

# 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 2026.

| SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Principal of a law practice                   | 4,037         | 6,690         | 10,727        |
| Employee of a law practice                    | 12,213        | 7,927         | 20,140        |
| Corporate legal practitioner                  | 5,691         | 3,351         | 9,042         |
| Government legal practitioner                 | 3,652         | 1,553         | 5,205         |
| Volunteer                                     | 60            | 34            | 94            |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>25,653</b> | <b>19,555</b> | <b>45,208</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY LOCATION | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| City                   | 12,638        | 9,234         | 21,872        |
| Suburban (Sydney)      | 8,287         | 6,548         | 14,835        |
| Rural                  | 2,946         | 2,222         | 5,168         |
| Interstate             | 538           | 358           | 896           |
| Overseas               | 1,244         | 1,193         | 2,437         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>25,653</b> | <b>19,555</b> | <b>45,208</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY AGE  | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less than 30 years | 5,341         | 2,609         | 7,950         |
| 30 to 39 years     | 8,773         | 5,439         | 14,212        |
| 40 to 49 years     | 6,234         | 3,993         | 10,227        |
| 50 to 59 years     | 3,450         | 3,381         | 6,831         |
| 60 to 69 years     | 1,472         | 2,443         | 3,915         |
| Over 70 years      | 383           | 1,690         | 2,073         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>25,653</b> | <b>19,555</b> | <b>45,208</b> |

| SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE       | FEMALE        | MALE          | TOTAL         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sole practitioners            | 1,363         | 2,175         | 3,538         |
| Law firm                      | 3,874         | 3,338         | 7,212         |
| Incorporated legal practice   | 6,738         | 6,136         | 12,874        |
| Unincorporated legal practice | 1,682         | 1,325         | 3,007         |
| Corporate & non-lawyer entity | 5,317         | 3,144         | 8,461         |
| Government                    | 3,625         | 1,522         | 5,147         |
| Community Legal Centre        | 533           | 232           | 765           |
| Not employed as a solicitor   | 2,521         | 1,683         | 4,204         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>25,653</b> | <b>19,555</b> | <b>45,208</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.