



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2016-17)

This report profiles active racial/ethnic minority attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2016. 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 racial/ethnic minority Texas attorneys has increased by 71 percent, growing from 11,060 attorneys in 2006 to 18,924 in 2016.

	Racial/Ethnic Minority Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2006-07		2016-17		2006-07		2016-17	
	<i>N = 11,060</i>		<i>N = 18,924</i>		<i>N = 79,409</i>		<i>N = 100,294</i>	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 11,022)</i>		<i>(N = 18,904)</i>		<i>(N = 79,015)</i>		<i>(N = 99,636)</i>	
Male	6,243	57%	9,910	52%	54,546	69%	64,599	65%
Female	4,779	43%	8,994	48%	24,469	31%	35,037	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 11,060)</i>		<i>(N = 18,924)</i>		<i>(N = 75,002)</i>		<i>(N = 95,433)</i>	
White	0	0%	0	0%	63,942	85%	76,509	80%
Black/African-American	3,153	29%	5,022	27%	3,153	4%	5,022	5%
Hispanic/Latino	5,334	48%	8,529	45%	5,334	7%	8,529	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,433	13%	3,211	17%	1,433	2%	3,211	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	225	2%	326	2%	225	<1%	326	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	709	4%	--	--	709	1%
Other Race	915	8%	1,127	6%	915	1%	1,127	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,818	16%	2,415	13%	7,656	10%	7,630	8%
3 to 6 years	2,249	20%	3,448	18%	9,394	12%	11,461	11%
7 to 10 years	2,001	18%	2,971	16%	9,195	12%	11,310	11%
11 to 15 years	2,005	18%	2,940	16%	11,336	14%	12,250	12%
16 to 20 years	1,048	9%	2,498	13%	9,928	13%	11,225	11%
21 to 25 years	647	6%	1,939	10%	9,369	12%	10,960	11%
Over 25 years	1,292	12%	2,713	14%	22,526	28%	35,458	35%
Median Years Licensed	9 Years		12 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 11,059)</i>		<i>(N = 18,924)</i>		<i>(N = 79,410)</i>		<i>(N = 100,294)</i>	
21 to 25 years	138	1%	65	<1%	537	1%	194	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,628	15%	2,176	11%	7,257	9%	7,345	7%
31 to 35 years	2,226	20%	3,483	18%	9,583	12%	12,082	12%
36 to 40 years	2,201	20%	3,171	17%	10,554	13%	12,363	12%
41 to 45 years	1,511	14%	2,763	15%	9,895	12%	11,006	11%
46 to 50 years	1,137	10%	2,459	13%	10,832	14%	11,286	11%
51 to 55 years	988	9%	1,600	8%	10,671	13%	9,984	10%
56 to 60 years	670	6%	1,176	6%	8,683	11%	10,506	10%
61 to 65 years	295	3%	922	5%	5,088	6%	9,636	10%
More than 65 years	265	2%	1,109	6%	6,310	8%	15,892	16%
Median Age	39 Years		42 Years		46 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	5,373	49%	7,812	41%	23,424	29%	26,998	27%
Senior Member	5,687	51%	11,112	59%	55,985	71%	73,296	73%

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	2006-07 N = 11,060		2016-17 N = 18,924		2006-07 N = 79,409		2016-17 N = 100,294	
Law School Attended								
Baylor University	252	2%	405	2%	5,120	7%	5,752	6%
St. Mary's	1,098	10%	1,704	9%	5,792	7%	7,198	7%
South Texas	957	9%	1,636	9%	8,704	11%	11,000	11%
Southern Methodist	589	5%	1,038	6%	6,712	9%	8,140	8%
Texas Southern	1,628	15%	2,475	14%	2,313	3%	3,370	3%
Texas Tech	435	4%	832	5%	5,031	6%	6,489	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	270	2%	654	4%	1,689	2%	3,349	3%
University of Houston	1,160	11%	1,690	9%	8,648	11%	9,974	10%
University of Texas	1,863	17%	2,537	14%	15,596	20%	16,093	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	2,564	24%	5,953	33%	18,456	24%	28,929	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 9,227)</i>		<i>(N = 14,245)</i>		<i>(N = 70,110)</i>		<i>(N = 83,678)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	2,509	27%	3,507	25%	16,508	24%	19,199	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	1,540	17%	2,363	17%	10,889	16%	12,704	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	339	4%	567	4%	3,462	5%	4,348	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	400	4%	576	4%	3,900	6%	4,389	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	194	2%	268	2%	2,018	3%	2,167	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	103	1%	155	1%	1,120	2%	1,230	1%
More than 60 attorneys	852	9%	1,155	8%	8,919	13%	9,044	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	5,937	64%	8,591	60%	46,816	67%	53,081	63%
Government Attorney	1,541	17%	2,125	15%	7,871	11%	8,792	11%
Full-Time Judge	233	3%	338	2%	1,549	2%	1,740	2%
Law Faculty	80	1%	108	1%	507	1%	592	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	763	8%	1,542	11%	6,845	10%	9,439	11%
Other Law Related	292	3%	566	4%	2,079	3%	2,910	3%
Other Non-Law Related	205	2%	357	3%	2,059	3%	2,546	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	309	2%	--	--	873	1%
Retired-Not Working	60	1%	142	1%	1,599	2%	2,735	3%
Unemployed-Looking	76	1%	109	1%	378	1%	440	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	40	<1%	58	<1%	407	1%	530	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	3,528	32%	7,425	39%	31,693	40%	44,081	44%
Non Section Members	7,532	68%	11,499	61%	47,716	60%	56,213	56%
Members of One Section	1,675	15%	3,659	19%	15,855	20%	22,804	23%
Members of Two Sections	1,030	9%	2,044	11%	9,247	12%	12,195	12%
Members of Three Sections	501	5%	970	5%	3,837	5%	5,272	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	322	3%	752	4%	2,754	3%	3,810	4%

