

Psychology Registrant Data: September 2014

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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 2014.

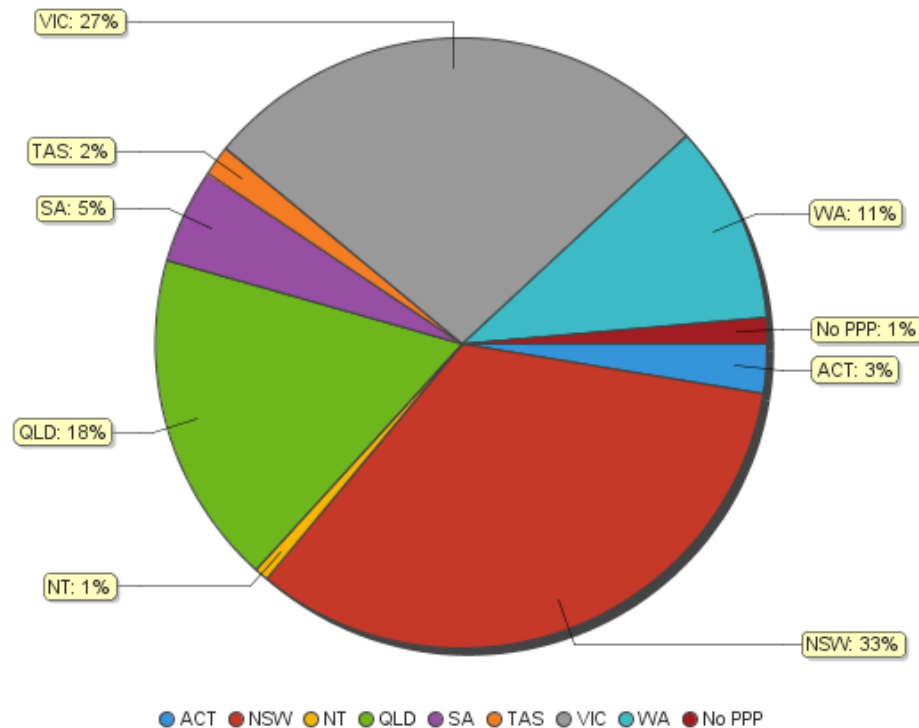
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Psychology practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Psychology practitioners Registration type	Principal place of practice ¹									Total
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	
General	704	8,983	202	4,590	1,323	452	7,133	2,745	322	26,454
Provisional	99	1,137	29	798	187	58	1,220	472	2	4,002
Non-practising	37	505	4	246	71	25	279	145	100	1,412
Total	840	10,625	235	5,634	1,581	535	8,632	3,362	424	31,868

Psychology practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



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Psychology practitioners – count of endorsements by state or territory

Number of endorsed psychologists		Principal place of practice ¹								
Area of practice endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP ²	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	9	135	1	91	23	9	269	33	7	577
Clinical psychology	172	2,150	31	1,002	541	155	1,716	975	61	6,803
Community psychology		8		4	1		34	10	1	58
Counselling psychology	11	222	1	69	9	7	478	138	10	945
Educational and developmental psychology	9	165	1	99	36	21	200	69	4	604
Forensic psychology	10	213	8	69	36	8	146	40	4	534
Health psychology	6	68	2	54	24	9	144	7	2	316
Organisational psychology	17	136	3	76	49	1	139	42	2	465
Sport and exercise psychology	3	20	1	28	9	2	22	8	1	94
Total	237	3,117	48	1,492	728	212	3,148	1,322	92	10,396

*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 2014 was 9,355.

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	8,400	884	60	10	1	9,355
% of endorsed psychologists	89.79%	9.45%	0.64%	0.11%	0.01%	100.00%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)	26,454	26,454	26,454	26,454	26,454	26,454
% general psychologists with one or more endorsement	31.75%	3.34%	0.23%	0.04%	0.00%	35.36%

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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	434	5.17%	577	5.55%
Clinical psychology	5,999	71.42%	6,803	65.44%
Community psychology	28	0.33%	58	0.56%
Counselling psychology	624	7.43%	945	9.09%
Educational and developmental psychology	415	4.94%	604	5.81%
Forensic psychology	285	3.39%	534	5.14%
Health psychology	150	1.79%	316	3.04%
Organisational psychology	391	4.65%	465	4.47%
Sport and exercise psychology	75	0.89%	94	0.90%
Total	8,400	100.00%	10,396	100.00%

