



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Harris County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2017-18)

This report profiles active Harris County attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2017. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Over the last 10 years the number of Harris County attorneys has increased by 19 percent, growing from 19,872 attorneys in 2007 to 23,747 in 2017.

	Harris County				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2007-08 N = 19,872		2017-18 N = 23,747		2007-08 N = 81,601		2017-18 N = 102,044	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 19,765)</i>		<i>(N = 23,634)</i>		<i>(N = 81,115)</i>		<i>(N = 101,629)</i>	
Male	13,200	67%	14,867	63%	55,625	69%	65,232	64%
Female	6,565	33%	8,767	37%	25,490	31%	36,397	36%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 18,690)</i>		<i>(N = 22,625)</i>		<i>(N = 76,822)</i>		<i>(N = 97,192)</i>	
White	15,483	83%	17,338	77%	65,160	85%	77,298	80%
Black/African-American	1,273	7%	1,850	8%	3,317	4%	5,266	5%
Hispanic/Latino	991	5%	1,678	7%	5,584	7%	8,932	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	896	5%	1,186	5%	1,558	2%	3,405	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	47	<1%	68	<1%	233	<1%	340	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	181	1%	--	--	774	1%
Other Race	0	0%	324	1%	970	1%	1,177	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	2,283	11%	2,061	9%	7,963	10%	7,510	7%
3 to 6 years	2,456	12%	2,974	13%	9,560	12%	11,401	11%
7 to 10 years	2,164	11%	2,780	12%	9,273	11%	11,215	11%
11 to 15 years	2,680	13%	2,968	12%	11,285	14%	12,784	13%
16 to 20 years	2,488	13%	2,470	10%	10,193	12%	11,488	11%
21 to 25 years	2,299	12%	2,419	10%	9,474	12%	10,972	11%
Over 25 years	5,502	28%	8,075	34%	23,848	29%	36,674	36%
Median Years Licensed	17 Years		18 Years		17 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 18,868)</i>		<i>(N = 23,747)</i>		<i>(N = 81,557)</i>		<i>(N = 102,044)</i>	
21 to 25 years	53	<1%	62	<1%	207	<1%	192	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,914	10%	1,965	8%	7,015	9%	7,122	7%
31 to 35 years	2,391	13%	3,159	13%	9,456	12%	12,011	12%
36 to 40 years	2,542	13%	3,082	13%	10,848	13%	12,762	13%
41 to 45 years	2,345	12%	2,524	11%	9,822	12%	11,253	11%
46 to 50 years	2,566	14%	2,505	11%	10,736	13%	11,506	11%
51 to 55 years	2,710	14%	2,195	9%	10,782	13%	10,074	10%
56 to 60 years	2,248	12%	2,278	10%	9,232	11%	10,362	10%
61 to 65 years	1,510	8%	2,293	10%	6,302	8%	9,765	10%
More than 65 years	1,589	8%	3,684	16%	7,157	9%	16,997	17%
Median Age	46 Years		48 Years		47 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	6,113	31%	7,035	30%	23,695	29%	26,829	26%
Senior Member	13,759	69%	16,712	70%	57,906	71%	75,215	74%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	550	3%	635	3%	5,193	6%	5,821	6%
North Texas School of Law	--	--	0	0%	--	--	24	<1%
St. Mary's	332	2%	381	2%	5,976	7%	7,282	7%
South Texas	4,801	24%	5,734	24%	8,960	11%	11,111	11%
Southern Methodist	458	2%	522	2%	6,822	8%	8,225	8%
Texas Southern	1,115	6%	1,457	6%	2,459	3%	3,466	3%
Texas Tech	314	2%	429	2%	5,200	6%	6,576	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	44	<1%	85	<1%	1,885	2%	3,500	3%
University of Houston	4,848	24%	5,301	22%	8,824	11%	10,037	10%
University of Texas	3,099	16%	3,278	14%	15,631	19%	16,088	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	4,311	22%	5,925	25%	22,536	28%	29,914	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 17,076)</i>		<i>(N = 18,852)</i>		<i>(N = 77,837)</i>		<i>(N = 84,154)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,828	22%	3,952	21%	16,815	22%	19,146	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,674	16%	2,967	16%	11,135	14%	12,721	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	923	5%	1,060	6%	3,583	5%	4,325	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	1,110	7%	1,082	6%	3,972	5%	4,375	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	506	3%	489	3%	1,993	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	217	1%	274	1%	1,087	1%	1,282	2%
More than 60 attorneys	2,823	17%	2,917	15%	9,001	12%	9,161	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12,081</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>12,741</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>47,586</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>53,190</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	894	5%	924	5%	7,927	10%	8,727	10%
Full-Time Judge	208	1%	203	1%	1,583	2%	1,759	2%
Law Faculty	99	1%	102	1%	521	1%	602	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,194	13%	2,666	14%	7,175	9%	9,566	11%
Other Law Related	563	3%	690	4%	2,123	3%	2,951	4%
Other Non-Law Related	512	3%	582	3%	2,068	3%	2,579	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	159	1%	--	--	923	1%
Retired-Not Working	339	2%	557	3%	1,687	2%	2,895	3%
Unemployed-Looking	88	1%	99	1%	370	<1%	413	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	98	1%	129	1%	453	1%	549	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	8,863	45%	11,487	48%	33,084	41%	44,442	44%
Non Section Members	11,009	55%	12,260	52%	48,517	59%	57,602	56%
Members of One Section	4,558	23%	5,902	25%	16,673	20%	22,488	22%
Members of Two Sections	2,483	12%	3,152	13%	9,513	12%	12,508	12%
Members of Three Sections	1,058	5%	1,362	6%	3,992	5%	5,334	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	764	4%	1,071	5%	2,906	4%	4,112	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 Bar Attorneys			
	2007-08 N = 19,872		2017-18 N = 23,747		2007-08 N = 81,601		2017-18 N = 102,044	
Administrative and Public Law	113	1%	140	1%	1,134	1%	1,229	1%
African-American Lawyers	139	1%	237	1%	358	<1%	656	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	290	1%	342	1%	1,148	1%	1,204	1%
Animal Law	63	<1%	78	<1%	265	<1%	346	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	335	2%	313	1%	1,124	1%	1,001	1%
Appellate	514	3%	613	3%	1,729	2%	2,129	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	72	<1%	117	<1%	211	<1%	318	<1%
Aviation Law	45	<1%	59	<1%	225	<1%	308	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	325	2%	386	2%	1,254	2%	1,530	1%
Business Law	1,098	6%	1,222	5%	3,933	5%	4,668	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	46	<1%	--	--	268	<1%
Computer and Technology	181	1%	489	2%	800	1%	2,135	2%
Construction Law	522	3%	723	3%	1,866	2%	2,420	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	392	2%	385	2%	1,313	2%	1,424	1%
Corporate Counsel	1,021	5%	1,529	6%	3,019	4%	4,640	5%
Criminal Justice	458	2%	596	3%	2,325	3%	3,441	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	136	1%	146	1%	518	1%	639	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	386	2%	368	2%	1,326	2%	1,350	1%
Family Law	958	5%	1,224	5%	4,705	6%	6,109	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	383	2%	468	2%	1,866	2%	2,336	2%
Government Lawyers	107	1%	143	1%	745	1%	1,078	1%
Health Law	289	1%	375	2%	1,245	2%	1,780	2%
Hispanic Issues	101	1%	109	<1%	430	1%	547	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	388	2%	--	--	1,302	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	41	<1%	42	<1%	195	<1%	182	<1%
Insurance Law	435	2%	609	3%	1,494	2%	2,099	2%
Intellectual Property Law	559	3%	634	3%	1,998	2%	2,507	2%
International Law	383	2%	409	2%	878	1%	929	1%
James C. Watson Inn	32	<1%	19	<1%	153	<1%	122	<1%
Judicial	11	<1%	132	1%	--	--	1,003	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	10	<1%	41	<1%	50	<1%	143	<1%
Juvenile Law	160	1%	150	1%	803	1%	932	1%
Labor and Employment Law	754	4%	939	4%	2,810	3%	3,342	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	35	<1%	--	--	315	<1%
LGBT Law	51	<1%	112	<1%	159	<1%	510	<1%
Litigation	2,449	12%	2,611	11%	7,769	10%	8,469	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	85	<1%	--	--	286	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	27	<1%	69	<1%	248	<1%	4,774	5%
Municipal Judges	52	<1%	63	<1%	241	<1%	319	<1%
Native American Law	16	<1%	20	<1%	100	<1%	122	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	973	5%	1,828	8%	2,579	3%	4,774	5%
Poverty Law	55	<1%	102	<1%	387	<1%	555	1%
Public Utility Law	65	<1%	74	<1%	421	1%	497	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,673	8%	2,008	8%	7,205	9%	9,331	9%
School Law	78	<1%	144	1%	606	1%	811	1%
Tax	509	3%	660	3%	1,792	2%	2,205	2%
Women and the Law	138	1%	276	1%	462	1%	997	1%
Workers' Compensation	40	<1%	67	<1%	--	--	334	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,769	9%	1,816	8%	6,977	9%	7,285	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	18,103	91%	21,931	92%	74,624	91%	94,759	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,512	8%	1,589	7%	5,842	7%	6,253	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	240	1%	212	1%	1,011	1%	924	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	17	<1%	15	<1%	124	<1%	108	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	1	<1%	159	<1%	141	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	47	<1%	33	<1%	159	<1%	126	5%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	45	<1%	32	<1%	157	<1%	129	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	116	1%	127	1%	404	<1%	429	<1%
Civil Trial Law	293	1%	247	1%	1,158	1%	956	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	20	<1%	21	<1%	67	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	21	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	129	1%	122	1%	824	1%	840	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	166	1%	165	1%	646	1%	691	1%
Family Law	168	1%	187	1%	698	1%	838	1%
Health Law	8	<1%	9	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	49	<1%	69	<1%	103	<1%	163	<1%
Juvenile Law	13	<1%	13	<1%	59	<1%	65	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	154	1%	202	1%	537	1%	652	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	77	<1%	111	<1%	262	<1%	383	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	457	2%	405	2%	1,737	2%	1,532	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	144	1%	144	1%	486	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	8	<1%	7	<1%	98	<1%	85	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	75	<1%	62	<1%	326	<1%	275	<1%
Tax Law	54	<1%	44	<1%	228	<1%	205	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	17	<1%	16	<1%	91	<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 36 years or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2017. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking full membership representation. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding.