



# Current Volume Summary

## Introductory Notes

- The following figures are considered **preliminary end-of-year data**. This is the final Current Volume Summary published for application year 2016–2017.
- The following data tables include applicants for all academic terms. Current Volume reports published before 2016 summarized applicants for the fall term only and are not comparable to the current data.
- ABA data reflects 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 that an applicant, as defined in this report, is a candidate who submits one or more applications for any academic term.

## ABA 2017 Applicant and Application Counts

The following table is a breakdown of ABA 2017 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on 2017 data received through 8/8/2017, and 2016 data received through 8/8/2016. These are preliminary end-of-year figures.

Region	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change	2016 Applications	2017 Applications	Percent Change
Far West	7,210	7,026	-2.6%	52,279	52,802	1.0%
Great Lakes	6,931	7,167	3.4%	48,790	49,093	0.6%
Midsouth	6,743	6,597	-2.2%	65,130	65,507	0.6%
Midwest	1,915	1,839	-4.0%	10,704	11,165	4.3%
Mountain West	2,815	2,726	-3.2%	12,610	12,800	1.5%
New England	2,508	2,635	5.1%	29,655	31,092	4.8%
Northeast	8,952	9,158	2.3%	61,359	64,054	4.4%
Northwest	1,325	1,377	3.9%	7,579	7,436	-1.9%
South Central	6,676	6,410	-4.0%	26,363	26,326	-0.1%
Southeast	8,431	8,528	1.2%	35,646	34,952	-1.9%
Regional Total	53,506	53,463	-0.1%			
Other*	2,732	2,705	-1.0%			
Total	56,238	56,168	-0.1%	350,115	355,227	1.5%

\*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 two schools with an application volume increase of 40% or more, while four show a volume decrease of 30% or more. One hundred eleven show an increase in applications, while 77 show a decline, and 17 show no change. A more detailed breakdown of school increases/decreases is shown below:

Increase of 100% or more:	0
Increase of 50% to 99%:	2
Increase of 40% to 49%:	0
Increase of 30% to 39%:	4
Increase of 20% to 29%:	13
Increase of 10% to 19%:	29
Increase of 1% to 9%:	63
No change:	17
Decrease of 1% to 9%:	52
Decrease of 10% to 19%:	15
Decrease of 20% to 29%:	6
Decrease of 30% or greater:	4

Applications to private institutions are up 1.3%, and applications to public law schools are up 1.8%.

The following table is a breakdown of 2017 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.

Race/Ethnicity	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	5	3	-40.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,286	1,288	0.2%
Asian	5,823	5,878	0.9%
Black or African American	8,540	8,406	-1.6%
Canadian Aboriginal	47	33	-29.8%
Caucasian/White	35,124	35,264	0.4%
Hispanic/Latino	7,402	7,424	0.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	257	267	3.9%
Puerto Rican	1,653	1,736	5.0%
Not Indicated	1,482	1,510	1.9%
Missing	1	6	500.0%

The following table is a breakdown of 2017 ABA law school applicants grouped by sex.

Sex	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change
Female	29,393	29,943	1.9%
Male	26,766	26,137	-2.3%
Not indicated	79	88	11.4%

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2017 ABA applicants with the percent change from last year.

Highest LSAT	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	5,042	4,654	-7.7%
140–144	6,259	6,185	-1.2%
145–149	9,006	9,545	6.0%
150–154	10,302	11,048	7.2%
155–159	9,523	9,888	3.8%
160–164	7,065	7,184	1.7%
165–169	4,492	3,974	-11.5%
170–174	2,054	2,049	-0.2%
175–180	523	406	-22.4%

The table below shows the ungrouped high LSAT score of 2017 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.

