

## Breakdown of solicitor firms

As well as regulating solicitors we also regulate solicitors' firms. These can range from sole practitioners to huge firms with a global presence and thousands of lawyers.

The chart below shows a breakdown of Recognised Sole Practices, Recognised Bodies and Licensed Bodies (also known as an Alternative Business Structure) as at the end of January 2025. The numbers are based on a count of head offices with current Recognised Sole Practice, Recognised Body or Licensed Body status.

Note that due to the time taken to process firm openings and closures, formed and closure dates can be back dated and therefore figures reported are subject to change.

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Sole Practitioner</b>	<b>Partnership</b>	<b>Incorporated Company</b>	<b>LLP</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>February 2025</b>	1,459 (16%)	1,012 (11%)	5,219 (57%)	1,459 (16%)	29 (0%)	9,178
<b>January 2025</b>	1,462 (16%)	1,014 (11%)	5,212 (57%)	1,459 (16%)	29 (0%)	9,176
<b>December 2024</b>	1,468 (16%)	1,024 (11%)	5,201 (57%)	1,457 (16%)	29 (0%)	9,179
<b>November 2024</b>	1,473 (16%)	1,025 (11%)	5,197 (57%)	1,458 (16%)	29 (0%)	9,182
<b>October 2024</b>	1,484 (16%)	1,032 (11%)	5,194 (56%)	1,458 (16%)	29 (0%)	9,197
<b>September 2024</b>	1,500 (16%)	1,044 (11%)	5,232 (56%)	1,463 (16%)	30 (0%)	9,269
<b>August 2024</b>	1,519 (16%)	1,053 (11%)	5,226 (56%)	1,461 (16%)	30 (0%)	9,289
<b>July 2024</b>	1,525 (16%)	1,061 (11%)	5,221 (56%)	1,463 (16%)	31 (0%)	9,301
<b>June 2024</b>	1,531 (16%)	1,068 (11%)	5,197 (56%)	1,462 (16%)	31 (0%)	9,289
<b>May 2024</b>	1,534 (17%)	1,069 (12%)	5,197 (56%)	1,456 (16%)	31 (0%)	9,287
<b>April 2024</b>	1,539 (17%)	1,071 (12%)	5,195 (56%)	1,454 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,291
<b>March 2024</b>	1,553 (17%)	1,083 (12%)	5,198 (56%)	1,452 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,318
<b>February 2024</b>	1,561 (17%)	1,091 (12%)	5,194 (56%)	1,456 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,334
<b>January 2024</b>	1,572 (17%)	1,093 (12%)	5,186 (56%)	1,456 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,339
<b>December 2023</b>	1,576 (17%)	1,099 (12%)	5,174 (55%)	1,460 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,341
<b>November 2023</b>	1,588 (17%)	1,108 (12%)	5,174 (55%)	1,467 (16%)	32 (0%)	9,369

