057	2,138	3.9%
159	1,678	1,613	-3.9%
160	1,295	1,696	31.0%
161	1,696	1,512	-10.8%
162	1,358	1,203	-11.4%
163	1,030	1,489	44.6%
164	1,333	1,225	-8.1%
165	916	985	7.5%
166	976	881	-9.7%
167	678	1,068	57.5%
168	741	722	-2.6%
169	683	880	28.8%
170	512	628	22.7%
171	466	475	1.9%
172	411	410	-0.2%
173	267	305	14.2%
174	210	266	26.7%
175	133	162	21.8%
176	111	138	24.3%
177	93	94	1.1%
178	33	66	100.0%
179	33	32	-3.0%
180	28	37	32.1%

## Canadian Law School 2016 Applicant and Application Counts (All Terms)

The following is a breakdown of Canadian 2015 and 2016 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on 2016 data received through 08/08/2016, and 2015 data received through 08/08/2015:

Region	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change	2015 Applications	2016 Applications	Percent Change
East Canada (NB, NL, NS, ON, PQ)	3,837	3,869	0.8%	17,038	16,983	-0.3%
West Canada (AB, BC, MB, NU, NT, SK, YT)	2,497	2,467	-1.2%	7,774	7,373	-5.2%
Other*	371	369	-0.5%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>24,812</b>	<b>24,356</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

\*Other includes those applicants whose permanent residence is not available or is outside Canada.

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

The following is a breakdown of 2015 and 2016 Canadian law school applicants by racial/ethnic groups and the percent change. The chart 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.

Race/Ethnicity	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	1	0	-100.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	12	9.1%
Asian	1,556	1,570	0.9%
Black or African American	295	305	3.4%
Canadian Aboriginal	234	235	0.4%
Caucasian/White	4,366	4,292	-1.7%
Hispanic/Latino	138	159	15.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	13	30.0%
Puerto Rican	3	2	-33.3%
Not Indicated	425	439	3.3%
Missing	3	3	0.0%

The following is a breakdown of 2015 and 2016 Canadian applicants by gender groups:

Sex	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change
Female	3,617	3,723	2.9%
Male	3,064	2,958	-3.5%
Not indicated	24	24	0.0%

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2015 and 2016 Canadian applicants with the percent change:

Highest LSAT	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	297	299	0.7%
140-144	430	444	3.3%
145-149	711	787	10.7%
150-154	1,208	1,203	-0.4%
155-159	1,596	1,611	0.9%
160-164	1,328	1,276	-3.9%
165-169	602	595	-1.2%
170-174	171	178	4.1%
175-180	23	31	34.8%

Canadian applicants' LSAT scores have been expanded to include all scores. Please use the percent-change data with caution, as smaller cell counts may affect the reliability of the percentages. The table below shows the high LSAT score of 2015 and 2016 Canadian applicants with the percent change:

Highest LSAT	2015 Applicants	2016 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	297	299	0.7%
140	59	79	33.9%
141	74	90	21.6%
142	78	73	-6.4%
143	99	98	-1.0%
144	120	104	-13.3%
145	84	118	40.5%
146	147	168	14.3%
147	140	139	-0.7%
148	139	164	18.0%
149	201	198	-1.5%
150	218	192	-11.9%
151	215	237	10.2%
152	241	288	19.5%
153	289	226	-21.8%
154	245	260	6.1%
155	319	300	-6.0%
156	293	340	16.0%
157	301	282	-6.3%
158	373	380	1.9%
159	310	309	-0.3%
160	249	297	19.3%
161	352	251	-28.7%
162	263	250	-4.9%
163	225	285	26.7%
164	239	193	-19.2%
165	181	164	-9.4%
166	152	121	-20.4%
167	92	138	50.0%
168	97	75	-22.7%
169	80	97	21.3%
170	59	60	1.7%
171	40	51	27.5%
172	38	31	-18.4%
173	20	23	15.0%
174	14	13	-7.1%
175	8	10	25.0%
176	8	12	50.0%
177	5	3	-40.0%
178	0	4	N/A
179	2	1	-50.0%
180	0	1	N/A

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](#).