

# Psychology Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see About AHPRA at [www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx).

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)

## Principal Place of Practice

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.

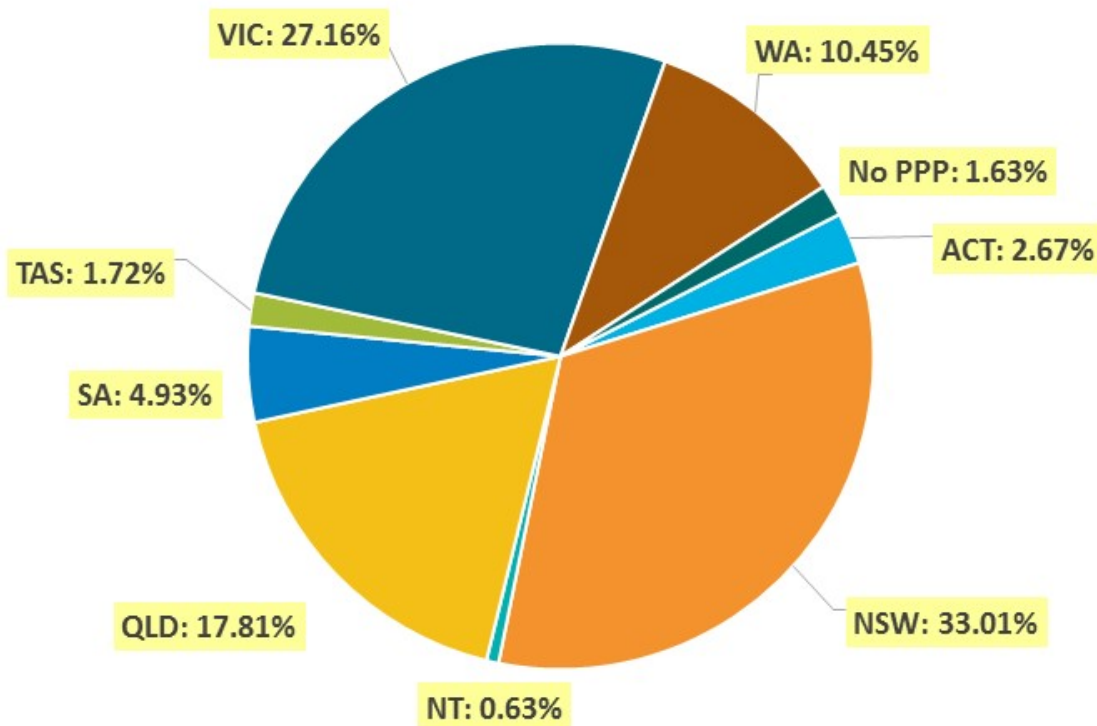
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## Registration Type

**Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice**

Registration Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	793	9,579	196	5,116	1,456	507	7,978	2,987	361	<b>28,973</b>
Provisional	108	1,470	25	886	185	69	1,266	545	10	<b>4,564</b>
Non-practising	43	626	2	297	102	31	363	163	205	<b>1,832</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>9,607</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>35,369</b>

**Table 1.2 Registration by principal place of practice percentages**



## Endorsements

### Area of practice endorsements by PPP

**Table 2.1 Area of practice endorsements by state or territory**

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	8	161	1	102	23	7	303	34	11	<b>650</b>
Clinical psychology	238	2,533	39	1,316	622	189	2,091	1,107	79	<b>8,214</b>
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		33	10	1	<b>55</b>
Counselling psychology	10	206	1	73	12	7	479	147	13	<b>948</b>
Educational and developmental psychology	10	162	2	115	35	20	232	70	8	<b>654</b>
Forensic psychology	14	225	6	71	37	9	164	48	6	<b>580</b>
Health psychology	5	66	1	56	30	9	150	6	4	<b>327</b>
Organisational psychology	16	169	2	76	50	2	156	42	5	<b>518</b>
Sport and exercise psychology	5	23	1	26	8	3	22	6		<b>94</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>12,040</b>

\* Note: The figures in the table above show the total number of psychology 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 2017 was 10,050.

