



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

Senior Counsel Statistics in 2025

	2025
Barristers holding NSW practising certificate	2460
Male barristers	1792
Female barristers	667
Percentage of barristers who are female	27.11%
Percentage of barristers who are male	72.85%
Barristers holding silk	404
Percentage of barristers holding silk	16.42%
Total female silks	66
Total male silks	338
Percentage of silks who are female	16.34%
Percentage of silks who are male	83.66%
Percentage of female barristers holding silk	9.90%
Percentage of male barristers holding silk	18.86%
Number of barristers who applied for silk	122
Number of male applicants	101
Number of female applicants	21
Silks appointed	23
Males appointed	17
Females appointed	6
Percentage of male applicants appointed	17%
Percentage of female applicants appointed	29%

Number of silks appointed in NSW each year since 1992

1992 - 14	2003 - 36	2014 - 18	2025 - 23
1993 - 10	2004 - 24	2015 - 26	
1994 - 16	2005 - 17	2016 - 15	
1995 - 18	2006 - 17	2017 - 11	
1996 - 14	2007 - 23	2018 - 19	
1997 - 18	2008 - 14	2019 - 21	
1998 - 19	2009 - 18	2020 - 26	
1999 - 24	2010 - 20	2021 - 20	
2000 - 19	2011 - 24	2022 - 20	
2001 - 20	2012 - 26	2023 - 25	
2002 - 27	2013 - 24	2024 - 26	