

# 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 2019.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,891	6,243	9,134
Employee of a law practice	8,069	6,111	14,180
Corporate legal practitioner	4,158	2,706	6,864
Government legal practitioner	2,534	1,230	3,764
Volunteer	43	21	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>16,311</b>	<b>34,006</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	8,918	7,822	16,740
Suburban (Sydney)	5,772	5,488	11,260
Rural	2,065	2,059	4,124
Interstate	83	94	177
Overseas	857	848	1,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>16,311</b>	<b>34,006</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,925	2,362	6,287
30 to 39 years	6,348	4,060	10,408
40 to 49 years	4,121	3,501	7,622
50 to 59 years	2,244	2,917	5,161
60 to 69 years	898	2,460	3,358
Over 70 years	159	1,011	1,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>16,311</b>	<b>34,006</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,543	2,618	4,161
Law firm	2,988	3,168	6,156
Incorporated legal practice	3,906	4,424	8,330
Unincorporated legal practice	1,150	1,136	2,286
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,825	2,524	6,349
Government	2,431	1,165	3,596
Community Legal Centre	361	175	536
Not employed as a solicitor	1,491	1,101	2,592
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>16,311</b>	<b>34,006</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.