

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.

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

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.

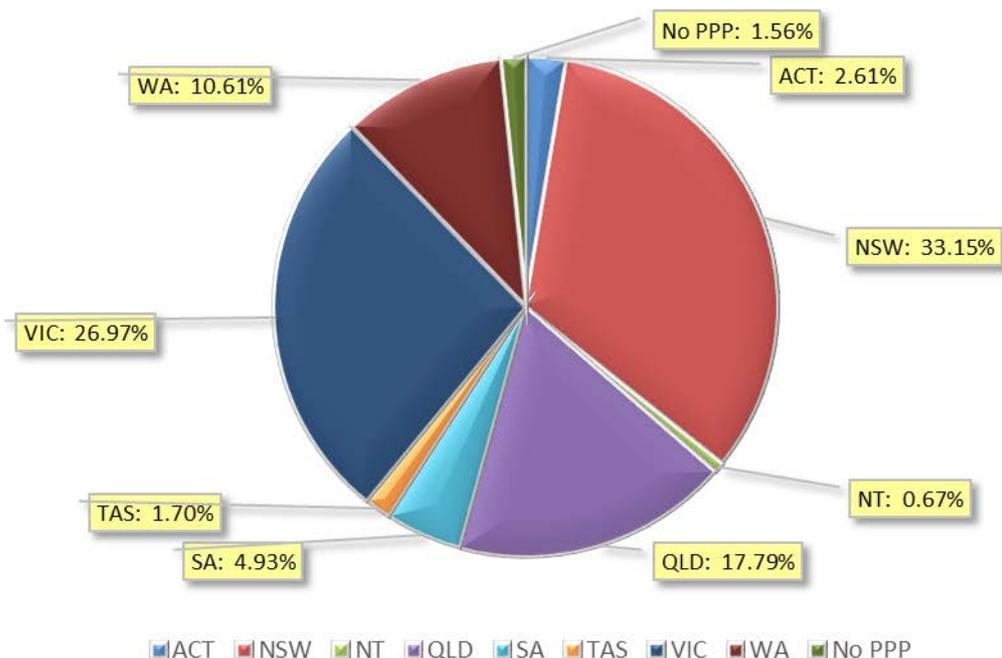
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	747	9,250	197	4,866	1,401	494	7,612	2,858	366	27,791
Provisional	104	1,456	31	922	189	65	1,213	572	6	4,558
Non-practising	38	575	1	265	88	21	351	179	159	1,677
Total	889	11,281	229	6,053	1,678	580	9,176	3,609	531	34,026

Table 1.2 Registration by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Area of practice endorsements 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	153	1	94	23	9	289	33	10	618
Clinical psychology	220	2,366	32	1,173	600	173	1,930	1,045	81	7,620
Community psychology		7		3	1		35	8	1	55
Counselling psychology	11	218	1	72	12	6	478	144	12	954
Educational and developmental psychology	9	161	2	108	36	19	214	70	8	627
Forensic psychology	11	227	7	69	35	10	154	44	4	561
Health psychology	5	69	1	54	26	9	149	8	3	324
Organisational psychology	16	154	1	82	52	2	139	41	5	492
Sport and exercise psychology	5	21	1	27	8	4	22	6		94
Total	283	3,376	46	1,682	793	232	3,410	1,399	124	11,345

* Note: The figures in the 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 30 September 2016 was 10,314.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,365	879	60	9	1	10,314
% of endorsed psychologists	90.8%	8.5%	.6%	.1%	<.01%	100%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						27,792
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	33.7%	3.2%	.2%	.0%	<.01%	37.1%

* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Where results produced have more than three decimal places, they are displayed to the nearest two decimal places.

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	469	5%	618	5.4%
Clinical psychology	6,819	72.8%	7,620	67.2%
Community psychology	28	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	640	6.8%	954	8.4%
Educational and developmental psychology	442	4.7%	627	5.5%
Forensic psychology	309	3.3%	561	4.9%
Health psychology	163	1.7%	324	2.9%
Organisational psychology	420	4.5%	492	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	75	0.8%	94	0.8%
Total	9,365	100%	11,345	100%

* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding

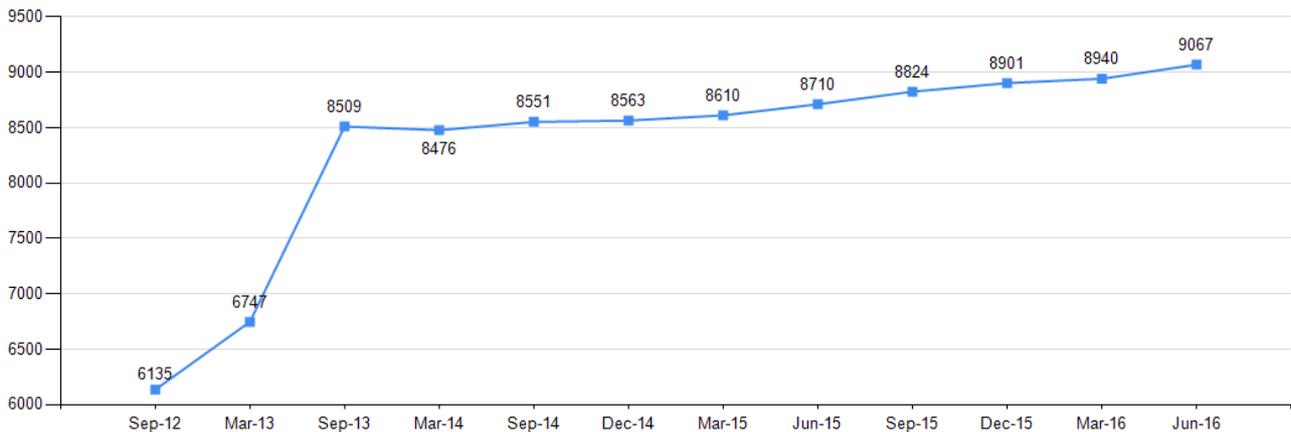
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ³
ACT	261	34.9%
NSW	3,263	35.3%
NT	62	31.5%
QLD	1,616	33.2%
SA	500	35.7%
TAS	195	39.5%
VIC	2,122	27.9%
WA	1,135	39.7%
No PPP	49	13.4%
Total	9,203	33.1%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



³ There were 27,791 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 September 2016.

⁴ 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.

Registrar 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	82		3	2	5	2	5			104
	Secondary	4	51		2		2	1	3		74	137
NSW	Principal	80	907	2	54	55	104	18	50	6		1,276
	Secondary	66	698	2	39	39	85	11	45	2	350	1,337
NT	Principal	1	9				3		1			14
	Secondary	1	9		1	1			1		7	20
QLD	Principal	43	438		31	43	33	21	28	10		647
	Secondary	11	139		8	13	5	7	12	3	492	690
SA	Principal	15	227		4	17	16	15	17	2		313
	Secondary	5	97		4	7	4	6	8		202	333
TAS	Principal	4	77		3	11	5	4	1	1		106
	Secondary	1	58		1	11	3	2	1		32	109
VIC	Principal	146	698	17	180	73	56	46	47	6		1,269
	Secondary	87	433	10	103	36	40	35	32	5	482	1,263
WA	Principal	18	475	2	63	25	24		11	2		620
	Secondary	11	305	2	36	11	9		9	3	232	618
No PPP	Principal	3	10		1	1	2	1	1			19
	Secondary	1	10			1	2	1	1		10	26
Total		502	4,723	35	533	346	398	170	273	40	1,881	8,901

Board-approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP⁵

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program ⁶	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁷
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	218	220	86	91	110	105
NSW	2,745	2,648	972	1,001	1,495	898
NT	54	59	8	9	20	16
QLD	1,403	1,462	420	431	961	636
SA	375	378	68	74	331	242
TAS	160	162	71	76	110	89
VIC	1,441	1,463	374	385	1,571	934
WA	896	884	193	184	477	355
No PPP	36	33	5	5	28	15
Total	7,328	7,309	2,197	2,256	5,103	3,290

*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.

