



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Dallas County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2019-20)

This report profiles active Dallas County attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2019. 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 Dallas County attorneys has increased by 14 percent, from 14,854 attorneys in 2009 to 16,871 in 2019.

	Dallas County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2009-10 N = 14,854		2019-20 N = 16,871		2009-10 N = 85,813		2019-20 N = 105,125	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 14,745)</i>		<i>(N = 16,836)</i>		<i>(N = 85,192)</i>		<i>(N = 104,947)</i>	
Male	10,072	68%	10,704	64%	57,691	67%	66,323	63%
Female	4,673	32%	6,132	36%	27,501	32%	38,624	37%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 14,030)</i>		<i>(N = 16,075)</i>		<i>(N = 80,845)</i>		<i>(N = 100,285)</i>	
White	12,242	87%	13,113	82%	67,867	84%	78,588	78%
Black/African-American	671	5%	1,023	6%	3,627	4%	5,677	6%
Hispanic/Latino	548	4%	912	6%	6,074	8%	9,812	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	331	2%	624	4%	1,908	2%	3,708	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	43	<1%	61	<1%	254	<1%	350	<1%
Two or More Races	35	<1%	157	1%	140	<1%	897	1%
Other Race	160	1%	185	1%	975	1%	1,253	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,463	10%	1,365	8%	7,986	9%	7,085	7%
3 to 6 years	1,913	13%	1,902	11%	10,335	12%	11,042	11%
7 to 10 years	1,688	11%	1,863	11%	9,249	11%	11,384	11%
11 to 15 years	1,964	13%	2,124	13%	11,243	13%	13,829	13%
16 to 20 years	1,749	12%	1,790	11%	10,911	13%	11,729	11%
21 to 25 years	1,640	11%	1,730	10%	9,522	11%	11,019	10%
Over 25 years	4,435	30%	6,097	36%	26,567	31%	39,037	37%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 14,853)</i>		<i>(N = 16,871)</i>		<i>(N = 85,802)</i>		<i>(N = 105,125)</i>	
21 to 25 years	41	<1%	26	<1%	208	<1%	202	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,529	10%	1,408	8%	7,350	9%	6,680	6%
31 to 35 years	1,963	13%	2,040	12%	10,116	12%	11,734	11%
36 to 40 years	2,008	14%	2,250	13%	10,793	13%	13,376	13%
41 to 45 years	1,753	12%	1,860	11%	10,169	12%	12,018	11%
46 to 50 years	1,871	13%	1,840	11%	10,395	12%	11,668	11%
51 to 55 years	1,733	12%	1,633	10%	10,748	13%	10,437	10%
56 to 60 years	1,549	10%	1,717	10%	9,971	12%	10,182	10%
61 to 65 years	1,080	7%	1,472	9%	7,409	9%	9,743	9%
More than 65 years	1,326	9%	2,625	16%	8,643	10%	19,085	18%
Median Age	46 Years		48 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	4,631	31%	4,745	28%	24,225	28%	26,311	25%
Senior Member	10,223	69%	12,126	72%	61,588	72%	78,814	75%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	978	7%	1,027	6%	5,332	6%	5,909	6%
St. Mary's	546	4%	575	3%	6,249	7%	7,458	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	3,899	26%	4,275	25%	7,184	8%	8,428	8%
South Texas	380	3%	431	3%	9,461	11%	11,336	11%
Texas Southern	190	1%	253	1%	2,679	3%	3,493	3%
Texas Tech	897	6%	1,060	6%	5,504	6%	6,740	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	570	4%	849	5%	2,206	3%	3,738	4%
University of Houston	466	3%	476	3%	9,147	11%	10,186	10%
University of Texas	2,308	16%	2,231	13%	15,781	18%	15,988	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	95	1%	--	--	405	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,620	31%	5,599	33%	22,270	26%	31,444	30%
Primary Occupation								
	(N = 12,699)		(N = 13,244)		(N = 73,798)		(N = 83,102)	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	2,228	18%	2,195	17%	17,453	24%	18,480	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	1,724	14%	1,738	13%	11,621	16%	12,434	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	788	6%	799	6%	3,739	5%	4,168	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	822	6%	827	6%	4,120	6%	4,369	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	411	3%	509	4%	1,941	3%	2,218	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	278	2%	368	3%	1,077	1%	1,279	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,925	23%	2,760	21%	8,767	12%	9,382	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	9,176	72%	9,196	69%	48,718	66%	52,330	63%
Government Attorney	836	7%	772	6%	8,263	11%	8,349	10%
Full-Time Judge	196	2%	177	1%	1,610	2%	1,664	2%
Law Faculty	42	<1%	65	<1%	518	1%	585	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,460	11%	1,759	13%	7,557	10%	9,774	12%
Other Law Related	282	2%	389	3%	2,228	3%	2,973	4%
Other Non-Law Related	326	3%	369	3%	2,121	3%	2,525	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	111	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Retired-Not Working	237	2%	319	2%	1,785	2%	3,028	4%
Unemployed-Looking	71	1%	28	<1%	497	1%	290	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	73	1%	59	<1%	501	1%	516	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	7,022	47%	8,074	48%	35,219	41%	44,428	42%
Non Section Members	7,832	53%	8,797	52%	50,594	59%	60,697	58%
Members of One Section	3,684	25%	4,242	25%	18,288	21%	22,963	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,046	14%	2,383	14%	9,917	12%	12,574	12%
Members of Three Sections	776	5%	881	5%	4,133	5%	5,138	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	516	3%	568	3%	2,881	3%	3,753	4%

