

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 2023.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,616	6,606	10,222
Employee of a law practice	10,477	7,324	17,801
Corporate legal practitioner	5,014	3,073	8,087
Government legal practitioner	3,182	1,371	4,553
Volunteer	46	36	82
Total	22,335	18,410	40,745

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	11,092	8,778	19,870
Suburban (Sydney)	7,335	6,209	13,544
Rural	2,588	2,203	4,791
Interstate	245	198	443
Overseas	1,075	1,022	2,097
Total	22,335	18,410	40,745

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,722	2,557	7,279
30 to 39 years	7,673	4,899	12,572
40 to 49 years	5,509	3,729	9,238
50 to 59 years	2,854	3,143	5,997
60 to 69 years	1,289	2,572	3,861
Over 70 years	288	1,510	1,798
Total	22,335	18,410	40,745

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,497	2,389	3,886
Law firm	3,505	3,367	6,872
Incorporated legal practice	5,231	5,303	10,534
Unincorporated legal practice	1,505	1,293	2,798
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,678	2,894	7,572
Government	3,116	1,355	4,471
Community Legal Centre	447	202	649
Not employed as a solicitor	2,356	1,607	3,963
Total	22,335	18,410	40,745

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.