For over thirty years, the Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP) has obtained information from law schools on the employment status of their graduates. This data is collected through the use of the Graduate Survey Form/NALP Employment Report and Salary Survey. This annual survey is given to all law school graduates from ABA-accredited schools to obtain post-graduate employment and demographic information. These statistics are used to measure employment outcomes and the strength of the entry-level legal employment market at the national, regional, and local levels.

The Career Development and Law Practice Center collects this data for the law school. Once the data is collected, the law school submits a report to NALP in February of the year following graduation (i.e., nine months after the May graduation date). This allows for time for graduates to take and pass a state bar examination and obtain a state bar license, making them more marketable and attractive to employers. The school’s report is sent to NALP without any personally identifiable information. NALP publishes its findings, Jobs & JDs: Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, annually in July.