



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2023-24)

This report profiles active Harris County attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2023. 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 11%, from 22,824 attorneys in 2013 to 25,505 in 2023.

	Harris County Active Attorneys				All Active Attorneys			
	2013-14		2023-24		2013-14		2023-24	
	<i>N = 22,824</i>		<i>N = 25,205</i>		<i>N = 94,804</i>		<i>N = 113,771</i>	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 22,580)</i>		<i>(N = 25,205)</i>		<i>(N = 93,910)</i>		<i>(N = 113,303)</i>	
Male	14,548	64%	15,080	60%	62,004	66%	69,487	61%
Female	8,032	36%	10,040	40%	31,906	34%	43,816	39%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 21,505)</i>		<i>(N = 25,205)</i>		<i>(N = 89,549)</i>		<i>(N = 108,046)</i>	
White	17,045	79%	17,256	68%	73,287	82%	81,956	76%
Black/African-American	1,607	7%	2,270	9%	4,406	5%	6,759	6%
Hispanic/Latino	1,377	6%	2,286	9%	7,393	8%	11,739	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,006	5%	1,415	6%	2,678	3%	4,532	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	62	<1%	65	<1%	289	<1%	372	<1%
Two or More Races	140	1%	292	1%	506	1%	1,219	1%
Other Race	268	1%	362	1%	990	1%	1,469	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	2,474	11%	2,093	8%	8,453	9%	8,105	7%
3 to 6 years	2,964	13%	2,575	10%	10,986	12%	10,192	9%
7 to 10 years	2,607	11%	2,707	11%	10,392	11%	11,656	10%
11 to 15 years	2,612	11%	3,329	13%	11,480	12%	14,694	13%
16 to 20 years	2,536	11%	3,028	12%	11,211	12%	13,794	12%
21 to 25 years	2,429	11%	2,376	9%	10,295	11%	11,522	10%
Over 25 years	7,202	32%	9,097	36%	31,987	34%	43,807	39%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		19 Years		18 Years		20 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
21 to 25 years	64	<1%	60	<1%	234	<1%	301	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,233	10%	1,867	7%	7,793	8%	7,292	6%
31 to 35 years	3,211	14%	2,888	11%	11,627	12%	11,207	10%
36 to 40 years	2,574	11%	3,272	13%	10,916	12%	13,686	12%
41 to 45 years	2,600	11%	3,134	12%	11,404	12%	14,103	12%
46 to 50 years	2,306	10%	2,517	10%	10,125	11%	12,098	11%
51 to 55 years	2,358	10%	2,501	10%	10,452	11%	12,003	11%
56 to 60 years	2,576	11%	2,101	8%	10,506	11%	10,178	9%
61 to 65 years	2,107	9%	1,948	8%	9,033	10%	9,595	8%
More than 65 years	2,793	12%	4,917	20%	12,709	13%	23,307	20%
Median Age	47 Years		48 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	7,223	32%	8,551	34%	26,566	28%	35,165	31%
Senior Member	15,601	68%	16,654	66%	68,238	72%	78,606	69%

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	2013-14 N = 22,824		2023-24 N = 25,205		2013-14 N = 94,804		2023-24 N = 113,771	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	621	3%	658	3%	5,660	6%	6,142	5%
St. Mary's	405	2%	389	2%	6,878	7%	7,705	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	522	24%	539	2%	7,830	8%	8,650	8%
South Texas	5,511	2%	5,968	24%	10,475	11%	11,839	10%
Texas Southern	1,385	6%	1,414	6%	3,108	3%	3,531	3%
Texas Tech	416	2%	460	2%	6,097	6%	6,931	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	67	<1%	129	1%	2,764	3%	4,102	4%
University of Houston	5,234	23%	5,357	21%	9,718	10%	10,403	9%
University of Texas	3,227	14%	3,051	12%	16,072	17%	15,498	14%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	-	-	5	<1%	--	--	434	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	5,436	24%	7,235	29%	26,202	28%	38,536	34%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 18,738)</i>		<i>(N = 21,926)</i>		<i>(N = 80,431)</i>		<i>(N = 83,505)</i>	
<b>Private Practitioners</b>								
Solo Practitioners	3,987	21%	4,468	20%	18,733	23%	17,412	21%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,923	16%	3,262	15%	12,526	16%	12,315	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	1,058	6%	1,239	6%	4,057	5%	4,140	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,192	6%	1,449	7%	4,406	5%	4,460	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	518	3%	813	4%	2,082	3%	2,313	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	253	1%	491	2%	1,134	1%	1,280	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,868	15%	4,281	20%	8,850	11%	10,112	12%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12,799</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>16,003</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>51,788</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>52,032</i>	<i>62%</i>
Government Attorney	915	5%	957	4%	8,481	11%	8,435	10%
Full-Time Judge	204	1%	204	1%	1,681	2%	1,723	2%
Law Faculty	107	1%	95	<1%	574	1%	578	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,629	14%	2,585	12%	8,671	11%	10,167	12%
Other Law Related	686	4%	627	3%	2,599	3%	2,992	4%
Other Non-Law Related	574	3%	529	2%	2,396	3%	2,483	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	119	1%	222	1%	706	1%	1,285	2%
Retired-Not Working	442	2%	539	2%	2,319	3%	3,073	4%
Unemployed-Looking	157	1%	68	<1%	694	1%	267	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	106	1%	97	<1%	522	1%	470	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	10,610	46%	10,890	43%	39,950	42%	44,684	39%
Non Section Members	12,214	54%	14,315	57%	54,854	58%	69,087	61%
Members of One Section	5,490	24%	5,536	22%	20,467	22%	22,761	20%
Members of Two Sections	2,954	13%	3,101	12%	11,322	12%	12,871	11%
Members of Three Sections	1,218	5%	1,303	5%	4,663	5%	5,246	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	948	4%	950	4%	3,498	4%	3,806	3%

