

THINKING ABOUT LAW SCHOOL?

TODAY'S LAW STUDENTS

2020 LAW SCHOOL APPLICANTS



63,384

Law school applicants in 2020 (increased at **105 out of 197** law schools in 2020)



70%

Applicants admitted to **at least one law school**

2020 ENTERING CLASS

3.5

Median 50th percentile **undergraduate GPA**



156

Median 50th percentile **LSAT score**

38,201

Students who started law school in 2020 (**down .21%** from 2019)

54%

Women enrolled in J.D. programs



32%

Students of color enrolled in J.D. programs

2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME TUITION 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR



\$50,994

Private institution

\$28,492

Public institution

38%

Full-time students receiving grant aid equal to at least **half tuition**

\$21,157

Average of median grant amounts awarded to full-time students

\$116,900

Average cumulative debt among borrowers who graduated in 2016



OUTCOMES

34,401

J.D.s awarded in 2019–2020



31%

J.D.s awarded to **students of color**



\$72,500

Median salary for class of 2019 graduates



81%

2019 graduates who were employed in full-time, law-related jobs within **10 months of graduation**



80%

First-time takers at ABA-approved law schools **who passed the bar** in 2019



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