



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2019-20)

This report profiles active Harris 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 Harris County attorneys has increased by 17 percent, from 20,784 attorneys in 2009 to 24,305 in 2019.

	Harris County Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2009-10		2019-20		2009-10		2019-20	
	<i>N = 20,784</i>		<i>N = 24,305</i>		<i>N = 85,813</i>		<i>N = 105,125</i>	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 20,665)</i>		<i>(N = 24,260)</i>		<i>(N = 85,192)</i>		<i>(N = 104,947)</i>	
Male	13,636	66%	15,017	62%	57,691	67%	66,323	63%
Female	7,029	34%	9,243	38%	27,501	32%	38,624	37%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 19,570)</i>		<i>(N = 23,214)</i>		<i>(N = 80,845)</i>		<i>(N = 100,285)</i>	
White	16,039	82%	17,432	75%	67,867	84%	78,588	78%
Black/African-American	1,356	7%	1,979	9%	3,627	4%	5,677	6%
Hispanic/Latino	1,078	6%	1,902	8%	6,074	8%	9,812	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	750	4%	1,263	5%	1,908	2%	3,708	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	52	<1%	70	<1%	254	<1%	350	<1%
Two or More Races	33	<1%	224	1%	140	<1%	897	1%
Other Race	262	1%	344	1%	975	1%	1,253	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	2,260	11%	2,039	8%	7,986	9%	7,085	7%
3 to 6 years	2,719	13%	2,860	12%	10,335	12%	11,042	11%
7 to 10 years	2,185	11%	2,777	11%	9,249	11%	11,384	11%
11 to 15 years	2,563	12%	3,266	13%	11,243	13%	13,829	13%
16 to 20 years	2,666	13%	2,543	10%	10,911	13%	11,729	11%
21 to 25 years	2,264	11%	2,317	10%	9,522	11%	11,019	10%
Over 25 years	6,126	29%	8,503	35%	26,567	31%	39,037	37%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
	<i>(N = 20,779)</i>		<i>(N = 24,305)</i>		<i>(N = 85,802)</i>		<i>(N = 105,125)</i>	
21 to 25 years	53	<1%	55	<1%	208	<1%	202	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,095	10%	1,902	8%	7,350	9%	6,680	6%
31 to 35 years	2,530	12%	3,147	13%	10,116	12%	11,734	11%
36 to 40 years	2,552	12%	3,224	13%	10,793	13%	13,376	13%
41 to 45 years	2,355	11%	2,729	11%	10,169	12%	12,018	11%
46 to 50 years	2,416	12%	2,503	10%	10,395	12%	11,668	11%
51 to 55 years	2,691	13%	2,241	9%	10,748	13%	10,437	10%
56 to 60 years	2,398	12%	2,158	9%	9,971	12%	10,182	10%
61 to 65 years	1,778	9%	2,209	9%	7,409	9%	9,743	9%
More than 65 years	1,911	9%	4,137	17%	8,643	10%	19,085	18%
Median Age	47 Years		48 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	6,239	30%	6,946	29%	24,225	28%	26,311	25%
Senior Member	14,455	70%	17,359	71%	61,588	72%	78,814	75%

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	2009-10 N = 20,784		2019-20 N = 24,305		2009-10 N = 85,813		2019-20 N = 105,125	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	567	3%	651	3%	5,332	6%	5,909	6%
St. Mary's	357	2%	412	2%	6,249	7%	7,458	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	469	2%	519	2%	7,184	8%	8,428	8%
South Texas	5,038	24%	5,827	24%	9,461	11%	11,336	11%
Texas Southern	1,170	6%	1,438	6%	2,679	3%	3,493	3%
Texas Tech	347	2%	428	2%	5,504	6%	6,740	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	53	0%	95	<1%	2,206	3%	3,738	4%
University of Houston	4,975	24%	5,354	22%	9,147	11%	10,186	10%
University of Texas	3,155	15%	3,258	13%	15,781	18%	15,988	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	1	<1%	--	--	405	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,653	22%	6,322	26%	22,270	26%	31,444	30%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	(N = 17,492)		(N = 18,523)		(N = 73,798)		(N = 83,102)	
<b>Private Practitioners</b>								
Solo Practitioners	3,885	22%	3,773	20%	17,453	24%	18,480	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,778	16%	2,842	15%	11,621	16%	12,434	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	974	6%	1,006	5%	3,739	5%	4,168	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,162	7%	1,062	6%	4,120	6%	4,369	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	436	2%	504	3%	1,941	3%	2,218	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	239	1%	293	2%	1,077	1%	1,279	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,755	16%	2,963	16%	8,767	12%	9,382	11%
Subtotal	12,229	70%	12,443	67%	48,718	66%	52,330	63%
Government Attorney	927	5%	903	5%	8,263	11%	8,349	10%
Full-Time Judge	209	1%	198	1%	1,610	2%	1,664	2%
Law Faculty	95	1%	98	1%	518	1%	585	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,308	13%	2,678	14%	7,557	10%	9,774	12%
Other Law Related	607	3%	695	4%	2,228	3%	2,973	4%
Other Non-Law Related	543	3%	553	3%	2,121	3%	2,525	3%
Public Interest Lawyer		<1%	209	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Retired-Not Working	354	2%	562	3%	1,785	2%	3,028	4%
Unemployed-Looking	117	1%	72	<1%	497	1%	290	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	102	1%	112	1%	501	1%	516	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	17,036	82%	11,409	47%	35,219	41%	44,428	42%
Non Section Members	3,748	18%	12,896	53%	50,594	59%	60,697	58%
Members of One Section	4,931	24%	5,962	25%	18,288	21%	22,963	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,594	12%	3,141	13%	9,917	12%	12,574	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,038	5%	1,353	6%	4,133	5%	5,138	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	771	4%	953	4%	2,881	3%	3,753	4%

