

## Law School Admissions Databases

### Version 1.1

We've recoded the LSAT variable for schools that used a scale other than 120-180. We've also removed a few outlying values that appear to be data entry errors.

### Version 1.0

The original version of the public file.

This dataset includes information from 25 law schools over the 2005, 2006, and in some cases 2007 admission cycles. Over 100,000 individual applications are recorded in this dataset. Variables include:

- Law School (University of X is reported as simply "X", and X State University is reported as "X State")
- Year of Fall Term (this is the class year in which the applicant intends to enroll. While most schools reported application information for the 2006 and 2007 entering classes, some schools provided data for 2005, and others provided information for 2008. Suppressed years are coded 200x.)
- LSAT score (120-180 scale)
- Undergraduate GPA (4-pt scale)
- Race dummy variables: Asian, Black, Hispanic, White, Missing, and "URM" (1 = Black OR Hispanic)
- Gender (0=female, 1=male)
- In-state Residency (0=out-of-state, 1=in-state)
- Admissions Decision (0=denied, 1=admitted)
- Enrollment Decision (Conditional on being admitted; 0=did not enroll or deferred, 1=enrolled)

We have cleaned the dataset to adhere to high standards of data privacy. When the school, race, year, and gender information for enrolled students produced cells of fewer than five subjects, we combined cells to minimize re-identification risk. We suppressed the gender and year variables first, but for a handful of schools, entering class sizes were so small that these protections didn't eliminate small cells of enrolling minority students. So we found it necessary to combine race information for the black and Hispanic enrolled subjects at these schools into a single "URM" race variable. For consistency, we have included the URM race variable for all schools.