### Number of Endorsements

**Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held**

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	10,050	890	56	9	1	<b>11,006</b>
% of endorsed psychologists	91.3%	8.1%	.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<b>100.0%</b>
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						<b>28,973</b>
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	34.7%	3.1%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<b>38.0%</b>

**Table 3.2 Psychologists with one endorsement per registrant and total number of endorsements – by area of practice**

Area of practice	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	494	4.9%	650	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,401	73.6%	8,214	68.2%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	638	6.3%	948	7.9%
Educational and developmental psychology	474	4.7%	654	5.4%
Forensic psychology	326	3.2%	580	4.8%
Health psychology	165	1.6%	327	2.7%
Organisational psychology	448	4.5%	518	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	75	0.7%	94	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,040</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding

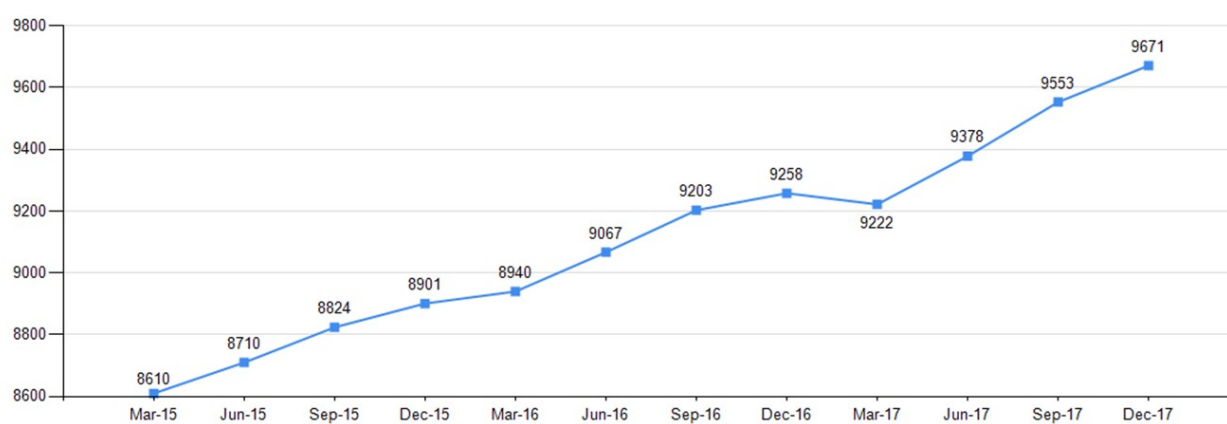
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1** Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>1</sup>
ACT	288	36.3%
NSW	3,422	35.7%
NT	60	30.6%
QLD	1,716	33.5%
SA	515	35.4%
TAS	202	39.8%
VIC	2,250	28.2%
WA	1,163	38.9%
No PPP	55	15.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,671</b>	<b>33.4%</b>

**Table 4.2** Change in the number of approved supervisors<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> There were 28,973 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 December 2017.

## Registrar program supervisors

**Table 5.1 Registrar program supervisors**

PPP	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	Total
ACT	Principal	5	105		3	2	8	2	5	1	1	132
	Secondary	6	76		2		4	1	4	1	79	173
NSW	Principal	86	1,025	2	50	53	106	19	59	9		1,409
	Secondary	75	822	2	38	39	89	12	53	5	360	1,495
NT	Principal	1	15				3		1			20
	Secondary	1	14			1		1	1		7	25
QLD	Principal	52	525	1	33	49	35	28	30	10		763
	Secondary	13	162	1	10	14	8	12	15	3	614	852
SA	Principal	15	249		5	20	19	17	15	3		343
	Secondary	5	98		4	4	6	6	6		223	352
TAS	Principal	3	90		3	10	6	4	1	1		118
	Secondary	2	72		1	10	5	2	1		34	127
VIC	Principal	168	801	18	188	83	67	51	57	6		1,439
	Secondary	100	513	11	112	50	52	36	39	5	544	1,462
WA	Principal	19	501	2	65	25	24		13	2		651
	Secondary	9	300	2	35	10	9		11	3	279	658
No PPP	Principal	2	13		3	1	3	2				24
	Secondary	1	9		1	1	2	1			13	28
<b>Total</b>		<b>563</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>10,071</b>



