

# 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 31 MARCH 2021.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,203	6,488	9,691
Employee of a law practice	9,188	6,741	15,929
Corporate legal practitioner	4,491	2,856	7,347
Government legal practitioner	2,815	1,333	4,148
Volunteer	63	32	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>37,210</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,643	8,218	17,861
Suburban (Sydney)	6,728	6,030	12,758
Rural	2,324	2,182	4,506
Interstate	144	128	272
Overseas	921	892	1,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>37,210</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,258	2,465	6,723
30 to 39 years	6,990	4,533	11,523
40 to 49 years	4,736	3,593	8,329
50 to 59 years	2,520	3,053	5,573
60 to 69 years	1,037	2,552	3,589
Over 70 years	219	1,254	1,473
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>37,210</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,556	2,625	4,181
Law firm	3,146	3,231	6,377
Incorporated legal practice	4,441	4,798	9,239
Unincorporated legal practice	1,264	1,221	2,485
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,098	2,617	6,715
Government	2,713	1,272	3,985
Community Legal Centre	404	200	604
Not employed as a solicitor	2,138	1,486	3,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>37,210</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.