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<b>Section Membership</b>								
Administrative and Public Law	121	1%	119	<1%	1,119	1%	1,149	1%
African-American Lawyers	156	1%	267	1%	390	<1%	803	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	300	1%	350	1%	1,135	1%	1,127	1%
Animal Law	71	<1%	75	<1%	317	<1%	336	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	317	2%	271	1%	1,097	1%	862	1%
Appellate	534	3%	598	2%	1,750	2%	2,067	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	81	<1%	122	1%	238	<1%	343	<1%
Aviation Law	46	<1%	59	<1%	248	<1%	291	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	368	2%	379	2%	1,418	2%	1,449	1%
Business Law	1,093	5%	1,132	5%	3,897	5%	4,403	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	121	<1%	--	--	882	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	46	<1%	85	<1%	218	<1%	365	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	40	<1%	--	--	246	<1%
Computer and Technology	168	1%	429	2%	774	1%	1,994	2%
Construction Law	570	3%	736	3%	2,051	2%	2,414	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	365	2%	327	1%	1,326	2%	1,202	1%
Corporate Counsel	1,098	5%	1,525	6%	3,159	4%	4,633	4%
Criminal Justice	517	2%	508	2%	2,621	3%	3,080	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	128	1%	131	1%	523	1%	585	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	361	2%	342	1%	1,312	2%	1,242	1%
Family Law	1,000	5%	1,151	5%	4,944	6%	5,901	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	410	2%	387	2%	1,977	2%	1,982	2%
Government Lawyers	130	1%	129	1%	817	1%	1,010	1%
Health Law	288	1%	336	1%	1,292	2%	1,707	2%
Hispanic Issues	88	<1%	125	1%	373	<1%	549	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	410	2%	--	--	1,327	1%
Insurance Law	439	2%	616	3%	1,588	2%	2,148	2%
Intellectual Property Law	557	3%	595	2%	2,084	2%	2,406	2%
International Law	373	2%	363	1%	847	1%	856	1%
James C. Watson Inn	30	<1%	16	<1%	155	<1%	109	<1%
Judicial	160	1%	129	1%	1,034	1%	922	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	15	<1%	35	<1%	62	<1%	137	<1%
Juvenile Law	148	1%	129	1%	807	1%	822	1%
Labor and Employment Law	753	4%	898	4%	2,766	3%	3,218	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	35	<1%	--	--	359	<1%
LGBT Law	58	<1%	124	1%	213	<1%	545	1%
Litigation	2,336	11%	2,532	10%	7,477	9%	8,235	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	101	<1%	--	--	333	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	33	<1%	57	<1%	289	<1%	447	<1%
Municipal Judges	74	<1%	62	<1%	292	<1%	287	<1%
Native American Law	14	<1%	22	<1%	111	<1%	119	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,075	5%	1,852	8%	3,007	4%	4,687	4%
Poverty Law	61	<1%	119	<1%	429	<1%	602	1%
Public Utility Law	71	<1%	67	<1%	438	1%	472	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,608	8%	1,897	8%	7,184	8%	9,051	9%
School Law	91	<1%	138	1%	625	1%	792	1%
Tax	526	3%	635	3%	1,870	2%	2,197	2%
Women and the Law	135	1%	351	1%	440	1%	1,268	1%
Workers' Compensation	60	<1%	58	<1%	267	<1%	334	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,799	9%	1,802	7%	6,995	8%	7,251	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	18,985	91%	22,503	93%	76,718	92%	96,091	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,540	7%	1,588	7%	5,865	7%	6,256	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	241	1%	191	1%	1,004	1%	895	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	18	<1%	23	<1%	126	<1%	100	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	1	<1%	157	<1%	134	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	45	<1%	29	<1%	159	<1%	119	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	40	<1%	26	<1%	153	<1%	122	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	119	1%	123	1%	405	<1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	282	1%	229	1%	1,140	1%	921	1%
Construction Law	--	--	26	<1%	--	--	104	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	19	<1%	20	<1%	68	<1%	78	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	21	<1%	--	--	132	<1%
Criminal Law	131	1%	133	1%	834	1%	841	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	169	1%	170	1%	650	1%	698	1%
Family Law	167	1%	187	1%	706	1%	850	1%
Health Law	10	<1%	8	<1%	50	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	54	<1%	67	<1%	110	<1%	164	<1%
Juvenile Law	15	<1%	12	<1%	62	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	166	1%	207	1%	550	1%	652	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	81	<1%	120	<1%	263	<1%	387	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	453	2%	384	2%	1,703	2%	1,491	1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	156	1%	139	1%	499	1%	461	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	11	<1%	9	<1%	99	<1%	78	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	80	<1%	74	<1%	329	<1%	266	<1%
Tax Law	53	<1%	40	<1%	227	<1%	200	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	22	<1%	14	<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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