

PRACTISING SOLICITOR STATISTICS



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE SOLICITORS HOLDING PRACTISING CERTIFICATES IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,438	6,119	8,557
Employee of a law practice	7,081	5,411	12,492
Corporate legal practitioner	3,379	2,418	5,797
Government legal practitioner	2,143	1,164	3,307
Volunteer	26	9	35
Total	15,067	15,121	30,188

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	7,637	7,084	14,721
Suburban (Sydney)	4,951	5,179	10,130
Rural	1,720	2,025	3,745
Interstate	77	87	164
Overseas	682	746	1,428
Total	15,067	15,121	30,188

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,342	2,084	5,426
30 to 39 years	5,690	3,631	9,321
40 to 49 years	3,299	3,311	6,610
50 to 59 years	1,956	2,964	4,920
60 to 69 years	692	2,440	3,132
Over 70 years	88	691	779
Total	15,067	15,121	30,188

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,518	2,790	4,308
Law firm	3,058	3,502	6,560
Incorporated legal practice	2,848	3,528	6,376
Unincorporated legal practice	791	827	1,618
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,127	2,204	5,331
Government	2,063	1,108	3,171
Community Legal Centre	325	137	462
Not employed as a solicitor	1,337	1,025	2,362
Total	15,067	15,121	30,188

NOTES:

- Location is based on the principal place of practice – where this is not available the practitioner's postal address has been used.
- The firm type "Law firm" includes practitioners that may have their place of practice recorded with an overseas law firm.