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So, you've decided you want to become a lawyer. As you go over your research and try to pinpoint specific schools that appeal to you, it's important that you know where you stand in comparison with what each program expects you to bring. Being aware of the median GPA and LSAT for accepted students, along with admit rates, can come in handy as you decide on your reach, target, and safety options.

Without a doubt, your GPA and LSAT score are the two most crucial components of your law school application. But how good should your stats be? To give you a better understanding of the numbers law schools want to see, we've included the median GPA, LSAT score, and acceptance rates for admitted students at the top 100 law schools in the table below.

Rank	School Name	Median GPA	Median GMAT Score	Acceptance Rate
1	Yale University	3.92	173	6.9%
2	Stanford University	3.93	171	8.7%
3	Harvard University	3.90	173	12.9%
4	Columbia University	3.75	172	16.8%
4	University of Chicago	3.89	170	17.5%
6	New York University	3.79	170	23.6%
7	University of Pennsylvania	3.89	170	14.6%
8	University of Virginia	3.89	170	15.3%
9	Northwestern University (Pritzker)	3.84	169	19.3%
9	University of California - Berkeley	3.80	168	20.2%
9	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	3.77	169	19.6%
12	Duke University	3.78	169	20.2%

13	Cornell University	3.82	168	21.1%
14	Georgetown University	3.80	168	21.2%
15	University of California - Los Angeles	3.72	168	22.5%
16	University of Texas - Austin	3.74	168	20.9%
17	Washington University in St. Louis	3.81	169	30.0%
18	University of Southern California (Gould)	3.78	166	19.2%
18	Vanderbilt University	3.80	167	23.7%
20	Boston University	3.74	166	25.9%
21	University of Minnesota	3.76	165	34.9%
22	University of Notre Dame	3.71	165	25.1%
23	George Washington University	3.71	166	34.2%
24	Arizona State University (O'Connor)	3.76	164	34.2%
24	Emory University	3.79	165	29.6%
24	University of Florida (Levin)	3.72	164	27.9%
27	Fordham University	3.60	164	25.9%
27	University of California - Irvine	3.59	165	20.8%
27	University of Iowa	3.61	161	46.0%
27	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	3.59	161	46.9%
31	Boston College	3.62	164	28.6%
31	University of Alabama (Culverhouse)	3.88	164	31.1%

31	University of Georgia	3.67	164	26.8%
31	University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign	3.65	162	33%
31	Washington and Lee University	3.51	163	28.7%
31	William & Mary Law School	3.80	163	36.1%
37	Brigham Young University (Clark)	3.80	164	38.1%
38	Indiana University - Bloomington (Maurer)	3.72	162	39.1%
38	Ohio State University	3.75	161	36.1%
38	University of California - Davis	3.63	162	34.6%
38	University of Wisconsin - Madison	3.58	162	45.6%
42	George Mason University	3.76	164	25.9%
42	University of Washington	3.69	162	26.4%
42	Wake Forest University	3.60	162	33.9%
45	University of Utah (Quinney)	3.56	160	47.5%
46	University of Colorado - Boulder	3.71	163	33.8%
47	Pepperdine University	3.63	161	36.3%
47	University of Arizona (Rogers)	3.70	162	25.5%
47	University of Maryland (Carey)	3.56	159	47.7%
50	Baylor University	3.59	160	39.0%
50	Florida State University	3.63	160	35.9%
50	University of Connecticut	3.45	159	39.0%

53	Yeshiva University	3.52	162	40.3%
54	Tulane University	3.46	159	53.4%
54	University of Richmond	3.59	161	31.9%
56	Southern Methodist University (Dedman)	3.68	161	47.2%
56	Temple University (Beasley)	3.54	161	36.0%
56	University of Houston	3.61	160	33.1%
60	Pennsylvania State University - University Park	3.58	160	35.1%
60	Texas A&M University	3.51	159	30.2%
62	Loyola Marymount University	3.58	160	36.3%
62	University of Nevada - Las Vegas	3.66	159	30.8%
62	Pennsylvania State University - Carlisle (Dickinson)	3.43	161	43.4%
62	Seton Hall University	3.49	158	48.6%
62	Villanova University	3.57	159	29.5%
67	Northeastern University	3.60	162	41.5%
67	University of Miami	3.43	158	55.9%
67	University of Missouri	3.49	157	48.2%
70	Loyola University Chicago	3.43	159	45.8%
70	University of Kansas	3.57	157	51.9%
70	University of Kentucky	3.46	155	48.0%
70	University of Tennessee - Knoxville	3.62	159	37.3%

74	St. John's University	3.61	159	41.9%
74	University of Denver (Sturm)	3.50	159	47.8%
76	American University (Washington)	3.43	159	48.6%
76	Case Western Reserve University	3.46	159	50.3%
76	Georgia State University	3.47	158	30%
76	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	3.36	156	48.8%
76	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	3.66	157	64.9%
76	University of Oklahoma	3.60	157	38.9%
76	University of Pittsburgh	3.39	158	29.3%
83	Brooklyn Law School	3.40	157	47.2%
83	University of Cincinnati	3.62	157	47.9%
83	Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago-Kent)	3.44	158	43.5%
83	University of San Diego	3.53	159	35.4%
83	Wayne State University	3.50	158	48.1%
88	University of New Hampshire	3.46	156	61.2%
88	University of Oregon	3.40	157	50.4%
90	Florida International University	3.63	157	33.3%
90	Saint Louis University	3.45	155	64.3%
90	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	3.46	156	55.8%
93	Drexel University (Kline)	3.43	157	48.6%

93	Lewis & Clark College (Northwestern)	3.46	158	60.1%
93	Michigan State University	3.52	155	59.4%
96	Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge (Herbert)	3.48	155	56%
96	University of Hawaii - Manoa (Richardson)	3.32	157	49.7%
96	University of South Carolina	3.41	155	49.8%
99	University at Buffalo - SUNY	3.49	154	46.8%
99	University of Louisville (Brandeis)	3.46	154	52.8%
99	University of New Mexico	3.40	155	48.0%

Now that you've seen the data for admitted students entering the top 100 law schools, you hopefully have a better sense of the necessary academic preparation. While the acceptance rate generally increases as you go down the list, the median LSAT score for most of these institutions is quite high. The fact that you'd have to achieve nearly 160 for even the #93-ranked institution goes to show how competitive the admissions landscape has become. So, don't take your academic components lightly. Study hard and put your best foot forward as you begin this journey that can define the rest of your career. Good luck!