



Here is the regional breakdown of test takers (rounded to the nearest 10) for the December 2017 LSAT and the percentage change from the December 2016 test. The data are based on the location of the test centers at which the tests were taken.

	12/17	change
Far West	4,930	34.5%
Great Lakes	3,940	28.1%
Midsouth	4,760	22.3%
Midwest	1,220	34.2%
Mountain West	1,910	37.3%
New England	2,030	38.2%
Northeast	5,980	29.0%
Northwest	870	26.8%
South Central	3,840	32.3%
Southeast	5,010	22.2%
U.S. Regional Total	34,490	29.1%
Canada	3,620	14.4%

The table below provides information as to how many of the test takers from the December 2017 LSAT administration were first time test takers by **U.S. region and Canada**. The second and third columns report the number of first time test takers in December 2017 by region and the percent change in the number of first time test takers from the December 2016 administration. For example, in December 2017 there were 2,570 first time test takers from the Far West region; this is a 26% increase in the number of first time test takers compared to the figure from December 2016 for the Far West region.

Similarly, the fourth and fifth columns report the number of repeat test takers (those who have taken an LSAT test at some time prior) in December 2017 by region and the percent change in the number of repeat test takers from the December 2016 administration. Continuing with the Far West region as an example, in December 2017 there were 2,360 test takers who had taken an LSAT at some point prior to the December 2017 administration. This is a 45.2% increase in the number of test takers who had previously taken an LSAT compared to the figure from December 2016 for the Far West region.

The final two columns report what percentage of test takers from that particular region were first time test takers in December 2017 and December 2016. To complete the example, 52.1% of the December 2017 test takers in the Far West region were taking an LSAT for the first time. In comparison, 55.6% of the December 2016 test takers from the Far West region were taking an LSAT for the first time.

	First Time		Repeaters		%First Time	
	12/17	change from 12/16	12/17	change from 12/16	12/17	12/16
Far West	2,570	26.0%	2,360	45.2%	52.1%	55.6%
Great Lakes	2,230	22.0%	1,710	37.1%	56.6%	59.4%
Midsouth	2,590	17.2%	2,170	29.0%	54.3%	56.7%
Midwest	690	29.5%	530	40.9%	56.4%	58.4%
Mountain West	1,140	29.1%	760	51.7%	60.0%	63.8%
New England	1,150	30.1%	880	50.5%	56.8%	60.4%
Northeast	3,070	21.6%	2,920	37.8%	51.3%	54.4%
Northwest	500	14.8%	370	47.2%	57.1%	63.0%
South Central	2,180	27.5%	1,660	39.1%	56.8%	59.0%
Southeast	2,740	26.4%	2,270	17.5%	54.6%	52.8%
U.S. Regional Total	18,850	24.0%	15,640	35.8%	54.7%	56.9%
Canada	1,810	8.2%	1,810	21.3%	50.1%	52.9%

The following table enumerates the states grouped into each U.S. geographic region for this analysis.

States within each Permanent Geographic Region of the United States

Region	States in Region
Far West	California, Hawaii, Nevada
Great Lakes	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
Midsouth	Delaware; Kentucky; Maryland; North Carolina; Tennessee; Virginia; Washington, DC; West Virginia
Midwest	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
Mountain West	Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
New England	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Northeast	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
Northwest	Alaska, Oregon, Washington
South Central	Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
Southeast	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, South Carolina