



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2018-19)

This report profiles active State Bar of Texas attorney members with membership in the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2018. 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 23 percent, growing from 83,713 attorneys in 2008 to 103,342 in 2018.

	In-State Bar Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2008-09 N = 75,087		2018-19 N = 91,244		2008-09 N = 83,713		2018-19 N = 103,342	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 74,574)</i>		<i>(N = 91,033)</i>		<i>(N = 83,070)</i>		<i>(N = 103,100)</i>	
Male	50,924	68%	57,910	64%	56,562	68%	65,623	64%
Female	23,650	32%	33,123	36%	26,508	32%	37,477	36%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 70,545)</i>		<i>(N = 87,029)</i>		<i>(N = 78,613)</i>		<i>(N = 98,570)</i>	
White	59,400	84%	68,394	79%	66,361	84%	77,815	79%
Black/African-American	3,040	4%	4,753	5%	3,435	4%	5,441	6%
Hispanic/Latino	5,468	8%	8,741	10%	5,801	7%	9,373	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,490	2%	3,066	4%	1,712	2%	3,557	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	205	<1%	285	<1%	246	<1%	344	<1%
Two or More Races	51	<1%	714	1%	55	<1%	817	1%
Other Race	891	1%	1,076	1%	1,003	1%	1,223	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	7,455	10%	6,755	7%	7,997	10%	7,275	7%
3 to 6 years	8,762	12%	9,832	11%	9,763	12%	11,089	11%
7 to 10 years	8,215	11%	9,930	11%	9,316	11%	11,341	11%
11 to 15 years	9,980	13%	11,695	13%	11,322	14%	13,455	13%
16 to 20 years	9,334	12%	9,891	11%	10,474	13%	11,421	11%
21 to 25 years	8,375	11%	9,629	11%	9,499	11%	11,052	11%
Over 25 years	22,959	31%	33,512	37%	25,333	30%	37,709	36%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
	<i>(N = 75,062)</i>		<i>(N = 91,244)</i>		<i>(N = 83,689)</i>		<i>(N = 103,342)</i>	
21 to 25 years	185	<1%	192	<1%	196	<1%	204	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,614	9%	6,289	7%	7,196	9%	6,837	7%
31 to 35 years	8,658	12%	10,443	11%	9,689	12%	11,794	11%
36 to 40 years	9,634	13%	11,462	13%	10,897	13%	13,153	13%
41 to 45 years	8,757	12%	10,022	11%	9,924	12%	11,533	11%
46 to 50 years	9,344	12%	10,134	11%	10,510	13%	11,684	11%
51 to 55 years	9,608	13%	8,871	10%	10,796	13%	10,181	10%
56 to 60 years	8,597	11%	9,007	10%	9,635	12%	10,234	10%
61 to 65 years	6,253	8%	8,628	9%	6,877	8%	9,785	9%
More than 65 years	7,412	10%	16,196	18%	7,969	10%	17,937	17%
Median Age	48 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	21,516	29%	23,737	26%	23,802	28%	26,555	26%
Senior Member	53,571	71%	67,507	74%	59,911	72%	76,787	74%

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	In-State Bar Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2008-09 N = 75,087		2018-19 N = 91,244		2008-09 N = 83,713		2018-19 N = 103,342	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	4,967	7%	5,514	6%	5,264	6%	5,867	6%
North Texas School of Law	--	--	98	<1%	--	--	99	<1%
St. Mary's	5,846	8%	7,006	8%	6,135	7%	7,320	7%
South Texas	8,722	12%	10,643	12%	9,183	11%	11,207	11%
Southern Methodist	6,452	9%	7,544	8%	6,987	8%	8,255	8%
Texas Southern	2,406	3%	3,264	4%	2,566	3%	3,487	3%
Texas Tech	5,089	7%	6,322	7%	5,353	6%	6,675	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	1,935	3%	3,381	4%	2,031	2%	3,592	3%
University of Houston	8,318	11%	9,339	10%	8,978	11%	10,114	10%
University of Texas	14,515	19%	14,617	16%	14,515	17%	15,987	15%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	16,837	22%	23,516	26%	22,701	27%	30,739	30%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 65,422)</i>		<i>(N = 73,442)</i>		<i>(N = 72,255)</i>		<i>(N = 82,840)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	16,171	25%	17,388	24%	17,074	24%	18,627	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,643	16%	11,523	16%	11,370	16%	12,473	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,329	5%	3,850	5%	3,656	5%	4,213	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,698	6%	3,869	5%	4,065	6%	4,377	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,737	3%	1,905	3%	1,967	3%	2,155	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	924	1%	1,120	2%	1,053	1%	1,279	2%
More than 60 attorneys	7,842	12%	7,718	11%	9,004	12%	9,172	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>44,344</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>47,373</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>48,189</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>52,296</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	7,155	11%	7,331	10%	8,134	11%	8,363	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,517	2%	1,549	2%	1,586	2%	1,628	2%
Law Faculty	395	1%	427	1%	529	1%	583	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,242	10%	8,050	11%	7,454	10%	9,634	12%
Other Law Related	1,818	3%	2,440	3%	2,173	3%	2,933	4%
Other Non-Law Related	1,727	3%	2,099	3%	2,065	3%	2,550	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	869	1%	--	--	972	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,526	2%	2,568	3%	1,772	2%	2,986	4%
Unemployed-Looking	316	<1%	277	<1%	378	1%	351	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	382	1%	459	1%	475	1%	544	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	32,624	43%	41,994	46%	34,109	41%	44,530	43%
Non Section Members	42,463	57%	49,250	54%	49,604	59%	58,812	57%
Members of One Section	16,327	22%	21,369	23%	17,229	21%	22,952	22%
Members of Two Sections	9,418	13%	11,883	13%	9,786	12%	12,482	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,922	5%	4,998	5%	4,049	5%	5,210	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,957	4%	3,744	4%	3,045	4%	3,886	4%

