

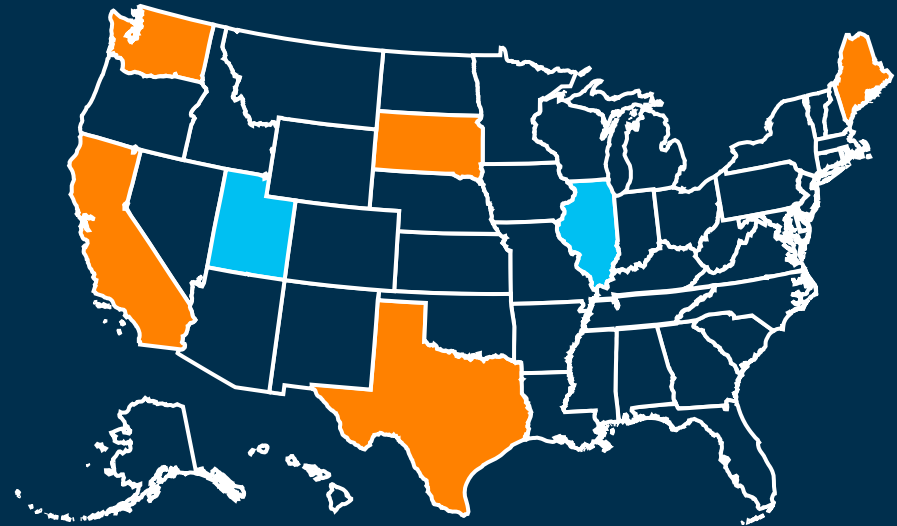


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Methodology

The American Bar Association has been counting the number of resident lawyers in the U.S. since 1878. The data is collected from state licensing bodies (mandatory bars and non-bar licensing entities) who are asked to respond to a series of questions on lawyer count, demographics and licensing fees. When licensing bodies do not respond, researchers attempt to pull the data from other publicly available reports. When no data is collected, the survey carries over last year's data to maintain a consistent total count for longitudinal trends tracking.

To try and avoid counting multi-jurisdictional licensed lawyers more than once, the ABA requests a single count of active and resident lawyers only. This is imperfect due to no uniform definition of resident and active.

- States may define 'resident' based on either residence or business address. Or, in some cases it could be either.
- There is no precise universal definition of 'inactive' across states, although for most states this captures non-practicing lawyers.

Between 1951 and 2005, the American Bar Foundation collected data on the U.S. lawyer population using statistics provided by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell. The American Bar Foundation Lawyer Statistical Report weighted data to try and correct for multiple listings of the same individual due to multidisciplinary practices.

This year's survey invited states to submit corrections to resident active attorney counts for years 2014 through 2024. States and years in which states provided corrected data are identified in the Appendix.

The District of Columbia submitted revised data for the past five years based on total DC Metro Area counts of "resident" active members. These represent the number of members with a home *or* business address with zip codes around the metropolitan area. This amendment provides the most consistent and accurate count for the District of Columbia over the last ten years. Because of the large number of lawyers practicing in the District of Columbia this does impact past national counts and the year-on-year percentage changes from 2020 to 2024.

Gender & Race/Ethnicity

The *National Lawyer Population Survey* collects data on gender and race/ethnicity. However, not all states collect and report demographics. The NLPS results should be considered a convenience sample.

For gender, a majority of states have reported Male/Female lawyers for many years now and the sample is more robust than race/ethnicity. In the last three years of NLPS data collection, over 70% of the total percentage of lawyers have reported gender statistics. However, the total number of responses for each state may not equal the total number of active resident lawyers because reporting in some states may be optional or voluntary.

In 2016, NLPS began offering 'Other' in the gender demographics question. In 2020, the NLPS began collecting data on attorneys who identify as LGBTQ+ and on attorneys who report a disability. However, the number of responses continues to be insufficient to report.

As for race and ethnicity, there has been a steady increase in licensing entities collecting and reporting data. In 2014, NLPS collected race ethnicity data for 21% of lawyers; 10 years later it has more than doubled to 43%.

In 2016, the NLPS began offering 'Multiracial' as a category. However, this complicates data collection and segmentation. Further, there is no uniform categorization of race/ethnicity adopted across all licensing authorities.

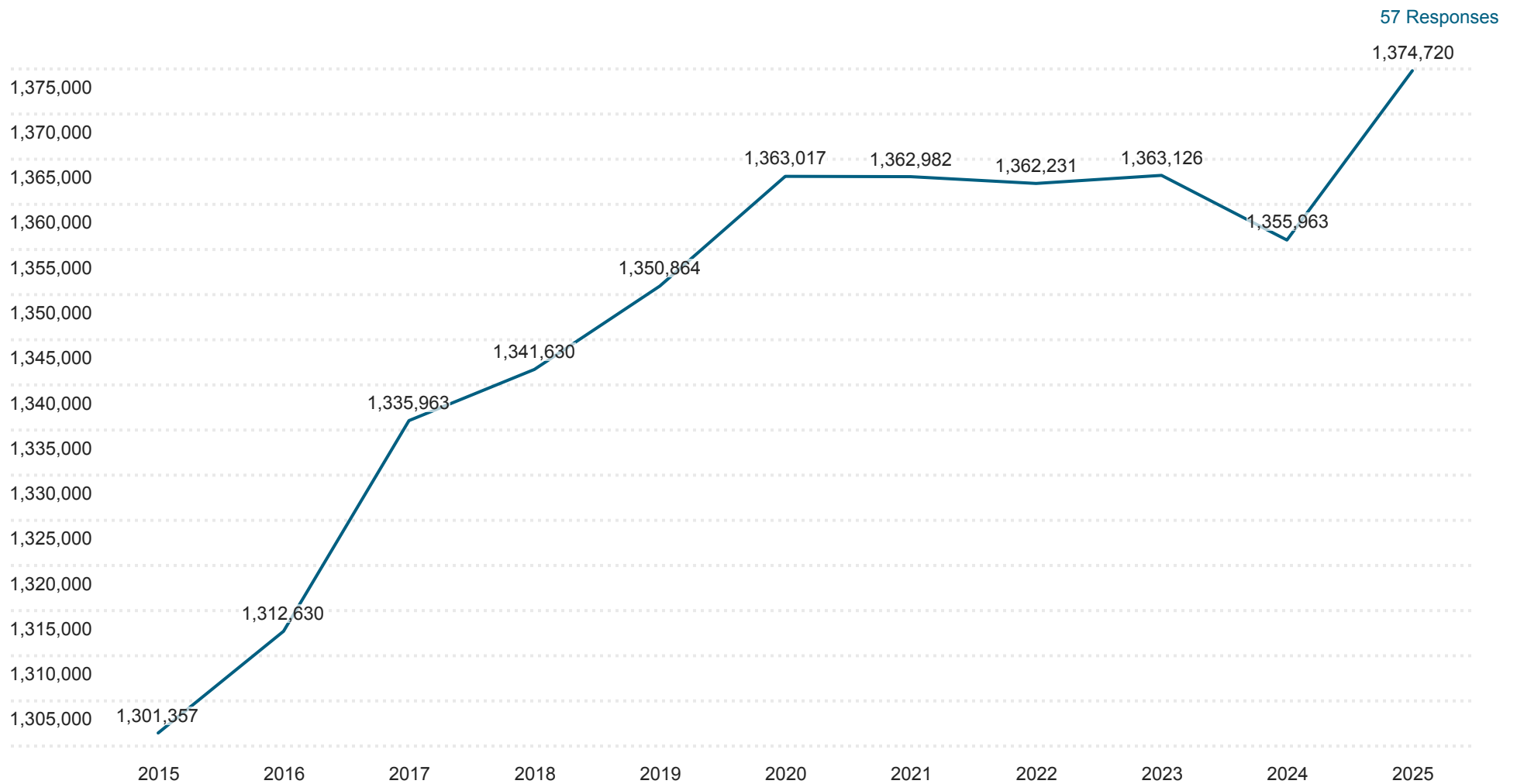
Overall, while the year-on-year changes should be treated with caution, the long-term trends are helpful indicators of the changing demographics of the profession. And the comprehensiveness of the data continues to improve each year.

