

# 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 JUNE 2019.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,947	6,458	9,405
Employee of a law practice	8,594	6,269	14,863
Corporate legal practitioner	3,970	2,618	6,588
Government legal practitioner	2,459	1,217	3,676
Volunteer	43	25	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,013</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>34,600</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	8,875	7,784	16,659
Suburban (Sydney)	6,010	5,658	11,668
Rural	2,111	2,144	4,255
Interstate	117	125	242
Overseas	900	876	1,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,013</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>34,600</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,942	2,363	6,305
30 to 39 years	6,561	4,093	10,654
40 to 49 years	4,164	3,582	7,746
50 to 59 years	2,263	2,962	5,225
60 to 69 years	917	2,551	3,468
Over 70 years	166	1,036	1,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,013</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>34,600</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,594	2,703	4,297
Law firm	2,995	3,225	6,220
Incorporated legal practice	3,754	4,266	8,020
Unincorporated legal practice	1,127	1,132	2,259
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,827	2,531	6,358
Government	2,461	1,192	3,653
Community Legal Centre	383	175	558
Not employed as a solicitor	1,872	1,363	3,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,013</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>34,600</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.