



KEY ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE LEGAL SECTOR

VALUE

The UK legal services sector contributed **1.5% to the total UK GDP*** in 2015

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The total turnover (size) of the UK legal services sector in 2015 was £32.1bn

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BILLION**

The total value of **pro bono work** undertaken by solicitors in private practice law firms is estimated at **£592m** in 2015.

Overall (including those in private practice law firms and those working in-house in other firms), solicitors undertook an **estimated 2.5 million hours worth of pro bono work.**



* GDP is the monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period

EXPORTS & BALANCE OF PAYMENTS



The legal services sector is a net exporter, helping to offset the UK's overall balance of payments deficit



Net exports (exports minus imports) of the UK legal services sector in 2015 = **£3.4bn**



EMPLOYMENT IN THE UK'S LEGAL SECTOR

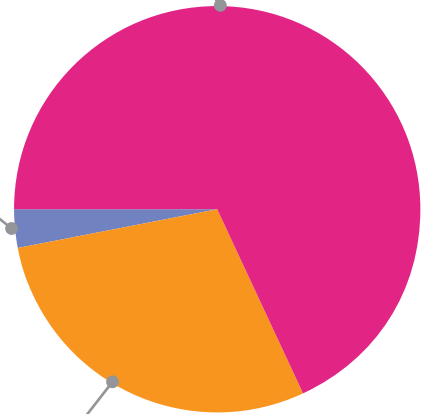
In 2015* an estimated 380,000 people were employed in the legal services sector including in-house solicitors and people employed in in-house legal departments

Of the 323,000 employed in law firms...

Solicitor firms
220,000

Barrister chambers
9,000

Other legal service provider firms
94,000



* 2015 figures sourced from the Office for National Statistics

SOLICITOR FIRMS/SOLICITORS

Total number of active solicitor firms in England & Wales in 2014/15 =

9,407



Total number of solicitors holding a practising certificate (PC) in England and Wales in 2014/15 =

133,367*

* excludes in-house and government solicitors who may not hold a PC

Total turnover of solicitor firms in England & Wales in 2013/14 =

£21.3bn

To see our full Economic Value of the Legal Services Sector (Mar 2016) report visit www.lawsociety.org.uk/support-services/research-trends/