

## Psychology registrant data: December 2014

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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)

\*Please note: The numbers in this report reflect the National Board's registration data after close of business 31 December 2014.

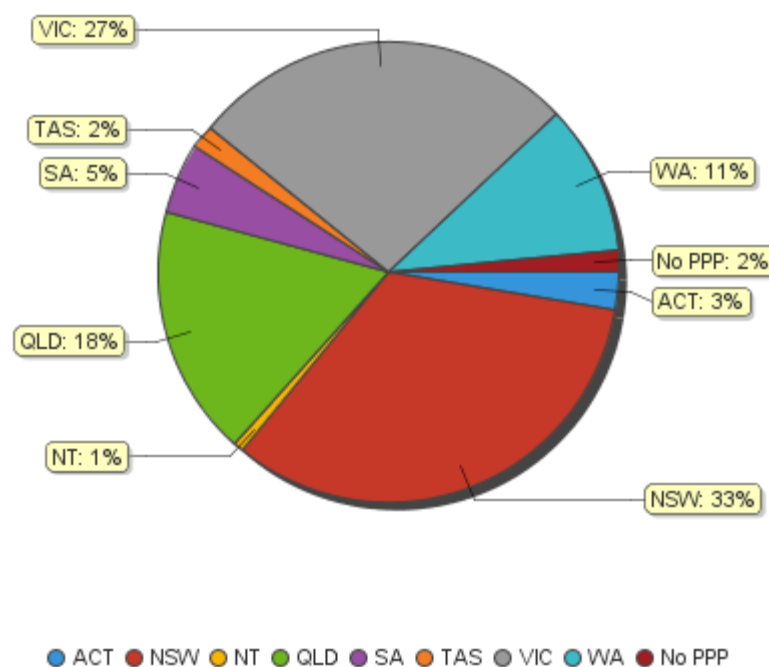
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### Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice <sup>1</sup>									Total
Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP <sup>2</sup>		
General	714	9,002	199	4,572	1,322	456	7,144	2,741	348	26,498	
Provisional	92	1,113	26	775	175	56	1,180	464	3	3,884	
Non-practising	41	523	4	280	85	25	341	168	133	1,600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>10,638</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>5,627</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>8,665</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>31,982</b>	

### Psychology practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Psychology practitioners – count of endorsements by state or territory

Endorsement type	Principal place of practice <sup>1</sup>									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP <sup>2</sup>	
Clinical neuropsychology	7	141	1	90	21	9	270	31	9	579
Clinical psychology	182	2,175	29	1,018	540	159	1,727	978	65	6,873
Community psychology		9		2	1		34	10	1	57
Counselling psychology	11	221	1	70	9	6	478	137	9	942
Educational and developmental psychology	9	168	1	99	36	21	204	70	4	612
Forensic psychology	9	217	7	69	34	9	144	42	4	535
Health psychology	6	69	2	52	24	9	145	8	3	318
Organisational psychology	18	139	3	74	48	1	138	41	4	466
Sport and exercise psychology	3	19	1	27	8	2	21	8	2	91
<b>Total</b>	245	3,158	45	1,501	721	216	3,161	1,325	101	10,473

\*Note: The figures in table above show the total number of 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 2014 was 9,438.

## Psychologists with one or more area of practice endorsements – by number of endorsements held

Psychology Practitioner	Number of endorsements					Total
	1	2	3	4	6	
<b>Number of endorsed psychologists</b>	8,487	879	61	10	1	9,438
<b>% of endorsed psychologists</b>	89.92%	9.31%	0.65%	0.11%	0.01%	100.00%
<b>Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)</b>	26,498	26,498	26,498	26,498	26,498	26,498
<b>% general psychologists with one or more endorsement</b>	32.03%	3.32%	0.23%	0.04%	0.00%	35.62%

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### Psychologists with one endorsement per registrant and total number of endorsements – by type of endorsement

Endorsement type	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	438	5.16%	579	5.53%
Clinical psychology	6,073	71.56%	6,873	65.63%
Community psychology	29	0.34%	57	0.54%
Counselling psychology	622	7.33%	942	8.99%
Educational and developmental psychology	423	4.98%	612	5.84%
Forensic psychology	289	3.41%	535	5.11%
Health psychology	151	1.78%	318	3.04%
Organisational psychology	392	4.62%	466	4.45%
Sport and exercise psychology	72	0.85%	91	0.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>10,473</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

