

# 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.

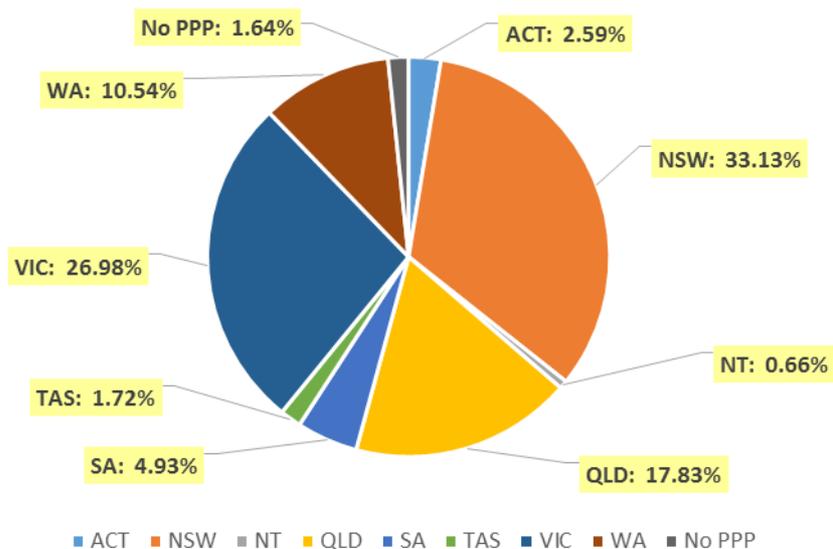
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## 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	741	9,338	189	4,914	1,404	496	7,669	2,872	358	<b>27,981</b>
Provisional	103	1,397	34	900	178	62	1,166	544	9	<b>4,393</b>
Non-practising	40	583	2	278	101	29	383	184	193	<b>1,793</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>11,318</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>9,218</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>34,167</b>

**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	7	155	1	95	23	9	289	32	9	620
Clinical psychology	225	2,392	35	1,196	593	175	1,942	1,052	75	7,685
Community psychology		6		2	1		35	10	1	55
Counselling psychology	10	216		73	12	6	481	144	13	955
Educational and developmental psychology	10	161	2	109	36	20	219	73	7	637
Forensic psychology	13	227	6	71	34	9	159	43	5	567
Health psychology	5	68	1	54	27	10	150	7	3	325
Organisational psychology	14	158	2	82	48	2	141	41	7	495
Sport and exercise psychology	5	22	1	29	8	4	22	6	1	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>11,437</b>

\* 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 31 December 2016 was 10,412.

### Number of Endorsements

**Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held**

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,466	879	57	9	1	10,412
% of endorsed psychologists	90.9%	8.4%	0.5%	0.1%	<.01%	100%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						27,981
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	33.8%	3.1%	0.2%	<.01%	<.01%	37.2%

\* 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	472	5%	620	5.4%
Clinical psychology	6,885	72.7%	7,685	67.2%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	643	6.8%	955	8.4%
Educational and developmental psychology	453	4.8%	637	5.6%
Forensic psychology	316	3.3%	567	5.0%
Health psychology	164	1.7%	325	2.8%
Organisational psychology	425	4.5%	495	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	79	0.8%	98	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,437</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

