

Report from LSAC

January 2018



LSAT Volume Increase Continues

September Test Takers	Percent Change
37,146	10.7%
December Test Takers	Percent Change
40,096	27.9%
February Test Takers	Percent Change
32,026**	10.8%

**February registrants as of 1/24/2018.
Final data will be posted after the test. Go to
LSAC.org/lsacresources/data/lsats-administered.

Applicant Volume Up

As of 1/19/18, there are 191,998 applications submitted by 29,287 applicants for the 2018–2019 academic year. Applicants are up 9.5% and applications are up 10.6% from 2017–2018.

Last year at this time, we had 48% of the preliminary final applicant and 49% of the application count. For updates, go to LSAC.org/LSACResources/data/three-year-volume.

Applicants

2015–2016 Application Cycle			2016–2017 Application Cycle			2017–2018 Application Cycle		
11/20/2015	12,711	0.6%	11/18/2016	12,029	-5.4%	11/17/2017	13,907	15.6%
11/27/2015	13,896	0.7%	11/25/2016	13,210	-4.9%	11/24/2017	15,083	14.2%
12/4/2015	15,693	3.1%	12/2/2016	14,927	-4.9%	12/1/2017	16,784	12.4%
12/11/2015	16,824	3.4%	12/9/2016	16,061	-4.5%	12/8/2017	17,962	11.8%
12/18/2015	17,981	2.9%	12/16/2016	17,251	-4.1%	12/15/2017	19,195	11.3%
12/25/2015	18,883	2.7%	12/23/2016	18,423	-2.4%	12/22/2017	20,564	11.6%
1/1/2016	20,088	0.7%	12/30/2016	19,386	-3.5%	12/29/2017	22,179	14.4%
1/8/2016	22,659	1.2%	1/6/2017	21,753	-4.0%	1/5/2018	24,454	12.4%
1/15/2016	25,245	2.0%	1/13/2017	24,229	-4.0%	1/12/2018	26,853	10.8%
1/22/2016	27,166	2.3%	1/20/2017	26,737	-1.6%	1/19/2018	29,287	9.5%

Applications

2015–2016 Application Cycle			2016–2017 Application Cycle			2017–2018 Application Cycle		
11/20/2015	61,174	-5.1%	11/18/2016	59,947	-2.0%	11/17/2017	71,114	18.6%
11/27/2015	70,855	-4.1%	11/25/2016	69,917	-1.3%	11/24/2017	81,877	17.1%
12/4/2015	83,087	-1.7%	12/2/2016	81,793	-1.6%	12/1/2017	93,932	14.8%
12/11/2015	92,699	-0.5%	12/9/2016	91,318	-1.5%	12/8/2017	104,260	14.2%
12/18/2015	101,512	-0.7%	12/16/2016	100,499	-1.0%	12/15/2017	113,483	12.9%
12/25/2015	109,268	-0.4%	12/23/2016	109,672	0.4%	12/22/2017	124,287	13.3%
1/1/2016	117,470	-2.3%	12/30/2016	116,977	-0.4%	12/29/2017	136,991	17.1%
1/8/2016	136,964	-1.8%	1/6/2017	134,107	-2.1%	1/5/2018	154,058	14.9%
1/15/2016	157,279	-0.3%	1/13/2017	154,493	-1.8%	1/12/2018	173,435	12.3%
1/22/2016	173,973	0.5%	1/20/2017	173,531	-0.3%	1/19/2018	191,998	10.6%



Annmarie Levins Joins LSAC Leadership Team

Annmarie Levins joined LSAC in December as Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer. She will be working closely on business strategy with LSAC President and CEO Kellye Testy and the rest of LSAC's leadership team.

Annmarie is a cutting-edge thinker about the future of law and society. Her most recent work, at the Data & Society Research Institute in New York, focused on the impact of artificial intelligence and data analytics on the practice of law and the future of the legal profession. She studied how these technological advances can help address persistent inequalities in access to legal services.

According to Kellye Testy, "Annmarie's understanding of the ways technology can level the playing field for all who are seeking access to justice is essential as LSAC partners with its law school members and others to build the justice pipeline for the future. Annmarie's strong skills in organizational strategy and forging strong partnerships are exactly right for LSAC at this exciting time."

From her nearly two decades with Microsoft, Annmarie brings deep experience in law, management, and technology, as well as developing corporate and nonprofit strategic vision and implementation plans. She has served on the boards of a number of state and regional organizations. Early in her career, she clerked for the Honorable Lewis F. Powell at the Supreme Court, taught law at the University of Washington School of Law, and worked as an assistant US attorney for both the Southern District of New York and the Western District of Washington.

