

# 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.

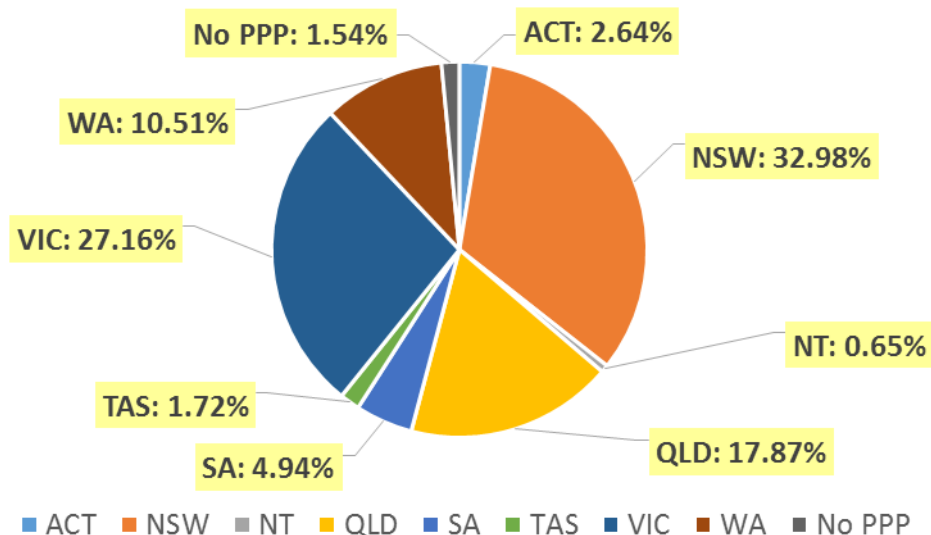
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## 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	781	9,511	194	5,067	1,443	502	7,905	2,970	347	<b>28,720</b>
Provisional	110	1,521	31	945	199	73	1,284	563	9	<b>4,735</b>
Non-practising	36	560	2	270	96	28	358	162	184	<b>1,696</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>11,592</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>9,547</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>35,151</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	162	1	100	23	7	303	33	9	<b>646</b>
Clinical psychology	237	2,499	38	1,298	615	188	2,056	1,098	72	<b>8,101</b>
Community psychology	1	6		2	1		34	10	1	<b>55</b>
Counselling psychology	10	209	1	73	12	7	480	149	11	<b>952</b>
Educational and developmental psychology	10	162	2	114	36	20	230	73	7	<b>654</b>
Forensic psychology	14	227	6	70	34	9	162	45	5	<b>572</b>
Health psychology	5	65	1	53	29	9	153	7	3	<b>325</b>
Organisational psychology	14	167	2	82	47	2	147	43	6	<b>510</b>
Sport and exercise psychology	5	22	1	28	8	3	21	6	1	<b>95</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>11,910</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 30 September 2017 was 10,887.

### Number of Endorsements

**Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held**

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,942	879	56	9	1	<b>10,887</b>
% of endorsed psychologists	91.3%	8.1%	0.5%	0.1%	<.01%	<b>100%</b>
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						<b>28,720</b>
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>&lt;.01%</b>	<b>&lt;.01%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>

\* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Where results produced have more than three decimal places, they are displayed to the nearest two decimal places.

**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	495	5.0%	646	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,298	73.4%	8,101	68.0%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	640	6.4%	952	8.0%
Educational and developmental psychology	474	4.8%	654	5.5%
Forensic psychology	324	3.3%	572	4.8%
Health psychology	165	1.7%	325	2.7%
Organisational psychology	441	4.4%	510	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	76	0.8%	95	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,942</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,910</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

