

Overview of the Victorian legal profession as at 30 June 2022

This document provides a summary of the demographics of the legal profession in Victoria as at 30 June 2022.

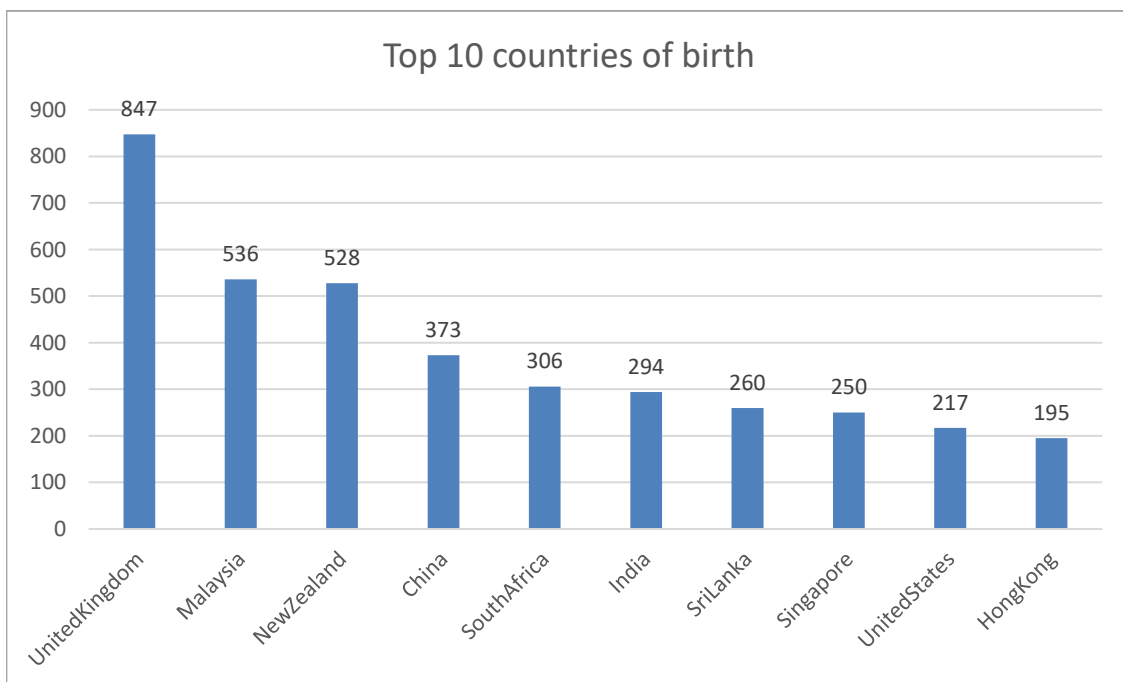
For further details on the composition of the Victorian legal profession, [see our 2022 annual report](#).

Number of lawyers

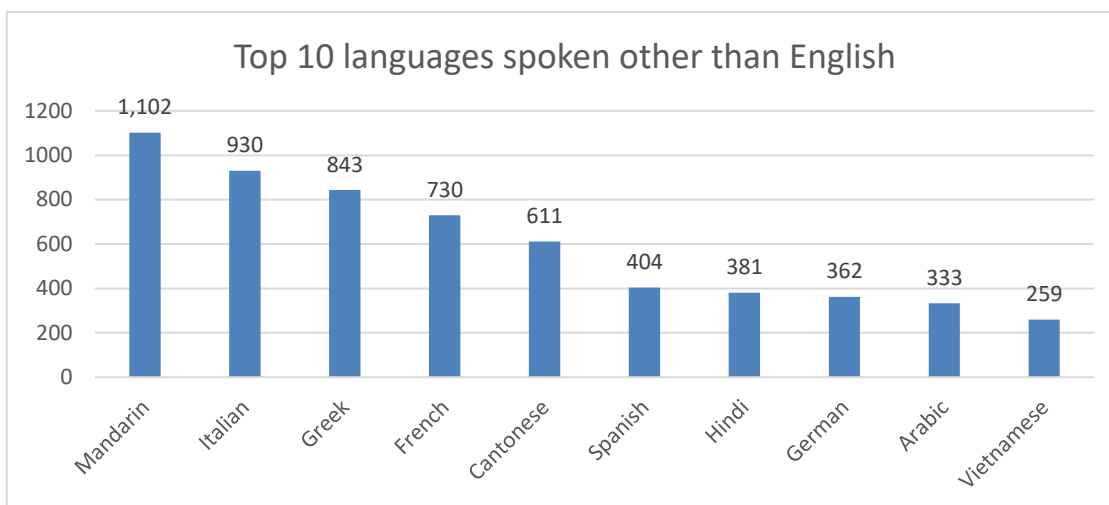
There were 26,651 lawyers practising in Victoria as at 30 June 2022. A total of 1,257 new lawyers were admitted to the legal profession in Victoria throughout the financial year.