⁵ 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 for more information on the pathways.

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

⁷ Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

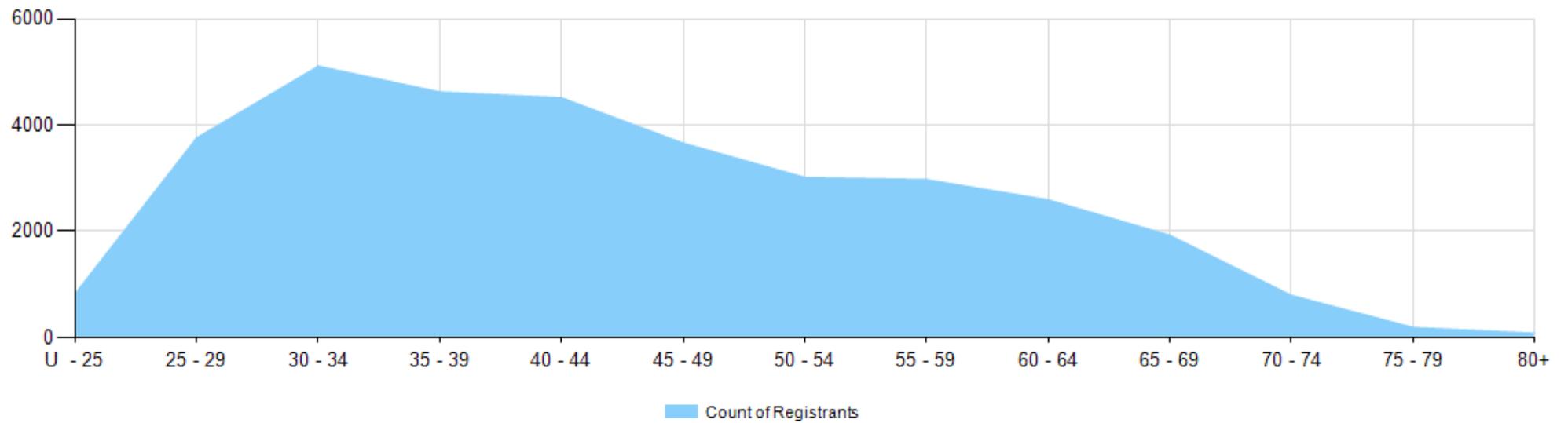
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	37	783		820
25 - 29	1,993	1,688	76	3,757
30 - 34	4,026	773	307	5,106
35 - 39	3,922	423	275	4,620
40 - 44	3,976	337	199	4,512
45 - 49	3,264	259	134	3,657
50 - 54	2,750	175	88	3,013
55 - 59	2,758	85	127	2,970
60 - 64	2,392	28	171	2,591
65 - 69	1,748	7	168	1,923
70 - 74	697		95	792
75 - 79	159		27	186
80+	69		10	79
Total	27,791	4,558	1,677	34,026

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	603	7,269	145	3,860	1,044	399	6,073	2,251	271	21,915
	Provisional	88	1,157	24	761	157	57	994	483	5	3,726
	Non-practising	25	470		215	65	16	298	154	130	1,373
Total female		716	8,896	169	4,836	1,266	472	7,365	2,888	406	27,014
Male	General	144	1,981	52	1,006	357	95	1,539	607	95	5,876
	Provisional	16	299	7	161	32	8	219	89	1	832
	Non-practising	13	105	1	50	23	5	53	25	29	304
Total male		173	2,385	60	1,217	412	108	1,811	721	125	7,012
Total		889	11,281	229	6,053	1,678	580	9,176	3,609	531	34,026

Percentage

Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.5%	78.9%	73.8%	79.9%	75.4%	81.4%	80.3%	80%	76.5%	79.4%
Male	19.5%	21.1%	26.2%	20.1%	24.6%	18.6%	19.7%	20%	23.5%	20.6%