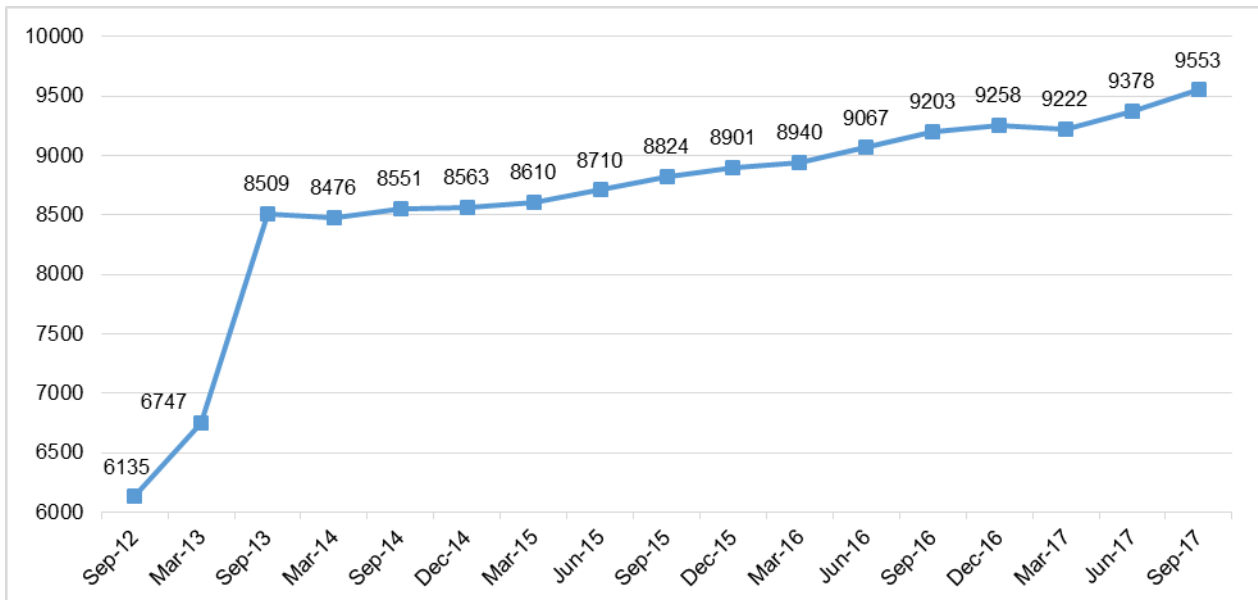
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1** Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>3</sup>
ACT	287	36.7%
NSW	3,370	35.4%
NT	63	32.5%
QLD	1,690	33.4%
SA	510	35.3%
TAS	198	39.4%
VIC	2,236	28.3%
WA	1,146	38.6%
No PPP	53	15.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,553</b>	<b>33.3%</b>

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



<sup>3</sup> There were 28,720 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 September 2017.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

## 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	107		3	3	7	2	4		1	<b>132</b>
	Secondary	5	78		2		4	1	3		78	<b>171</b>
NSW	Principal	84	999	2	50	55	104	19	52	7		<b>1,372</b>
	Secondary	72	802	2	36	40	85	12	47	3	358	<b>1,457</b>
NT	Principal	1	13				3		1			<b>18</b>
	Secondary	1	14			1		1	1		9	<b>27</b>
QLD	Principal	46	508		32	46	32	26	32	11		<b>733</b>
	Secondary	11	163		10	14	6	9	16	4	570	<b>803</b>
SA	Principal	15	242		5	20	17	17	16	3		<b>335</b>
	Secondary	5	97		4	6	4	6	7		214	<b>343</b>
TAS	Principal	3	87		3	11	6	4	1	1		<b>116</b>
	Secondary	1	68		1	11	5	2	1		33	<b>122</b>
VIC	Principal	162	795	19	187	83	66	48	56	6		<b>1,422</b>
	Secondary	98	508	12	110	50	50	35	38	5	533	<b>1,439</b>
WA	Principal	19	492	2	64	24	24		13	2		<b>640</b>
	Secondary	12	314	2	38	10	9		11	3	237	<b>636</b>
No PPP	Principal	1	13		2	1	3	1				<b>21</b>
	Secondary		9		1	1	2	1			12	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>541</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>9,813</b>



## Board-approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

**Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP<sup>5</sup>**

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program <sup>6</sup>	Work in Addition to Higher Degree <sup>7</sup>
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	236	240	126	132	129	<b>134</b>
NSW	2,817	2,735	1,264	1,289	1,564	<b>1,003</b>
NT	56	60	17	18	25	<b>19</b>
QLD	1,462	1,522	633	651	997	<b>735</b>
SA	383	388	112	121	336	<b>258</b>
TAS	164	165	91	97	116	<b>101</b>
VIC	1,549	1,565	640	659	1,664	<b>1,091</b>
WA	916	911	345	337	521	<b>415</b>
No PPP	40	37	16	16	32	<b>22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>5,384</b>	<b>3,778</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>5</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>6</sup> Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

