

2005

LAWYER DEMOGRAPHICS:

- TOTAL NUMBER of resident, active attorneys in the US → 1, 104, 766
 - Florida → 46,475
 - New York → 144, 599
 - DC → 43, 445
 - California → 141, 030
- GENDER
 - Male 73%
 - Female 27%
- MEDIAN AGE → 45
- RACE
 - White → 88.8%
 - Black → 4.2%
 - Hispanic → 3.4
 - Asian → 2.2
 - American Indian → 0.2%
- PRACTICE SETTING
 - Private Practice → 74%
 - Government → 8%
 - Private industry → 8%
 - Retired → 5%
 - Judiciary → 3%
 - Education 1%
 - Legal Aid → 1%
 - Private Association → 1%
- Of those in private practice, PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS breakdown in firms
 - Solo lawyers → 48%
 - 2-5 lawyers → 15%
 - 6-10 lawyers → 7%
 - 11-20 lawyers → 6%
 - 21-50 lawyers → 6%
 - 51-100 lawyers → 4%
 - 101+ lawyers → 14%

SALARIES

- Median starting salaries in private practice:
 - All sizes → \$80,000
 - 2-10 attorneys → \$48,000
 - 11-25 attorneys → \$55,000
 - 26-50 attorneys → \$65,000
 - 51-100 attorneys → \$76,000
 - 101-250 attorneys → \$100,000
 - 251-500 attorneys → \$116,000
 - 501+ attorneys → \$125,000
- Median starting salaries for government workers
 - Public defenders → \$43,300

- Civil legal services → \$36,000
- Local prosecutors → \$43,000
- State prosecutors → \$46,374
- Public Interest Organizations → \$40,000
- Median salaries by years of experience of private practice
 - 1-4 years → \$66,042
 - 5-9 years → \$85,937
 - 10-19 years → 95,698
 - Less than 1 years → \$58,471
 - 20 years or more → \$97,512
- Median salary by city in private practice
 - New York → \$80,510
 - Chicago → \$80, 291
 - Los Angeles → \$87, 337
 - DC → \$98, 141
 - Miami → \$65,087
- Median Salary by State in private practice:
 - California → \$84,652
 - New York → \$79, 039
 - Florida → \$73,442



Defending Liberty
Pursuing Justice

LAWYER DEMOGRAPHICS

NUMBER OF LICENSED LAWYERS - 2006

1,116,967
Source: ABA Market Research Department, 6/2006

GENDER

	1980	1991	2000
Male	92%	80%	73%
Female	8%	20%	27%

Sources: *The Lawyer Statistical Report*, American Bar Foundation, 1985, 1994, 2004 editions

AGE

	1980	1991	2000
29 yrs. or less	15%	10%	7%
30-34	21%	16%	12%
35-39	15%	18%	14%
40-44	9%	18%	15%
45-54	16%	18%	28%
55-64	12%	10%	13%
65+	13%	10%	12%
Median age	39	41	45

Sources: *The Lawyer Statistical Report*, American Bar Foundation, 1985, 1994, 2004 editions

RACE / ETHNICITY

	1990*	2000*
White, not Hispanic	92.6%	88.8%
Black, not Hispanic	3.3%	4.2%
Hispanic	2.5%	3.4%
Asian Pacific American, not Hispanic	1.4%	2.2%
American Indian, not Hispanic	0.2%	0.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, not Hispanic	--	.04%
2+ races	--	1.2%

*Source: 1990, 2000 U.S. Census, Bureau of the Census
NOTE: U.S. Census considers Hispanic an ethnicity, not a race. Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

LAW STUDENTS

<i>Academic Year</i>	1995-96	1999-2000	2003-04
Total JD enrollment	129,397	125,184	137,676
Gender			
Male	56%	53%	51%
Female	44%	47%	49%
Minority enrollment	19.7%	20.2%	20.6%

Source: ABA Section of Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar
<http://www.abanet.org/legal/education/statistics/stats.html>

PRACTICE SETTING

% of lawyers in...	1980	1991	2000
Private Practice	68%	73%	74%
Government	9%	8%	8%
Private Industry	10%	9%	8%
Retired/Inactive	5%	5%	5%
Judiciary	4%	3%	3%
Education	1%	1%	1%
Legal Aid/Public Defender	2%	1%	1%
Private Association	1%	1%	1%

Sources: *The Lawyer Statistical Report*, American Bar Foundation, 1985, 1994, 2004 editions

PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS

% of private practitioners...	1980	1991	2000
Solo	49%	45%	48%
2 - 5 lawyers	22%	15%	15%
6 - 10 lawyers	9%	7%	7%
11-20 lawyers	7%	7%	6%
21 - 50 lawyers	6%	8%	6%
51 - 100 lawyers	7%	5%	4%
101 + lawyers	*	13%	14%

Sources: *The Lawyer Statistical Report*, American Bar Foundation, 1985, 1994, 2004 editions

* Largest firm size for 1980 data was 51+ lawyers

LAW FIRM SIZE

% of law firms with...	1980	1991	2000
2 - 5 lawyers	81%	75%	76%
6 - 10 lawyers	12%	13%	13%
11-20 lawyers	4%	7%	6%
21 - 50 lawyers	2%	3%	3%
51 - 100 lawyers	1%	1%	1%
101 + lawyers	*	1%	1%
Total # firms	38,482	42,513	47,563

Sources: *The Lawyer Statistical Report*, American Bar Foundation, 1985, 1994, 2004 editions

* Largest firm size for 1980 data was 51+ lawyers.

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding. Compiled by the ABA Market Research Department.

Salary Survey is available for \$125 (plus shipping and handling). Both reports may be ordered through the online bookstore at www.nalp.org or by calling NALP.

Table 1. Median Salaries for Lawyers by Type of Organization and Years of Experience — 2004 and 2006

Years of Experience	Civil Legal Services		Public Defenders		Local Prosecuting Attorneys		State Prosecuting Attorneys		Public Interest Organizations	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Entry-level	\$34,000	\$36,000	\$39,000	\$43,300	\$40,000	\$43,915	\$40,574	\$46,374	\$36,656	\$40,000
5 years	40,000	43,291	50,000	54,672	52,000	54,500	47,700	55,177	46,313	52,000
11-15 years	51,927	55,000	65,000	65,500	69,255	72,970	68,139	67,712	64,000	65,000

Note: Findings are based on a nationwide survey conducted by NALP among civil legal services organizations; offices of public defenders, state attorneys general, and local prosecuting attorneys; and public interest organizations. A total of 415 and 430 organizations completed the 2004 and 2006 surveys, respectively. The full survey methodology is included in the 2004 and 2006 *Public Sector and Public Interest Attorney Salary Reports*.

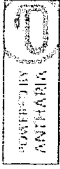
Table 2. Median Salaries for Associates in Private Practice by Size of Firm — 2004 and 2006

	Firms of 50 or Fewer Lawyers		Firms of 51-100 Lawyers		Firms of 101-250 Lawyers		Firms of 251-500 Lawyers		Firms of 501+ Lawyers	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
First-year	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$81,000	\$85,000	\$88,500	\$90,000	\$97,250	\$115,000	\$120,000	\$135,000
Fifth-year	88,000	90,000	97,000	100,000	102,000	106,583	115,570	135,500	155,000	168,643

Source: NALP Associate Salary Survey, 2004 and 2006.

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