



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Dallas County: Attorney Statistical Profile (2015-16)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members in Dallas County with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2015. 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 Dallas County attorneys has increased by 12 percent, growing from 14,400 attorneys in 2005 to 16,182 in 2015.

	Dallas County Active Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06		2015-16		2005-06		2015-16	
	<i>N = 14,400</i>		<i>N = 16,182</i>		<i>N = 77,056</i>		<i>N = 98,671</i>	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 14,318)</i>		<i>(N = 16,084)</i>		<i>(N = 76,676)</i>		<i>(N = 98,142)</i>	
Male	10,028	70%	10,542	66%	53,450	70%	64,030	65%
Female	4,290	30%	5,542	34%	23,226	30%	34,112	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 13,613)</i>		<i>(N = 15,395)</i>		<i>(N = 72,703)</i>		<i>(N = 93,846)</i>	
White	12,115	89%	12,923	84%	62,366	86%	75,769	81%
Black/African-American	573	4%	887	6%	2,979	4%	4,834	5%
Hispanic/Latino	468	3%	747	5%	5,040	7%	8,158	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	253	2%	502	3%	1,255	2%	3,018	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	49	<1%	45	<1%	214	<1%	313	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	113	1%	--	--	665	1%
Other Race	155	1%	178	1%	849	1%	1,089	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	1,499	10%	1,359	8%	7,380	10%	8,055	8%
3 to 6 years	2,012	14%	1,960	12%	9,341	12%	11,198	11%
7 to 10 years	1,764	12%	1,860	11%	8,987	12%	11,173	11%
11 to 15 years	2,054	14%	1,858	11%	11,327	15%	11,789	12%
16 to 20 years	1,766	12%	1,833	11%	9,698	13%	11,206	11%
21 to 25 years	1,672	12%	1,754	11%	9,263	12%	10,981	11%
Over 25 years	3,633	25%	5,558	34%	21,055	27%	34,269	35%
Median Years Licensed	15 Years		18 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 14,399)</i>		<i>(N = 16,182)</i>		<i>(N = 77,049)</i>		<i>(N = 98,666)</i>	
21 to 25 years	118	1%	36	<1%	516	1%	199	<1%
26 to 30 years	1,609	11%	1,409	9%	6,838	9%	7,462	8%
31 to 35 years	2,126	15%	2,109	13%	9,798	13%	12,014	12%
36 to 40 years	1,929	13%	2,034	13%	9,967	13%	11,931	12%
41 to 45 years	2,018	14%	1,855	11%	10,102	13%	11,201	11%
46 to 50 years	1,904	13%	1,722	11%	10,772	14%	10,786	11%
51 to 55 years	1,712	12%	1,758	11%	10,429	14%	10,221	10%
56 to 60 years	1,298	9%	1,708	11%	8,187	11%	10,441	11%
61 to 65 years	745	5%	1,435	9%	4,608	6%	9,668	10%
More than 65 years	940	7%	2,116	13%	5,832	8%	14,743	15%
Median Age	44 Years		48 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	4,698	33%	4,737	29%	21,930	28%	26,984	27%
Senior Member	9,702	67%	11,445	71%	55,126	72%	71,687	73%

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	2005-06 N = 14,400		2015-16 N = 16,182		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
Law School Attended								
Baylor University	897	7%	987	6%	4,617	7%	5,693	6%
St. Mary's	488	4%	582	4%	5,163	7%	7,105	7%
South Texas	336	3%	412	3%	7,807	11%	10,849	11%
Southern Methodist	3,424	26%	4,231	26%	6,033	9%	8,049	8%
Texas Southern	144	1%	215	1%	2,025	3%	3,287	3%
Texas Tech	816	6%	971	6%	4,498	6%	6,372	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	435	3%	626	4%	1,406	2%	2,717	3%
University of Houston	432	3%	464	3%	7,839	11%	9,873	10%
University of Texas	2,192	17%	2,276	14%	14,260	20%	16,056	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	3,861	30%	5,418	33%	16,291	23%	28,670	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 12,698)</i>		<i>(N = 13,575)</i>		<i>(N = 68,344)</i>		<i>(N = 82,884)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	2,236	18%	2,334	18%	16,024	23%	19,031	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	1,669	13%	1,858	14%	10,589	15%	12,744	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	738	6%	825	6%	3,446	5%	4,255	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	803	6%	865	7%	3,829	6%	4,474	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	398	3%	498	4%	1,976	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	330	3%	356	3%	1,195	2%	1,179	1%
More than 60 attorneys	3,146	25%	2,776	21%	8,849	13%	9,027	11%
Subtotal	9,320	73%	9,512	72%	45,908	67%	52,890	64%
Government Attorney	882	7%	845	6%	7,633	11%	8,519	10%
Full-Time Judge	183	1%	195	1%	1,515	2%	1,719	2%
Law Faculty	42	<1%	54	<1%	484	1%	588	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	1,312	10%	1,697	13%	6,475	9%	9,247	11%
Other Law Related	310	2%	381	3%	2,019	3%	2,851	3%
Other Non-Law Related	331	3%	365	3%	2,005	3%	2,569	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	76	1%	--	--	819	1%
Retired-Not Working	202	2%	299	2%	1,447	2%	2,575	3%
Unemployed-Looking	46	<1%	80	1%	391	1%	552	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	70	1%	71	1%	467	1%	555	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	6,682	46%	7,868	49%	30,875	40%	42,614	43%
Non Section Members	7,718	54%	8,314	51%	46,181	60%	56,057	57%
Members of One Section	3,366	23%	3,819	24%	15,349	20%	21,088	21%
Members of Two Sections	2,018	14%	2,310	14%	8,989	12%	11,897	12%
Members of Three Sections	781	5%	906	6%	3,841	5%	5,095	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	517	4%	733	5%	2,696	3%	4,534	5%

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

Section Membership	Dallas County Active Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06 N = 14,400		2015-16 N = 16,182		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
Administrative and Public Law	84	1%	77	<1%	1,056	1%	1,365	1%
African-American Lawyers	60	<1%	121	1%	309	<1%	548	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	230	2%	199	1%	1,102	1%	1,177	1%
American Indian Law	11	<1%	18	<1%	98	<1%	151	<1%
Animal Law	34	<1%	52	<1%	247	<1%	374	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	378	3%	354	2%	1,144	1%	1,049	1%
Appellate	336	2%	361	2%	1,687	2%	2,105	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	35	<1%	79	<1%	154	<1%	297	<1%
Aviation Law	74	1%	72	<1%	234	<1%	296	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	339	2%	442	3%	1,298	2%	1,631	2%
Business Law	1,116	8%	1,217	8%	3,765	5%	4,738	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	47	<1%	--	--	255	<1%
Computer and Technology	215	1%	374	2%	831	1%	2,206	2%
Construction Law	376	3%	418	3%	1,750	2%	2,308	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	218	2%	251	2%	1,250	2%	1,399	1%
Corporate Counsel	756	5%	1,010	6%	2,767	4%	4,471	5%
Criminal Justice	264	2%	382	2%	2,073	3%	3,273	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	141	1%	150	1%	513	1%	640	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	162	1%	160	1%	1,229	2%	1,510	2%
Family Law	640	4%	763	5%	4,455	6%	6,122	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	266	2%	312	2%	1,744	2%	2,326	2%
Government Lawyers	70	<1%	77	<1%	702	1%	986	1%
Health Law	274	2%	362	2%	1,200	2%	1,774	2%
Hispanic Issues	57	1%	67	<1%	361	<1%	497	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	179	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	30	<1%	37	<1%	163	<1%	202	<1%
Insurance Law	416	3%	464	3%	1,569	2%	2,085	2%
Intellectual Property Law	515	4%	632	4%	1,789	2%	2,628	3%
International Law	161	1%	158	1%	820	1%	980	1%
James C. Watson Inn	28	<1%	23	<1%	190	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	7	<1%	89	1%	38	<1%	1,035	1%
Justice of the Peace	1	<1%	11	<1%	48	<1%	125	<1%
Juvenile Law	90	1%	87	1%	810	1%	886	1%
Labor and Employment Law	654	5%	731	5%	2,754	4%	3,318	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	11	<1%	--	--	197	<1%
Litigation	1,661	12%	1,723	11%	7,341	10%	8,279	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	41	<1%	--	--	239	<1%
Military law	20	<1%	32	<1%	223	<1%	520	1%
Municipal Judges	40	<1%	40	<1%	256	<1%	289	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	251	2%	540	3%	2,167	3%	5,295	5%
Poverty Law	0	0%	51	<1%	162	<1%	525	1%
Public Utility Law	52	<1%	49	<1%	398	1%	553	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,488	10%	1,760	11%	6,887	9%	8,901	9%
School Law	75	1%	110	1%	549	1%	772	1%
LGBT Law	47	<1%	93	1%	171	<1%	471	<1%
Taxation	470	3%	575	4%	1,668	2%	2,354	2%
Women and the Law	98	1%	160	1%	428	1%	780	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	50	<1%	--	--	321	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,114	8%	1,078	7%	7,020	9%	7,180	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	13,286	92%	15,104	93%	70,036	91%	91,491	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	979	7%	955	6%	5,857	8%	6,112	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	126	1%	117	1%	1,039	1%	956	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	9	<1%	6	<1%	124	<1%	112	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	3	<1%	5	<1%	168	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	31	<1%	27	<1%	165	<1%	133	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	18	<1%	15	<1%	163	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	73	1%	80	<1%	404	1%	125	<1%
Civil Trial Law	200	1%	163	1%	1,191	2%	996	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	7	<1%	8	<1%	64	<1%	72	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	20	<1%	--	--	125	<1%
Criminal Law	113	1%	97	1%	823	1%	831	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	103	1%	109	1%	647	1%	683	1%
Family Law	128	1%	137	1%	700	1%	802	1%
Health Law	14	<1%	16	<1%	45	<1%	60	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	16	<1%	26	<1%	84	<1%	158	<1%
Juvenile Law	4	<1%	3	<1%	57	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	155	1%	173	1%	533	1%	638	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	26	<1%	25	<1%	265	<1%	354	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	229	2%	186	1%	1,778	2%	1,574	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	54	<1%	46	<1%	492	1%	482	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	2	<1%	2	<1%	97	<1%	92	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	19	<1%	14	<1%	321	<1%	291	<1%
Tax Law	44	<1%	41	<1%	233	<1%	210	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	19	<1%	14	<1%	88	<1%	95	<1%

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Footnotes

* Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.

** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys less than 37 years of age and for attorneys of any age who have been licensed for less than four years.

General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2015. 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.