



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar of Texas Membership: Attorney Statistical Profile (2022-23)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2022. 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 92,210 attorneys in 2012 to 111,412 in 2022.

	In-State Attorneys				All Active Attorneys			
	2012-13 N = 82,607		2022-23 N = 96,827		2012-13 N = 92,210		2022-23 N = 111,412	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 81,431)</i>		<i>(N = 96,667)</i>		<i>(N = 90,874)</i>		<i>(N = 111,219)</i>	
Male	54,229	67%	59,511	61%	60,482	67%	68,735	62%
Female	27,202	33%	37,156	38%	30,392	33%	42,484	38%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 77,611)</i>		<i>(N = 92,076)</i>		<i>(N = 86,623)</i>		<i>(N = 105,912)</i>	
White	63,796	82%	70,032	76%	71,427	82%	81,042	77%
Black/African-American	3,701	5%	5,615	6%	4,176	5%	6,465	6%
Hispanic/Latino	6,565	8%	10,319	11%	6,966	8%	11,188	11%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,139	3%	3,641	4%	2,452	3%	4,288	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	232	0%	294	0%	278	<1%	365	<1%
Two or More Races	318	0%	971	1%	360	<1%	1,152	1%
Other Race	860	1%	1,204	1%	964	1%	1,412	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	7,454	9%	6,765	7%	8,021	9%	7,505	7%
3 to 6 years	10,031	12%	9,288	10%	11,059	12%	10,509	9%
7 to 10 years	8,667	10%	9,931	10%	9,765	11%	11,626	10%
11 to 15 years	10,154	12%	12,435	13%	11,581	13%	14,590	13%
16 to 20 years	9,875	12%	11,134	11%	11,166	12%	13,063	12%
21 to 25 years	8,832	11%	9,844	10%	9,951	11%	11,502	10%
Over 25 years	27,594	33%	37,429	39%	30,667	33%	42,617	38%
Median Years Licensed	18 Years		20 Years		18 Years		20 Years	
Age								
21 to 25 years	186	<1%	259	<1%	198	<1%	271	<1%
26 to 30 years	6,988	8%	6,315	7%	7,564	8%	7,011	6%
31 to 35 years	10,074	12%	9,781	10%	11,201	12%	11,225	10%
36 to 40 years	9,415	11%	11,830	12%	10,657	12%	13,805	12%
41 to 45 years	9,943	12%	11,490	12%	11,299	12%	13,571	12%
46 to 50 years	8,831	11%	10,012	10%	10,005	11%	11,707	11%
51 to 55 years	9,444	11%	10,117	10%	10,599	11%	11,794	11%
56 to 60 years	9,322	11%	8,665	9%	10,517	11%	10,002	9%
61 to 65 years	7,757	9%	8,546	9%	8,652	9%	1,815	2%
More than 65 years	10,641	13%	19,811	20%	11,510	12%	22,288	20%
Median Age	48 Years		49 Years		48 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	23,333	28%	30,417	31%	25,175	27%	34,821	31%
Senior Member	59,274	72%	66,410	69%	66,495	72%	76,591	69%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	5,262	6%	5,675	6%	5,565	6%	6,075	5%
St. Mary's	6,412	8%	7,287	8%	6,695	7%	7,643	7%
SMU Dedman/Southern Methodist	7,072	9%	7,869	8%	7,657	8%	8,626	8%
South Texas	9,695	12%	11,093	11%	10,189	11%	11,713	11%
Texas Southern	2,817	3%	3,279	3%	2,997	3%	3,528	3%
Texas Tech	5,641	7%	6,497	7%	5,939	6%	6,859	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	2,582	3%	3,739	4%	2,698	3%	4,024	4%
University of Houston	8,910	11%	9,455	10%	9,583	10%	10,317	9%
University of Texas	14,697	18%	14,158	15%	15,954	17%	15,675	14%
UNT Dallas/North Texas School of Law	--	--	364	<1%	--	--	379	<1%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	19,519	24%	27,411	28%	24,933	27%	36,573	33%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 70,038)</i>		<i>(N = 73,026)</i>		<i>(N = 77,946)</i>		<i>(N = 83,471)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	17,457	25%	16,347	22%	18,490	24%	17,761	21%
