

# 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 2017.

| SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Principal of a law practice                   | 2,534         | 6,126         | 8,660         |
| Employee of a law practice                    | 7,293         | 5,534         | 12,827        |
| Corporate legal practitioner                  | 3,554         | 2,457         | 6,011         |
| Government legal practitioner                 | 2,234         | 1,168         | 3,402         |
| Volunteer                                     | 33            | 15            | 48            |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>15,648</b> | <b>15,300</b> | <b>30,948</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY LOCATION | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| City                   | 7,997         | 7,302         | 15,299        |
| Suburban (Sydney)      | 5,092         | 5,143         | 10,235        |
| Rural                  | 1,792         | 1,988         | 3,780         |
| Interstate             | 74            | 99            | 173           |
| Overseas               | 693           | 768           | 1,461         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>15,648</b> | <b>15,300</b> | <b>30,948</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY AGE  | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less than 30 years | 3,499         | 2,097         | 5,596         |
| 30 to 39 years     | 5,802         | 3,737         | 9,539         |
| 40 to 49 years     | 3,482         | 3,359         | 6,841         |
| 50 to 59 years     | 2,008         | 2,887         | 4,895         |
| 60 to 69 years     | 748           | 2,424         | 3,172         |
| Over 70 years      | 109           | 796           | 905           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>15,648</b> | <b>15,300</b> | <b>30,948</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE       | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sole practitioners            | 1,533         | 2,689         | 4,222         |
| Law firm                      | 2,872         | 3,216         | 6,088         |
| Incorporated legal practice   | 3,162         | 3,782         | 6,944         |
| Unincorporated legal practice | 1,059         | 1,106         | 2,165         |
| Corporate & non-lawyer entity | 3,263         | 2,253         | 5,516         |
| Government                    | 2,121         | 1,113         | 3,234         |
| Community Legal Centre        | 320           | 158           | 478           |
| Not employed as a solicitor   | 1,318         | 983           | 2,301         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>15,648</b> | <b>15,300</b> | <b>30,948</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.