

## AIJA Judicial Gender Statistics

### Number and Percentage of Women Judges and Magistrates at June 2021

These statistics were compiled by the AIJA using the data sources identified below.

JURISDICTION	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICER Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICER Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	CHANGE FROM 2020	CHANGE FROM 2016	CHANGE FROM 2011
<b>COMMONWEALTH</b>							
High Court	1	7	3	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Court	2	52	14	26.9%	0.0%	1.9%	9.1%
Family Court	3	27	15	55.6%	8.2%	9.6%	22.2%
Federal Circuit Court	4	66	28	42.4%	4.2%	4.9%	9.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>152</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	5	56	11	19.6%	-2.6%	0.4%	1.6%
District Court	6	82	30	36.6%	0.0%	4.8%	10.1%
Local Court	7	147	72	49.0%	8.8%	6.4%	7.7%
Land & Environment Court	8	6	3	50.0%	0.0%	21.4%	16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>291</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b>VICTORIA</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	9	48	15	31.3%	-2.1%	8.0%	8.0%
County Court	10	72	33	45.8%	5.0%	5.8%	5.2%
Magistrates Court	11	142	75	52.8%	1.8%	8.4%	10.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>262</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>

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<b>QUEENSLAND</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	12	28	9	32.1%	-3.6%	6.2%	-4.9%
District Court	13	41	11	26.8%	0.0%	3.1%	6.3%
Magistrates Court	14	102	45	44.1%	1.3%	6.2%	10.4%
Land Court*	15	4	2	50%			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	16	21	4	19.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.9%
District Court	17	33	16	48.5%	5.2%	23.5%	18.9%
Magistrates Court	18	50	22	44.0%	-1.5%	12.1%	11.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	19	14	4	28.6%	3.6%	5.5%	5.5%
District Court	20	22	8	36.4%	0.0%	7.8%	22.7%
Magistrates Court	21	43	16	37.2%	0.6%	-0.3%	2.2%
Employment Court	22	8	1	12.5%			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>TASMANIA</b>							
Supreme Court	23	6	1	16.7%	0.0%	-16.7%	-16.7%
Magistrates Court	24	16	6	37.5%	4.2%	6.7%	16.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

JURISDICTION	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	CHANGE FROM 2020	CHANGE FROM 2016	CHANGE FROM 2011
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>							
Supreme Court	25	5	2	40.0%	0.0%	-10.0%	15.0%
Magistrates Court	26	9	4	44.4%	0.0%	-12.7%	-12.7%
<i>TOTAL</i>		<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	27	6	3	50.0%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%
Local Court	28	14	6	42.9%	0.0%	14.3%	14.3%
<i>TOTAL</i>		<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>1127</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>Total Superior Courts</b>		342	112	<b>32.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Total Inferior Courts</b>		785	347	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

## COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND

COURT	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	CHANGE FROM 2020
Te Kōti Mana Nui/Supreme Court	29	6	3	50%	N/A
Te Kōti Pira/Court of Appeal	30	10	2	20%	N/A
Te Kōti Take Mahi/Employment Court	31	5	3	60%	N/A
Te Kooti Whenua Māori/Maori Land Court	32	11	5	45%	N/A
Te Kōti Matua/High Court	33	40	17	43%	N/A
Te Kōti ā Rohe/District Court	34,35	168	69	41%	N/A
Te Koti Taiao/Environment Court	36	5	2	40%	N/A
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## NOTES ACCOMPANYING JUDICIAL GENDER STATISTICS

The data has been sourced predominantly from court websites, supplemented by other sources (such as annual reports and judicial biographies) where gender was not otherwise apparent.

\*To maintain data consistency with previous years, the tally is not exhaustive, and excludes small, specialised courts in some jurisdictions. However, the Land Court of Queensland has been added to the data set for 2021, but previous 5 year and 10-year comparisons are not available.

The NSW Industrial Relations Commission has been excluded, after appearing in earlier reports. The Commission is not a Court of the State and is more properly seen as a tribunal. While there are certain circumstances where Commissioners are deemed to be ‘judicial officers’, unlike judicial officers they are appointed for a ‘term’ appointments and they cannot be appointed over 65 years of age without special leave being granted.

The tally includes judges and magistrates but excludes allied court personnel such as judicial registrars, masters etc, however named. It also excludes acting judges, including acting-warranted judges, alternate judges, reserve judges etc, however named.