2 to 5 attorneys	11,568	17%	11,227	15%	12,359	16%	12,345	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	3,591	5%	3,697	5%	3,918	5%	4,122	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	3,951	6%	3,875	5%	4,338	6%	4,426	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,810	3%	1,988	3%	2,051	3%	2,261	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	988	1%	1,085	1%	1,140	1%	1,262	2%
More than 60 attorneys	7,482	11%	8,263	11%	8,654	11%	9,906	12%
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>46,847</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>46,482</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>50,950</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>52,083</i>	<i>62%</i>
Government Attorney	7,385	11%	7,310	10%	8,400	11%	8,434	10%
Full-Time Judge	1,582	2%	1,638	2%	1,653	2%	1,715	2%
Law Faculty	434	1%	431	1%	591	1%	586	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	7,010	10%	8,318	11%	8,355	11%	10,021	12%
Other Law Related	2,097	3%	2,447	3%	2,470	3%	2,994	4%
Other Non-Law Related	1,931	3%	2,019	3%	2,318	3%	2,494	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	1,087	1%	--	--	1,246	1%
Retired-Not Working	1,846	3%	2,673	4%	2,125	3%	3,146	4%
Unemployed-Looking	502	1%	221	<1%	579	1%	271	<1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	404	1%	400	1%	505	1%	481	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	38,664	47%	41,659	43%	40,678	44%	44,804	40%
Non Section Members	43,943	53%	55,168	57%	51,532	56%	66,608	60%
Members of One Section	18,520	22%	20,500	21%	19,636	21%	22,439	20%
Members of Two Sections	10,745	13%	11,839	12%	11,251	12%	12,575	11%
Members of Three Sections	4,672	6%	5,386	6%	4,870	5%	17,088	15%
Members of Four or More Sections	4,727	6%	3,934	4%	4,921	5%	4,094	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 Attorneys			
	2012-13		2022-23		2012-13		2022-23	
	N = 82,607		N = 96,827		N = 92,210		N = 111,412	
Administrative and Public Law	1,513	2%	1,122	1%	1,580	2%	1,177	1%
African-American Lawyers	670	1%	1,225	1%	728	1%	1,335	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,559	2%	1,125	1%	1,637	2%	1,181	1%
Animal Law	509	1%	280	<1%	537	1%	299	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,256	2%	763	1%	1,321	1%	811	1%
Appellate	2,111	3%	2,033	2%	2,174	2%	2,119	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	376	<1%	358	<1%	406	<1%	385	<1%
Aviation Law	377	<1%	260	<1%	404	<1%	310	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	1,875	2%	1,340	1%	1,948	2%	1,456	1%
Business Law	4,879	6%	4,131	4%	5,109	6%	4,400	4%
Child Protection Law	--	--	1,070	1%	--	--	1,087	1%
Civil Liberties & Civil Rights	424	1%	467	<1%	446	<1%	512	<1%
Collaborative Law	--	--	231	<1%	--	--	237	<1%
Computer and Technology	2,412	3%	1,763	2%	5,104	6%	1,871	2%
Construction Law	2,257	3%	2,503	3%	2,352	3%	2,674	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,890	2%	1,141	1%	1,951	2%	1,206	1%
Corporate Counsel	3,922	5%	4,534	5%	4,215	5%	4,934	4%
Criminal Justice	3,246	4%	2,876	3%	3,321	4%	2,959	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	890	1%	645	1%	1,726	2%	704	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,593	2%	1,151	1%	1,726	2%	1,307	1%
Family Law	6,298	8%	5,793	6%	6,377	7%	5,889	5%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	2,064	2%	1,862	2%	2,106	2%	1,940	2%
Government Lawyers	1,247	2%	1,019	1%	1,342	1%	1,065	1%
Health Law	1,655	2%	1,469	2%	1,791	2%	1,618	1%
Hispanic Issues	346	<1%	625	1%	366	<1%	658	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	1,436	1%	--	--	1,574	1%
