

# Psychology Board of Australia Registrant Data

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## Introduction

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see About AHPRA at [www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx).

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on psychology registration, please see the Board's website [www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Principal Place of Practice

Principal Place of Practice (PPP) is the address declared by the psychologist to be the address at which he or she is predominantly practising the profession. If the psychologist is not practising the profession or is not practising predominantly at one address the Principal Place of Practice may be the psychologist's principal place of residence.

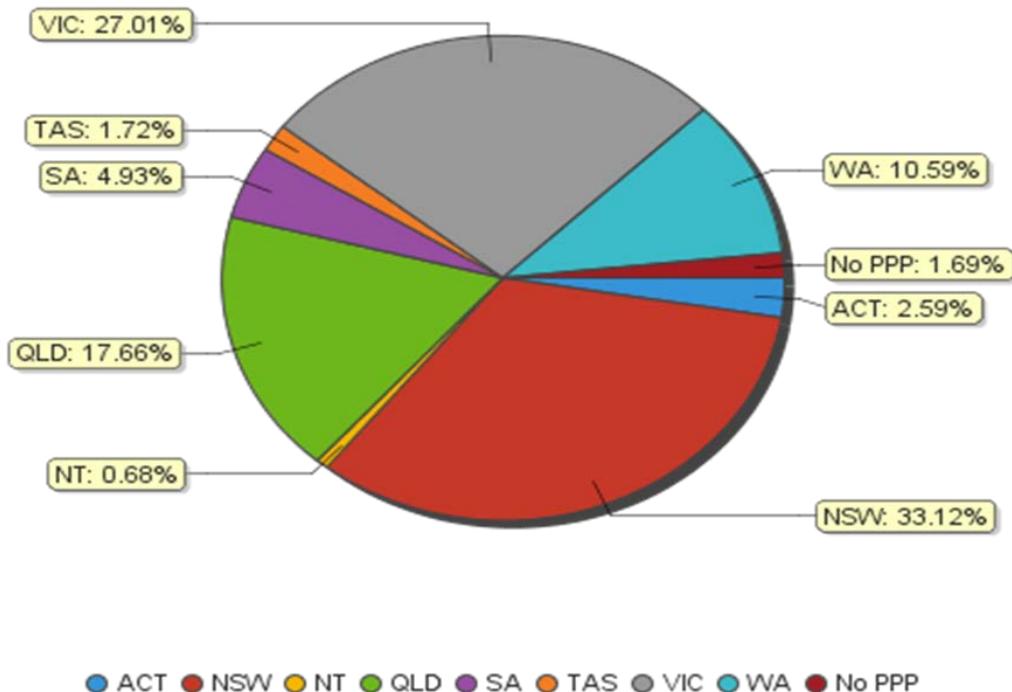
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## Registration Type

**Table 1.1 Registration type by Principal Place of Practice**

Registration Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	713	9,122	197	4,707	1,363	493	7,418	2,782	383	27,178
Provisional	105	1,266	25	857	181	55	1,161	534	8	4,192
Non-practising	40	571	3	281	87	22	360	188	169	1,721
<b>Total</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>8,939</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>33,091</b>

**Table 1.2 Registration type by Principal Place of Practice percentages**



## Endorsements

### Area of practice endorsement by PPP

**Table 2.1 Area of practice endorsements by state or territory**

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	6	146	1	93	22	9	279	33	11	<b>600</b>
Clinical psychology	201	2,263	31	1,097	571	165	1,827	1,008	83	<b>7,246</b>
Community psychology		7		3	1		35	9	1	<b>56</b>
Counselling psychology	10	222	1	74	12	6	472	137	10	<b>944</b>
Educational and developmental psychology	9	166		98	36	21	207	69	6	<b>612</b>
Forensic psychology	11	221	6	69	34	10	147	44	4	<b>546</b>
Health psychology	5	67	1	53	25	9	146	8	4	<b>318</b>
Organisational psychology	17	145	1	79	51	2	137	41	5	<b>478</b>
Sport and exercise psychology	5	21	1	26	8	4	21	7	1	<b>94</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>10,894</b>

\* Note: The figures in table above show the total number of psychology area of practice endorsements recorded on the National Register. Psychologists who hold more than one endorsement are counted for each endorsement they hold. The number of individual psychologists who hold at least one area of practice endorsement after the close of business on 31 December 2015 was 9,863.

