



ABA National Lawyer Population Survey

10-Year Trend in Lawyer Demographics

Year 2019

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Gender												
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change from 2009
Gender												
Male	69%	69%	67%	67%	66%	64%	65%	64%	65%	64%	64%	-5.2 pp
Female	31%	31%	33%	33%	34%	36%	35%	36%	35%	36%	36%	5.2 pp
Other (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	40	41	42	44	43	43	43	45	46	45	44	4
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	55%	57%	57%	59%	59%	61%	63%	66%	61%	63%	61%	5.6 pp

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Race/Ethnicity												
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change from 2009
Race/Ethnicity (2)												
African-American	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	0.3 pp
Asian	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0.9 pp
Caucasian/White	88%	89%	88%	88%	89%	88%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%	-2.8 pp
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.1 pp
Hispanic	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	-0.4 pp
Multiracial (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1.9 pp
Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0.0 pp
Count of States Reporting Statistic	16	19	17	16	16	17	18	19	22	20	20	4
% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	19%	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%	25%	30%	29%	28%	35%	15.9 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. 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.

Notes: 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. In 2019, Maryland, Nevada, and New York provided corrected 2018 lawyer counts; this report reflects the corrected 2018 total attorney count.

(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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