

## 1. How often is Analytix by AccessLex updated?

The American Bar Association (ABA) publishes its data on an annual basis—with Standard 509 Information data updated every December, and Bar Questionnaire and Employment Questionnaire data updated in the Spring. U.S. News & World Report also releases its ranking data annually in the Spring, and College Scorecard data is released in the Fall. Analytix by AccessLex is updated three times annually as new data become available. We aim to have new data available within eight 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 data and the Analytix by AccessLex updates?

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?

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 reorganize or change their name. If you believe that a school has been excluded in error, please contact [Research@accesslex.org](mailto:Research@accesslex.org).

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

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?

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?

Yes. If you wish to see disaggregated data for your comparison group, you may do so using the Peer Group Comparison and Trend Report tools. After selecting your law school of interest, comparison group, and variable, you can download an Excel file that provides the data by school.

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

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?

Yes. The Side-by-Side Comparison tool allows you to compare data for up to eight 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 eight schools or compare one group of institutions to another set of institutions.

## 9. Why are there multiple years of data shown in the Side-by-Side and Peer Group comparison tools if they only reflect the most recent report year?

Although all ABA Standard 509 data is updated simultaneously each winter, some 509 figures lag and are only updated to reflect the prior year rather than the current year. Examples include attrition and grants and scholarships variables. College Scorecard data also lags the current year due to the U.S. Department of Education’s reporting schedule and methodology.

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

The data provided in Analytix by AccessLex are publicly available from the American Bar Association, College Scorecard, and U.S. News and World Report, and do not require permission for use.

## 11. Where can I find information on your data methodology?

Our data methodology follows that of the American Bar Association, except where otherwise noted. Specifically, see our Attrition Calculations document on the [Help page](#) for a breakdown of the attrition rate methodology used for Analytix. Please review the notes column provided in the data dictionary for other data methodology specific to Analytix by AccessLex.

## 12. How should I cite your data and reports?

The data source should be cited as the [American Bar Association](#), except for salary and debt variables, which are sourced from the [U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard](#) and [U.S. News & World Report](#), respectively. Analysis (graphs, tables, and figures) should be credited to AccessLex Institute.

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

If your data appears inaccurate, please contact us at [\*\*Research@accesslex.org\*\*](mailto:Research@accesslex.org).

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

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\*\*](mailto:Research@accesslex.org).

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

Please contact us at [\*\*Research@accesslex.org\*\*](mailto:Research@accesslex.org) if you experience a technical issue with the site.