



# STATE BAR OF TEXAS

## Department of Research and Analysis

### State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2021-22)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2021. 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%, from 89,987 attorneys in 2011 to 108,816 in 2021.

	In-State Attorneys				All Active Attorneys			
	2011-12 N = 80,657		2021-22 N = 95,196		2011-12 N = 89,987		2021-22 N = 108,816	
<b>Sex</b>								
	<i>(N = 80,090)</i>		<i>(N = 95,097)</i>		<i>(N = 89,305)</i>		<i>(N = 108,701)</i>	
Male	53,568	67%	59,101	62%	59,692	67%	67,769	62%
Female	26,522	33%	35,996	38%	29,613	33%	40,932	38%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
	<i>(N = 76,282)</i>		<i>(N = 90,641)</i>		<i>(N = 85,077)</i>		<i>(N = 103,596)</i>	
White	63,035	83%	69,539	77%	70,521	83%	79,937	77%
Black/African American	3,598	5%	5,360	6%	4,046	5%	6,152	6%
Hispanic/Latino	6,327	8%	9,889	11%	6,702	8%	10,691	10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,002	3%	3,492	4%	2,299	3%	4,063	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	223	0%	292	0%	262	0%	358	0%
Two or More Races	249	0%	907	1%	285	0%	1,061	1%
Other Race	848	1%	1,162	1%	962	1%	1,334	1%
<b>Years Licensed *</b>								
2 or less years	7,389	9%	6,741	7%	7,997	9%	7,356	7%
3 to 6 years	9,940	12%	9,144	10%	10,933	12%	10,252	9%
7 to 10 years	8,439	10%	10,143	11%	9,510	11%	11,780	11%
11 to 15 years	9,912	12%	12,359	13%	11,313	13%	14,375	13%
16 to 20 years	9,895	12%	10,676	11%	11,182	12%	12,458	11%
21 to 25 years	8,630	11%	9,622	10%	9,695	11%	11,208	10%
Over 25 years	26,452	33%	36,511	38%	29,357	33%	41,387	38%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		19 Years		18 Years		19 Years	
<b>Age</b>								
21 to 25 years	199	0%	236	0%	215	0%	247	0%
26 to 30 years	6,855	8%	6,089	6%	7,448	8%	6,657	6%
31 to 35 years	9,791	12%	10,029	11%	10,907	12%	11,424	10%
36 to 40 years	9,311	12%	11,768	12%	10,519	12%	13,607	13%
41 to 45 years	9,742	12%	11,215	12%	11,077	12%	13,125	12%
46 to 50 years	8,839	11%	9,808	10%	9,971	11%	11,398	10%
51 to 55 years	9,596	12%	9,885	10%	10,773	12%	11,486	11%
56 to 60 years	9,287	12%	8,625	9%	10,442	12%	9,891	9%
61 to 65 years	7,552	9%	8,638	9%	8,408	9%	9,844	9%
More than 65 years	9,478	12%	18,903	20%	10,217	11%	21,137	19%
Median Age	48 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
<b>Member Class—TYLA/Senior**</b>								
TYLA Member	22,807	28%	30,374	32%	25,183	28%	34,452	32%
Senior Member	57,850	72%	64,822	68%	64,804	72%	74,364	68%

