

PRACTISING SOLICITOR STATISTICS



THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE SOLICITORS HOLDING PRACTISING CERTIFICATES IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	2,944	6,373	9,317
Employee of a law practice	8,373	6,258	14,631
Corporate legal practitioner	4,195	2,725	6,920
Government legal practitioner	2,564	1,233	3,797
Volunteer	43	24	67
Total	18,119	16,613	34,732

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,017	7,911	16,928
Suburban (Sydney)	6,010	5,642	11,652
Rural	2,109	2,076	4,185
Interstate	95	110	205
Overseas	888	874	1,762
Total	18,119	16,613	34,732

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,968	2,365	6,333
30 to 39 years	6,507	4,187	10,694
40 to 49 years	4,246	3,538	7,784
50 to 59 years	2,293	2,958	5,251
60 to 69 years	932	2,497	3,429
Over 70 years	173	1,068	1,241
Total	18,119	16,613	34,732

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,528	2,641	4,169
Law firm	3,004	3,183	6,187
Incorporated legal practice	3,931	4,489	8,420
Unincorporated legal practice	1,158	1,156	2,314
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,897	2,549	6,446
Government	2,466	1,189	3,655
Community Legal Centre	369	179	548
Not employed as a solicitor	1,766	1,227	2,993
Total	18,119	16,613	34,732

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.