



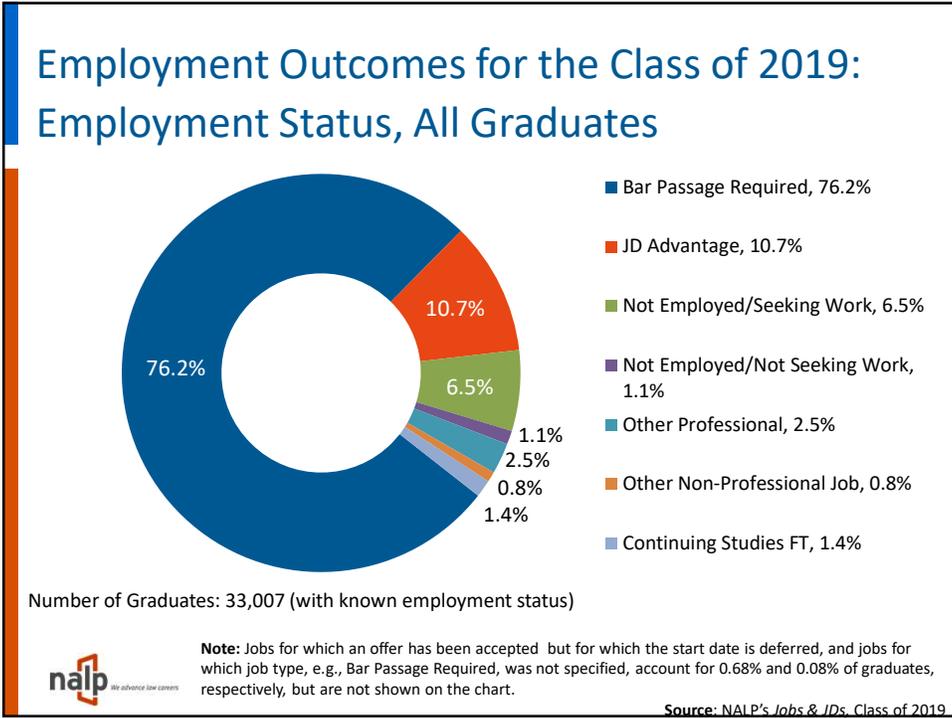
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**What Do We Know About JD Advantage Jobs?**

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### Law Graduate Employment Status: 2007 – 2019 (in percentages)

Job Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bar Passage Req'd	76.9	74.7	70.8	68.4	65.4	64.4	64.4	66.3	66.6	67.7	71.8	72.8	76.2
JD Advantage	7.7	8.1	9.2	10.7	12.5	13.3	13.8	14.8	14.5	14.8	12.3	12.5	10.7
Other Professional	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.0	2.5
Other Non-Prof.	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.8
Continuing Studies	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4
Seeking Job	4.1	5.4	6.0	6.2	9.6	10.8	11.2	9.7	9.6	8.8	7.7	7.2	6.5
Not Seeking Job	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1

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Source: NALP's *Jobs & JDs, Classes of 2007 – 2019*

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## JD Advantage Jobs: 2006 – 2018, 2019

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Grads in JDA Jobs	7.9%	8.1%	10.7%	13.3%	14.8%	14.8%	12.5%	10.7%
% of Jobs that are JDA	8.8%	9.0%	12.2%	15.7%	17.1%	16.9%	13.9%	11.8%
Total # of Jobs	36,465	36,497	36,043	37,538	36,530	31,354	29,953	29,804
<b>Total # of JDA Jobs</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>5,877</b>	<b>6,228</b>	<b>5,311</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>3,521</b>
Total # JDA Jobs in Business	1,531	1,473	1,591	2,628	3,118	2,537	2,020	1,679

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. The total number of jobs includes a small number of jobs for which job type is not reported.

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Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Classes of 2006 - 2019

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## Percentage of All Jobs that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

All Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	84.0%	83.9%	79.1%	76.3%	76.5%	77.4%	81.5%	84.4%
% of Jobs that are JDA	8.9%	9.1%	12.3%	15.7%	17.1%	16.9%	14.0%	11.8%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Percentage of Jobs in **Business** that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

Business Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	34.8%	33.3%	32.2%	29.2%	27.3%	24.0%	25.5%	29.3%
% of Jobs that are JDA	30.1%	30.5%	29.6%	39.3%	47.4%	51.9%	52.2%	50.0%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Percentage of Jobs in **Law Firms** that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

Law Firm Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	96.2%	96.9%	94.3%	93.2%	93.1%	91.8%	94.1%	95.2%
% of Jobs that are JDA	3.4%	2.8%	5.2%	6.2%	6.6%	7.7%	5.6%	4.6%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Percentage of Jobs in **Government** that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

Government Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	81.4%	80.4%	74.3%	71.0%	71.9%	72.4%	76.1%	79.6%
% of Jobs that are JDA	11.5%	12.6%	17.9%	22.8%	22.3%	21.7%	18.0%	15.6%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Percentage of Jobs in **Public Interest** that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

Public Interest Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	85.9%	81.7%	76.1%	76.9%	77.5%	78.7%	81.6%	85.3%
% of Jobs that are JDA	10.0%	13.6%	18.1%	18.4%	18.0%	17.5%	15.3%	12.2%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Percentage of Jobs in Education that are Bar Passage Required vs. JD Advantage: 2006 – 2018, 2019

Education Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
% of Jobs that are BPR	16.4%	20.6%	33.3%	17.9%	20.8%	14.4%	17.4%	19.7%
% of Jobs that are JDA	40.8%	44.3%	39.7%	49.0%	50.4%	47.4%	52.3%	52.6%

**Note:** For the years 2006-2010 these jobs were classified as JD Preferred, and for the years 2012-2019 they were classified as JD Advantage. Jobs of an unknown type were excluded for this analysis.



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## Distribution of JDA Jobs by Full-Time/Part-Time and Long-Term/Short-Term Status, Within Each Sector, Class of 2019

	Full-Time/ Long-Term	Part-Time/ Long-Term	Full-Time/ Short-Term	Part-Time/ Short-Term
<b>All JDA Jobs</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>
JDA Jobs in Business	86%	4%	6%	4%
JDA Jobs in Law Firms	64%	17%	7%	12%
JDA Jobs in Government	85%	3%	9%	3%
JDA Jobs in Public Interest	78%	5%	10%	7%
JDA Jobs in Education	75%	4%	8%	13%



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

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## Top Six Job Types for JD Advantage Jobs in Business, Class of 2019

Top 6 JDA Job Types in Business		
Job Type	Number of Jobs	% of all Business JDA Jobs
1. Compliance	292	17.4%
2. Tax Associate	156	9.3%
3. Consulting	147	8.8%
4. Management	133	7.9%
5. Law clerk or paralegal	119	7.1%
6. Marketing	79	4.7%

**Note:** Business jobs with a job type of "other" accounted for 35.5% of all JD Advantage jobs in business.



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

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## Top Six Employer Types for JD Advantage Jobs in Business, Class of 2019

Top 6 Employers for JDA Jobs in Business		
Kind of Employer	Number of Jobs	% of all Business JDA Jobs
1. Banking/Finance	219	13.0%
2. Accounting	202	12.0%
3. Technology/Legal Tech.	200	11.9%
4. Healthcare	118	7.0%
5. Management Consulting	88	5.2%
6. Real estate	85	5.1%

**Note:** Business jobs with an employer type of "other" accounted for 26.5% of all JD Advantage jobs in business.



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

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## Distribution of JD Advantage Jobs in Government by Employer Type, Class of 2019

Government Jobs that are JD Advantage		
Employer Type	Number of Jobs	% of All Gvt JDA Jobs
Federal Executive Agency	137	23.5%
Federal Other	66	11.3%
Federal Legislative	37	6.3%
Federal Military Non-JAG	14	2.4%
State Executive Agency	72	12.3%
State Other	51	8.7%
State Legislative	37	6.3%
State Court Non-Clerk	28	4.8%
Local Other	57	9.8%
Local Executive Agency	40	6.9%
Local Court Non-Clerk	13	2.2%



