

2008/09 Attorney Survey of Utah State Bar Members

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Sampling Frame: This study included all members, male and female, of the Utah State Bar who were admitted to the Bar between 1985 and 2005 (irrespective of their current employment situation). The Utah State Bar Association created the mailing list from their membership records.

Sample: The original mailing list included 5620 names. During the survey we dropped 299 names from the list when notification letters were returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service. This number included a small number of attorneys with foreign addresses in original file as well as a couple of attorneys who had moved to foreign countries. Our adjusted mailing list contained 5321 names.

Field Period: September 22, 2008 - March 2, 2009

Response rate: There were 2730 recorded interviews in the Qualtrics data file. Of these, 424 were partial interviews (did not complete the entire survey). An examination of the partial interviews identified 62 survey entries that were “false starts” (started the interview but did not complete the first two questions on current job type). We dropped these 62 survey entries. That deletion left 2668 useable surveys.

The adjusted response rate is 50.14 percent (2668/5321) from the entire population of attorneys who were admitted to the Utah State Bar between 1985 and 2005.

The margin of error (conservative estimate) is plus or minus 1.31% , 95% of the time (confidence level). Potential coverage issue: older attorneys.

| Descriptive Summary: | Frequency | | |
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| Male attorneys | 1659 (63%) | Age 29 or less | 57 (2%) |
| Female attorneys | 991 (37%) | Age 30-39 | 985 (41%) |
| Declined to answer | 18 | Age 40-49 | 881 (37%) |
| | | Age 50-59 | 387 (16%) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 2245 (94%) | Age 60 or older | 83 (4%) |
| Non-white | 139 (6%) | Declined to answer | 275 |
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| | | Veteran | 238 (10%) |
| No Religious affiliation | 471 (20%) | | |
| Catholic | 122 (5%) | Law firm | 1082 (41%) |
| Latter-day Saint (LDS) | 1594 (67%) | Government agency | 617 (23%) |
| Protestant | 124 (5%) | Solo practitioner | 287 (11%) |
| Other affiliations | 74 (3%) | In-house counsel | 289 (11%) |
| Declined to answer | 283 | Other | 393 (14%) |