1	<a href="https://www.hcourt.gov.au/justices/about-the-justices">https://www.hcourt.gov.au/justices/about-the-justices</a>
2	<a href="https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/about/judges/current-judges-appointment">https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/about/judges/current-judges-appointment</a>
3	<a href="http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/about/judges-senior-staff/judges/">http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/about/judges-senior-staff/judges/</a>
4	<a href="http://www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fccweb/about/judges-senior-staff/judges/judges-fcc">http://www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fccweb/about/judges-senior-staff/judges/judges-fcc</a>
5	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/SCO2_contactus/judicialcontacts/judicialcontacts.aspx">https://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/SCO2_contactus/judicialcontacts/judicialcontacts.aspx</a>
6	<a href="https://www.districtcourt.nsw.gov.au/district-court/contact-us/judges-contact-details.html">https://www.districtcourt.nsw.gov.au/district-court/contact-us/judges-contact-details.html</a>
7	<a href="https://www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au/local-court/about-us/chief-magistrate.html">https://www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au/local-court/about-us/chief-magistrate.html</a>
8	<a href="https://www.lec.nsw.gov.au/lec/about-us/judicial-officers-and-decision-makers.html">https://www.lec.nsw.gov.au/lec/about-us/judicial-officers-and-decision-makers.html</a>
9	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/about-the-court/our-judiciary/judges">https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/about-the-court/our-judiciary/judges</a>
10	<a href="https://www.countycourt.vic.gov.au/contact-us/judicial-support">https://www.countycourt.vic.gov.au/contact-us/judicial-support</a>
11	<a href="https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/judicial-officers">https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/judicial-officers</a>
12	<a href="https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-supreme-court">https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-supreme-court</a>
13	<a href="https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-district-court">https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-district-court</a>
14	<a href="https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/magistrates-in-queensland">https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/magistrates-in-queensland</a>
15	<a href="https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/courts/land-court/about-the-land-court/membership">https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/courts/land-court/about-the-land-court/membership</a>
16	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au/C/current_judges_and_masters.aspx">https://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au/C/current_judges_and_masters.aspx</a>
17	<a href="https://districtcourt.wa.gov.au/J/judges.aspx">https://districtcourt.wa.gov.au/J/judges.aspx</a>
18	<a href="https://lawalmanac.justice.wa.gov.au/M/magistrates_court_of_western_australia.aspx?uid=7158-8724-6136-1509">https://lawalmanac.justice.wa.gov.au/M/magistrates_court_of_western_australia.aspx?uid=7158-8724-6136-1509</a>
19	<a href="http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/SupremeCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx">http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/SupremeCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx</a>
20	<a href="http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/DistrictCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx">http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/DistrictCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx</a>
21	<a href="http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/MagistratesCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx">http://www.courts.sa.gov.au/OurCourts/MagistratesCourt/Pages/Judicial-Officers.aspx</a>

22	<a href="https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/about-saet-3/members-and-registrars/">https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/about-saet-3/members-and-registrars/</a>
23	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.tas.gov.au/the-court/judges/">https://www.supremecourt.tas.gov.au/the-court/judges/</a>
24	<a href="https://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/about_us">https://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/about_us</a>
25	<a href="https://www.courts.act.gov.au/supreme/about-the-courts/judiciary">https://www.courts.act.gov.au/supreme/about-the-courts/judiciary</a>
26	<a href="https://www.courts.act.gov.au/magistrates/about-the-courts/magistrates-court-judiciary">https://www.courts.act.gov.au/magistrates/about-the-courts/magistrates-court-judiciary</a>
27	<a href="https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/about/judges">https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/about/judges</a>
28	<a href="https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/contact-us">https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/contact-us</a>
29	<a href="https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/supreme-court/judges/">https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/supreme-court/judges/</a>
30	<a href="https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/court-of-appeal/judges/">https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/court-of-appeal/judges/</a>
31	<a href="https://employmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/">https://employmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/</a>
32	<a href="https://maorilandcourt.govt.nz/about-mlc/judges/">https://maorilandcourt.govt.nz/about-mlc/judges/</a>
33	<a href="https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/judges/">https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/judges/</a>
34	<a href="https://www.districtcourts.govt.nz/about-the-courts/the-district-court-judiciary/the-judges/">https://www.districtcourts.govt.nz/about-the-courts/the-district-court-judiciary/the-judges/</a>
35	This figure does not include judicial officers appointed to the Environment Court, but does include those appointed as Chief Coroner and those appointed to the Independent Police Complaints Authority, Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority, and Immigration and Protection Tribunal.
36	<a href="https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/">https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/</a>