Please direct questions to Rachel Ellett, associate director, ABA Center for Bar Leadership, at rachel.ellett@americanbar.org.

10-Year Change in National Lawyer Population

Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025

% Change in Total Population: 5.64% (73,363)

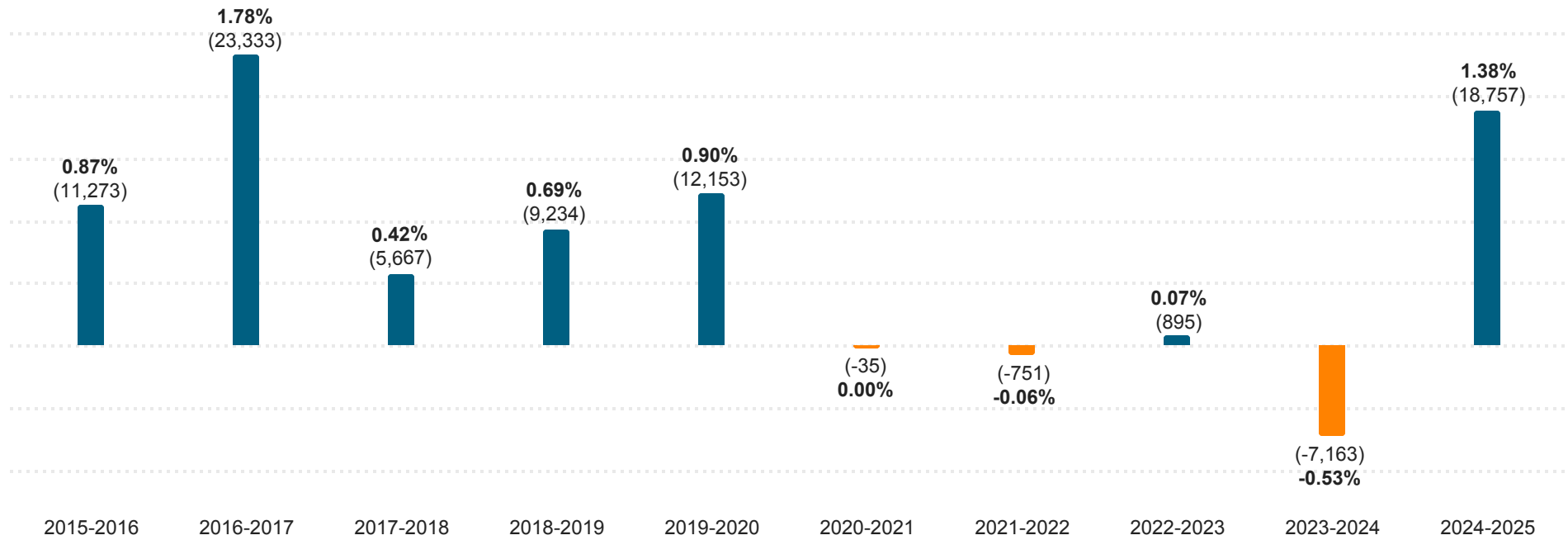


Resident Active Attorney Population By State/Territory

State/Territory	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change from 2015
Alabama	14,630	14,666	14,717	14,822	14,821	14,897	14,897	12,054	12,195	12,414	12,414	-15.15%
Alaska	2,456	2,439	2,402	2,332	2,324	2,290	2,340	2,307	2,268	2,294	2,245	-8.59%
American Samoa	102	98	59	59	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	-46.08%
Arizona	16,155	15,926	14,960	15,601	15,081	15,081	15,688	15,805	15,506	15,885	15,433	-4.47%
Arkansas	5,970	7,320	6,851	7,080	6,693	6,299	6,808	6,808	6,808	6,808	7,608	27.44%
California	165,952	167,690	168,746	170,044	170,117	168,569	167,709	170,306	170,959	175,883	181,048	9.10%
Colorado	21,761	21,781	22,164	21,099	22,802	22,802	22,802	22,802	23,700	23,249	23,720	9.00%
Connecticut	18,655	21,517	21,341	21,111	21,036	21,036	21,036	21,036	21,036	18,028	18,166	-2.62%
Delaware	2,921	2,952	2,978	2,978	3,058	3,058	3,058	3,058	3,058	3,058	3,326	13.87%
District of Columbia	52,089	52,711	54,692	53,778	56,135	64,380	64,680	65,359	65,823	66,158	65,824	26.37%
Florida	74,258	75,697	77,008	78,244	78,448	79,328	77,223	77,223	84,594	80,080	80,976	9.05%
Georgia	31,340	31,499	31,672	32,802	32,409	32,584	33,158	33,729	33,890	34,307	34,716	10.77%
Guam	313	266	266	270	262	262	262	262	262	262	262	-16.29%
Hawaii	4,193	4,224	4,236	4,261	4,270	4,218	4,184	4,185	4,139	4,125	4,125	-1.62%
Idaho	3,736	3,714	3,836	3,882	3,911	3,967	4,029	4,047	4,098	4,076	4,302	15.15%
Illinois	63,211	63,060	62,782	63,422	62,720	62,607	62,956	61,182	62,201	62,093	61,945	-2.00%
Indiana	15,883	15,854	15,826	15,826	15,845	15,761	15,802	15,794	15,485	15,485	15,545	-2.13%
Iowa	7,526	7,560	7,523	7,454	7,306	7,306	7,452	7,405	7,258	7,190	7,178	-4.62%
Kansas	8,266	8,234	8,131	8,045	7,624	7,932	7,918	7,858	7,845	7,857	7,857	-4.95%
Kentucky	13,448	13,451	13,509	13,540	13,570	13,724	13,757	13,672	13,600	13,632	13,695	1.84%
Louisiana	18,775	19,099	19,307	18,918	20,568	20,568	21,414	19,714	19,566	19,524	19,047	1.45%
Maine	3,944	3,931	3,940	3,988	3,995	3,995	3,985	3,669	4,002	3,693	3,860	-2.13%
Maryland	23,902	24,142	38,800	40,309	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800	26,020	26,020	26,467	10.73%
Massachusetts	43,974	43,221	43,442	42,926	42,788	42,908	42,720	42,635	42,582	40,075	42,653	-3.00%
Michigan	34,739	35,087	35,236	35,362	35,453	35,453	35,453	35,139	34,577	34,366	34,199	-1.55%
Minnesota	24,522	24,952	25,483	25,252	25,823	25,823	26,065	26,065	26,065	26,065	26,065	6.29%
Mississippi	7,059	7,094	7,067	7,007	6,886	6,886	6,845	6,814	6,736	6,699	6,694	-5.17%
Missouri	25,337	24,922	24,787	24,754	24,369	24,369	24,369	24,674	24,613	24,679	24,843	-1.95%
Montana	3,126	3,140	3,159	3,179	3,184	3,167	3,183	3,191	3,201	3,603	3,268	4.54%
Nebraska	5,361	5,506	5,545	5,565	5,555	5,546	5,546	5,689	5,689	5,839	5,959	11.15%

