



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2019-20)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2019. Not every attorney reports demographic data to the bar. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Over the past 10 years the number of active State Bar of Texas attorneys has increased by 23 percent, from 85,813 attorneys in 2009 to 105,125 in 2019.

	In-State Bar Members				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2009-10 N = 77,049		2019-20 N = 92,833		2009-10 N = 85,813		2019-20 N = 105,125	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 76,545)</i>		<i>(N = 92,676)</i>		<i>(N = 85,192)</i>		<i>(N = 104,947)</i>	
Male	51,903	68%	58,476	63%	57,691	67%	66,323	63%
Female	24,642	32%	34,200	37%	27,501	32%	38,624	37%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 72,659)</i>		<i>(N = 88,552)</i>		<i>(N = 80,845)</i>		<i>(N = 100,285)</i>	
White	60,819	84%	69,026	78%	67,867	84%	78,588	78%
Black/African-American	3,221	4%	4,979	6%	3,627	4%	5,677	6%
Hispanic/Latino	5,744	8%	9,168	10%	6,074	8%	9,812	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,673	2%	3,200	4%	1,908	2%	3,708	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	212	<1%	289	<1%	254	<1%	350	<1%
Two or More Races	127	<1%	781	1%	140	<1%	897	1%
Other Race	863	1%	1,109	1%	975	1%	1,253	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	7,424	10%	6,630	7%	7,986	9%	7,085	7%
3 to 6 years	9,333	12%	9,874	11%	10,335	12%	11,042	11%
7 to 10 years	8,187	11%	9,928	11%	9,249	11%	11,384	11%
11 to 15 years	9,910	13%	11,973	13%	11,243	13%	13,829	13%
16 to 20 years	9,730	13%	10,140	11%	10,911	13%	11,729	11%
21 to 25 years	8,382	11%	9,581	10%	9,522	11%	11,019	10%
Over 25 years	24,083	31%	34,707	37%	26,567	31%	39,037	37%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 77,039)</i>		<i>(N = 92,833)</i>		<i>(N = 85,802)</i>		<i>(N = 105,125)</i>	
21 to 25 years	29	<1%	192	<1%	208	<1%	202	<1%
26 to 30 years	5,116	7%	6,185	7%	7,350	9%	6,680	6%
31 to 35 years	9,078	12%	10,426	11%	10,116	12%	11,734	11%
36 to 40 years	9,337	12%	11,633	13%	10,793	13%	13,376	13%
41 to 45 years	9,297	12%	10,408	11%	10,169	12%	12,018	11%
46 to 50 years	9,050	12%	10,139	11%	10,395	12%	11,668	11%
51 to 55 years	9,572	12%	9,074	10%	10,748	13%	10,437	10%
56 to 60 years	9,328	12%	8,963	10%	9,971	12%	10,182	10%
61 to 65 years	7,184	9%	8,585	9%	7,409	9%	9,743	9%
More than 65 years	9,048	12%	17,228	19%	8,643	10%	19,085	18%
Median Age	49 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	21,955	28%	23,643	25%	24,225	28%	26,311	25%
Senior Member	55,094	72%	69,190	75%	61,588	72%	78,814	75%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	5,052	7%	5,553	6%	5,332	6%	5,909	6%
St. Mary's	5,957	8%	7,160	8%	6,249	7%	7,458	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	6,633	9%	7,725	8%	7,184	8%	8,428	8%
South Texas	9,007	12%	10,783	12%	9,461	11%	11,336	11%
Texas Southern	2,511	3%	3,281	4%	2,679	3%	3,493	3%
Texas Tech	5,232	7%	6,383	7%	5,504	6%	6,740	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	2,105	3%	3,519	4%	2,206	3%	3,738	4%
University of Houston	8,487	11%	8,395	9%	9,147	11%	10,186	10%
University of Texas	14,567	19%	14,629	16%	15,781	18%	15,988	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	192	<1%	--	--	405	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	17,498	23%	25,213	27%	22,270	26%	31,444	30%
Primary Occupation								
	(N = 66,433)		(N = 73,641)		(N = 73,798)		(N = 83,102)	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	16,532	25%	17,202	23%	17,453	24%	18,480	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	10,879	16%	11,484	16%	11,621	16%	12,434	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,416	5%	3,802	5%	3,739	5%	4,168	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,744	6%	3,878	5%	4,120	6%	4,369	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,729	3%	1,968	3%	1,941	3%	2,218	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	947	1%	1,115	2%	1,077	1%	1,279	2%
More than 60 attorneys	7,645	12%	7,889	11%	8,767	12%	9,382	11%
Subtotal	44,892	68%	47,338	64%	48,718	66%	52,330	63%
Government Attorney	7,267	11%	7,323	10%	8,263	11%	8,349	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,541	2%	1,582	2%	1,610	2%	1,664	2%
Law Faculty	388	1%	435	1%	518	1%	585	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,336	10%	8,161	11%	7,557	10%	9,774	12%
Other Law Related	1,874	3%	2,484	3%	2,228	3%	2,973	4%
Other Non-Law Related	1,772	3%	2,083	3%	2,121	3%	2,525	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	946	1%	--	--	1,068	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,536	2%	2,614	4%	1,785	2%	3,028	4%
Unemployed-Looking	419	1%	238	<1%	497	1%	290	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	408	1%	437	1%	501	1%	516	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	33,693	44%	41,843	45%	35,219	41%	44,428	42%
Non Section Members	43,356	56%	50,990	55%	50,594	59%	60,697	58%
Members of One Section	17,348	23%	21,340	23%	18,288	21%	22,963	22%
Members of Two Sections	9,536	12%	11,949	13%	9,917	12%	12,574	12%
Members of Three Sections	4,000	5%	4,928	5%	4,133	5%	5,138	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,809	4%	3,626	4%	2,881	3%	3,753	4%

