

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 2018.

| SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Principal of a law practice | 2,804 | 6,325 | 9,129 |
| Employee of a law practice | 7,991 | 5,985 | 13,976 |
| Corporate legal practitioner | 3,911 | 2,591 | 6,502 |
| Government legal practitioner | 2,370 | 1,204 | 3,574 |
| Volunteer | 43 | 21 | 64 |
| Total | 17,119 | 16,126 | 33,245 |

| SOLICITORS BY LOCATION | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| City | 8,539 | 7,646 | 16,185 |
| Suburban (Sydney) | 5,696 | 5,493 | 11,189 |
| Rural | 1,984 | 2,079 | 4,063 |
| Interstate | 84 | 110 | 194 |
| Overseas | 816 | 798 | 1,614 |
| Total | 17,119 | 16,126 | 33,245 |

| SOLICITORS BY AGE | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less than 30 years | 3,761 | 2,286 | 6,047 |
| 30 to 39 years | 6,261 | 3,968 | 10,229 |
| 40 to 49 years | 3,942 | 3,511 | 7,453 |
| 50 to 59 years | 2,143 | 2,910 | 5,053 |
| 60 to 69 years | 867 | 2,498 | 3,365 |
| Over 70 years | 145 | 953 | 1,098 |
| Total | 17,119 | 16,126 | 33,245 |

| SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE | FEMALE | MALE | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sole practitioners | 1,555 | 2,675 | 4,230 |
| Law firm | 2,914 | 3,213 | 6,127 |
| Incorporated legal practice | 3,551 | 4,118 | 7,669 |
| Unincorporated legal practice | 1,177 | 1,169 | 2,346 |
| Corporate & non-lawyer entity | 3,676 | 2,433 | 6,109 |
| Government | 2,275 | 1,138 | 3,413 |
| Community Legal Centre | 347 | 173 | 520 |
| Not employed as a solicitor | 1,624 | 1,207 | 2,831 |
| Total | 17,119 | 16,126 | 33,245 |

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.