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

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## Distribution of JD Advantage Jobs in Public Interest by Employer Type, Class of 2019

Public Interest Jobs that are JD Advantage		
Employer Type	Number of Jobs	% of All PI JDA Jobs
Policy/Advocacy	120	41.4%
Other Public Interest	67	23.1%
Legal Services	62	21.4%
Community Education/Organization	38	13.1%



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

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## Median & Mean Starting Salaries for All Jobs vs. JD Advantage Jobs: 2006 – 2018, 2019

All Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
Median Salary	\$62,000	\$72,000	\$63,000	\$61,000	\$63,000	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$72,500
Mean Salary	\$78,000	\$92,000	\$84,000	\$81,000	\$82,000	\$90,500	\$98,000	\$100,500

JDA Jobs	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019
Median Salary	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$52,000	\$57,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Mean Salary	\$62,000	\$65,500	\$60,000	\$64,500	\$66,000	\$70,000	\$76,500	\$77,000

Note: Salaries are rounded to the nearest \$500.  
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Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Classes of 2006 - 2019

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## Median Starting Salaries for JD Advantage Jobs in Government: 2012 – 2019

JDA Jobs	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
All JDA Jobs	\$52,000	\$51,500	\$52,000	\$53,000	\$55,000	\$59,500	\$60,000	\$61,000
Federal	\$62,000	\$60,000	\$58,500	\$53,500	\$60,000	\$61,500	\$63,500	\$69,000
State	\$41,000	\$42,000	\$45,000	\$48,000	\$48,500	\$55,000	\$52,500	\$53,000
Local	\$56,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$59,500	\$60,000	\$66,000	\$58,000
By Kind of Job:								
Executive Agency	\$56,000	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$62,000	\$63,500	\$64,000
Legislative	\$45,000	\$42,000	\$43,000	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$52,000	\$55,000	\$56,000
Courts (not clerk)	\$33,500	\$38,000	\$37,000	\$43,000	\$48,000	\$36,000	\$40,500	\$44,500
Other Military	\$50,000	\$49,000	\$59,500	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$64,000	\$75,000	\$85,000
Other Govt. Job	\$57,500	\$47,500	\$50,000	\$53,000	\$52,500	\$62,500	\$60,000	\$60,000

Note: Salaries are rounded to the nearest \$500. Blue figures represent high figures for the period.  
 Red figures represent low figures for the period.



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Classes of 2012 - 2019

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## Median Starting Salaries for JD Advantage Jobs in Business by Type of Job: 2012 – 2019

JDA Jobs	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
All JDA Jobs	\$65,000	\$65,500	\$68,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$78,000
Consulting	\$72,000	\$72,500	\$70,500	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$87,000	\$85,000	\$92,500
Compliance	NC	NC	\$65,500	\$65,000	\$67,000	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Management	\$72,500	\$80,000	\$84,500	\$82,000	\$87,500	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$100,000
Marketing	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$62,000	\$68,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$79,000	\$80,000
Tax Associate	NC	NC	NC	\$74,000	\$74,000	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Self-employed	\$75,000	\$70,000	\$74,000	\$70,000	\$67,500	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$122,500
Law clerk/ paralegal	NC	NC	NC	\$53,500	\$48,500	\$55,000	\$58,000	\$60,500
Other business job	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$68,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$72,000

NC: Not collected

Note: Salaries are rounded to the nearest \$500.

