

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 2024.

SOLICITORS BY PRACTISING CERTIFICATE CATEGORY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Principal of a law practice	3,747	6,602	10,349
Employee of a law practice	10,968	7,517	18,485
Corporate legal practitioner	5,278	3,223	8,501
Government legal practitioner	3,340	1,460	4,800
Volunteer	51	42	93
Total	23,384	18,844	42,228

SOLICITORS BY LOCATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
City	11,531	8,951	20,482
Suburban (Sydney)	7,785	6,443	14,228
Rural	2,614	2,181	4,795
Interstate	288	208	496
Overseas	1,166	1,061	2,227
Total	23,384	18,844	42,228

SOLICITORS BY AGE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Less than 30 years	4,870	2,563	7,433
30 to 39 years	8,010	5,087	13,097
40 to 49 years	5,751	3,838	9,589
50 to 59 years	3,054	3,224	6,278
60 to 69 years	1,378	2,543	3,921
Over 70 years	321	1,589	1,910
Total	23,384	18,844	42,228

SOLICITORS BY FIRM TYPE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Sole practitioners	1,454	2,348	3,802
Law firm	3,708	3,431	7,139
Incorporated legal practice	5,629	5,553	11,182
Unincorporated legal practice	1,438	1,212	2,650
Corporate & non-lawyer entity	4,939	2,999	7,938
Government	3,258	1,418	4,676
Community Legal Centre	503	222	725
Not employed as a solicitor	2,455	1,661	4,116
Total	23,384	18,844	42,228

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.