



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

State Bar Members: Attorney Statistical Profile (2005-06)

This report profiles active attorney members of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2005, roughly the midpoint of the Bar's fiscal year. Numbers and percents are given by key demographic variables including gender, race/ethnicity, years licensed in any jurisdiction, age, graduating law school, primary occupation, law firm size, TYLA membership, section membership, and board certification. Inclusion of Bar fiscal year 1995-96 data allows for comparison.

	In-State State Bar Attorneys				All State Bar Attorneys			
	1995-96		2005-06		1995-96		2005-06	
	N = 55,503		N = 69,672		N = 60,550		N = 77,056	
Gender								
Male	41,753	75%	48,487	70%	45,472	75%	53,450	70%
Female	13,749	25%	20,881	30%	15,077	25%	23,226	30%
Race/Ethnicity								
Caucasian/Anglo	47,104	90%	56,285	86%	51,426	90%	62,366	86%
African-American/Black	1,646	3%	2,660	4%	1,805	3%	2,979	4%
Hispanic/Latino	2,608	5%	4,766	7%	2,727	5%	5,040	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	332	1%	1,098	2%	380	1%	1,255	2%
Native American Indian	112	<1%	183	<1%	128	<1%	214	<1%
Other Race	335	1%	771	1%	360	1%	849	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	6,920	12%	6,881	10%	7,436	12%	7,380	10%
3 to 6 years	8,684	16%	8,387	12%	9,417	16%	9,341	12%
7 to 10 years	7,419	13%	8,006	11%	8,180	14%	8,987	12%
11 to 15 years	8,972	16%	10,137	15%	9,940	16%	11,327	15%
16 to 20 years	7,931	14%	8,659	12%	8,835	15%	9,698	13%
21 to 25 years	5,758	10%	8,316	12%	6,285	10%	9,263	12%
Over 25 years	9,819	18%	19,281	28%	10,457	17%	21,055	27%
Median Years Licensed	13 yrs.		16 yrs.		13 yrs.		16 yrs.	
Age								
21 to 25 years	535	1%	486	1%	573	1%	516	1%
26 to 30 years	6,137	11%	6,235	9%	6,626	11%	6,838	9%
31 to 35 years	8,322	15%	8,807	13%	9,116	15%	9,798	13%
36 to 40 years	9,612	17%	8,903	13%	10,587	17%	9,967	13%
41 to 45 years	9,590	17%	9,027	13%	10,630	18%	10,102	13%
46 to 50 years	8,022	14%	9,662	14%	8,785	15%	10,772	14%
51 to 55 years	5,003	9%	9,380	13%	5,439	9%	10,429	14%
56 to 60 years	2,683	5%	7,398	11%	2,876	5%	8,187	11%
61 to 65 years	1,935	3%	4,287	6%	2,044	3%	4,608	6%
More than 65 years	3,657	7%	5,481	8%	3,866	6%	5,832	8%
Median Age	42 yrs.		46 yrs.		42 yrs.		46 yrs.	
Member Class--TYLA/Senior **								
TYLA Member	18,560	33%	19,869	29%	20,164	33%	21,930	28%
Senior Member	36,943	67%	49,803	71%	40,386	67%	55,126	72%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	3,998	7%	4,405	7%	4,169	7%	4,617	7%
St. Mary's	4,189	8%	4,934	8%	4,390	7%	5,163	7%
South Texas	6,016	11%	7,466	12%	6,314	11%	7,807	11%
Southern Methodist	5,066	9%	5,576	9%	5,435	9%	6,033	9%
Texas Southern	1,310	2%	1,911	3%	1,368	2%	2,025	3%
Texas Tech	3,297	6%	4,282	7%	3,459	6%	4,498	6%
Texas Wesleyan	290	1%	1,350	2%	295	<1%	1,406	2%
University of Houston	6,462	12%	7,352	12%	6,831	11%	7,839	11%
University of Texas	13,123	24%	13,257	21%	13,979	23%	14,260	20%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	10,951	20%	12,933	20%	13,431	23%	16,291	23%
Primary Occupation								
Private Law Practice	35,967	71%	44,574	70%	38,104	69%	48,137	68%
Government Attorney	5,222	10%	6,732	11%	5,878	11%	7,633	11%
Full-Time Judge	1,346	3%	1,454	2%	1,389	3%	1,515	2%
Law Faculty	286	1%	377	1%	328	1%	484	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	4,161	8%	5,418	8%	4,939	9%	6,475	9%
Other Law Related	1,105	2%	1,678	3%	1,292	2%	2,019	3%
Other Non-Law Related	1,282	3%	1,671	3%	1,496	3%	2,005	3%
Retired-Not Working	1,522	3%	1,279	2%	1,740	3%	1,447	2%
Unemployed-Looking	---	---	322	1%	---	---	391	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	---	---	374	1%	---	---	467	1%
Firm Size (private practitioners only)								
Solo Practitioners	12,268	36%	15,284	36%	12,769	35%	16,024	35%
2 to 5 attorneys	8,557	25%	9,989	23%	8,992	25%	10,589	23%
6 to 10 attorneys	2,802	8%	3,148	7%	3,012	8%	3,446	8%
11 to 24 attorneys	2,856	8%	3,490	8%	3,085	9%	3,826	8%
25 to 40 attorneys	1,615	5%	1,799	4%	1,707	5%	1,976	4%
41 to 60 attorneys	911	3%	1,073	3%	992	3%	1,195	3%
Over 60 / 61 to 100 attorneys ***	5,090	15%	5,249	12%	5,594	15%	6,051	13%
101 to 200 attorneys ***	---	---	399	1%	---	---	440	1%
Over 200 attorneys ***	---	---	2,175	5%	---	---	2,358	5%
Median Firm Size	4 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.		4 attys.	
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	25,211	45%	29,672	43%	26,204	43%	30,875	40%
Non Section Members	30,292	55%	40,000	57%	34,346	57%	46,181	60%
Members of One Section	10,884	20%	14,610	21%	11,424	19%	15,349	20%
Members of Two Sections	8,156	15%	8,698	12%	8,443	14%	8,989	12%
Members of Three Sections	3,551	6%	3,725	5%	3,652	6%	3,841	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	2,620	5%	2,639	4%	2,685	4%	2,696	3%