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## Median Starting Salaries for JD Advantage Jobs in Business by Employer Type: 2012 – 2019

JDA Jobs	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Accounting	\$70,000	\$72,000	\$70,000	\$72,500	\$74,000	\$78,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Association or Campaign	\$66,500	\$64,000	\$61,500	\$48,000	\$62,500	\$84,000	\$70,000	\$80,000
Banking/Finance	\$65,000	\$66,000	\$70,000	\$72,500	\$74,500	\$75,500	\$80,000	\$80,000
Entertainment/ Sports Mgt.	\$45,000	\$55,000	\$52,500	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$55,500	\$60,000	\$55,000
Healthcare	NC	NC	NC	NC	\$68,000	\$70,500	\$73,000	\$72,500
Insurance	\$57,500	\$59,000	\$60,000	\$68,000	\$67,500	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$80,000
Mgt. consulting	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$87,500	\$101,000	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Real estate	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	\$74,000	\$60,000	\$65,000
Retail	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	\$71,500	\$60,000	\$70,000
LPO	NC	NC	\$44,000	\$62,500	\$50,000	-	\$60,000	\$50,500
Legal tech. co.	NC	NC	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$58,000	\$57,000	\$65,000	\$70,000
Other tech	NC	NC	\$75,000	\$72,500	\$76,000	\$83,500	\$84,000	\$81,000
Legal Temp Agency	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$49,000	\$58,000	\$48,000
Other Business	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$75,000



NC: Not collected

Note: Salaries are rounded to the nearest \$500.

Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Classes of 2012 - 2019

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## Distribution of JD Advantage Jobs by Region Compared to All Jobs, Class of 2019

Distribution of Jobs by US Census Bureau Region		
Region	Percent of JDA Jobs	Percent of All Jobs
New England	5.9%	4.8%
Mid-Atlantic	13.3%	20.8%
East North Central	14.2%	11.4%
West North Central	4.1%	5.1%
South Atlantic	25.4%	22.3%
East South Central	2.9%	3.6%
West South Central	8.3%	10.3%
Mountain	5.3%	5.7%
Pacific	18.0%	14.6%

**Note:** Figures in BLUE indicate regions that have a larger share of JD Advantage jobs than jobs overall. Jobs in U.S. territories and outside of the U.S. are not shown.



Source: NALP's Jobs & JDs, Class of 2019

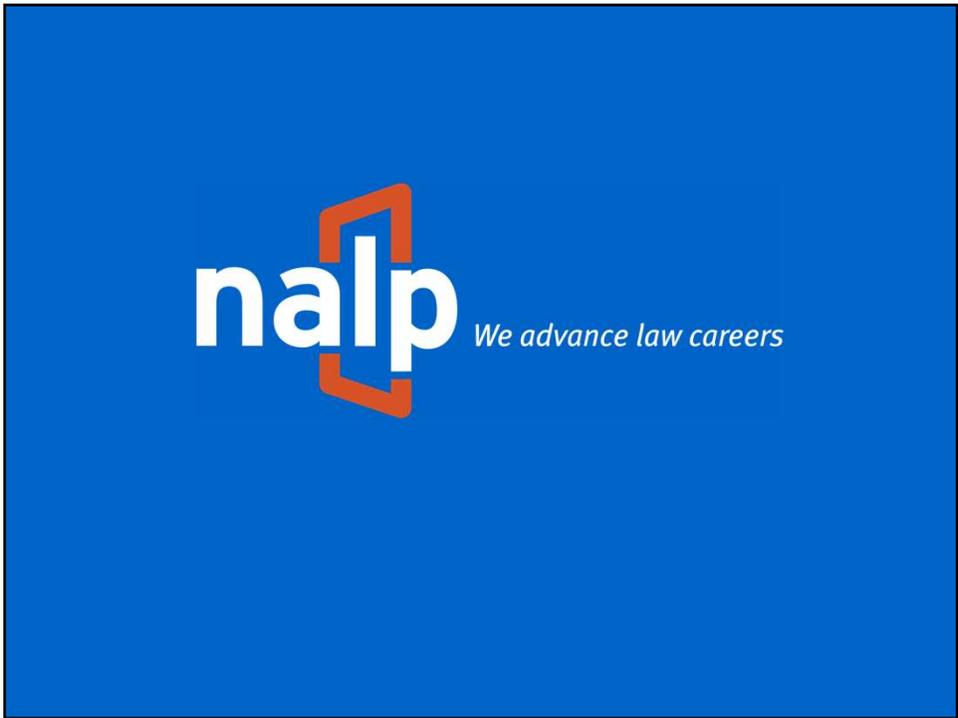
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