

**SECTION OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

**2017 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview (posted 04/02/2018)**

ABA-approved law schools are required to post their Standard 509 Information Reports on their websites as part of their ABA Required Disclosures, annually by December 15. The 2017 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](#), and [changes in the 1L classes on a school-by-school basis](#). These data come from the annual questionnaires that ABA-approved law schools file with the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar’s Managing Director’s Office.

As the chart below summarizes, 203 law schools\* that are approved by the ABA to confer the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree reported total enrollment of 110,156 for the Fall 2017 term. This is a decrease of 795 students (-0.7 percent) from 2016. An additional 17,117 students were enrolled in other than J.D. degree programs (LL.M., masters and certificate programs). This is an increase of 3,291 (23.8 percent) from 2016. This brings the total law school enrollment for Fall 2017 to 127,273, an increase of 2,496 (2 percent).

Law schools reported that 37,400 students began studies in the Fall 2017 1L class (plus the preceding winter/spring/summer terms for schools with multiple starts). This is an increase of 295 students (0.8 percent) from the 2016 reporting cycle. Seventy-seven schools reported smaller 1L classes for this admissions cycle and 126 schools reported an increase or no change in their new 1L classes compared to 2016.

**Fall 2017 Law School Enrollment Data, with Comparison to Fall 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
J.D. enrollment	110,156	110,951
Non-J.D. enrollment	17,117	13,826
Total J.D. and Non-J.D. enrollment	127,273	124,777

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
1L Enrollment	37,400	37,105
Schools with level or increased 1L matriculants compared with prior year	126	110
Schools with decreased 1L enrollment compared with prior year	77	94

\* Charlotte School of Law, which has ceased operations and did not enroll a 1L class, is not included in these reports.