



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2014-15)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2014. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Over the last 10 years the number of Texas attorneys has increased by 30 percent, growing from 74,675 attorneys in 2004 to 96,912 in 2014.

	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2004-05		2014-15		2004-05		2014-15	
	<i>N = 67,764</i>		<i>N = 86,494</i>		<i>N = 74,675</i>		<i>N = 96,912</i>	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 67,566)</i>		<i>(N = 85,983)</i>		<i>(N = 74,446)</i>		<i>(N = 96,332)</i>	
Male	47,647	71%	56,427	66%	52,371	70%	63,196	66%
Female	19,919	29%	29,556	34%	22,075	30%	33,136	34%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 63,928)</i>		<i>(N = 82,087)</i>		<i>(N = 70,434)</i>		<i>(N = 91,966)</i>	
White	55,048	86%	66,488	81%	60,772	86%	74,740	81%
Black/African-American	2,508	4%	4,093	5%	2,788	4%	4,638	5%
Hispanic/Latino	4,502	7%	7,326	9%	4,759	7%	7,806	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	971	2%	2,472	3%	1,111	2%	2,851	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	174	<1%	248	<1%	203	<1%	302	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	540	1%	--	--	599	1%
Other Race	725	1%	920	1%	801	1%	1,030	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	6,574	10%	7,632	9%	7,005	9%	8,227	8%
3 to 6 years	8,459	12%	10,060	12%	9,363	13%	11,165	12%
7 to 10 years	8,062	12%	9,551	11%	9,026	12%	10,774	11%
11 to 15 years	9,941	15%	10,281	12%	10,997	15%	11,720	12%
16 to 20 years	8,587	13%	9,785	11%	9,641	13%	11,136	11%
21 to 25 years	8,196	12%	9,517	11%	9,098	12%	10,732	11%
Over 25 years	17,945	26%	29,668	34%	19,545	26%	33,158	34%
Median Years Licensed	16 Years		18 Years		16 Years		18 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
	<i>(N = 67,763)</i>		<i>(N = 86,489)</i>		<i>(N = 74,673)</i>		<i>(N = 96,906)</i>	
21 to 25 years	456	1%	207	<1%	477	1%	213	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,038	9%	7,124	8%	6,566	9%	7,753	8%
31 to 35 years	8,884	13%	10,593	12%	9,869	13%	11,814	12%
36 to 40 years	8,650	13%	10,096	12%	9,634	13%	11,411	12%
41 to 45 years	9,185	14%	9,924	11%	10,214	14%	11,299	12%
46 to 50 years	9,658	14%	9,064	10%	10,724	14%	10,351	11%
51 to 55 years	9,027	13%	9,207	11%	10,035	13%	10,411	11%
56 to 60 years	6,924	10%	9,244	11%	7,614	10%	10,476	11%
61 to 65 years	3,852	6%	8,409	10%	4,128	6%	9,396	10%
More than 65 years	5,089	8%	12,621	15%	5,412	7%	13,782	14%
Median Age	46 Years		48 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	20,858	31%	24,303	28%	22,852	31%	26,867	28%
Senior Member	46,906	69%	62,191	72%	51,823	69%	70,045	72%

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	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2004-05 N = 67,764		2014-15 N = 86,494		2004-05 N = 74,675		2014-15 N = 96,912	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	4,321	7%	5,371	6%	4,526	7%	5,689	6%
St. Mary's	4,786	8%	6,707	8%	5,007	7%	7,010	7%
South Texas	7,202	12%	10,191	12%	7,529	11%	10,709	11%
Southern Methodist	5,406	9%	7,300	8%	5,821	9%	7,935	8%
Texas Southern	1,820	3%	3,013	3%	1,910	3%	3,211	3%
Texas Tech	4,118	7%	5,922	7%	4,312	6%	6,246	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	1,205	2%	2,596	3%	1,255	2%	2,751	3%
University of Houston	7,140	12%	9,158	11%	7,593	11%	9,834	10%
University of Texas	13,040	21%	14,780	17%	13,991	21%	16,068	17%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	12,716	21%	21,456	25%	15,840	23%	27,459	28%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 60,218)</i>		<i>(N = 73,445)</i>		<i>(N = 66,272)</i>		<i>(N = 82,044)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	14,900	25%	17,891	24%	15,559	23%	18,990	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	9,588	16%	11,836	16%	10,140	15%	12,667	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,025	5%	3,842	5%	3,312	5%	4,204	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,445	6%	4,080	6%	3,776	6%	4,500	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,751	3%	1,897	3%	1,912	3%	2,127	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	1,079	2%	992	1%	1,192	2%	1,148	1%
More than 60 attorneys	7,472	12%	7,627	10%	8,428	13%	8,879	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>41,260</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>48,165</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>44,319</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>52,515</i>	<i>64%</i>
Government Attorney	6,534	11%	7,420	10%	7,379	11%	8,464	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,435	2%	1,605	2%	1,490	2%	1,685	2%
Law Faculty	368	1%	420	1%	468	1%	577	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	5,360	9%	7,583	10%	6,352	10%	9,016	11%
Other Law Related	1,613	3%	2,341	3%	1,940	3%	2,756	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,642	3%	2,084	3%	1,973	3%	2,539	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	672	1%	--	--	758	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,303	2%	2,152	3%	1,483	2%	2,515	3%
Unemployed-Looking	331	1%	534	1%	403	1%	645	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	372	1%	469	1%	465	1%	574	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	28,580	42%	39,384	46%	29,690	40%	41,491	43%
Non Section Members	39,184	58%	47,110	54%	44,985	60%	55,421	57%
Members of One Section	13,875	20%	19,855	23%	14,551	19%	21,179	22%
Members of Two Sections	8,407	12%	11,273	13%	8,681	12%	11,759	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,694	5%	4,713	5%	3,796	5%	4,901	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,604	4%	3,543	4%	2,662	4%	3,652	4%

