



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Dallas County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2020-21)

This report profiles active Dallas County attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2020. 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 11 percent, from 15,059 attorneys in 2010 to 16,760 in 2020.

	Dallas County				All Active State Attorneys			
	2010-11 N = 15,049		2020-21 N = 16,760		2010-11 N = 87,881		2020-21 N = 106,591	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 14,936)</i>		<i>(N = 16,732)</i>		<i>(N = 87,257)</i>		<i>(N = 106,451)</i>	
Male	10,185	68%	10,600	63%	58,744	67%	66,878	63%
Female	4,751	32%	6,132	37%	28,513	33%	39,573	37%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 14,249)</i>		<i>(N = 15,943)</i>		<i>(N = 82,961)</i>		<i>(N = 101,634)</i>	
White	12,366	87%	12,960	81%	69,240	83%	79,131	78%
Black/African-American	694	5%	1,009	6%	3,812	5%	5,876	6%
Hispanic/Latino	585	4%	933	6%	6,374	8%	10,187	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	363	3%	627	4%	2,085	3%	3,858	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	41	<1%	58	<1%	260	<1%	354	<1%
Two or More Races	43	<1%	167	1%	217	<1%	951	1%
Other Race	157	1%	189	1%	973	1%	1,277	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,431	10%	1,185	7%	7,898	9%	6,684	6%
3 to 6 years	1,939	13%	1,824	11%	10,634	12%	10,514	10%
7 to 10 years	1,601	11%	1,859	11%	9,265	11%	11,736	11%
11 to 15 years	1,969	13%	2,193	13%	11,253	13%	14,283	13%
16 to 20 years	1,840	12%	1,724	10%	11,233	13%	11,845	11%
21 to 25 years	1,576	10%	1,722	10%	9,501	11%	11,119	10%
Over 25 years	4,693	31%	6,253	37%	28,092	32%	40,410	38%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
Age								
21 to 25 years	41	<1%	2	<1%	206	<1%	184	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,412	9%	923	6%	7,291	8%	6,284	6%
31 to 35 years	2,047	14%	1,934	12%	10,552	12%	11,530	11%
36 to 40 years	1,963	13%	2,170	13%	10,630	12%	13,487	13%
41 to 45 years	1,815	12%	2,019	12%	10,577	12%	12,566	12%
46 to 50 years	1,783	12%	1,745	10%	10,200	12%	11,525	11%
51 to 55 years	1,788	12%	1,707	10%	10,726	12%	10,924	10%
56 to 60 years	1,615	11%	1,600	10%	10,383	12%	10,060	9%
61 to 65 years	1,150	8%	1,621	10%	7,821	9%	9,777	9%
More than 65 years	1,434	10%	3,039	18%	9,480	11%	20,254	19%
Median Age	47 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	4,606	31%	4,498	27%	24,624	28%	25,641	24%
Senior Member	10,443	69%	12,262	73%	63,257	72%	80,950	76%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	983	7%	1,023	6%	5,426	6%	5,959	6%
St. Mary's	539	4%	574	3%	6,390	7%	7,536	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	3,933	26%	4,247	25%	7,318	8%	8,497	8%
South Texas	389	3%	427	3%	9,699	11%	11,462	11%
Texas Southern	191	1%	246	1%	2,802	3%	3,534	3%
Texas Tech	912	6%	1,036	6%	5,650	6%	6,758	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	608	4%	839	5%	2,352	3%	3,821	4%
University of Houston	473	3%	480	3%	9,322	11%	10,251	10%
University of Texas	2,314	15%	2,184	13%	15,829	18%	15,897	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	114	1%	--	--	264	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,707	31%	5,590	33%	23,093	26%	32,612	31%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 12,806)</i>		<i>(N = 12,977)</i>		<i>(N = 74,899)</i>		<i>(N = 83,126)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	2,295	18%	2,167	17%	17,967	24%	18,390	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	1,781	14%	1,686	13%	11,828	16%	12,334	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	769	6%	782	6%	3,794	5%	4,130	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	863	7%	785	6%	4,112	5%	4,362	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	417	3%	486	4%	2,023	3%	2,241	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	300	2%	342	3%	1,119	1%	1,240	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,828	22%	2,758	21%	8,556	11%	9,423	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>9,253</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>9,006</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>49,399</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>52,120</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	851	7%	734	6%	8,332	11%	8,347	10%
Full-Time Judge	199	2%	168	1%	1,609	2%	1,690	2%
Law Faculty	41	<1%	63	<1%	542	1%	599	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,473	12%	1,713	13%	7,709	10%	9,804	12%
Other Law Related	270	2%	399	3%	2,279	3%	2,993	4%
Other Non-Law Related	342	3%	370	3%	2,135	3%	2,533	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	106	1%	--	--	1,109	1%
Retired-Not Working	238	2%	328	3%	1,876	3%	3,134	4%
Unemployed-Looking	70	1%	34	<1%	526	1%	284	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	69	1%	56	<1%	492	1%	513	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	7,000	47%	7,738	46%	35,658	41%	43,247	41%
Non Section Members	8,049	53%	9,022	54%	52,223	59%	63,344	59%
Members of One Section	3,646	24%	4,074	24%	18,269	21%	21,959	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,057	14%	2,270	14%	10,048	11%	12,187	11%
Members of Three Sections	761	5%	837	5%	4,181	5%	5,044	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	536	4%	557	3%	3,160	4%	4,057	4%