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	2006-07		2016-17		2006-07		2016-17	
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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	121	1%	192	1%	1,081	1%	1,231	1%
African-American Lawyers	316	3%	550	3%	336	<1%	589	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	110	1%	155	1%	1,139	1%	1,170	1%
Animal Law	23	<1%	40	<1%	253	<1%	367	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	61	1%	93	<1%	1,119	1%	966	1%
Appellate	114	1%	208	1%	1,713	2%	1,996	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	136	1%	253	1%	186	<1%	309	<1%
Aviation Law	12	<1%	22	<1%	244	<1%	273	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	115	1%	218	1%	1,238	2%	1,551	2%
Business Law	303	3%	567	3%	3,879	5%	4,519	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	24	<1%	--	--	275	<1%
Computer and Technology	74	1%	360	2%	786	1%	2,203	2%
Construction Law	119	1%	234	1%	1,802	2%	2,250	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	121	1%	210	1%	1,306	2%	1,398	1%
Corporate Counsel	278	3%	702	4%	2,878	4%	4,488	4%
Criminal Justice	418	4%	739	4%	2,214	3%	3,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	92	1%	147	1%	523	1%	637	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	88	1%	145	1%	1,269	2%	1,310	1%
Family Law	637	6%	1,397	7%	4,462	6%	6,093	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	201	2%	379	2%	1,785	2%	2,320	2%
Government Lawyers	128	1%	222	1%	725	1%	987	1%
Health Law	99	1%	283	1%	1,215	2%	1,741	2%
Hispanic Issues	309	3%	445	2%	402	1%	539	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	629	3%	--	--	1,146	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	27	<1%	26	<1%	182	<1%	196	<1%
Insurance Law	137	1%	274	1%	1,520	2%	2,046	2%
Intellectual Property Law	192	2%	471	2%	1,850	2%	2,519	3%
International Law	123	1%	201	1%	811	1%	915	1%
James C. Watson Inn	12	<1%	17	<1%	154	<1%	139	<1%
Judicial	13	<1%	156	1%	56	<1%	987	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	7	<1%	25	<1%	51	<1%	134	<1%
Juvenile Law	168	2%	213	1%	813	1%	910	1%
Labor and Employment Law	438	4%	677	4%	2,799	4%	3,228	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	43	<1%	--	--	240	<1%
LGBT Law	18	<1%	101	1%	170	<1%	501	<1%
Litigation	649	6%	1,144	6%	7,416	9%	8,563	9%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	44	<1%	--	--	251	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	22	<1%	101	1%	230	<1%	544	1%
Municipal Judges	60	1%	80	<1%	245	<1%	302	<1%
Native American Law	33	<1%	57	<1%	105	<1%	138	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	111	1%	463	2%	2,357	3%	4,694	5%
Poverty Law	114	1%	186	1%	340	<1%	561	1%
Public Utility Law	50	<1%	70	<1%	403	1%	493	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	440	4%	966	5%	7,020	9%	8,954	9%
School Law	108	1%	193	1%	574	1%	747	1%
Tax	130	1%	280	1%	1,674	2%	2,189	2%
Women and the Law	81	1%	267	1%	424	1%	1,004	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	73	<1%	--	--	328	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	365	3%	534	3%	7,060	9%	7,197	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	10,695	97%	18,390	97%	72,349	91%	93,097	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	335	3%	493	3%	5,907	7%	6,151	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	26	<1%	38	<1%	1,029	1%	936	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	4	<1%	3	<1%	124	<1%	110	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	8	<1%	11	<1%	162	<1%	145	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	2	<1%	4	<1%	160	<1%	127	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	6	<1%	9	<1%	159	<1%	132	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	11	<1%	19	<1%	408	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	31	<1%	29	<1%	1,173	1%	978	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	4	<1%	4	<1%	68	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	10	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	67	1%	76	<1%	836	1%	832	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	8	<1%	14	<1%	654	1%	695	1%
Family Law	32	<1%	59	<1%	705	1%	818	1%
Health Law	1	<1%	2	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	34	<1%	75	<1%	102	<1%	162	<1%
Juvenile Law	10	<1%	15	<1%	58	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	54	<1%	89	<1%	544	1%	637	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	9	<1%	15	<1%	262	<1%	373	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	92	1%	109	1%	1,768	2%	1,551	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	6	<1%	12	<1%	490	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	1	<1%	1	<1%	99	<1%	87	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	6	<1%	6	<1%	329	<1%	282	<1%
Tax Law	6	<1%	7	<1%	231	<1%	208	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	11	<1%	12	<1%	92	<1%	98	<1%

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Footnotes

- * Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys 36 years old or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2016. 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.