## **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 August 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.

Date(s)	Sole Practitioner	Partnership	Incorporated Company	<u>LLP</u>	Other	Total
August 2025	1,417 (16%)	972 (11%)	5,212 (57%)	1,439 (16%		9,069
July 2025	1,421 (16%)	985 (11%)	5,226 (57%)	1,441 (16%		9,102
June 2025	1,424 (16%)	992 (11%)	5,225 (57%)	1,447 (16%)		9,117
May 2025	1,430 (16%)	996 (11%)	5,211 (57%)	1,451 (16%)		9,127
April 2025	1,436 (16%)	999 (11%)	5,210 (57%)	1,451 (16%)		9,125
March 2025	1,453 (16%)	1,011 (11%)	5,213 (57%)	1,455 (16%)		9,161
February 2025	1,456 (16%)	1,010 (11%)	5,217 (57%)	1,453 (16%)		9,165
January 2025	1,464 (16%)	1,012 (11%)	5,212 (57%)	1,452 (16%)		9,169
December 2024	1,466 (16%)	1,020 (11%)	5,199 (57%)	1,452 (16%)		9,166
November 2024	1,472 (16%)	1,023 (11%)	5,194 (57%)	1,454 (16%)		9,172
October 2024	1,473 (16%)	1,025 (11%)	5,170 (56%)	1,450 (16%)		9,147
September 2024	1,500 (16%)	1,044 (11%)	5,232 (56%)	1,463 (16%)		9,269
August 2024	1,519 (16%)	1,053 (11%)	5,226 (56%)	1,461 (16%)		9,289
July 2024	1,525 (16%)	1,061 (11%)	5,221 (56%)	1,463 (16%)		9,301

June 2024	1,531 (16%)	1,068 (11%)	5,197 (56%)	1,462 31 (16%) (0%)	9,289
May 2024	1,534 (17%)	1,069 (12%)	5,197 (56%)	1,456 31 (16%) (0%)	9,287
April 2024	1,539 (17%)	1,071 (12%)	5,195 (56%)	1,454 32 (16%) (0%)	9,291
March	1,553	1,083	5,198	1,452 32	9,318
2024	(17%)	(12%)	(56%)	(16%) (0%)	
February	1,561	1,091	5,194	1,456 32	9,334
2024	(17%)	(12%)	(56%)	(16%) (0%)	
January	1,572	1,093	5,186	1,456 32	9,339
2024	(17%)	(12%)	(56%)	(16%) (0%)	
December	1,576	1,099	5,174	1,460 32	9,341
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(55%)	(16%) (0%)	
November	1,588	1,108	5,174	1,467 32	9,369
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(55%)	(16%) (0%)	
October	1,590	1,113	5,176	1,466 32	9,377
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(55%)	(16%) (0%)	
September 2023	(17%)	1,123 (12%)	5,183 (55%)	1,472 33 (16%) (0%)	9,425
August	1,635	1,133	5,185	1,478 34	9,465
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(55%)	(16%) (0%)	
July 2023	1,638 (17%)	1,143 (12%)	5,175 (55%)	1,481 34 (16%) (0%)	9,471
June 2023	1,647 (17%)	1,151 (12%)	5,183 (55%)	1,479 34 (16%) (0%)	9,494
May 2023	1,649 (17%)	1,164 (12%)	5,171 (54%)	1,480 34 (16%) (0%)	9,498
April 2023	1,655 (17%)	1,167 (12%)	5,164 (54%)	1,480 34 (16%) (0%)	9,500
March	1,666	1,180	5,168	1,481 33	9,528
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(54%)	(16%) (0%)	
February	1,671	1,188	5,169	1,489 33	9,550
2023	(17%)	(12%)	(54%)	(16%) (0%)	
January	1,685	1,194	5,164	1,487 33	9,563
2023	(18%)	(12%)	(54%)	(16%) (0%)	
December 2022	(18%)	1,207 (13%)	5,180 (54%)	1,497 34 (16%) (0%)	9,622
November 2022	(18%)	1,215 (13%)	5,171 (54%)	1,495 34 (16%) (0%)	9,623
October	1,716	1,227	5,161	1,498 34	9,636
2022	(18%)	(13%)	(54%)	(16%) (0%)	
September	1,755	1,256	5,170	1,505 35	9,721
2022	(18%)	(13%)	(53%)	(15%) (0%)	

