

Table 1.82.2007

Characteristics of Presidential appointees to U.S. District Court judgeships

By Presidential administration, 1963-2007^a

	President Johnson's appointees 1963-68 (N=122)	President Nixon's appointees 1969-74 (N=179)	President Ford's appointees 1974-76 (N=52)	President Carter's appointees 1977-80 (N=202)	President Reagan's appointees 1981-88 (N=290)	President George H.W. Bush's appointees 1989-92 (N=148)	President Clinton's appointees 1993-2000 (N=305)	President George W. Bush's appointees 2001-2007 (N=203)
<u>Sex</u>								
Male	98.4%	99.4%	98.1%	85.6%	91.7%	80.4%	71.5%	80.3%
Female	1.6	0.6	1.9	14.4	8.3	19.6	28.5	19.7
<u>Race, ethnicity</u>								
White	93.4	95.5	88.5	78.2	92.4	89.2	75.1	82.8
Black	4.1	3.4	5.8	13.9	2.1	6.8	17.4	5.9
Hispanic	2.5	1.1	1.9	6.9	4.8	4.0	5.9	10.8
Asian	0	0	3.9	0.5	0.7	0	1.3	0.5
Native American	NA	NA	NA	0.5	0	0	0.3	0
<u>Education, undergraduate</u>								
Public-supported	38.5	41.3	48.1	55.9	37.9	46.0	44.3	48.3
Private (not Ivy League)	31.1	38.5	34.6	34.2	48.6	39.9	42.0	45.3
Ivy League	16.4	19.6	17.3	9.9	13.4	14.2	13.8	6.4
None indicated	13.9	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Education, law school</u>								
Public-supported	40.2	41.9	44.2	52.0	44.8	52.7	39.7	48.8
Private (not Ivy League)	36.9	36.9	38.5	31.2	43.4	33.1	40.7	38.9
Ivy League	21.3	21.2	17.3	16.8	11.7	14.2	19.7	12.3
<u>Occupation at nomination or appointment</u>								
Politics or government	21.3	10.6	21.2	5.0	13.4	10.8	11.5	12.3
Judiciary	31.1	28.5	34.6	44.6	36.9	41.9	48.2	46.8
Law firm, large	2.4	11.2	9.6	13.9	17.9	25.7	16.1	20.7
Law firm, medium	18.9	27.9	25.0	19.3	19.0	14.9	13.4	10.3
Law firm, small	23.0	19.0	9.6	13.9	10.0	4.7	8.2	6.4
Professor	3.3	2.8	0	3.0	2.1	0.7	1.6	1.5
Other	0	0	0	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.0	2.0
<u>Occupational experience</u>								
Judicial	34.4	35.2	42.3	54.0	46.2	46.6	52.1	51.7
Prosecutorial	45.9	41.9	50.0	38.1	44.1	39.2	41.3	43.8
Other	33.6	36.3	30.8	31.2	28.6	31.8	28.9	26.1
<u>Political party</u>								
Democrat	94.3	7.3	21.2	91.1	4.8	6.1	87.5	6.9
Republican	5.7	92.7	78.8	4.5	91.7	88.5	6.2	84.7
Independent or none	0	0	0	4.5	3.4	5.4	5.9	8.4
Other	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0.3	0
<u>American Bar Association rating</u>								
Exceptionally well/well qualified	48.4	45.3	46.1	51.0	53.5	57.4	59.0	69.0
Qualified	49.2	54.8	53.8	47.5	46.6	42.6	40.0	29.1
Not qualified	2.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	1.0	2.0

Note: See Note, table 1.81.2007. Percent subtotals for occupational experience sum to more than 100 because some appointees have had both judicial and prosecutorial experience. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

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