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<b>Section Membership</b>								
Administrative and Public Law	127	1%	107	<1%	1,156	1%	1,118	1%
African-American Lawyers	165	1%	447	2%	432	<1%	1,356	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	31	1%	331	1%	1,141	1%	1,154	1%
Animal Law	82	<1%	55	<1%	353	<1%	290	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	284	1%	202	1%	985	1%	735	1%
Appellate	538	2%	587	2%	1,838	2%	2,052	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	90	<1%	141	1%	257	<1%	434	<1%
Aviation Law	61	<1%	56	<1%	279	<1%	310	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	382	2%	346	1%	1,532	2%	1,333	1%
Business Law	1,157	5%	1,057	4%	4,215	4%	4,267	4%
Child Protection Law	-	-	142	1%	--	--	1,035	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	43	<1%	112	<1%	206	<1%	500	<1%
Collaborative Law	59	<1%	33	<1%	237	<1%	233	<1%
Computer and Technology	646	3%	354	1%	2,836	3%	1,822	2%
Construction Law	596	3%	771	3%	2,078	2%	2,609	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	359	2%	291	1%	1,294	1%	1,164	1%
Corporate Counsel	1,381	6%	1,504	6%	3,902	4%	4,919	4%
Criminal Justice	563	2%	489	2%	3,119	3%	2,882	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	129	1%	168	1%	584	1%	700	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	402	2%	357	1%	1,388	1%	1,232	1%
Family Law	1,134	5%	1,017	4%	5,691	6%	5,631	5%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	426	2%	371	1%	2,108	2%	1,878	2%
Government Lawyers	123	1%	161	1%	860	1%	1,058	1%
Health Law	324	1%	339	1%	1,540	2%	1,561	1%
Hispanic Issues	85	<1%	136	1%	355	<1%	640	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	281	1%	445	2%	941	1%	1,576	1%
Insurance Law	489	<1%	589	2%	1,686	2%	2,271	2%
Intellectual Property Law	609	3%	507	2%	2,381	3%	2,254	2%
International Law	409	2%	260	1%	888	1%	678	1%
James C. Watson Inn	24	<1%	15	<1%	138	<1%	90	<1%
Judicial	126	1%	133	1%	963	1%	999	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	19	<1%	43	<1%	73	<1%	187	<1%
Juvenile Law	143	1%	85	<1%	845	1%	756	1%
Labor and Employment Law	845	4%	839	3%	2,959	3%	3,176	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	-	-	58	<1%	--	--	491	<1%
LGBT Law	84	<1%	168	1%	306	<1%	698	1%
Litigation	2,395	10%	2,489	10%	7,446	8%	8,251	7%
Litigation -Sustaining	66	<1%	122	<1%	200	<1%	408	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	53	<1%	59	<1%	409	<1%	464	<1%
Municipal Judges	64	<1%	51	<1%	286	<1%	244	<1%
Native American Law	18	<1%	29	<1%	118	<1%	149	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,744	8%	1,549	6%	4,476	5%	3,979	3%
Poverty Law	82	<1%	131	1%	425	<1%	732	1%
Public Utility Law	68	<1%	74	<1%	47	<1%	548	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,728	8%	1,904	8%	7,732	8%	9,429	8%
School Law	124	1%	136	1%	664	1%	812	1%
Tax	574	3%	565	2%	2,031	2%	2,177	2%
Women and the Law	202	1%	495	2%	610	1%	1,987	2%
Workers' Compensation	59	<1%	51	<1%	312	<1%	307	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,785	8%	1,719	7%	7,120	8%	6,869	6%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	21,039	92%	23,486	93%	87,684	92%	106,902	94%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,532	7%	1,518	6%	6,011	6%	5,978	5%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	237	1%	181	1%	989	1%	792	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	16	<1%	20	<1%	120	<1%	99	0%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	1	<1%	152	<1%	95	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	36	<1%	26	<1%	141	<1%	99	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	35	<1%	21	<1%	135	<1%	96	<1%
Child Welfare Law	-	-	24	<1%	--	--	126	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	128	1%	124	<1%	430	<1%	406	<1%
Civil Trial Law	261	1%	203	1%	1,037	1%	759	1%
Construction Law	-	-	30	<1%	--	--	132	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	17	<1%	21	<1%	69	<1%	72	<1%
Criminal Appellate	18	<1%	21	<1%	105	<1%	127	<1%
Criminal Law	130	1%	127	<1%	845	1%	786	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	167	1%	159	<1%	680	1%	666	1%
Family Law	177	1%	177	<1%	767	1%	843	1%
Health Law	8	<1%	7	<1%	56	<1%	75	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	67	<1%	68	<1%	139	<1%	169	<1%
Juvenile Law	12	<1%	11	<1%	70	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	186	1%	212	1%	610	1%	648	1%
Legislative and Campaign Law	-	-	--	--	--	--	13	<1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	89	<1%	107	<1%	300	<1%	376	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	423	2%	341	1%	1,615	2%	1,299	1%
Property Owners Association Law	-	-	21	<1%	--	--	56	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	146	1%	116	<1%	490	1%	393	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	8	<1%	7	<1%	98	<1%	67	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	75	<1%	64	<1%	306	<1%	241	<1%
Tax Law	50	<1%	35	<1%	218	<1%	170	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	18	<1%	17	<1%	96	<1%	90	<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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