## Number of Endorsements

**Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held**

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	8,914	879	60	9	1	<b>9,863</b>
% of endorsed psychologists	90.38%	8.91%	0.61%	0.09%	0.01%	<b>100%</b>
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						<b>27,178</b>
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	32.80%	3.23%	0.22%	0.03%	<0.01%	<b>36.29%</b>

**Table 3.2 Psychologists with one endorsement per registrant and total number of endorsements – by area of practice**

Area of practice	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	452	5.07%	600	5.51%
Clinical psychology	6,444	72.29%	7,246	66.51%
Community psychology	29	0.33%	56	0.51%
Counselling psychology	630	7.07%	944	8.67%
Educational and developmental psychology	426	4.78%	612	5.62%
Forensic psychology	295	3.31%	546	5.01%
Health psychology	157	1.76%	318	2.92%
Organisational psychology	407	4.57%	478	4.39%
Sport and exercise psychology	74	0.83%	94	0.86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,914</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>100%</b>

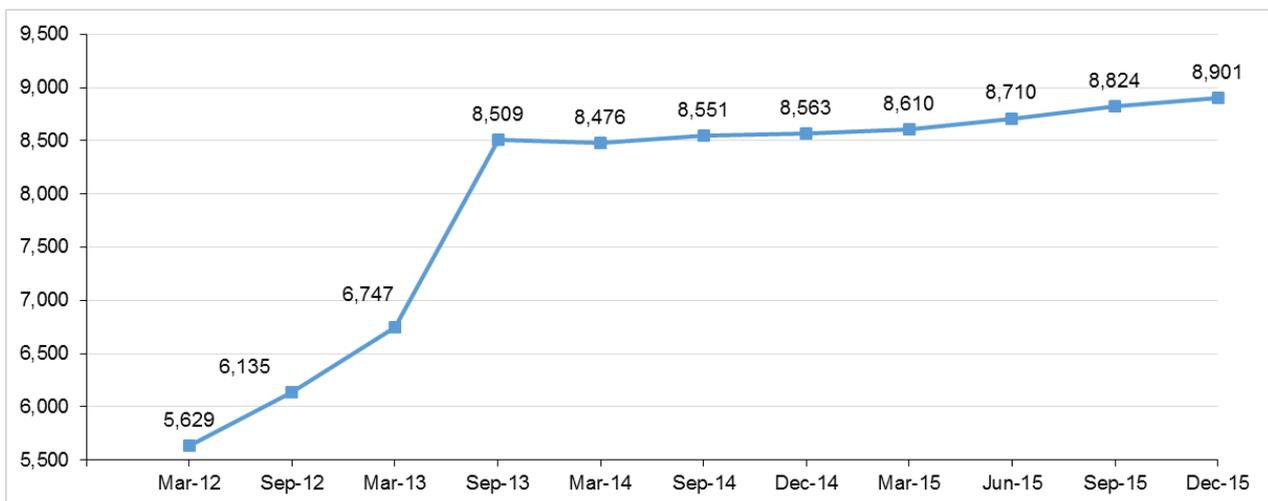
## Supervisors

### Approved Supervisors and PPP

**Table 4.1** Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>3</sup>
ACT	244	34.22%
NSW	3,181	34.87%
NT	60	30.46%
QLD	1,544	32.80%
SA	467	34.26%
TAS	184	37.32%
VIC	2,060	27.77%
WA	1,110	39.90%
No PPP	51	13.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>32.75%</b>

**Table 4.2** Change in the number of approved supervisors<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> There were 27,178 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 December 2015

<sup>4</sup> The Board first published national data on the number of approved supervisors in March 2012. Transition provisions for supervisors were in place for the first three years of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme until 30 June 2013 which contributed to a spike in applications for approval as a supervisor just before new requirements for supervisors commenced on 1 July 2013.

