

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 MARCH 2019.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,869	6,400	9,269
Employee of a law practice	8,407	6,199	14,606
Corporate legal practitioner	3,948	2,614	6,562
Government legal practitioner	2,435	1,226	3,661
Volunteer	40	24	64
Total	17,699	16,463	34,162

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	8,712	7,737	16,449
Suburban (Sydney)	5,979	5,654	11,633
Rural	2,054	2,122	4,176
Interstate	103	123	226
Overseas	851	827	1,678
Total	17,699	16,463	34,162

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,945	2,387	6,332
30 to 39 years	6,447	4,057	10,504
40 to 49 years	4,061	3,567	7,628
50 to 59 years	2,194	2,927	5,121
60 to 69 years	899	2,522	3,421
Over 70 years	153	1,003	1,156
Total	17,699	16,463	34,162

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,604	2,711	4,315
Law firm	2,953	3,218	6,171
Incorporated legal practice	3,711	4,244	7,955
Unincorporated legal practice	1,131	1,141	2,272
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,739	2,458	6,197
Government	2,358	1,166	3,524
Community Legal Centre	358	174	532
Not employed as a solicitor	1,845	1,351	3,196
Total	17,699	16,463	34,162

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.