



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2020-21)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2020. 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 21 percent, from 87,881 attorneys in 2010 to 106,591 in 2020.

	In-State Attorneys				All Active State Attorneys			
	2010-11 N = 78,844		2020-21 N = 93,821		2010-11 N = 87,881		2020-21 N = 106,591	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 78,343)</i>		<i>(N = 93,699)</i>		<i>(N = 87,257)</i>		<i>(N = 106,451)</i>	
Male	52,801	67%	58,705	63%	58,744	67%	66,878	63%
Female	25,542	33%	34,994	37%	28,513	33%	39,573	37%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 74,469)</i>		<i>(N = 89,439)</i>		<i>(N = 82,961)</i>		<i>(N = 101,634)</i>	
White	61,981	83%	69,238	77%	69,240	83%	79,131	78%
Black/African-American	3,380	5%	5,155	6%	3,812	5%	5,876	6%
Hispanic/Latino	6,016	8%	9,484	11%	6,374	8%	10,187	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,825	2%	3,331	4%	2,085	3%	3,858	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	218	<1%	290	<1%	260	<1%	354	<1%
Two or More Races	190	<1%	821	1%	217	<1%	951	1%
Other Race	859	1%	1,120	1%	973	1%	1,277	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	7,332	9%	6,239	7%	7,898	9%	6,684	6%
3 to 6 years	9,623	12%	9,409	10%	10,634	12%	10,514	10%
7 to 10 years	8,219	10%	10,232	11%	9,265	11%	11,736	11%
11 to 15 years	9,897	13%	12,324	13%	11,253	13%	14,283	13%
16 to 20 years	9,975	13%	10,193	11%	11,233	13%	11,845	11%
21 to 25 years	8,417	11%	9,598	10%	9,501	11%	11,119	10%
Over 25 years	25,377	32%	35,826	38%	28,092	32%	40,410	38%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
21 to 25 years	194	<1%	172	<1%	206	<1%	184	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,715	9%	5,823	6%	7,291	8%	6,284	6%
31 to 35 years	9,470	12%	10,184	11%	10,552	12%	11,530	11%
36 to 40 years	9,422	12%	11,762	13%	10,630	12%	13,487	13%
41 to 45 years	9,325	12%	10,797	12%	10,577	12%	12,566	12%
46 to 50 years	9,069	12%	9,966	11%	10,200	12%	11,525	11%
51 to 55 years	9,511	12%	9,480	10%	10,726	12%	10,924	10%
56 to 60 years	9,279	12%	8,811	9%	10,383	12%	10,060	9%
61 to 65 years	7,056	9%	8,612	9%	7,821	9%	9,777	9%
More than 65 years	8,792	11%	18,214	19%	9,480	11%	20,254	19%
Median Age	48 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	22,320	28%	22,981	24%	24,624	28%	25,641	24%
Senior Member	56,524	72%	70,840	76%	63,257	72%	80,950	76%

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	2010-11 N = 78,844		2020-21 N = 93,821		2010-11 N = 87,881		2020-21 N = 106,591	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	5,134	7%	5,595	6%	5,426	6%	5,959	6%
St. Mary's	6,097	8%	7,218	8%	6,390	7%	7,536	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	6,755	9%	7,784	8%	7,318	8%	8,497	8%
South Texas	9,239	12%	10,881	12%	9,699	11%	11,462	11%
Texas Southern	2,628	3%	3,320	4%	2,802	3%	3,534	3%
Texas Tech	5,375	7%	6,393	7%	5,650	6%	6,758	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	2,257	3%	3,589	4%	2,352	3%	3,821	4%
University of Houston	8,672	11%	9,445	10%	9,322	11%	10,251	10%
University of Texas	14,599	19%	14,513	15%	15,829	18%	15,897	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	256	<1%	--	--	264	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	18,088	23%	24,827	26%	23,093	26%	32,612	31%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 67,403)</i>		<i>(N = 73,433)</i>		<i>(N = 74,899)</i>		<i>(N = 83,126)</i>	
<b>Private Practitioners</b>								
Solo Practitioners	16,999	25%	17,091	23%	17,967	24%	18,390	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	11,077	16%	11,342	15%	11,828	16%	12,334	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,475	5%	3,747	5%	3,794	5%	4,130	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,729	6%	3,861	5%	4,112	5%	4,362	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,814	3%	1,992	3%	2,023	3%	2,241	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	976	1%	1,087	1%	1,119	1%	1,240	1%
More than 60 attorneys	7,428	11%	7,900	11%	8,556	11%	9,423	11%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>45,498</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>47,020</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>49,399</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>52,120</i>	<i>63%</i>
Government Attorney	7,335	11%	7,307	10%	8,332	11%	8,347	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,538	2%	1,609	2%	1,609	2%	1,690	2%
Law Faculty	404	1%	445	1%	542	1%	599	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,465	10%	8,151	11%	7,709	10%	9,804	12%
Other Law Related	1,917	3%	2,488	3%	2,279	3%	2,993	4%
Other Non-Law Related	1,781	3%	2,088	3%	2,135	3%	2,533	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	976	1%	--	--	1,109	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,619	2%	2,684	4%	1,876	3%	3,134	4%
Unemployed-Looking	443	1%	232	<1%	526	1%	284	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	403	1%	433	1%	492	1%	513	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	34,080	43%	40,631	43%	35,658	41%	43,247	41%
Non Section Members	44,764	57%	53,190	57%	52,223	59%	63,344	59%
Members of One Section	17,283	22%	20,511	22%	18,269	21%	21,959	21%
Members of Two Sections	9,674	12%	11,676	12%	10,048	11%	12,187	11%
Members of Three Sections	4,043	5%	4,844	5%	4,181	5%	5,044	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	3,080	4%	3,600	4%	3,160	4%	4,057	4%

