

AIJA Judicial Gender Statistics

Number and Percentage of Women Judges and Magistrates at June 2023

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

JURISDICTION	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICER Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICER Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN WOMEN 1-YEAR CHANGE (2022)*	PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN WOMEN 5-YEAR CHANGE (2018)	PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN WOMEN 10-YEAR CHANGE (2013)
COMMONWEALTH							
High Court	1	7	4	57.1%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%
Federal Court	2	54	18	33.3%	-1.3%	8.8%	14.7%
FCFCOA (Div 1)**	3,4	76	44	57.9%	3.1%	15.2%	25.1%
FCFCOA (Div 2)**	3,5	43	19	44.2%	2.7%	4.9%	4.7%
TOTAL		104	41	39.4%	-5.7%	3.5%	8.6%
NEW SOUTH WALES							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	6	52	15	28.8%	7.0%	5.8%	8.0%
District Court	7	79	33	41.8%	2.3%	6.6%	14.5%
Local Court	8	146	72	49.3%	1.0%	5.5%	5.9%
Land & Environment Court	9	7	4	57.1%	7.1%	23.8%	23.8%
TOTAL		284	124	43.7%	2.8%	6.4%	8.9%
VICTORIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	10	43	16	37.2%	-4.1%	12.8%	11.0%
County Court	11	73	34	46.6%	0.6%	4.8%	7.5%
Magistrates Court	12	154	85	55.2%	2.2%	10.0%	11.8%
TOTAL		270	135	50.0%	0.9%	9.7%	11.2%

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QUEENSLAND							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	13	28	10	35.7%	4.7%	7.1%	2.4%
District Court	14	40	12	30.0%	-3.3%	4.4%	11.6%
Magistrates Court	15	98	48	49.0%	3.2%	8.8%	15.3%
TOTAL		166	70	42.2%	1.7%	7.3%	12.3%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	16	24	8	33.3%	7.2%	18.3%	18.3%
District Court	17	35	18	51.4%	5.7%	19.2%	30.0%
Magistrates Court	18	57	30	52.6%	4.5%	14.3%	13.0%
TOTAL		116	56	48.3%	5.4%	16.6%	18.6%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	19	15	6	40.0%	8.8%	15.0%	23.3%
District Court	20	23	10	43.5%	0.6%	13.0%	23.5%
Magistrates Court	20	41	18	43.9%	4.8%	9.8%	7.1%
Employment Tribunal	21	8	2	25.0%	12.5%	-	-
TOTAL		87	36	41.4%	5.1%	9.8%	13.4%
TASMANIA							
Supreme Court	22	7	2	28.6%	0.0%	11.9%	-4.8%
Magistrates Court	23	17	7	41.2%	-2.6%	14.5%	19.7%

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TOTAL		24	9	37.5%	-1.6%	13.7%	12.5%
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY							
Supreme Court	24	5	4	80.0%	30.0%	40.0%	55.0%
Magistrates Court	25	9	3	33.3%	-6.7%	-23.8%	-23.8%
TOTAL		14	7	50.0%	6.3%	0.0%	4.5%
NORTHERN TERRITORY							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	26	6	3	50.0%	7.1%	16.7%	16.7%
Local Court	27,28	13	6	46.2%	-7.7%	10.4%	17.6%
TOTAL		19	9	47.4%	-2.6%	12.4%	17.4%
GRAND TOTAL							
Total Superior Courts		1084	487	44.9%	2.3%	8.7%	11.8%
Total Inferior Courts		291	109	37.5%	-0.6%	7.7%	10.0%
		793	378	47.7%	2.0%	8.4%	12.7%

COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND***

COURT	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICER	JUDICIAL OFFICER	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN WOMEN 1-YEAR CHANGE (2022)
		Persons	Women		
Te Kōti Mana Nui/Supreme Court	29	6	3	50.0%	0.0%
Te Kōti Pīra/Court of Appeal	30	10	4	40.0%	10.0%
Te Kōti Take Mahi/Employment Court	31	5	3	60.0%	0.0%
Te Kooti Whenua Māori/Maori Land Court	32	13	7	53.8%	3.8%
Te Kōti Matua/High Court	33	41	14	34.1%	-8.7%
Te Kōti ā Rohe/District Court	34,35	168	78	46.4%	3.5%
Te Koti Taiao/Environment Court	36	8	5	62.5%	12.5%
GRAND TOTAL		251	114	45.4%	1.9%

Sources of Judicial Gender Statistics

The data has been sourced from publicly available information, predominantly 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.

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.

*2022 data reported here incorporates revisions to the figures applied in 2023.

**The Family Court of Australia, and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, were amalgamated in 2021 to become the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) (Divisions 1 and 2). The 5- and 10-year changes for the FCFCOA (Div 1 and Div 2) are based on comparing figures of the former Family Court with the current judicial officers of the FCFCOA (Div 1) judicial officers, and comparing figures of the former Federal Circuit Court with the current judicial officers of FCFCOA (Div 2).

***As the New Zealand data set was introduced in the 2021 Report, previous 5-year and 10-year comparisons are not available.

Notes

1	https://www.hcourt.gov.au/justices/about-the-justices
2	https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/about/judges/current-judges-appointment
3	https://www.fccoa.gov.au/Judges
4	https://www.directory.gov.au/portfolios/attorney-generals/federal-circuit-and-family-court-australia-division-1
5	https://www.directory.gov.au/portfolios/attorney-generals/federal-court-australia/federal-circuit-and-family-court-australia-division-2
6	https://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/SCO2_contactus/judicialcontacts/judicialcontacts.aspx
7	https://www.districtcourt.nsw.gov.au/district-court/contact-us/judges-contact-details.html
8	https://www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au/local-court/about-us/chief-magistrate.html
9	https://www.lec.nsw.gov.au/lec/about-us/judicial-officers-and-decision-makers.html
10	https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/about-the-court/our-judiciary/judges
11	https://www.countycourt.vic.gov.au/contact-us/judicial-support
12	https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/judicial-officers
13	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-supreme-court
14	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-district-court
15	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/magistrates-in-queensland
16	https://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au/C/current_judges_and_masters.aspx

17	https://districtcourt.wa.gov.au/J/judges.aspx
18	https://lawalmanac.justice.wa.gov.au/M/magistrates_court_of_western_australia.aspx?uid=7158-8724-6136-1509
19	https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/our-judiciary/
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21	https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/about-saet-3/members-and-registrars/
22	https://www.supremecourt.tas.gov.au/the-court/judges/
23	https://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/about_us
24	https://www.courts.act.gov.au/supreme/about-the-courts/judiciary
25	https://www.courts.act.gov.au/magistrates/about-the-courts/magistrates-court-judiciary
26	https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/about/judges
27	https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/contact-us
28	https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/about-us/judges
29	https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/supreme-court/judges/
30	https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/court-of-appeal/judges/
31	https://employmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/
32	https://www.xn--morilandcourt-wqb.govt.nz/en/who-we-are/our-judges/
33	https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/judges/
34	https://www.districtcourts.govt.nz/about-the-courts/the-district-court-judiciary/the-judges/
35	https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/about-us/Our-People.aspx
36	https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/