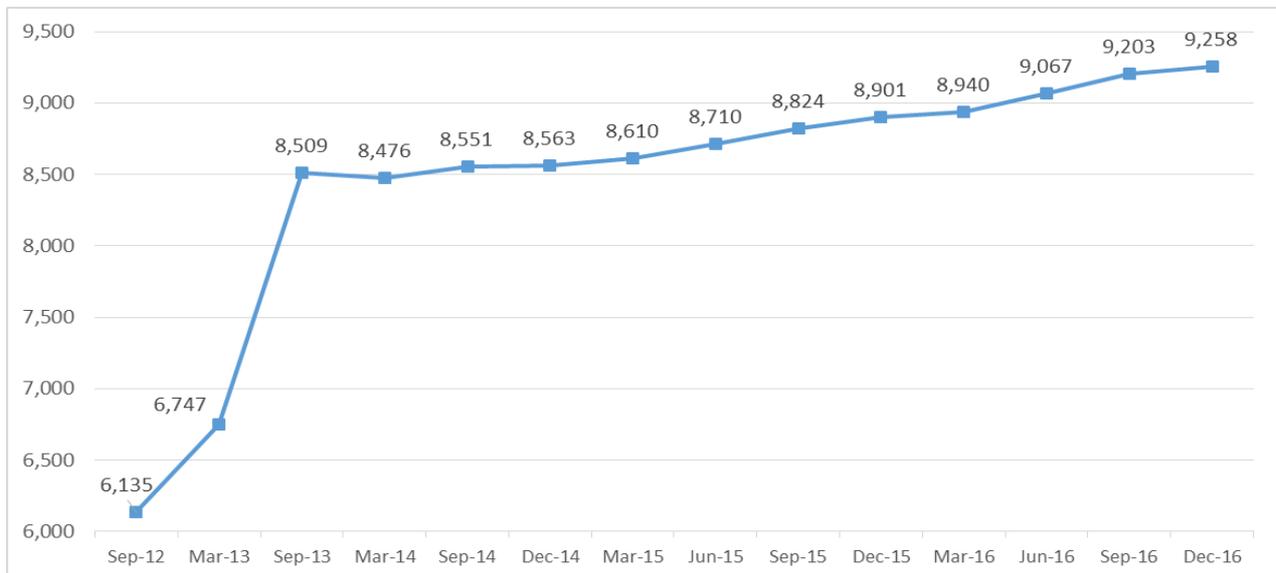
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1** Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>3</sup>
ACT	274	37%
NSW	3,284	35.2%
NT	59	31.2%
QLD	1,627	33.1%
SA	495	35.3%
TAS	197	39.7%
VIC	2,137	27.9%
WA	1,131	39.4%
No PPP	54	15.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,258</b>	<b>33.1%</b>

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



<sup>3</sup> There were 27,981 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 December 2016.

<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.

## 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	91		3	3	5	2	4		1	<b>114</b>
	Secondary	4	62		2		2	1	2		75	<b>148</b>
NSW	Principal	80	926	1	54	56	103	18	52	6		<b>1,296</b>
	Secondary	66	717	1	38	40	84	11	46	2	356	<b>1,361</b>
NT	Principal	1	10				3		1			<b>15</b>
	Secondary	1	11			1		1	1		7	<b>22</b>
QLD	Principal	43	449		31	44	32	22	28	11		<b>660</b>
	Secondary	10	142		9	13	5	7	12	4	511	<b>713</b>
SA	Principal	15	223		4	17	16	15	16	2		<b>308</b>
	Secondary	5	96		4	7	4	6	7		199	<b>328</b>
TAS	Principal	4	80		3	11	5	4	1	1		<b>109</b>
	Secondary	1	61		1	11	3	2	1		32	<b>112</b>
VIC	Principal	150	705	18	180	74	58	47	48	5		<b>1,285</b>
	Secondary	89	439	11	103	38	42	35	33	4	489	<b>1,283</b>
WA	Principal	18	480	2	62	23	24		11	2		<b>622</b>
	Secondary	11	305	2	36	10	9		9	3	233	<b>618</b>
No PPP	Principal	2	13		2	1	3	1	1			<b>23</b>
	Secondary	1	9		1	1	2	1	1		12	<b>28</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>4,819</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>9,045</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	227	231	95	101	118	116
NSW	2,768	2,670	1,028	1,051	1,512	922
NT	51	55	10	11	21	15
QLD	1,413	1,475	451	463	962	655
SA	372	377	72	78	326	241
TAS	160	162	76	81	113	94
VIC	1,463	1,478	412	424	1,575	961
WA	891	879	214	207	484	364
No PPP	40	36	7	7	33	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,385</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>3,388</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*.