August	1,768	1,260	5,160	1,501 35	9,724
2022	(18%)	(13%)	(53%)	(15%) (0%)	
July 2022	1,777 (18%)	1,265 (13%)	5,157 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,731
June 2022	1,788 (18%)	1,278 (13%)	5,147 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,745
May 2022	1,801 (18%)	1,288 (13%)	5,137 (53%)	1,497 35 (15%) (0%)	9,758
April 2022	1,806 (19%)	1,297 (13%)	5,137 (53%)	1,495 35 (15%) (0%)	9,770
March	1,816	1,306	5,157	1,499 35	9,813
2022	(19%)	(13%)	(53%)	(15%) (0%)	
February	1,825	1,315	5,118	1,489 35	9,782
2022	(19%)	(13%)	(52%)	(15%) (0%)	
January	1,834	1,322	5,108	1,494 34	9,792
2022	(19%)	(14%)	(52%)	(15%) (0%)	
December	1,849	1,337	5,096	1,493 34	9,809
2021	(19%)	(14%)	(52%)	(15%) (0%)	
November	1,859	1,348	5,090	1,495 34	9,826
2021	(19%)	(14%)	(52%)	(15%) (0%)	
October	1,878	1,352	5,093	1,503 34	9,860
2021	(19%)	(14%)	(52%)	(15%) (0%)	
September 2021	1,921 (19%)	1,366 (14%)	5,115 (51%)	1,508 33 (15%) (0%)	9,943
August	1,933	1,378	5,100	1,506 33	9,950
2021	(19%)	(14%)	(51%)	(15%) (0%)	
July 2021	1,940 (20%)	1,384 (14%)	5,085 (51%)	1,501 33 (15%) (0%)	9,943
June 2021	1,952 (20%)	1,388 (14%)	5,080 (51%)	1,505 33 (15%) (0%)	9,958
May 2021	1,966 (20%)	1,401 (14%)	5,067 (51%)	1,506 34 (15%) (0%)	9,974
April 2021	1,973 (20%)	1,411 (14%)	5,042 (51%)	1,504 34 (15%) (0%)	9,964
March	1,986	1,431	5,052	1,509 33	10,011
2021	(20%)	(14%)	(50%)	(15%) (0%)	
February	2,006	1,444	5,049	1,509 34	10,042
2021	(20%)	(14%)	(50%)	(15%) (0%)	
January	2,021	1,450	5,042	1,514 34	10,061
2021	(20%)	(14%)	(50%)	(15%) (0%)	
December 2020	(20%)	1,455 (14%)	5,021 (50%)	1,518 35 (15%) (0%)	10,056
November	2,036	1,460	5,021	1,521 35	10,073
2020	(20%)	(14%)	(50%)	(15%) (0%)	

October 2020	2,060 (20%)	1,470 (15%)	5,015 (50%)	1,526 36 (15%) (0%)	10,107
September	•	1,477	5,018	1,530 37	
2020	(20%)	(15%)	(50%)	(15%) (0%)	10,135
August	2,101	1,490	4,972	1,526 37	10 126
2020	(21%)	(15%)	(49%)	(15%) (0%)	10,126
July 2020	2,114	1,499	4,955	1,527 37	10,132
	(21%)	(15%)	(49%)	(15%) (0%)	., -
June 2020	2,118 (21%)	1,495 (15%)	4,971 (49%)	1,531 37 (15%) (0%)	10,152
	2,125	1,505	4,968	1,535 38	
May 2020	(21%)	(15%)	(49%)	(15%) (0%)	10,171
April 2020	2,132	1,511	4,968	1,533 38	10,182
-	(21%)	(15%)	(49%)	(15%) (0%)	10,102
March	2,143	1,528	4,960	1,537 37	10,205
2020 February	(21%) 2,159	(15%) 1,534	(49%) 4,952	(15%) (0%) 1,534 38	
2020	(21%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	10,218
January	2,162	1,546	4,950	1,537 38	
2020	(21%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	10,233
December	•	1,566	4,949	1,536 38	10,278
2019	(21%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	10,270
November 2019	2,198 (21%)	1,571 (15%)	4,951 (48%)	1,543 38 (15%) (0%)	10,301
October	2,217	1,584	4,952	1,549 39	
2019	(21%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	10,341
September	2,245	1,597	4,945	1,551 38	10,376
2019	(22%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	10,576
August	2,266	1,599	4,927	1,551 40	10,383
2019	(22%)	(15%)	(48%)	(15%) (0%)	
July 2019	2,277 (22%)	1,612 (16%)	4,907 (47%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,385
	2,297	1,635	4,873	1,558 37	
May 2019	(22%)	(16%)	(47%)	(15%) (0%)	10,400
April 2019	2,316	1,637	4,846	1,562 38	10,399
•	(22%)	(16%)	(47%)	(15%) (0%)	10,599
March 2019	2,322	1,647	4,826	1,553 38 (15%) (0%)	10,386
February	(22%) 2,325	(16%) 1,649	(46%) 4,828	1,544 38	
2019	(22%)	(16%)	(46%)	(15%) (0%)	10,384
January	2,341	1,651	4,812	1,542 37	10 202
2019	(23%)	(16%)	(46%)	(15%) (0%)	10,383
November	•	1,661	4,797	1,538 38	10,381
2018	(23%)	(16%)	(46%)	(15%) (0%)	10,501

