

# 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 31 DECEMBER 2016.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,484	6,174	8,658
Employee of a law practice	7,392	5,579	12,971
Corporate legal practitioner	3,403	2,429	5,832
Government legal practitioner	2,165	1,178	3,343
Volunteer	31	11	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,475</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>30,846</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	7,811	7,193	15,004
Suburban (Sydney)	5,122	5,274	10,396
Rural	1,754	2,043	3,797
Interstate	85	94	179
Overseas	703	767	1,470
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,475</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>30,846</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,446	2,126	5,572
30 to 39 years	5,834	3,720	9,554
40 to 49 years	3,372	3,361	6,733
50 to 59 years	2,012	2,960	4,972
60 to 69 years	707	2,468	3,175
Over 70 years	104	736	840
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,475</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>30,846</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,531	2,803	4,334
Law firm	3,138	3,539	6,677
Incorporated legal practice	2,953	3,574	6,527
Unincorporated legal practice	807	846	1,653
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,165	2,233	5,398
Government	2,092	1,124	3,216
Community Legal Centre	335	144	479
Not employed as a solicitor	1,454	1,108	2,562
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,475</b>	<b>15,371</b>	<b>30,846</b>

## 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.