## Program Supervisors

**Table 5.1 Registrar Program Supervisors**

PPP	Supervisor Type	Clinical neuropsychology	Clinical psychology	Community psychology	Counselling psychology	Educational and developmental psychology	Forensic psychology	Health psychology	Organisational psychology	Sport and exercise psychology	Any area of practice	Total
ACT	Principal	5	68		3	2	4	2	5			<b>89</b>
	Secondary	3	37		2		1	1	3		67	<b>114</b>
NSW	Principal	75	838	1	49	54	96	16	46	6		<b>1,181</b>
	Secondary	62	627	1	33	38	75	9	40	2	334	<b>1,221</b>
NT	Principal	1	8				3		1			<b>13</b>
	Secondary	1	8		1				1		6	<b>17</b>
QLD	Principal	38	379		31	35	33	19	25	8		<b>568</b>
	Secondary	10	106		8	9	5	6	11	3	449	<b>607</b>
SA	Principal	14	210		4	15	15	14	17	2		<b>291</b>
	Secondary	4	88		4	6	3	5	8		188	<b>306</b>
TAS	Principal	3	72		3	11	5	3		1		<b>98</b>
	Secondary	1	55		1	11	3	1			29	<b>101</b>
VIC	Principal	141	637	17	160	67	51	45	45	6		<b>1,169</b>
	Secondary	82	389	10	86	33	36	35	31	5	453	<b>1,160</b>
WA	Principal	15	461	2	56	24	21		11	2		<b>592</b>
	Secondary	11	289	2	31	10	8		9	2	231	<b>593</b>
No PPP	Principal	3	10		1		2	1	1			<b>18</b>
	Secondary	1	10				2	1	1		11	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>8,164</b>

## Board-approved supervisors of Provisional Psychologists

**Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP<sup>5</sup>**

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program <sup>6</sup>	Work in Addition to Higher Degree <sup>7</sup>
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	205	207	59	61	101	<b>88</b>
NSW	2,679	2,566	793	812	1,437	<b>822</b>
NT	52	57	5	6	18	<b>15</b>
QLD	1,337	1,394	294	300	922	<b>566</b>
SA	353	353	46	48	312	<b>213</b>
TAS	154	153	59	59	109	<b>86</b>
VIC	1,388	1,407	234	236	1,522	<b>838</b>
WA	873	857	132	123	449	<b>313</b>
No PPP	37	35	7	7	30	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>2,960</b>

\*Note: The figures in the table above include instances of the same supervisors counted more than once because they are approved to supervise in more than one provisional registration pathway area and/or for both principal and secondary where applicable.

<sup>5</sup> Provisional psychologists hold provisional registration which is the registration type under section 62 of the National Law that enables the individual to undertake a period of supervised practice in order to become eligible for general registration. There are different pathways that can be undertaken by registered provisional psychologists including the 4+2 internship program, the 5+1 internship program, and higher degree programs. Refer to the Provisional registration section of the Board's website [www.psychologyboard.gov.au](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au) for more information on the pathways.