October 2018	2,367 (23%)	1,673 (16%)	4,788 (46%)	1,542 37 (15%) (0%)	10,407
September		1,696	4,780	1,551 37	
2018	(23%)	(16%)	(46%)	(15%) (0%)	10,456
August	2,413	1,708	4,745	1,552 39	10,457
2018	(23%)	(16%)	(45%)	(15%) (0%)	10,437
July 2018	2,405	1,714	4,710	1,546 40	10,415
	(23%) 2,415	(16%) 1,719	(45%) 4.677	(15%) (0%) 1,543 40	
<b>June2018</b>	(23%)	(17%)	(45%)	(15%) (0%)	10,394
May 2010	2,421	1,725	4,665	1,544 38	10 202
May 2018	(23%)	(17%)	(45%)	(15%) (0%)	10,393
April 2018	2,420	1,739	4,641	1,546 39	10,385
-	(23%)	(17%)	(45%)	(15%) (0%)	-,
March 2018	2,434 (23%)	1,759 (17%)	4,632 (44%)	1,550 39 (15%) (0%)	10,414
February	2,433	1,763	4,626	1,551 38	
2018	(23%)	(17%)	(44%)	(15%) (0%)	10,411
January	2,451	1,769	4,600	1,557 38	10,415
2018	(24%)	(17%)	(44%)	(15%) (0%)	10,113
December 2017	2,462 (24%)	1,777 (17%)	4,580 (44%)	1,551 38 (15%) (0%)	10,408
November		1,785	4,562	1,553 38	
2017	(24%)	(17%)	(44%)	(15%) (0%)	10,414
October	2,489	1,799	4,537	1,557 38	10,420
2017	(24%)	(17%)	(44%)	(15%) (0%)	10,420
September 2017	(24%)	1,827 (17%)	4,545 (43%)	1,561 39 (15%) (0%)	10,506
August	2,545	1,831	4,523	1,560 38	
2017	(24%)	(17%)	(43%)	(15%) (0%)	10,497
July 2017	2,549	1,841	4,482	1,559 40	10,471
July 2017	(24%)	(18%)	(43%)	(15%) (0%)	10,471
<b>June2017</b>	2,557 (24%)	1,862 (18%)	4,444 (42%)	1,565 40 (15%) (0%)	10,468
	2,553	1,878	4,419	1,567 41	
May 2017	(24%)	(18%)	(42%)	(15%) (0%)	10,458
April 2017	2,558	1,898	4,366	1,562 41	10,425
	(25%)	(18%)	(42%)	(15%) (0%)	10,423
March 2017	2,573	1,915	4,328	1,556 41 (15%) (0%)	10,413
February	(25%) 2,582	(18%) 1,921	(42%) 4,290	1,552 42	
2017	(25%)	(18%)	(41%)	(15%) (0%)	10,387
January	2,591	1,930	4,260	1,549 40	10 270
2017	(25%)	(19%)	(41%)	(15%) (0%)	10,370