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	2009-10		2019-20		2009-10		2019-20	
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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	1,098	1%	1,110	1%	1,119	1%	1,149	1%
African-American Lawyers	366	<1%	730	1%	390	<1%	803	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,095	1%	1,090	1%	1,135	1%	1,127	1%
Animal Law	298	<1%	324	<1%	317	<1%	336	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,049	1%	817	1%	1,097	1%	862	1%
Appellate	1,716	2%	2,003	2%	1,750	2%	2,067	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	217	<1%	318	<1%	238	<1%	343	<1%
Aviation Law	220	<1%	259	<1%	248	<1%	291	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,368	2%	1,364	1%	1,418	2%	1,449	1%
Business Law	3,750	5%	4,192	5%	3,897	5%	4,403	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	872	1%	--	--	882	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	206	<1%	344	<1%	218	<1%	365	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	244	<1%	--	--	246	<1%
Computer and Technology	735	1%	1,905	2%	774	1%	1,994	2%
Construction Law	1,992	3%	2,284	2%	2,051	2%	2,414	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,299	2%	1,147	1%	1,326	2%	1,202	1%
Corporate Counsel	2,969	4%	4,301	5%	3,159	4%	4,633	4%
Criminal Justice	2,555	3%	3,012	3%	2,621	3%	3,080	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	495	1%	538	1%	523	1%	585	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,230	2%	1,113	1%	1,312	2%	1,242	1%
Family Law	4,904	6%	5,833	6%	4,944	6%	5,901	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,948	3%	1,926	2%	1,977	2%	1,982	2%
Government Lawyers	784	1%	971	1%	817	1%	1,010	1%
Health Law	1,226	2%	1,558	2%	1,292	2%	1,707	2%
Hispanic Issues	353	<1%	525	1%	373	<1%	549	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,233	1%	--	--	1,327	1%
Insurance Law	1,522	2%	2,017	2%	1,588	2%	2,148	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,903	2%	2,181	2%	2,084	2%	2,406	2%
International Law	757	1%	765	1%	847	1%	856	1%
James C. Watson Inn	154	<1%	107	<1%	155	<1%	109	<1%
Judicial	1,025	1%	915	1%	1,034	1%	922	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	62	<1%	136	<1%	62	<1%	137	<1%
Juvenile Law	804	1%	817	1%	807	1%	822	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,632	3%	3,005	3%	2,766	3%	3,218	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	347	<1%	--	--	359	<1%
LGBT Law	199	<1%	515	1%	213	<1%	545	1%
Litigation	7,291	9%	7,959	9%	7,477	9%	8,235	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	320	<1%	--	--	333	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	211	<1%	366	<1%	289	<1%	447	<1%
Municipal Judges	292	<1%	286	<1%	292	<1%	287	<1%
Native American Law	90	<1%	107	<1%	111	<1%	119	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,831	4%	4,302	5%	3,007	4%	4,687	4%
Poverty Law	420	1%	590	1%	429	<1%	602	1%
Public Utility Law	412	1%	435	<1%	438	1%	472	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,017	9%	8,687	9%	7,184	8%	9,051	9%
School Law	612	1%	764	1%	625	1%	792	1%
Tax	1,750	2%	2,024	2%	1,870	2%	2,197	2%
Women and the Law	430	1%	1,220	1%	440	1%	1,268	1%
Workers' Compensation	261	<1%	316	<1%	267	<1%	334	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	7,020	9%	7,169	8%	7,116	8%	7,277	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	70,029	91%	85,664	92%	78,697	92%	97,848	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,908	8%	6,190	7%	5,995	7%	6,292	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	985	1%	870	1%	994	1%	876	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	126	<1%	109	<1%	127	<1%	339	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	153	<1%	120	<1%	154	<1%	122	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	154	<1%	119	<1%	157	<1%	121	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	147	<1%	121	<1%	149	<1%	122	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	420	1%	423	<1%	422	<1%	427	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,109	1%	882	<1%	1,117	1%	892	1%
Construction Law	--	--	113	1%	--	--	113	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	68	<1%	77	<1%	69	<1%	78	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	134	<1%	--	--	136	<1%
Criminal Law	845	1%	844	<1%	856	1%	853	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	663	1%	695	1%	671	1%	703	1%
Family Law	711	1%	875	1%	715	1%	878	1%
Health Law	51	<1%	65	1%	53	<1%	66	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	114	<1%	159	<1%	121	<1%	166	<1%
Juvenile Law	68	<1%	68	<1%	68	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	553	1%	633	<1%	578	1%	663	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	265	<1%	394	1%	267	<1%	402	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,680	2%	1,643	<1%	1,696	2%	1,477	1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	510	1%	449	2%	513	1%	452	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	105	<1%	76	<1%	104	<1%	76	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	330	<1%	280	<1%	331	<1%	280	<1%
Tax Law	221	<1%	187	<1%	229	<1%	194	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	103	<1%	92	<1%	104	<1%	93	<1%

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Footnotes

- * Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys age 36 or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

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