

Psychology Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 1 October 2018 – 31 December 2018



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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.

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

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.

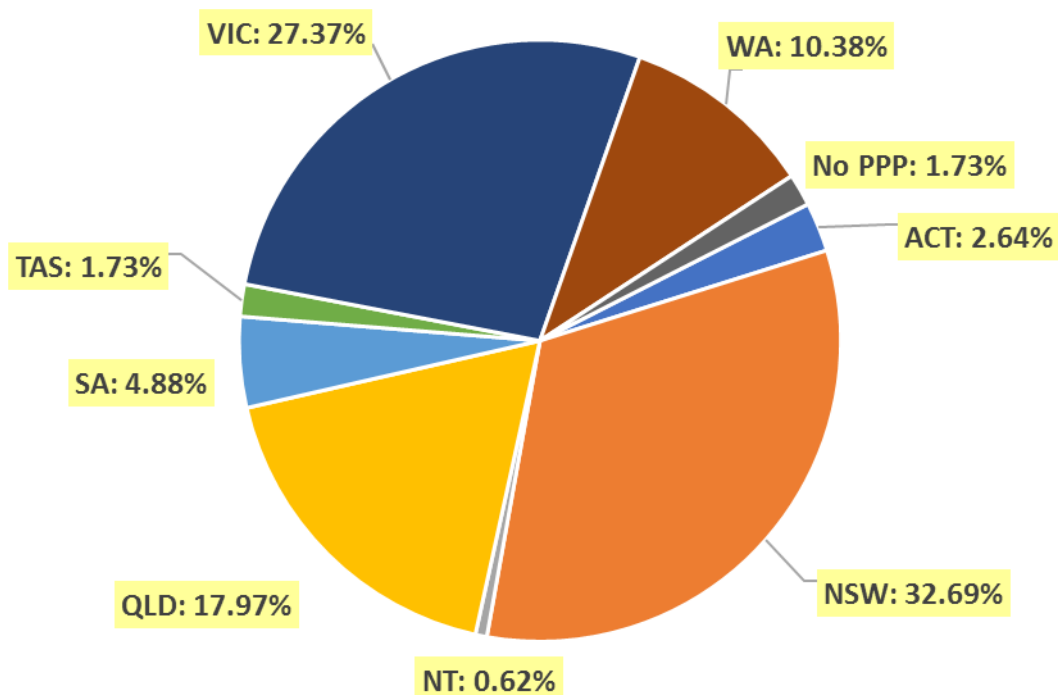
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	817	9,842	197	5,346	1,494	516	8,310	3,049	412	29,983
Provisional	112	1,591	27	963	211	88	1,394	613	15	5,014
Non-practising	40	565	2	286	85	31	342	147	207	1,705
Total	969	11,998	226	6,595	1,790	635	10,046	3,809	634	36,702

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	10	167	2	107	26	6	312	35	12	677
Clinical psychology	266	2,643	35	1,420	655	204	2,227	1,159	116	8,725
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		34	10		55
Counselling psychology	10	199		77	11	8	498	153	9	965
Educational and developmental psychology	10	158	2	125	34	19	255	68	8	679
Forensic psychology	13	231	5	68	37	9	176	48	5	592
Health psychology	6	65	1	60	30	10	146	5	3	326
Organisational psychology	18	176	2	79	50	2	156	42	7	532
Sport and exercise psychology	6	21	1	27	7	3	22	6		93
Total	340	3,666	48	1,966	851	261	3,826	1,526	160	12,644

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 2018 was 11,605.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	10,645	894	56	8	1	1	11,605
% of endorsed psychologists	91.7%	7.7%	0.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							29,984
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	35.5%	3.0%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	38.7%

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	520	4.9%	677	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,905	74.3%	8,725	69.0%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	654	6.1%	965	7.6%
Educational and developmental psychology	499	4.7%	679	5.4%
Forensic psychology	335	3.1%	592	4.7%
Health psychology	167	1.6%	326	2.6%
Organisational psychology	462	4.3%	532	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	74	0.7%	93	0.7%
Total	10,645	100.0%	12,644	100.0%

