

# Legal Education at a Glance: 2023



Association of American Law Schools

## Number of Law Schools, Fall 2023

ABA Approved: 196<sup>i</sup>

AALS Member Schools: 176<sup>ii</sup>

AALS Fee-Paid Schools: 18

AALS Total: 194

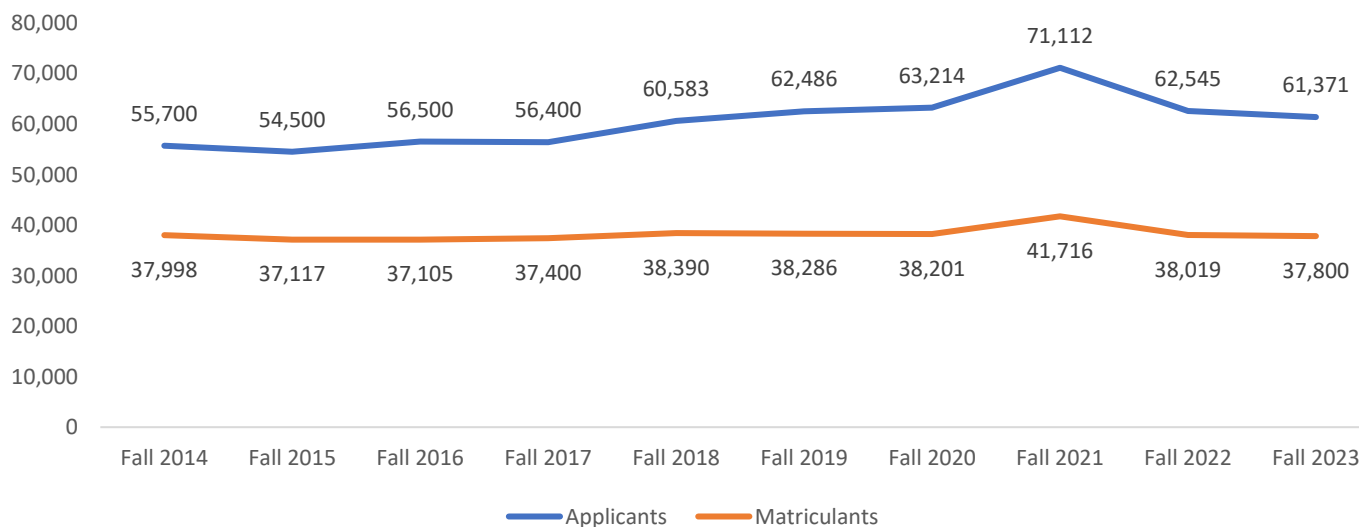
## ABA Accredited Law Schools, by Institutional Control, 2019-2023<sup>iii</sup>

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Public	86	87	88	88	87
Private Not-For-Profit	112	106	106	106	107
Private For-Profit	5	4	2	2	2
Total	203	197	196	196	196

## J.D. Degrees Awarded, 2019-2023<sup>iv</sup>

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
34,232	34,401	35,727	35,726	35,570

## JD Applicants<sup>v</sup> and Matriculants<sup>vi</sup> to ABA Approved Law Schools, 2014-2023



## Law Faculty Demographics, Fall 2023<sup>vii</sup>

Faculty Type	Men	Women	Prefer not to Report/ Another Gender Identity	Total
Full-Time	5,069	4,911	15	9,995
Non-Full-Time	10,548	6,963	96	17,607
Total	15,617	11,874	111	27,602

Full-Time Faculty of Color: 2,375

Non-Full-Time Faculty of Color: 3,439

Total Faculty of Color: 5,814

## Law School Enrollment, Fall 2023

Total J.D. Enrollment: 116,898<sup>viii</sup>

Men: 20,096 (42.9%)

Women: 65,754 (56.2%)

Other: 1,048 (0.9%)

Total First-Year Enrollment: 37,886<sup>ix</sup>

Total Non-J.D. Enrollment: 23,032<sup>x</sup>

Total Law School Enrollment: 139,883<sup>xi</sup>

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<sup>ii</sup> Source: AALS membership records.

<sup>iii</sup> Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “The Basics/Academic Calendar,” 2019-2023 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2023 report accessed 1.18.24. 2022 report accessed 12.28.22. 2021 report accessed 1.19.22. 2020 report accessed 1.23.21. 2019 report accessed 1.16.2020. The ABA does not report for-profit status; for-profit information from NCEC College Navigator.

<sup>iv</sup> Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “JD Enrollment and Ethnicity,” 2019-2023 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2023 report accessed 1.18.2024. 2022 report accessed 1.12.2023. 2021 report accessed 1.18.22. 2020 report accessed 1.23.21. 2019 report accessed 1.16.2020.

<sup>v</sup> Source (Applicants): 2010-2017 data: LSAC. (2018, September 6). Admission Trends: ABA Applicants, Admitted Applicants & Applications. Accessed 9.26.2018 from <https://www.lsac.org/data-research/data/admission-trends-aba-applicants-admitted-applicants-applications> and <https://www.lsac.org/lisacresources/data/aba-eoy>. 2018-2020 data: LSAC. YTD ABA 2019 Applicant and Application Counts. Accessed 10.9.19 from <https://report.lsac.org/VolumeSummaryOriginalFormat.aspx>. 2021-2023 Data: LSAC. Admission Trends: ABA Applicants, Admitted Applicants & Applications. <https://report.lsac.org/View.aspx?Report=AdmissionTrendsApplicantsAdmitApp>. Accessed 1.19.22, 1.12.23, and 1.18.24.

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<sup>vi</sup> Source: 2014-2016 Data: “Comparison of 2011 - 2016 Matriculants”. 2017 Data: “2017 1L JD Applicant/First Year Class Data”. Retrieved September 26, 2018, from [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/resources/statistics.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/statistics.html)

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[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/resources/statistics/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/statistics/).

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<http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.16.2020. 2020 Data: “2020 First Year Class” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.23.2021.

2021 Data: “2021 First Year Class” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.18.2022

2022 Data: “2022 First Year Class” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.12.2023

2023 Data: “2023 First Year Class” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.16.2023.

<sup>vii</sup> Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2023 Faculty Resources”

<http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.19.24.

<sup>viii</sup> Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2023 JD Enrollment and Ethnicity”

<http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.18.24. “Other” includes ABA categories Prefer Not to Report and Another Gender Identity.

<sup>ix</sup> Source: ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, “2023 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview” (posted 12/15/2023).

[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal\\_education\\_and\\_admissions\\_to\\_the\\_bar/statistics/2023/2023-aba-standard-509-data-overview-final.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal_education_and_admissions_to_the_bar/statistics/2023/2023-aba-standard-509-data-overview-final.pdf) Accessed 1.19.24.

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