<sup>7</sup> Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

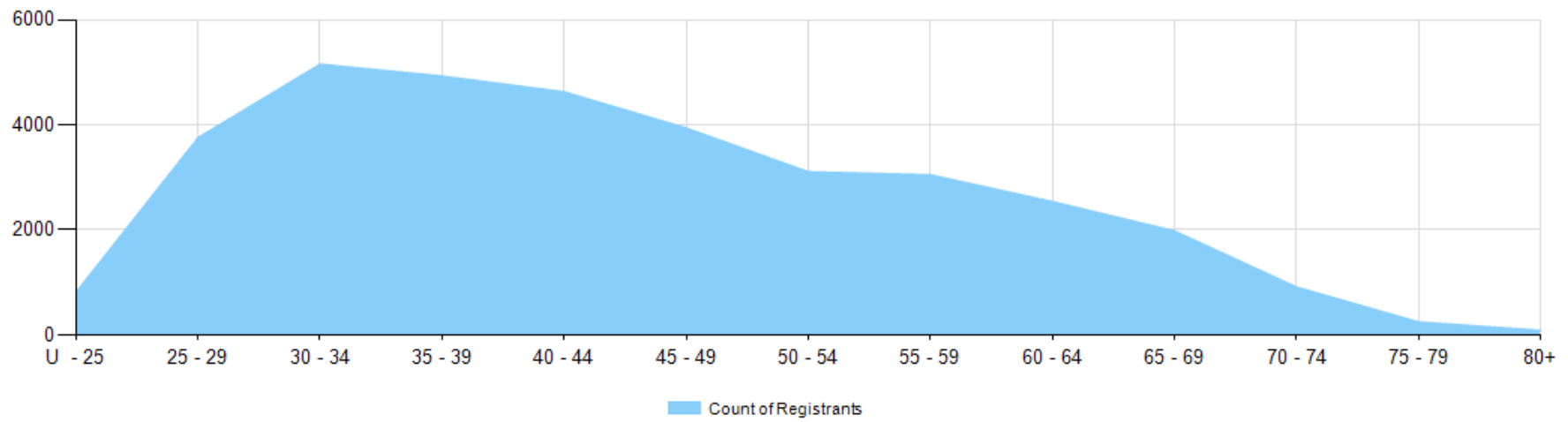
## Age group

### Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	46	768		814
25 - 29	1,976	1,710	73	3,759
30 - 34	4,077	797	283	5,157
35 - 39	4,183	482	264	4,929
40 - 44	4,069	368	192	4,629
45 - 49	3,499	287	156	3,942
50 - 54	2,831	184	92	3,107
55 - 59	2,822	100	126	3,048
60 - 64	2,352	27	160	2,539
65 - 69	1,776	11	194	1,981
70 - 74	804	1	107	912
75 - 79	213		34	247
80+	72		15	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,720</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>35,151</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	641	7,496	148	4,034	1,081	402	6,327	2,353	263	<b>22,745</b>
	Provisional	93	1,236	26	780	166	64	1,044	482	9	<b>3,900</b>
	Non-practising	24	441	1	216	72	22	303	142	142	<b>1,363</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>758</b>	<b>9,173</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>28,008</b>
Male	General	140	2,014	46	1,033	362	100	1,578	617	84	<b>5,974</b>
	Provisional	17	285	5	165	33	9	240	81		<b>835</b>
	Non-practising	12	119	1	54	24	6	55	20	42	<b>333</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>7,142</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		1								<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>927</b>	<b>11,592</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>9,547</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>35,151</b>

### Percentage

**Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.8%	79.1%	77.1%	80.1%	75.9%	80.9%	80.4%	80.6%	76.7%	<b>79.7%</b>
Male	18.2%	20.9%	22.9%	19.9%	24.1%	19.1%	19.6%	19.4%	23.3%	<b>20.3%</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<b>&lt;0.1%</b>