

# 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 2022.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,389	6,537	9,926
Employee of a law practice	9,667	6,903	16,570
Corporate legal practitioner	4,676	2,908	7,584
Government legal practitioner	2,933	1,365	4,298
Volunteer	53	24	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,718</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>38,455</b>

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	10,200	8,400	18,600
Suburban (Sydney)	6,975	6,092	13,067
Rural	2,472	2,181	4,653
Interstate	160	152	312
Overseas	911	912	1,823
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,718</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>38,455</b>

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,375	2,436	6,811
30 to 39 years	7,219	4,712	11,931
40 to 49 years	5,076	3,608	8,684
50 to 59 years	2,670	3,072	5,742
60 to 69 years	1,140	2,579	3,719
Over 70 years	238	1,330	1,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,718</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>38,455</b>

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,555	2,514	4,069
Law firm	3,195	3,235	6,430
Incorporated legal practice	4,805	5,032	9,837
Unincorporated legal practice	1,367	1,238	2,605
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,291	2,715	7,006
Government	2,807	1,286	4,093
Community Legal Centre	421	184	605
Not employed as a solicitor	2,277	1,533	3,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,718</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>38,455</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.