

Psychology registrant data: September 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 September 2015.

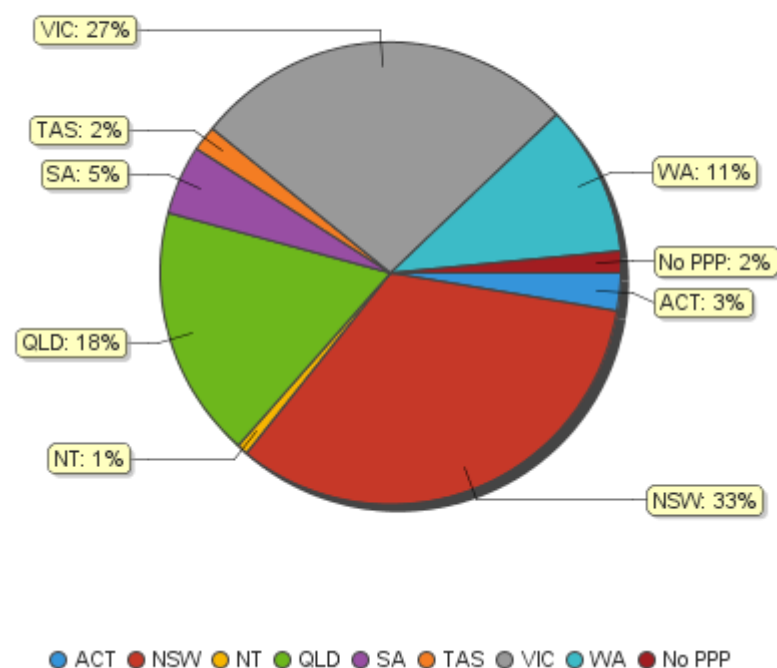
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Psychology practitioners – registration type by state or territory

Psychology practitioners Registration type	Principal place of practice ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
General	724	9,107	197	4,694	1,352	475	7,373	2,784	349	27,055
Provisional	110	1,292	32	879	188	65	1,210	542	5	4,323
Non-practising	36	529	2	264	81	23	324	163	157	1,579
Total	870	10,928	231	5,837	1,621	563	8,907	3,489	511	32,957

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

Number of endorsed psychologists	Principal place of practice ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
Clinical neuropsychology	6	146	1	94	22	8	274	33	9	593
Clinical psychology	202	2,248	30	1,084	561	165	1,806	1,015	66	7,177
Community psychology		7	1	2	1		35	9	1	56
Counselling psychology	11	222	1	72	9	6	478	140	10	949
Educational and developmental psychology	9	165		98	36	21	208	69	6	612
Forensic psychology	10	221	7	69	34	9	150	43	5	548
Health psychology	5	67	1	53	25	9	147	8	2	317
Organisational psychology	17	141	2	79	50	1	136	43	4	473
Sport and exercise psychology	5	20	1	26	8	3	20	9	1	93
Total	265	3,237	44	1,577	746	222	3,254	1,369	104	10,818

*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 September 2015 was 9,785.

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	8,836	878	60	10	1	9,785
% of endorsed psychologists	90.30%	8.97%	0.61%	0.10%	0.01%	100.00%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						27,055
% general psychologists with one or more endorsement	32.66%	3.25%	0.22%	0.04%	0.00%	36.17%

