

Psychology registrant data: June 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 30 June 2015.

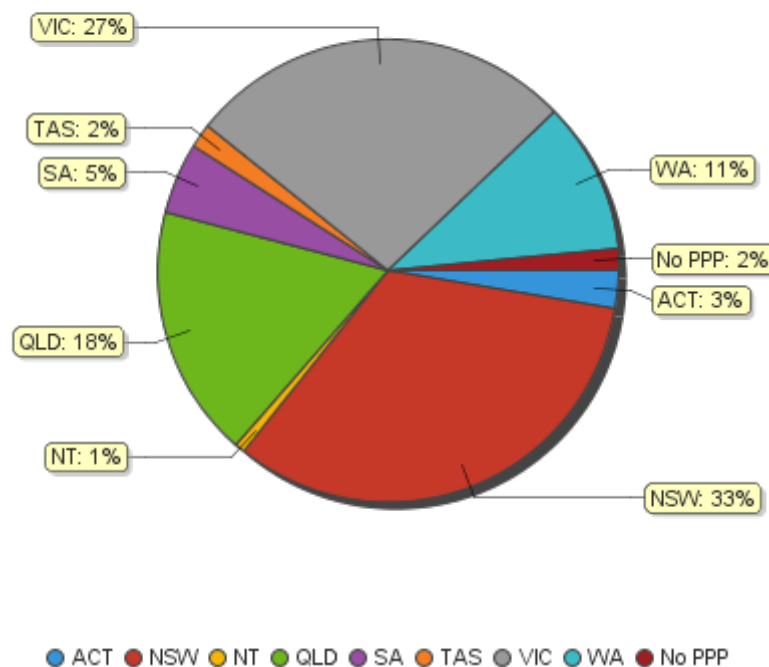
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Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory

Psychology practitioners Registration type	Principal place of practice ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
General	726	9,038	196	4,652	1,351	474	7,295	2,770	341	26,843
Provisional	109	1,271	29	881	188	69	1,262	538	5	4,352
Non-practising	39	531	1	261	81	20	323	161	154	1,571
Total	874	10,840	226	5,794	1,620	563	8,880	3,469	500	32,766

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	94	21	8	273	32	9	587
Clinical psychology	198	2,200	29	1,052	556	165	1,763	1,003	61	7,027
Community psychology		8		2	1		34	10	1	56
Counselling psychology	11	221	1	72	9	6	476	138	10	944
Educational and developmental psychology	9	165		99	36	21	204	70	6	610
Forensic psychology	10	217	7	68	34	9	149	42	5	541
Health psychology	5	67	1	53	25	9	146	8	2	316
Organisational psychology	18	141	2	75	50	1	136	42	4	469
Sport and exercise psychology	4	20	1	26	8	3	20	9	1	92
Total	262	3,181	42	1,541	740	222	3,201	1,354	99	10,642

*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 30 June 2015 was 9,616.

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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	8,674	871	60	10	1	9,616
% of endorsed psychologists	90.20%	9.06%	0.62%	0.10%	0.01%	100.00%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						26,843
% general psychologists with one or more endorsement	32.31%	3.24%	0.22%	0.04%	0.00%	35.82%