State/Territory	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change from 2015
Nevada	6,858	7,219	7,281	7,333	7,030	7,509	7,482	7,484	7,498	7,563	7,882	14.93%
New Hampshire	3,521	3,506	3,507	3,523	3,495	3,495	3,492	3,451	3,451	3,461	3,451	-1.99%
New Jersey	41,569	41,569	41,168	41,021	41,152	41,152	40,137	40,078	40,078	39,311	39,670	-4.57%
New Mexico	5,547	5,581	5,524	5,428	5,612	5,612	5,612	5,634	5,411	5,404	5,417	-2.34%
New York	172,630	175,195	177,035	179,600	182,296	184,662	185,076	187,246	188,341	187,656	190,015	10.07%
North Carolina	23,136	23,325	23,694	24,087	24,253	24,253	24,253	25,735	26,274	26,515	26,903	16.28%
North Dakota	1,665	1,669	1,698	1,694	1,687	1,697	1,696	1,685	1,694	1,663	1,656	-0.54%
North Mariana Islands	210	126	123	128	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	-36.19%
Ohio	38,849	38,237	38,623	37,873	38,189	36,897	36,479	34,692	37,717	36,488	37,086	-4.54%
Oklahoma	13,465	13,431	13,470	11,695	11,768	13,549	13,713	13,415	13,415	12,245	14,117	4.84%
Oregon	12,464	12,475	12,227	12,427	12,274	12,196	12,158	12,285	12,196	12,233	12,234	-1.85%
Palau	N/A	N/A	N/A	44	50	50	44	42	40	43	43	N/A
Pennsylvania	49,644	49,405	49,493	49,428	49,275	48,341	48,794	48,185	47,966	47,764	47,764	-3.79%
Puerto Rico	15,318	13,673	14,293	14,008	13,944	13,944	13,944	13,944	14,240	13,864	14,585	-4.79%
Rhode Island	4,224	4,219	4,167	4,154	4,071	4,071	4,071	4,081	4,081	3,815	3,818	-9.61%
South Carolina	10,031	10,208	10,316	10,445	10,568	10,798	10,853	11,003	11,090	11,090	11,464	14.29%
South Dakota	1,939	1,960	1,933	1,995	1,995	1,907	1,985	2,026	2,027	2,042	2,061	6.29%
Tennessee	17,965	18,288	18,461	18,695	18,702	18,818	18,818	18,818	19,583	19,458	19,614	9.18%
Texas	86,494	87,957	89,361	90,485	91,244	92,833	93,821	95,196	96,827	98,345	99,867	15.46%
Utah	8,413	8,468	8,204	8,285	8,362	8,473	8,581	8,581	8,581	8,537	9,174	9.05%
Vermont	2,272	2,326	2,326	2,227	3,612	3,612	2,198	2,198	2,198	2,198	2,054	-9.60%
Virgin Islands	456	561	372	776	776	776	776	776	654	654	654	43.42%
Virginia	24,062	24,193	24,249	24,208	24,230	24,230	24,020	23,923	23,855	24,120	23,974	-0.37%
Washington	24,844	25,577	25,786	26,057	26,182	26,316	26,701	26,428	26,300	26,318	26,426	6.37%
West Virginia	4,918	4,922	4,862	4,849	4,770	4,770	4,770	4,673	4,673	4,600	4,390	-10.74%
Wisconsin	15,481	15,072	15,549	15,539	15,512	15,482	15,488	15,384	15,192	15,172	15,116	-2.36%
Wyoming	1,778	1,715	1,776	1,716	1,773	1,769	1,692	1,797	1,779	1,768	1,656	-6.86%

Year-on-Year % Change in Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025



1-Year Change in National Lawyer Population

Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2024-2025

% Change in Total Population: 1.38% (18,757)

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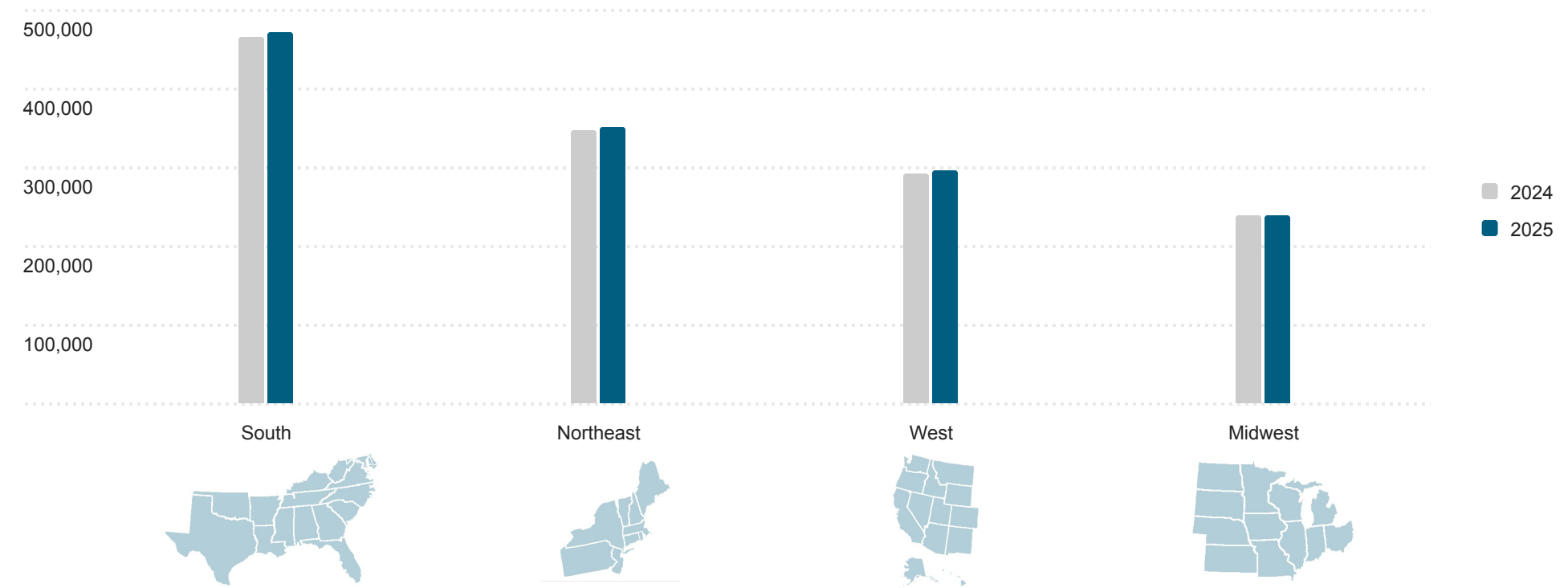
Resident Active Attorney Population By State/Territory

State/Territory	2024	2025	% Change from 2024
Alabama	12,414	12,414	0.00%
Alaska	2,294	2,245	-2.14%
American Samoa	55	55	0.00%
Arizona	15,885	15,433	-2.85%
Arkansas	6,808	7,608	11.75%
California	175,883	181,048	2.94%
Colorado	23,249	23,720	2.03%
Connecticut	18,028	18,166	0.77%
Delaware	3,058	3,326	8.76%
District of Columbia	66,158	65,824	-0.50%
Florida	80,080	80,976	1.12%
Georgia	34,307	34,716	1.19%
Guam	262	262	0.00%
Hawaii	4,125	4,125	0.00%
Idaho	4,076	4,302	5.54%
Illinois	62,093	61,945	-0.24%
Indiana	15,485	15,545	0.39%
Iowa	7,190	7,178	-0.17%

State/Territory	2024	2025	% Change from 2024
Kansas	7,857	7,857	0.00%
Kentucky	13,632	13,695	0.46%
Louisiana	19,524	19,047	-2.44%
Maine	3,693	3,860	4.52%
Maryland	26,020	26,467	1.72%
Massachusetts	40,075	42,653	6.43%
Michigan	34,366	34,199	-0.49%
Minnesota	26,065	26,065	0.00%
Mississippi	6,699	6,694	-0.07%
Missouri	24,679	24,843	0.66%
Montana	3,603	3,268	-9.30%
Nebraska	5,839	5,959	2.06%
Nevada	7,563	7,882	4.22%
New Hampshire	3,461	3,451	-0.29%
New Jersey	39,311	39,670	0.91%
New Mexico	5,404	5,417	0.24%
New York	187,656	190,015	1.26%
North Carolina	26,515	26,903	1.46%
North Dakota	1,663	1,656	-0.42%
North Mariana Islands	134	134	0.00%
Ohio	36,488	37,086	1.64%
Oklahoma	12,245	14,117	15.29%
Oregon	12,233	12,234	0.01%
Palau	43	43	0.00%
Pennsylvania	47,764	47,764	0.00%
Puerto Rico	13,864	14,585	5.20%
Rhode Island	3,815	3,818	0.08%
South Carolina	11,090	11,464	3.37%
South Dakota	2,042	2,061	0.93%
Tennessee	19,458	19,614	0.80%
Texas	98,345	99,867	1.55%
Utah	8,537	9,174	7.46%

State/Territory	2024	2025	% Change from 2024
Vermont	2,198	2,054	-6.55%
Virgin Islands	654	654	0.00%
Virginia	24,120	23,974	-0.61%
Washington	26,318	26,426	0.41%
West Virginia	4,600	4,390	-4.57%
Wisconsin	15,172	15,116	-0.37%
Wyoming	1,768	1,656	-6.33%