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

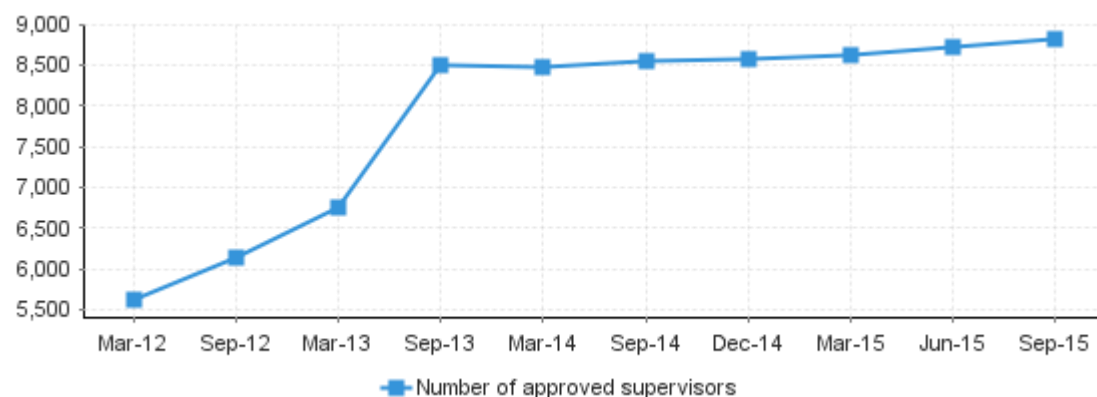
Endorsement type	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	449	5.08%	593	5.48%
Clinical psychology	6,375	72.15%	7,177	66.34%
Community psychology	29	0.33%	56	0.52%
Counselling psychology	632	7.15%	949	8.77%
Educational and developmental psychology	423	4.79%	612	5.66%
Forensic psychology	298	3.37%	548	5.07%
Health psychology	156	1.77%	317	2.93%
Organisational psychology	400	4.53%	473	4.37%
Sport and exercise psychology	74	0.84%	93	0.86%
Total	8,836	100.00%	10,818	100.00%

*Note: The figures on the left in the table above show the 8,836 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 8,836 psychologists who hold one endorsement, plus the 949 psychologists with more than one endorsement who have 1,982 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	237	32.74%
NSW	3,141	34.49%
NT	61	30.97%
QLD	1,534	32.69%
SA	465	34.40%
TAS	174	36.64%
VIC	2,062	27.97%
WA	1,110	39.88%
No PPP	40	11.47%
Total	8,824	32.62%

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
Sep-15	8,824

³ There were 27,055 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 September 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.
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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	64		3	2	4	2	5			85
	Secondary	3	34		2		1	1	3		64	108
NSW	Principal	72	802	1	49	54	96	16	46	6		1,143
	Secondary	59	595	1	32	38	75	9	40	2	340	1,191
NT	Principal	1	8				4		2			15
	Secondary	1	8		1		1		1		6	18
QLD	Principal	37	366		31	35	31	18	23	9		550
	Secondary	10	100		8	9	3	5	10	4	437	586
SA	Principal	14	206		4	14	15	14	16	2		285
	Secondary	4	87		4	6	3	5	7		185	301
TAS	Principal	2	69		3	10	5	3		1		94
	Secondary		52		1	10	3	1			27	94
VIC	Principal	140	620	17	161	66	48	45	44	5		1,146
	Secondary	82	376	10	86	30	34	35	30	4	453	1,140
WA	Principal	15	462	2	57	22	21		11	2		592
	Secondary	11	291	2	33	9	8		9	2	233	598
No PPP	Principal	2	7		1		2		1			13
	Secondary		6				2		1		11	20
Total		457	4,153	33	476	305	356	154	249	37	1,759	7,979

*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	198	200	57	58	99	82
NSW	2,648	2,530	725	745	1,407	785
NT	52	58	3	4	19	15
QLD	1,326	1,382	269	275	916	553
SA	351	351	43	45	308	209
TAS	146	145	48	49	106	81
VIC	1,379	1,400	201	204	1,518	826
WA	874	859	117	106	449	309
No PPP	31	28	5	5	22	13
Total	7,005	6,953	1,468	1,491	4,844	2,873

*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.