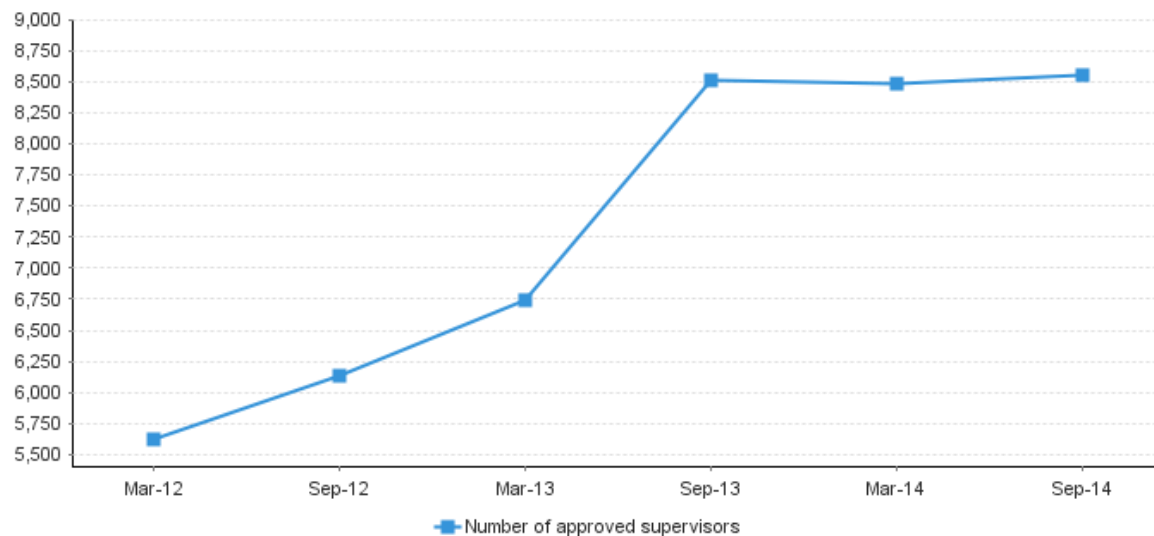
*Note: The figures on the left in the table above show the 8,400 individual psychologists who hold one endorsement only.

The figures on the right in the table above show the total number of each endorsement recorded on the National Register which includes the 8,400 psychologists who hold one endorsement, plus the 955 psychologists with more than one endorsement who have 1,996 endorsements between them.

Psychology practitioners – number of approved supervisors by state or territory

Principal place of practice ¹	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ²
ACT	199	28.27%
NSW	3,032	33.76%
NT	66	32.68%
QLD	1,513	32.97%
SA	442	33.41%
TAS	163	36.07%
VIC	2,038	28.58%
WA	1,098	40.00%
No PPP ³	0	0.00%
Total	8,551	32.33%

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

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² There were 26,454 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 September 2014.

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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 practitioners – registrar program supervisors

Registrar program supervisors		Area of practice endorsement										Total
Principal place of practice ¹	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	5	49		2	2	5	2	5			70
	Secondary	2	21		1			1	3		46	74
NSW	Principal	65	704	1	49	52	90	16	43	5		1,025
	Secondary	53	499	1	31	37	69	9	37	2	316	1,054
NT	Principal	1	9				4		2			16
	Secondary	1	9		1	1	1		1		6	20
QLD	Principal	36	311		28	33	29	17	19	11		484
	Secondary	10	64		5	8	1	4	7	4	428	531
SA	Principal	14	183		4	14	14	14	15	2		260
	Secondary	4	85		4	6	3	3	7		164	276
TAS	Principal	2	58		3	10	3	3		1		80
	Secondary		41		1	10	2	1			23	78
VIC	Principal	132	571	17	155	64	44	42	43	5		1,073
	Secondary	74	339	9	85	27	31	32	29	4	436	1,066
WA	Principal	14	428	2	54	23	19		11	2		553
	Secondary	10	266	2	28	10	5		10	2	243	576
No PPP ²	Principal	2	6				2					10
	Secondary		3				2				8	13
Subtotal	Principal	271	2319	20	295	198	210	94	138	26	0	3571
	Secondary	154	1327	12	156	99	114	50	94	12	1670	3688
Total		425	3,646	32	451	297	324	144	232	38	1,670	7,259

*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 endorsement area, and/or for both principal and secondary supervision.

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Psychology practitioners – approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

Psychology practitioners – approved supervisors ⁵	4+2 Internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program ⁶	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁷
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	164	165	26	25	87	61
NSW	2,557	2,423	518	522	1,321	691
NT	57	63	2	3	20	17
QLD	1,291	1,364	167	175	907	512
SA	332	330	20	21	289	187
TAS	133	134	8	8	89	65
VIC	1,350	1,382	113	113	1,497	760
WA	855	840	50	45	417	273
No PPP	25	21			19	10
Total	6,764	6,722	904	912	4,646	2,576

*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 three different pathways that can be undertaken by registered provisional psychologists: 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.

