



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2016-17)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in 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 Texas attorneys has increased by 26 percent, growing from 79,409 attorneys in 2006 to 100,294 in 2016.

	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2006-07 N = 71,570		2016-17 N = 89,361		2006-07 N = 79,409		2016-17 N = 100,294	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 71,259)</i>		<i>(N = 88,773)</i>		<i>(N = 79,015)</i>		<i>(N = 99,636)</i>	
Male	49,318	69%	57,522	65%	54,546	69%	64,599	65%
Female	21,941	31%	31,251	35%	24,469	31%	35,037	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 67,628)</i>		<i>(N = 85,010)</i>		<i>(N = 75,002)</i>		<i>(N = 95,433)</i>	
White	57,533	85%	67,875	80%	63,942	85%	76,509	80%
Black/African-American	2,809	4%	4,441	5%	3,153	4%	5,022	5%
Hispanic/Latino	5,035	7%	7,994	9%	5,334	7%	8,529	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,244	2%	2,800	3%	1,433	2%	3,211	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	190	<1%	271	<1%	225	<1%	326	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	627	1%	--	--	709	1%
Other Race	817	1%	1,002	1%	915	1%	1,127	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	7,132	10%	7,091	8%	7,656	10%	7,630	8%
3 to 6 years	8,414	12%	10,319	12%	9,394	12%	11,461	11%
7 to 10 years	8,128	11%	9,994	11%	9,195	12%	11,310	11%
11 to 15 years	10,100	14%	10,789	12%	11,336	14%	12,250	12%
16 to 20 years	8,889	12%	9,794	11%	9,928	13%	11,225	11%
21 to 25 years	8,339	12%	9,654	11%	9,369	12%	10,960	11%
Over 25 years	20,563	29%	31,720	35%	22,526	28%	35,458	35%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		19 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 71,562)</i>		<i>(N = 89,361)</i>		<i>(N = 79,410)</i>		<i>(N = 100,294)</i>	
21 to 25 years	511	1%	179	<1%	537	1%	194	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,628	9%	6,773	8%	7,257	9%	7,345	7%
31 to 35 years	8,544	12%	10,815	12%	9,583	12%	12,082	12%
36 to 40 years	9,373	13%	10,904	12%	10,554	13%	12,363	12%
41 to 45 years	8,817	12%	9,667	11%	9,895	12%	11,006	11%
46 to 50 years	9,679	14%	9,880	11%	10,832	14%	11,286	11%
51 to 55 years	9,567	13%	8,780	10%	10,671	13%	9,984	10%
56 to 60 years	7,798	11%	9,265	10%	8,683	11%	10,506	10%
61 to 65 years	4,726	7%	8,596	10%	5,088	6%	9,636	10%
More than 65 years	5,919	8%	14,502	16%	6,310	8%	15,892	16%
Median Age	46 Years		49 Years		46 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	21,151	30%	24,360	27%	23,424	29%	26,998	27%
Senior Member	50,419	70%	65,001	73%	55,985	71%	73,296	73%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	4,864	7%	5,432	6%	5,120	7%	5,752	6%
St. Mary's	5,537	8%	6,889	8%	5,792	7%	7,198	7%
South Texas	8,287	12%	10,262	11%	8,704	11%	11,000	11%
Southern Methodist	6,189	9%	7,509	8%	6,712	9%	8,140	8%
Texas Southern	2,181	3%	3,175	4%	2,313	3%	3,370	3%
Texas Tech	4,786	7%	6,152	7%	5,031	6%	6,489	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	1,625	2%	3,177	4%	1,689	2%	3,349	3%
University of Houston	8,057	11%	9,279	10%	8,648	11%	9,974	10%
University of Texas	14,427	20%	14,815	17%	15,596	20%	16,093	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	14,451	21%	22,671	25%	18,456	24%	28,929	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 63,323)</i>		<i>(N = 74,695)</i>		<i>(N = 70,110)</i>		<i>(N = 83,678)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	15,705	25%	18,036	24%	16,508	24%	19,199	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,250	16%	11,824	16%	10,889	16%	12,704	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,151	5%	3,991	5%	3,462	5%	4,348	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,560	6%	3,930	5%	3,900	6%	4,389	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,804	3%	1,924	3%	2,018	3%	2,167	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	997	2%	1,079	1%	1,120	2%	1,230	1%
More than 60 attorneys	7,847	12%	7,704	10%	8,919	13%	9,044	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>43,314</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>48,488</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>46,816</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>53,081</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	6,945	11%	7,661	10%	7,871	11%	8,792	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,486	2%	1,663	2%	1,549	2%	1,740	2%
Law Faculty	388	1%	437	1%	507	1%	592	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	5,717	9%	7,927	11%	6,845	10%	9,439	11%
Other Law Related	1,730	3%	2,461	3%	2,079	3%	2,910	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,709	3%	2,105	3%	2,059	3%	2,546	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	797	1%	--	--	873	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,403	2%	2,356	3%	1,599	2%	2,735	3%
Unemployed-Looking	307	<1%	356	<1%	378	1%	440	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	324	1%	444	1%	407	1%	530	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	30,418	43%	41,752	47%	31,693	40%	44,081	44%
Non Section Members	41,152	57%	47,609	53%	47,716	60%	56,213	56%
Members of One Section	15,074	21%	21,358	24%	15,855	20%	22,804	23%
Members of Two Sections	8,934	12%	11,639	13%	9,247	12%	12,195	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,722	5%	5,064	6%	3,837	5%	5,272	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,688	4%	3,691	4%	2,754	3%	3,810	4%