<b>October 2023</b>	1,590 (17%)	1,113 (12%)	5,176 (55%)	1,466 32 (16%) (0%)	9,377
<b>September 2023</b>	1,614 (17%)	1,123 (12%)	5,183 (55%)	1,472 33 (16%) (0%)	9,425
<b>August 2023</b>	1,635 (17%)	1,133 (12%)	5,185 (55%)	1,478 34 (16%) (0%)	9,465
<b>July 2023</b>	1,638 (17%)	1,143 (12%)	5,175 (55%)	1,481 34 (16%) (0%)	9,471
<b>June 2023</b>	1,647 (17%)	1,151 (12%)	5,183 (55%)	1,479 34 (16%) (0%)	9,494
<b>May 2023</b>	1,649 (17%)	1,164 (12%)	5,171 (54%)	1,480 34 (16%) (0%)	9,498
<b>April 2023</b>	1,655 (17%)	1,167 (12%)	5,164 (54%)	1,480 34 (16%) (0%)	9,500
<b>March 2023</b>	1,666 (17%)	1,180 (12%)	5,168 (54%)	1,481 33 (16%) (0%)	9,528
<b>February 2023</b>	1,671 (17%)	1,188 (12%)	5,169 (54%)	1,489 33 (16%) (0%)	9,550
<b>January 2023</b>	1,685 (18%)	1,194 (12%)	5,164 (54%)	1,487 33 (16%) (0%)	9,563
<b>December 2022</b>	1,704 (18%)	1,207 (13%)	5,180 (54%)	1,497 34 (16%) (0%)	9,622
<b>November 2022</b>	1,723 (18%)	1,215 (13%)	5,171 (54%)	1,495 34 (16%) (0%)	9,623
<b>October 2022</b>	1,716 (18%)	1,227 (13%)	5,161 (54%)	1,498 34 (16%) (0%)	9,636
<b>September 2022</b>	1,755 (18%)	1,256 (13%)	5,170 (53%)	1,505 35 (15%) (0%)	9,721
<b>August 2022</b>	1,768 (18%)	1,260 (13%)	5,160 (53%)	1,501 35 (15%) (0%)	9,724
<b>July 2022</b>	1,777 (18%)	1,265 (13%)	5,157 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,731
<b>June 2022</b>	1,788 (18%)	1,278 (13%)	5,147 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,745
<b>May 2022</b>	1,801 (18%)	1,288 (13%)	5,137 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,758
<b>April 2022</b>	1,806 (19%)	1,297 (13%)	5,137 (53%)	1,495 35 (15%) (0%)	9,770
<b>March 2022</b>	1,816 (19%)	1,306 (13%)	5,157 (53%)	1,499 35 (15%) (0%)	9,813
<b>February 2022</b>	1,825 (19%)	1,315 (13%)	5,118 (52%)	1,489 35 (15%) (0%)	9,782
<b>January 2022</b>	1,834 (19%)	1,322 (14%)	5,108 (52%)	1,494 34 (15%) (0%)	9,792
<b>December 2021</b>	1,849 (19%)	1,337 (14%)	5,096 (52%)	1,493 34 (15%) (0%)	9,809
<b>November 2021</b>	1,859 (19%)	1,348 (14%)	5,090 (52%)	1,495 34 (15%) (0%)	9,826

<b>October 2021</b>	1,878 (19%)	1,352 (14%)	5,093 (52%)	1,503 34 (15%) (0%)	9,860
<b>September 2021</b>	1,921 (19%)	1,366 (14%)	5,115 (51%)	1,508 33 (15%) (0%)	9,943
<b>August 2021</b>	1,933 (19%)	1,378 (14%)	5,100 (51%)	1,506 33 (15%) (0%)	9,950
<b>July 2021</b>	1,940 (20%)	1,384 (14%)	5,085 (51%)	1,501 33 (15%) (0%)	9,943
<b>June 2021</b>	1,952 (20%)	1,388 (14%)	5,080 (51%)	1,505 33 (15%) (0%)	9,958
<b>May 2021</b>	1,966 (20%)	1,401 (14%)	5,067 (51%)	1,506 34 (15%) (0%)	9,974
<b>April 2021</b>	1,973 (20%)	1,411 (14%)	5,042 (51%)	1,504 34 (15%) (0%)	9,964
<b>March 2021</b>	1,986 (20%)	1,431 (14%)	5,052 (50%)	1,509 33 (15%) (0%)	10,011
<b>February 2021</b>	2,006 (20%)	1,444 (14%)	5,049 (50%)	1,509 34 (15%) (0%)	10,042
<b>January 2021</b>	2,021 (20%)	1,450 (14%)	5,042 (50%)	1,514 34 (15%) (0%)	10,061
<b>December 2020</b>	2,027 (20%)	1,455 (14%)	5,021 (50%)	1,518 35 (15%) (0%)	10,056
<b>November 2020</b>	2,036 (20%)	1,460 (14%)	5,021 (50%)	1,521 35 (15%) (0%)	10,073
<b>October 2020</b>	2,060 (20%)	1,470 (15%)	5,015 (50%)	1,526 36 (15%) (0%)	10,107
<b>September 2020</b>	2,073 (20%)	1,477 (15%)	5,018 (50%)	1,530 37 (15%) (0%)	10,135
<b>August 2020</b>	2,101 (21%)	1,490 (15%)	4,972 (49%)	1,526 37 (15%) (0%)	10,126
<b>July 2020</b>	2,114 (21%)	1,499 (15%)	4,955 (49%)	1,527 37 (15%) (0%)	10,132
<b>June 2020</b>	2,118 (21%)	1,495 (15%)	4,971 (49%)	1,531 37 (15%) (0%)	10,152
<b>May 2020</b>	2,125 (21%)	1,505 (15%)	4,968 (49%)	1,535 38 (15%) (0%)	10,171
<b>April 2020</b>	2,132 (21%)	1,511 (15%)	4,968 (49%)	1,533 38 (15%) (0%)	10,182
<b>March 2020</b>	2,143 (21%)	1,528 (15%)	4,960 (49%)	1,537 37 (15%) (0%)	10,205
<b>February 2020</b>	2,159 (21%)	1,534 (15%)	4,952 (48%)	1,534 38 (15%) (0%)	10,218
<b>January 2020</b>	2,162 (21%)	1,546 (15%)	4,950 (48%)	1,537 38 (15%) (0%)	10,233
<b>December 2019</b>	2,189 (21%)	1,566 (15%)	4,949 (48%)	1,536 38 (15%) (0%)	10,278
<b>November 2019</b>	2,198 (21%)	1,571 (15%)	4,951 (48%)	1,543 38 (15%) (0%)	10,301

