

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 JUNE 2017.

| SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Principal of a law practice | 2,605 | 6,332 | 8,937 |
| Employee of a law practice | 7,909 | 5,837 | 13,746 |
| Corporate legal practitioner | 3,457 | 2,444 | 5,901 |
| Government legal practitioner | 2,230 | 1,189 | 3,419 |
| Volunteer | 38 | 14 | 52 |
| Total | 16,239 | 15,816 | 32,055 |

| SOLICITORS BY LOCATION | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| City | 8,110 | 7,349 | 15,459 |
| Suburban (Sydney) | 5,393 | 5,439 | 10,832 |
| Rural | 1,860 | 2,069 | 3,929 |
| Interstate | 128 | 129 | 257 |
| Overseas | 748 | 830 | 1,578 |
| Total | 16,239 | 15,816 | 32,055 |

| SOLICITORS BY AGE | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less than 30 years | 3,577 | 2,198 | 5,775 |
| 30 to 39 years | 6,145 | 3,831 | 9,976 |
| 40 to 49 years | 3,556 | 3,467 | 7,023 |
| 50 to 59 years | 2,084 | 2,968 | 5,052 |
| 60 to 69 years | 767 | 2,524 | 3,291 |
| Over 70 years | 110 | 828 | 938 |
| Total | 16,239 | 15,816 | 32,055 |

| SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sole practitioners | 1,584 | 2,795 | 4,379 |
| Law firm | 3,038 | 3,368 | 6,406 |
| Incorporated legal practice | 3,121 | 3,732 | 6,853 |
| Unincorporated legal practice | 945 | 1,008 | 1,953 |
| Corporate & non-lawyer entity | 3,324 | 2,300 | 5,624 |
| Government | 2,233 | 1,163 | 3,396 |
| Community Legal Centre | 354 | 160 | 514 |
| Not employed as a solicitor | 1,640 | 1,290 | 2,930 |
| Total | 16,239 | 15,816 | 32,055 |

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.