Total Resident Active Attorney Population By Region 2024-2025



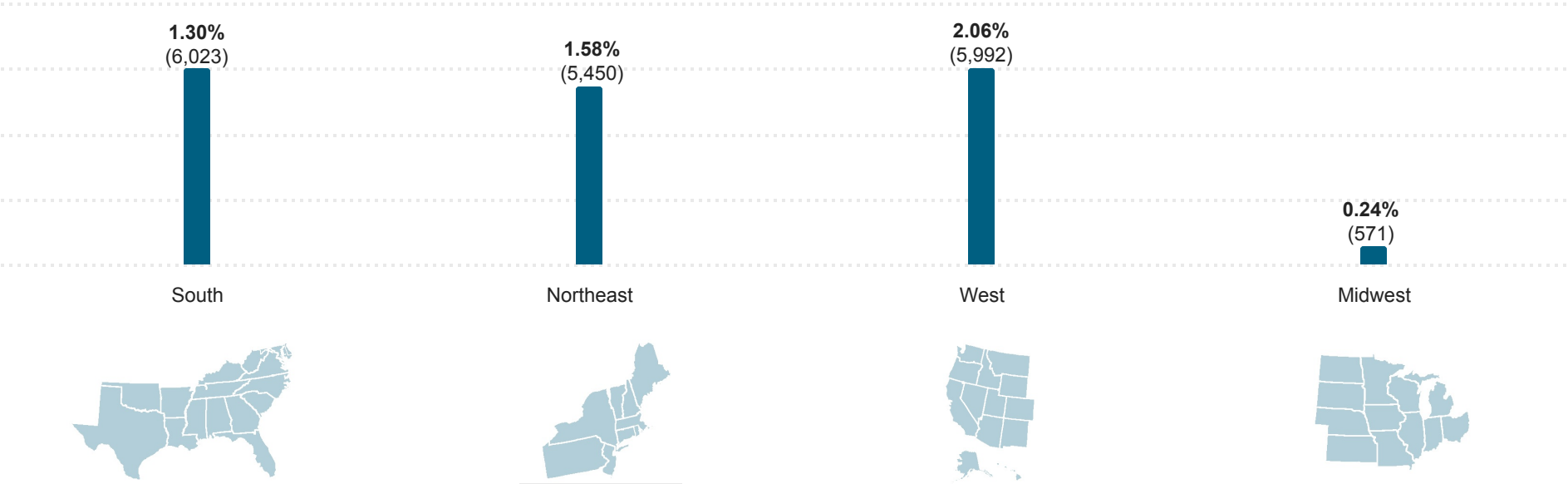
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Region	Total Population	Min	Max	State/Territory Count
South	465,073	3,058	98,345	17
Northeast	346,001	2,198	187,656	9
West	290,938	1,768	175,883	13
Midwest	238,939	1,663	62,093	12

2025

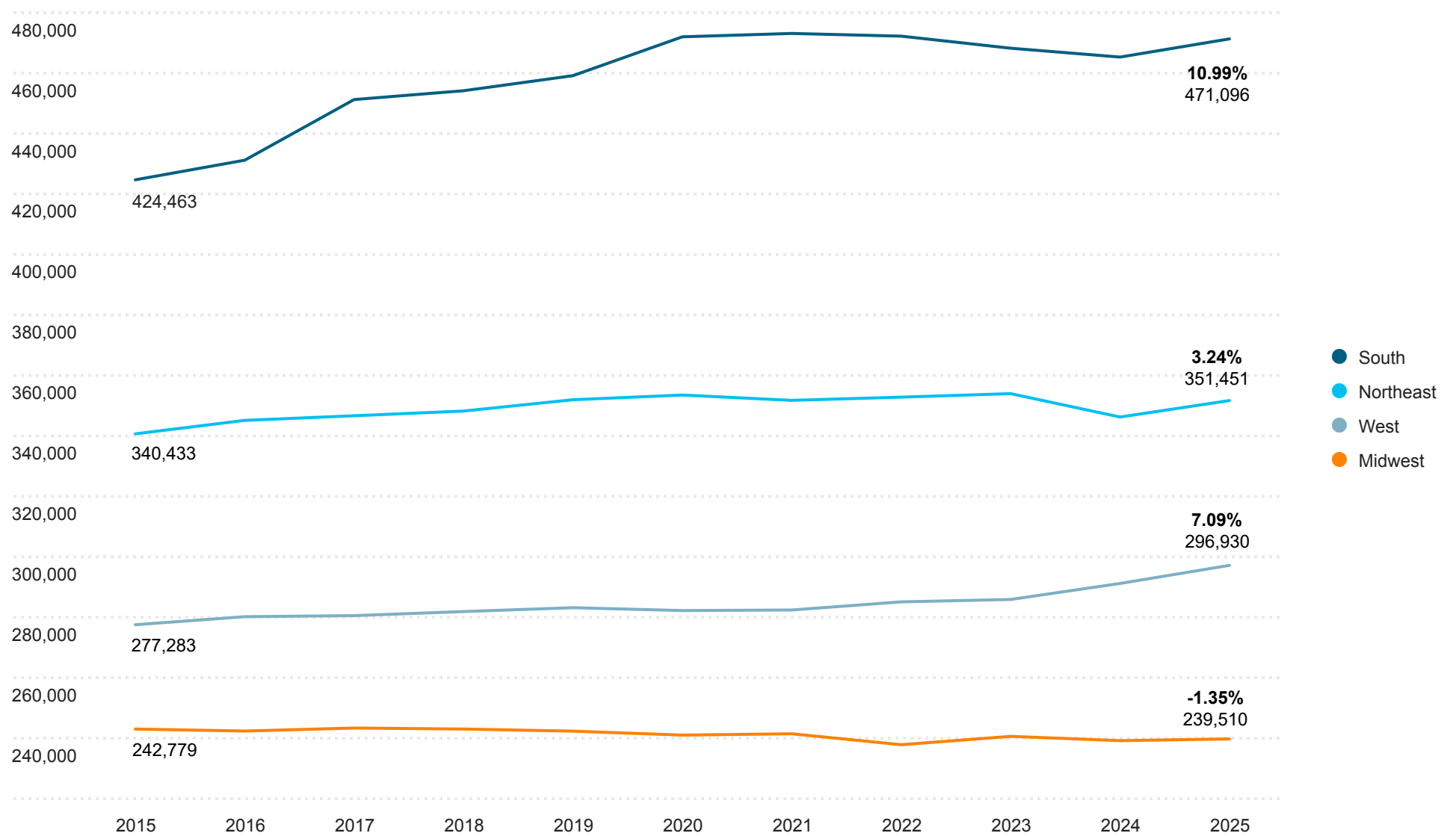
Region	Total Population	Min	Max	State/Territory Count
South	471,096	3,326	99,867	17
Northeast	351,451	2,054	190,015	9
West	296,930	1,656	181,048	13
Midwest	239,510	1,656	61,945	12

% Change in Total Resident Active Attorney Population By Region 2024-2025



Total Resident Active Attorney Population By Region 2015-2025

% Change in Total Population

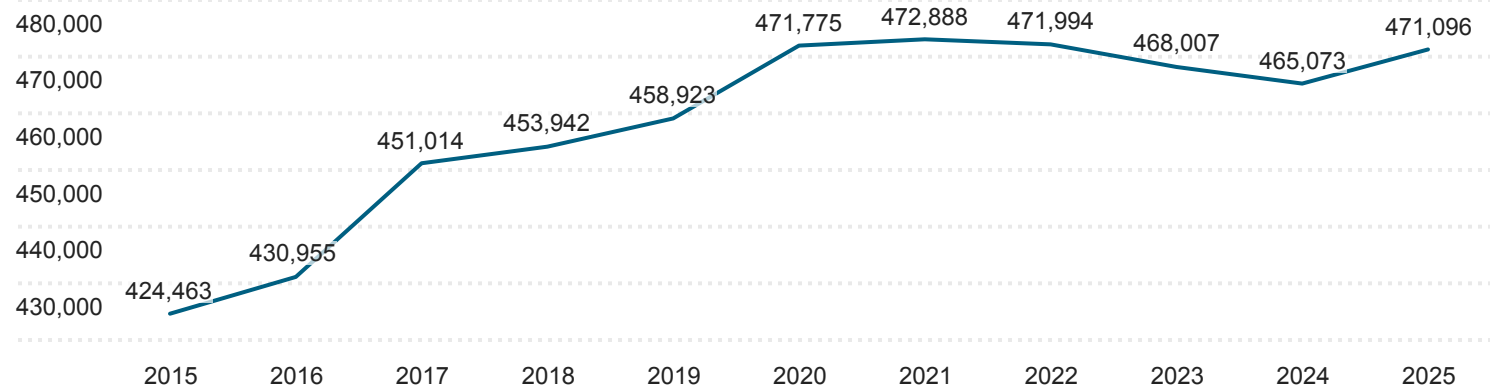
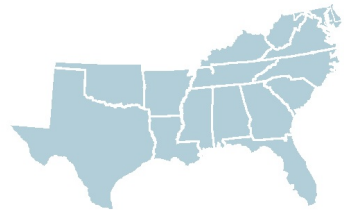


