

PRACTISING SOLICITOR STATISTICS



THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE SOLICITORS HOLDING PRACTISING CERTIFICATES IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AS AT 30 JUNE 2021.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,278	6,586	9,864
Employee of a law practice	9,517	6,861	16,378
Corporate legal practitioner	4,514	2,866	7,380
Government legal practitioner	2,824	1,337	4,161
Volunteer	62	32	94
Total	20,195	17,682	37,877

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,850	8,310	18,160
Suburban (Sydney)	6,848	6,095	12,943
Rural	2,401	2,222	4,623
Interstate	163	141	304
Overseas	933	914	1,847
Total	20,195	17,682	37,877

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,286	2,453	6,739
30 to 39 years	7,157	4,636	11,793
40 to 49 years	4,859	3,605	8,464
50 to 59 years	2,578	3,092	5,670
60 to 69 years	1,091	2,599	3,690
Over 70 years	224	1,297	1,521
Total	20,195	17,682	37,877

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,554	2,631	4,185
Law firm	3,162	3,228	6,390
Incorporated legal practice	4,574	4,860	9,434
Unincorporated legal practice	1,285	1,244	2,529
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,186	2,697	6,883
Government	2,760	1,286	4,046
Community Legal Centre	418	198	616
Not employed as a solicitor	2,256	1,538	3,794
Total	20,195	17,682	37,877

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.