<b>October 2019</b>	2,217 (21%)	1,584 (15%)	4,952 (48%)	1,549 39 (15%) (0%)	10,341
<b>September 2019</b>	2,245 (22%)	1,597 (15%)	4,945 (48%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,376
<b>August 2019</b>	2,266 (22%)	1,599 (15%)	4,927 (48%)	1,551 40 (15%) (0%)	10,383
<b>July 2019</b>	2,277 (22%)	1,612 (16%)	4,907 (47%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,385
<b>May 2019</b>	2,297 (22%)	1,635 (16%)	4,873 (47%)	1,558 37 (15%) (0%)	10,400
<b>April 2019</b>	2,316 (22%)	1,637 (16%)	4,846 (47%)	1,562 38 (15%) (0%)	10,399
<b>March 2019</b>	2,322 (22%)	1,647 (16%)	4,826 (46%)	1,553 38 (15%) (0%)	10,386
<b>February 2019</b>	2,325 (22%)	1,649 (16%)	4,828 (46%)	1,544 38 (15%) (0%)	10,384
<b>January 2019</b>	2,341 (23%)	1,651 (16%)	4,812 (46%)	1,542 37 (15%) (0%)	10,383
<b>November 2018</b>	2,347 (23%)	1,661 (16%)	4,797 (46%)	1,538 38 (15%) (0%)	10,381
<b>October 2018</b>	2,367 (23%)	1,673 (16%)	4,788 (46%)	1,542 37 (15%) (0%)	10,407
<b>September 2018</b>	2,392 (23%)	1,696 (16%)	4,780 (46%)	1,551 37 (15%) (0%)	10,456
<b>August 2018</b>	2,413 (23%)	1,708 (16%)	4,745 (45%)	1,552 39 (15%) (0%)	10,457
<b>July 2018</b>	2,405 (23%)	1,714 (16%)	4,710 (45%)	1,546 40 (15%) (0%)	10,415
<b>June 2018</b>	2,415 (23%)	1,719 (17%)	4,677 (45%)	1,543 40 (15%) (0%)	10,394
<b>May 2018</b>	2,421 (23%)	1,725 (17%)	4,665 (45%)	1,544 38 (15%) (0%)	10,393
<b>April 2018</b>	2,420 (23%)	1,739 (17%)	4,641 (45%)	1,546 39 (15%) (0%)	10,385
<b>March 2018</b>	2,434 (23%)	1,759 (17%)	4,632 (44%)	1,550 39 (15%) (0%)	10,414
<b>February 2018</b>	2,433 (23%)	1,763 (17%)	4,626 (44%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,411
<b>January 2018</b>	2,451 (24%)	1,769 (17%)	4,600 (44%)	1,557 38 (15%) (0%)	10,415
<b>December 2017</b>	2,462 (24%)	1,777 (17%)	4,580 (44%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,408
<b>November 2017</b>	2,476 (24%)	1,785 (17%)	4,562 (44%)	1,553 38 (15%) (0%)	10,414
<b>October 2017</b>	2,489 (24%)	1,799 (17%)	4,537 (44%)	1,557 38 (15%) (0%)	10,420
<b>September 2017</b>	2,534 (24%)	1,827 (17%)	4,545 (43%)	1,561 39 (15%) (0%)	10,506