Diversity

Over 20,500 lawyers reported being born in Australia. The United Kingdom was the most common country of birth for Victorian lawyers born overseas.

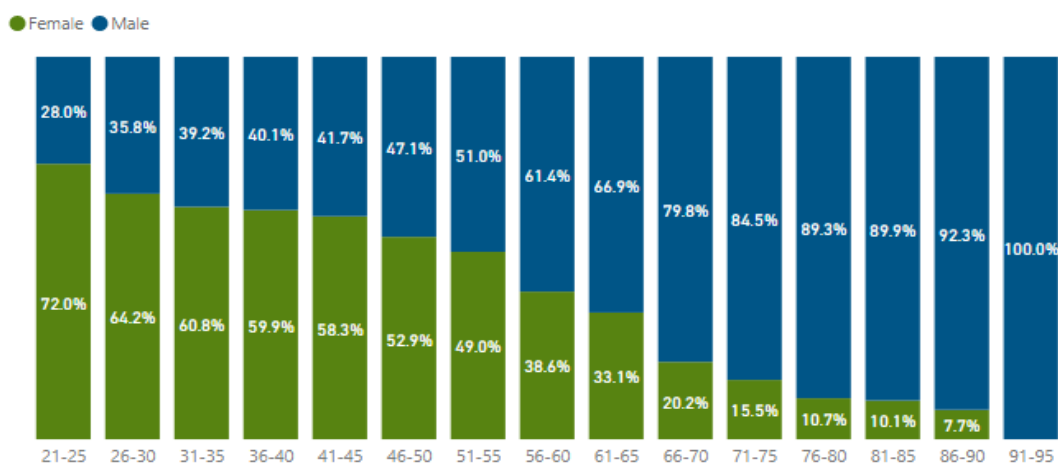


Lawyers reported speaking 143 languages other than English, with the most populous other language spoken amongst lawyers being Mandarin.



Practitioners by age and gender

Females now make up 53.3% of the Victorian profession and dominate the age brackets from 21-25 through to 51-55. Beyond this, male lawyers become more numerous. Nine lawyers voluntarily identified as non-binary in FY22.



Female lawyers by age and practising certificate type

Certificate Type	Age range						Total
	20-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	> 70	
Barrister	21	256	210	135	81	20	723
Corporate	268	990	760	301	70	2	2,391
Employee	2,793	2,611	849	304	121	21	6,699
Employee with Trust	6	30	21	9	1		67
Government	527	965	528	211	74	3	2,308
Principal	14	316	467	329	166	36	1,328
Principal with Trust	28	307	403	275	146	43	1,202
Volunteer	31	60	30	20	27	7	175
Total	3,524	5,234	3,131	1,536	672	130	14,227

Male lawyers by age and practising certificate type

Certificate Type	Age range						Total
	20-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	> 70	
Barrister	35	328	309	328	327	176	1,503
Corporate	147	585	486	218	78	12	1,526
Employee	1,538	1,597	476	247	233	154	4,245
Employee with Trust	6	29	18	12	12	6	83
Government	198	417	244	145	67	7	1,078
Principal	12	278	458	345	404	221	1,718
Principal with Trust	28	363	612	671	707	306	2,687
Volunteer	26	36	28	17	13	9	129
Total	1,876	3,398	2,518	1,943	1,802	878	12,415

To protect the privacy of lawyers identifying as non-binary, we do not provide further detail of their areas of practise.

Legal practice details

Legal practices by number of principals

Entity type	Count							Total
	1	2-3	4-5	6-10	11-20	21-40	>40	
Sole practitioner	4,632	275	73	45	12	2		5,039
ULP	9	5	1	2	5	2	5	29
Law firm	13	60	23	24	19	7	31	177
ILP	1,400	506	120	112	51	12	4	2,205
Foreign law practice	3	1						4
CLC	5	11	6	9	10	12	6	59
Total	6,062	858	223	192	97	35	46	7,513

Legal practices by number of employees

Entity type	Entities by number of employees							Total
	1	2-3	4-5	6-10	11-20	21-40	>40	
CLC	53	13	4	12	15	8	6	59
Foreign law practice	5	1						6
Government employer	116	45	28	24	16	12	19	170
ILP	1630	613	201	164	63	27	11	2250
Law firm	90	68	35	35	16	9	25	171
ULP	24	8	5	2	2	4	10	27
Non legal employer	1069	349	107	85	38	12	5	1465
Sole practitioner	4744	244	35	13	2			4970
Total	7731	1341	415	335	152	72	76	9118