



**ABA National Lawyer Population Survey**  
**10-Year Trend in Lawyer Population by State**  
 Year 2017

| State                     | Resident Active Attorney Count |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | % Change from 2007 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                           | 2007                           | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2013             | 2014             | 2015             | 2016             | 2017             |                    |
| Alabama (1)               | 12,936                         | 13,231           | 13,443           | 13,655           | 13,876           | 14,135           | 14,303           | 14,531           | 14,630           | 14,666           | 14,717           | 13.8%              |
| Alaska                    | 2,303                          | 2,385            | 2,362            | 2,418            | 2,451            | 2,418            | 2,442            | 2,469            | 2,456            | 2,439            | 2,402            | 4.3%               |
| American Samoa (13)       | 57                             | 58               | 45               | 44               | 47               | 44               | 64               | 102              | 102              | 98               | 59               | 3.5%               |
| Arizona (4)               | 12,501                         | 12,793           | 13,028           | 13,384           | 14,471           | 14,471           | 16,208           | 15,993           | 16,155           | 15,926           | 14,960           | 19.7%              |
| Arkansas (7,11)           | 5,600                          | 5,700            | 5,700            | 5,789            | 5,545            | 5,928            | 5,953            | 5,970            | 5,970            | 7,320            | 6,851            | 22.3%              |
| California                | 145,355                        | 148,399          | 149,982          | 153,155          | 157,388          | 159,824          | 163,163          | 163,327          | 165,952          | 167,690          | 168,746          | 16.1%              |
| Colorado                  | 18,376                         | 18,894           | 19,340           | 19,737           | 20,211           | 20,768           | 21,094           | 21,545           | 21,761           | 21,781           | 22,164           | 20.6%              |
| Connecticut (7,11)        | 18,823                         | 19,013           | 19,427           | 20,309           | 20,585           | 20,842           | 21,150           | 18,655           | 18,655           | 21,517           | 21,341           | 13.4%              |
| Delaware                  | 2,478                          | 2,526            | 2,592            | 2,706            | 2,820            | 2,853            | 2,888            | 2,881            | 2,921            | 2,952            | 2,978            | 20.2%              |
| Dist. of Columbia (6)     | 45,231                         | 46,689           | 48,456           | 49,207           | 50,440           | 51,271           | 51,928           | 51,928           | 52,089           | 52,711           | 54,692           | 20.9%              |
| Florida (6)               | 59,912                         | 59,953           | 61,426           | 62,875           | 64,715           | 66,556           | 68,464           | 68,464           | 74,258           | 75,697           | 77,008           | 28.5%              |
| Georgia                   | 26,459                         | 27,227           | 27,457           | 27,398           | 28,871           | 28,520           | 28,974           | 30,463           | 31,340           | 31,499           | 31,672           | 19.7%              |
| Guam (2,4,5)              | 295                            | 270              | 243              | 256              | 256              | 256              | 256              | 313              | 313              | 266              | 266              | -9.8%              |
| Hawaii                    | 4,138                          | 4,126            | 4,100            | 4,077            | 4,054            | 4,107            | 4,132            | 4,260            | 4,193            | 4,224            | 4,236            | 2.4%               |
| Idaho                     | 3,220                          | 3,330            | 3,221            | 3,299            | 3,553            | 3,627            | 3,725            | 3,705            | 3,736            | 3,714            | 3,836            | 19.1%              |
| Illinois (2,4)            | 60,805                         | 61,259           | 58,457           | 60,069           | 60,069           | 60,069           | 62,496           | 61,871           | 63,211           | 63,060           | 62,782           | 3.3%               |
| Indiana (3,7,11,13)       | 12,546                         | 13,564           | 14,379           | 13,850           | 14,016           | 15,512           | 15,646           | 15,883           | 15,883           | 18,546           | 15,826           | 26.1%              |
| Iowa                      | 6,957                          | 6,959            | 7,036            | 7,080            | 7,200            | 7,308            | 7,383            | 7,183            | 7,526            | 7,560            | 7,523            | 8.1%               |
| Kansas (7)                | 7,777                          | 7,855            | 7,951            | 8,009            | 8,129            | 8,156            | 8,199            | 8,261            | 8,266            | 8,234            | 8,218            | 5.7%               |
| Kentucky                  | 11,607                         | 11,876           | 12,088           | 12,334           | 12,579           | 12,891           | 13,061           | 13,328           | 13,448           | 13,451           | 13,509           | 16.4%              |
| Louisiana (7)             | 16,930                         | 16,965           | 17,279           | 17,688           | 17,974           | 18,327           | 18,528           | 18,532           | 18,775           | 19,099           | 19,307           | 14.0%              |
| Maine (6)                 | 3,570                          | 3,594            | 3,647            | 3,663            | 3,718            | 3,865            | 3,863            | 3,863            | 3,944            | 3,931            | 3,940            | 10.4%              |
| Maryland (12)             | 20,999                         | 20,996           | 21,554           | 22,149           | 22,172           | 22,477           | 23,068           | 23,508           | 23,902           | 24,142           | 38,800           | 84.8%              |
| Massachusetts             | 39,616                         | 42,501           | 43,198           | 44,121           | 41,920           | 42,483           | 43,008           | 44,257           | 43,974           | 43,221           | 43,442           | 9.7%               |
| Michigan (7)              | 31,918                         | 32,131           | 32,321           | 32,731           | 33,370           | 33,692           | 33,995           | 34,739           | 34,739           | 35,087           | 35,236           | 10.4%              |
| Minnesota (7)             | 21,426                         | 21,944           | 22,448           | 22,585           | 23,363           | 23,774           | 24,091           | 25,272           | 24,522           | 24,952           | 25,483           | 18.9%              |
| Mississippi (6)           | 7,312                          | 6,723            | 6,748            | 6,786            | 6,886            | 6,955            | 6,955            | 6,955            | 7,059            | 7,094            | 7,067            | -3.4%              |
| Missouri (7)              | 22,238                         | 22,602           | 23,362           | 23,728           | 23,933           | 24,276           | 24,423           | 25,337           | 25,337           | 24,922           | 24,787           | 11.5%              |
