



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2020-21)

This report profiles active Harris 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 Harris County attorneys has increased by 15 percent, from 21,209 attorneys in 2010 to 24,449 in 2020.

	Harris County				All Active State Attorneys			
	2010-11 N = 21,209		2020-21 N = 24,449		2010-11 N = 87,881		2020-21 N = 106,591	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 21,090)</i>		<i>(N = 24,412)</i>		<i>(N = 87,257)</i>		<i>(N = 106,451)</i>	
Male	13,844	66%	15,004	61%	58,744	67%	66,878	63%
Female	7,246	34%	9,408	39%	28,513	33%	39,573	37%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 20,013)</i>		<i>(N = 23,328)</i>		<i>(N = 82,961)</i>		<i>(N = 101,634)</i>	
White	16,268	81%	17,348	74%	69,240	83%	79,131	78%
Black/African-American	1,427	7%	2,054	9%	3,812	5%	5,876	6%
Hispanic/Latino	1,135	6%	1,989	9%	6,374	8%	10,187	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	814	4%	1,283	5%	2,085	3%	3,858	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	57	<1%	72	<1%	260	<1%	354	<1%
Two or More Races	47	<1%	235	1%	217	<1%	951	1%
Other Race	265	1%	347	1%	973	1%	1,277	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,228	11%	1,927	8%	7,898	9%	6,684	6%
3 to 6 years	2,827	13%	2,731	11%	10,634	12%	10,514	10%
7 to 10 years	2,229	11%	2,850	12%	9,265	11%	11,736	11%
11 to 15 years	2,574	12%	3,365	14%	11,253	13%	14,283	13%
16 to 20 years	2,677	13%	2,572	11%	11,233	13%	11,845	11%
21 to 25 years	2,260	11%	2,320	9%	9,501	11%	11,119	10%
Over 25 years	6,413	30%	8,684	36%	28,092	32%	40,410	38%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
Age								
21 to 25 years	50	<1%	48	<1%	206	<1%	184	<1%
26 to 30 years	2,107	10%	1,797	7%	7,291	8%	6,284	6%
31 to 35 years	2,678	13%	3,062	13%	10,552	12%	11,530	11%
36 to 40 years	2,501	12%	3,319	14%	10,630	12%	13,487	13%
41 to 45 years	2,458	12%	2,818	12%	10,577	12%	12,566	12%
46 to 50 years	2,342	11%	2,465	10%	10,200	12%	11,525	11%
51 to 55 years	2,614	12%	2,338	10%	10,726	12%	10,924	10%
56 to 60 years	2,532	12%	2,086	9%	10,383	12%	10,060	9%
61 to 65 years	1,845	9%	2,135	9%	7,821	9%	9,777	9%
More than 65 years	2,076	10%	4,381	18%	9,480	11%	20,254	19%
Median Age	47 Years		48 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	6,464	30%	6,750	28%	24,624	28%	25,641	24%
Senior Member	14,745	70%	17,699	72%	63,257	72%	80,950	76%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	572	3%	646	3%	5,426	6%	5,959	6%
St. Mary's	376	2%	397	2%	6,390	7%	7,536	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	475	2%	532	2%	7,318	8%	8,497	8%
South Texas	5,152	24%	5,853	24%	9,699	11%	11,462	11%
Texas Southern	1,237	6%	1,449	6%	2,802	3%	3,534	3%
Texas Tech	356	2%	429	2%	5,650	6%	6,758	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	59	<1%	109	<1%	2,352	3%	3,821	4%
University of Houston	5,055	24%	5,369	22%	9,322	11%	10,251	10%
University of Texas	3,147	15%	3,208	13%	15,829	18%	15,897	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	2	<1%	--	--	264	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,780	23%	6,235	26%	23,093	26%	32,612	31%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 17,677)</i>		<i>(N = 18,356)</i>		<i>(N = 74,899)</i>		<i>(N = 83,126)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,973	22%	3,720	20%	17,967	24%	18,390	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,814	16%	2,773	15%	11,828	16%	12,334	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	1,001	6%	974	5%	3,794	5%	4,130	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,136	6%	1,070	6%	4,112	5%	4,362	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	487	3%	520	3%	2,023	3%	2,241	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	254	1%	296	2%	1,119	1%	1,240	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,695	15%	2,941	16%	8,556	11%	9,423	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12,360</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>12,294</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>49,399</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>52,120</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	911	5%	928	5%	8,332	11%	8,347	10%
Full-Time Judge	199	1%	201	1%	1,609	2%	1,690	2%
Law Faculty	101	1%	97	1%	542	1%	599	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,367	13%	2,646	14%	7,709	10%	9,804	12%
Other Law Related	615	3%	662	4%	2,279	3%	2,993	4%
Other Non-Law Related	523	3%	563	3%	2,135	3%	2,533	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	219	1%	--	--	1,109	1%
Retired-Not Working	361	2%	568	3%	1,876	3%	3,134	4%
Unemployed-Looking	138	1%	69	<1%	526	1%	284	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	102	1%	109	1%	492	1%	513	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	9,446	45%	10,911	45%	35,658	41%	43,247	41%
Non Section Members	11,763	55%	13,538	55%	52,223	59%	63,344	59%
Members of One Section	4,903	23%	5,681	23%	18,269	21%	21,959	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,527	12%	3,032	12%	10,048	11%	12,187	11%
Members of Three Sections	1,060	5%	1,292	5%	4,181	5%	5,044	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	956	5%	906	4%	3,160	4%	4,057	4%