Annmarie earned her BA in political science at Brown, her PhD in politics at Princeton, and her JD at the University of Maine School of Law, where she was first in her class and editor of the *Maine Law Review*.

LSAC Adds Test Dates

LSAC is adding an additional US test date for the 2018–2019 year. This addition means the LSAT will be offered at least every other month for the convenience of prospective law students. Test dates are:

- June 11, 2018
- July 23, 2018
- September 8, 2018
- November 17, 2018
- January 26, 2019
- March 30, 2019
- June 3, 2019

The July 23 test will be given only in North America. LSAC expects to make further announcements regarding new delivery formats for the LSAT this spring.

Still Largely Without Power, Puerto Rico Gets Additional LSAT Date

While in San Diego for the AALS Annual Meeting in early January, Dean Vivian Neptune of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law caught up with LSAC staff members and requested the administration of an additional LSAT in March to help potential law students in Puerto Rico. The law school's application volume has been down due to the continued effects of Hurricane Maria. Many potential applicants have had no place to prepare for the LSAT due to lack of electricity, but that situation is supposed to be much improved by March.

In February 2017, 662 test takers took the LSAT in English in Puerto Rico, but at the time this article was written, only 212 people had registered for the February 2018 LSAT there. Registrations for the Spanish LSAT in Puerto Rico are at roughly the same level as last year. Therefore, LSAC will offer an additional administration of the LSAT in English at the Rio Piedras and Mayaguez test centers in Puerto Rico on Saturday, March 10, 2018. We are grateful to Dean Neptune for bringing this situation to our attention.

LSAC and AALS Partner on Projects Supporting Legal Education and the Rule of Law

On January 5, Kellye Testy announced a new partnership between LSAC and AALS for the development of several projects that will benefit prospective law students, law schools, and the rule of law. The projects include an integrated digital strategy for better communicating with prospective law students before and during college, when they may first be considering pursuing an advanced degree. The two organizations will also work together to enhance support for prelaw advisors at colleges and universities around the United States as part of a project aimed at improving available resources for prelaw advisors and their students.

"By linking our outreach to candidates and prelaw advisors more directly with AALS's strong engagement with the faculty and programs at member schools, we will strengthen the justice pipeline at critical points," said Testy.

Judy Areen, the executive director of AALS, is equally enthusiastic about the partnership, noting that all involved in legal education can benefit from this innovative combination of talent and expertise from both organizations. "Through these efforts, prospective law students will have better access to information about legal education and the value of a law degree," Areen said.

Student Stories from the Justice Pipeline

LSAC.org now features stories from law students, written to inspire undergraduates to pursue legal education. Law schools are invited to send us stories, videos, or links that we can add to "Student Stories from the Justice Pipeline." We want to show the many and diverse ways that law students are engaged in making a difference for law and justice. This is a great opportunity to highlight the great projects your students are undertaking for social justice. Please send stories to lawstories@LSAC.org.

Empowering the Law School Journey

On January 10–12, 2018, LSAC's Office of Diversity Initiatives hosted a professional development conference in Broomfield, Colorado, for HACU, HBCU, and TCU prelaw advisors. Its theme was Empowering the Law School Journey.

Over 45 prelaw advisors who work with diverse and historically underrepresented students were able to attend. Two former participants in the Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars Program (PLUS) shared their experience with attendees to encourage the prelaw advisors to have their students apply to one of the nine PLUS programs being offered in 2018.



Troy Lowry Named Chief Information Security Officer

LSAC is deeply committed to information security. To strengthen our already strong security program, Troy Lowry has been appointed as LSAC's first Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Troy will be responsible for planning and implementing web, data, information, and network security strategies and policy. His security leadership responsibilities are in addition to his current role as LSAC's Chief Technology Officer.

Troy will work with LSAC's business units, law schools, and partners to implement policies and standards for information security, confidentiality, integrity, and privacy, and to ensure proper governance of security standards.

2018 LSAC Annual Meeting and Educational Conference

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Kellye Testy Named to the Honorary Committee for the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc.'s (CLEO) 50th Anniversary

US Congressional Representatives, corporate executives, legal scholars, social justice activists, and legal practitioners are all part of the Honorary Committee for the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc.'s (CLEO) 50th Anniversary. In celebrating the theme, "The CLEO EDGE: 50 Years of Championing Education, Diversity, and Greater Equality in the Legal Profession," CLEO has selected as committee members:



The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragán

US House of Representatives

Clarissa Cerda

Pindrop Security, Inc.

Paulette Dodson

PetSmart, Inc./PetSmart Charities

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee

US House of Representatives

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