

1. How often is Analytix by AccessLex updated?

A: The American Bar Association (ABA) publishes its data on an annual basis—with Standard 509 Information data updated every December, Bar Questionnaire data updated in March, and Employment Questionnaire data updated in May. Analytix by AccessLex is updated three times annually as new data become available. We aim to have new data available within 4 weeks of release. Please note that the ABA occasionally updates or corrects data from prior years between annual data releases, which may result in differences between the Analytix by AccessLex reports and the ABA reports.

2. Why is there a lag between the release of the ABA data and the Analytix by AccessLex updates?

A: We recognize the importance of providing timely updates and strive to make the new data available as quickly as possible. However, we also strive for data accuracy, which requires us to spend time reviewing and cleaning the data before we upload the files to our website. We expect to improve the timeliness of the data updates as we continue to refine the Analytix by AccessLex web tools.

3. I can't find the school I am looking for. Why not?

A: Analytix by AccessLex only includes data for ABA-approved law schools during the years for which they were approved. If you cannot find a school, please confirm its ABA accreditation and the year its accreditation went into effect. Law school mergers or separations may also explain institutional absences as schools change name and reorganize. If you believe that a school has been excluded in error, please contact Research@accesslex.org.

4. Can I carry my school selections from one tool within Analytix by AccessLex to another?

A: Yes. Once you have selected a law school of interest and a comparison group, you can move between the Peer Group Comparison tool and the Trend Report tool without losing your selections.

5. How can I access my selections from previous searches?

A: At this time, previous selections cannot be saved once new selections have been made.

6. Is it possible to see data by school for a selected comparison group?

A: Yes. If you wish to see disaggregated data for your comparison group, you may do so using the Trend Report tool. After selecting your law school of interest, comparison group, and variable, you

can download a .csv file that provides the data by school and year. This feature is not available for the Peer Group Comparison tool.

7. Why does “N/A” appear on some of the report graphs?

A: This might occur when viewing variables that were not available in the selected year. For example, full-time, long-term positions were not reported to the ABA Employment Questionnaire until 2011 and are indicated as N/A in 2010 employment reports. N/A will also appear if the law school of interest was restructured after the year indicated in the report. For example, data for Rutgers Law School will be indicated as N/A prior to 2015 when it merged its Camden and Newark schools.

8. Is it possible to compare disaggregated data of multiple schools, rather than one “Law School of Interest” versus a combined comparison group?

A: Yes. The Side-by-Side Comparison tool allows you to compare data for up to five schools at a time using the most recent year of ABA data. You may also use the Download Dataset tool to perform your own analysis if you wish to compare more than five schools or compare one group of institutions to another set of institutions.

9. Do I need permission to share or use these data?

A: The data provided in Analytix by AccessLex are publicly available from the American Bar Association and do not require permission for use.

10. Where can I find information on your data methodology?

A: Our data methodology follows that of the American Bar Association, except where otherwise noted. Please review the notes column provided in the data dictionary for data methodology specific to Analytix by AccessLex.

11. How should I cite your data and reports?

A: The data source should be cited as the American Bar Association. Analysis (graphs, tables, and figures) should be credited to AccessLex Institute.

12. If it appears that the data for my school is inaccurate, who should I contact?

A: If your data appears inaccurate, please contact us at Research@accesslex.org.

13. If I need help interpreting the data, who should I contact?

A: If you have a question about the data, please reference our data dictionary and the resources provided therein. If you cannot find the answer to your question within the data dictionary, please contact us at Research@accesslex.org.

14. If I encounter a technical problem with the site or have other questions not answered here, who should I contact?

A: Please contact us at Research@accesslex.org if you experience a technical issue with the site.