



2018 Standard 509 Information Report Data Overview (posted 12/14/2018)

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. These 2018 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 J.D. enrollment of 111,561 for the Fall 2018 term. This is an increase of 1,385 students (1.2 percent) from 2017. An additional 18,523 students were enrolled in other than J.D. degree programs (LL.M., masters and certificate programs). This is an increase of 1,406 (8.2 percent) from 2017. This brings the total law school enrollment for Fall 2018 to 130,084, an increase of 2,791 (2.2 percent).

Law schools reported that 38,390 students began studies in the Fall 2018 1L class (plus the preceding winter/spring/summer terms for schools with multiple starts). This is an increase of 1,070 students (2.9 percent) from the 2017 reporting cycle. Eighty-one schools reported smaller 1L classes for this admissions cycle and 122 schools reported an increase or no change in their new 1L classes compared to 2017.

Fall 2018 Law School Enrollment Data, with Comparison to Fall 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
J.D. enrollment	111,561	110,176
Non-J.D. enrollment	18,523	17,117
Total J.D. and Non-J.D. enrollment	130,084	127,293

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
1L Enrollment	38,390	37,320
Schools with level or increased 1L matriculants compared with prior year	122	126
Schools with decreased 1L enrollment compared with prior year	81	77