

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 2018.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,709	6,200	8,909
Employee of a law practice	7,658	5,743	13,401
Corporate legal practitioner	3,833	2,565	6,398
Government legal practitioner	2,317	1,190	3,507
Volunteer	41	21	62
Total	16,558	15,719	32,277

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	8,334	7,525	15,859
Suburban (Sydney)	5,435	5,279	10,714
Rural	1,936	2,036	3,972
Interstate	75	100	175
Overseas	778	779	1,557
Total	16,558	15,719	32,277

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,613	2,195	5,808
30 to 39 years	6,072	3,855	9,927
40 to 49 years	3,825	3,466	7,291
50 to 59 years	2,079	2,881	4,960
60 to 69 years	830	2,425	3,255
Over 70 years	139	897	1,036
Total	16,558	15,719	32,277

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,561	2,632	4,193
Law firm	2,873	3,173	6,046
Incorporated legal practice	3,485	4,068	7,553
Unincorporated legal practice	1,128	1,157	2,285
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,544	2,393	5,937
Government	2,207	1,109	3,316
Community Legal Centre	335	161	496
Not employed as a solicitor	1,425	1,026	2,451
Total	16,558	15,719	32,277

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.