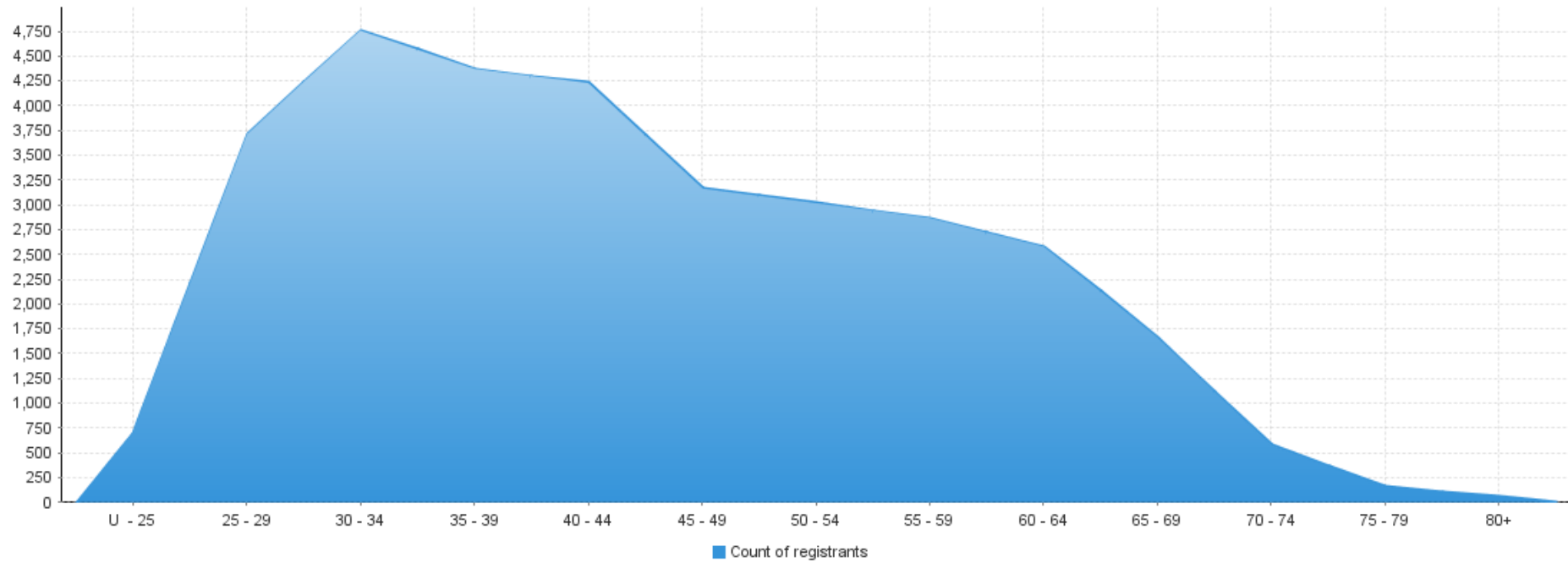
⁶ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

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

Psychology practitioners – registration type by age group

Psychology practitioner Age Group	Registration type			Total	Percentage
	General	Non-practising	Provisional		
U - 25	30		671	701	2.20%
25 - 29	2,090	68	1,556	3,714	11.65%
30 - 34	3,863	271	624	4,758	14.93%
35 - 39	3,765	233	373	4,371	13.72%
40 - 44	3,744	184	302	4,230	13.27%
45 - 49	2,849	100	216	3,165	9.93%
50 - 54	2,776	90	152	3,018	9.47%
55 - 59	2,680	117	72	2,869	9.00%
60 - 64	2,415	135	28	2,578	8.09%
65 - 69	1,545	116	8	1,669	5.24%
70 - 74	510	65		575	1.80%
75 - 79	138	19		157	0.49%
80+	49	14		63	0.20%
Total	26,454	1,412	4,002	31,868	100.00%

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	701	3,714	4,758	4,371	4,230	3,165	3,018	2,869	2,578	1,669	575	157	63

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	556	7,014	148	3,582	972	356	5,628	2,143	235	20,634
	Provisional	77	909	22	663	156	48	1,030	396	2	3,303
	Non-practising	28	409	3	207	55	22	236	126	82	1,168
Sub Total		661	8,332	173	4,452	1,183	426	6,894	2,665	319	25,105
Male	General	148	1,969	54	1,008	351	96	1,505	602	87	5,820
	Provisional	22	228	7	135	31	10	190	76		699
	Non-practising	9	96	1	39	16	3	43	19	18	244
Sub Total		179	2,293	62	1,182	398	109	1,738	697	105	6,763
Total		840	10,625	235	5,634	1,581	535	8,632	3,362	424	31,868

Psychology practitioners – percentage by gender

Psychology practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		78.69%	78.42%	73.62%	79.02%	74.83%	79.63%	79.87%	79.27%	75.24%	78.78%
Male		21.31%	21.58%	26.38%	20.98%	25.17%	20.37%	20.13%	20.73%	24.76%	21.22%