

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	
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