# 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 <a href="https://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx">www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx</a>.

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.

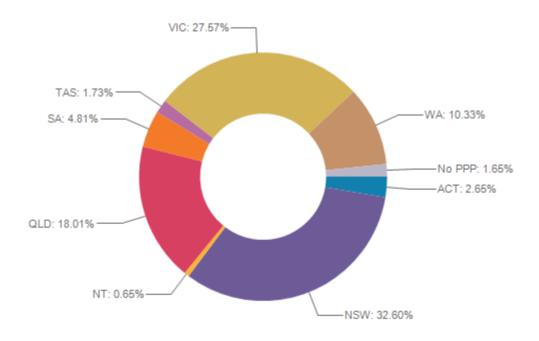
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

#### Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

| Registration types | ACT   | NSW    | NT  | QLD   | SA    | TAS | VIC    | WA    | No PPP | Total  |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| General            | 836   | 10,028 | 201 | 5,522 | 1,511 | 534 | 8,516  | 3,133 | 404    | 30,685 |
| Provisional        | 129   | 1,728  | 40  | 1,001 | 226   | 91  | 1,542  | 635   | 17     | 5,409  |
| Non-practising     | 37    | 562    | 4   | 281   | 80    | 28  | 357    | 135   | 204    | 1,688  |
| Total              | 1,002 | 12,318 | 245 | 6,804 | 1,817 | 653 | 10,415 | 3,903 | 625    | 37,782 |

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<br>PPP | Total  |
|--|-----|-------|----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Clinical neuropsychology                 | 10  | 172   | 3  | 109   | 25  | 6   | 319   | 37    | 12        | 693    |
| Clinical psychology                      | 281 | 2,718 | 39 | 1,483 | 662 | 205 | 2,310 | 1,184 | 118       | 9,000  |
| Community psychology                     | 1   | 6     |    | 3     | 1   |     | 34    | 9     |           | 54     |
| Counselling psychology                   | 9   | 200   |    | 81    | 12  | 8   | 500   | 156   | 8         | 974    |
| Educational and developmental psychology | 10  | 156   | 2  | 125   | 34  | 20  | 262   | 69    | 8         | 686    |
| Forensic psychology                      | 13  | 237   | 5  | 69    | 36  | 7   | 183   | 48    | 7         | 605    |
| Health psychology                        | 6   | 65    | 1  | 63    | 29  | 10  | 146   | 4     | 3         | 327    |
| Organisational psychology                | 15  | 180   | 2  | 87    | 50  | 2   | 154   | 41    | 7         | 538    |
| Sport and exercise psychology            | 6   | 22    | 1  | 30    | 8   | 3   | 20    | 6     |           | 96     |
| Total                                    | 351 | 3,756 | 53 | 2,050 | 857 | 261 | 3,928 | 1,554 | 163       | 12,973 |

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 June 2019 was 11,933.

#### Number of endorsements

**Table 2.2 Number of endorsements held** 

| Endorsement  | 1      | 2    | 3    | 4     | 5     | 6     | Total  |
|--|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Number of endorsed psychologists with the corresponding number of endorsements | 10,970 | 898  | 56   | 7     | 1     | 1     | 11,933 |
| % of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements  | 91.9%  | 7.5% | 0.5% | <0.1% | <0.1% | <0.1% | 100.0% |
| Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)  |        |      |      |       |       |       | 30,686 |
| % of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement  | 35.7%  | 2.9% | 0.2% | <0.1% | <0.1% | <0.1% | 38.9%  |

Table 2.3 Psychologists with one endorsement and total number of endorsements - by area of practice

| Area of Practice                         | Psychologists<br>with one<br>endorsement | % of<br>psychologists<br>with one<br>endorsement | Total<br>endorsements | % of total<br>endorsements |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Clinical neuropsychology                 | 533                                      | 4.9%   | 693                   | 5.3%                       |
| Clinical psychology                      | 8,172                                    | 74.5%  | 9,000                 | 69.4%                      |
| Community psychology                     | 29                                       | 0.3%   | 54                    | 0.4%                       |
| Counselling psychology                   | 667                                      | 6.1%   | 974                   | 7.5%                       |
| Educational and developmental psychology | 510                                      | 4.6%   | 686                   | 5.3%                       |
| Forensic psychology                      | 343                                      | 3.1%   | 605                   | 4.7%                       |
| Health psychology                        | 170                                      | 1.5%   | 327                   | 2.5%                       |
| Organisational psychology                | 469                                      | 4.3%   | 538                   | 4.1%                       |
| Sport and exercise psychology            | 77                                       | 0.7%   | 96                    | 0.7%                       |
| Total                                    | 10,970                                   | 100.0%   | 12,973                | 100.0%                     |

The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

# **Provisional Registration**

# Provisional registrants by pathway

**Table 3.1 Provisional registrants by pathway** 

| Pathway               | ACT | NSW   | NT | QLD   | SA  | TAS | VIC   | WA  | No PPP | Total |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| 4+2 Internship        | 38  | 751   | 15 | 348   | 66  | 20  | 161   | 224 | 4      | 1,627 |
| 5+1 Internship        | 13  | 346   | 3  | 138   | 15  | 28  | 379   | 140 | 3      | 1,065 |
| Higher Degree program | 77  | 613   | 22 | 503   | 141 | 43  | 990   | 266 | 7      | 2,662 |
| Transitional Program  | 1   | 18    |    | 12    | 4   |     | 12    | 5   | 3      | 55    |
| Total                 | 129 | 1,728 | 40 | 1,001 | 226 | 91  | 1,542 | 635 | 17     | 5,409 |

# **Supervisors**

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP** 

| PPP    | Number of approved supervisors | % of general registrants |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACT    | 255                            | 25.4%                    |
| NSW    | 2,738                          | 22.2%                    |
| NT     | 59                             | 24.1%                    |
| QLD    | 1,485                          | 21.8%                    |
| SA     | 441                            | 24.3%                    |
| TAS    | 179                            | 27.4%                    |
| VIC    | 2,017                          | 19.4%                    |
| WA     | 945                            | 24.2%                    |
| No PPP | 40                             | 6.4%                     |
| Total  | 8,159                          | 21.6%                    |

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



8,500 psychologists were approved, under transitional arrangements in 2013, to provide supervision until 30 June 2018. 2,900 did not renew their supervision approvals, accounting for the decline in total approved supervisors in September 2018.

