



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2005-06)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2005, roughly the midpoint of the Bar's fiscal year. Numbers and percents are given by key demographic variables including gender, race/ethnicity, years licensed in any jurisdiction, age, graduating law school, primary occupation, law firm size, TYLA membership, section membership, and board certification. Inclusion of Bar fiscal year 1995-96 data allows for comparison.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1995-96		2005-06		1995-96		2005-06	
	N = 5,400		N = 10,337		N = 60,550		N = 77,056	
Gender								
Male	3,479	64%	5,906	57%	45,472	75%	53,450	70%
Female	1,921	36%	4,393	43%	15,077	25%	23,226	30%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	0	0%	0	0%	51,426	90%	62,366	86%
African-American/Black	1,805	33%	2,979	29%	1,805	3%	2,979	4%
Hispanic/Latino	2,727	51%	5,040	49%	2,727	5%	5,040	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	380	7%	1,255	12%	380	1%	1,255	2%
Native American Indian	128	2%	214	2%	128	<1%	214	<1%
Other Race	360	7%	849	8%	360	1%	849	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,383	26%	1,704	16%	7,436	12%	7,380	10%
3 to 6 years	1,236	23%	2,123	21%	9,417	16%	9,341	12%
7 to 10 years	753	14%	1,969	19%	8,180	14%	8,987	12%
11 to 15 years	732	14%	1,812	18%	9,940	16%	11,327	15%
16 to 20 years	715	13%	925	9%	8,835	15%	9,698	13%
21 to 25 years	310	6%	686	7%	6,285	10%	9,263	12%
Over 25 years	271	5%	1,115	11%	10,457	17%	21,055	27%
Median Years Licensed	7 yrs.		9 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	127	2%	127	1%	573	1%	516	1%
26 to 30 years	1,033	19%	1,514	15%	6,626	11%	6,838	9%
31 to 35 years	1,077	20%	2,215	21%	9,116	15%	9,798	13%
36 to 40 years	980	18%	1,965	19%	10,587	17%	9,967	13%
41 to 45 years	932	17%	1,388	13%	10,630	18%	10,102	13%
46 to 50 years	642	12%	1,097	11%	8,785	15%	10,772	14%
51 to 55 years	284	5%	932	9%	5,439	9%	10,429	14%
56 to 60 years	144	3%	596	6%	2,876	5%	8,187	11%
61 to 65 years	75	1%	257	2%	2,044	3%	4,608	6%
More than 65 years	105	2%	242	2%	3,866	6%	5,832	8%
Median Age	38 yrs.		39 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	2,749	51%	4,878	47%	20,164	33%	21,930	28%
Senior Member	2,651	49%	5,459	53%	40,386	67%	55,126	72%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	114	2%	217	2%	4,169	7%	4,617	7%
St. Mary's	411	8%	951	10%	4,390	7%	5,163	7%
South Texas	352	7%	808	9%	6,314	11%	7,807	11%
Southern Methodist	281	5%	510	5%	5,435	9%	6,033	9%
Texas Southern	918	17%	1,427	15%	1,368	2%	2,025	3%
Texas Tech	188	4%	364	4%	3,459	6%	4,498	6%
Texas Wesleyan	30	1%	215	2%	295	<1%	1,406	2%
University of Houston	687	13%	1,014	11%	6,831	11%	7,839	11%
University of Texas	1,164	22%	1,644	18%	13,979	23%	14,260	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	1,200	22%	2,181	23%	13,431	23%	16,291	23%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	3,038	66%	6,086	66%	38,104	69%	48,137	68%
Government Attorney	883	19%	1,468	16%	5,878	11%	7,633	11%
Full-Time Judge	157	3%	229	3%	1,389	3%	1,515	2%
Law Faculty	31	1%	66	1%	328	1%	484	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	264	6%	663	7%	4,939	9%	6,475	9%
Other Law Related	103	2%	290	3%	1,292	2%	2,019	3%
Other Non-Law Related	75	2%	184	2%	1,496	3%	2,005	3%
Retired-Not Working	49	1%	51	1%	1,740	3%	1,447	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	81	1%	---	---	391	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	41	<1%	---	---	467	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	1,327	48%	2,360	42%	12,769	35%	16,024	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	795	29%	1,463	26%	8,992	25%	10,589	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	166	6%	324	6%	3,012	8%	3,446	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	146	5%	393	7%	3,085	9%	3,826	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	74	3%	193	3%	1,707	5%	1,976	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	34	1%	88	2%	992	3%	1,195	3%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	231	8%	532	9%	5,594	15%	6,051	13%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	34	1%	---	---	440	1%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	258	5%	---	---	2,358	5%
Median Firm Size	2 attys.		3 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	1,713	32%	3,286	32%	26,204	43%	30,875	40%
Non Section Members	3,687	68%	7,051	68%	34,346	57%	46,181	60%
Members of One Section	737	14%	1,564	15%	11,424	19%	15,349	20%
Members of Two Sections	545	10%	951	9%	8,443	14%	8,989	12%
Members of Three Sections	237	4%	468	5%	3,652	6%	3,841	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	194	4%	303	3%	2,685	4%	2,696	3%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	99	2%	113	1%	1,142	2%	1,056	1%
African-American Lawyers	146	3%	291	3%	160	<1%	309	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	65	1%	95	1%	1,349	2%	1,102	1%
American Indian Law	22	<1%	27	<1%	135	<1%	98	<1%
Animal Law	---	---	25	<1%	---	---	247	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	45	1%	60	1%	1,195	2%	1,144	1%
Appellate	85	2%	116	1%	1,489	2%	1,687	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	---	---	114	1%	---	---	154	<1%
Aviation Law	7	<1%	11	<1%	240	<1%	234	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	130	1%	---	---	1,298	2%
Business Law	128	2%	271	3%	3,937	7%	3,765	5%
Computer and Technology	52	1%	74	1%	881	1%	831	1%
Construction Law	39	1%	119	1%	1,051	2%	1,750	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	119	2%	109	1%	1,983	3%	1,250	2%
Corporate Counsel	111	2%	253	2%	2,625	4%	2,767	4%
Criminal Justice	186	3%	362	4%	1,616	3%	2,073	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	75	1%	84	1%	584	1%	513	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	73	1%	92	1%	1,645	3%	1,229	2%
Family Law	330	6%	618	6%	3,755	6%	4,455	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	122	2%	186	2%	1,717	3%	1,744	2%
Government Lawyers	73	1%	120	1%	647	1%	702	1%
Health Law	62	1%	98	1%	1,223	2%	1,200	2%
Hispanic Issues	204	4%	288	3%	300	<1%	361	<1%
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	18	<1%	22	<1%	222	<1%	163	<1%
Insurance Law	---	---	128	1%	---	---	1,569	2%
Intellectual Property Law	81	2%	184	2%	1,299	2%	1,789	2%
International Law	119	2%	119	1%	1,132	2%	820	1%
James C. Watson Inn	5	<1%	18	<1%	78	<1%	190	<1%
Judicial	1	<1%	9	<1%	3	<1%	38	<1%
Justice of the Peace	5	<1%	10	<1%	65	<1%	48	<1%
Juvenile Law	87	2%	165	2%	553	1%	810	1%
Labor and Employment Law	236	4%	406	4%	2,557	4%	2,754	4%
Litigation	463	9%	646	6%	7,643	13%	7,341	10%
Military Law	11	<1%	21	<1%	184	<1%	223	<1%
Municipal Judges	28	1%	61	1%	212	<1%	256	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	59	1%	103	1%	2,235	4%	2,167	3%
Poverty Law	---	---	64	1%	---	---	162	<1%
Public Utility Law	24	<1%	41	<1%	402	1%	398	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	196	4%	400	4%	5,978	10%	6,887	9%
School Law	77	1%	91	1%	561	1%	549	1%
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	20	<1%	---	---	171	<1%
Taxation	70	1%	115	1%	1,598	3%	1,668	2%
Women and the Law	53	1%	79	1%	581	1%	428	1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	183	3%	339	3%	5,736	9%	7,020	9%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	5,217	97%	9,998	97%	54,814	91%	70,036	91%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	162	3%	309	3%	4,554	8%	5,857	8%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	19	<1%	26	<1%	1,043	2%	1,039	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	2	<1%	4	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%

Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	10	<1%	8	<1%	179	<1%	168	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	1	<1%	2	<1%	188	<1%	165	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	5	<1%	6	<1%	153	<1%	163	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	9	<1%	10	<1%	351	1%	404	1%
Civil Trial Law	25	<1%	30	<1%	1,240	2%	1,191	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	0	0%	4	<1%	38	<1%	64	<1%
Criminal Law	40	1%	66	1%	657	1%	823	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	6	<1%	8	<1%	502	1%	647	1%
Family Law	20	<1%	31	<1%	610	1%	700	1%
Health Law	---	---	1	<1%	---	---	45	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	11	<1%	23	<1%	68	<1%	84	<1%
Juvenile Law	---	---	9	<1%	---	---	57	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	9	<1%	48	<1%	242	<1%	533	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	8	<1%	9	<1%	271	<1%	265	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	46	1%	91	1%	1,422	2%	1,778	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	8	<1%	6	<1%	486	1%	492	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	1	<1%	117	<1%	97	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	3	<1%	4	<1%	329	1%	321	<1%
Tax Law	4	<1%	7	<1%	220	<1%	233	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	9	<1%	---	---	88	<1%

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Footnotes

- * Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys less than 37 years of age and for attorneys of any age who have been licensed for less than four years.
- *** The firm size categories '61 to 100 attorneys', '101 to 200 attorneys', and 'Over 200 attorneys' were introduced in 2004.
- Indicates that the given category or group was not in existence.

General Notes

All data represent active attorney bar members in good standing. Some figures are estimates as not all demographic data is known for all attorneys; individual data items will not sum to the column headers in these instances. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Bar geography, such as county membership and various district memberships, is based on members' official address. Bar members' official address was determined by work address; if work address was unavailable, home address was used.