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

Section Membership	Harris County				All Active State Attorneys			
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Administrative and Public Law	114	1%	93	<1%	1,094	1%	1,084	1%
African-American Lawyers	143	1%	343	1%	372	<1%	1,071	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	302	1%	348	1%	1,134	1%	1,178	1%
Animal Law	68	<1%	65	<1%	317	<1%	308	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	327	2%	220	1%	1,054	1%	779	1%
Appellate	543	3%	591	2%	1,767	2%	2,039	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	83	<1%	112	<1%	241	<1%	326	<1%
Aviation Law	46	<1%	57	<1%	248	<1%	281	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	382	2%	420	2%	1,466	2%	1,580	1%
Business Law	1,143	5%	1,060	4%	3,959	5%	4,164	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	141	1%	--	--	992	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	47	<1%	92	<1%	217	<1%	439	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	37	<1%	--	--	254	<1%
Computer and Technology	181	1%	387	2%	847	1%	1,912	2%
Construction Law	580	3%	752	3%	2,060	2%	2,432	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	355	2%	295	1%	1,317	1%	1,208	1%
Corporate Counsel	1,169	6%	1,426	6%	3,259	4%	4,446	4%
Criminal Justice	556	3%	475	2%	2,881	3%	2,844	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	116	1%	125	1%	518	1%	583	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	380	2%	312	1%	1,353	2%	1,174	1%
Family Law	1,027	5%	1,095	4%	5,034	6%	5,791	5%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	413	2%	389	2%	1,942	2%	1,940	2%
Government Lawyers	121	1%	121	<1%	819	1%	991	1%
Health Law	307	1%	323	1%	1,355	2%	1,633	2%
Hispanic Issues	81	<1%	123	1%	345	<1%	570	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	390	2%	--	--	1,335	1%
Insurance Law	439	2%	591	2%	1,600	2%	2,166	2%
Intellectual Property Law	541	3%	510	2%	2,050	2%	2,248	2%
International Law	383	2%	312	1%	839	1%	749	1%
James C. Watson Inn	30	<1%	16	<1%	146	<1%	101	<1%
Judicial	145	1%	124	1%	1,009	1%	875	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	22	<1%	32	<1%	69	<1%	151	<1%
Juvenile Law	154	1%	119	<1%	826	1%	779	1%
Labor and Employment Law	771	4%	855	3%	2,765	3%	3,145	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	48	<1%	--	--	413	<1%
LGBT Law	65	<1%	117	<1%	225	<1%	562	1%
Litigation	2,407	11%	2,480	10%	7,443	8%	8,120	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	100	<1%	--	--	338	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	38	<1%	60	<1%	328	<1%	445	<1%
Municipal Judges	72	<1%	56	<1%	292	<1%	265	<1%
Native American Law	19	<1%	27	<1%	102	<1%	132	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	1,210	6%	1,682	7%	3,222	4%	4,308	4%
Poverty Law	81	<1%	128	1%	470	1%	654	1%
Public Utility Law	71	<1%	65	<1%	442	1%	479	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,641	8%	1,832	7%	7,146	8%	8,917	8%
School Law	100	<1%	143	1%	225	<1%	759	1%
Tax	578	3%	586	2%	1,922	2%	2,101	2%
Women and the Law	144	1%	380	2%	456	1%	1,458	1%
Workers' Compensation	58	<1%	59	<1%	266	<1%	324	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,785	8%	1,798	7%	7,077	8%	7,257	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	19,424	92%	22,651	93%	80,734	92%	99,334	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,530	7%	1,582	6%	5,975	7%	6,275	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	237	1%	193	1%	976	1%	869	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	18	<1%	23	<1%	126	<1%	113	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	2	<1%	1	<1%	157	<1%	113	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	44	<1%	27	<1%	152	<1%	11	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	41	<1%	24	<1%	144	<1%	115	<1%
Child Welfare Law		<1%	15	<1%	--	--	92	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	118	1%	124	1%	416	<1%	421	<1%
Civil Trial Law	281	1%	215	1%	1,105	1%	863	1%
Construction Law	--	--	29	<1%	--	--	121	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	19	<1%	22	<1%	67	<1%	77	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	20	<1%	--	--	135	<1%
Criminal Law	127	1%	133	1%	834	1%	839	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	164	1%	165	1%	666	1%	698	1%
Family Law	167	1%	180	1%	718	1%	857	1%
Health Law	10	<1%	9	<1%	55	<1%	73	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	56	<1%	67	<1%	123	<1%	168	<1%
Juvenile Law	14	<1%	11	<1%	69	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	171	1%	219	1%	590	1%	673	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	88	<1%	116	<1%	276	<1%	397	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	440	2%	371	2%	1,669	2%	1,428	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	18	<1%	--	--	49	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	154	1%	142	1%	512	1%	449	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	11	<1%	8	<1%	104	<1%	72	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	80	<1%	69	<1%	331	<1%	263	<1%
Tax Law	51	<1%	37	<1%	226	<1%	191	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	20	<1%	15	<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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