

Annual Diversity of the Judiciary report

The Judicial and Legal Diversity Board (JLDB) welcomes the publication of the Diversity of the Judiciary: Legal Professions, New Appointments and Current Post Holders – 2026 Statistics.

Now in its seventh year, this report ([Diversity of the judiciary: 2026 statistics - Official statistics announcement - GOV.UK](#)) brings together data on the diversity of the judiciary – including magistrates and non-legal tribunal members – the judicial appointments process, and the legal professions (barristers, chartered legal executives, and solicitors) from which much of the judiciary is drawn.

The 2026 report includes additional data on social mobility, measured by type of school attended. The report will track changes to this figure in future years.

A summary of the key findings is included in the report. The data in the report will inform the new JLDB strategic priorities.

The Ministry of Justice also publishes a dashboard tool to make it easier to view and interpret the data within the report. We continue to expand the dashboard's functionality and scope.

JLDB member organisations are committed to improving the quality and scope of data collected as an essential contribution to encouraging greater diversity. This report is a valuable addition to the evidence base that informs our collective efforts to support and promote greater diversity within the judiciary and legal services.

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