| Montana                   | 2,728                          | 2,844            | 2,885            | 2,921            | 2,980            | 3,008            | 3,046            | 3,084            | 3,126            | 3,140            | 3,159            | 15.8%              |
| Nebraska (6)              | 5,069                          | 5,117            | 5,215            | 5,149            | 5,238            | 4,983            | 5,028            | 5,028            | 5,361            | 5,506            | 5,545            | 9.4%               |
| Nevada (6)                | 5,909                          | 6,105            | 6,395            | 6,523            | 6,732            | 6,850            | 7,080            | 7,080            | 6,858            | 7,219            | 7,281            | 23.2%              |
| New Hampshire             | 3,307                          | 3,309            | 3,397            | 3,396            | 3,423            | 3,449            | 3,507            | 3,515            | 3,521            | 3,506            | 3,507            | 6.0%               |
| New Jersey (10)           | 39,019                         | 39,384           | 40,060           | 40,286           | 40,754           | 40,997           | 40,993           | 41,250           | 41,569           | 41,569           | 41,168           | 5.5%               |
| New Mexico (6)            | 5,167                          | 5,267            | 5,542            | 5,269            | 5,318            | 5,513            | 5,468            | 5,468            | 5,547            | 5,581            | 5,524            | 6.9%               |
| New York                  | 147,096                        | 150,542          | 153,552          | 157,778          | 161,031          | 163,798          | 166,317          | 169,756          | 172,630          | 175,195          | 177,035          | 20.4%              |
| North Carolina (7)        | 18,339                         | 18,966           | 19,637           | 20,226           | 20,706           | 21,280           | 21,855           | 23,136           | 23,136           | 23,325           | 23,694           | 29.2%              |
| North Dakota              | 1,328                          | 1,345            | 1,381            | 1,397            | 1,448            | 1,546            | 1,560            | 1,599            | 1,665            | 1,669            | 1,698            | 27.9%              |
| North Mariana Islands     | 128                            | 127              | 128              | 129              | 130              | 135              | 135              | 210              | 210              | 126              | 123              | -3.9%              |
| Ohio                      | 36,892                         | 36,644           | 37,467           | 37,335           | 38,118           | 37,745           | 38,541           | 38,234           | 38,849           | 38,237           | 38,623           | 4.7%               |
| Oklahoma (9)              | 12,146                         | 12,357           | 11,511           | 11,711           | 11,704           | 12,978           | 11,970           | 13,465           | 13,465           | 13,431           | 13,470           | 10.9%              |
| Oregon (5,6)              | 11,140                         | 11,344           | 11,532           | 11,766           | 12,065           | 12,276           | 12,276           | 12,276           | 12,464           | 12,475           | 12,227           | 9.8%               |
| Pennsylvania              | 45,968                         | 46,065           | 46,276           | 47,453           | 48,492           | 48,947           | 49,697           | 50,072           | 48,992           | 49,644           | 49,406           | 7.5%               |
| Puerto Rico (2,4,6,11)    | 12,142                         | 12,454           | 13,071           | 13,282           | 13,282           | 13,282           | 14,193           | 14,193           | 15,318           | 13,673           | 14,293           | 17.7%              |
| Rhode Island (7)          | 4,351                          | 4,055            | 4,044            | 4,098            | 4,114            | 4,060            | 4,173            | 4,179            | 4,224            | 4,219            | 4,167            | -4.2%              |
| South Carolina            | 8,411                          | 8,961            | 9,059            | 9,264            | 9,384            | 9,537            | 9,587            | 9,874            | 10,031           | 10,208           | 10,316           | 22.6%              |
| South Dakota              | 1,743                          | 1,761            | 1,794            | 1,839            | 1,880            | 1,865            | 1,905            | 1,934            | 1,939            | 1,960            | 1,933            | 10.9%              |
| Tennessee (6)             | 14,867                         | 15,199           | 15,855           | 16,365           | 16,630           | 16,947           | 17,203           | 17,203           | 17,965           | 18,288           | 18,461           | 24.2%              |
| Texas                     | 70,842                         | 73,505           | 75,087           | 77,049           | 78,844           | 80,657           | 82,607           | 84,800           | 86,494           | 87,957           | 89,361           | 26.1%              |
| Utah (6)                  | 6,984                          | 6,215            | 6,568            | 6,778            | 6,552            | 7,309            | 7,840            | 7,840            | 8,413            | 8,468            | 8,204            | 17.5%              |
| Vermont (6,14)            | 2,280                          | 2,183            | 2,185            | 2,166            | 2,263            | 2,270            | 2,300            | 2,300            | 2,272            | 2,326            | 2,326            | 2.0%               |
| Virgin Islands (4,5,8,13) | 600                            | 750              | 700              | 700              | 650              | 650              | 650              | 456              | 456              | 561              | 372              | -38.0%             |
| Virginia (7)              | 21,722                         | 21,183           | 21,682           | 22,472           | 23,936           | 24,091           | 24,468           | 24,064           | 24,062           | 24,193           | 24,249           | 11.6%              |
| Washington                | 23,151                         | 22,276           | 22,973           | 23,204           | 23,503           | 23,741           | 24,032           | 24,620           | 24,844           | 25,577           | 25,786           | 11.4%              |
| West Virginia (7)         | 4,572                          | 4,618            | 4,672            | 4,725            | 4,753            | 4,854            | 4,901            | 4,942            | 4,918            | 4,922            | 4,862            | 6.3%               |
| Wisconsin (7)             | 14,561                         | 14,448           | 14,906           | 15,078           | 15,252           | 15,364           | 15,538           | 15,481           | 15,481           | 15,072           | 15,549           | 6.8%               |
| Wyoming (7)               | 1,511                          | 1,537            | 1,522            | 1,636            | 1,658            | 1,668            | 1,681            | 1,778            | 1,778            | 1,715            | 1,776            | 17.5%              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>1,143,358</b>               | <b>1,162,124</b> | <b>1,180,386</b> | <b>1,203,097</b> | <b>1,225,452</b> | <b>1,245,205</b> | <b>1,268,011</b> | <b>1,281,432</b> | <b>1,300,705</b> | <b>1,315,561</b> | <b>1,335,963</b> | <b>16.8%</b>       |

