

THINKING ABOUT LAW SCHOOL?

TODAY'S LAW STUDENTS



2025 LAW SCHOOL APPLICANTS

76,480

Total number of applicants
(164 out of 196 schools saw an increase)



65%

Applicants admitted to
at least one law school

2025 ENTERING CLASS

3.67

Median 50th
percentile
undergraduate GPA



159

Median 50th
percentile
LSAT score

42,812

Students who started
law school in 2025

56%

Women enrolled
in J.D. programs



37%

Students of color
enrolled in J.D. programs

PAYING FOR LAW SCHOOL

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME TUITION 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR



\$59,565

Private institution

\$45,734

Public institution (nonresident)

\$32,036

Public institution (resident)

41%

Full-time students
receiving grant aid
equal to or greater
than *half tuition*

\$24,900

Median grant
amount awarded to
full-time students

\$107,329

Average loan debt of
the graduating class
of 2026

OUTCOMES



36,340

J.D. degrees awarded
in 2024-2025



40%

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

\$100,000

Median salary for class
of 2025 graduates



6%



Class of 2025
graduates
employed in
J.D. Advantage
jobs

84.18%

First-time takers at
ABA-approved law
schools *who passed*
the bar in 2025

83%

Class of 2025 graduates
employed in *bar*
passage required jobs

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