



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey

Lawyer Population by State

Year 2022

Resident Active Attorney Count			
State	This Year	Last Year	% Change from Prior Year
Alabama	12,054	14,897	-19.1%
Alaska	2,118	2,340	-9.5%
American Samoa	55	55	0.0%
Arizona	15,805	15,688	0.7%
Arkansas	6,808	6,808	0.0%
California	170,306	167,709	1.5%
Colorado	22,802	22,802	0.0%
Connecticut	21,036	21,036	0.0%
Delaware	3,058	3,058	0.0%
Dist. of Columbia	27,552	28,011	-1.6%
Florida	77,223	77,223	0.0%
Georgia	33,729	33,158	1.7%
Guam	262	262	0.0%
Hawaii	4,184	4,184	0.0%
Idaho	4,047	4,029	0.4%
Illinois	62,720	62,720	0.0%
Indiana	15,794	15,802	-0.1%
Iowa	7,405	7,452	-0.6%
Kansas	7,918	7,932	-0.2%
Kentucky	13,672	13,570	0.8%
Louisiana	19,714	21,414	-7.9%
Maine	3,669	3,985	-7.9%
Maryland	40,800	40,800	0.0%
Massachusetts	42,635	42,720	-0.2%
Michigan	35,139	35,453	-0.9%
Minnesota	26,065	26,065	0.0%
Mississippi	6,814	6,845	-0.5%
Missouri	24,674	24,369	1.3%
Montana	3,191	3,183	0.3%
Nebraska	5,689	5,546	2.6%
Nevada	7,484	7,482	0.0%
New Hampshire	3,495	3,495	0.0%
New Jersey	40,078	40,137	-0.1%
New Mexico	5,634	5,612	0.4%
New York	187,246	185,076	1.2%
North Carolina	25,735	24,253	6.1%
North Dakota	1,685	1,696	-0.6%
North Mariana Islands	134	134	0.0%
Ohio	34,692	38,189	-9.2%
Oklahoma	13,415	13,713	-2.2%
Oregon	12,285	12,158	1.0%
Palau	42	44	-4.5%
Pennsylvania	49,412	49,087	0.7%
Puerto Rico	13,944	13,944	0.0%
Rhode Island	4,081	4,071	0.2%
South Carolina	11,003	10,853	1.4%
South Dakota	2,026	1,985	2.1%
Tennessee	18,818	18,818	0.0%
Texas	95,196	93,821	1.5%
Utah	8,581	8,581	0.0%
Vermont	2,198	2,198	0.0%
Virgin Islands	776	776	0.0%
Virginia	23,923	24,020	-0.4%
Washington	26,428	26,701	-1.0%
West Virginia	4,673	4,770	-2.0%
Wisconsin	15,384	15,488	-0.7%
Wyoming	1,704	1,692	0.7%
TOTAL	1,327,010	1,327,910	-0.1%

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* Individual state bar associations or licensing agencies are asked to provide the number of resident and active attorneys as of December 31st of the prior year, e.g. 2022 data is as of 12/31/2021. The numbers reflected here are the best available data provided to the ABA from the respective associations or agencies.

Notes: Alabama began distinguishing resident active vs. inactive status for the first time in 2022; numbers prior to 2022 include the entire resident attorney population for Alabama. Not all states and territories participated in 2022; prior year responses (2019, 2020, or 2021) were used for the following: American Samoa, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont. Responses from 2018 were used for Virgin Islands.

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Historical Trend in Total National Lawyer Population
1878 - 2022

