

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.

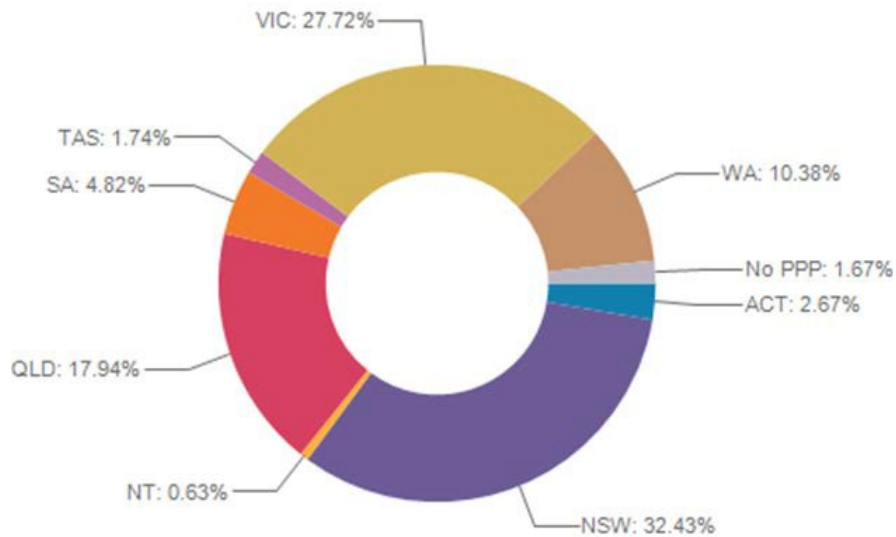
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	826	9,892	196	5,425	1,494	522	8,415	3,086	393	30,249
Provisional	131	1,629	37	977	223	95	1,564	652	26	5,334
Non-practising	38	564	3	282	79	31	350	131	204	1,682
Total	995	12,085	236	6,684	1,796	648	10,329	3,869	623	37,265

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	169	2	110	25	6	313	37	12	684
Clinical psychology	272	2,662	37	1,438	651	200	2,249	1,171	115	8,795
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		33	9		53
Counselling psychology	9	200		77	12	8	494	154	8	962
Educational and developmental psychology	10	157	2	122	34	20	255	68	7	675
Forensic psychology	13	233	5	67	36	7	178	48	7	594
Health psychology	6	64	1	61	29	10	145	4	3	323
Organisational psychology	16	179	2	82	49	2	152	41	7	530
Sport and exercise psychology	6	21	1	28	8	3	21	6		94
Total	343	3,691	50	1,988	845	256	3,840	1,538	159	12,710

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 March 2019 was 11,677.

Number of Endorsements

Table 2.2 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement/s	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists with the corresponding number of endorsements	10,720	893	55	7	1	1	11,677
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	91.8%	7.6%	0.5%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							30,249
% of psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	35.4%	3.0%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	38.6%

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	527	4.9%	684	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,974	74.4%	8,795	69.2%
Community psychology	28	0.3%	53	0.4%
Counselling psychology	655	6.1%	962	7.6%
Educational and developmental psychology	498	4.6%	675	5.3%
Forensic psychology	336	3.1%	594	4.7%
Health psychology	166	1.5%	323	2.5%
Organisational psychology	461	4.3%	530	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	75	0.7%	94	0.7%
Total	10,720	100.0%	12,710	100.0%

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

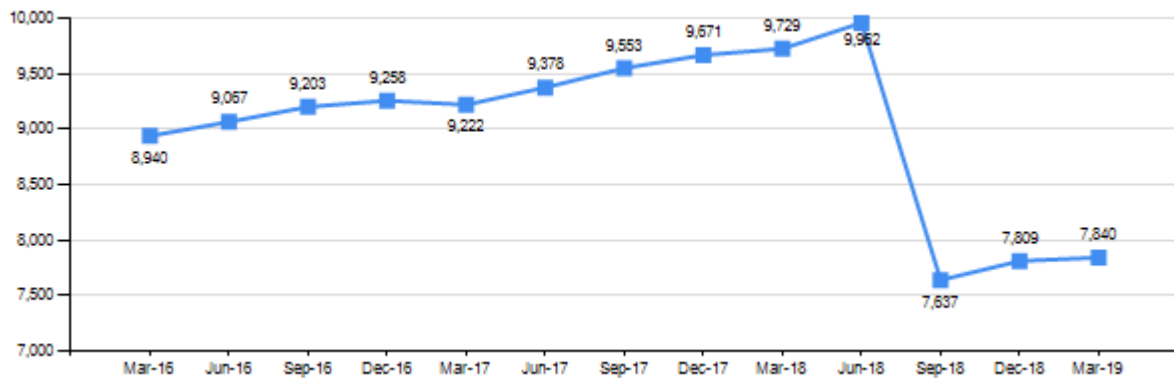
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 3.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	248	24.9%
NSW	2,626	21.7%
NT	56	23.7%
QLD	1,439	21.5%
SA	424	23.6%
TAS	169	26.1%
VIC	1,925	18.6%
WA	915	23.6%
No PPP	38	6.1%
Total	7,840	21.0%

Table 3.2 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 3.3 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	6	85	2	56	14	4	187	23	3	380
Clinical psychology	123	1,053	20	601	260	82	910	499	15	3,563
Community psychology	1	2	1	1	1	1	19	2	1	29
Counselling psychology	3	44	1	36	5	1	172	65	1	328
Educational and developmental psychology	2	57	1	62	16	7	94	23	1	263
Forensic psychology	9	120	4	32	20	5	82	26	4	302
Health psychology	5	23	1	29	14	3	59	1	1	136
Organisational psychology	5	60	1	40	16	2	63	13	1	201
Sport and exercise psychology	1	3	1	9	2	1	4	1	1	23
Total	155	1,447	32	866	348	106	1,590	653	28	5,225

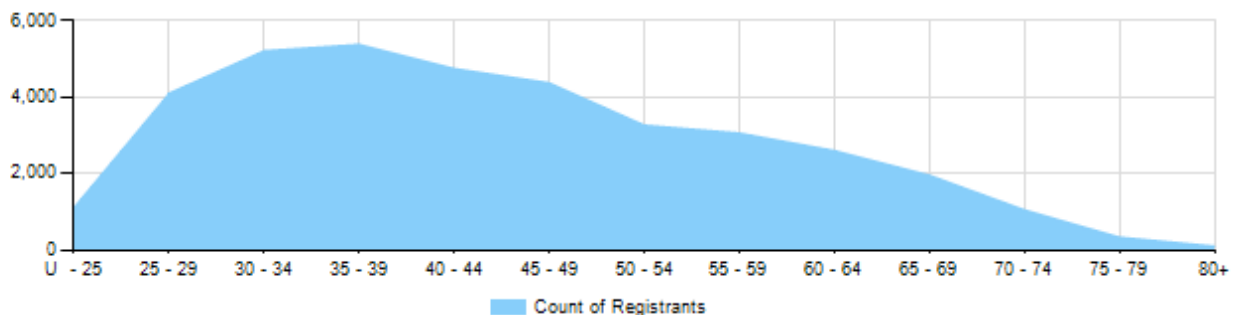
Age group

Registration type

Table 4.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	61	1,056		1,117
25 - 29	2,266	1,787	51	4,104
30 - 34	4,026	895	288	5,209
35 - 39	4,587	535	253	5,375
40 - 44	4,171	396	177	4,744
45 - 49	3,920	299	152	4,371
50 - 54	2,938	208	118	3,264
55 - 59	2,836	103	116	3,055
60 - 64	2,394	45	160	2,599
65 - 69	1,761	5	187	1,953
70 - 74	924	3	121	1,048
75 - 79	281	2	47	330
80+	84		12	96
Total	30,249	5,334	1,682	37,265

Table 4.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 5.1 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	671	7,876	148	4,348	1,146	427	6,774	2,465	293	24,148
	Provisional	109	1,303	32	769	179	80	1,283	546	23	4,324
	Non-practising	25	442	2	238	61	24	283	111	162	1,348
Total female		805	9,621	182	5,355	1,386	531	8,340	3,122	478	29,820
Male	General	155	2,014	48	1,077	348	95	1,641	621	100	6,099
	Provisional	22	326	5	208	44	15	280	106	3	1,009
	Non-practising	13	122	1	44	18	7	67	20	42	334
Total male		190	2,462	54	1,329	410	117	1,988	747	145	7,442
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional							1			1
Total intersex or indeterminate		0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Total		995	12,085	236	6,684	1,796	648	10,329	3,869	623	37,265

Percentage

Table 5.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.9%	79.6%	77.1%	80.1%	77.2%	81.9%	80.8%	80.7%	76.7%	80.0%
Male	19.1%	20.4%	22.9%	19.9%	22.8%	18.1%	19.2%	19.3%	23.3%	20.0%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<0.1%