

# 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.

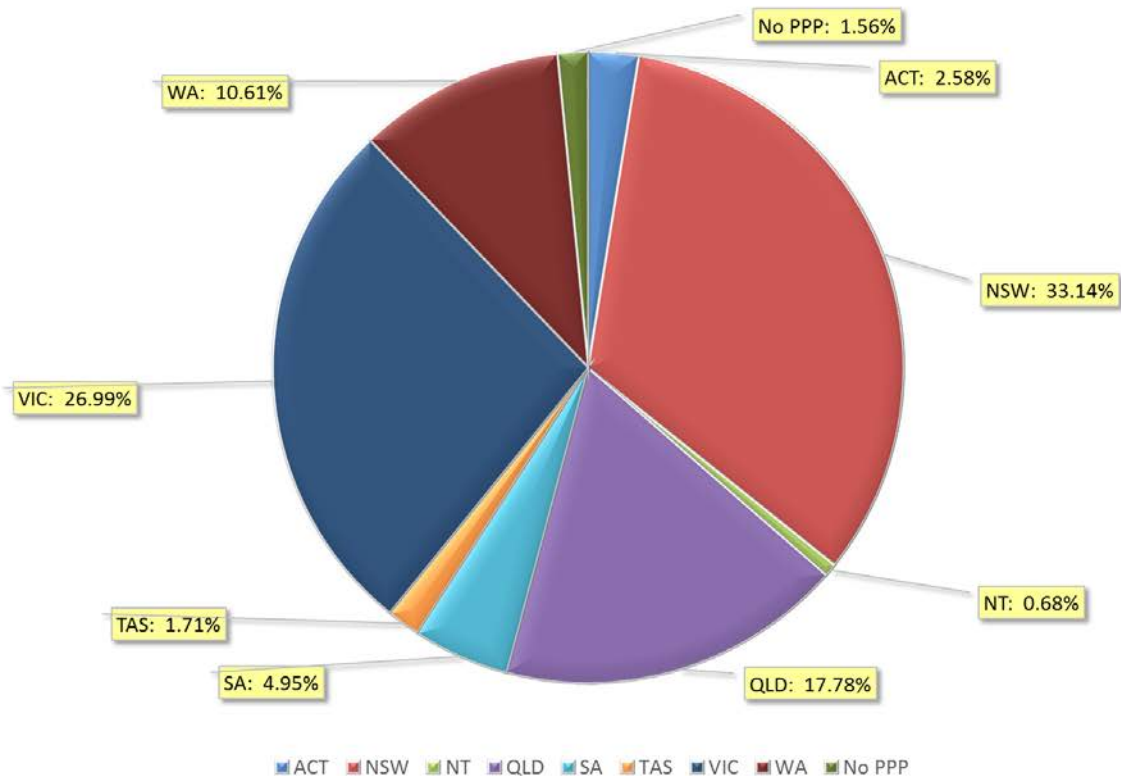
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## 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	741	9,220	199	4,816	1,392	491	7,566	2,841	361	<b>27,627</b>
Provisional	98	1,450	29	944	195	69	1,246	584	7	<b>4,622</b>
Non-practising	37	566	1	268	91	20	340	174	161	<b>1,658</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>9,152</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>33,907</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	6	151	1	94	22	9	282	33	10	<b>608</b>
Clinical psychology	215	2,320	31	1,154	590	169	1,886	1,039	77	<b>7,481</b>
Community psychology		7		3	1		35	8	1	<b>55</b>
Counselling psychology	11	217	1	72	12	6	474	142	11	<b>946</b>
Educational and developmental psychology	9	163	1	102	36	19	212	69	8	<b>619</b>
Forensic psychology	11	226	6	69	33	10	150	44	4	<b>553</b>
Health psychology	5	69	1	53	25	9	148	8	3	<b>321</b>
Organisational psychology	16	154	1	81	51	2	139	40	5	<b>489</b>
Sport and exercise psychology	5	21	1	27	8	4	22	7		<b>95</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>11,167</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 June 2016 was 10,138.