<b>August 2017</b>	2,545 (24%)	1,831 (17%)	4,523 (43%)	1,560 38 (15%) (0%)	10,497
<b>July 2017</b>	2,549 (24%)	1,841 (18%)	4,482 (43%)	1,559 40 (15%) (0%)	10,471
<b>June 2017</b>	2,557 (24%)	1,862 (18%)	4,444 (42%)	1,565 40 (15%) (0%)	10,468
<b>May 2017</b>	2,553 (24%)	1,878 (18%)	4,419 (42%)	1,567 41 (15%) (0%)	10,458
<b>April 2017</b>	2,558 (25%)	1,898 (18%)	4,366 (42%)	1,562 41 (15%) (0%)	10,425
<b>March 2017</b>	2,573 (25%)	1,915 (18%)	4,328 (42%)	1,556 41 (15%) (0%)	10,413
<b>February 2017</b>	2,582 (25%)	1,921 (18%)	4,290 (41%)	1,552 42 (15%) (0%)	10,387
<b>January 2017</b>	2,591 (25%)	1,930 (19%)	4,260 (41%)	1,549 40 (15%) (0%)	10,370
<b>December 2016</b>	2,597 (25%)	1,947 (19%)	4,215 (41%)	1,551 44 (15%) (0%)	10,354
<b>November 2016</b>	2,610 (25%)	1,959 (19%)	4,225 (41%)	1,554 45 (15%) (0%)	10,393
<b>October 2016</b>	2,627 (25%)	1,978 (19%)	4,205 (40%)	1,559 46 (15%) (0%)	10,415
<b>September 2016</b>	2,663 (25%)	2,004 (19%)	4,203 (40%)	1,568 45 (15%) (0%)	10,483
<b>August 2016</b>	2,681 (26%)	2,032 (19%)	4,178 (40%)	1,574 45 (15%) (0%)	10,510
<b>July 2016</b>	2,687 (26%)	2,046 (20%)	4,133 (39%)	1,570 46 (15%) (0%)	10,482
<b>June 2016</b>	2,693 (26%)	2,047 (20%)	4,133 (40%)	1,570 46 (15%) (0%)	10,489
<b>May 2016</b>	2,705 (26%)	2,076 (20%)	4,039 (39%)	1,562 47 (15%) (0%)	10,429
<b>April 2016</b>	2,703 (26%)	2,107 (20%)	3,986 (38%)	1,558 53 (15%) (1%)	10,407
<b>March 2016</b>	2,710 (26%)	2,123 (20%)	3,931 (38%)	1,550 51 (15%) (0%)	10,365
<b>February 2016</b>	2,704 (26%)	2,133 (21%)	3,900 (38%)	1,545 48 (15%) (0%)	10,330
<b>January 2016</b>	2,704 (26%)	2,144 (21%)	3,859 (37%)	1,545 42 (15%) (0%)	10,294
<b>December 2015</b>	2,714 (26%)	2,163 (21%)	3,842 (37%)	1,545 42 (15%) (0%)	10,306
<b>November 2015</b>	2,709 (26%)	2,180 (21%)	3,824 (37%)	1,543 42 (15%) (0%)	10,298
<b>October 2015</b>	2,725 (26%)	2,203 (21%)	3,813 (37%)	1,550 45 (15%) (0%)	10,336
<b>September 2015</b>	2,748 (26%)	2,217 (21%)	3,813 (37%)	1,550 45 (15%) (0%)	10,373

