

PRACTISING SOLICITOR STATISTICS



THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE SOLICITORS HOLDING PRACTISING CERTIFICATES IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,000	6,218	9,218
Employee of a law practice	8,425	6,334	14,759
Corporate legal practitioner	4,404	2,822	7,226
Government legal practitioner	2,714	1,305	4,019
Volunteer	43	20	63
Total	18,586	16,699	35,285

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,229	7,947	17,176
Suburban (Sydney)	6,203	5,695	11,898
Rural	2,166	2,104	4,270
Interstate	109	104	213
Overseas	879	849	1,728
Total	18,586	16,699	35,285

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	3,940	2,322	6,262
30 to 39 years	6,637	4,300	10,937
40 to 49 years	4,465	3,525	7,990
50 to 59 years	2,378	2,946	5,324
60 to 69 years	975	2,469	3,444
Over 70 years	191	1,137	1,328
Total	18,586	16,699	35,285

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,511	2,593	4,104
Law firm	3,063	3,146	6,209
Incorporated legal practice	4,147	4,578	8,725
Unincorporated legal practice	1,204	1,181	2,385
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	3,969	2,552	6,521
Government	2,561	1,228	3,789
Community Legal Centre	369	175	544
Not employed as a solicitor	1,762	1,246	3,008
Total	18,586	16,699	35,285

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.