

2016 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview

ABA-approved law schools are required to post their Standard 509 Information Reports on their websites under their ABA Required Disclosures, annually by December 15. The 2016 reports should now be available on each school's website. 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, changes in the 1L classes on a school-by-school basis](#), and a report on 1L enrollment by gender and race/ethnicity (to come). Over the next several months, the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar intends to produce and publish additional reports about this data.

These data come from the questionnaires that ABA-approved law schools file 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 2016 to confer the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree reported total enrollment (full-time and part-time) of 110,951. This is a decrease of 2,949 students (2.6 percent) from 2015. An additional 13,677 students were enrolled in other than J.D. degree programs (LL.M., masters and certificate programs) bringing total law school enrollment for Fall 2016 to 124,628.

Law schools reported that 37,107 full-time and part-time students began their studies (matriculated) in the fall of 2016 (and the preceding winter/spring/summer terms for schools with multiple starts). This is an increase of 36 students (0.1 percent) from the 2015 reporting cycle. Ninety-four (94) schools reported smaller 1L classes for this admissions cycle and 110 schools reported an increase or no change in their new 1L classes compared to 2015.

Fall 2016 Law School J.D. Enrollment Data

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
J.D. enrollment	110,951	113,900
Non-J.D. enrollment	13,677	13,086
Total J.D. and Non-J.D. enrollment	124,628	126,986

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
1L matriculants	37,107	37,071
Schools with level or increased 1L matriculants compared with prior year	110	97
Schools with decreased 1L enrollment compared with prior year	94	107