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Attorneys can belong to multiple sections, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2006-07		2016-17		2006-07		2016-17	
	N = 71,570		N = 89,361		N = 79,409		N = 100,294	
Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	1,062	1%	1,194	1%	1,081	1%	1,231	1%
African-American Lawyers	311	<1%	542	1%	336	<1%	589	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,097	2%	1,124	1%	1,139	1%	1,170	1%
Animal Law	247	<1%	343	<1%	253	<1%	367	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,071	1%	911	1%	1,119	1%	966	1%
Appellate	1,694	2%	1,947	2%	1,713	2%	1,996	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	175	<1%	285	<1%	186	<1%	309	<1%
Aviation Law	223	<1%	241	<1%	244	<1%	273	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,204	2%	1,472	2%	1,238	2%	1,551	2%
Business Law	3,736	5%	4,325	5%	3,879	5%	4,519	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	270	<1%	--	--	275	<1%
Computer and Technology	743	1%	2,135	2%	786	1%	2,203	2%
Construction Law	1,749	2%	2,140	2%	1,802	2%	2,250	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,285	2%	1,350	2%	1,306	2%	1,398	1%
Corporate Counsel	2,671	4%	4,182	5%	2,878	4%	4,488	4%
Criminal Justice	2,183	3%	3,146	4%	2,214	3%	3,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	493	1%	592	1%	523	1%	637	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,192	2%	1,189	1%	1,269	2%	1,310	1%
Family Law	4,435	6%	6,032	7%	4,462	6%	6,093	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,765	2%	2,265	3%	1,785	2%	2,320	2%
Government Lawyers	702	1%	953	1%	725	1%	987	1%
Health Law	1,155	2%	1,612	2%	1,215	2%	1,741	2%
Hispanic Issues	383	1%	514	1%	402	1%	539	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,059	1%	--	--	1,146	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	174	<1%	186	<1%	182	<1%	196	<1%
Insurance Law	1,468	2%	1,933	2%	1,520	2%	2,046	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,703	2%	2,267	3%	1,850	2%	2,519	3%
International Law	726	1%	805	1%	811	1%	915	1%
James C. Watson Inn	153	<1%	136	<1%	154	<1%	139	<1%
Judicial	55	<1%	980	1%	56	<1%	987	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	51	<1%	133	<1%	51	<1%	134	<1%
Juvenile Law	812	1%	902	1%	813	1%	910	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,680	4%	3,040	3%	2,799	4%	3,228	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	228	<1%	--	--	240	<1%
LGBT Law	163	<1%	473	1%	170	<1%	501	<1%
Litigation	7,234	10%	8,284	9%	7,416	9%	8,563	9%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	242	<1%	--	--	251	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	180	<1%	451	1%	230	<1%	544	1%
Municipal Judges	245	<1%	299	<1%	245	<1%	302	<1%
Native American Law	88	<1%	125	<1%	105	<1%	138	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,215	3%	4,339	5%	2,357	3%	4,694	5%
Poverty Law	337	<1%	551	1%	340	<1%	561	1%
Public Utility Law	382	1%	460	1%	403	1%	493	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	6,870	10%	8,679	10%	7,020	9%	8,954	9%
School Law	565	1%	722	1%	574	1%	747	1%
Tax	1,579	2%	2,026	2%	1,674	2%	2,189	2%
Women and the Law	415	1%	960	1%	424	1%	1,004	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	314	<1%	--	--	328	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,980	10%	7,099	8%	7,060	9%	7,197	7%
	64,59		82,26		72,34		93,09	
Attorneys Not Board Certified	0	90%	2	92%	9	91%	7	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,833	8%	6,060	7%	5,907	7%	6,151	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,023	1%	930	1%	1,029	1%	936	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	124	<1%	109	<1%	124	<1%	110	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	160	<1%	144	<1%	162	<1%	145	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	158	<1%	125	<1%	160	<1%	127	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	157	<1%	130	<1%	159	<1%	132	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	407	1%	427	<1%	408	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,165	2%	967	1%	1,173	1%	978	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	67	<1%	72	<1%	68	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	127	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	824	1%	822	1%	836	1%	832	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	649	1%	688	1%	654	1%	695	1%
Family Law	704	1%	816	1%	705	1%	818	1%
Health Law	44	<1%	64	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	98	<1%	155	<1%	102	<1%	162	<1%
Juvenile Law	58	<1%	67	<1%	58	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	526	1%	612	1%	544	1%	637	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	258	<1%	368	<1%	262	<1%	373	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,755	2%	1,536	2%	1,768	2%	1,551	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	488	1%	472	1%	490	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	99	<1%	86	<1%	99	<1%	87	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	328	<1%	281	<1%	329	<1%	282	<1%
Tax Law	224	<1%	202	<1%	231	<1%	208	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	92	<1%	91	<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 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.