December 2016	2,597 (25%)	1,947 (19%)	4,215 (41%)	1,551 44 (15%) (0%)	10,354
November	-	1,959	4,225	1,554 45	10 202
2016	(25%)	(19%)	(41%)	(15%) (0%)	10,393
	2,627	1,978	4,205	1,559 46	10,415
2016 September	(25%)	(19%) 2,004	(40%) 4,203	(15%) (0%) 1,568 45	
2016	(25%)	(19%)	(40%)	(15%) (0%)	10,483
August	2,681	2,032	4,178	1,574 45	10,510
2016	(26%)	(19%)	(40%)	(15%) (0%)	10,510
July 2016	2,687 (26%)	2,046 (20%)	4,133 (39%)	1,570 46 (15%) (0%)	10,482
	2,693	2,047	4,133	1,570 46	10 100
June 2016	(26%)	(20%)	(40%)	(15%) (0%)	10,489
May 2016	2,705	2,076	4,039	1,562 47	10,429
,	(26%)	(20%)	(39%)	(15%) (0%)	10, 110
April 2016	2,703 (26%)	2,107 (20%)	3,986 (38%)	1,558 53 (15%) (1%)	10,407
March	2,710	2,123	3,931	1,550 51	
2016	(26%)	(20%)	(38%)	(15%) (0%)	10,365
February	2,704	2,133	3,900	1,545 48	10,330
2016	(26%)	(21%)	(38%)	(15%) (0%)	10,550
January 2016	2,704 (26%)	2,144 (21%)	3,859 (37%)	1,545 42 (15%) (0%)	10,294
December	2,714	2,163	3,842	1,545 42	10,306
2015	(26%)	(21%)	(37%)	(15%) (0%)	10,500
November	•	2,180	3,824	1,543 42	10,298
2015 October	(26%) 2,725	(21%) 2,203	(37%) 3,813	(15%) (0%) 1,550 45	
2015	(26%)	(21%)	(37%)	(15%) (0%)	10,336
September		2,217	3,813	1,550 45	10 272
2015	(26%)	(21%)	(37%)	(15%) (0%)	10,373
August	2,793	2,253	3,788	1,564 46	10,444
2015	(27%) 2,796	(22%) 2,278	(36%) 3,729	(15%) (0%) 1,563 46	ŕ
July 2015	(27%)	(22%)	(36%)	(15%) (0%)	10,412
luna 2015	2,803	2,307	3,677	1,561 46	10 204
June 2015	(27%)	(22%)	(35%)	(15%) (0%)	10,394
May 2015	2,798	2,328	3,634	1,557 47	10,364
_	(27%) 2,798	(22%) 2,345	(35%) 3,601	(15%) (0%) 1,557 47	-
April 2015	(27%)	(23%)	(35%)	(15%) (0%)	10,348
March	2,789	2,354	3,567	1,560 46	10 210
2015	(27%)	(23%)	(35%)	(15%) (0%)	10,316