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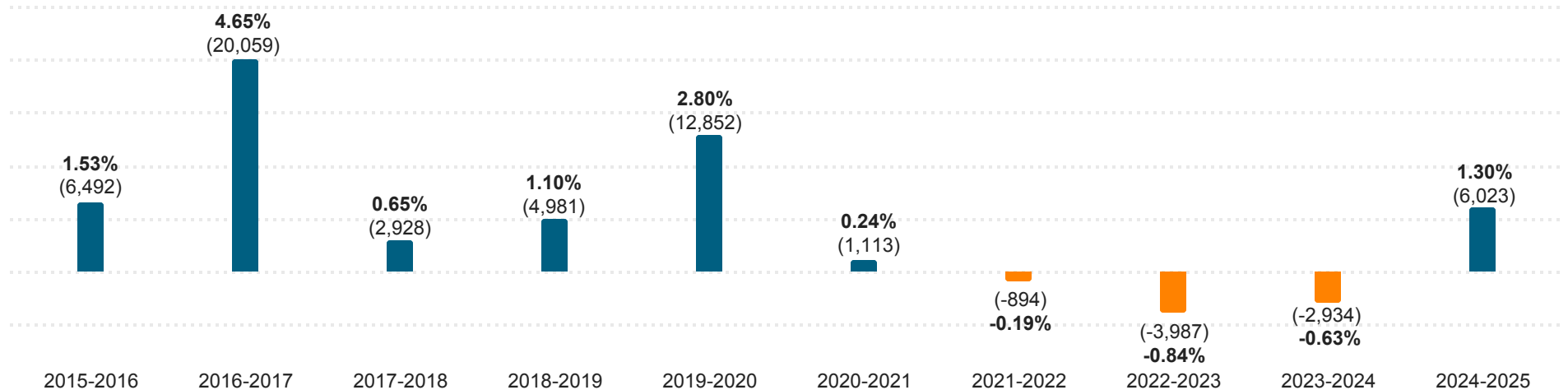
Total Resident Active Attorney Population in South

% Change in Total Population 2015-2025: 10.99% (46,633)

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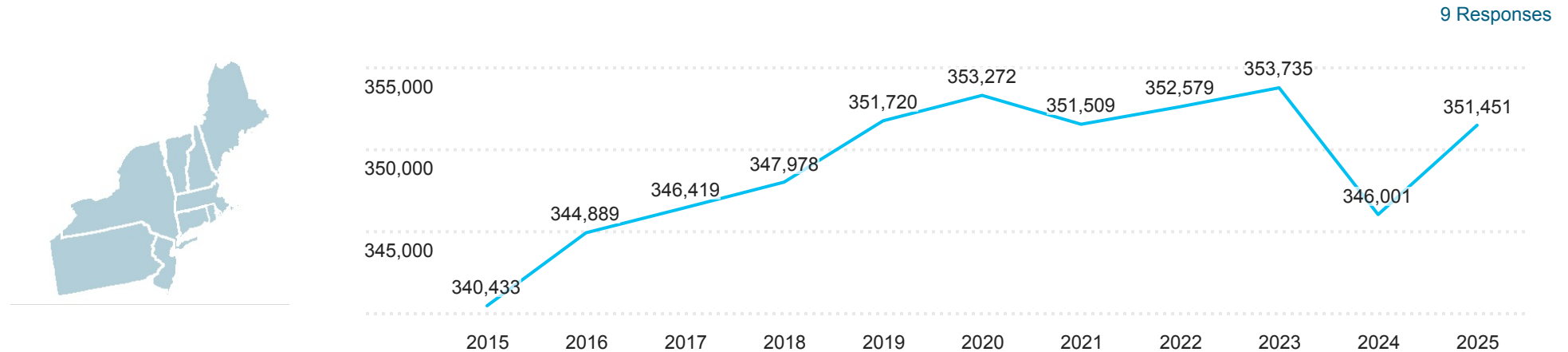
Year-on-Year % Change in South Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025



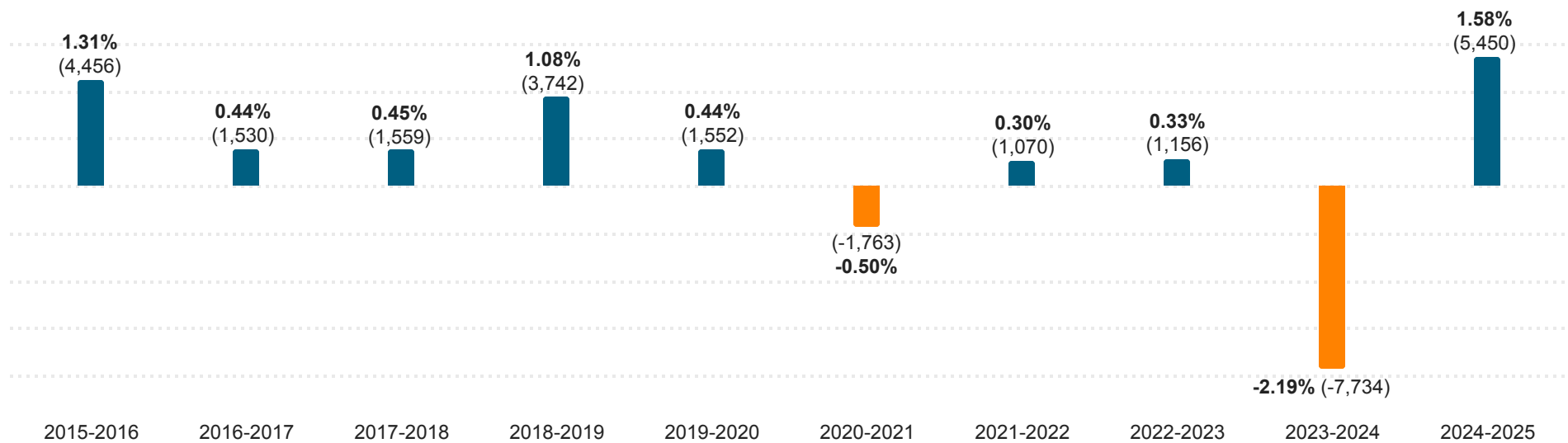
Northeast

Total Resident Active Attorney Population in Northeast

% Change in Total Population 2015-2025: 3.24% (11,018)



