



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey

Lawyer Population by State

Year 2018

Resident Active Attorney Count			
State	This Year	Last Year	% Change from Prior Year
Alabama	14,822	14,717	0.7%
Alaska	2,311	2,402	-3.8%
American Samoa	59	59	0.0%
Arizona	15,601	14,960	4.3%
Arkansas	7,080	6,851	3.3%
California	170,044	168,746	0.8%
Colorado	21,099	22,164	-4.8%
Connecticut	21,341	21,341	0.0%
Delaware	2,978	2,978	0.0%
Dist. of Columbia	53,778	54,692	-1.7%
Florida	78,244	77,008	1.6%
Georgia	32,802	31,672	3.6%
Guam	270	266	1.5%
Hawaii	4,261	4,236	0.6%
Idaho	3,882	3,836	1.2%
Illinois	63,422	62,782	1.0%
Indiana	15,826	15,826	0.0%
Iowa	7,454	7,523	-0.9%
Kansas	8,131	8,218	-1.1%
Kentucky	13,540	13,509	0.2%
Louisiana	18,918	19,307	-2.0%
Maine	3,988	3,940	1.2%
Maryland	38,800	38,800	0.0%
Massachusetts	42,926	43,442	-1.2%
Michigan	35,362	35,236	0.4%
Minnesota	25,252	25,483	-0.9%
Mississippi	7,007	7,067	-0.8%
Missouri	24,754	24,787	-0.1%
Montana	3,179	3,159	0.6%
Nebraska	5,565	5,545	0.4%
Nevada	7,520	7,281	3.3%
New Hampshire	3,523	3,507	0.5%
New Jersey	41,021	41,168	-0.4%
New Mexico	5,428	5,524	-1.7%
New York	177,035	177,035	0.0%
North Carolina	24,087	23,694	1.7%
North Dakota	1,694	1,698	-0.2%
North Mariana Islands	128	123	4.1%
Ohio	37,873	38,623	-1.9%
Oklahoma	11,695	13,470	-13.2%
Oregon	12,427	12,227	1.6%
Pennsylvania	50,112	49,406	1.4%
Puerto Rico	14,008	14,293	-2.0%
Rhode Island	4,154	4,167	-0.3%
South Carolina	10,445	10,316	1.3%
South Dakota	1,995	1,933	3.2%
Tennessee	18,695	18,461	1.3%
Texas	90,485	89,361	1.3%
Utah	8,285	8,204	1.0%
Vermont	2,227	2,326	-4.3%
Virgin Islands	776	372	108.6%
Virginia	24,208	24,249	-0.2%
Washington	26,057	25,786	1.1%
West Virginia	4,849	4,862	-0.3%
Wisconsin	15,539	15,549	-0.1%
Wyoming	1,716	1,776	-3.4%
TOTAL	1,338,678	1,335,963	0.2%

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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. 2018 data is as of 12/31/2017. 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 (2016). Virgin Islands was not able to provide residency in 2018 due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, causing the significant increase in lawyer count. In 2018, Oklahoma removed senior members from the Resident Active count (they can still practice but are over the age of 70), causing the significant drop in lawyer count.

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