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Attorneys can belong to multiple sections, therefore the percents do not sum to 100%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	70	<1%	66	<1%	1,094	1%	1,084	1%
African-American Lawyers	69	<1%	250	1%	372	<1%	1,071	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	209	1%	168	1%	1,134	1%	1,178	1%
Animal Law	46	<1%	38	<1%	317	<1%	308	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	349	2%	274	2%	1,054	1%	779	1%
Appellate	332	2%	329	2%	1,767	2%	2,039	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	64	<1%	75	<1%	241	<1%	326	<1%
Aviation Law	67	<1%	69	<1%	248	<1%	281	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	407	3%	385	2%	1,466	2%	1,580	1%
Business Law	1,050	7%	1,024	6%	3,959	5%	4,164	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	86	1%	--	--	992	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	27	<1%	79	<1%	217	<1%	439	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	49	<1%	--	--	254	<1%
Computer and Technology	209	1%	305	2%	847	1%	1,912	2%
Construction Law	403	3%	455	3%	2,060	2%	2,432	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	240	2%	230	1%	1,317	1%	1,208	1%
Corporate Counsel	758	5%	951	6%	3,259	4%	4,446	4%
Criminal Justice	350	2%	308	2%	2,881	3%	2,844	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	129	1%	150	1%	518	1%	583	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	153	1%	113	1%	1,353	2%	1,174	1%
Family Law	681	5%	657	4%	5,034	6%	5,791	5%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	261	2%	267	2%	1,942	2%	1,940	2%
Government Lawyers	88	1%	69	<1%	819	1%	991	1%
Health Law	284	2%	361	2%	1,355	2%	1,633	2%
Hispanic Issues	49	<1%	82	<1%	345	<1%	570	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	195	1%	--	--	1,335	1%
Insurance Law	395	3%	461	3%	1,600	2%	2,166	2%
Intellectual Property Law	565	4%	555	3%	2,050	2%	2,248	2%
International Law	144	1%	121	1%	839	1%	749	1%
James C. Watson Inn	18	<1%	10	<1%	146	<1%	101	<1%
Judicial	81	1%	72	<1%	1,009	1%	875	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	3	<1%	12	<1%	69	<1%	151	<1%
Juvenile Law	79	1%	62	<1%	826	1%	779	1%
Labor and Employment Law	614	4%	637	4%	2,765	3%	3,145	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	28	<1%	--	--	413	<1%
LGBT Law	52	<1%	107	1%	225	<1%	562	1%
Litigation	1,583	11%	1,613	10%	7,443	8%	8,120	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	51	<1%	--	--	338	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	21	<1%	23	<1%	328	<1%	445	<1%
Municipal Judges	46	<1%	26	<1%	292	<1%	265	<1%
Native American Law	13	<1%	20	<1%	102	<1%	132	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	362	2%	414	2%	3,222	4%	4,308	4%
Poverty Law	38	<1%	61	<1%	470	1%	654	1%
Public Utility Law	46	<1%	36	<1%	442	1%	479	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,491	10%	1,597	10%	7,146	8%	8,917	8%
School Law	71	<1%	78	<1%	225	<1%	759	1%
Tax	458	3%	473	3%	1,922	2%	2,101	2%
Women and the Law	91	1%	311	2%	456	1%	1,458	1%
Workers' Compensation	41	<1%	46	<1%	266	<1%	324	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,095	7%	1,063	6%	7,077	8%	7,257	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	13,954	93%	15,697	94%	80,734	92%	99,334	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	975	6%	950	6%	5,975	7%	6,275	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	112	1%	106	1%	976	1%	869	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	8	<1%	7	<1%	126	<1%	113	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	5	<1%	1	<1%	157	<1%	113	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	30	<1%	22	<1%	152	<1%	11	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	16	<1%	12	<1%	144	<1%	115	<1%
Child Welfare Law	--	--	5	<1%	--	--	92	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	79	1%	75	<1%	416	<1%	421	<1%
Civil Trial Law	184	1%	139	1%	1,105	1%	863	1%
Construction Law	--	--	36	<1%	--	--	121	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	4	<1%	8	<1%	67	<1%	77	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	22	<1%	--	--	135	<1%
Criminal Law	110	1%	88	1%	834	1%	839	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	104	1%	106	1%	666	1%	698	1%
Family Law	130	1%	127	1%	718	1%	857	1%
Health Law	13	<1%	24	<1%	55	<1%	73	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	22	<1%	33	<1%	123	<1%	168	<1%
Juvenile Law	5	<1%	3	<1%	69	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	169	1%	175	1%	590	1%	673	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	24	<1%	26	<1%	276	<1%	397	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	197	1%	170	1%	1,669	2%	1,428	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	5	<1%	--	--	49	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	51	<1%	38	<1%	512	1%	449	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	2	<1%	2	<1%	104	<1%	72	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	19	<1%	14	<1%	331	<1%	263	<1%
Tax Law	42	<1%	40	<1%	226	<1%	191	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	17	<1%	12	<1%	101	<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 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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