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

Section Membership	In-State Attorneys				All Active State Attorneys			
	2010-11 N = 78,844		2020-21 N = 93,821		2010-11 N = 87,881		2020-21 N = 106,591	
Administrative and Public Law	1,064	1%	1,043	1%	1,094	1%	1,084	1%
African-American Lawyers	340	<1%	897	1%	372	<1%	1,071	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,103	1%	1,134	1%	1,134	1%	1,178	1%
Animal Law	299	<1%	291	<1%	317	<1%	308	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,005	1%	734	1%	1,054	1%	779	1%
Appellate	1,733	2%	1,979	2%	1,767	2%	2,039	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	222	<1%	298	<1%	241	<1%	326	<1%
Aviation Law	224	<1%	246	<1%	248	<1%	281	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,418	2%	1,479	2%	1,466	2%	1,580	1%
Business Law	3,826	5%	3,954	4%	3,959	5%	4,164	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	978	1%	--	--	992	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	205	<1%	409	<1%	217	<1%	439	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	251	<1%	--	--	254	<1%
Computer and Technology	809	1%	1,821	2%	847	1%	1,912	2%
Construction Law	2,001	3%	2,296	2%	2,060	2%	2,432	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,295	2%	1,151	1%	1,317	1%	1,208	1%
Corporate Counsel	3,071	4%	4,112	4%	3,259	4%	4,446	4%
Criminal Justice	2,811	4%	2,784	3%	2,881	3%	2,844	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	481	1%	533	1%	518	1%	583	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,252	2%	1,037	1%	1,353	2%	1,174	1%
Family Law	5,000	6%	5,718	6%	5,034	6%	5,791	5%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,905	2%	1,879	2%	1,942	2%	1,940	2%
Government Lawyers	785	1%	949	1%	819	1%	991	1%
Health Law	1,282	2%	1,486	2%	1,355	2%	1,633	2%
Hispanic Issues	329	<1%	547	1%	345	<1%	570	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,216	1%	--	--	1,335	1%
Insurance Law	1,535	2%	2,038	2%	1,600	2%	2,166	2%
Intellectual Property Law	1,858	2%	2,045	2%	2,050	2%	2,248	2%
International Law	740	1%	650	1%	839	1%	749	1%
James C. Watson Inn	144	<1%	99	<1%	146	<1%	101	<1%
Judicial	1,005	1%	870	1%	1,009	1%	875	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	67	<1%	151	<1%	69	<1%	151	<1%
Juvenile Law	823	1%	769	1%	826	1%	779	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,630	3%	2,943	3%	2,765	3%	3,145	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	401	<1%	--	--	413	<1%
LGBT Law	214	<1%	531	1%	225	<1%	562	1%
Litigation	7,255	9%	7,832	8%	7,443	8%	8,120	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	324	<1%	--	--	338	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	249	<1%	361	<1%	328	<1%	445	<1%
Municipal Judges	292	<1%	263	<1%	292	<1%	265	<1%
Native American Law	83	<1%	117	<1%	102	<1%	132	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	3,032	4%	3,947	4%	3,222	4%	4,308	4%
Poverty Law	456	1%	644	1%	470	1%	654	1%
Public Utility Law	416	1%	447	<1%	442	1%	479	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	6,991	9%	8,539	9%	7,146	8%	8,917	8%
School Law	626	1%	731	1%	225	<1%	759	1%
Tax	1,799	2%	1,932	2%	1,922	2%	2,101	2%
Women and the Law	441	1%	1,396	1%	456	1%	1,458	1%
Workers' Compensation	258	<1%	302	<1%	266	<1%	324	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,984	9%	7,146	8%	7,077	8%	7,257	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	71,900	91%	86,675	92%	80,734	92%	99,334	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,892	7%	6,175	7%	5,975	7%	6,275	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	967	1%	859	1%	976	1%	869	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	125	<1%	112	<1%	126	<1%	113	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	156	<1%	111	<1%	157	<1%	113	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	148	<1%	109	<1%	152	<1%	11	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	142	<1%	114	<1%	144	<1%	115	<1%
Child Welfare Law	--	--	91	<1%	--	--	92	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	415	1%	418	<1%	416	<1%	421	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,096	1%	851	1%	1,105	1%	863	1%
Construction Law	--	--	121	<1%	--	--	121	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	66	<1%	76	<1%	67	<1%	77	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	132	<1%	--	--	135	<1%
Criminal Law	823	1%	830	1%	834	1%	839	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	656	1%	690	1%	666	1%	698	1%
Family Law	716	1%	855	1%	718	1%	857	1%
Health Law	54	<1%	72	<1%	55	<1%	73	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	117	<1%	161	<1%	123	<1%	168	<1%
Juvenile Law	69	<1%	68	<1%	69	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	569	1%	645	1%	590	1%	673	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	275	<1%	389	<1%	276	<1%	397	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,649	2%	1,409	2%	1,669	2%	1,428	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	49	<1%	--	--	49	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	509	1%	445	<1%	512	1%	449	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	103	<1%	70	<1%	104	<1%	72	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	329	<1%	261	<1%	331	<1%	263	<1%
Tax Law	218	<1%	184	<1%	226	<1%	191	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	101	<1%	92	<1%	101	<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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