



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey 10-Year Trend in Lawyer Demographics

Year 2017

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Gender												
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2007
Gender												
Male	69.9%	68.4%	68.7%	68.6%	66.9%	66.7%	66.3%	64.3%	65.3%	64.4%	64.7%	-5.2 pp
Female	30.1%	31.6%	31.3%	31.4%	33.1%	33.3%	33.7%	35.7%	34.7%	35.6%	35.3%	5.2 pp
Other (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	0.0 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistics	39	39	40	41	42	44	43	43	48	45	46	7
% of Lawyer Population Represented	51.0%	54.5%	55.5%	56.1%	57.4%	59.4%	58.9%	61.3%	63.4%	66.1%	61.4%	10.4 pp

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Race/Ethnicity												
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2007
Race/Ethnicity (2)												
African-American	3.2%	3.6%	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%	4.1%	0.9 pp
Asian	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	2.1%	1.8%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	2.0%	0.7 pp
Caucasian/White	77.6%	71.3%	79.2%	80.1%	76.9%	78.8%	80.4%	78.1%	71.2%	44.7%	66.8%	-10.8 pp
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	32.3%	0.7%	0.3 pp
Hispanic	3.1%	2.7%	4.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.1%	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%	2.2%	3.9%	0.8 pp
Multiracial (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.3%	5.4%	5.4 pp
Native American	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	1.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0 pp
Unknown	14.1%	20.3%	9.6%	9.5%	12.9%	10.8%	9.3%	11.4%	15.9%	12.5%	20.8%	6.7 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistics	17	15	16	19	17	16	16	17	18	19	22	5
% of Lawyer Population Represented	22.5%	18.5%	20.9%	24.0%	23.7%	23.1%	22.8%	24.2%	30.4%	34.9%	36.9%	14.4 pp

* Data Source: American Bar Association's National Lawyer Population Survey

** Individual state bar associations or licensing agencies are asked to provide demographics data for resident and active attorneys as of December 31st of the prior year, e.g. 2017 data is as of 12/31/2016. The numbers reflected here are the best available data provided to us from the respective associations or agencies.

- (1) Beginning with 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.

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