<b>August 2015</b>	2,793 (27%)	2,253 (22%)	3,788 (36%)	1,564 46 (15%) (0%)	10,444
<b>July 2015</b>	2,796 (27%)	2,278 (22%)	3,729 (36%)	1,563 46 (15%) (0%)	10,412
<b>June 2015</b>	2,803 (27%)	2,307 (22%)	3,677 (35%)	1,561 46 (15%) (0%)	10,394
<b>May 2015</b>	2,798 (27%)	2,328 (22%)	3,634 (35%)	1,557 47 (15%) (0%)	10,364
<b>April 2015</b>	2,798 (27%)	2,345 (23%)	3,601 (35%)	1,557 47 (15%) (0%)	10,348
<b>March 2015</b>	2,789 (27%)	2,354 (23%)	3,567 (35%)	1,560 46 (15%) (0%)	10,316
<b>February 2015</b>	2,793 (27%)	2,367 (23%)	3,547 (34%)	1,564 48 (15%) (0%)	10,319
<b>January 2015</b>	2,801 (27%)	2,373 (23%)	3,527 (34%)	1,561 50 (15%) (0%)	10,312
<b>December 2014</b>	2,809 (27%)	2,386 (23%)	3,501 (34%)	1,566 62 (15%) (1%)	10,324
<b>November 2014</b>	2,811 (27%)	2,402 (23%)	3,503 (34%)	1,571 73 (15%) (1%)	10,360
<b>October 2014</b>	2,856 (27%)	2,419 (23%)	3,509 (34%)	1,577 83 (15%) (1%)	10,444
<b>September 2014</b>	2,911 (28%)	2,453 (23%)	3,498 (33%)	1,589 81 (15%) (1%)	10,532
<b>August 2014</b>	2,935 (28%)	2,477 (23%)	3,492 (33%)	1,593 96 (15%) (1%)	10,593
<b>July 2014</b>	2,937 (28%)	2,502 (24%)	3,462 (33%)	1,591 100 (15%) (1%)	10,592
<b>June 2014</b>	2,941 (28%)	2,508 (24%)	3,424 (32%)	1,589 109 (15%) (1%)	10,571
<b>May 2014</b>	2,938 (28%)	2,508 (24%)	3,391 (32%)	1,585 97 (15%) (1%)	10,519
<b>April 2014</b>	2,947 (28%)	2,540 (24%)	3,363 (32%)	1,590 106 (15%) (1%)	10,546
<b>March 2014</b>	2,961 (28%)	2,570 (24%)	3,327 (31%)	1,606 126 (15%) (1%)	10,590
<b>February 2014</b>	2,967 (28%)	2,576 (24%)	3,301 (31%)	1,593 117 (15%) (1%)	10,554
<b>January 2014</b>	2,978 (28%)	2,606 (25%)	3,284 (31%)	1,591 130 (15%) (1%)	10,589
<b>December 2013</b>	3,056 (29%)	2,633 (25%)	3,219 (30%)	1,594 141 (15%) (1%)	10,643
<b>November 2013</b>	3,069 (29%)	2,652 (25%)	3,203 (30%)	1,595 131 (15%) (1%)	10,650
<b>October 2013</b>	3,101 (29%)	2,681 (25%)	3,203 (30%)	1,603 136 (15%) (1%)	10,724
<b>September 2013</b>	3,108 (29%)	2,681 (25%)	3,198 (30%)	1,600 139 (15%) (1%)	10,726



