

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.

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.

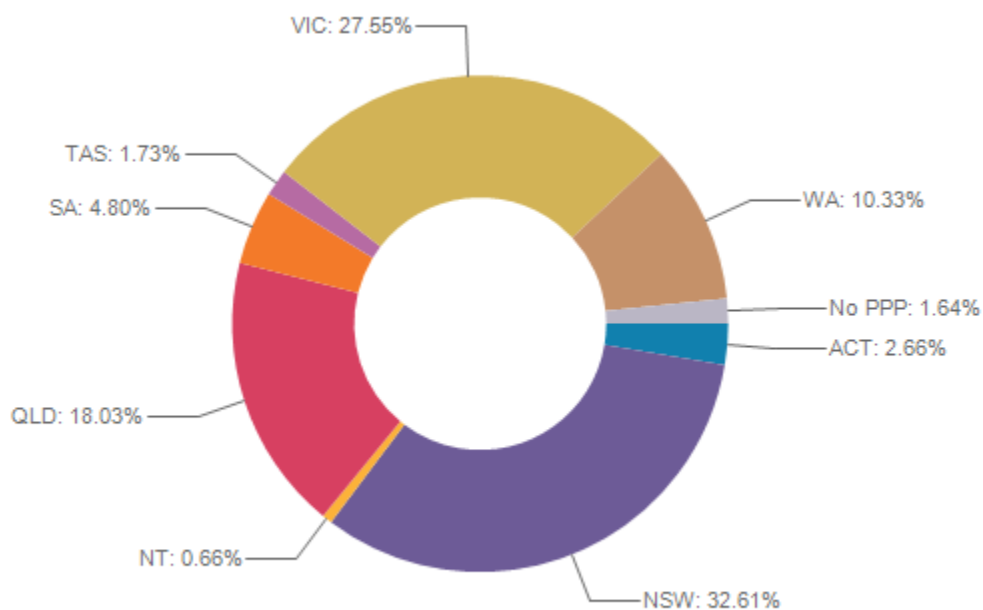
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	843	10,108	207	5,576	1,529	542	8,596	3,172	404	30,977
Provisional	130	1,732	39	995	217	89	1,525	624	18	5,369
Non-practising	37	561	4	284	81	27	357	132	200	1,683
Total	1,010	12,401	250	6,855	1,827	658	10,478	3,928	622	38,029

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	176	4	110	27	6	321	36	12	702
Clinical psychology	294	2,770	41	1,520	686	206	2,371	1,200	122	9,210
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		34	9		54
Counselling psychology	9	200		85	13	8	509	161	8	993
Educational and developmental psychology	10	157	2	126	35	20	268	69	7	694
Forensic psychology	13	235	7	69	36	5	187	49	7	608
Health psychology	7	69	1	63	29	10	144	5	3	331
Organisational psychology	15	181	2	89	50	3	158	42	7	547
Sport and exercise psychology	6	22	1	32	8	3	20	6		98
Total	365	3,816	58	2,097	885	261	4,012	1,577	166	13,237

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 2019 was 12,198.

Number of endorsements

Table 2.2 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists with the corresponding number of endorsements	11,235	899	55	7	1	1	12,198
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.1%	7.4%	0.5%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							30,977
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	36.3%	2.9%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	39.4%

Table 2.3 Psychologists with one endorsement 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	542	4.8%	702	5.3%
Clinical psychology	8,382	74.6%	9,210	69.6%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	54	0.4%
Counselling psychology	687	6.1%	993	7.5%
Educational and developmental psychology	518	4.6%	694	5.2%
Forensic psychology	346	3.1%	608	4.6%
Health psychology	174	1.5%	331	2.5%
Organisational psychology	478	4.3%	547	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	79	0.7%	98	0.7%
Total	11,235	100.0%	13,237	100.0%

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

Provisional Registration

Provisional registrants by pathway

Table 3.1 Provisional registrants by pathway

Pathway	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
4+2 Internship	41	762	14	356	65	20	176	217	3	1,654
5+1 Internship	12	341	4	132	13	29	375	134	3	1,043
Higher Degree program	76	613	21	496	138	39	961	267	7	2,618
Transitional Program	1	16		11	1	1	13	6	5	54
Total	130	1,732	39	995	217	89	1,525	624	18	5,369