## State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2014-15)

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therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

Section Membership	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2004-05 N = 67,764		2014-15 N = 86,494		2004-05 N = 74,675		2014-15 N = 96,912	
Administrative and Public Law	1,026	2%	1,174	1%	1,044	1%	1,213	1%
African-American Lawyers	262	<1%	432	<1%	270	<1%	473	<1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,081	2%	1,112	1%	1,113	1%	1,148	1%
American Indian Law	89	<1%	142	<1%	100	<1%	156	<1%
Animal Law	243	<1%	353	<1%	246	<1%	372	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,118	2%	918	1%	1,156	2%	968	1%
Appellate	1,645	2%	1,871	2%	1,669	2%	1,911	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	137	<1%	247	<1%	148	<1%	269	<1%
Aviation Law	214	<1%	264	<1%	234	<1%	290	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,062	2%	1,485	2%	1,085	1%	1,550	2%
Business Law	3,487	5%	4,137	5%	3,607	5%	4,325	4%
Collaborative Law	--	--	255	<1%	--	--	259	<1%
Computer and Technology	793	1%	2,062	2%	844	1%	2,144	2%
Construction Law	1,572	2%	2,040	2%	1,606	2%	2,133	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,218	2%	1,293	1%	1,243	2%	1,337	1%
Corporate Counsel	2,567	4%	3,854	4%	2,728	4%	4,153	4%
Criminal Justice	1,920	3%	3,043	4%	1,952	3%	3,110	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	452	1%	570	1%	470	1%	611	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,171	2%	1,290	1%	1,245	2%	1,397	1%
Family Law	4,296	6%	5,825	7%	4,329	6%	5,871	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,745	3%	2,262	3%	1,763	2%	2,309	2%
Government Lawyers	674	1%	871	1%	697	1%	908	1%
Health Law	1,150	2%	1,524	2%	1,202	2%	1,650	2%
Hispanic Issues	328	<1%	463	1%	347	0%	481	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	919	1%	--	--	996	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	158	<1%	203	<1%	167	<1%	214	<1%
Insurance Law	1,473	2%	1,723	2%	1,526	2%	1,814	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,574	2%	2,198	3%	1,718	2%	2,449	3%
International Law	755	1%	798	1%	843	1%	898	1%
James C. Watson Inn	101	<1%	148	<1%	101	<1%	150	<1%
Judicial Law	26	<1%	1,087	1%	26	<1%	1,093	1%
Justice of the Peace	59	<1%	114	<1%	59	<1%	115	<1%
Juvenile Law	754	1%	866	1%	758	1%	870	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,622	4%	2,898	3%	2,730	4%	3,062	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	267	<1%	--	--	270	<1%
Litigation	7,279	11%	7,372	9%	7,436	10%	7,588	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	205	<1%	--	--	212	<1%
Military law	175	<1%	402	<1%	221	<1%	493	1%
Municipal Judges	246	<1%	301	<1%	246	<1%	302	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,945	3%	4,691	5%	2,070	3%	5,024	5%
Poverty Law	--	--	462	1%	--	--	475	<1%
Public Utility Law	377	1%	468	1%	402	1%	499	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	6,490	10%	7,931	9%	6,609	9%	8,158	8%
School Law	553	1%	700	1%	560	1%	716	1%
LGBT Law	177	<1%	383	<1%	185	<1%	399	<1%
Taxation	1,603	2%	1,964	2%	1,677	2%	2,115	2%
Women and the Law	420	1%	705	1%	428	1%	735	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	295	<1%	--	--	303	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,639	10%	7,031	8%	6,710	9%	7,130	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	61,125	90%	79,463	92%	67,965	91%	89,782	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,510	8%	5,945	7%	5,577	7%	6,037	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,007	1%	970	1%	1,011	1%	976	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	122	<1%	116	<1%	122	<1%	117	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	172	<1%	144	<1%	175	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	160	<1%	131	<1%	162	<1%	137	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	152	<1%	131	<1%	153	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	393	1%	427	<1%	393	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,178	2%	1,004	1%	1,188	2%	1,014	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	61	<1%	72	<1%	62	0%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	119	<1%	--	--	121	<1%
Criminal Law	785	1%	819	1%	794	1%	829	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	613	1%	674	1%	617	1%	682	1%
Family Law	669	1%	779	1%	671	1%	786	1%
Health Law	34	<1%	56	<1%	35	<1%	89	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	79	<1%	139	<1%	84	<1%	143	<1%
Juvenile Law	50	<1%	68	<1%	50	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	460	1%	608	1%	478	1%	628	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	258	<1%	319	<1%	261	<1%	322	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,732	3%	1,574	2%	1,739	2%	1,588	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	477	1%	482	1%	479	1%	487	1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	94	<1%	93	<1%	94	<1%	94	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	311	<1%	299	<1%	311	<1%	300	<1%
Tax Law	223	<1%	210	<1%	229	<1%	215	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	--	--	95	<1%	--	--	96	<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.

### General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2014. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking full membership representation. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding.