



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey
10-Year Trend in Lawyer Population by State
Year 2019

Resident Active Attorney Count												
State	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change from 2009
Alabama (1)	13,443	13,655	13,876	14,135	14,303	14,531	14,630	14,666	14,717	14,822	14,821	10.3%
Alaska	2,362	2,418	2,451	2,418	2,442	2,469	2,456	2,439	2,402	2,311	2,324	-1.6%
American Samoa (13)	45	44	47	44	64	102	102	98	59	59	55	22.2%
Arizona (4)	13,028	13,384	14,471	14,471	16,208	15,993	16,155	15,926	14,960	15,601	15,081	15.8%
Arkansas (7,11,18)	5,700	5,789	5,545	5,928	5,953	5,970	5,970	7,320	6,851	7,080	6,693	17.4%
California	149,982	153,155	157,388	159,824	163,163	163,327	165,952	167,690	168,746	170,044	170,117	13.4%
Colorado	19,340	19,737	20,211	20,768	21,094	21,545	21,761	21,781	22,164	21,099	22,802	17.9%
Connecticut (7,11)	19,427	20,309	20,585	20,842	21,150	18,655	18,655	21,517	21,341	21,111	21,036	8.3%
Delaware	2,592	2,706	2,820	2,853	2,888	2,881	2,921	2,952	2,978	2,978	3,058	18.0%
Dist. of Columbia (6)	48,456	49,207	50,440	51,271	51,928	51,928	52,089	52,711	54,692	53,778	56,135	15.8%
Florida (6)	61,426	62,875	64,715	66,556	68,464	68,464	74,258	75,697	77,008	78,244	78,448	27.7%
Georgia	27,457	27,398	28,871	28,520	28,974	30,463	31,340	31,499	31,672	32,802	32,409	18.0%
Guam (2,4,5)	243	256	256	256	256	313	313	266	266	270	262	7.8%
Hawaii	4,100	4,077	4,054	4,107	4,132	4,260	4,193	4,224	4,236	4,261	4,270	4.1%
Idaho	3,221	3,299	3,553	3,627	3,725	3,736	3,714	3,836	3,883	3,911	3,911	21.4%
Illinois (2,4)	58,457	60,069	60,069	60,069	62,496	61,871	63,211	63,060	62,782	63,422	62,720	7.3%
Indiana (3,7,11,13)	14,379	13,850	14,016	15,512	15,646	15,883	15,883	15,854	15,826	15,826	15,845	10.2%
Iowa	7,036	7,080	7,200	7,308	7,383	7,183	7,526	7,560	7,523	7,454	7,306	3.8%
Kansas (7)	7,951	8,009	8,129	8,156	8,199	8,261	8,266	8,234	8,218	8,131	8,045	1.2%
Kentucky	12,088	12,334	12,579	12,891	13,061	13,328	13,448	13,451	13,509	13,540	13,570	12.3%
Louisiana (7,18)	17,279	17,688	17,974	18,327	18,528	18,532	18,775	19,099	19,307	18,918	20,568	19.0%
Maine (6)	3,647	3,663	3,718	3,865	3,863	3,944	3,931	3,940	3,988	3,988	3,995	9.5%
Maryland (12,17)	21,554	22,149	22,172	22,477	23,068	23,508	23,902	24,142	38,800	40,309	40,800	89.3%
Massachusetts	43,198	44,121	41,920	42,483	43,008	44,257	43,974	43,221	43,442	42,926	42,788	-0.9%
Michigan (7)	32,321	32,731	33,370	33,692	33,995	34,739	34,739	35,087	35,367	35,432	35,433	9.7%
Minnesota (7,18)	22,448	22,585	23,363	23,774	24,091	25,272	24,522	24,952	25,483	25,522	25,823	15.0%
Mississippi (6)	6,748	6,786	6,886	6,886	6,955	6,955	7,059	7,094	7,067	7,007	6,886	2.0%
Missouri (7)	23,362	23,728	23,933	24,276	24,423	25,337	25,337	24,922	24,787	24,754	24,369	4.3%
Montana	2,885	2,921	2,980	3,008	3,046	3,084	3,126	3,140	3,159	3,179	3,184	10.4%
Nebraska (6)	5,215	5,149	5,238	4,983	5,028	5,028	5,361	5,506	5,545	5,565	5,555	6.5%
Nevada (6,17)	6,395	6,523	6,732	6,850	7,080	7,080	6,858	7,219	7,281	7,333	7,030	9.9%
New Hampshire (19)	3,397	3,396	3,423	3,449	3,507	3,521	3,506	3,507	3,507	3,523	3,523	3.7%
New Jersey (10)	40,060	40,286	40,754	40,997	40,993	41,250	41,569	41,569	41,168	41,021	41,152	2.7%
New Mexico (6)	5,542	5,269	5,318	5,513	5,468	5,468	5,547	5,581	5,524	5,428	5,612	1.3%
New York (17)	153,552	157,778	161,031	163,798	166,317	169,756	172,630	175,195	177,035	179,600	182,296	18.7%
North Carolina (7)	19,637	20,226	20,706	21,280	21,855	23,136	23,136	23,325	23,694	24,087	24,253	23.5%
North Dakota	1,381	1,397	1,448	1,546	1,560	1,599	1,665	1,669	1,694	1,694	1,687	22.2%
North Mariana Islands	128	129	130	135	135	210	210	126	123	128	134	4.7%
Ohio	37,467	37,335	38,118	37,745	38,541	38,234	38,849	38,237	38,623	37,873	38,189	1.9%
Oklahoma (9,16)	11,511	11,711	11,704	12,978	11,970	13,465	13,465	13,431	13,470	11,695	11,768	2.2%
Oregon (5,6)	11,532	11,766	12,065	12,276	12,276	12,276	12,464	12,475	12,227	12,427	12,274	6.4%
Pennsylvania	46,276	47,453	48,492	48,947	49,697	50,072	48,992	49,644	49,406	50,112	50,039	8.1%
Puerto Rico (2,4,6,11)	13,071	13,282	13,282	13,282	14,193	14,193	15,318	13,673	14,293	14,008	13,944	6.7%
Rhode Island (7)	4,044	4,098	4,114	4,060	4,173	4,179	4,224	4,219	4,167	4,154	4,071	0.7%
South Carolina	9,059	9,264	9,384	9,537	9,587	9,874	10,031	10,208	10,316	10,445	10,568	16.7%
South Dakota (19)	1,794	1,839	1,880	1,865	1,905	1,934	1,939	1,960	1,933	1,995	1,995	11.2%
Tennessee (6)	15,855	16,365	16,630	16,947	17,203	17,203	17,965	18,288	18,461	18,695	18,702	18.0%
Texas	75,087	77,049	78,844	80,657	82,607	84,800	86,494	87,957	89,361	90,485	91,244	21.5%
Utah (6)	6,568	6,778	6,552	7,309	7,840	7,840	8,413	8,468	8,204	8,285	8,362	27.3%
Vermont (6,14,18)	2,185	2,166	2,263	2,270	2,300	2,300	2,272	2,326	2,326	2,227	3,612	65.3%
Virgin Islands (4,5,8,13,15,19)	700	700	650	650	650	456	456	561	372	776	776	10.9%
Virginia (7)	21,682	22,472	23,936	24,091	24,468	24,064	24,062	24,193	24,249	24,208	24,230	11.8%
Washington	22,973	23,204	23,503	23,741	24,032	24,620	24,844	25,577	25,786	26,057	26,182	14.0%
West Virginia (7)	4,672	4,725	4,753	4,854	4,901	4,942	4,918	4,922	4,862	4,849	4,770	2.1%
Wisconsin (7)	14,906	15,078	15,252	15,364	15,538	15,481	15,481	15,072	15,549	15,539	15,512	4.1%
Wyoming (7)	1,522	1,636	1,658	1,668	1,681	1,778	1,778	1,715	1,776	1,716	1,773	16.5%
TOTAL	1,180,386	1,203,097	1,225,452	1,245,205	1,268,011	1,281,432	1,300,705	1,312,869	1,335,963	1,342,335	1,352,027	14.5%

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. 2019 data is as of 12/31/2018. 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, 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. In 2018, Indiana corrected the resident active figures for 2016; this report has been updated to reflect the new total attorney count for 2016 than was previously reported.
- (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 its 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.
- (15) Virgin Islands was not able to provide residency in 2018 due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- (16) In 2018, Oklahoma removed senior members from the Resident Active count (they can still practice but are over the age of 70).
- (17) In 2019, Maryland, Nevada, and New York provided corrected 2018 lawyer counts; this report reflects the corrected 2018 total attorney count.
- (18) In 2019, four agencies had changes in the availability of residency data. Arkansas adopted a new software system and cleaned up data; the decrease in 2019 is a more accurate representation of Resident Active Lawyers. Louisiana changed how it reports residency status, causing an increase in the reported lawyer count. Minnesota and Vermont no longer track resident/non-resident status; the counts now reflect all active lawyers.
- (19) New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Virgin Islands did not provide current data for 2019, so prior year's stats were used.

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