## State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2018-19)

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

Section Membership	In-State Bar Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2008-09 N = 75,087		2018-19 N = 91,244		2008-09 N = 83,713		2018-19 N = 103,342	
Administrative and Public Law	1,107	1%	1,142	1%	1,134	1%	1,183	1%
African-American Lawyers	307	<1%	619	1%	406	<1%	686	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,228	2%	1,094	1%	1,163	1%	1,139	1%
Animal Law	274	<1%	308	<1%	284	<1%	330	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,066	1%	868	1%	1,114	1%	915	1%
Appellate	1,735	2%	2,009	2%	1,769	2%	2,058	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	203	<1%	297	<1%	223	<1%	317	<1%
Aviation Law	225	<1%	259	<1%	248	<1%	302	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,286	2%	1,380	2%	1,328	2%	1,461	1%
Business Law	3,875	5%	4,239	5%	4,023	5%	4,467	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	762	1%	--	--	775	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	202	<1%	351	<1%	214	<1%	375	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	255	<1%	--	--	258	<1%
Computer and Technology	749	1%	1,979	2%	796	1%	2,062	2%
Construction Law	1,954	3%	2,257	2%	2,014	2%	2,393	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,324	2%	1,247	1%	1,351	2%	1,303	1%
Corporate Counsel	2,987	4%	4,274	5%	3,188	4%	4,620	4%
Criminal Justice	2,446	3%	3,114	3%	2,502	3%	3,186	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	481	1%	549	1%	514	1%	606	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,274	2%	1,133	1%	1,371	2%	1,254	1%
Family Law	4,853	6%	5,961	7%	4,892	6%	6,038	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,952	3%	2,089	2%	1,984	2%	2,151	2%
Government Lawyers	754	1%	975	1%	786	1%	1,018	1%
Health Law	1,175	2%	1,554	2%	1,249	1%	1,700	2%
Hispanic Issues	409	1%	521	1%	432	1%	549	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,172	1%	--	--	1,270	1%
Insurance Law	1,509	2%	2,031	2%	1,574	2%	2,162	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,883	3%	2,230	2%	2,054	2%	2,460	2%
International Law	820	1%	773	1%	909	1%	865	1%
James C. Watson Inn	158	<1%	117	<1%	158	<1%	120	<1%
Judicial	37	<1%	1,151	1%	37	<1%	1,156	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	64	<1%	141	<1%	64	<1%	142	<1%
Juvenile Law	825	1%	843	1%	829	1%	851	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,681	4%	3,064	3%	2,833	3%	3,270	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	326	<1%	--	--	335	<1%
LGBT Law	173	<1%	465	1%	183	<1%	496	<1%
Litigation	7,536	10%	8,101	9%	7,752	9%	8,378	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	283	<1%	--	<1%	295	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	215	<1%	389	<1%	282	<1%	459	<1%
Municipal Judges	242	<1%	313	<1%	242	<1%	313	<1%
Native American Law	96	<1%	125	<1%	118	<1%	140	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,741	4%	4,345	5%	2,915	3%	4,709	5%
Poverty Law	432	1%	604	1%	440	1%	617	1%
Public Utility Law	417	1%	458	1%	445	1%	496	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,154	10%	8,760	10%	7,320	9%	9,107	9%
School Law	604	1%	744	1%	615	1%	769	1%
Tax	1,770	2%	2,048	2%	1,884	2%	2,228	2%
Women and the Law	436	1%	1,083	1%	446	1%	1,123	1%
Workers' Compensation	224	<1%	318	<1%	234	<1%	339	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,898	9%	7,141	8%	6,995	8%	7,251	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	68,189	91%	84,103	92%	76,718	92%	96,091	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,775	8%	6,155	7%	5,865	7%	6,256	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	997	1%	886	1%	1,004	1%	895	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	126	<1%	100	<1%	126	<1%	100	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	155	<1%	131	<1%	157	<1%	134	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	157	<1%	117	<1%	159	<1%	119	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	152	<1%	121	<1%	153	<1%	122	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	402	1%	426	<1%	405	<1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,130	2%	911	1%	1,140	1%	921	1%
Construction Law	--	--	104	<1%	--	--	104	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	67	<1%	77	<1%	68	<1%	78	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	130	<1%	--	--	132	<1%
Criminal Law	824	1%	826	1%	834	1%	841	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	643	1%	689	1%	650	1%	698	1%
Family Law	701	1%	845	1%	706	1%	850	1%
Health Law	48	<1%	66	<1%	50	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	103	<1%	157	<1%	110	<1%	164	<1%
Juvenile Law	62	<1%	67	<1%	62	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	528	1%	624	1%	550	1%	652	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	261	<1%	380	<1%	263	<1%	387	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,684	2%	1,477	2%	1,703	2%	1,491	1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	496	1%	458	1%	499	1%	461	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	99	<1%	78	<1%	99	<1%	78	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	327	<1%	266	<1%	329	<1%	266	<1%
Tax Law	220	<1%	193	<1%	227	<1%	200	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	98	<1%	95	<1%	98	<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, 2018. 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.