

American Bar Association
National Lawyer Population by State

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STATE		2005 # ATTYS RESIDENT & ACTIVE	2006 # ATTYS RESIDENT & ACTIVE*	INDEX
Alabama	AL	12,382	12,625	102
Alaska	AK	2,309	2,318	100
Arizona	AZ	12,369	12,172	98
Arkansas	AR	5,280	5,500	104
California	CA	139,371	141,030	101
Colorado	CO	17,599	18,449	105
Connecticut	CT	17,975	18,578	103
Delaware	DE	2,329	2,391	103
Dist. of Columbia	DC	42,596	43,445	102
Florida	FL	48,453	46,475	96
Georgia	GA	24,930	25,632	103
Hawaii	HI	3,931	4,016	102
Idaho	ID	3,109	3,166	102
Illinois	IL	63,866	61,130	96
Indiana	IN	13,185	13,069	99
Iowa	IA	6,820	6,896	101
Kansas	KS	7,466	7,666	103
Kentucky	KY	11,084	11,336	102
Louisiana	LA	16,872	16,955	100
Maine	ME	3,452	3,512	102
Maryland	MD	20,177	20,510	102
Massachusetts	MA	49,824	49,837	100
Michigan	MI	31,034	31,432	101
Minnesota ¹	MN	21,886	20,177	92
Mississippi	MS	6,500	6,641	102
Missouri	MO	21,680	21,688	100
Montana	MT	2,746	2,706	99
Nebraska	NE	4,975	5,037	101
Nevada	NV	5,517	5,580	101
New Hampshire	NH	3,186	3,245	102
New Jersey	NJ	38,104	38,466	101
New Mexico	NM	4,960	5,091	103
New York	NY	142,538	144,599	101
North Carolina	NC	17,308	17,717	102
North Dakota	ND	1,302	1,368	105
North Mariana Islands ²	MP	-	156	100
Ohio ³	OH	36,063	34,421	95
Oklahoma	OK	11,756	12,002	102
Oregon	OR	10,698	10,887	102
Pennsylvania ⁴	PA	38,460	45,415	118
Puerto Rico	PR	11,805	11,767	100
Rhode Island ¹	RI	4,791	3,951	82
South Carolina	SC	8,360	8,823	106
South Dakota	SD	1,661	1,715	103
Tennessee	TN	14,058	14,470	103
Texas	TX	69,405	69,762	101
Utah	UT	5,760	6,041	105
Vermont	VT	2,161	2,229	103
Virgin Islands ⁵	VI	394	480	122
Virginia	VA	20,852	21,391	103
Washington	WA	21,485	22,678	106
West Virginia	WV	4,426	4,497	102
Wisconsin	WI	14,123	14,354	102
Wyoming	WY	1,393	1,473	106

TOTAL **1,104,766** **1,116,967** **101**

*Individual state bar associations or licensing agencies were asked to provide the number of resident, active attorneys as of December 31, 2005.

¹ In 2006, Minnesota and Rhode Island were able to provide the total number of resident and active attorneys. In earlier years, the number reflects all resident attorneys regardless of whether they were active or not, so the 2006 decrease represents greater accuracy in counting.

² The territory of Northern Mariana Islands is new to the survey in 2006.

³ Ohio's numbers from 2005 were reported from data collected in April 2005, when the new bar admittees had been sworn in causing an increase in the numbers. For all other years the numbers reflect December 31st.

⁴ In 2006, the Pennsylvania reporting source shifted from the State Bar to the State Licensing Agency who was able to provide more complete statistics including lawyers with addresses that were unlisted or withheld, so the increase represents greater accuracy in counting.

⁵ According to their representative, The Virgin Islands had a significant increase in population from the previous year.

Note: Massachusetts, representing 49,837 lawyers, (4% of the total lawyer population), was unable to give residents only and therefore may contain duplicates of lawyers licensed in more than one state.