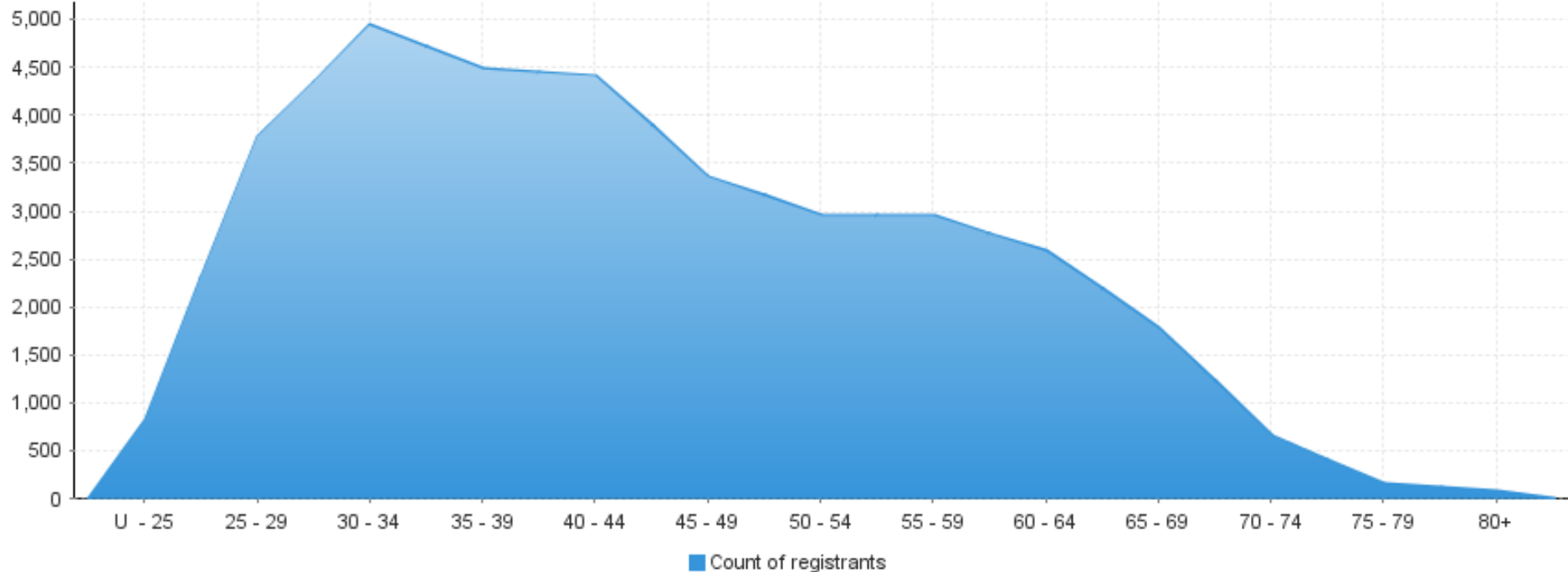
⁶ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

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

Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group

Psychology practitioners	Registration type			Total
	Age group	General	Provisional	
U - 25	55	771		826
25 - 29	2,080	1,620	78	3,778
30 - 34	3,960	700	278	4,938
35 - 39	3,802	410	268	4,480
40 - 44	3,888	320	203	4,411
45 - 49	3,013	243	106	3,362
50 - 54	2,715	146	92	2,953
55 - 59	2,747	76	130	2,953
60 - 64	2,402	24	155	2,581
65 - 69	1,614	13	155	1,782
70 - 74	584		79	663
75 - 79	135		23	158
80+	60		12	72
Total	27,055	4,323	1,579	32,957

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	826	3,778	4,938	4,480	4,411	3,362	2,953	2,953	2,581	1,782	663	158	72

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	571	7,134	148	3,678	999	379	5,860	2,172	261	21,202
	Provisional	84	1,031	24	736	156	59	1,004	450	5	3,549
	Non-practising	27	434	2	219	62	18	271	140	131	1,304
Sub Total		682	8,599	174	4,633	1,217	456	7,135	2,762	397	26,055
Male	General	153	1,973	49	1,016	353	96	1,513	612	88	5,853
	Provisional	26	261	8	143	32	6	206	92		774
	Non-practising	9	95		45	19	5	53	23	26	275
Sub Total		188	2,329	57	1,204	404	107	1,772	727	114	6,902
Total		870	10,928	231	5,837	1,621	563	8,907	3,489	511	32,957

Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		78.39%	78.69%	75.32%	79.37%	75.08%	80.99%	80.11%	79.16%	77.69%	79.06%
Male		21.61%	21.31%	24.68%	20.63%	24.92%	19.01%	19.89%	20.84%	22.31%	20.94%