

Psychology Registrant Data: December 2013

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Introduction

The Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) is responsible for registering psychologists and provisional psychologists, setting professional standards and guiding the profession. Its main function is to protect the public.

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)

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| Please Note:  The numbers in this report reflect the National Board’s registration data after the close of business on 6 January 2014. Approximately 369 registrants did not renew their registration by the end of the registration renewal late period for this profession on 31 December 2013, they were removed from the register as required by the National Law and are therefore not included in these statistics. |

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| **Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory** |
| **Registration Type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Total** |
| **General** | 663 | 8,629 | 189 | 4,380 | 1,267 | 423 | 6,794 | 2,641 | 307 | **25,293** |
| **Provisional** | 95 | 1,075 | 26 | 751 | 154 | 58 | 1,163 | 447 | 2 | **3,771** |
| **Non-practising** | 35 | 500 | 5 | 231 | 70 | 26 | 264 | 132 | 93 | **1,356** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **793** | **10,204** | **220** | **5,362** | **1,491** | **507** | **8,221** | **3,220** | **402** | **30,420** |

Table 1: Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory

### *Chart 1: Psychology practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice*

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| **Psychology practitioners – count of endorsements by state or territory** |
| **Area of practice endorsement** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP1** | **Total** |
| **Clinical neuropsychology** | 8 | 131 | 0 | 88 | 22 | 9 | 256 | 30 | 7 | **551** |
| **Clinical psychology** | 156 | 2,077 | 27 | 948 | 518 | 146 | 1,617 | 942 | 56 | **6,487** |
| **Community psychology** | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 9 | 1 | **55** |
| **Counselling psychology** | 11 | 220 | 1 | 69 | 9 | 6 | 476 | 128 | 11 | **931** |
| **Educational and developmental psychology** | 8 | 160 | 1 | 95 | 37 | 21 | 196 | 70 | 4 | **592** |
| **Forensic psychology** | 10 | 208 | 8 | 64 | 35 | 7 | 139 | 40 | 4 | **515** |
| **Health psychology** | 6 | 68 | 2 | 49 | 22 | 9 | 141 | 8 | 2 | **307** |
| **Organisational psychology** | 16 | 134 | 2 | 76 | 48 | 1 | 132 | 42 | 1 | **452** |
| **Sport and exercise psychology** | 2 | 21 | 0 | 27 | 9 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 1 | **91** |
| **Total** | **217** | **3,027** | **41** | **1,419** | **701** | **200** | **3,012** | **1,277** | **87** | **9,981** |

Table 2: Psychology practitioners – count of endorsements by state or territory

Note: The figures in table above show the total number of each endorsement recorded on the National Register.

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| **Psychology practitioners – count of approved supervisors by supervisor type** |
| **Supervision Pathway** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP**[[2]](#footnote-2)1 | **Total** |
| **Registrar Program** | 120 | 1,324 | 22 | 882 | 441 | 121 | 1,474 | 869 | 17 | **5,270** |
| **4+2 Internship** | 335 | 4,938 | 118 | 2,543 | 674 | 268 | 2,711 | 1,680 | 45 | **13,312** |
| **5+1 Program** | 40 | 843 | 3 | 144 | 28 | 6 | 137 | 26 | - | **1,227** |
| **Higher Degree Placements** | 85 | 1,314 | 20 | 889 | 290 | 88 | 1504 | 417 | 27 | **4,634** |
| **Work in Addition to Higher Degree** | 58 | 660 | 17 | 478 | 182 | 62 | 727 | 256 | 12 | **2,452** |

Table 3: Psychology practitioners – count of approved supervisors by supervisor type

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 supervision pathway and/or for both principal and secondary where applicable.

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| **Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group** |
| **Psychology Practitioner** | **Type** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Provisional** | **Non-practising** |
| U-25 | 2 | 306 | - | 308  | 1.01% |
| 25-29 | 1,575 | 1,647 | 53 | 3,275  | 10.77% |
| 30-34 | 3,620 | 680 | 270 | 4,570  | 15.02% |
| 35-39 | 3,635 | 350 | 235 | 4,220  | 13.87% |
| 40-44 | 3,639 | 301 | 187 | 4,127  | 13.57% |
| 45-49 | 2,778 | 217 | 90 | 3,085  | 10.14% |
| 50-54 | 2,718 | 154 | 85 | 2,957  | 9.72% |
| 55-59 | 2,662 | 80 | 107 | 2,849  | 9.37% |
| 60-64 | 2,413 | 27 | 126 | 2,566  | 8.44% |
| 65-69 | 1,551 | 9 | 106 | 1,666  | 5.48% |
| 70-74 | 512 | - | 63 | 575  | 1.89% |
| 75-79 | 139 | - | 20 | 159  | 0.52% |
| 80+ | 49 | - | 14 | 63  | 0.21% |
| **Total** | **25,293** | **3,771** | **1,356** | **30,420**  | **100.00%** |

Table 4: Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group

### *Chart 2: Psychology practitioners – by age group*

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| **Psychology practitioners – registration type by gender** |
| **Psychology Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP**[[3]](#footnote-3)1 | **Total** |
| **Female** | **623** | **8,001** | **161** | **4,223** | **1,110** | **406** | **6,532** | **2,550** | **300** | **23,906** |
| General | 522 | 6,716 | 136 | 3,410 | 928 | 331 | 5,334 | 2,053 | 224 | 19,654 |
| Provisional | 74 | 874 | 21 | 618 | 129 | 51 | 977 | 380 | 2 | 3,126 |
| Non-Practising | 27 | 411 | 4 | 195 | 53 | 24 | 221 | 117 | 74 | 1,126 |
| **Male** | **170** | **2,203** | **59** | **1,139** | **381** | **101** | **1,689** | **670** | **102** | **6,514** |
| General | 141 | 1,913 | 53 | 970 | 339 | 92 | 1,460 | 588 | 83 | 5,639 |
| Provisional | 21 | 201 | 5 | 133 | 25 | 7 | 186 | 67 | 0 | 645 |
| Non-Practising | 8 | 89 | 1 | 36 | 17 | 2 | 43 | 15 | 19 | 230 |
| **Total Practitioners** | **793** | **10,204** | **220** | **5,362** | **1,491** | **507** | **8,221** | **3,220** | **402** | **30,420** |

Table 5: Psychology practitioners – registration type by gender

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| **Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender** |
| **Psychology Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP1** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 78.56% | 78.41% | 73.18% | 78.76% | 74.45% | 80.08% | 79.46% | 79.19% | 74.63% | **78.59%** |
| **Male** | 21.44% | 21.59% | 26.82% | 21.24% | 25.55% | 19.92% | 20.54% | 20.81% | 25.37% | **21.41%** |

Table 6: Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

1. 1 No PPP 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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