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	2011-12 N = 80,657		2021-22 N = 95,196		2011-12 N = 89,987		2021-22 N = 108,816	
<b>Law School Attended</b>								
Baylor University	5,187	6%	5,620	6%	5,486	6%	6,006	6%
St. Mary's	6,248	8%	7,250	8%	6,531	7%	7,587	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	6,912	9%	7,797	8%	7,478	8%	8,533	8%
South Texas	9,486	12%	10,957	12%	9,967	11%	11,561	11%
Texas Southern	2,735	3%	3,296	3%	2,897	3%	3,524	3%
Texas Tech	5,486	7%	6,440	7%	5,775	6%	6,811	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	2,447	3%	3,678	4%	2,550	3%	3,932	4%
University of Houston	8,803	11%	9,450	10%	9,462	11%	10,293	9%
University of Texas	14,639	18%	14,361	15%	15,873	18%	15,800	15%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	306	<1%	--	--	319	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	18,714	23%	26,041	27%	23,968	27%	34,450	32%
<b>Primary Occupation</b>								
	<i>(N = 68,366)</i>		<i>(N = 73,128)</i>		<i>(N = 76,043)</i>		<i>(N = 83,206)</i>	
<b>Private Practitioners</b>								
Solo Practitioners	17,253	25%	16,686	23%	18,225	24%	18,034	22%
2 to 5 attorneys	11,272	16%	11,234	15%	12,051	16%	12,281	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,524	5%	3,727	5%	3,842	5%	4,123	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,818	6%	3,867	5%	4,199	6%	4,402	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,806	3%	1,986	3%	2,031	3%	2,253	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	1,002	1%	1,085	1%	1,154	2%	1,250	2%
More than 60 attorneys	7,353	11%	8,034	11%	8,514	11%	9,648	12%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>46,028</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>46,619</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>50,016</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>51,991</i>	<i>62%</i>
Government Attorney	7,299	11%	7,325	10%	8,289	11%	8,402	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,553	2%	1,623	2%	1,626	2%	1,706	2%
Law Faculty	445	1%	435	1%	596	1%	597	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	6,692	10%	8,192	11%	7,979	10%	9,869	12%
Other Law Related	1,965	3%	2,470	3%	2,340	3%	2,980	4%
Other Non-Law Related	1,829	3%	2,050	3%	2,205	3%	2,516	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	1,017	1%	--	--	1,159	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,738	3%	2,763	4%	2,006	3%	3,226	4%
Unemployed-Looking	413	1%	227	<1%	490	1%	277	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	404	1%	407	1%	496	1%	483	1%
<b>Members of State Bar Sections</b>								
Section Members	35,958	45%	41,278	43%	37,733	42%	44,198	41%
Non Section Members	44,699	55%	53,918	57%	52,254	58%	64,618	59%
Members of One Section	18,367	23%	20,558	22%	19,464	22%	22,371	21%
Members of Two Sections	10,181	13%	11,898	12%	10,622	12%	12,601	12%
Members of Three Sections	4,257	5%	5,026	5%	4,411	5%	5,262	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	3,153	4%	3,796	4%	3,236	4%	3,964	4%