Year	Resident Active Attorney Total	% Change from Prior Year	Year	Resident Active Attorney Total	% Change from Prior Year
2022	1,327,010	-0.1%	1981	612,593	6.6%
2021	1,327,910	-0.1%	1980	574,810	15.4%
2020	1,328,742	-1.7%	1979	498,249	7.2%
2019	1,352,077	0.7%	1978	464,851	7.6%
2018	1,342,379	0.5%	1977	431,918	1.6%
2017	1,335,963	1.8%	1976	424,980	5.0%
2016	1,312,869	0.9%	1975	404,772	5.0%
2015	1,300,705	1.5%	1974	385,515	5.4%
2014	1,281,432	1.1%	1973	365,875	2.1%
2013	1,268,011	1.8%	1972	358,520	4.5%
2012	1,245,205	1.6%	1971	342,980	4.9%
2011	1,225,452	1.9%	1970	326,842	1.7%
2010	1,203,097	1.9%	1969	321,473	1.7%
2009	1,180,386	1.6%	1968	316,104	1.7%
2008	1,162,124	1.6%	1967	310,736	1.8%
2007	1,143,358	2.4%	1966	305,368	1.8%
2006	1,116,967	1.1%	1965	300,000	0.9%
2005	1,104,766	1.9%	1964	297,186	1.0%
2004	1,084,504	2.4%	1963	294,372	1.0%
2003	1,058,662	0.8%	1962	291,559	1.0%
2002	1,049,751	0.1%	1961	288,746	1.0%
2001	1,048,903	2.6%	1960	285,933	2.6%
2000	1,022,462	2.2%	1959	278,746	2.6%
1999	1,000,440	1.5%	1958	271,560	2.7%
1998	985,921	3.4%	1957	264,373	2.8%
1997	953,260	0.7%	1956	257,186	2.9%
1996	946,499	5.6%	1955	250,000	12.8%
1995	896,140	3.5%	1950	221,605	10.8%
1994	865,614	2.3%	1945	200,000	10.4%
1993	846,036	5.8%	1940	181,220	13.3%
1992	799,760	2.9%	1935	160,000	15.1%
1991	777,119	2.8%	1930	139,059	6.2%
1990	755,694	4.2%	1925	131,000	6.9%
1989	725,579	1.7%	1920	122,519	0.4%
1988	713,456	2.7%	1915	122,000	-0.1%
1987	695,020	2.7%	1910	122,149	3.5%
1986	676,584	3.5%	1905	118,000	3.1%
1985	653,686	0.9%	1900	114,460	27.7%
1984	647,575	4.0%	1890	89,630	39.7%
1983	622,625	0.9%	1880	64,137	0.0%
1982	617,320	0.8%	1878	64,137	N/A

Data Source: 1998 forward - American Bar Association's National Lawyer Population Survey, prior to 1998 - ABA Archives, specific source unknown.

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Notes: In 2018, Indiana corrected the resident active figures for 2016; this report has been updated to reflect the new total attorney count for 2016 than was previously reported. In 2019, Maryland, Nevada, and New York provided corrected 2018 lawyer counts; this report reflects the corrected 2018 total attorney count. In 2020, the District of Columbia changed how it reports residency status, causing a decrease of more than 28,000 reported resident active attorneys in DC. In 2021, Vermont began tracking residency, causing a decrease of more than 1,400 reported resident active attorneys in VT. In 2022, Alabama began distinguishing resident active and resident inactive numbers, causing a decrease of more than 2,800 reported resident active attorneys in AL.

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10-Year Trend in Lawyer Demographics

Year 2022

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Gender												
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change from 2012
Gender												
Male	67%	66%	64%	65%	64%	65%	64%	64%	63%	63%	62%	-5.2 pp
Female	33%	34%	36%	35%	36%	35%	36%	36%	37%	37%	38%	5.0 pp
Other (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.2 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	44	43	43	43	45	46	46	45	44	45	44	0
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	59%	59%	61%	63%	66%	61%	63%	61%	60%	62%	73%	13.3 pp

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Race/Ethnicity												
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change from 2012
Race/Ethnicity (2)												
African-American	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	-0.2 pp
Asian	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	3.1 pp
Caucasian/White	88%	89%	88%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%	86%	85%	81%	-7.5 pp
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-0.4 pp
Hispanic	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	2.3 pp
Multiracial (1)	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2.7 pp
Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-0.1 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	16	16	17	18	19	22	21	20	21	26	26	10
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	21%	21%	21%	25%	30%	29%	28%	35%	31%	36%	45%	24.7 pp

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- (1) Beginning with the 2016 survey, choices included "Multiracial" as an option for race/ethnicity and "Other" as an option for gender.
- (2) Race/ethnicity percentages may total to more than 100% as many states allow responders to choose more than one option for race/ethnicity.

Beginning with the 2020 survey, two new questions about attorneys who identify as LGBTQ+ and as persons with a disability were asked. Results are not included in the 2022 report due to insufficient response.

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