Highest LSAT	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	5,042	4,654	-7.7%
140	997	1,105	10.8%
141	1,167	974	-16.5%
142	1,190	1,335	12.2%
143	1,331	1,196	-10.1%
144	1,574	1,575	0.1%
145	1,426	1,864	30.7%
146	1,946	1,596	-18.0%
147	1,538	1,707	11.0%
148	1,964	2,231	13.6%
149	2,132	2,147	0.7%
150	1,713	2,106	22.9%
151	2,143	2,180	1.7%
152	2,388	2,476	3.7%
153	2,056	2,033	-1.1%
154	2,002	2,253	12.5%
155	1,949	2,184	12.1%
156	2,121	2,164	2.0%
157	1,738	1,981	14.0%
158	2,116	1,708	-19.3%
159	1,599	1,851	15.8%
160	1,686	1,702	0.9%
161	1,502	1,283	-14.6%
162	1,191	1,302	9.3%
163	1,476	1,545	4.7%
164	1,210	1,352	11.7%
165	982	782	-20.4%
166	869	958	10.2%
167	1,061	872	-17.8%
168	716	811	13.3%
169	864	551	-36.2%
170	620	819	32.1%
171	471	395	-16.1%
172	401	339	-15.5%
173	299	286	-4.3%
174	263	210	-20.2%
175	158	144	-8.9%
176	136	51	-62.5%
177	94	100	6.4%
178	66	55	-16.7%
179	32	32	0.0%
180	37	24	-35.1%

## Canadian Law School 2017 Applicant and Application Counts

The following table is a breakdown of Canadian 2017 applicants and applications by region and the percent change from last year. These figures are based on 2017 data received through 8/8/2017, and 2016 data received through 8/8/2016. These are preliminary end-of-year figures.

Region	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change	2016 Applications	2017 Applications	Percent Change
East Canada (NB, NL, NS, ON, QC, PE)	3,876	3,778	-2.5%	16,983	16,745	-1.4%
West Canada (AB, BC, MB, NU, NT, SK, YT)	2,462	2,509	1.9%	7,375	7,310	-0.9%
Other*	368	379	3.0%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>6,666</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>24,358</b>	<b>24,055</b>	<b>-1.2%</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 table is a breakdown of 2017 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.

Race/Ethnicity	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian	0	0	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	7	-41.7%
Asian	1,571	1,669	6.2%
Black or African American	304	313	3.0%
Canadian Aboriginal	237	227	-4.2%
Caucasian/White	4,300	4,197	-2.4%
Hispanic/Latino	160	163	1.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13	13	0.0%
Puerto Rican	2	4	100.0%
Not Indicated	430	423	-1.6%
Missing	3	2	-33.3%

The following table is a breakdown of 2017 Canadian applicants grouped by sex.

Sex	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change
Female	3,723	3,645	-2.1%
Male	2,958	2,999	1.4%
Not indicated	24	22	-8.3%

The table below shows the grouped high LSAT scores of 2017 Canadian applicants with the percent change from last year.

Highest LSAT	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	294	295	0.3%
140–144	445	420	-5.6%
145–149	787	793	0.8%
150–154	1,201	1,251	4.2%
155–159	1,594	1,608	0.9%
160–164	1,266	1,253	-1.0%
165–169	590	550	-6.8%
170–174	176	159	-9.7%
175–180	31	21	-32.3%

The table below shows the high LSAT score of 2017 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.

Highest LSAT	2016 Applicants	2017 Applicants	Percent Change Year-to-Date
< 140	294	295	0.3%
140	79	83	5.1%
141	90	65	-27.8%
142	73	84	15.1%
143	99	79	-20.2%
144	104	109	4.8%
145	119	152	27.7%
146	169	135	-20.1%
147	136	132	-2.9%
148	163	173	6.1%
149	200	201	0.5%
150	193	196	1.6%
151	237	233	-1.7%
152	286	284	-0.7%
153	224	226	0.9%
154	261	312	19.5%
155	296	285	-3.7%
156	337	353	4.7%
157	281	344	22.4%
158	378	287	-24.1%
159	302	339	12.3%
160	296	318	7.4%
161	250	225	-10.0%
162	248	252	1.6%
163	281	240	-14.6%
164	191	218	14.1%
165	163	125	-23.3%
166	119	147	23.5%
167	137	125	-8.8%
168	74	77	4.1%
169	97	76	-21.6%
170	61	70	14.8%
171	49	33	-32.7%
172	30	23	-23.3%
173	23	16	-30.4%
174	13	17	30.8%
175	10	9	-10.0%
176	12	1	-91.7%
177	3	5	66.7%
178	4	2	-50.0%
179	1	2	100.0%
180	1	2	100.0%

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](#).

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