The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

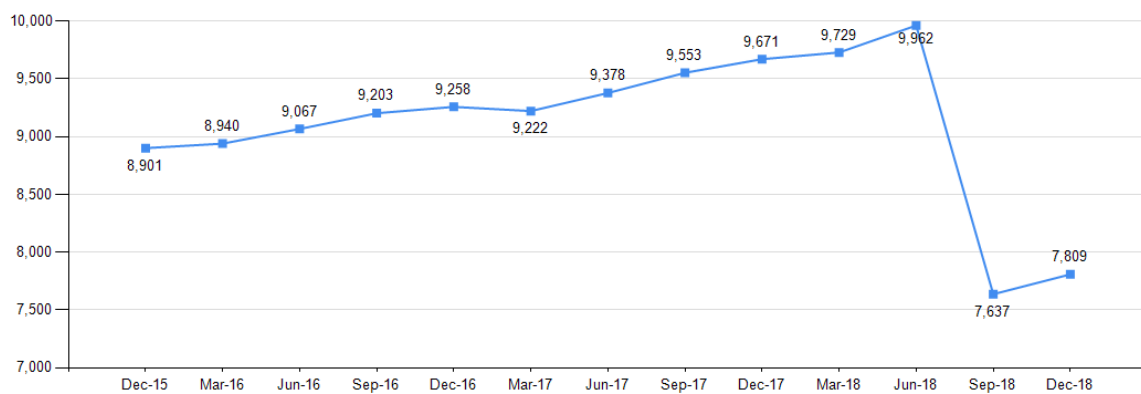
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	246	25.4%
NSW	2,598	21.7%
NT	56	24.8%
QLD	1,446	21.9%
SA	420	23.5%
TAS	170	26.8%
VIC	1,921	19.1%
WA	912	23.9%
No PPP	40	6.3%
Total	7,809	21.3%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



8,500 psychologists were approved, under transitional arrangements in 2013, to provide supervision until 30 June 2018. 2,900 did not renew their supervision approvals, accounting for the decline in total approved supervisors in September 2018.

Registrar program supervisors

Table 5.1 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	6	84	2	55	14	4	186	21	4	376
Clinical psychology	121	1,041	19	603	257	84	908	495	14	3,542
Community psychology	1	2	1	1	1	1	19	2	1	29
Counselling psychology	3	43	1	36	5	1	174	66	1	330
Educational and developmental psychology	2	56	1	61	16	7	89	23	1	256
Forensic psychology	9	118	4	34	20	5	80	26	3	299
Health psychology	5	23	1	30	14	3	60	1	1	138
Organisational psychology	6	59	1	40	16	2	60	13	1	198
Sport and exercise psychology	1	3	1	9	2	1	4	1	1	23
Total	154	1,429	31	869	345	108	1,580	648	27	5,191

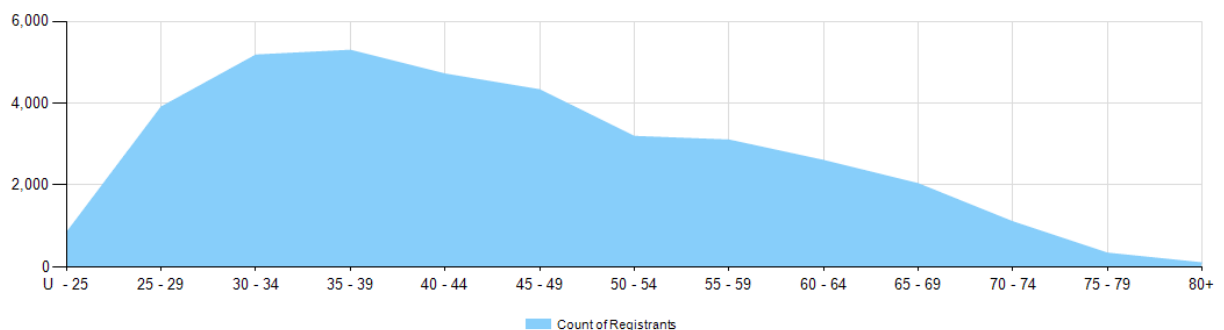
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 6.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	32	805	1	838
25 - 29	2,057	1,813	36	3,906
30 - 34	4,022	884	269	5,175
35 - 39	4,515	504	273	5,292
40 - 44	4,159	366	187	4,712
45 - 49	3,881	295	151	4,327
50 - 54	2,894	189	104	3,187
55 - 59	2,869	104	125	3,098
60 - 64	2,396	41	163	2,600
65 - 69	1,823	8	201	2,032
70 - 74	965	3	133	1,101
75 - 79	285	2	49	336
80+	85		13	98
Total	29,983	5,014	1,705	36,702

Table 6.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 7.1 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	663	7,807	153	4,276	1,138	420	6,672	2,433	308	23,870
	Provisional	96	1,287	23	761	167	74	1,141	519	14	4,082
	Non-practising	26	444	1	233	66	23	283	124	164	1,364
Total female		785	9,538	177	5,270	1,371	517	8,096	3,076	486	29,316
Male	General	154	2,033	44	1,070	356	96	1,638	616	104	6,111
	Provisional	16	304	4	202	44	14	253	93	1	931
	Non-practising	14	121	1	53	19	8	59	23	43	341
Total male		184	2,458	49	1,325	419	118	1,950	732	148	7,383
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional								1		1
Total Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total		969	11,998	226	6,595	1,790	635	10,046	3,809	634	36,702

Percentage

Table 8.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.0%	79.5%	78.3%	79.9%	76.6%	81.4%	80.6%	80.8%	76.7%	79.9%
Male	19.0%	20.5%	21.7%	20.1%	23.4%	18.6%	19.4%	19.2%	23.3%	20.1%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%						<0.1%		<0.1%