

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 2020.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,087	6,511	9,598
Employee of a law practice	8,931	6,573	15,504
Corporate legal practitioner	4,259	2,736	6,995
Government legal practitioner	2,635	1,244	3,879
Volunteer	45	25	70
Total	18,957	17,089	36,046

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,271	8,008	17,279
Suburban (Sydney)	6,389	5,849	12,238
Rural	2,228	2,167	4,395
Interstate	140	143	283
Overseas	929	922	1,851
Total	18,957	17,089	36,046

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,036	2,384	6,420
30 to 39 years	6,819	4,372	11,191
40 to 49 years	4,507	3,613	8,120
50 to 59 years	2,397	2,987	5,384
60 to 69 years	1,004	2,562	3,566
Over 70 years	194	1,171	1,365
Total	18,957	17,089	36,046

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,528	2,656	4,184
Law firm	3,065	3,217	6,282
Incorporated legal practice	4,094	4,597	8,691
Unincorporated legal practice	1,198	1,186	2,384
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,063	2,585	6,648
Government	2,599	1,234	3,833
Community Legal Centre	387	187	574
Not employed as a solicitor	2,023	1,427	3,450
Total	18,957	17,089	36,046

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.