



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey

10-Year Trend in Lawyer Demographics

Year 2017

REVISED†

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Gender												
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2007
Gender												
Male	70%	68%	69%	69%	67%	67%	66%	64%	65%	64%	65%	-4.9 pp
Female	30%	32%	31%	31%	33%	33%	34%	36%	35%	36%	35%	4.9 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 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	42	39	40	41	42	44	43	43	43	45	46	4
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	57%	54%	55%	57%	57%	59%	59%	61%	63%	66%	61%	4.3 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	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	1.6 pp
Asian	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0.8 pp
Caucasian/White	90%	89%	88%	89%	88%	88%	89%	88%	86%	85%	85%	-5.4 pp
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0.0 pp
Hispanic	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	1.4 pp
Multiracial (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	1%	2%	1.6 pp
Native American	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0.1 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	17	15	16	19	17	16	16	17	18	19	22	5
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	19%	15%	19%	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%	25%	31%	29%	9.7 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.

† This report was revised October 2017 to correct an error in the 2016 data and eliminate the 'unknown' category on the race/ethnicity demographics. Those percentages now represent only those who have a reported race/ethnicity.

(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.

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