<b>August 2013</b>	3,233 (30%)	2,767 (25%)	3,172 (29%)	1,587 192 (14%) (2%)	10,951
<b>July 2013</b>	3,225 (30%)	2,783 (26%)	3,103 (29%)	1,559 196 (14%) (2%)	10,866
<b>June 2013</b>	3,248 (30%)	2,808 (26%)	3,064 (28%)	1,552 203 (14%) (2%)	10,875
<b>May 2013</b>	3,252 (30%)	2,836 (26%)	3,046 (28%)	1,545 188 (14%) (2%)	10,867
<b>April 2013</b>	3,255 (30%)	2,859 (26%)	3,014 (28%)	1,539 203 (14%) (2%)	10,870
<b>March 2013</b>	3,273 (30%)	2,895 (27%)	2,974 (27%)	1,529 184 (14%) (2%)	10,855
<b>February 2013</b>	3,293 (30%)	2,899 (27%)	2,954 (27%)	1,529 152 (14%) (1%)	10,827
<b>January 2013</b>	3,309 (31%)	2,911 (27%)	2,915 (27%)	1,532 152 (14%) (1%)	10,819
<b>December 2012</b>	3,351 (31%)	2,943 (27%)	2,901 (27%)	1,539 158 (14%) (1%)	10,892
<b>November 2012</b>	3,370 (31%)	2,965 (27%)	2,904 (27%)	1,540 168 (14%) (2%)	10,947
<b>October 2012</b>	3,377 (31%)	2,896 (26%)	2,980 (27%)	1,541 182 (14%) (2%)	10,976
<b>September 2012</b>	3,421 (31%)	3,045 (27%)	2,869 (26%)	1,548 234 (14%) (2%)	11,117
<b>August 2012</b>	3,430 (31%)	3,054 (27%)	2,862 (26%)	1,546 223 (14%) (2%)	11,115
<b>July 2012</b>	3,487 (31%)	3,115 (28%)	2,843 (25%)	1,550 177 (14%) (2%)	11,172
<b>June 2012</b>	3,530 (31%)	3,185 (28%)	2,846 (25%)	1,556 187 (14%) (2%)	11,304
<b>May 2012</b>	3,556 (31%)	3,219 (28%)	2,811 (25%)	1,555 228 (14%) (2%)	11,369
<b>April 2012</b>	3,557 (32%)	3,227 (29%)	2,739 (24%)	1,537 206 (14%) (2%)	11,266
<b>March 2012</b>	3,574 (32%)	3,255 (29%)	2,745 (24%)	1,549 108 (14%) (1%)	11,231
<b>February 2012</b>	3,568 (32%)	3,258 (29%)	2,730 (24%)	1,541 85 (14%) (1%)	11,182
<b>January 2012</b>	3,543 (32%)	3,233 (29%)	2,671 (24%)	1,511 170 (14%) (2%)	11,128
<b>December 2011</b>	3,534 (32%)	3,233 (29%)	2,636 (24%)	1,495 155 (14%) (1%)	11,053
<b>November 2011</b>	3,508 (32%)	3,226 (30%)	2,583 (24%)	1,481 127 (14%) (1%)	10,925
<b>October 2011</b>	3,545 (32%)	3,257 (30%)	2,526 (23%)	1,474 115 (14%) (1%)	10,917
<b>September 2011</b>	3,612 (33%)	3,306 (30%)	2,497 (23%)	1,477 117 (13%) (1%)	11,009

<b>August 2011</b>	3,628 (33%)	3,335 (30%)	2,457 (22%)	1,471 126 (13%) (1%)	11,017
<b>July 2011</b>	3,640 (33%)	3,309 (30%)	2,400 (22%)	1,398 120 (13%) (1%)	10,867
<b>June 2011</b>	3,656 (33%)	3,338 (30%)	2,339 (21%)	1,392 115 (13%) (1%)	10,840
<b>May 2011</b>	3,667 (34%)	3,374 (31%)	2,299 (21%)	1,376 104 (13%) (1%)	10,820
<b>April 2011</b>	3,675 (34%)	3,414 (31%)	2,220 (20%)	1,349 100 (12%) (1%)	10,758
<b>March 2011</b>	3,692 (34%)	3,446 (32%)	2,208 (20%)	1,356 101 (12%) (1%)	10,803
<b>February 2011</b>	3,711 (34%)	3,473 (32%)	2,175 (20%)	1,343 101 (12%) (1%)	10,803
<b>January 2011</b>	3,733 (34%)	3,487 (32%)	2,107 (19%)	1,336 98 (12%) (1%)	10,761
<b>December 2010</b>	3,771 (35%)	3,511 (32%)	2,079 (19%)	1,339 89 (12%) (1%)	10,789
<b>November 2010</b>	3,783 (35%)	3,524 (32%)	2,057 (19%)	1,327 88 (12%) (1%)	10,779
<b>October 2010</b>	3,797 (35%)	3,521 (33%)	1,989 (18%)	1,305 84 (12%) (1%)	10,696
<b>September 2010</b>	3,880 (35%)	3,561 (32%)	2,001 (18%)	1,309 85 (12%) (1%)	10,836
<b>August 2010</b>	4,042 (36%)	3,613 (33%)	1,945 (18%)	1,296 80 (12%) (1%)	10,976
<b>July 2010</b>	4,030 (37%)	3,620 (33%)	1,898 (17%)	1,262 75 (11%) (1%)	10,885