<sup>6</sup> Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

<sup>7</sup> Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

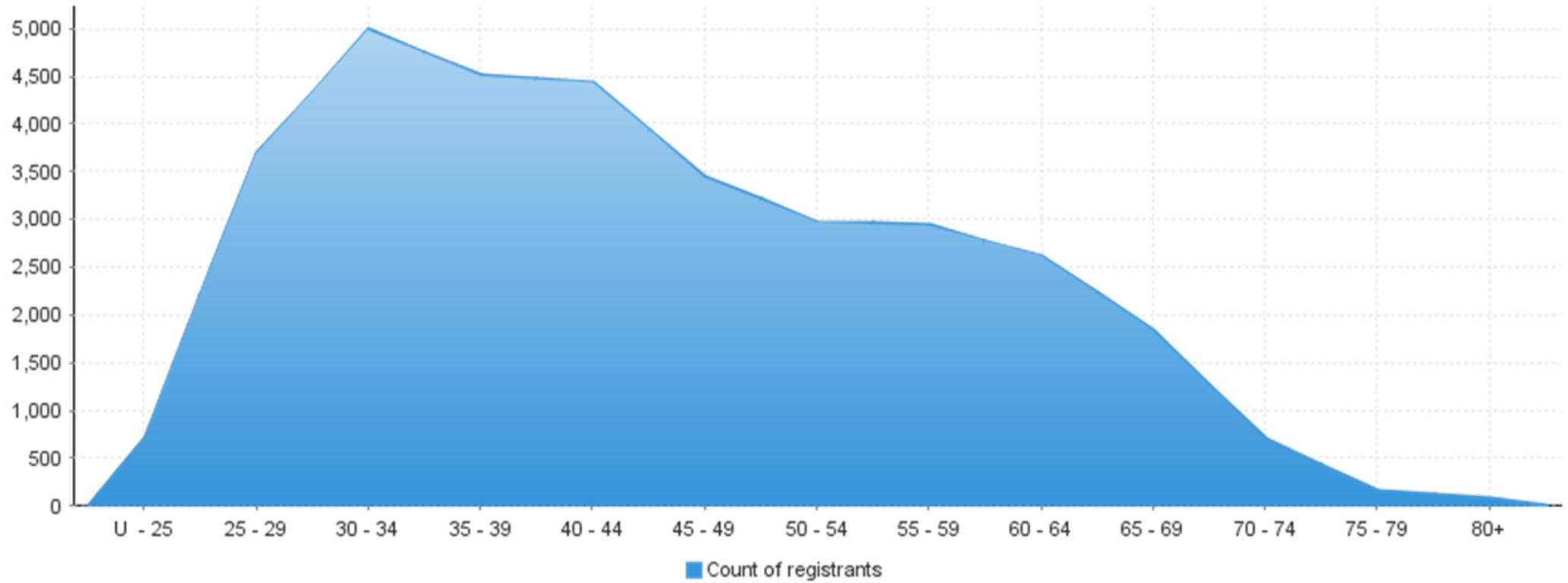
## Age groups

### Registration type by age groups

**Table 7.1 Registration type by age group**

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	47	671		<b>718</b>
25 - 29	1,997	1,605	90	<b>3,692</b>
30 - 34	3,990	694	304	<b>4,988</b>
35 - 39	3,820	406	278	<b>4,504</b>
40 - 44	3,900	326	212	<b>4,438</b>
45 - 49	3,080	240	123	<b>3,443</b>
50 - 54	2,736	139	97	<b>2,972</b>
55 - 59	2,723	78	136	<b>2,937</b>
60 - 64	2,418	23	181	<b>2,622</b>
65 - 69	1,655	10	176	<b>1,841</b>
70 - 74	610		86	<b>696</b>
75 - 79	136		27	<b>163</b>
80+	66		11	<b>77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,178</b>	<b>4,192</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>33,091</b>

Table 7.2 Registrants by age group



## Gender

### Registration type

**Table 8.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type**

Gender	Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	567	7,152	147	3,696	1,009	396	5,887	2,178	289	<b>21,321</b>
	Provisional	82	1,002	18	716	149	50	959	442	8	<b>3,426</b>
	Non-practising	29	471	1	234	64	17	303	158	137	<b>1,414</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>678</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>4,646</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>26,161</b>
Male	General	146	1,970	50	1,011	354	97	1,531	604	94	<b>5,857</b>
	Provisional	23	264	7	141	32	5	202	92		<b>766</b>
	Non-practising	11	100	2	47	23	5	57	30	32	<b>307</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>6,930</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>858</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>8,939</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>33,091</b>

### Percentage

**Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	79.02%	78.70%	73.78%	79.49%	74.92%	81.23%	79.98%	79.28%	77.50%	<b>79.06%</b>
Male	20.98%	21.30%	26.22%	20.51%	25.08%	18.77%	20.02%	20.72%	22.50%	<b>20.94%</b>