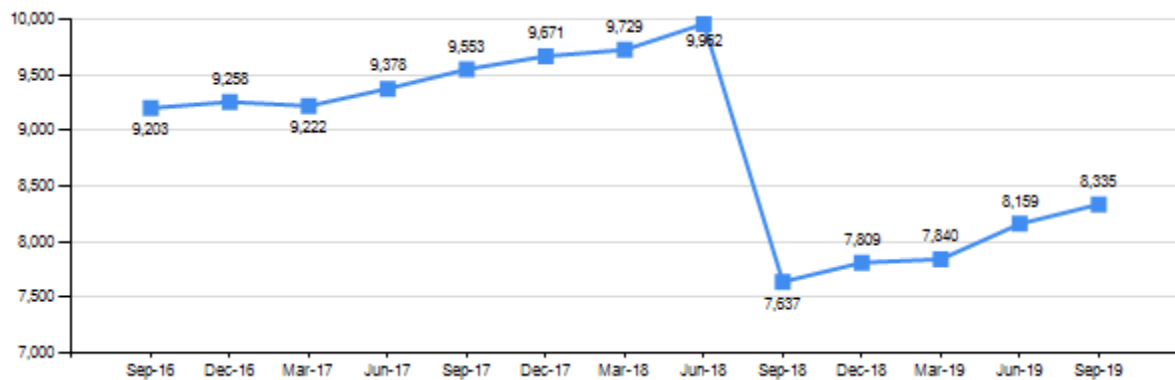
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	263	26.0%
NSW	2,804	22.6%
NT	62	24.8%
QLD	1,521	22.2%
SA	447	24.5%
TAS	182	27.7%
VIC	2,067	19.7%
WA	946	24.1%
No PPP	43	6.9%
Total	8,335	21.9%

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 4.3 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	7	94	2	62	15	4	192	24	4	404
Clinical psychology	130	1,123	24	640	271	88	981	517	17	3,791
Community psychology		2		1			20	2		25
Counselling psychology	3	44		36	5	1	174	65	1	329
Educational and developmental psychology	2	61		65	16	7	98	22		271
Forensic psychology	9	123	6	32	20	3	88	27	4	312
Health psychology	5	23		29	14	3	61		1	136
Organisational psychology	5	64	1	41	17	2	71	14	1	216
Sport and exercise psychology	1	3		11	2		3	1		21
Total	162	1,537	33	917	360	108	1,688	672	28	5,505

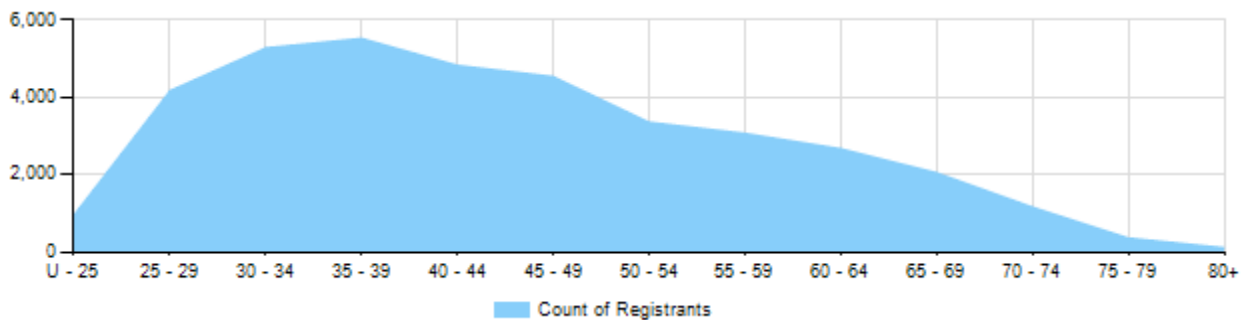
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	47	916		963
25 - 29	2,237	1,879	51	4,167
30 - 34	4,098	926	249	5,273
35 - 39	4,707	566	249	5,522
40 - 44	4,237	402	184	4,823
45 - 49	4,067	313	154	4,534
50 - 54	3,021	206	126	3,353
55 - 59	2,840	105	118	3,063
60 - 64	2,464	45	157	2,666
65 - 69	1,851	6	187	2,044
70 - 74	1,011	3	142	1,156
75 - 79	304	2	52	358
80+	93		14	107
Total	30,977	5,369	1,683	38,029

Table 5.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 6.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type

Gender	Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	686	8,059	156	4,469	1,174	446	6,921	2,541	302	24,754
	Provisional	106	1,384	32	780	172	75	1,249	522	14	4,334
	Non-practising	24	432	3	237	62	21	286	112	161	1,338
Total female		816	9,875	191	5,486	1,408	542	8,456	3,175	477	30,426
Male	General	157	2,047	51	1,107	355	96	1,675	631	102	6,221
	Provisional	24	348	7	215	45	14	273	102	4	1,032
	Non-practising	13	129	1	47	19	6	71	20	39	345
Total male		194	2,524	59	1,369	419	116	2,019	753	145	7,598
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional							3			3
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5
Total		1,010	12,401	250	6,855	1,827	658	10,478	3,928	622	38,029

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.8%	79.6%	76.4%	80.0%	77.1%	82.4%	80.7%	80.8%	76.7%	80.0%
Male	19.2%	20.4%	23.6%	20.0%	22.9%	17.6%	19.3%	19.2%	23.3%	20.0%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<0.1%