



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2021-22)

This report profiles active Harris County attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2021. Not every attorney reports demographic data to the bar. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Over the past 10 years the number of active Harris County attorneys has increased by 14%, from 21,688 attorneys in 2011 to 24,688 in 2021.

	Harris County				All Active Attorneys			
	2011-12 N = 21,688		2021-22 N = 24,688		2011-12 N = 89,987		2021-22 N = 108,816	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 21,549)</i>		<i>(N = 24,659)</i>		<i>(N = 89,305)</i>		<i>(N = 108,701)</i>	
Male	14,084	65%	15,038	61%	59,692	67%	67,769	62%
Female	7,465	35%	9,621	39%	29,613	33%	40,932	38%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 20,500)</i>		<i>(N = 23,497)</i>		<i>(N = 85,077)</i>		<i>(N = 103,596)</i>	
White	16,497	80%	17,283	72%	70,521	83%	79,937	77%
Black/African-American	1,510	7%	2,127	9%	4,046	5%	6,152	6%
Hispanic/Latino	1,219	6%	2,084	9%	6,702	8%	10,691	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	892	4%	1,317	5%	2,299	3%	4,063	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	58	<1%	75	<1%	262	0%	358	<1%
Two or More Races	66	<1%	252	1%	285	0%	1,061	1%
Other Race	258	1%	359	1%	962	1%	1,334	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,268	10%	2,106	9%	7,997	9%	7,356	7%
3 to 6 years	2,958	14%	2,596	11%	10,933	12%	10,252	9%
7 to 10 years	2,318	11%	2,799	11%	9,510	11%	11,780	11%
11 to 15 years	2,578	12%	3,343	14%	11,313	13%	14,375	13%
16 to 20 years	2,606	12%	2,722	11%	11,182	12%	12,458	11%
21 to 25 years	2,264	10%	2,312	9%	9,695	11%	11,208	10%
Over 25 years	6,700	31%	8,810	36%	29,357	33%	41,387	38%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
Age								
21 to 25 years	51	<1%	65	<1%	215	0%	247	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,150	10%	1,867	8%	7,448	8%	6,657	6%
31 to 35 years	2,853	13%	3,019	12%	10,907	12%	11,424	10%
36 to 40 years	2,465	11%	3,277	13%	10,519	12%	13,607	13%
41 to 45 years	2,538	12%	2,909	12%	11,077	12%	13,125	12%
46 to 50 years	2,282	11%	2,399	10%	9,971	11%	11,398	10%
51 to 55 years	2,561	12%	2,434	10%	10,773	12%	11,486	11%
56 to 60 years	2,549	12%	2,068	8%	10,442	12%	9,891	9%
61 to 65 years	1,983	9%	2,087	8%	8,408	9%	9,844	9%
More than 65 years	2,252	10%	4,563	18%	10,217	11%	21,137	19%
Median Age	47 Years		48 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	6,699	31%	8,676	35%	25,183	28%	34,452	32%
Senior Member	14,989	69%	16,012	65%	64,804	72%	74,364	68%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	583	3%	656	3%	5,486	6%	6,006	6%
St. Mary's	387	2%	392	2%	6,531	7%	7,587	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	484	2%	528	2%	7,478	8%	8,533	8%
South Texas	5,250	24%	5,910	24%	9,967	11%	11,561	11%
Texas Southern	1,283	6%	1,432	6%	2,897	3%	3,524	3%
Texas Tech	387	2%	447	2%	5,775	6%	6,811	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	63	0%	117	<1%	2,550	3%	3,932	4%
University of Houston	5,127	24%	5,365	22%	9,462	11%	10,293	9%
University of Texas	3,183	15%	3,177	13%	15,873	18%	15,800	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	3	<1%	--	--	319	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,941	23%	6,661	27%	23,968	27%	34,450	32%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 17,836)</i>		<i>(N = 18,152)</i>		<i>(N = 76,043)</i>		<i>(N = 83,206)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,993	22%	3,627	20%	18,225	24%	18,034	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,850	16%	2,719	15%	12,051	16%	12,281	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	1,034	6%	962	5%	3,842	5%	4,123	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,144	6%	1,049	6%	4,199	6%	4,402	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	468	3%	513	3%	2,031	3%	2,253	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	253	1%	321	2%	1,154	2%	1,250	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,718	15%	2,955	16%	8,514	11%	9,648	12%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12,460</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>12,146</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>50,016</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>51,991</i>	<i>62%</i>
Government Attorney	880	5%	949	5%	8,289	11%	8,402	10%
Full-Time Judge	202	1%	204	1%	1,626	2%	1,706	2%
Law Faculty	109	1%	97	1%	596	1%	597	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,428	14%	2,585	14%	7,979	10%	9,869	12%
Other Law Related	611	3%	654	4%	2,340	3%	2,980	4%
Other Non-Law Related	545	3%	537	3%	2,205	3%	2,516	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	228	1%	--	--	1,159	1%
Retired-Not Working	386	2%	584	3%	2,006	3%	3,226	4%
Unemployed-Looking	123	1%	64	0%	490	1%	277	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	92	1%	104	1%	496	1%	483	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	9,962	46%	11,011	45%	37,733	42%	44,198	41%
Non Section Members	11,726	54%	13,677	55%	52,254	58%	64,618	59%
Members of One Section	5,255	24%	5,650	23%	19,464	22%	22,371	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,747	13%	3,117	13%	10,622	12%	12,601	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,112	5%	1,311	5%	4,411	5%	5,262	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	848	4%	933	4%	3,236	4%	3,964	4%

