Trends in the solicitors' profession
Annual Statistics Report 2012
Summary figures

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Key statistics for the solicitors' profession as at 31st July 2012

As at 31st July	2011	2012	% change
Private practice firms registered in E&W	10,202	10,102	-0.98
Solicitors on the Roll	159,524	165,971	4.04
Solicitors with Practising Certificates	121,933	128,778	5.61
Solicitors without Practising Certificates	37,591	37,193	-1.06
PC holders working in private practice in firms registered in E&W	87,973	87,768	-0.23
PC holders working in private practice in foreign firms (here or abroad)	3,950	4,079	3.27
PC holders in the employed sector	23,215	23,577	1.56
Commerce and Industry	13,968	14,691	5.18
Accountants	132	145	9.85
Government	7,491	7,172	-4.26
Other	1,624	1,569	-3.39
PC holders not attached to an organisation	6,795	13,354	96.53
Total	121,933	128,778	
PC holders based abroad (across all categories of employment)	7,272	7,823	7.58
New admissions (in the preceding 12 months)	8,402	6,330	-24.66
Training contracts registered (in the preceding 12 months)	5,441	4,869	-10.51

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The 2012 Annual Statistics Report has been prepared by the Law Society's Research Unit. The Unit designs, conducts and commissions research in order to provide information about the legal services market to solicitors and evidence to underpin the Society's strategy and policy development.

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