

STATE BAR OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

Tarrant County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2002-03)

		Tarrant County 1995	Texas Population 1995	Tarrant County 2002	Texas Population 2002
Population Figures ¹	Percentage of Texas Population	7%		7%	
	Percentage of In-State Bar Membership ²	5%		6%	•••
	Attorney/Population Ratio	1:432	1:341	1:423	1:337

		Tarrant County	Tarrant County	In-State State Bar of Texas Membership (12/31/02) (n = 64,633)
Gender	Male	77%	73%	72%
	Female	23%	27%	28%
Race/Ethnicity ³	Caucasian/Anglo	94%	92%	87%
	African-American/Black	3%	4%	4%
	Hispanic/Latino	2%	3%	7%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%
	Native American Indian	<1%	<1%	<1%
	Other	<1%	1%	1%
Years Licensed ⁴	2 years or less	12%	10%	10%
	3 to 6 years	15%	13%	13%
	7 to 10 years	14%	13%	13%
	11 to 15 years	17%	13%	14%
	16 to 20 years	14%	15%	13%
	21 to 25 years	11%	12%	13%
	More than 25 years	17%	24%	24%
	Median years licensed	13 years	16 years	15 years

		Tarrant County Attorneys (12/31/95) (n = 2,980)	Tarrant County	In-State State Bar of Texas Membership (12/31/02) (n = 64,633)
Age	21 to 25 years	1%	<1%	<1%
	26 to 30 years	11%	7%	8%
	31 to 35 years	16%	13%	14%
	36 to 40 years	19%	13%	13%
	41 to 45 years	17%	16%	15%
	46 to 50 years	14%	16%	15%
	51 to 55 years	9%	14%	13%
	56 to 60 years	4%	10%	10%
	61 to 65 years	4%	5%	5%
	More than 65	6%	7%	7%
	Median age	42 years	46 years	46 years
Law School	Baylor	14%	13%	7%
Attended	St. Mary's	6%	6%	8%
	South Texas	5%	4%	11%
	Southern Methodist	13%	12%	9%
	Texas Southern	2%	1%	3%
	Texas Tech	11%	12%	7%
	Texas Wesleyan	2%	10%	2%
	University of Houston	5%	4%	12%
	University of Texas	22%	19%	22%
	Out-of-State Law School	20%	19%	21%
Primary 5	Private Practice	70%	69%	69%
Occupation ⁵	Government	12%	11%	11%
	Judiciary	4%	3%	2%
	Law Faculty	<1%	1%	1%
	House Counsel	8%	9%	9%
	Other Law Related	2%	3%	3%
	Other Non-Law Related	2%	2%	3%
	Retired or Not Working	2%	2%	2%
	Unemployed: Looking for Work		1%	1%
	Unemployed: Not Looking for Work		1%	1%

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Law Firm Size (for private	Sole Practitioners	38%	42%	38%
practitioners only)	2 to 5 attorneys	27%	24%	23%
	6 to 10 attorneys	8%	8%	7%
	11 to 24 attorneys	10%	8%	8%
	25 to 40 attorneys	5%	5%	4%
	41 to 60 attorneys	2%	2%	2%
	More than 60 attorneys	10%	11%	18%
	Median firm size	3 attorneys	3 attorneys	4 attorneys
Percent Who Are	No Sections	54%	54%	54%
Members of State Bar Sections	One Section	21%	24%	23%
	Two Sections	14%	13%	13%
	Three Sections	6%	6%	6%
	More than Three Sections	5%	4%	4%
Section Members by Section ⁶	Administrative and Public Law	2%	2%	4%
Section	African-American Lawyers	1%	1%	1%
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	6%	3%	4%
	American Indian Law	1%	<1%	<1%
	Animal Law		1%	1%
	Antitrust and Business Litigation	3%	4%	4%
	Appellate	6%	5%	5%
	Asian Pacific Interest		<1%	1%
	Aviation Law	1%	1%	1%
	Business Law	16%	13%	13%
	Computer and Technology	3%	3%	4%
	Construction Law	4%	4%	4%
	Consumer Law	8%	5%	5%
	Corporate Counsel	9%	9%	9%
	Criminal Justice	9%	7%	6%

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Section Members by Section (continued)	Entertainment and Sports Law	3%	2%	2%
Section (continued)	Environmental and Natural Resources	4%	3%	4%
	Family Law	17%	17%	14%
	General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	7%	11%	13%
	Government Lawyers	3%	2%	2%
	Health Law	7%	5%	4%
	Hispanic Issues	1%	1%	1%
	Individual Rights and Responsibilities	1%	1%	1%
	Insurance Law		4%	4%
	Intellectual Property Law	3%	4%	5%
	International Law	2%	1%	3%
	James C. Watson Inn	<1%	1%	<1%
	Justice of the Peace	0%	0%	<1%
	Juvenile Law	3%	3%	2%
	Labor and Employment Law	10%	11%	9%
	Litigation	28%	23%	25%
	Military Law	<1%	<1%	1%
	Municipal Judges	2%	2%	1%
	Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	5%	4%	7%
	Public Utility Law	1%	<1%	1%
	Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law	24%	24%	22%
	School Law	3%	2%	2%
	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues		<1%	1%
	Taxation Law	7%	7%	6%
	Women and the Law	2%	2%	2%

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Percent Who Are Board Certified in:	No Areas	87%	81%	85%
Board Certified III.	One Area	11%	15%	12%
	Two Areas	2%	4%	3%
	More than Two Areas	<1%	<1%	1%
Board Certified Attorneys by Area	Administrative Law	1%	1%	3%
of Legal	Bankruptcy Law: Business	2%	2%	3%
Specialization ⁷	Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	3%	3%	3%
	Civil Appellate Law	6%	6%	7%
	Civil Trial Law	18%	17%	18%
	Consumer and Commercial Law	1%	2%	1%
	Criminal Law	17%	18%	13%
	Estate Planning and Probate	12%	13%	10%
	Family Law	11%	12%	12%
	Immigration and Nationality Law	0%	<1%	1%
	Labor Law	2%	3%	6%
	Oil, Gas and Mineral Law	3%	3%	4%
	Personal Injury Trial Law	30%	26%	24%
	Real Estate Law: Commercial	7%	8%	8%
	Real Estate Law: Farm & Ranch	1%	1%	2%
	Real Estate Law: Residential	4%	5%	6%
	Tax Law	6%	5%	4%

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Notes

- ¹ Attorney population figures used to calculate statistics in the section titled Population Figures are from the State Bar's membership records as of December 31, 1995 and December 31, 2002. General population figures used to calculate 1995 statistics are estimates provided by the Texas State Data Center: Population Estimates and Projections Program, as of January 1, 1996. General population figures for 2001 are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2001.
- ² Throughout the report, the statistical information on the In-State Bar membership includes Tarrant County. All data represent active Bar members only. Some figures are estimates, as not all information is known for every active attorney.
- ³ Race/ethnicity was known for 94 percent of the active Bar membership in 1995 and for 95 percent of the active Bar membership in December 2002.
 - ⁴ Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ⁵ Primary occupation and law firm size figures are estimates as these demographics are unknown for some attorneys.
 - ⁶ Percent of all attorneys who are members of any section and who hold membership in the listed section.
- ⁷ Percent of all board certified attorneys who are certified in the listed area. Note that these figures do not include attorneys specialized in Juvenile Law as this data was not available at the time of analysis.
- ---- Indicates that the sections were not in existence, and primary occupation was categorized differently at that time.