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

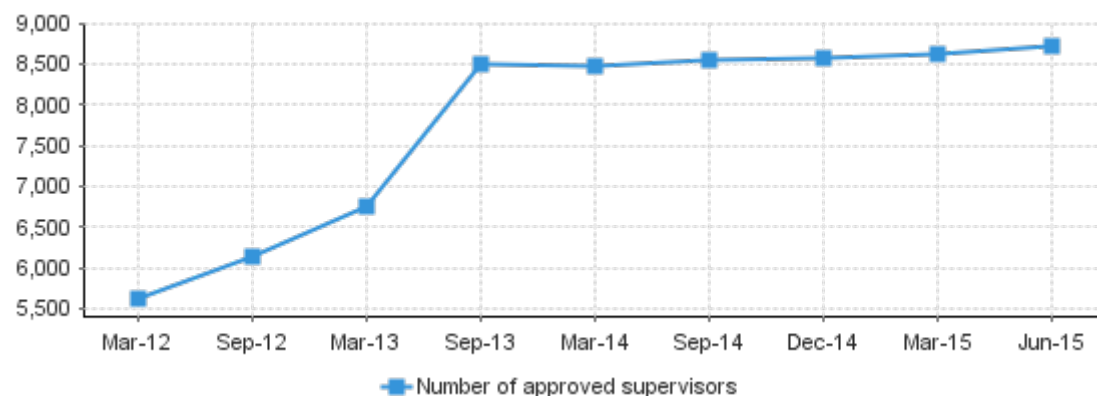
Endorsement type	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	445	5.13%	587	5.52%
Clinical psychology	6,232	71.85%	7,027	66.03%
Community psychology	29	0.33%	56	0.53%
Counselling psychology	628	7.24%	944	8.87%
Educational and developmental psychology	422	4.87%	610	5.73%
Forensic psychology	293	3.38%	541	5.08%
Health psychology	155	1.79%	316	2.97%
Organisational psychology	397	4.58%	469	4.41%
Sport and exercise psychology	73	0.84%	92	0.86%
Total	8,674	100.00%	10,642	100.00%

*Note: The figures on the left in the table above show the 8,674 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 8,674 psychologists who hold one endorsement, plus the 942 psychologists with more than one endorsement who have 1,968 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	229	31.55%
NSW	3,091	34.21%
NT	60	30.62%
QLD	1,517	32.61%
SA	459	33.98%
TAS	167	35.24%
VIC	2,038	27.94%
WA	1,109	40.04%
No PPP	40	11.74%
Total	8,710	32.45%

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
Jun-15	8,710

³ There were 26,843 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 June 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 registrant data/30 June 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	4	58		3	2	4	2	5			78
	Secondary	3	29		2		1	1	3		62	101
NSW	Principal	71	769	1	49	54	95	16	45	6		1,106
	Secondary	58	560	1	32	38	74	9	39	2	336	1,149
NT	Principal	1	7				4		2			14
	Secondary	1	7		1		1		1		6	17
QLD	Principal	37	344		29	34	30	17	23	9		523
	Secondary	10	83		6	9	3	4	10	4	435	564
SA	Principal	14	203		4	14	15	14	15	2		281
	Secondary	4	87		4	6	3	3	7		181	295
TAS	Principal	2	63		3	10	4	3		1		86
	Secondary		46		1	10	2	1			24	84
VIC	Principal	135	589	17	157	63	47	43	42	5		1,098
	Secondary	77	355	10	85	27	34	33	28	4	449	1,102
WA	Principal	15	459	2	55	22	21		11	2		587
	Secondary	11	289	2	31	9	8		9	2	236	597
No PPP	Principal	2	7		1		2		1			13
	Secondary		6				2		1		11	20
Total		445	3,961	33	463	298	350	146	242	37	1,740	7,715

*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 area of practice, and/or for both principal and secondary supervision

Psychology practitioners – approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

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	189	191	48	49	98	78
NSW	2,611	2,492	669	684	1,371	753
NT	51	57	3	4	19	15
QLD	1,305	1,367	236	245	906	539
SA	349	347	41	40	304	205
TAS	138	137	34	34	100	74
VIC	1,361	1,385	171	171	1,494	795
WA	870	858	104	96	447	303
No PPP	31	28	5	5	22	13
Total	6,905	6,862	1,311	1,328	4,761	2,775

*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 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 for more information on the pathways.