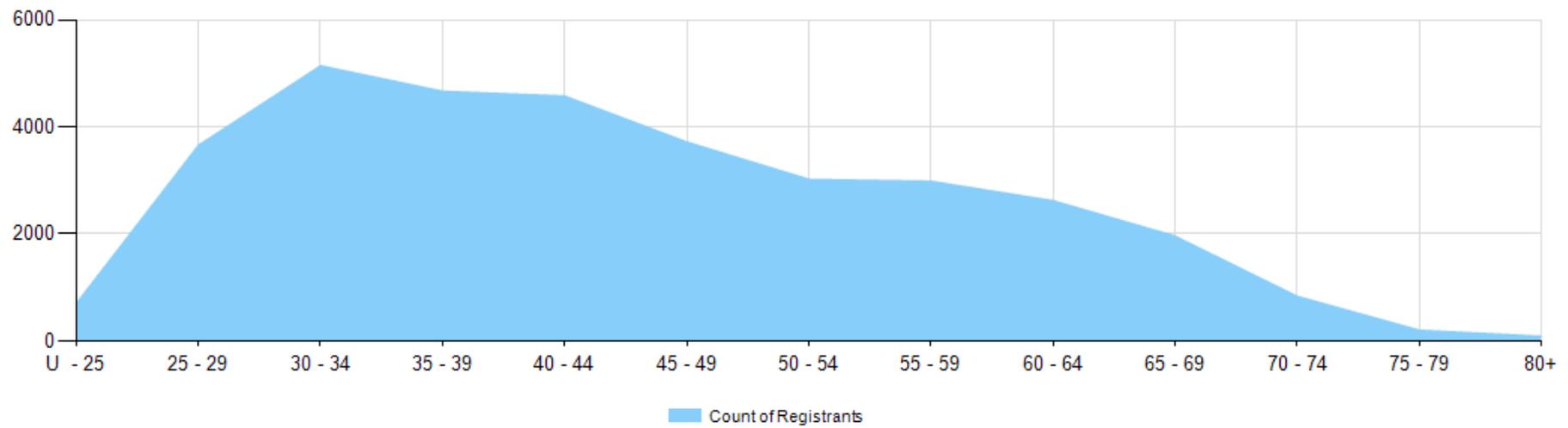
## Age group

### Registration type by age group

**Table 7.1 Registration type by age group**

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	31	671		<b>702</b>
25 - 29	1,931	1,637	88	<b>3,656</b>
30 - 34	4,042	778	323	<b>5,143</b>
35 - 39	3,965	427	273	<b>4,665</b>
40 - 44	4,040	343	194	<b>4,577</b>
45 - 49	3,308	253	156	<b>3,717</b>
50 - 54	2,765	164	91	<b>3,020</b>
55 - 59	2,759	87	137	<b>2,983</b>
60 - 64	2,412	26	183	<b>2,621</b>
65 - 69	1,753	7	199	<b>1,959</b>
70 - 74	733		102	<b>835</b>
75 - 79	168		33	<b>201</b>
80+	74		14	<b>88</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,981</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>34,167</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	607	7,334	143	3,891	1,045	399	6,127	2,263	268	<b>22,077</b>
	Provisional	86	1,121	28	747	147	54	945	460	7	<b>3,595</b>
	Non-practising	28	465	1	229	75	22	329	160	155	<b>1,464</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>721</b>	<b>8,920</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>4,867</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>27,136</b>
Male	General	134	2,004	46	1,023	359	97	1,542	609	90	<b>5,904</b>
	Provisional	17	276	6	153	31	8	221	84	2	<b>798</b>
	Non-practising	12	118	1	49	26	7	54	24	38	<b>329</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>7,031</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>884</b>	<b>11,318</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>9,218</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>34,167</b>

### Percentage

**Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.6%	78.8%	76.4%	79.9%	75.3%	80.9%	80.3%	80.1%	76.8%	<b>79.4%</b>
Male	18.4%	21.2%	23.6%	20.1%	24.7%	19.1%	19.7%	19.9%	23.2%	<b>20.6%</b>