



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2015-16)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members 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 Texas attorneys has increased by 28 percent, growing from 77,056 attorneys in 2005 to 98,671 in 2015.

	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06		2015-16		2005-06		2015-16	
	<i>N = 69,672</i>		<i>N = 87,957</i>		<i>N = 77,056</i>		<i>N = 98,671</i>	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 69,368)</i>		<i>(N = 87,492)</i>		<i>(N = 76,676)</i>		<i>(N = 98,142)</i>	
Male	48,487	70%	57,051	65%	53,450	70%	64,030	65%
Female	20,881	30%	30,441	35%	23,226	30%	34,112	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 65,763)</i>		<i>(N = 83,645)</i>		<i>(N = 72,703)</i>		<i>(N = 93,846)</i>	
White	56,285	86%	67,269	80%	62,366	86%	75,769	81%
Black/African-American	2,660	4%	4,271	5%	2,979	4%	4,834	5%
Hispanic/Latino	4,766	7%	7,643	9%	5,040	7%	8,158	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,098	2%	2,640	3%	1,255	2%	3,018	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	183	<1%	258	<1%	214	<1%	313	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	588	1%	--	--	665	1%
Other Race	771	1%	976	1%	849	1%	1,089	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	6,881	10%	7,428	8%	7,380	10%	8,055	8%
3 to 6 years	8,387	12%	10,067	11%	9,341	12%	11,198	11%
7 to 10 years	8,006	11%	9,923	11%	8,987	12%	11,173	11%
11 to 15 years	10,137	15%	10,352	12%	11,327	15%	11,789	12%
16 to 20 years	8,659	12%	9,810	11%	9,698	13%	11,206	11%
21 to 25 years	8,316	12%	9,713	11%	9,263	12%	10,981	11%
Over 25 years	19,281	28%	30,664	35%	21,055	27%	34,269	35%
Median Years Licensed	16 Years		19 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 69,666)</i>		<i>(N = 87,953)</i>		<i>(N = 77,049)</i>		<i>(N = 98,666)</i>	
21 to 25 years	486	1%	188	<1%	516	1%	199	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,235	9%	6,846	8%	6,838	9%	7,462	8%
31 to 35 years	8,807	13%	10,752	12%	9,798	13%	12,014	12%
36 to 40 years	8,903	13%	10,529	12%	9,967	13%	11,931	12%
41 to 45 years	9,027	13%	9,841	11%	10,102	13%	11,201	11%
46 to 50 years	9,662	14%	9,451	11%	10,772	14%	10,786	11%
51 to 55 years	9,380	13%	9,026	10%	10,429	14%	10,221	10%
56 to 60 years	7,398	11%	9,202	10%	8,187	11%	10,441	11%
61 to 65 years	4,287	6%	8,639	10%	4,608	6%	9,668	10%
More than 65 years	5,481	8%	13,479	15%	5,832	8%	14,743	15%
Median Age	46 Years		48 Years		46 Years		48 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	19,869	29%	24,312	28%	21,930	28%	26,984	27%
Senior Member	49,803	71%	63,645	72%	55,126	72%	71,687	73%