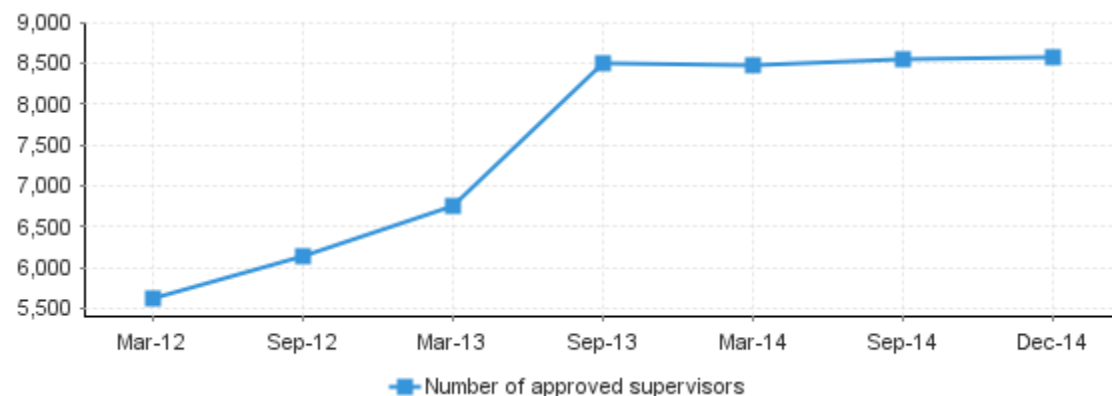
\*Note: The figures on the left in the table above show the 8,487 individual psychologists who hold one endorsement only.

The figures on the right in the table above show the total number of each endorsement recorded on the National Register which includes the 8,487 psychologists who hold one endorsement, plus the 951 psychologists with more than one endorsement who have 1,986 endorsements between them.

### Psychology practitioners – number of approved supervisors by state or territory

Principal place of practice	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>3</sup>
ACT	206	28.86%
NSW	3,062	34.02%
NT	64	32.17%
QLD	1,489	32.57%
SA	446	33.74%
TAS	164	35.97%
VIC	2,042	28.59%
WA	1,090	39.77%
No PPP	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,563</b>	<b>32.32%</b>

### Psychology practitioners – change in the number of approved supervisors<sup>4</sup>



Report month	Number of approved supervisors
Mar-12	5,629
Sep-12	6,135
Mar-13	6,747
Sep-13	8,509
Mar-14	8,476
Sep-14	8,551
Dec-14	8,563

<sup>3</sup> There were 26,498 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 December 2014

<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. Psychology registrant data/ 5 March 2015

## Psychology practitioners – registrar program supervisors

Registrar program supervisors		Area of practice endorsement										Total
Principal place of practice	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	
ACT	Principal	3	52		2	2	4	2	5			70
	Secondary	2	24		1			1	3		44	75
NSW	Principal	70	716	1	49	51	92	16	44	5		1,044
	Secondary	56	510	1	32	36	70	9	38	2	335	1,089
NT	Principal	1	8				4		2			15
	Secondary	1	8		1	1	1		1		6	19
QLD	Principal	34	318		28	33	28	17	21	10		489
	Secondary	10	71		5	8	1	4	7	4	418	528
SA	Principal	14	191		4	14	14	14	15	2		268
	Secondary	4	86		4	6	3	3	7		168	281
TAS	Principal	2	61		3	10	4	3		1		84
	Secondary		43		1	10	2	1			24	81
VIC	Principal	133	577	17	155	64	46	42	43	5		1,082
	Secondary	75	343	9	85	27	33	32	29	4	439	1,076
WA	Principal	13	435	2	55	23	19		10	2		559
	Secondary	9	270	2	28	9	5		9	2	240	574
No PPP	Principal	2	6				2		1			11
	Secondary		3				2		1		9	15
<b>Total</b>		429	3,722	32	453	294	330	144	236	37	1,683	7,360

\*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 endorsement area, and/or for both principal and secondary supervision

## Psychology practitioners – approved supervisors of provisional psychologist

Psychology practitioners – approved supervisors <sup>5</sup>						
Principal place of practice	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	169	169	28	26	89	63
NSW	2,590	2,459	567	571	1,338	713
NT	55	61	2	3	21	19
QLD	1,273	1,336	182	187	897	506
SA	338	333	30	29	290	196
TAS	135	135	25	25	93	69
VIC	1,356	1,388	127	128	1,499	769
WA	852	838	62	56	418	276
No PPP	27	23	1	1	20	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,795</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>4,665</b>	<b>2,620</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 three different pathways that can be undertaken by registered provisional psychologists: 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.

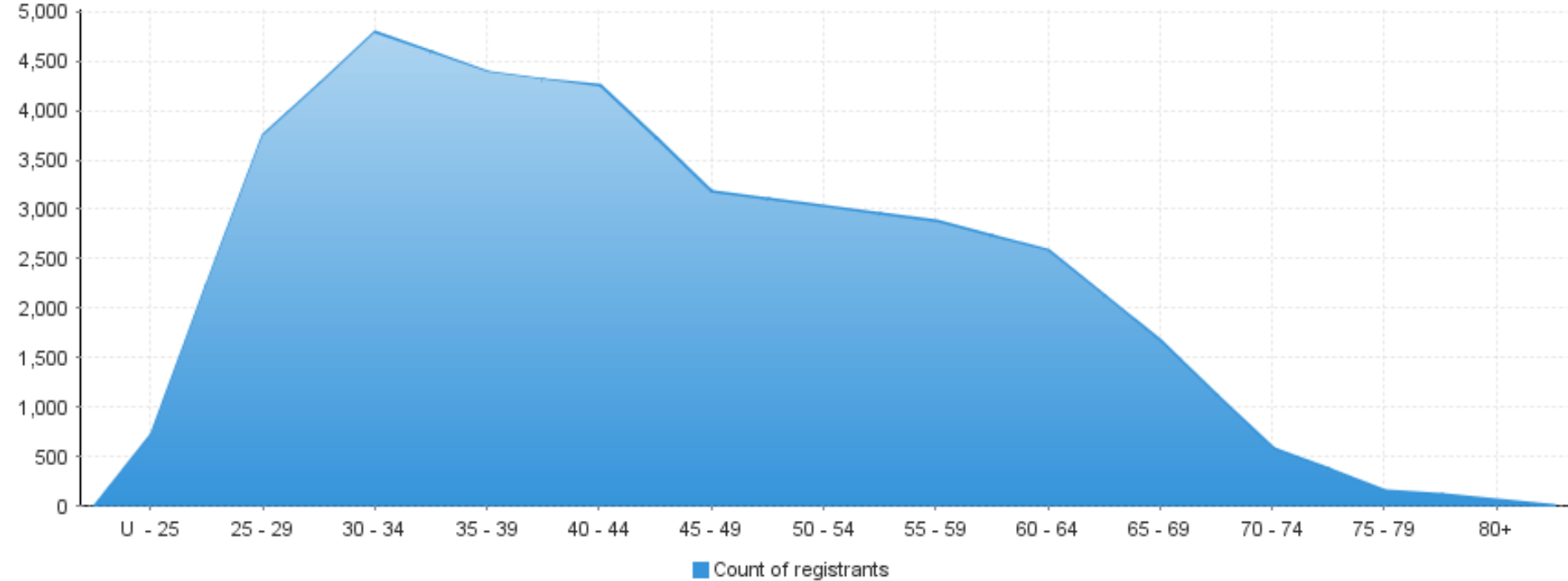
<sup>7</sup> Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.



**Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group**

Psychology practitioners	Registration type			Total
	Age group	General	Provisional	
U - 25	41	680		721
25 - 29	2,150	1,498	96	3,744
30 - 34	3,886	599	297	4,782
35 - 39	3,772	361	255	4,388
40 - 44	3,756	292	195	4,243
45 - 49	2,847	208	113	3,168
50 - 54	2,781	145	97	3,023
55 - 59	2,674	67	130	2,871
60 - 64	2,389	26	166	2,581
65 - 69	1,518	8	142	1,668
70 - 74	500		75	575
75 - 79	135		21	156
80+	49		13	62
<b>Total</b>	26,498	3,884	1,600	31,982

**Psychology practitioners – by age group**



Age group	U - 25	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Count of registrants	721	3,744	4,782	4,388	4,243	3,168	3,023	2,871	2,581	1,668	575	156	62

### Psychology practitioners – registration type by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender	Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female	General	561	7,028	149	3,568	972	359	5,644	2,136	258	20,675
	Provisional	74	888	21	650	146	48	992	392	3	3,214
	Non-practising	30	422	3	233	66	21	289	145	111	1,320
Sub Total		665	8,338	173	4,451	1,184	428	6,925	2,673	372	25,209
Male	General	153	1,974	50	1,004	350	97	1,500	605	90	5,823
	Provisional	18	225	5	125	29	8	188	72		670
	Non-practising	11	101	1	47	19	4	52	23	22	280
Sub Total		182	2,300	56	1,176	398	109	1,740	700	112	6,773
<b>Total</b>		847	10,638	229	5,627	1,582	537	8,665	3,373	484	31,982

### Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		78.51%	78.38%	75.55%	79.10%	74.84%	79.70%	79.92%	79.25%	76.86%	78.82%
Male		21.49%	21.62%	24.45%	20.90%	25.16%	20.30%	20.08%	20.75%	23.14%	21.18%