

2015 Standard 509 Information Report Data Now Available

ABA-approved law schools are required to post their annual 2015 Standard 509 Information Reports on their websites by December 15. The ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar [website](#) provides access to that information for all law schools, including [downloadable spreadsheets of aggregate data that the law schools report](#). The Section is also providing spreadsheets on a school-by-school basis that report [applicant data and LSAT and UGPA information for each school's 1L matriculants](#), and [changes in the 1L classes on a school-by-school basis](#). Over the next several months, the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will produce and publish additional reports about this data.

These data come from the questionnaires that ABA-approved law schools file annually with the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The admissions information has been verified in a collaborative process between the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and the Law School Admission Council.

As the chart below summarizes, the 204 law schools approved by the ABA in Fall 2015 to confer the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree reported total enrollment (full-time and part-time) of 113,900. This is a decrease of 5,875 students (4.9 percent) from 2014. An additional 13,086 students were enrolled in other than J.D. degree programs (LL.M., masters and certificate programs) bringing total law school enrollment for Fall 2015 to 126,986.

Law schools reported that 37,058 full-time and part-time students began their studies (matriculated) in the fall of 2015 (and the preceding winter/spring/summer terms for schools with multiple starts). This is a decrease of 836 (2.2 percent) from the 2014 reporting cycle.

Approximately 53 percent of schools reported smaller 1L classes for this admissions cycle compared to 2014. Of that group, 54 schools reported declines that exceeded ten percent. Thirty-nine (39) schools report an increase of more than 10 percent in their 1L matriculants.

Fall 2015 Law School J.D. Enrollment Data

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total J.D. enrollment	113,900	119,775

1L matriculants	37,058	37,894
Schools with level or increased 1L matriculants compared with prior year	97	69
Schools with decreased 1L enrollment compared with prior year	107	127
Schools with 10 percent or more increase in 1L students compared with prior year	39	33
Schools with 10 percent or more decrease in 1L students compared with prior year	54	64