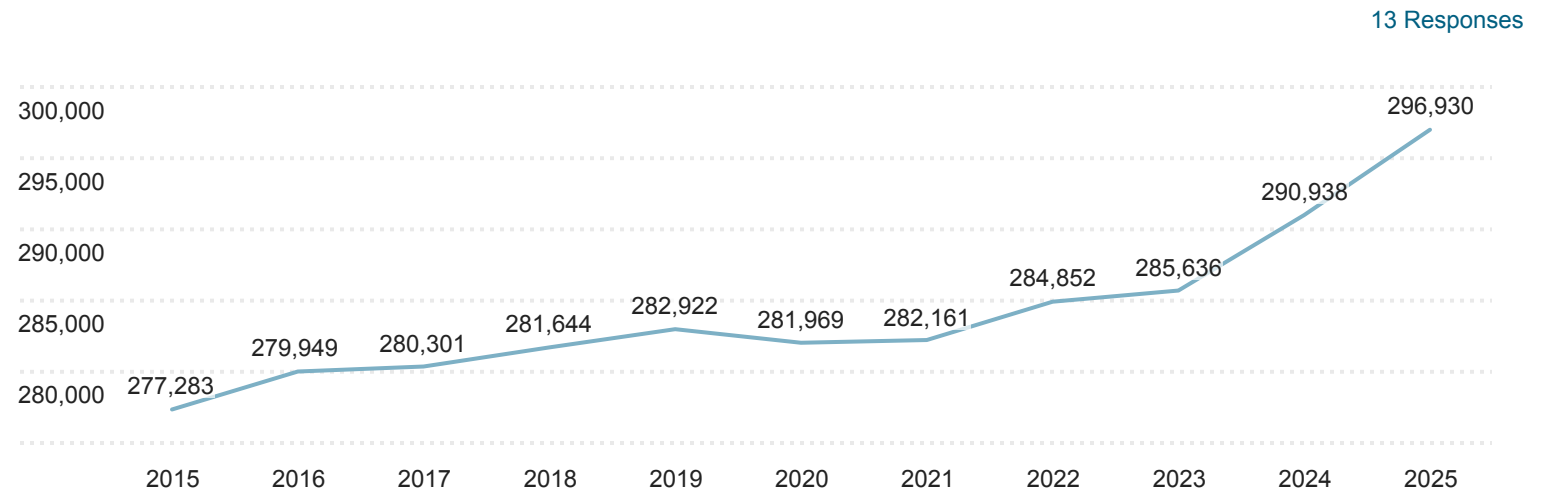
Year-on-Year % Change in Northeast Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025



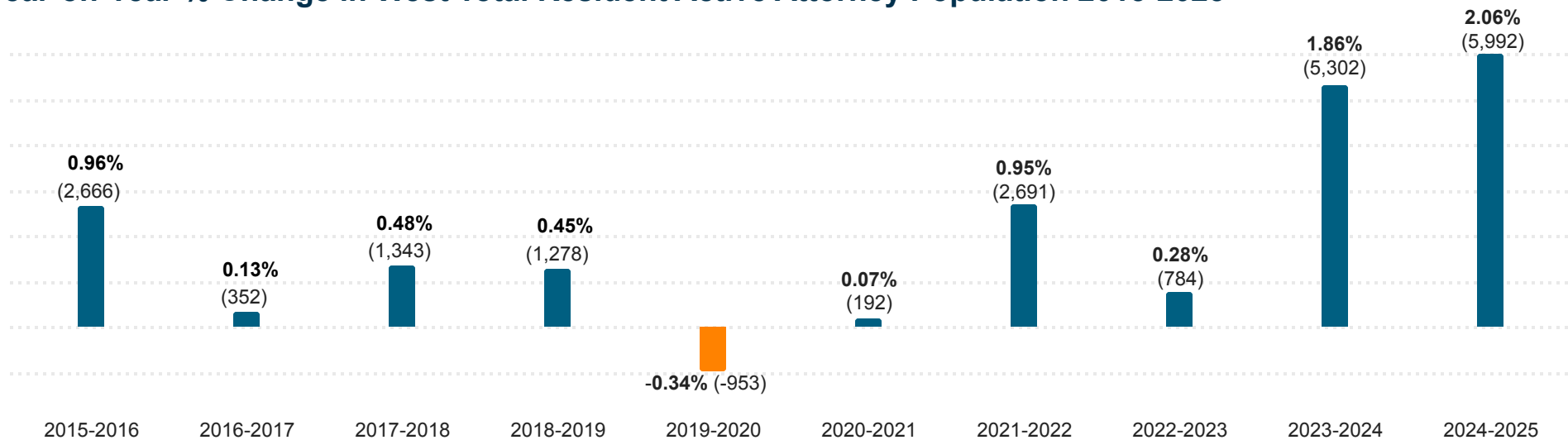
West

Total Resident Active Attorney Population in West

% Change in Total Population 2015-2025: 7.09% (19,647)



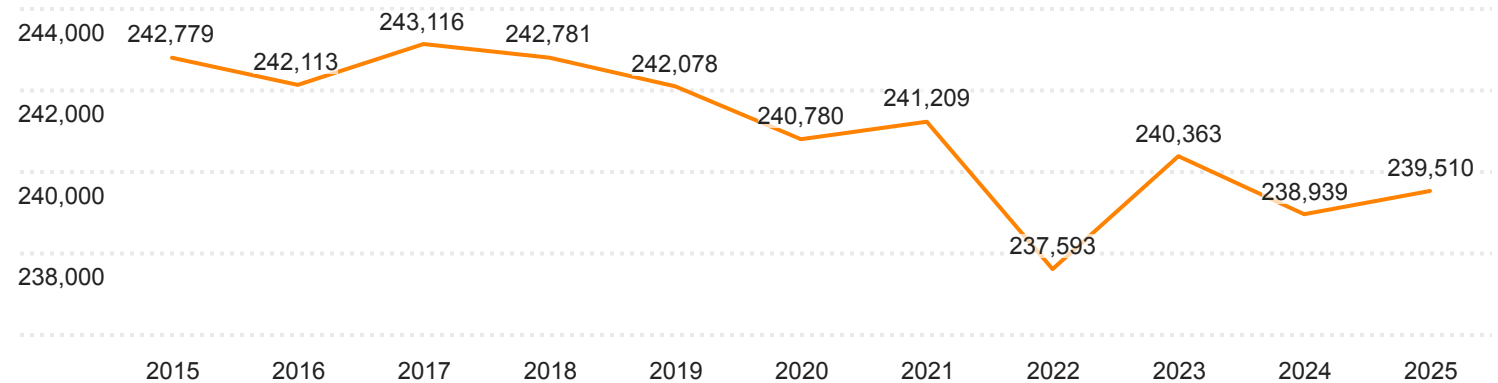
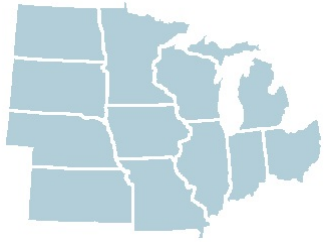
Year-on-Year % Change in West Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025



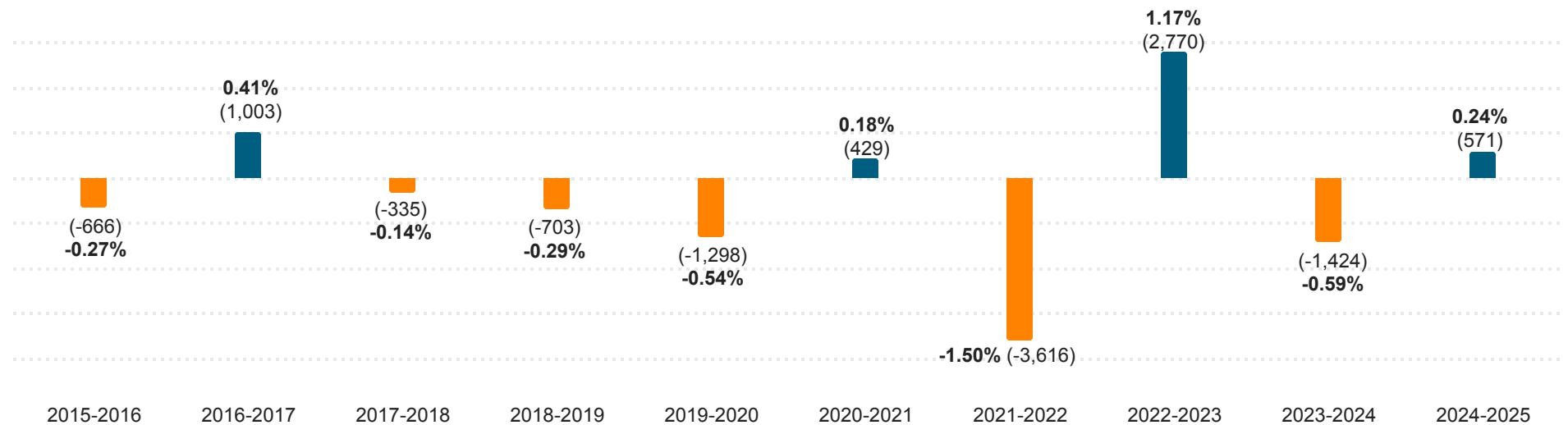
Midwest

Total Resident Active Attorney Population in Midwest

% Change in Total Population 2015-2025: 1.35% (-3,269)

