



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey

Lawyer Population by State

Year 2017

Resident Active Attorney Count			
State	This Year	Last Year	% Change from Prior Year
Alabama	14,717	14,666	0.3%
Alaska	2,402	2,439	-1.5%
American Samoa	59	98	-39.8%
Arizona	14,960	15,926	-6.1%
Arkansas	6,851	7,320	-6.4%
California	168,746	167,690	0.6%
Colorado	22,164	21,781	1.8%
Connecticut	21,341	21,517	-0.8%
Delaware	2,978	2,952	0.9%
Dist. of Columbia	54,692	52,711	3.8%
Florida	77,008	75,697	1.7%
Georgia	31,672	31,499	0.5%
Guam	266	266	0.0%
Hawaii	4,236	4,224	0.3%
Idaho	3,836	3,714	3.3%
Illinois	62,782	63,060	-0.4%
Indiana	15,826	18,546	-14.7%
Iowa	7,523	7,560	-0.5%
Kansas	8,218	8,234	-0.2%
Kentucky	13,509	13,451	0.4%
Louisiana	19,307	19,099	1.1%
Maine	3,940	3,931	0.2%
Maryland	38,800	24,142	60.7%
Massachusetts	43,442	43,221	0.5%
Michigan	35,236	35,087	0.4%
Minnesota	25,483	24,952	2.1%
Mississippi	7,067	7,094	-0.4%
Missouri	24,787	24,922	-0.5%
Montana	3,159	3,140	0.6%
Nebraska	5,545	5,506	0.7%
Nevada	7,281	7,219	0.9%
New Hampshire	3,507	3,506	0.0%
New Jersey	41,168	41,569	-1.0%
New Mexico	5,524	5,581	-1.0%
New York	177,035	175,195	1.1%
North Carolina	23,694	23,325	1.6%
North Dakota	1,698	1,669	1.7%
North Mariana Islands	123	126	-2.4%
Ohio	38,623	38,237	1.0%
Oklahoma	13,470	13,431	0.3%
Oregon	12,227	12,475	-2.0%
Pennsylvania	49,406	49,644	-0.5%
Puerto Rico	14,293	13,673	4.5%
Rhode Island	4,167	4,219	-1.2%
South Carolina	10,316	10,208	1.1%
South Dakota	1,933	1,960	-1.4%
Tennessee	18,461	18,288	0.9%
Texas	89,361	87,957	1.6%
Utah	8,204	8,468	-3.1%
Vermont	2,326	2,326	0.0%
Virgin Islands	372	561	-33.7%
Virginia	24,249	24,193	0.2%
Washington	25,786	25,577	0.8%
West Virginia	4,862	4,922	-1.2%
Wisconsin	15,549	15,072	3.2%
Wyoming	1,776	1,715	3.6%
TOTAL	1,335,963	1,315,561	1.6%

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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. 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.

Note: Vermont was not able to provide current data for 2017 so the data from the most recent submission were used. Also, four states had changes to the way they reported data from the prior year. The source of the Maryland data changed from the voluntary Maryland State Bar to the Maryland Supreme Court, which does not track residency status. 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.

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