

Legal Education at a Glance: 2020

Number of Law Schools, Fall 2020

ABA Approved: 197ⁱ

AALS Member Schools: 176ⁱⁱ

AALS Fee-Paid Schools: 17

AALS Total: 193

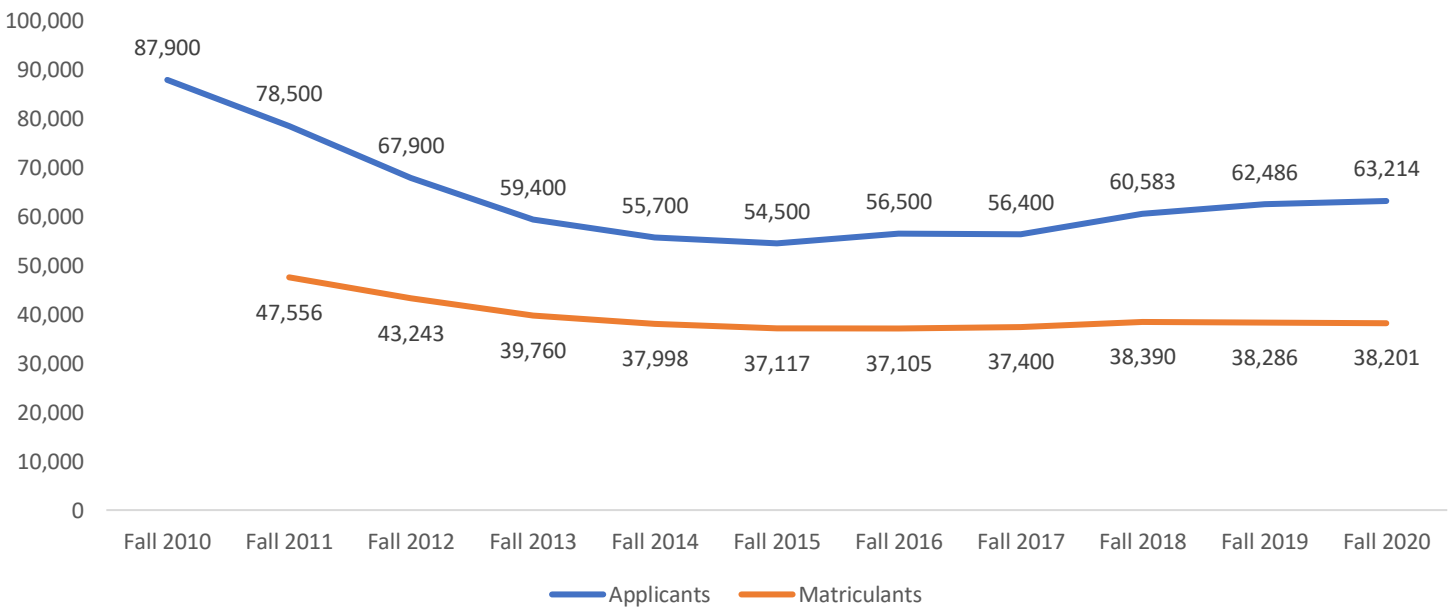
ABA Accredited Law Schools, by Institutional Control, 2015-2020ⁱⁱⁱ

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Public	85	85	85	85	86	87
Private Not-For-Profit	115	115	112	113	112	106
Private For-Profit	6	6	5	5	5	4
Total	206	206	202	203	203	197

J.D. Degrees Awarded, 2015-2020^{iv}

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
39,958	37,172	34,991	34,513	34,232	34,401

Applicants and Matriculants to ABA Approved Law Schools^v



Law Faculty Demographics, Fall 2020^{vi}

Total Law School Faculty: 25,572

(including Full-Time and Non-Full-Time Faculty)

Full-Time: 9,329 (36.5%)

Non-Full-Time: 16,243 (63.5%)

Male: 15,265 (59.7%)

Female: 10,280 (40.2%)

Minorities: 4,398 (17.2%)

Law School Enrollment, Fall 2020

Total J.D. Enrollment: 114,520^{vii}

Men: 52,339 (45.7%)

Women: 61,949 (54.1%)

Other: 232 (0.2%)

Total First-Year Enrollment: 38,201^{viii}

Total Non-J.D. Enrollment: 21,292^{ix}

Total Law School Enrollment: 135,812^x

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ⁱ Source: ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, “2019 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview” (posted 12/18/2020). https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal_education_and_admissions_to_the_bar/statistics/2020-509-enrollment-summary-report-final.pdf. Accessed 1.23.2021.

ⁱⁱ Source: AALS membership records.

ⁱⁱⁱ Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “The Basics/Academic Calendar,” 2014-2020 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2020 report accessed 1.23.21. 2019 report accessed 1.16.2020. 2018 report accessed 12.17.2018. 2013-2017 reports accessed October 2017-December 2017. The ABA does not report for-profit status; for-profit information from NCES College Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

^{iv} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “JD Enrollment and Ethnicity,” 2015-2020 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2020 report accessed 1.23.21. 2019 report accessed 1.16.2020. 2018 report accessed 12.17.2018. Other reports accessed 1.9.2019.

^v Source (Applicants): 2010-2017 data: LSAC. (2018, September 6). Admission Trends: ABA Applicants, Admitted Applicants & Applications. Retrieved September 26, 2018, from <https://www.lisac.org/data-research/data/admission-trends-aba-applicants-admitted-applicants-applications> and <https://www.lisac.org/lisacresources/data/aba-eoy>. 2018-2029 data: LSAC. YTD ABA 2019 Applicant and Application Counts. Retrieved October 9, 2019 from <https://report.lisac.org/VolumeSummaryOriginalFormat.aspx>. Notes from LSAC: Academic Year 2018-2019 includes data received through August 9, 2018 and Academic Year 2019-2020 includes data received through August 8, 2019. 2020 data: YTD ABA 2020 Applicant and Application Counts, received via email 10.16.2020.

Source (Matriculants): 2016 Data: “Comparison of 2011 - 2016 Matriculants”. 2017 Data: “2017 1L JD Applicant/First Year Class Data”.

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^{vi} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2020 Faculty Resources” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.23.2021. Note: ABA reports an “Other” category for faculty gender which is not reported here due to small cell size.

^{vii} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2020 JD Enrollment and Ethnicity” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.23.2021. Notes from ABA: “Other” refers to students who do not identify as male or female.

^{viii} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2020 First Year Class” <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.23.2020.

^{ix} Source: ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, “2020 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview” (posted 12/18/2021). https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal_education_and_admissions_to_the_bar/statistics/2020-509-enrollment-summary-report-final.pdf. Accessed 1.23.2021.

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