NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

New York Law School 2010 Employment Stats

Overall, New York Law School collected post-graduate employment information for 457 of the 481 members of the Class of 2010 (95 percent reporting) nine months after graduation.

407 of our graduates were employed
13 were seeking a post-graduate degree
14 were not seeking employment (e.g., starting a family)
23 were seeking employment
24 employment status unknown

The press has been covering law graduate employment statistics with great attention and controversy. Some of the confusion stems from the various methods used to calculate "employment rates." There are several approaches to calculating the single number that blends all the things law graduates do in their first year after graduation, whether it is working, pursuing another degree, not seeking employment for personal reasons (such as starting a family), or continuing to search for a job. As you can see, post-graduate activities are varied. For instance, New York Law School's employment rate could be calculated based on four different formulas:

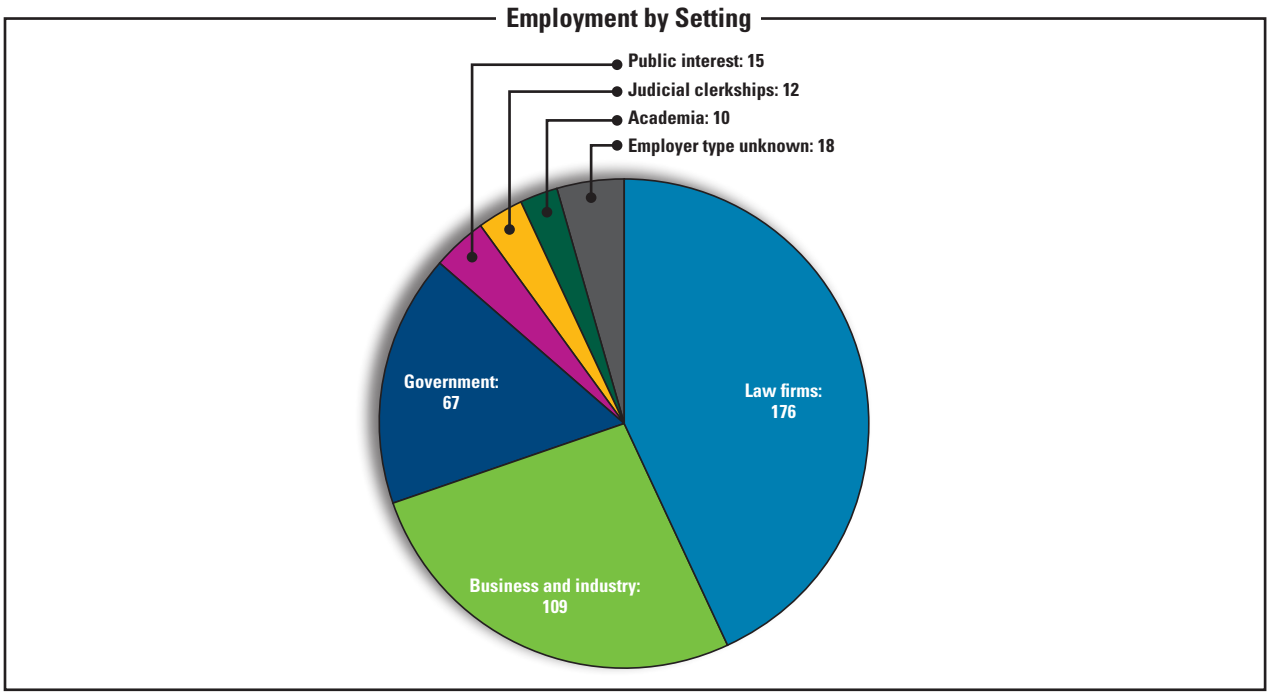
ABA and NALP*	89.0%	Employed / All graduates with known status
U.S. News & World Report (pre-2011)	91.2%	Employed + Grad degree + (.25 Unknown) / All graduates – Not seeking
U.S. News & World Report (2011)	84.6%	Employed / All graduates
NYLS Suggested	91.9%	Employed + Grad degree / All graduates with known status