### Number of Endorsements

**Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held**

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,191	877	60	9	1	<b>10,138</b>
% of endorsed psychologists	90.7%	8.7%	0.6%	<0.1%	<0.01%	<b>100%</b>
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						<b>27,627</b>
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	33.3%	3.2%	0.2%	<0.01%	<0.01%	<b>36.7%</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	460	5%	608	5.4%
Clinical psychology	6,681	72.7%	7,481	67%
Community psychology	28	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	631	6.9%	946	8.5%
Educational and developmental psychology	434	4.7%	619	5.5%
Forensic psychology	304	3.3%	553	5%
Health psychology	160	1.7%	321	2.9%
Organisational psychology	418	4.5%	489	4.4%
Sport and exercise psychology	75	0.8%	95	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,191</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,167</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

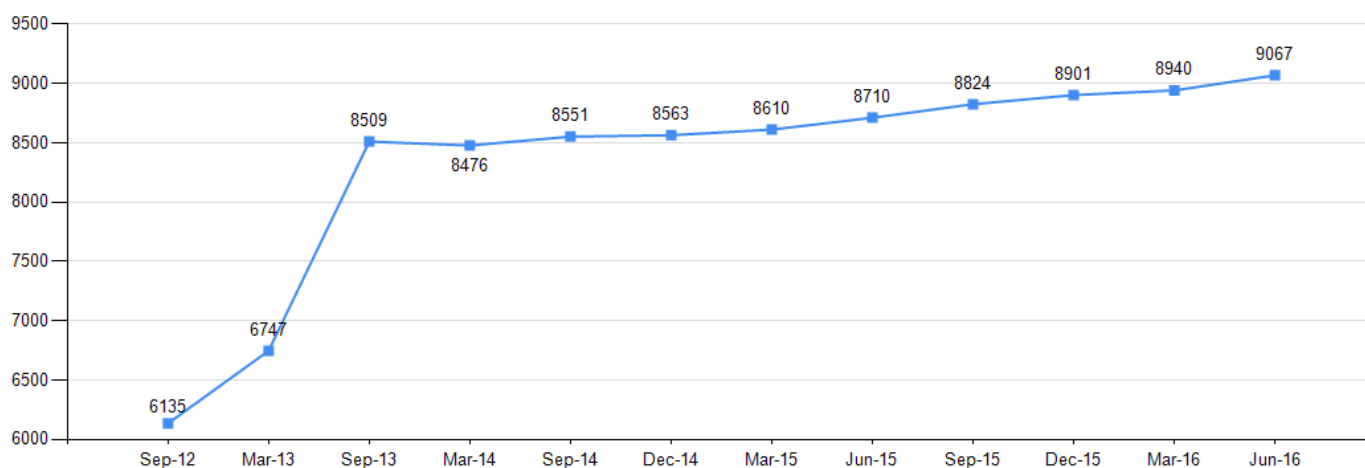
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1** Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants <sup>3</sup>
ACT	249	33.6%
NSW	3,216	34.9%
NT	63	31.7%
QLD	1,594	33.1%
SA	491	35.3%
TAS	192	39.1%
VIC	2,088	27.6%
WA	1,126	39.6%
No PPP	48	13.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,067</b>	<b>32.8%</b>

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



<sup>3</sup> There were 27,627 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 June 2016.

<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	4	81		3	2	5	2	5		1	<b>103</b>
	Secondary	3	48		2		2	1	3		68	<b>127</b>
NSW	Principal	77	880	2	54	54	100	18	50	6		<b>1,241</b>
	Secondary	65	667	2	37	38	81	11	44	2	346	<b>1,293</b>
NT	Principal	1	8				3		1			<b>13</b>
	Secondary	1	8		1	1			1		7	<b>19</b>
QLD	Principal	41	421		31	41	33	21	27	10		<b>625</b>
	Secondary	11	125		8	12	5	7	11	3	483	<b>665</b>
SA	Principal	15	222		4	17	16	15	17	2		<b>308</b>
	Secondary	5	94		4	7	4	6	8		198	<b>326</b>
TAS	Principal	3	75		3	11	5	4	1	1		<b>103</b>
	Secondary	1	57		1	11	3	2	1		31	<b>107</b>
VIC	Principal	143	671	17	179	71	54	46	45	6		<b>1,232</b>
	Secondary	84	413	10	103	35	39	35	31	5	464	<b>1,219</b>
WA	Principal	16	465	2	63	24	23		11	2		<b>606</b>
	Secondary	12	298	2	36	10	8		9	3	229	<b>607</b>
No PPP	Principal	3	8		1		2	1	1			<b>16</b>
	Secondary	1	8				2	1	1		11	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>486</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>8,634</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	209	210	71	74	111	96
NSW	2,706	2,603	904	929	1,469	867
NT	55	59	7	8	20	16
QLD	1,381	1,439	380	392	947	609
SA	369	370	63	66	326	232
TAS	158	161	67	73	110	90
VIC	1,410	1,430	324	331	1,545	888
WA	888	877	166	156	465	335
No PPP	36	33	5	5	27	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,212</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>3,148</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

