

TEXAS ATTORNEY ECONOMICS

The following attorney economic information was collected from April 3, 2018, to May 7, 2018, as part of the 2017 Texas Attorney Survey. The State Bar of Texas sent the survey to all active members who have not opted out of taking surveys, a group totaling 85,501 members. A total of 9,858 attorneys, or 11.5 percent, responded to at least a portion of the survey. For more statistical information about the State Bar of Texas, go to texasbar.com/research.

ATTORNEY TRENDS


The Texas attorney population grew by 25 percent between 2007 and 2017.

During the same time period, Texas law school enrollment declined 18 percent.

POPULATION GROWTH

	Active Attorney Population	Texas General Population	Texas Law School Enrollment
2007	81,601	23,904,380	7,740
2017	102,044	28,304,596	6,332
Difference	20,443	4,400,216	-1,408
Percent Change	25.1	18.4	-18.2

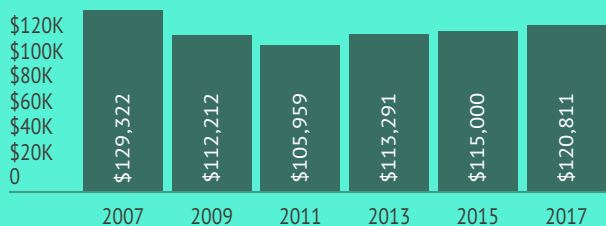
4 Median number of months it takes graduates to find their first full-time job.

 \$106,438 median amount of student loans for recent graduates.

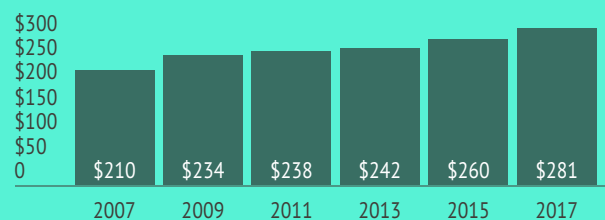
INCOME AND HOURLY RATES

Median attorney income has been on the rise over the past few years, but is still 7 percent lower than it was in 2007. Meanwhile, the median hourly rates reported by full-time private practitioners has increased 34 percent.

Median Income: All Full-time Licensed Attorneys



Hourly Rates: Full-time Private Practitioners



 81 percent of attorneys reported they are satisfied with their careers.

 46 percent of attorneys reported an increase in their income in 2017.