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

\*\* 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. 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; significant exceptions are noted below.

- (1) The Alabama number reflects all resident attorneys regardless of whether they were active or not.
- (2) Illinois, Guam, and Puerto Rico did not provide current data for 2011 so prior year's stats were used.
- (3) During 2011, Indiana began using a new system for attorney registration leading to greater accuracy in reporting in 2012.
- (4) Arizona, Illinois, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands did not provide current data for 2012 so prior year's stats were used.
- (5) Oregon, Guam, and the Virgin Islands did not provide current data for 2013 so prior year's stats were used.
- (6) Dist. of Columbia, Florida, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont did not provide current data for 2014 so the data from the most recent submission were used.
- (7) Due to timing of the survey in 2014, the following states submitted data from Fall 2014 rather than as of December 31, 2013: Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming. All but Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia chose not to submit updated data for the 2015 survey.
- (8) Prior to the 2014 survey, the Virgin Islands did not report on active/inactive status. The decrease in 2014 is a more accurate representation of Resident Active lawyers.
- (9) Prior to the 2014 survey, Oklahoma excluded lawyers categorized as "Over 70" from their Resident Active submission. The 2014 results include this group.
- (10) In 2016, New Jersey was in the process of a system conversion and was not able to provide information in time to be included in the survey. As a result, the most recent prior submission was used.
- (11) In 2016, four agencies had changes in the availability of Active/Inactive status data. Arkansas, Connecticut, and Indiana were not able to provide a breakout of Active/Inactive status for Resident attorneys as they had in prior years. Puerto Rico had not provided Active/Inactive status details in prior years, but was able to provide it for the 2016 survey.
- (12) In 2017, the source of the Maryland data changed from the voluntary Maryland State Bar to the Maryland Supreme Court. The Maryland Supreme Court does not track residency status, leading to larger results than prior years.
- (13) In 2017, three agencies had changes in the availability of Active/Inactive status data. Indiana was not able to provide a breakout of Active/Inactive status for Resident attorneys in 2016, but was able to for 2017. American Samoa had not provided Residency or Active status details in recent years, but was able to provide it for the 2017 survey. Virgin Islands changed their classifications for the Active/Inactive status for the 2017 survey.
- (14) Vermont was not able to provide current data for 2017 so the data from the most recent submission were used.

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