# Registrar program supervisors

Table 4.3 Registrar program principal supervisors

| Area of practice                         | ACT | NSW   | NT | QLD | SA  | TAS | VIC   | WA  | No<br>PPP | Total |
|--|-----|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-------|
| Clinical neuropsychology                 | 7   | 90    | 2  | 60  | 14  | 4   | 193   | 24  | 3         | 397   |
| Clinical psychology                      | 128 | 1,097 | 22 | 624 | 267 | 85  | 955   | 517 | 16        | 3,711 |
| Community psychology                     |     | 2     |    | 1   |     |     | 20    | 2   |           | 25    |
| Counselling psychology                   | 3   | 44    |    | 36  | 5   | 1   | 174   | 64  | 1         | 328   |
| Educational and developmental psychology | 2   | 59    |    | 64  | 16  | 7   | 96    | 22  |           | 266   |
| Forensic psychology                      | 9   | 123   | 4  | 31  | 20  | 5   | 85    | 26  | 4         | 307   |
| Health psychology                        | 5   | 23    |    | 29  | 14  | 3   | 59    |     | 1         | 134   |
| Organisational psychology                | 5   | 63    | 1  | 41  | 16  | 2   | 69    | 14  | 1         | 212   |
| Sport and exercise psychology            | 1   | 3     |    | 11  | 2   |     | 3     | 1   |           | 21    |
| Total                                    | 160 | 1,504 | 29 | 897 | 354 | 107 | 1,654 | 670 | 26        | 5,401 |

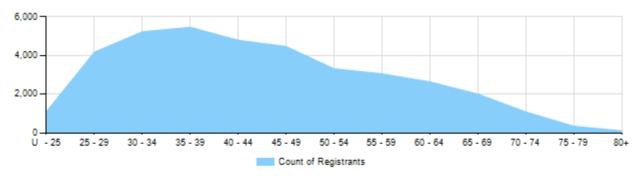
# Age group

# Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

| Age group | General | Provisional | Non-practising | Total  |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------------|--------|
| U - 25    | 60      | 1,051       | 1              | 1,112  |
| 25 - 29   | 2,307   | 1,820       | 51             | 4,178  |
| 30 - 34   | 4,048   | 911         | 269            | 5,228  |
| 35 - 39   | 4,672   | 537         | 252            | 5,461  |
| 40 - 44   | 4,203   | 408         | 179            | 4,790  |
| 45 - 49   | 3,992   | 320         | 152            | 4,464  |
| 50 - 54   | 2,997   | 200         | 120            | 3,317  |
| 55 - 59   | 2,820   | 111         | 122            | 3,053  |
| 60 - 64   | 2,434   | 39          | 163            | 2,636  |
| 65 - 69   | 1,814   | 7           | 184            | 2,005  |
| 70 - 74   | 951     | 3           | 131            | 1,085  |
| 75 - 79   | 296     | 2           | 50             | 348    |
| 80+       | 91      |             | 14             | 105    |
| Total     | 30,685  | 5,409       | 1,688          | 37,782 |

Table 5.2 Registrants by age group



### Gender

### Registration type

Table 6.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type

| Gender     | Registration types  | ACT   | NSW    | NT  | QLD   | SA    | TAS | VIC    | WA    | No<br>PPP | Total  |
|------------|---|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
|            | General   | 683   | 7,990  | 152 | 4,427 | 1,161 | 439 | 6,858  | 2,507 | 302       | 24,519 |
| Female     | Provisional   | 106   | 1,378  | 33  | 786   | 177   | 77  | 1,262  | 532   | 14        | 4,365  |
|            | Non-practising  | 24    | 436    | 3   | 235   | 62    | 22  | 287    | 114   | 162       | 1,345  |
|            |   | 813   | 9,804  | 188 | 5,448 | 1,400 | 538 | 8,407  | 3,153 | 478       | 30,229 |
|            | General   | 153   | 2,036  | 49  | 1,095 | 350   | 95  | 1,658  | 626   | 102       | 6,164  |
| Male       | Provisional   | 23    | 350    | 7   | 215   | 49    | 14  | 277    | 103   | 3         | 1,041  |
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| Total male |   | 189   | 2,512  | 57  | 1,356 | 417   | 115 | 2,005  | 750   | 147       | 7,548  |
| Total      |   | 1,002 | 12,316 | 245 | 6,804 | 1,817 | 653 | 10,412 | 3,903 | 625       | 37,777 |

### Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

| Gender | ACT   | NSW   | NT    | QLD   | SA    | TAS   | VIC   | WA    | No PPP | Total |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Female | 81.1% | 79.6% | 76.7% | 80.1% | 77.1% | 82.4% | 80.7% | 80.8% | 76.5%  | 80.0% |
| Male   | 18.9% | 20.4% | 23.3% | 19.9% | 22.9% | 17.6% | 19.3% | 19.2% | 23.5%  | 20.0% |