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Section Membership	Dallas County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2009-10 N = 14,854		2019-20 N = 16,871		2009-10 N = 85,813		2019-20 N = 105,125	
Administrative and Public Law	78	1%	78	<1%	1,119	1%	1,149	1%
African-American Lawyers	71	<1%	193	1%	390	<1%	803	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	218	1%	169	1%	1,135	1%	1,127	1%
Animal Law	46	<1%	43	<1%	317	<1%	336	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	377	3%	292	2%	1,097	1%	862	1%
Appellate	328	2%	342	2%	1,750	2%	2,067	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	60	<1%	81	<1%	238	<1%	343	<1%
Aviation Law	61	<1%	71	<1%	248	<1%	291	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	391	3%	360	2%	1,418	2%	1,449	1%
Business Law	1,049	7%	1,114	7%	3,897	5%	4,403	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	78	<1%	--	--	882	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	25	<1%	65	<1%	218	<1%	365	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	46	<1%	--	--	246	<1%
Computer and Technology	195	1%	348	2%	774	1%	1,994	2%
Construction Law	396	3%	462	3%	2,051	2%	2,414	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	233	2%	231	1%	1,326	2%	1,202	1%
Corporate Counsel	744	5%	1,004	6%	3,159	4%	4,633	4%
Criminal Justice	317	2%	327	2%	2,621	3%	3,080	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	138	1%	148	1%	523	1%	585	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	156	1%	132	1%	1,312	2%	1,242	1%
Family Law	668	4%	674	4%	4,944	6%	5,901	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	286	2%	264	2%	1,977	2%	1,982	2%
Government Lawyers	72	<1%	85	1%	817	1%	1,010	1%
Health Law	273	2%	393	2%	1,292	2%	1,707	2%
Hispanic Issues	54	<1%	75	<1%	373	<1%	549	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	210	1%	--	--	1,327	1%
Insurance Law	414	3%	450	3%	1,588	2%	2,148	2%
Intellectual Property Law	574	4%	593	4%	2,084	2%	2,406	2%
International Law	162	1%	153	1%	847	1%	856	1%
James C. Watson Inn	20	<1%	12	<1%	155	<1%	109	<1%
Judicial	81	1%	82	<1%	1,034	1%	922	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	6	0%	16	<1%	62	<1%	137	<1%
Juvenile Law	89	1%	63	<1%	807	1%	822	1%
Labor and Employment Law	628	4%	659	4%	2,766	3%	3,218	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	26	<1%	--	--	359	<1%
LGBT Law	45	<1%	111	1%	213	<1%	545	1%
Litigation	1,601	11%	1,650	10%	7,477	9%	8,235	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	53	<1%	--	--	333	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	22	<1%	23	<1%	289	<1%	447	<1%
Municipal Judges	40	<1%	38	<1%	292	<1%	287	<1%
Native American Law	12	<1%	21	<1%	111	<1%	119	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	355	2%	453	3%	3,007	4%	4,687	4%
Poverty Law	29	<1%	56	<1%	429	<1%	602	1%
Public Utility Law	48	<1%	42	<1%	438	1%	472	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,500	10%	1,682	10%	7,184	8%	9,051	9%
School Law	70	<1%	93	1%	625	1%	792	1%
Tax	465	3%	506	3%	1,870	2%	2,197	2%
Women and the Law	83	1%	296	2%	440	1%	1,268	1%
Workers' Compensation	43	<1%	52	<1%	267	<1%	334	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,115	8%	1,079	6%	6,995	8%	7,251	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	13,739	92%	15,792	94%	76,718	92%	96,091	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	987	7%	960	6%	5,865	7%	6,256	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	119	1%	112	1%	1,004	1%	895	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	9	<1%	7	<1%	126	<1%	100	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	4	<1%	2	<1%	157	<1%	134	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	32	<1%	25	<1%	159	<1%	119	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	19	<1%	12	<1%	153	<1%	122	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	82	1%	77	<1%	405	<1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	190	1%	148	1%	1,140	1%	921	1%
Construction Law	--	--	34	<1%	--	--	104	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	6	<1%	8	<1%	68	<1%	78	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	24	<1%	--	--	132	<1%
Criminal Law	113	1%	93	1%	834	1%	841	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	106	1%	108	1%	650	1%	698	1%
Family Law	128	1%	125	1%	706	1%	850	1%
Health Law	12	<1%	19	<1%	50	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	23	<1%	32	<1%	110	<1%	164	<1%
Juvenile Law	5	<1%	3	<1%	62	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	169	1%	176	1%	550	1%	652	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	24	<1%	25	<1%	263	<1%	387	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	205	1%	182	1%	1,703	2%	1,491	1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	51	<1%	40	<1%	499	1%	461	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	3	<1%	2	<1%	99	<1%	78	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	20	<1%	16	<1%	329	<1%	266	<1%
Tax Law	43	<1%	42	<1%	227	<1%	200	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	17	<1%	12	<1%	98	<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 age 36 or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

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