

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 2021.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,206	6,329	9,535
Employee of a law practice	9,031	6,530	15,561
Corporate legal practitioner	4,581	2,901	7,482
Government legal practitioner	2,859	1,354	4,213
Volunteer	52	22	74
Total	19,729	17,136	36,865

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,868	8,240	18,108
Suburban (Sydney)	6,525	5,771	12,296
Rural	2,329	2,119	4,448
Interstate	130	130	260
Overseas	877	876	1,753
Total	19,729	17,136	36,865

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,233	2,389	6,622
30 to 39 years	6,892	4,499	11,391
40 to 49 years	4,796	3,539	8,335
50 to 59 years	2,544	3,007	5,551
60 to 69 years	1,052	2,467	3,519
Over 70 years	212	1,235	1,447
Total	19,729	17,136	36,865

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,508	2,490	3,998
Law firm	3,170	3,185	6,355
Incorporated legal practice	4,673	4,845	9,518
Unincorporated legal practice	1,310	1,247	2,557
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,106	2,648	6,754
Government	2,683	1,269	3,952
Community Legal Centre	403	182	585
Not employed as a solicitor	1,876	1,270	3,146
Total	19,729	17,136	36,865

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.