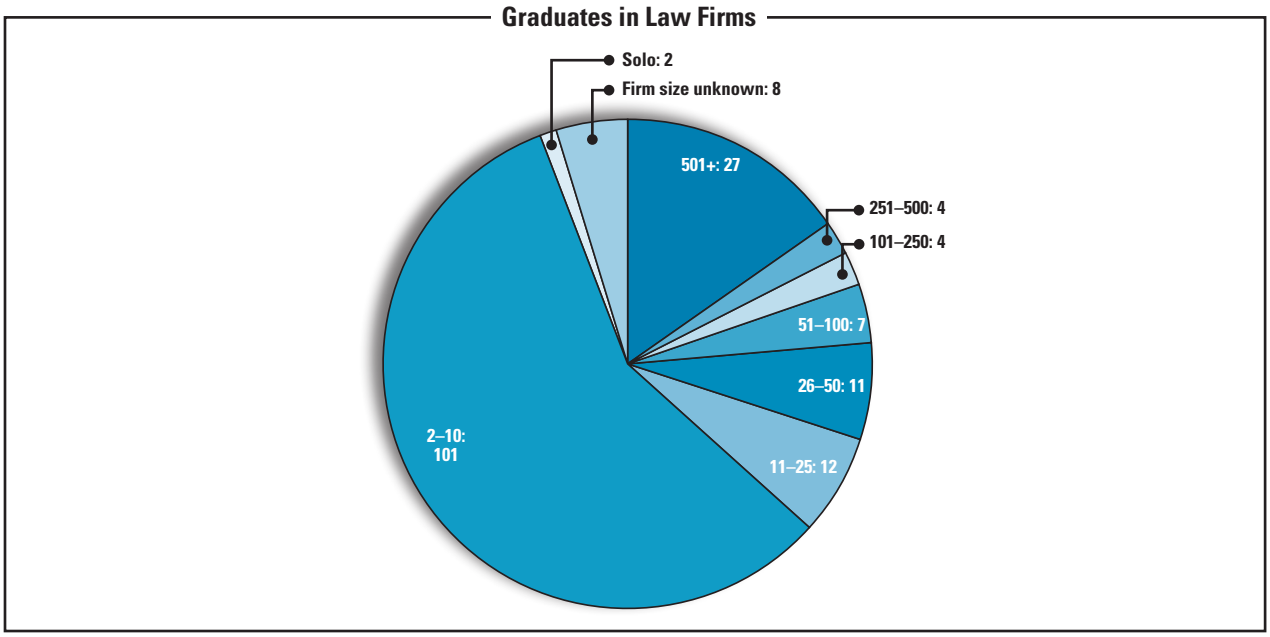
Salary information was available for approximately 26 percent of those who were employed (representing 105 salaries). Eighty percent of employed graduates were in legal positions for which a J.D. was required or preferred. A total of 5.6 percent of employed graduates were in positions funded through the NYLS Fellowship program.

Employment and Salaries by Setting**

Employment Setting	# Grads	# FT Salaries Reported	Minimum	25%	Median	75%	Maximum
Law firms	176	***	$35,000	$62,000	$81,500	$160,000	$160,000
Solo	2	0					
2–10 attorneys	101	16	$35,000	$52,000	$60,000	$68,000	$75,000
11–25	12	≤5	$83,000				$150,000
26–50	11	≤5	$50,000	$60,000	$69,000	$75,500	$75,000
51–100	7	≤5	$60,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,500	$125,000
101–250	4	≤5	$120,000				$160,000
251–500	4	≤5	$120,000				$160,000
500+	27	18	$72,000	$160,000	$160,000	$160,000	$160,000
Firm size unknown	8	0					
Business and industry	109	10	$50,000	$60,000	$85,000	$100,000	$150,000
Government	67	25	$50,000	$55,000	$55,000	$60,000	$75,000
Public interest	15	≤5	$48,000				$52,000
Judicial clerkships	12	11	$40,000	$43,000	$44,000	$60,000	$64,000
Academia	10	7	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$96,000	$100,000
Employer type unknown	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	407	105	35,000	$52,000	$62,000	$120,000	$160,000

** The data reflected here represents New York Law School's synthesis of information reported to and by the ABA and NALP.
*** Because there were fewer than five respondents in certain salary categories, the total was left blank.





* Employment Statistics for Law Graduates – Nationwide

NALP provides nationally-based, aggregate information about law graduate employment, and we have included direct links to NALP data so that you can learn more about the national legal market.

Typically, NALP lists national employment information approximately one year following graduation. See **www.nalp.org** for more information.

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