## Board-approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

**Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP<sup>2</sup>**

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program <sup>3</sup>	Work in Addition to Higher Degree <sup>4</sup>
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	242	247	134	140	132	134
NSW	2,865	2,787	1,405	1,435	1,589	1,064
NT	53	57	15	17	25	20
QLD	1,484	1,549	729	756	993	781
SA	389	394	142	150	340	266
TAS	164	169	102	108	115	107
VIC	1,573	1,594	715	742	1,679	1,140
WA	930	927	411	404	538	432
No PPP	41	37	19	18	35	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>7,761</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>5,446</b>	<b>3,969</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>2</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 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](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au) for more information on the pathways.

<sup>3</sup> Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

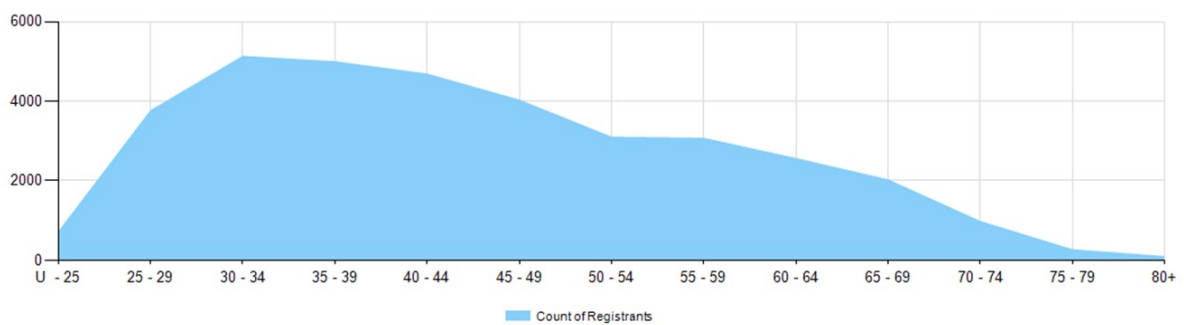
## Age group

### Registration type by age group

**Table 7.1 Registration type by age group**

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	43	669		<b>712</b>
25 - 29	1,998	1,681	82	<b>3,761</b>
30 - 34	4,018	791	318	<b>5,127</b>
35 - 39	4,242	468	281	<b>4,991</b>
40 - 44	4,134	361	186	<b>4,681</b>
45 - 49	3,585	282	160	<b>4,027</b>
50 - 54	2,821	174	100	<b>3,095</b>
55 - 59	2,828	99	139	<b>3,066</b>
60 - 64	2,356	27	176	<b>2,559</b>
65 - 69	1,795	10	216	<b>2,021</b>
70 - 74	853	2	119	<b>974</b>
75 - 79	226		39	<b>265</b>
80+	74		16	<b>90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,973</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>35,369</b>

**Table 7.2 Registrants by age group**



## Gender

### Registration type

**Table 8.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type**

Gender	Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	649	7,555	150	4,079	1,090	408	6,379	2,371	270	<b>22,951</b>
	Provisional	91	1,195	21	731	153	60	1,037	464	10	<b>3,762</b>
	Non-practising	30	500	1	238	77	25	307	141	161	<b>1,480</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>770</b>	<b>9,250</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>7,723</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>28,193</b>
Male	General	144	2,023	46	1,037	366	99	1,599	616	91	<b>6,021</b>
	Provisional	17	275	4	155	32	9	229	81		<b>802</b>
	Non-practising	13	126	1	59	25	6	56	22	44	<b>352</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>174</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>7,175</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		1								<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>944</b>	<b>11,675</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>9,607</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>35,369</b>

### Percentage

**Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.6%	79.2%	77.1%	80.1%	75.7%	81.2%	80.4%	80.5%	76.6%	<b>79.7%</b>
Male	18.4%	20.8%	22.9%	19.9%	24.3%	18.8%	19.6%	19.5%	23.4%	<b>20.3%</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<b>&lt;0.1%</b>