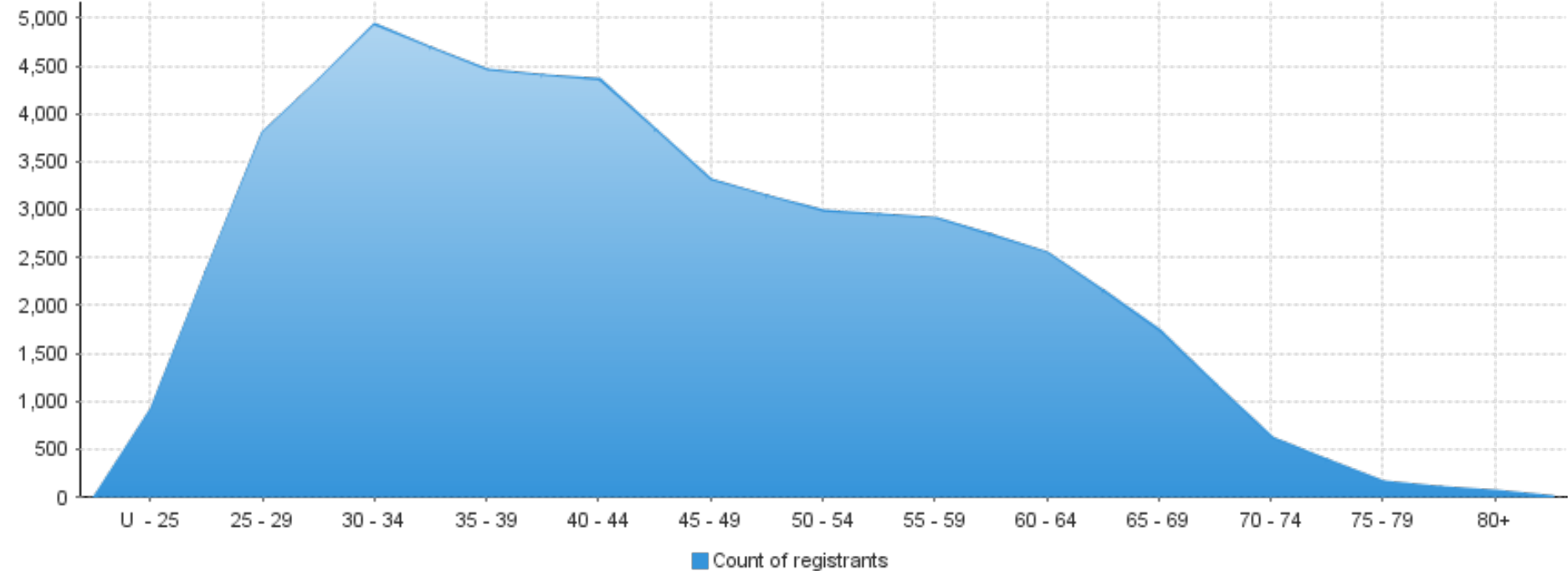
⁶ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

⁷ Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group

Psychology practitioners		Registration type		
Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	61	855		916
25 - 29	2,131	1,591	83	3,805
30 - 34	3,953	688	282	4,923
35 - 39	3,782	408	262	4,452
40 - 44	3,836	309	204	4,349
45 - 49	2,966	237	106	3,309
50 - 54	2,733	149	95	2,977
55 - 59	2,713	74	124	2,911
60 - 64	2,368	28	157	2,553
65 - 69	1,574	13	149	1,736
70 - 74	541		77	618
75 - 79	131		21	152
80+	54		11	65
Total	26,843	4,352	1,571	32,766

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	916	3,805	4,923	4,452	4,349	3,309	2,977	2,911	2,553	1,736	618	152	65

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	572	7,077	147	3,645	997	375	5,790	2,161	256	21,020
	Provisional	86	1,010	22	741	156	61	1,047	451	5	3,579
	Non-practising	29	434	1	217	62	15	271	138	128	1,295
Sub Total		687	8,521	170	4,603	1,215	451	7,108	2,750	389	25,894
Male	General	154	1,961	49	1,007	354	99	1,505	609	85	5,823
	Provisional	23	261	7	140	32	8	215	87		773
	Non-practising	10	97		44	19	5	52	23	26	276
Sub Total		187	2,319	56	1,191	405	112	1,772	719	111	6,872
Total		874	10,840	226	5,794	1,620	563	8,880	3,469	500	32,766

Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		78.60%	78.61%	75.22%	79.44%	75.00%	80.11%	80.05%	79.27%	77.80%	79.03%
Male		21.40%	21.39%	24.78%	20.56%	25.00%	19.89%	19.95%	20.73%	22.20%	20.97%