

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 2021.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,300	6,447	9,747
Employee of a law practice	9,316	6,697	16,013
Corporate legal practitioner	4,636	2,906	7,542
Government legal practitioner	2,883	1,364	4,247
Volunteer	51	23	74
Total	20,186	17,437	37,623

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	9,972	8,312	18,284
Suburban (Sydney)	6,786	5,946	12,732
Rural	2,395	2,147	4,542
Interstate	138	139	277
Overseas	895	893	1,788
Total	20,186	17,437	37,623

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,275	2,371	6,646
30 to 39 years	7,035	4,621	11,656
40 to 49 years	4,957	3,584	8,541
50 to 59 years	2,603	3,046	5,649
60 to 69 years	1,092	2,535	3,627
Over 70 years	224	1,280	1,504
Total	20,186	17,437	37,623

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,526	2,515	4,041
Law firm	3,141	3,186	6,327
Incorporated legal practice	4,694	4,949	9,643
Unincorporated legal practice	1,330	1,235	2,565
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,203	2,679	6,882
Government	2,735	1,286	4,021
Community Legal Centre	413	184	597
Not employed as a solicitor	2,144	1,403	3,547
Total	20,186	17,437	37,623

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.