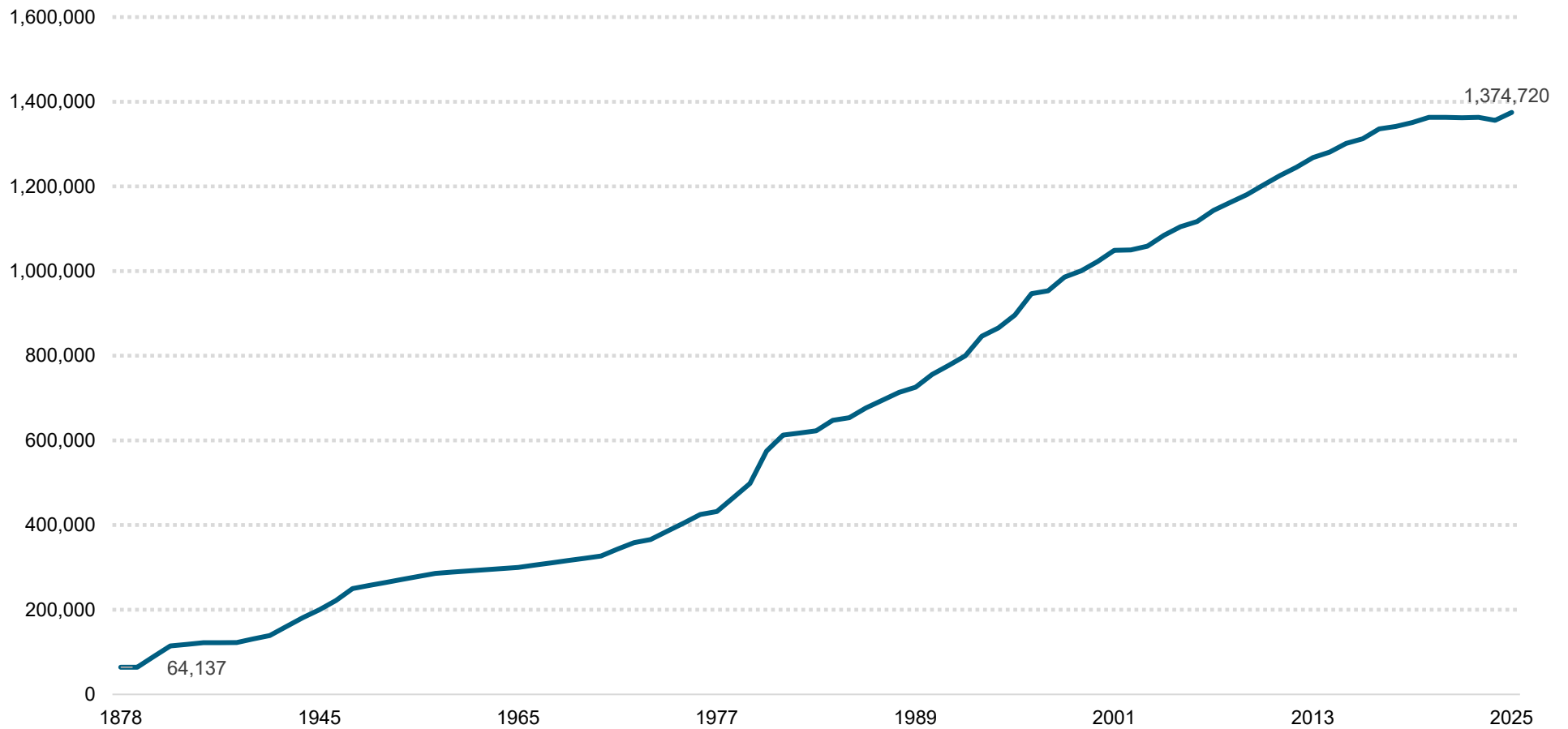


Year-on-Year % Change in Midwest Total Resident Active Attorney Population 2015-2025



Historical Trend in Total National Lawyer Population

Total Resident Active Attorney Population 1878-2025



Year	Resident Active Attorney Total	Year-on-Year % Change
2025	1,374,720	1.38%
2024	1,355,963	-0.53%
2023	1,363,126	0.07%
2022	1,362,231	-0.06%
2021	1,362,982	0.00%
2020	1,363,017	0.90%
2019	1,350,864	0.69%
2018	1,341,630	0.42%
2017	1,335,963	1.78%
2016	1,312,630	0.87%
2015	1,301,357	1.59%
2014	1,281,022	1.03%
2013	1,268,011	1.83%
2012	1,245,205	1.61%
2011	1,225,452	1.86%
2010	1,203,097	1.92%
2009	1,180,386	1.57%
2008	1,162,124	1.64%
2007	1,143,358	2.36%
2006	1,116,967	1.10%
2005	1,104,766	1.87%
2004	1,084,504	2.44%
2003	1,058,662	0.85%
2002	1,049,751	0.08%
2001	1,048,903	2.59%
2000	1,022,462	2.20%
1999	1,000,440	1.47%
1998	985,921	3.43%
1997	953,260	0.71%

Year	Resident Active Attorney Total	Year-on-Year % Change
1996	946,499	5.62%
1995	896,140	3.53%
1994	865,614	2.31%
1993	846,036	5.79%
1992	799,760	2.91%
1991	777,119	2.84%
1990	755,694	4.15%
1989	725,579	1.70%
1988	713,456	2.65%
1987	695,020	2.72%
1986	676,584	3.50%
1985	653,686	0.94%
1984	647,575	4.01%
1983	622,625	0.86%
1982	617,320	0.77%
1981	612,593	6.57%
1980	574,810	15.37%
1979	498,249	7.18%
1978	464,851	7.62%
1977	431,918	1.63%
1976	424,980	4.99%
1975	404,772	5.00%
1974	385,515	5.37%
1973	365,875	2.05%
1972	358,520	4.53%
1971	342,980	4.94%
1970	326,842	1.67%
1969	321,473	1.70%
1968	316,104	1.73%

Year	Resident Active Attorney Total	Year-on-Year % Change
1967	310,736	1.76%
1966	305,368	1.79%
1965	300,000	0.95%
1964	297,186	0.96%
1963	294,372	0.96%
1962	291,559	0.97%
1961	288,746	0.98%
1960	285,933	2.58%
1959	278,746	2.65%
1958	271,560	2.72%
1957	264,373	2.79%
1956	257,186	2.87%
1955	250,000	12.81%
1950	221,605	10.80%
1945	200,000	10.36%
1940	181,220	13.26%
1935	160,000	15.06%
1930	139,059	6.15%
1925	131,000	6.92%
1920	122,519	0.43%
1915	122,000	-0.12%
1910	122,149	3.52%
1905	118,000	3.09%
1900	114,460	27.70%
1890	89,630	39.75%
1880	64,137	0.00%
1878	64,137	N/A

Data Source: 1998 forward - American Bar Association's National Lawyer Population Survey, prior to 1998 - ABA Archives, specific source unknown.