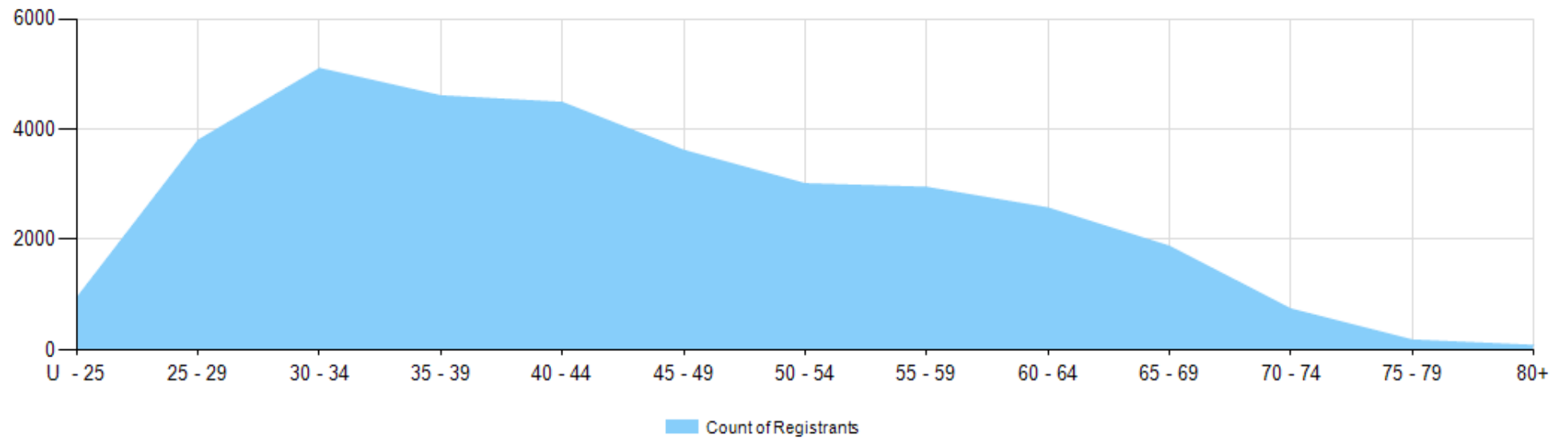
### Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	64	874		938
25 - 29	2,049	1,671	76	3,796
30 - 34	4,020	775	303	5,098
35 - 39	3,906	418	277	4,601
40 - 44	3,952	333	198	4,483
45 - 49	3,220	266	127	3,613
50 - 54	2,745	172	90	3,007
55 - 59	2,734	79	129	2,942
60 - 64	2,376	27	165	2,568
65 - 69	1,700	7	167	1,874
70 - 74	648		89	737
75 - 79	147		27	174
80+	66		10	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,627</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>33,907</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	598	7,239	147	3,812	1,035	396	6,031	2,236	270	<b>21,764</b>
	Provisional	82	1,158	23	786	163	60	1,019	491	5	<b>3,787</b>
	Non-practising	25	464		218	68	15	288	149	131	<b>1,358</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>705</b>	<b>8,861</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>4,816</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>7,338</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>26,909</b>
Male	General	143	1,981	52	1,004	357	95	1,535	605	91	<b>5,863</b>
	Provisional	16	292	6	158	32	9	227	93	2	<b>835</b>
	Non-practising	12	102	1	50	23	5	52	25	30	<b>300</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>6,998</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>876</b>	<b>11,236</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>9,152</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>33,907</b>

### Percentage

**Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.5%	78.9%	74.2%	79.9%	75.4%	81.2%	80.2%	79.9%	76.7%	79.4%
Male	19.5%	21.1%	25.8%	20.1%	24.6%	18.8%	19.8%	20.1%	23.3%	20.6%