



Lawyers

Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law.

Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2023, verbal interactions were required constantly (every few minutes) for 12.4 percent of lawyers, and were required not constantly, but more than once per hour for 65.2 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of lawyers with cognitive and mental requirements, 2023

Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	94.8	5.2
Interaction with general public	>99.5	<0.5
Working around crowds	<0.5	>99.5
Telework	67.1	32.9
Work review: Supervising others	40.9	59.1
Work review: Presence of supervisor	44.5	55.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

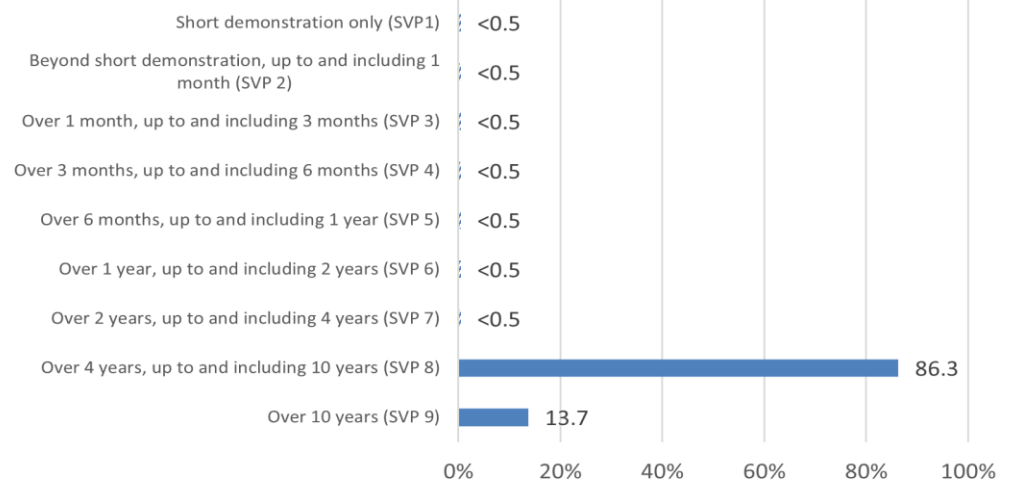
Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2023, credentials were required for greater than 99.5 percent of lawyers. Prior work experience was required for 44.1 percent and on-the-job training was required for 47.6 percent.

A professional degree was required for greater than 99.5 percent of lawyers.

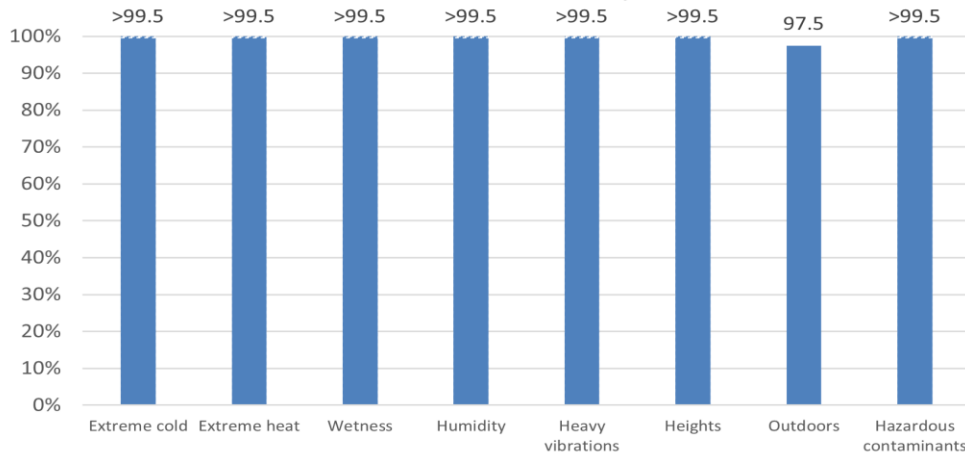
Chart 1. Percentage of lawyers by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2023



Note: Striped bars represent range estimates where precise value is unpublished.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Chart 2. Percentage of lawyers without exposure to environmental conditions, 2023



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Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2023, greater than 99.5 percent of lawyers were not exposed to extreme cold, and greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Wetness was not present for greater than 99.5 percent, greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to heavy vibrations, and 97.5 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

Physical demands

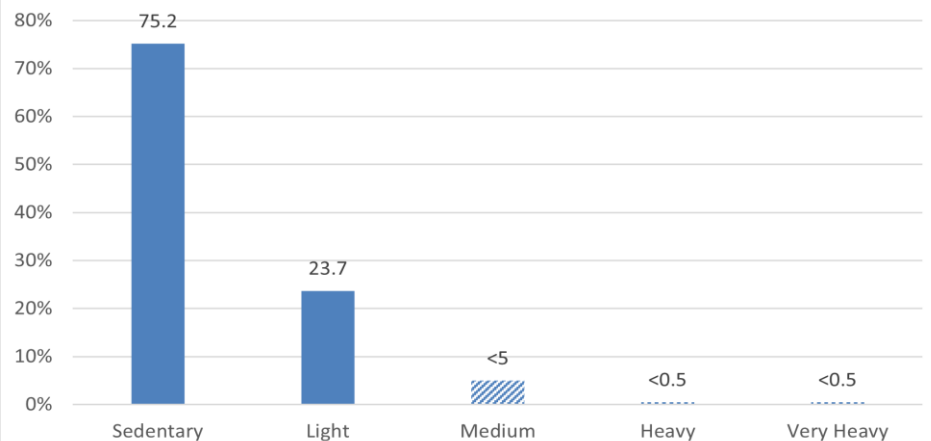
Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2023, keyboarding was required for greater than 99.5 percent of lawyers and was not required for less than 0.5 percent. For less than 0.5 percent of workers, keyboarding was seldom performed, for 30.1 percent keyboarding occurred occasionally, 65.9 percent frequently, and for 3.8 percent keyboarding occurred constantly.

Performing work in low postures was required for 4.1 percent of lawyers and was not required for 95.9 percent.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 86.1 percent of lawyers. On average, workers spent 82.4 percent of the workday sitting and 17.6 percent of the workday standing.

Chart 3. Percentage of lawyers by strength level requirements, 2023



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Table 2. Percentage of lawyers with physical demands, 2023

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	86.1	13.9
Driving	54.5	45.5
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	14.1	85.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey