

Psychology registrant data: March 2015

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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

*Please note: The numbers in this report reflect the National Board's registration data after close of business 31 March 2015.

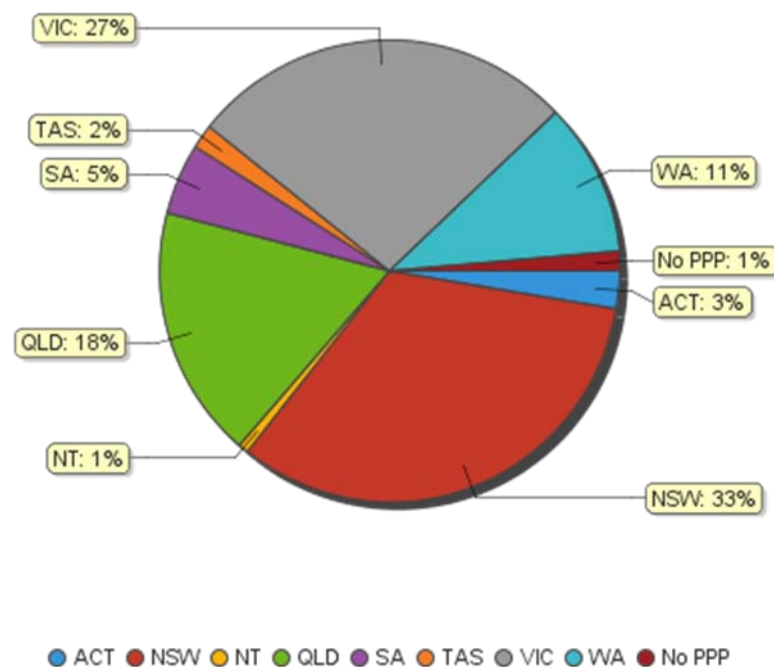
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Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory

Psychology practitioners Registration type	Principal place of practice ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
General	718	8,956	197	4,597	1,340	467	7,195	2,748	310	26,528
Provisional	103	1,202	29	886	192	57	1,288	562	3	4,322
Non-practising	42	542	2	262	80	20	327	161	140	1,576
Total	863	10,700	228	5,745	1,612	544	8,810	3,471	453	32,426

Psychology practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



¹ 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.

² 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 ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
Clinical neuropsychology	7	142	1	92	21	8	273	32	9	585
Clinical psychology	188	2,163	28	1,025	547	161	1,726	988	60	6,886
Community psychology		8		2	1		34	10	1	56
Counselling psychology	11	219	1	70	9	6	473	137	8	934
Educational and developmental psychology	9	166	1	99	36	21	203	69	4	608
Forensic psychology	9	216	7	69	34	9	145	42	4	535
Health psychology	6	66	1	51	25	10	145	8	2	314
Organisational psychology	18	139	2	75	49	1	136	41	4	465
Sport and exercise psychology	3	19	1	27	8	3	20	9	2	92
Total	251	3,138	42	1,510	730	219	3,155	1,336	94	10,475

*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 March 2015 was 9,450.

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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	
Number of endorsed psychologists	8,509	870	60	10	1	9,450
% of endorsed psychologists	90.04%	9.21%	0.63%	0.11%	0.01%	100.00%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						26,528
% general psychologists with one or more endorsement	32.08%	3.28%	0.23%	0.04%	0.00%	35.62%

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

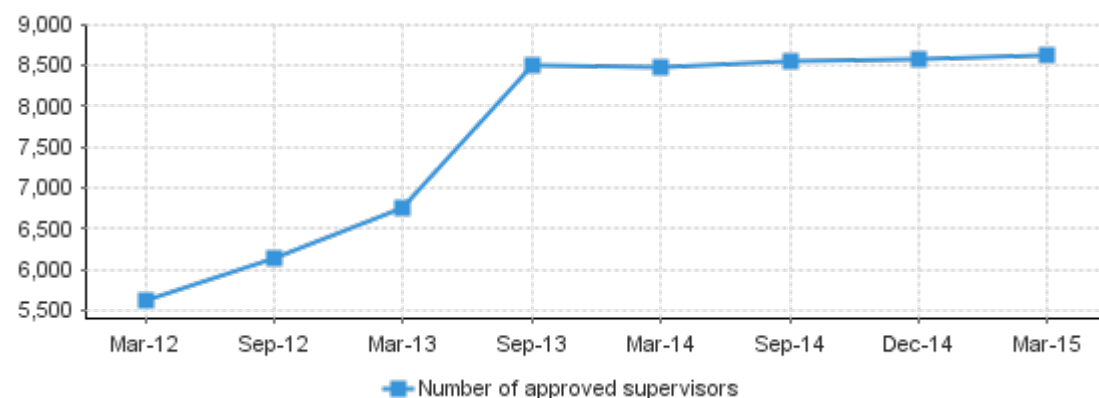
Endorsement type	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	443	5.21%	585	5.58%
Clinical psychology	6,092	71.59%	6,886	65.74%
Community psychology	29	0.34%	56	0.53%
Counselling psychology	618	7.26%	934	8.92%
Educational and developmental psychology	420	4.94%	608	5.80%
Forensic psychology	289	3.40%	535	5.11%
Health psychology	152	1.79%	314	3.00%
Organisational psychology	393	4.62%	465	4.44%
Sport and exercise psychology	73	0.86%	92	0.88%
Total	8,509	100.00%	10,475	100.00%

*Note: The figures on the left in the table above show the 8,509 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 8,509 psychologists who hold one endorsement, plus the 941 psychologists with more than one endorsement who have 1,966 endorsements between them.

Psychology practitioners – number of approved supervisors by state or territory

Principal place of practice	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ³
ACT	209	29.11%
NSW	3,062	34.19%
NT	61	30.97%
QLD	1,498	32.59%
SA	452	33.74%
TAS	166	35.55%
VIC	2,030	28.22%
WA	1,097	39.92%
No PPP	35	11.30%
Total	8,610	32.46%

Psychology practitioners – change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



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
Mar-15	8,610

³ There were 26,528 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 March 2015

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.

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	55		2	2	4	2	5			73
	Secondary	2	27		1			1	3		46	80
NSW	Principal	72	739	1	49	53	94	16	45	5		1,074
	Secondary	58	534	1	32	37	73	9	39	2	336	1,121
NT	Principal	1	6				4		2			13
	Secondary	1	6		1	1	1		1		6	17
QLD	Principal	36	327		28	33	29	17	22	10		502
	Secondary	10	74		5	9	2	4	9	4	427	544
SA	Principal	14	196		4	14	14	14	15	2		273
	Secondary	4	87		4	6	3	3	7		174	288
TAS	Principal	2	62		3	10	4	3		1		85
	Secondary		45		1	10	2	1			24	83
VIC	Principal	134	581	17	156	64	46	42	41	5		1,086
	Secondary	76	347	9	85	27	33	32	28	4	442	1,083
WA	Principal	14	447	2	55	22	19		10	2		571
	Secondary	10	277	2	29	9	5		9	2	237	580
No PPP	Principal	2	7				2		1			12
	Secondary		6				2		1		10	19
Total		439	3,823	32	455	297	337	144	238	37	1,702	7,504

*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 ⁵						
Principal place of practice	4+2 Internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program ⁶	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁷
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	172	171	33	31	92	65
NSW	2,583	2,462	620	633	1,351	732
NT	52	58	2	3	19	16
QLD	1,282	1,345	206	217	900	522
SA	345	340	34	33	296	201
TAS	137	136	31	31	98	72
VIC	1,352	1,380	147	149	1,489	782
WA	857	844	82	72	434	289
No PPP	28	25	4	4	19	12
Total	6,808	6,761	1,159	1,173	4,698	2,691

*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.

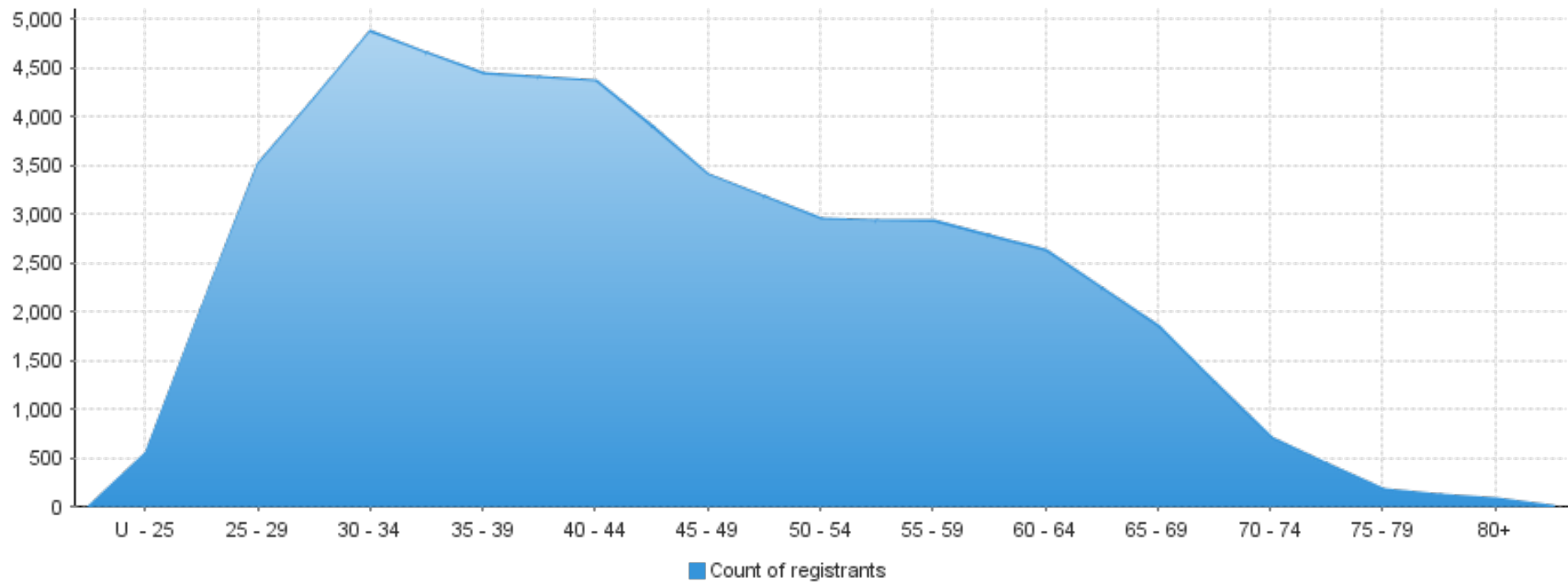
⁵ Provisional psychologists hold provisional registration which is the registration type under section 62 of the National Law that enables the individual to undertake a period of supervised practice in order to become eligible for general registration. There are three different pathways that can be undertaken 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 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*.

Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group

Psychology practitioners	Registration type			Total
	Age group	General	Provisional	
U - 25	18	537		555
25 - 29	1,671	1,781	59	3,511
30 - 34	3,867	729	272	4,868
35 - 39	3,727	430	279	4,436
40 - 44	3,848	309	208	4,365
45 - 49	3,035	258	117	3,410
50 - 54	2,700	158	89	2,947
55 - 59	2,720	77	125	2,922
60 - 64	2,434	30	158	2,622
65 - 69	1,680	13	153	1,846
70 - 74	619		78	697
75 - 79	143		25	168
80+	66		13	79
Total	26,528	4,322	1,576	32,426



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	555	3,511	4,868	4,436	4,365	3,410	2,947	2,922	2,622	1,846	697	168	79

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	566	7,011	147	3,595	989	369	5,702	2,142	229	20,750
	Provisional	80	954	24	740	158	49	1,074	470	3	3,552
	Non-practising	32	444	1	218	62	15	277	138	114	1,301
Sub Total		678	8,409	172	4,553	1,209	433	7,053	2,750	346	25,603
Male	General	152	1,945	50	1,002	351	98	1,493	606	81	5,778
	Provisional	23	248	5	146	34	8	214	92		770
	Non-practising	10	98	1	44	18	5	50	23	26	275
Sub Total		185	2,291	56	1,192	403	111	1,757	721	107	6,823
Total		863	10,700	228	5,745	1,612	544	8,810	3,471	453	32,426

Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		78.56%	78.59%	75.44%	79.25%	75.00%	79.60%	80.06%	79.23%	76.38%	78.96%
Male		21.44%	21.41%	24.56%	20.75%	25.00%	20.40%	19.94%	20.77%	23.62%	21.04%