Insurance Law	1,990	2%	2,164	2%	2,098	2%	2,331	2%
Intellectual Property Law	2,449	3%	2,175	2%	2,706	3%	2,432	2%
International Law	1,149	1%	639	1%	1,295	1%	735	1%
James C. Watson Inn	149	<1%	89	<1%	152	<1%	90	<1%
Judicial	995	1%	1,171	1%	1,000	1%	1,180	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	74	<1%	209	<1%	75	<1%	211	<1%
Juvenile Law	869	1%	767	1%	874	1%	774	1%
Labor and Employment Law	3,244	4%	3,054	3%	3,430	4%	3,266	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	569	1%	--	--	593	1%
LGBT Law	426	1%	603	1%	452	<1%	648	1%
Litigation	8,130	10%	8,027	8%	8,385	9%	8,387	8%
Litigation -Sustaining	186	<1%	376	<1%	192	<1%	393	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	407	<1%	362	<1%	510	1%	451	<1%
Municipal Judges	295	<1%	256	<1%	297	<1%	257	<1%
Native American Law	92	<1%	<1%	<1%	106	<1%	153	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	4,659	6%	3,908	4%	4,979	5%	4,287	4%
Poverty Law	657	1%	894	1%	681	1%	917	1%
Public Utility Law	578	1%	528	1%	621	1%	567	1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	8,268	10%	9,048	9%	8,494	9%	9,537	9%
School Law	661	1%	766	1%	677	1%	798	1%
Tax	2,207	3%	2,135	2%	2,364	3%	2,361	2%
Women and the Law	1,093	1%	1,818	2%	1,167	1%	1,923	2%
Workers' Compensation	277	<1%	279	<1%	286	<1%	305	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	7,032	9%	6,905	7%	7,131	8%	7,024	6%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	75,575	91%	89,922	93%	85,079	92%	104,388	94%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	5,921	7%	5,993	6%	6,007	7%	6,100	5%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	991	1%	806	1%	1,003	1%	816	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	120	<1%	106	<1%	121	<1%	108	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	149	<1%	100	<1%	151	<1%	102	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	142	<1%	102	<1%	146	<1%	104	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	137	<1%	101	<1%	139	<1%	102	<1%
Child Welfare Law	--	<1%	102	<1%	--	--	103	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	84	<1%	403	<1%	422	<1%	409	<1%
Civil Trial Law	1,062	1%	793	1%	1,075	1%	804	1%
Construction Law	--	--	129	<1%	--	0%	130	<1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	69	<1%	73	<1%	70	<1%	74	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	127	<1%	--	--	129	<1%
Criminal Law	833	1%	797	1%	843	1%	810	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	665	1%	666	1%	676	1%	674	1%
Family Law	749	1%	845	1%	753	1%	848	1%
Health Law	48	<1%	72	<1%	52	<1%	75	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	136	<1%	162	<1%	140	<1%	168	<1%
Juvenile Law	69	<1%	67	<1%	70	<1%	67	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	583	1%	631	1%	605	1%	659	1%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	5	<1%	--	--	5	<1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	280	<1%	370	<1%	283	<1%	374	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,635	2%	1,343	1%	1,649	2%	1,362	1%
Property Owners Association Law	--	--	51	<1%	--	--	52	<1%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	493	1%	415	<1%	497	1%	423	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	98	<1%	68	<1%	99	<1%	70	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	308	<1%	247	<1%	309	<1%	251	<1%
Tax Law	215	<1%	178	<1%	223	<1%	185	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	97	<1%	90	<1%	99	<1%	91	<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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