

The Solicitors' Profession in Wales Fact Sheet

The Law Society conducts research on the solicitors' profession in England and Wales.

The legal sector in Wales:

| Wales | |
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| Number of Practice Certificate Holders | 3,750 |
| Number of firms employing solicitors | 454 |
| Admitted staff in private practice firms | 2,890 |

Firms with head offices in Wales (by size)

| | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sole practice | 187 | 183 | 163 | 181 | 178 | 166 |
| 2 - 4 partner firms | 229 | 228 | 288 | 246 | 232 | 227 |
| 5 - 10 partner firms | 54 | 50 | 65 | 50 | 51 | 51 |
| 11 - 25 partner firms | 6 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| 26 - 80 partner firms | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 81+ partner firms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total number of firms | 478 | 466 | 525 | 490 | 473 | 454 |

Admitted staff in private practice firms in England and Wales, by Government Office Region

| | Partners | Sole Practitioners | Associate Solicitors | Assistant solicitors | Consultants | Other | All solicitors |
|-------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Wales | 1,032 | 161 | 354 | 880 | 191 | 272 | 2,890 |

There are 217 trainee solicitors in Wales.

There are currently 17 licensed Alternative Business Structures (ABS) in Wales.

The Lawyer UK 200 Annual Report 2015 - Firms with a head office or branch office in Wales (published November 2015)

| Name of firm | Ranking | Turnover | No. of Lawyers | Location |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Eversheds (branch) | 13 | £380.7m | 1,256 | Cardiff |
| DAC Beachcroft (branch) | 20 | £198.9m | 982 | Cardiff |
| BLM (branch) | 39 | £104.1m | 584 | Cardiff |
| Blake Morgan LLP (branch) | 48 | £71.9m | 358 | Newport |
| Lewis Silkin LLP (branch) | 60 | £44.7m | 154 | Cardiff |
| Clarke Willmott LLP (branch) | 67 | £39.8m | 229 | Cardiff |
| Hugh James (head office) | 77 | £32.2m | 139 | Cardiff |
| Geldards LLP (head office) | 95 | £22m | 127 | Cardiff |
| Simpson Millar LLP (branch) | 97 | £21.8m | 83 | Cardiff |
| RadcliffesLeBrasseur (branch) | 115 | £17m | 77 | Cardiff |
| Clarkslegal LLP (branch) | 200 | £7.5m | 35 | Cardiff |