

# 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 2020.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,111	6,393	9,504
Employee of a law practice	8,850	6,559	15,409
Corporate legal practitioner	4,474	2,854	7,328
Government legal practitioner	2,763	1,327	4,090
Volunteer	43	26	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,241</b>	<b>17,159</b>	<b>36,400</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,456	8,132	17,588
Suburban (Sydney)	6,491	5,891	12,382
Rural	2,255	2,138	4,393
Interstate	129	118	247
Overseas	910	880	1,790
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,241</b>	<b>17,159</b>	<b>36,400</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,133	2,407	6,540
30 to 39 years	6,830	4,439	11,269
40 to 49 years	4,606	3,586	8,192
50 to 59 years	2,456	3,005	5,461
60 to 69 years	1,011	2,518	3,529
Over 70 years	205	1,204	1,409
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,241</b>	<b>17,159</b>	<b>36,400</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,538	2,611	4,149
Law firm	3,099	3,190	6,289
Incorporated legal practice	4,284	4,720	9,004
Unincorporated legal practice	1,246	1,198	2,444
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,062	2,601	6,663
Government	2,634	1,256	3,890
Community Legal Centre	392	191	583
Not employed as a solicitor	1,986	1,392	3,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,241</b>	<b>17,159</b>	<b>36,400</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.