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Section Membership									
Administrative and Public Law	1,118	2%	1,038	1%	1,142	2%	1,056	1%	
African-American Lawyers	152	<1%	292	<1%	160	<1%	309	<1%	
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,301	2%	1,063	2%	1,349	2%	1,102	1%	
American Indian Law	128	<1%	86	<1%	135	<1%	98	<1%	
Animal Law	---	---	240	<1%	---	---	247	<1%	
Antitrust and Business Litigation	1,155	2%	1,103	2%	1,195	2%	1,144	1%	
Appellate	1,473	3%	1,665	2%	1,489	2%	1,687	2%	
Asian-Pacific Interest	---	---	145	<1%	---	---	154	<1%	
Aviation Law	222	<1%	217	<1%	240	<1%	234	<1%	
Bankruptcy Law	---	---	1,264	2%	---	---	1,298	2%	
Business Law	3,807	7%	3,639	5%	3,937	7%	3,765	5%	
Computer and Technology	841	2%	787	1%	881	1%	831	1%	
Construction Law	1,020	2%	1,708	2%	1,051	2%	1,750	2%	
Consumer and Commercial Law	1,959	4%	1,231	2%	1,983	3%	1,250	2%	
Corporate Counsel	2,475	4%	2,585	4%	2,625	4%	2,767	4%	
Criminal Justice	1,597	3%	2,037	3%	1,616	3%	2,073	3%	
Entertainment and Sports Law	563	1%	489	1%	584	1%	513	1%	
Environmental and Natural Resources	1,529	3%	1,153	2%	1,645	3%	1,229	2%	
Family Law	3,726	7%	4,420	6%	3,755	6%	4,455	6%	
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	1,690	3%	1,728	2%	1,717	3%	1,744	2%	
Government Lawyers	627	1%	680	1%	647	1%	702	1%	
Health Law	1,165	2%	1,148	2%	1,223	2%	1,200	2%	
Hispanic Issues	290	1%	344	<1%	300	<1%	361	<1%	
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	219	<1%	156	<1%	222	<1%	163	<1%	
Insurance Law	---	---	1,510	2%	---	---	1,569	2%	
Intellectual Property Law	1,185	2%	1,636	2%	1,299	2%	1,789	2%	
International Law	1,021	2%	727	1%	1,132	2%	820	1%	
James C. Watson Inn	78	<1%	189	<1%	78	<1%	190	<1%	
Judicial	3	<1%	36	<1%	3	<1%	38	<1%	
Justice of the Peace	65	<1%	48	<1%	65	<1%	48	<1%	
Juvenile Law	549	1%	807	1%	553	1%	810	1%	
Labor and Employment Law	2,462	4%	2,639	4%	2,557	4%	2,754	4%	
Litigation	7,486	13%	7,182	10%	7,643	13%	7,341	10%	
Military Law	163	<1%	172	<1%	184	<1%	223	<1%	
Municipal Judges	212	<1%	256	<1%	212	<1%	256	<1%	
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	2,091	4%	2,033	3%	2,235	4%	2,167	3%	
Poverty Law	---	---	162	<1%	---	---	162	<1%	
Public Utility Law	374	1%	375	1%	402	1%	398	1%	
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	5,836	11%	6,747	10%	5,978	10%	6,887	9%	
School Law	557	1%	539	1%	561	1%	549	1%	
Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification Issues	---	---	164	<1%	---	---	171	<1%	
Taxation	1,517	3%	1,584	2%	1,598	3%	1,668	2%	
Women and the Law	572	1%	419	1%	581	1%	428	1%	