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Section Membership	Harris County				All Active Attorneys			
	2011-12 N = 21,688		2021-22 N = 24,688		2011-12 N = 89,987		2021-22 N = 108,816	
Administrative and Public Law	123	1%	103	<1%	1,116	1%	1,200	1%
African-American Lawyers	148	1%	404	2%	397	<1%	1,235	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	330	2%	337	1%	1,190	1%	1,196	1%
Animal Law	75	<1%	64	<1%	331	<1%	320	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	321	1%	217	1%	1,077	1%	799	1%
Appellate	510	2%	626	3%	1,770	2%	2,163	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	82	<1%	120	<1%	252	<1%	365	<1%
Aviation Law	52	<1%	63	<1%	260	<1%	306	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	387	2%	385	2%	1,577	2%	1,524	1%
Business Law	1,126	5%	1,036	4%	4,033	4%	4,228	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	144	1%	--	--	1,064	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	42	<1%	99	<1%	225	<1%	479	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	34	<1%	--	--	249	<1%
Computer and Technology	369	2%	381	2%	1,837	2%	1,897	2%
Construction Law	571	3%	763	3%	2,033	2%	2,555	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	375	2%	299	1%	1,355	2%	1,180	1%
Corporate Counsel	1,208	6%	1,441	6%	3,479	4%	4,636	4%
Criminal Justice	587	3%	468	2%	3,130	3%	2,934	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	122	1%	149	1%	548	1%	652	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	382	2%	340	1%	1,358	2%	1,265	1%
Family Law	1,077	5%	1,096	4%	5,331	6%	6,009	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	412	2%	384	2%	1,971	2%	1,988	2%
Government Lawyers	121	1%	152	1%	864	1%	1,073	1%
Health Law	303	1%	334	1%	1,380	2%	1,637	2%
Hispanic Issues	78	<1%	138	1%	343	<1%	623	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	398	2%	--	--	1,422	1%
Insurance Law	461	2%	640	3%	1,659	2%	2,305	2%
Intellectual Property Law	578	3%	543	2%	--	--	2,325	2%
International Law	395	2%	284	1%	867	1%	718	1%
James C. Watson Inn	27	<1%	15	<1%	143	<1%	105	<1%
Judicial	132	1%	121	<1%	955	1%	881	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	19	<1%	43	<1%	70	<1%	181	<1%
Juvenile Law	147	1%	108	<1%	836	1%	764	1%
Labor and Employment Law	784	4%	875	4%	2,823	3%	3,218	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	49	<1%	--	--	471	<1%
LGBT Law	75	<1%	127	1%	265	<1%	618	1%
Litigation	2,400	11%	2,516	10%	7,579	8%	8,400	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	54	<1%	118	<1%	169	<1%	373	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	46	<1%	67	<1%	348	<1%	454	<1%
Municipal Judges	65	<1%	109	<1%	283	<1%	313	<1%
Native American Law	19	<1%	27	<1%	105	<1%	142	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,393	6%	1,596	6%	3,661	4%	4,145	4%
Poverty Law	75	<1%	129	1%	490	1%	849	1%
Public Utility Law	69	<1%	67	<1%	458	1%	529	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,644	8%	1,838	7%	7,374	8%	9,123	8%
School Law	102	<1%	132	1%	671	1%	774	1%
Tax	546	3%	580	2%	1,925	2%	2,188	2%
Women and the Law	147	1%	433	2%	493	1%	1,682	2%
Workers' Compensation	59	<1%	60	<1%	268	<1%	331	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,792	8%	1,808	7%	7,068	8%	7,190	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	19,896	92%	22,880	93%	82,919	92%	101,626	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,537	7%	1,597	6%	5,992	7%	6,241	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	238	1%	189	1%	954	1%	839	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	17	<1%	22	<1%	122	<1%	110	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	1	<1%	153	<1%	105	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	42	<1%	27	<1%	150	<1%	107	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	39	<1%	23	<1%	142	<1%	108	<1%
Child Welfare Law	--	--	18	<1%	--	--	103	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	124	1%	127	1%	419	<1%	416	<1%
Civil Trial Law	281	1%	214	1%	1,088	1%	828	1%
Construction Law	--	--	30	<1%	--	--	131	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	18	<1%	21	<1%	67	<1%	75	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	23	<1%	--	--	131	<1%
Criminal Law	134	1%	139	1%	846	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	163	1%	165	1%	675	1%	695	1%
Family Law	172	1%	184	1%	732	1%	870	1%
Health Law	10	<1%	9	<1%	54	<1%	75	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	63	<1%	70	<1%	131	<1%	172	<1%
Juvenile Law	12	<1%	10	<1%	68	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	169	1%	226	1%	575	1%	666	1%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	0	0%	--	--	5	<1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	87	<1%	109	0%	272	<1%	377	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	437	2%	368	1%	1,661	2%	1,406	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	19	<1%	--	--	52	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	151	1%	134	1%	499	1%	433	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	11	<1%	7	<1%	102	<1%	70	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	78	<1%	66	<1%	322	<1%	253	<1%
Tax Law	49	<1%	36	<1%	222	<1%	188	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	21	<1%	15	<1%	98	<1%	93	<1%

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Footnotes

- * Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys licensed 12 years or less at the beginning of each fiscal year (June 1). For years prior to 2022, membership was automatic for attorneys age 36 or younger and for attorneys of any age who were in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

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