



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

Senior Counsel Statistics in 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Barristers holding NSW practising certificate	2427	2466	2437	2418
Male Barristers	1822	1860	1853	1854
Women Barristers	602	605	584	564
Percentage of women barristers	24.80%	24.53%	23.96%	23.33%
Percentage of male barristers	75.07%	75.47%	76.04%	76.67
Barristers holding silk	400	410	401	390
Percentage of Barristers holding silk	16.48%	16.62%	16.45%	16.12%
Total women silks	57	57	51	46
Total male silks	343	353	350	344
Percentage of total women silks	14.25%	13.90%	12.72%	11.79%
Percentage of male silks	85.75%	86.09%	87.28%	88.21%
Percentage of female barristers holding silk	9.47%	9.42%	8.73%	8.15%
Percentage of male barristers holding silk	18.83%	18.98%	18.88%	18.55%
Number of barristers who applied for silk	98	114	108	99
Number of male applicants	77	88	85	84
Number of female applicants	21	26	23	15
Silks appointed	20	20	26	21
Males appointed	15	13	20	16
Females appointed	5	7	6	5
Percentage of male applicants appointed	19%	14.77%	23.52%	19.04%
Percentage of female applicants appointed	24%	26.92%	26.09%	33.33%

Number of Silk appointed in NSW each year since 1992

1992 - 14	2003 - 36	2014 - 18
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	
2002 - 27	2013 - 24	