

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 2017.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,618	6,268	8,886
Employee of a law practice	7,672	5,745	13,417
Corporate legal practitioner	3,620	2,499	6,119
Government legal practitioner	2,289	1,179	3,468
Volunteer	39	17	56
Total	16,238	15,708	31,946

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	8,201	7,413	15,614
Suburban (Sydney)	5,353	5,370	10,723
Rural	1,870	2,024	3,894
Interstate	93	109	202
Overseas	721	792	1,513
Total	16,238	15,708	31,946

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,628	2,167	5,795
30 to 39 years	6,021	3,844	9,865
40 to 49 years	3,639	3,435	7,074
50 to 59 years	2,041	2,921	4,962
60 to 69 years	789	2,497	3,286
Over 70 years	120	844	964
Total	16,238	15,708	31,946

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,562	2,734	4,296
Law firm	2,869	3,234	6,103
Incorporated legal practice	3,313	3,874	7,187
Unincorporated legal practice	1,073	1,111	2,184
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,352	2,311	5,663
Government	2,186	1,135	3,321
Community Legal Centre	348	168	516
Not employed as a solicitor	1,535	1,141	2,676
Total	16,238	15,708	31,946

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.