

# THINKING ABOUT LAW SCHOOL?

## TODAY'S LAW STUDENTS



**2021**  
LAW SCHOOL APPLICANTS

**71,112**

Law school applicants in 2021 (increase at **196 out of 200** law schools in 2021)



**68.3%**

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

**2021**  
ENTERING CLASS

**3.55**

Median 50<sup>th</sup> percentile **undergraduate GPA**



**157**

Median 50<sup>th</sup> percentile **LSAT score**

**41,700**

Students who started law school in 2021 (**up 9%** from 2020)

**57%**

**Women** enrolled in J.D. programs

**2021**  
ACADEMIC YEAR



**35%**

**Students of color** enrolled in J.D. programs

## PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME TUITION 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

**\$49,576**

Private institution

**\$26,600**

Public institution



**31%**

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

**\$21,012**

Average of median **grant** amounts awarded to full-time students

**\$110,750**

Average **loan debt** of the graduating class of 2021



## OUTCOMES

**35,723**

J.D.s awarded in 2020-2021



**31%**

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



**80%**

First-time takers at ABA-approved law schools **who passed the bar** in 2021

**\$80,000**

Median **salary** for class of 2021 graduates



**91.9%**

Overall **employment rate** for the **Class of 2021**



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