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## Re: TLS adopt-a-state week

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**MistakenGenius wrote:**

Well, North Carolina is finished. Talk about a state with too many law schools. Check out NC Central Law, <http://www.lstscoreports.com/schools/nccu/2013/>, 14% employment score. That's gotta be the lowest I've ever seen.

I was shopping a story on this around today, actually. I think it'll be mentioned in both NC and SC Lawyers Weekly, and I'm working on getting it in the local media too. Here's part of the pitch I sent:

I was just digging through the enrollment numbers for NC law schools and came across some surprising (yet extremely unfortunate) realities. I thought it would make for a good story, especially for those who are currently looking to start law school this fall.

The gist of it is that, while enrollment has fallen nationally to historic lows, enrollment in NC is still at historic highs. Given the terrible job numbers for the most recent graduating class we have numbers for (class of 2013), this is bad news locally even though things are improving nationally.

The NC-aggregate entering class in 2010 (which graduated in 2013) was 1625 students. The entering class in 2013 was actually larger, at 1630 students. The two worst-performing schools on employment metrics actually increased their class sizes enormously: Charlotte by 49% and NC Central by 22%. At the same time, Charlotte has increased its tuition an average of 4.9% each year for the last 5 years. NCCU increased it an average of 9.66%/year for residents and 5.32%/year for non-residents over the last 5 years.

All of this is to say that, while enrollments have fallen nationally, which should mean that employment rates improve, in NC the outlook remains grim because there are too many NC law schools enrolling too many people at too high of a cost.