February	2,793	2,367	3,547	1,564 48	10,319
2015	(27%)	(23%)	(34%)	(15%) (0%)	
January	2,801	2,373	3,527	1,561 50	10,312
2015	(27%)	(23%)	(34%)	(15%) (0%)	
December	2,809	2,386	3,501	1,566 62	10,324
2014	(27%)	(23%)	(34%)	(15%) (1%)	
November	2,811	2,402	3,503	1,571 73	10,360
2014	(27%)	(23%)	(34%)	(15%) (1%)	
October	2,856	2,419	3,509	1,577 83	10,444
2014	(27%)	(23%)	(34%)	(15%) (1%)	
September	2,911	2,453	3,498	1,589 81	10,532
2014	(28%)	(23%)	(33%)	(15%) (1%)	
August	2,935	2,477	3,492	1,593 96	10,593
2014	(28%)	(23%)	(33%)	(15%) (1%)	
July 2014	2,937 (28%)	2,502 (24%)	3,462 (33%)	1,591 100 (15%) (1%)	10,592
June 2014	2,941 (28%)	2,508 (24%)	3,424 (32%)	1,589 109 (15%) (1%)	10,571
May 2014	2,938 (28%)	2,508 (24%)	3,391 (32%)	1,585 97 (15%) (1%)	10,519
April 2014	2,947 (28%)	2,540 (24%)	3,363 (32%)	1,590 106 (15%) (1%)	10,546
March	2,961	2,570	3,327	1,606 126	10,590
2014	(28%)	(24%)	(31%)	(15%) (1%)	
February	2,967	2,576	3,301	1,593 117	10,554
2014	(28%)	(24%)	(31%)	(15%) (1%)	
January	2,978	2,606	3,284	1,591 130	10,589
2014	(28%)	(25%)	(31%)	(15%) (1%)	
December 2013	(29%)	2,633 (25%)	3,219 (30%)	1,594 141 (15%) (1%)	10,643
November 2013	(29%)	2,652 (25%)	3,203 (30%)	1,595 131 (15%) (1%)	10,650
October	3,101	2,681	3,203	1,603 136	10,724
2013	(29%)	(25%)	(30%)	(15%) (1%)	
September 2013	(29%)	2,681 (25%)	3,198 (30%)	1,600 139 (15%) (1%)	10,726
August	3,233	2,767	3,172	1,587 192	10,951
2013	(30%)	(25%)	(29%)	(14%) (2%)	
July 2013	3,225 (30%)	2,783 (26%)	3,103 (29%)	1,559 196 (14%) (2%)	10,866
June 2013	3,248 (30%)	2,808 (26%)	3,064 (28%)	1,552 203 (14%) (2%)	10,875
May 2013	3,252 (30%)	2,836 (26%)	3,046 (28%)	1,545 188 (14%) (2%)	10,867

April 2013	3,255 (30%)	2,859 (26%)	3,014 (28%)	1,539 203 (14%) (2%)	10,870
March	3,273	2,895	2,974	1,529 184	10,855
2013	(30%)	(27%)	(27%)	(14%) (2%)	
February	3,293	2,899	2,954	1,529 152	10,827
2013	(30%)	(27%)	(27%)	(14%) (1%)	
January	3,309	2,911	2,915	1,532 152	10,819
2013	(31%)	(27%)	(27%)	(14%) (1%)	
December	3,351	2,943	2,901	1,539 158	10,892
2012	(31%)	(27%)	(27%)	(14%) (1%)	
November	3,370	2,965	2,904	1,540 168	10,947
2012	(31%)	(27%)	(27%)	(14%) (2%)	
October	3,377	2,896	2,980	1,541 182	10,976
2012	(31%)	(26%)	(27%)	(14%) (2%)	
September 2012	(31%)	3,045 (27%)	2,869 (26%)	1,548 234 (14%) (2%)	11,117
August	3,430	3,054	2,862	1,546 223	11,115
2012	(31%)	(27%)	(26%)	(14%) (2%)	
<b>July 2012</b>	3,487 (31%)	3,115 (28%)	2,843 (25%)	1,550 177 (14%) (2%)	11,172
June 2012	3,530 (31%)	3,185 (28%)	2,846 (25%)	1,556 187 (14%) (2%)	11,304
May 2012	3,556 (31%)	3,219 (28%)	2,811 (25%)	1,555 228 (14%) (2%)	11,369
April 2012	3,557 (32%)	3,227 (29%)	2,739 (24%)	1,537 206 (14%) (2%)	11,266
March 2012	3,574 (32%)	3,255 (29%)	2,745 (24%)	1,549 108 (14%) (1%)	11,231
February	3,568	3,258	2,730	1,541 85	11,182
2012	(32%)	(29%)	(24%)	(14%) (1%)	
January	3,543	3,233	2,671	1,511 170	11,128
2012	(32%)	(29%)	(24%)	(14%) (2%)	
December 2011	(32%)	3,233 (29%)	2,636 (24%)	1,495 155 (14%) (1%)	11,053
November 2011	(32%)	3,226 (30%)	2,583 (24%)	1,481 127 (14%) (1%)	10,925
October	3,545	3,257	2,526	1,474 115	10,917
2011	(32%)	(30%)	(23%)	(14%) (1%)	
September 2011	(33%)	3,306 (30%)	2,497 (23%)	1,477 117 (13%) (1%)	11,009
August	3,628	3,335	2,457	1,471 126	11,017
2011	(33%)	(30%)	(22%)	(13%) (1%)	
<b>July 2011</b>	3,640 (33%)	3,309 (30%)	2,400 (22%)	1,398 120 (13%) (1%)	10,867

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