

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 MARCH 2017.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,541	6,269	8,810
Employee of a law practice	7,740	5,767	13,507
Corporate legal practitioner	3,441	2,436	5,877
Government legal practitioner	2,230	1,189	3,419
Volunteer	31	11	42
Total	15,983	15,672	31,655

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	7,954	7,265	15,219
Suburban (Sydney)	5,386	5,438	10,824
Rural	1,829	2,075	3,904
Interstate	97	103	200
Overseas	717	791	1,508
Total	15,983	15,672	31,655

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,568	2,214	5,782
30 to 39 years	6,022	3,803	9,825
40 to 49 years	3,496	3,395	6,891
50 to 59 years	2,063	2,973	5,036
60 to 69 years	730	2,506	3,236
Over 70 years	104	781	885
Total	15,983	15,672	31,655

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,565	2,811	4,376
Law firm	3,024	3,379	6,403
Incorporated legal practice	3,030	3,667	6,697
Unincorporated legal practice	946	1,022	1,968
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,245	2,244	5,489
Government	2,174	1,142	3,316
Community Legal Centre	351	151	502
Not employed as a solicitor	1,648	1,256	2,904
Total	15,983	15,672	31,655

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.