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	2005-06 N = 69,672		2015-16 N = 87,957		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
Law School Attended								
Baylor University	4,405	7%	5,373	6%	4,617	7%	5,693	6%
St. Mary's	4,934	8%	6,799	8%	5,163	7%	7,105	7%
South Texas	7,466	12%	10,321	12%	7,807	11%	10,849	11%
Southern Methodist	5,576	9%	7,418	8%	6,033	9%	8,049	8%
Texas Southern	1,911	3%	3,091	4%	2,025	3%	3,287	3%
Texas Tech	4,282	7%	6,044	7%	4,498	6%	6,372	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	1,350	2%	2,564	3%	1,406	2%	2,717	3%
University of Houston	7,352	12%	9,179	10%	7,839	11%	9,873	10%
University of Texas	13,257	21%	14,776	17%	14,260	20%	16,056	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	12,933	20%	22,392	25%	16,291	23%	28,670	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 61,911)</i>		<i>(N = 74,129)</i>		<i>(N = 68,344)</i>		<i>(N = 82,884)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	15,284	25%	17,894	24%	16,024	23%	19,031	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	9,989	16%	11,905	16%	10,589	15%	12,744	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,148	5%	3,895	5%	3,446	5%	4,255	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,490	6%	4,044	5%	3,829	6%	4,474	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,799	3%	1,936	3%	1,976	3%	2,180	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	1,073	2%	1,021	1%	1,195	2%	1,179	1%
More than 60 attorneys	7,823	13%	7,689	10%	8,849	13%	9,027	11%
Subtotal	42,606	69%	48,384	65%	45,908	67%	52,890	64%
Government Attorney	6,732	11%	7,491	10%	7,633	11%	8,519	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,454	2%	1,641	2%	1,515	2%	1,719	2%
Law Faculty	377	1%	430	1%	484	1%	588	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	5,418	9%	7,788	11%	6,475	9%	9,247	11%
Other Law Related	1,678	3%	2,408	3%	2,019	3%	2,851	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,671	3%	2,112	3%	2,005	3%	2,569	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	741	1%	--	--	819	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,279	2%	2,208	3%	1,447	2%	2,575	3%
Unemployed-Looking	322	1%	462	1%	391	1%	552	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	374	1%	464	1%	467	1%	555	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	29,672	43%	40,404	46%	30,875	40%	42,614	43%
Non Section Members	40,000	57%	47,553	54%	46,181	60%	56,057	57%
Members of One Section	14,610	21%	19,734	22%	15,349	20%	21,088	21%
Members of Two Sections	8,698	12%	11,359	13%	8,989	12%	11,897	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,725	5%	4,904	6%	3,841	5%	5,095	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,639	4%	4,407	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	Active In-State Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2005-06 N = 69,672		2015-16 N = 87,957		2005-06 N = 77,056		2015-16 N = 98,671	
Administrative and Public Law	1,038	1%	1,319	1%	1,056	1%	1,365	1%
African-American Lawyers	292	<1%	499	1%	309	<1%	548	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,063	2%	1,139	1%	1,102	1%	1,177	1%
American Indian Law	86	<1%	132	<1%	98	<1%	151	<1%
Animal Law	240	<1%	350	<1%	247	<1%	374	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,103	2%	1,009	1%	1,144	1%	1,049	1%
Appellate	1,665	2%	2,063	2%	1,687	2%	2,105	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	145	<1%	277	<1%	154	<1%	297	<1%
Aviation Law	217	<1%	261	<1%	234	<1%	296	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,264	2%	1,571	2%	1,298	2%	1,631	2%
Business Law	3,639	5%	4,543	5%	3,765	5%	4,738	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	251	<1%	--	--	255	<1%
Computer and Technology	787	1%	2,136	2%	831	1%	2,206	2%
Construction Law	1,708	2%	2,207	3%	1,750	2%	2,308	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,231	2%	1,356	2%	1,250	2%	1,399	1%
Corporate Counsel	2,585	4%	4,186	5%	2,767	4%	4,471	5%
Criminal Justice	2,037	3%	3,196	4%	2,073	3%	3,273	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	489	1%	595	1%	513	1%	640	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,153	2%	1,393	2%	1,229	2%	1,510	2%
Family Law	4,420	6%	6,066	7%	4,455	6%	6,122	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,728	2%	2,276	3%	1,744	2%	2,326	2%
Government Lawyers	680	1%	946	1%	702	1%	986	1%
Health Law	1,148	2%	1,646	2%	1,200	2%	1,774	2%
Hispanic Issues	344	<1%	473	1%	361	<1%	497	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	981	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	156	<1%	193	<1%	163	<1%	202	<1%
Insurance Law	1,510	2%	1,974	2%	1,569	2%	2,085	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,636	2%	2,377	3%	1,789	2%	2,628	3%
International Law	727	1%	866	1%	820	1%	980	1%
James C. Watson Inn	189	<1%	153	<1%	190	<1%	158	<1%
Judicial Law	36	<1%	1,029	1%	38	<1%	1,035	1%
Justice of the Peace	48	<1%	124	<1%	48	<1%	125	<1%
Juvenile Law	807	1%	881	1%	810	1%	886	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,639	4%	3,139	4%	2,754	4%	3,318	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	190	<1%	--	--	197	<1%
Litigation	7,182	10%	8,033	9%	7,341	10%	8,279	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	232	<1%	--	--	239	<1%
Military law	172	<1%	432	<1%	223	<1%	520	1%
Municipal Judges	256	<1%	288	<1%	256	<1%	289	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,033	3%	4,909	6%	2,167	3%	5,295	5%
Poverty Law	162	<1%	513	1%	162	<1%	525	1%
Public Utility Law	375	1%	522	1%	398	1%	553	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	6,747	10%	8,653	10%	6,887	9%	8,901	9%
School Law	539	1%	749	1%	549	1%	772	1%
LGBT Law	164	<1%	452	1%	171	<1%	471	<1%
Taxation	1,584	2%	2,199	3%	1,668	2%	2,354	2%
Women and the Law	419	1%	752	1%	428	1%	780	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	314	<1%	--	--	321	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,948	10%	7,083	8%	7,020	9%	7,180	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	62,728	90%	80,874	92%	70,036	91%	91,491	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,784	8%	6,021	7%	5,857	8%	6,112	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,036	1%	951	1%	1,039	1%	956	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	124	<1%	111	<1%	124	<1%	112	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	165	<1%	145	<1%	168	<1%	146	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	163	<1%	129	<1%	165	<1%	133	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	161	<1%	130	<1%	163	<1%	133	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	403	1%	427	<1%	404	1%	125	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,185	2%	985	1%	1,191	2%	996	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	63	<1%	71	<1%	64	<1%	72	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	124	<1%	--	--	125	<1%
Criminal Law	812	1%	822	1%	823	1%	831	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	643	1%	675	1%	647	1%	683	1%
Family Law	699	1%	799	1%	700	1%	802	1%
Health Law	44	<1%	57	<1%	45	<1%	60	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	80	<1%	152	<1%	84	<1%	158	<1%
Juvenile Law	57	<1%	67	<1%	57	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	511	1%	615	1%	533	1%	638	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	262	<1%	350	<1%	265	<1%	354	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,769	3%	1,560	2%	1,778	2%	1,574	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	490	1%	479	1%	492	1%	482	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	97	<1%	91	<1%	97	<1%	92	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	320	<1%	290	<1%	321	<1%	291	<1%
Tax Law	227	<1%	205	<1%	233	<1%	210	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	88	<1%	94	<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

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