



## Law Society of Ontario 2022 Annual Report

### Licensee statistics

In 2022, the Law Society regulated more than 57,577 lawyers and more than 10,633 paralegals. Of those, approximately 42,429 lawyers were practising law and 3,705 paralegals were providing legal services, as of December 31, 2022.

#### Lawyers by age and gender

Age range	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>Under 30</b>	4,109	1,651	2.87	2,458	4.27	0	0.00
<b>30 – 39</b>	16,795	7,683	13.34	9,111	15.82	1	0.00
<b>40 – 49</b>	12,944	6,212	10.79	6,732	11.69	0	0.00
<b>50 – 65</b>	15,538	8,818	15.32	6,720	11.67	0	0.00
<b>Over age 65</b>	8,191	6,456	11.21	1,735	3.01	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,577</b>	<b>30,820</b>	<b>53.53</b>	<b>26,756</b>	<b>46.47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>

#### Notes:

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- b) *Percentage is based on total.*
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### Paralegals by age and gender

Age range	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>Under 30</b>	2,142	403	3.79	1,736	16.33	3	0.03
<b>30 – 39</b>	3,523	841	7.91	2,682	25.22	0	0.00
<b>40 – 49</b>	1,977	626	5.89	1,350	12.70	1	0.01
<b>50 – 65</b>	2,383	1,080	10.16	1,303	12.25	0	0.00
<b>Over age 65</b>	608	447	4.20	161	1.51	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	10,633	3,397	31.95	7,232	68.01	4	0.04

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**Lawyers by type of employment and gender**

Type of employment	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>Sole owner</b>	9,636	6,320	13.04	3,316	6.84	0	0.00
<b>Partner</b>	6,948	5,034	10.38	1,914	3.95	0	0.00
<b>Employee</b>	1,813	959	1.98	854	1.76	0	0.00
<b>Associate</b>	10,734	5,408	11.15	5,326	10.99	0	0.00
<b>Education</b>	656	249	0.51	407	0.84	0	0.00
<b>Government</b>	7,007	2,862	5.90	4,145	8.55	0	0.00
<b>In-house</b>	7,005	3,267	6.74	3,738	7.71	0	0.00
<b>Legal clinic</b>	657	191	0.39	466	0.96	0	0.00
<b>Other</b>	4,026	1,872	3.86	2,153	4.44	1	0.00
<b>Total</b>	48,482	26,162	53.96	22,319	46.04	1	0.00

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... Honour, appointed at the same  
... Charles-Edouard Belin  
... 1791 - 1800*

### Paralegals by type of employment and gender

Type of employment	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>Sole owner</b>	1,680	959	12.00	721	9.02	0	0.00
<b>Partner</b>	145	77	0.96	68	0.85	0	0.00
<b>Employee</b>	787	234	2.93	553	6.92	0	0.00
<b>Associate</b>	249	87	1.09	162	2.03	0	0.00
<b>Education</b>	90	19	0.24	71	0.89	0	0.00
<b>Government</b>	1,058	247	3.09	811	10.15	0	0.00
<b>In-house</b>	420	132	1.65	288	3.60	0	0.00
<b>Legal clinic</b>	120	21	0.26	99	1.24	0	0.00
<b>Other</b>	3,442	730	9.14	2,708	33.89	4	0.05
<b>Total</b>	7,991	2,506	31.36	5,481	68.59	4	0.05

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### Geographical distribution of lawyers by gender

Geographic area	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>City of Toronto</b>	28,559	15,133	26.28	13,425	23.32	1	0.00
<b>Ontario (excl. Toronto)</b>	23,858	13,060	22.68	10,798	18.75	0	0.00
<b>Canada (excl. Ontario)</b>	3,061	1,555	2.70	1,506	2.62	0	0.00
<b>Outside Canada</b>	2,099	1,072	1.86	1,027	1.78	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	57,577	30,820	53.53	26,756	46.47	1	0.00

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### Geographical distribution of paralegals by gender

Geographic area	Total	Men	% M	Women	% W	Non-Binary	% X
<b>City of Toronto</b>	3,918	1,207	11.35	2,707	25.46	4	0.04
<b>Ontario (excl. Toronto)</b>	6,468	2,112	19.86	4,356	40.97	0	0.00
<b>Canada (excl. Ontario)</b>	207	61	0.57	146	1.37	0	0.00
<b>Outside Canada</b>	40	17	0.16	23	0.22	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	10,633	3,397	31.95	7,232	68.01	4	0.04

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### Number of law firms by size

Firm size	# of firms	%
<b>1 lawyer</b>	8,849	74.16
<b>2 – 5 lawyers/paralegals</b>	2,443	20.47
<b>6 – 10 lawyers/paralegals</b>	338	2.83
<b>11 – 25 lawyers/paralegals</b>	203	1.70
<b>26 – 50 lawyers/paralegals</b>	57	0.48
<b>51+ lawyers/paralegals</b>	42	0.35
<b>Total</b>	11,932	100.00

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- b) *Statistics based on law firms reported as primary business.*
- c) *Firm size based on number of lawyers and paralegals in private practice at the firm.*
- d) *Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.*



### Number of paralegal firms by size

Firm size	# of firms	%
1 paralegal	1,524	88.19
2 – 5 paralegals/lawyers	187	10.82
6 – 10 paralegals/lawyers	11	0.64
11 – 25 paralegals/lawyers	4	0.23
26 – 50 paralegals/lawyers	2	0.12
51+ paralegals/lawyers	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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### Number of lawyers and paralegals working in law firms by size

Firm size	# of lawyers and paralegals	%
<b>1 lawyer</b>	8,849	30.40
<b>2 – 5 lawyers/paralegals</b>	6,063	20.83
<b>6 – 10 lawyers/paralegals</b>	2,444	8.40
<b>11 – 25 lawyers/paralegals</b>	3,009	10.34
<b>26 – 50 lawyers/paralegals</b>	1,988	6.83
<b>51+ lawyers/paralegals</b>	6,751	23.20
<b>Total</b>	29,104	100.00

#### Notes:

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- Firm size based on number of lawyers and paralegals in private practice at the firm.
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### Number of paralegals and lawyers working in paralegal firms by size

Firm size	# of paralegals and lawyers	%
<b>1 paralegal</b>	1,524	73.02
<b>2 – 5 paralegals/lawyers</b>	400	19.17
<b>6 – 10 paralegals/lawyers</b>	74	3.55
<b>11 – 25 paralegals/lawyers</b>	43	2.06
<b>26 – 50 paralegals/lawyers</b>	46	2.20
<b>51+ paralegals/lawyers</b>	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>	2,087	100.00

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