## State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2021-22)

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

Section Membership	In-State Attorneys				All Active Attorneys			
	2011-12		2021-22		2011-12		2021-22	
	N = 80,657		N = 95,196		N = 89,987		N = 108,816	
Administrative and Public Law	1,080	1%	1,138	1%	1,116	1%	1,200	1%
African-American Lawyers	359	<1%	1,135	1%	397	<1%	1,235	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,150	1%	1,146	1%	1,190	1%	1,196	1%
Animal Law	311	<1%	294	<1%	331	<1%	320	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,027	1%	739	1%	1,077	1%	799	1%
Appellate	1,733	2%	2,090	2%	1,770	2%	2,163	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	230	<1%	339	<1%	252	<1%	365	<1%
Aviation Law	236	<1%	259	<1%	260	<1%	306	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,518	2%	1,414	1%	1,577	2%	1,524	1%
Business Law	3,881	5%	3,971	4%	4,033	4%	4,228	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	1,050	1%	--	--	1,064	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	211	<1%	440	<1%	225	<1%	479	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	243	<1%	--	--	249	<1%
Computer and Technology	1,782	2%	1,799	2%	1,837	2%	1,897	2%
Construction Law	1,969	2%	2,407	3%	2,033	2%	2,555	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,323	2%	1,115	1%	1,355	2%	1,180	1%
Corporate Counsel	3,240	4%	4,276	4%	3,479	4%	4,636	4%
Criminal Justice	3,055	4%	2,861	3%	3,130	3%	2,934	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	508	1%	588	1%	548	1%	652	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,261	2%	1,113	1%	1,358	2%	1,265	1%
Family Law	5,294	7%	5,920	6%	5,331	6%	6,009	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,930	2%	1,922	2%	1,971	2%	1,988	2%
Government Lawyers	813	1%	1,026	1%	864	1%	1,073	1%
Health Law	1,286	2%	1,474	2%	1,380	2%	1,637	2%
Hispanic Issues	324	<1%	598	1%	343	<1%	623	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,282	1%	--	--	1,422	1%
Insurance Law	1,577	2%	2,158	2%	1,659	2%	2,305	2%
Intellectual Property Law	--	--	2,095	2%	--	--	2,325	2%
International Law	761	1%	618	1%	867	1%	718	1%
James C. Watson Inn	142	<1%	104	<1%	143	<1%	105	<1%
Judicial	948	1%	876	1%	955	1%	881	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	70	<1%	182	<1%	70	<1%	181	<1%
Juvenile Law	833	1%	756	1%	836	1%	764	1%
Labor and Employment Law	2,677	3%	3,004	3%	2,823	3%	3,218	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	459	<1%	--	--	471	<1%
LGBT Law	249	<1%	581	1%	265	<1%	618	1%
Litigation	7,393	9%	8,062	8%	7,579	8%	8,400	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	163	<1%	359	<1%	169	<1%	373	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	267	<1%	360	<1%	348	<1%	454	<1%
Municipal Judges	282	<1%	311	<1%	283	<1%	313	<1%
Native American Law	92	<1%	120	<1%	105	<1%	142	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	3,432	4%	3,787	4%	3,661	4%	4,145	4%
Poverty Law	482	1%	830	1%	490	1%	849	1%
Public Utility Law	426	1%	494	1%	458	1%	529	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	7,195	9%	8,698	9%	7,374	8%	9,123	8%
School Law	654	1%	743	1%	671	1%	774	1%
Tax	1,792	2%	2,007	2%	1,925	2%	2,188	2%
Women and the Law	466	1%	1,589	2%	493	1%	1,682	2%
Workers' Compensation	259	<1%	302	<1%	268	<1%	331	<1%

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<b>Board Certifications</b>								
Board Certified Attorneys	6,979	9%	7,082	7%	7,068	8%	7,190	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	73,678	91%	88,114	93%	82,919	92%	101,626	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,912	7%	6,146	6%	5,992	7%	6,241	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	964	1%	827	1%	954	1%	839	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	121	<1%	109	<1%	122	<1%	110	<1%
<b>Attorneys Board Certified In:</b>								
Administrative Law	152	<1%	102	<1%	153	<1%	105	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	146	<1%	105	<1%	150	<1%	107	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	140	<1%	107	<1%	142	<1%	108	<1%
Child Welfare Law	--	--	102	<1%	--	--	103	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	418	1%	414	<1%	419	<1%	416	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,078	1%	817	1%	1,088	1%	828	1%
Construction Law	--	--	130	<1%	--	--	131	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	66	<1%	74	<1%	67	<1%	75	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	128	<1%	--	--	131	<1%
Criminal Law	836	1%	823	1%	846	1%	836	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	665	1%	687	1%	675	1%	695	1%
Family Law	729	1%	868	1%	732	1%	870	1%
Health Law	52	<1%	72	<1%	54	<1%	75	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	126	<1%	166	<1%	131	<1%	172	<1%
Juvenile Law	68	<1%	68	<1%	68	<1%	69	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	554	1%	642	1%	575	1%	666	1%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	5	<1%	--	--	5	<1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	271	<1%	374	<1%	272	<1%	377	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,647	2%	1,387	1%	1,661	2%	1,406	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	52	<1%	--	--	52	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	496	1%	427	<1%	499	1%	433	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	101	<1%	68	<1%	102	<1%	70	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	321	<1%	250	<1%	322	<1%	253	<1%
Tax Law	215	<1%	181	<1%	222	<1%	188	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	96	<1%	92	<1%	98	<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 licensed 12 years or less at the beginning of each fiscal year (June 1). For years prior to 2022, membership was automatic for attorneys age 36 or younger and for attorneys of any age who were in their first five years of practice.

### General Notes

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