

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 2025.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,851	6,634	10,485
Employee of a law practice	11,580	7,754	19,334
Corporate legal practitioner	5,472	3,270	8,742
Government legal practitioner	3,474	1,495	4,969
Volunteer	58	32	90
Total	24,435	19,185	43,620

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	12,156	9,118	21,274
Suburban (Sydney)	8,037	6,550	14,587
Rural	2,721	2,176	4,897
Interstate	315	218	533
Overseas	1,206	1,123	2,329
Total	24,435	19,185	43,620

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	5,071	2,583	7,654
30 to 39 years	8,391	5,281	13,672
40 to 49 years	5,975	3,889	9,864
50 to 59 years	3,209	3,292	6,501
60 to 69 years	1,436	2,477	3,913
Over 70 years	353	1,663	2,016
Total	24,435	19,185	43,620

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,374	2,254	3,628
Law firm	3,830	3,427	7,257
Incorporated legal practice	6,195	5,826	12,021
Unincorporated legal practice	1,454	1,202	2,656
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	5,101	3,092	8,193
Government	3,427	1,460	4,887
Community Legal Centre	528	229	757
Not employed as a solicitor	2,526	1,695	4,221
Total	24,435	19,185	43,620

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.