

# PRACTISING SOLICITOR STATISTICS



THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE SOLICITORS HOLDING PRACTISING CERTIFICATES IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AS AT 31 MARCH 2020.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,011	6,450	9,461
Employee of a law practice	8,777	6,482	15,259
Corporate legal practitioner	4,249	2,753	7,002
Government legal practitioner	2,636	1,252	3,888
Volunteer	46	24	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,719</b>	<b>16,961</b>	<b>35,680</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,220	8,023	17,243
Suburban (Sydney)	6,276	5,777	12,053
Rural	2,204	2,133	4,337
Interstate	108	126	234
Overseas	911	902	1,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,719</b>	<b>16,691</b>	<b>35,680</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,107	2,434	6,541
30 to 39 years	6,707	4,299	11,006
40 to 49 years	4,394	3,594	7,988
50 to 59 years	2,356	2,977	5,333
60 to 69 years	969	2,547	3,516
Over 70 years	186	1,110	1,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,719</b>	<b>16,961</b>	<b>35,680</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,535	2,642	4,177
Law firm	3,059	3,223	6,282
Incorporated legal practice	4,052	4,565	8,617
Unincorporated legal practice	1,200	1,202	2,402
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,972	2,568	6,540
Government	2,551	1,218	3,769
Community Legal Centre	385	187	572
Not employed as a solicitor	1,965	1,356	3,321
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,719</b>	<b>16,961</b>	<b>35,680</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.