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Board Certifications									
Board Certified Attorneys	5,686	10%	6,944	10%	5,736	9%	7,020	9%	
Attorneys Not Board Certified	49,817	90%	62,728	90%	54,814	91%	70,036	91%	
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	4,516	8%	5,784	8%	4,554	8%	5,857	8%	
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	1,033	2%	1,036	1%	1,043	2%	1,039	1%	
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	137	<1%	124	<1%	139	<1%	124	<1%	

Attorneys Board Certified In:									
Administrative Law	177	<1%	165	<1%	179	<1%	168	<1%	
Bankruptcy Law: Business	187	<1%	163	<1%	188	<1%	165	<1%	
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	152	<1%	161	<1%	153	<1%	163	<1%	
Civil Appellate Law	350	1%	403	1%	351	1%	404	1%	
Civil Trial Law	1,233	2%	1,185	2%	1,240	2%	1,191	2%	
Consumer and Commercial Law	37	<1%	63	<1%	38	<1%	64	<1%	
Criminal Law	653	1%	812	1%	657	1%	823	1%	
Estate Planning and Probate Law	499	1%	643	1%	502	1%	647	1%	
Family Law	609	1%	699	1%	610	1%	700	1%	
Health Law	---	---	44	<1%	---	---	45	<1%	
Immigration and Nationality Law	63	<1%	80	<1%	68	<1%	84	<1%	
Juvenile Law	---	---	57	<1%	---	---	57	<1%	
Labor and Employment Law	237	<1%	511	1%	242	<1%	533	1%	
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	266	<1%	262	<1%	271	<1%	265	<1%	
Personal Injury Trial Law	1,418	3%	1,769	3%	1,422	2%	1,778	2%	
Real Estate Law: Commercial	475	1%	490	1%	486	1%	492	1%	
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	115	<1%	97	<1%	117	<1%	97	<1%	
Real Estate Law: Residential	323	1%	320	<1%	329	1%	321	<1%	
Tax Law	215	<1%	227	<1%	220	<1%	233	<1%	
Workers' Compensation Law	---	---	88	<1%	---	---	88	<1%	

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Footnotes

- * Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.
- ** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys less than 37 years of age and for attorneys of any age who have been licensed for less than four years.
- *** The firm size categories '61 to 100 attorneys', '101 to 200 attorneys', and 'Over 200 attorneys' were introduced in 2004.
- Indicates that the given category or group was not in existence.

General Notes

All data represent active attorney bar members in good standing. Some figures are estimates as not all demographic data is known for all attorneys; individual data items will not sum to the column headers in these instances. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Bar geography, such as county membership and various district memberships, is based on members' official address. Bar members' official address was determined by work address; if work address was unavailable, home address was used.