

Legal Education at a Glance: 2021

Number of Law Schools, Fall 2021

ABA Approved: 196ⁱ

AALS Member Schools: 176ⁱⁱ

AALS Fee-Paid Schools: 17

AALS Total: 193

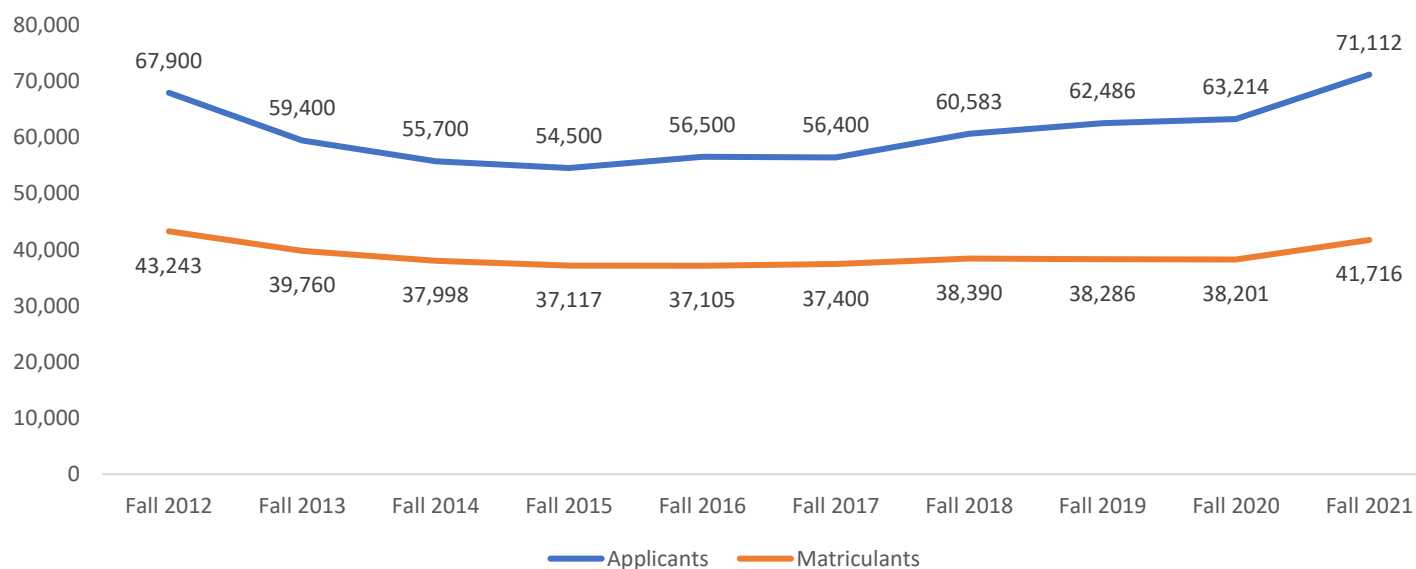
ABA Accredited Law Schools, by Institutional Control, 2015-2020ⁱⁱⁱ

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Public	85	85	85	86	87	88
Private Not-For-Profit	115	112	113	112	106	106
Private For-Profit	6	5	5	5	4	2
Total	206	202	203	203	197	196

J.D. Degrees Awarded, 2016-2021^{iv}

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
37,172	34,991	34,513	34,232	34,401	35,727

Applicants and Matriculants to ABA Approved Law Schools, 2012-2021^v



Law Faculty Demographics, Fall 2021^{vi}

Total Law School Faculty: 24,871

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

Full-Time: 9,213 (37.0%)

Non-Full-Time: 15,658 (63.0%)

Men: 14,403 (57.9%)

Women: 10,425 (41.9%)

Other: 45 (0.2%)

Minorities: 4,744 (19.1%)

Law School Enrollment, Fall 2021

Total J.D. Enrollment: 117,297^{vii}

Men: 52,058 (44.4%)

Women: 64,861 (55.3%)

Other: 378 (0.3%)

Total First-Year Enrollment: 42,718^{viii}

Total Non-J.D. Enrollment: 21,044^{ix}

Total Law School Enrollment: 138,545^x

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ⁱⁱ Source: AALS membership records.

ⁱⁱⁱ Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “The Basics/Academic Calendar,” 2016-2021 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2021 report accessed 1.19.22. 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,” 2016-2021 reports. <http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. 2021 report accessed 1.18.22. 2020 report accessed 1.23.21. 2019 report accessed 1.16.2020. 2018 report accessed 12.17.2018. Other reports accessed 1.9.2019.

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^{vi} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2021 Faculty Resources”

<http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.19.22.

^{vii} Source: ABA Required Disclosures, “2021 JD Enrollment and Ethnicity”

<http://www.abarequireddisclosures.org/>. Accessed 1.18.22. Notes from ABA: “Other” refers to students who do not identify as male or female.

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