For data from 1998 forward, 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. 2025 data is as of 12/31/2024. The numbers reflected here are the best available data provided to the ABA from the respective associations or agencies. **Population totals in the historical trend chart were updated to reflect revised resident active attorney counts submitted by states for years 2014 through 2024. See Appendix for details.**

10-Year Change in National Lawyer Population Demographics

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Gender 2015-2025

Year	Male	Female	Other	% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	Count of States Reporting Statistic
2015	65.28%	34.72%	N/A	63.46%	43
2016	64.40%	35.59%	0.00%	65.99%	45
2017	64.66%	35.33%	0.01%	61.42%	46
2018	65.77%	33.97%	0.26%	67.24%	45
2019	63.51%	36.47%	0.02%	61.08%	43
2020	62.95%	37.05%	0.00%	60.88%	43
2021	62.57%	37.43%	0.00%	62.73%	45
2022	61.36%	38.45%	0.19%	73.41%	44
2023	60.60%	39.32%	0.08%	71.53%	45
2024	59.18%	40.51%	0.32%	71.30%	45
2025	58.36%	41.31%	0.33%	72.71%	45
PP Change from 2015	-6.92 pp	6.59 pp	0.33 pp	9.25 pp	

Resident Active Attorney Demographics: Race/Ethnicity 2015-2025

Year	Caucasian/White	African American	Asian	Native American	Hispanic	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Multiracial	% of Lawyers with Reported Statistic	Count of States Reporting Statistic
2015	86.15%	4.72%	2.48%	0.80%	5.25%	0.62%	N/A	24.72%	18
2016	85.43%	5.25%	2.65%	0.47%	4.71%	0.30%	1.19%	30.42%	19
2017	84.88%	5.25%	2.42%	0.56%	4.97%	0.37%	1.55%	29.06%	22
2018	84.81%	4.93%	2.65%	0.63%	5.23%	0.30%	1.45%	27.83%	20
2019	84.72%	5.14%	2.47%	0.50%	4.87%	0.39%	1.91%	34.85%	20
2020	86.16%	4.59%	2.09%	0.44%	4.49%	0.43%	1.81%	31.17%	21
2021	86.21%	4.47%	2.26%	0.34%	4.69%	0.21%	1.82%	33.94%	26
2022	81.70%	3.79%	5.44%	0.50%	5.77%	0.16%	2.64%	43.81%	26
2023	79.61%	4.60%	5.64%	0.48%	6.04%	0.14%	3.47%	45.40%	26
2024	79.34%	4.71%	6.34%	0.50%	5.59%	0.22%	3.31%	44.53%	27
2025	78.54%	4.91%	6.37%	0.39%	5.89%	0.14%	3.76%	43.73%	28
PP Change from 2015	-7.61 pp	0.19 pp	3.89 pp	-0.41 pp	0.64 pp	-0.48 pp	2.57 pp	19.01 pp	

Data Source: American Bar Association's National Lawyer Population Survey. **Demographic tables were updated to reflect revised resident active attorney counts submitted by states for years 2014 through 2024. See Appendix for details**

Appendix

State & Year Notes:

Year	Notes
2025	<i>American Samoa, Alabama, Guam, Minnesota, North Mariana Islands, Palau, and Virgin Islands</i> did not provide current data for 2025, so the data from the most recent submission were used. This year's survey invited states to submit corrections to resident active attorney counts for years 2014 through 2024. The following states provided corrected data: <i>Alaska</i>: 2018, 2020, 2022; <i>Colorado</i>: 2023; <i>Hawaii</i>: 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024; <i>Illinois</i>: 2020, 2021, 2022; <i>Kansas</i>: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; <i>Kentucky</i>: 2020, 2021; <i>Massachusetts</i>: 2023; <i>New Hampshire</i>: 2019, 2021, 2022; <i>Ohio</i>: 2020, 2021; <i>Pennsylvania</i>: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; and <i>Wyoming</i>: 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2020 2023, 2024. <i>District of Columbia</i> submitted revised data for resident active attorney counts for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. The updated residency data includes the DC metro area. This amendment provides the most consistent and accurate count for the District of Columbia over the last ten years. Because of the large number of lawyers practicing in the <i>District of Columbia</i> this does impact past national counts and year-on- year percentage changes from 2020 to 2024.
2024	<i>American Samoa, Arkansas, Delaware, Guam, Maryland, Minnesota, North Mariana Islands, South Carolina, Vermont, and Virgin Islands</i> did not provide current data for 2024, so the data from the most recent submission were used.
2023	<i>American Samoa, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Guam, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia</i> did not provide current data for 2023, so the data from the most recent submission were used.
2022	<i>American Samoa, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virgin Islands</i> did not provide current data for 2022, so the data from the most recent submission were used. <i>Alabama</i> began distinguishing resident active and resident inactive numbers.
2021	<i>Alabama, American Samoa, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Guam, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Mariana Islands, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virgin Islands, and West Virginia</i> did not provide current data for 2021, so the data from the most recent submission were used. <i>Vermont</i> returned to tracking resident/non-resident status; the count now reflects resident active attorneys.
2020	<i>Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Mariana Islands, Ohio, Palau, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming</i> did not provide current data for 2020, so the data from the most recent submission were used. 2020, the District of Columbia changed how it reports residency status to report DC addresses only and not the DC metro area. Oklahoma returned senior members to the Resident Active count after excluding them in 2018 and 2019.
2019	<i>New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Virgin Islands</i> did not provide current data for 2019, so the data from the most recent submission were used. <i>Maryland, Nevada, and New York</i> provided corrected 2018 lawyer counts; this report reflects the corrected 2018 total attorney count. Four agencies had changes in the availability of residency data. <i>Arkansas</i> adopted a new software system and cleaned up data; the decrease in 2019 is a more accurate representation of Resident Active Lawyers. <i>Louisiana</i> changed how it reports residency status, causing an increase in the reported lawyer count. <i>Minnesota</i> and <i>Vermont</i> no longer track resident/non-resident status; the counts now reflect all active lawyers.
2018	<i>American Samoa, Delaware, and Indiana</i> did not provide current data for 2018, so the data from the most recent submission were used. <i>Virgin Islands</i> was not able to provide residency in 2018 due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. <i>Oklahoma</i> removed senior members from the Resident Active count (they can still practice but are over the age of 70).
2017	<i>Guam and Vermont</i> did not provide current data for 2017, so the data from the most recent submission were used. The source of the <i>Maryland</i> data changed from the voluntary <i>Maryland State Bar</i> to the <i>Maryland Supreme Court</i>. The <i>Maryland Supreme Court</i> does not track residency status, leading to larger results than prior years. Three agencies had changes in the availability of Active/Inactive status data. <i>Indiana</i> was not able to provide a breakout of Active/Inactive status for Resident attorneys in 2016, but was able to for 2017. <i>American Samoa</i> had not provided Residency or Active status details in recent years, but was able to provide it for the 2017 survey. <i>Virgin Islands</i> changed its classifications for the Active/Inactive status for the 2017 survey.
2016	<i>New Jersey</i> did not provide current data for 2016, so the data from the most recent submission were used. In 2016, four agencies had changes in the availability of Active/Inactive status data. <i>Arkansas, Connecticut, and Indiana</i> were not able to provide a breakout of Active/Inactive status for Resident attorneys as they had in prior years. <i>Puerto Rico</i> had not provided Active/Inactive status details in prior years, but was able to provide it for the 2016 survey.
2015	<i>Arkansas, Connecticut, Guam, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, North Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Virgin Islands, Wisconsin, and Wyoming</i> did not provide the current data for 2015, so data from the most recent submission were used.

2014

District of Columbia, Florida, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont did not provide current data so the data from the most recent submission were used.

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, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

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. Prior to the 2014 survey, Oklahoma excluded lawyers categorized as "Over 70" from their Resident Active submission. The 2014 results include this group.

Demographics Notes:

Notes

- The 2025 survey invited states to submit corrections to resident active attorney counts for years 2014 through 2024. The following states provided corrected data: *Alaska*: 2018, 2020, 2022; *Colorado*: 2023; *Hawaii*: 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024; *Illinois*: 2020, 2021, 2022; *Kansas*: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; *Kentucky*: 2020, 2021; *Massachusetts*: 2023; *New Hampshire*: 2019, 2021, 2022; *Ohio*: 2020, 2021; *Pennsylvania*: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; and *Wyoming*: 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2020 2023, 2024. Demographic data was updated with the changes states provided for corrected resident active attorney counts.
- In 2025, the *District of Columbia* provided corrected data for resident active attorney counts for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The updated residency data includes the DC metro area. The District of Columbia also provided corrected data for demographics for 2022, 2023, and 2024. Data was not available for 2020 and 2021 so the data from the previous year was used.
- Beginning with the 2020 survey, two new questions about attorneys who identify as LGBTQ+ and as persons with a disability were asked. Results are not included in the 2022 report due to insufficient response.
- Race/ethnicity percentages may total to more than 100% as many states allow responders to choose more than one option for race/ethnicity.
- Beginning with the 2016 survey, choices included "Multiracial" as an option for race/ethnicity and "Other" as an option for gender. To date, we do not include "Other" in our percentage calculations due to insufficient response.
- 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.