

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 July 2020 to 30 September 2020



**Nursing and
Midwifery Board**
Ahpra

Table of contents

Introduction.....	3
Principal place of practice.....	4
Registration type	4
General registration	6
Non-practising registration	7
Provisional registration	8
Endorsments	9
Notations	10
Age group.....	11
General registration	11
Non-practising registration	12
Provisional registration	13
Gender.....	14
General registration	14
Non-practising registration	16
Provisional registration	18

Introduction

This report contains registration information about nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

The functions of the NMBA are defined under the [National Law](#), and include:

- Registering nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determining national registration requirements
- Developing professional codes, standards, guidelines and position statements to guide the practice of nurses and midwives
- Managing notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Overseeing the assessment of internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to register in Australia
- Approving national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegating to state and territory boards and committees of the NMBA, and Ahpra staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notification of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct, and a student's health or criminal history

**Co-regulatory models apply in New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland (QLD). In NSW, notifications are managed separately by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of NSW; the NSW Board of the NMBA only manages registration matters. In QLD, notifications are received by the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), who determines which notifications should be managed by the NMBA.*

The NMBA's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing the NMBA and Ahpra, see [Ahpra's Legislation & Publications](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx

Ahpra has analysed the NMBA's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables¹ about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

Ahpra and the NMBA established a short-term pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months (or less if the pandemic subsides) to help with fast tracking the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners. The pandemic response sub-register came into effect on 6 April 2020. Eligible nurses and midwives were added to the pandemic response sub-register. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the NMBA's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

¹ Note that the data for dual registration in the tables and diagrams includes where a nurse or a midwife may be non-practising in one category, for example enrolled nurse (non-practising) & registered nurse (practising) or nurse (non-practising) & midwife (practising).

Principal place of practice

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice*

Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	827	15,215	472	15,256	8,620	1,801	22,563	6,284	86	71,124	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,757	92,229	3,991	66,171	24,567	7,866	82,449	32,735	9,955	325,720	
		EN & RN	92	1,352	70	1,646	777	69	3,074	767	32	7,879	
	Total General Nurse			6,676	108,796	4,533	83,073	33,964	9,736	108,086	39,786	10,073	404,723
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	319	9	234	115	19	299	93	16	1,121	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	91	1,569	25	753	302	99	818	349	613	4,619	
		EN & RN	1	2		10	3	2	18	5	3	44	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			109	1,890	34	997	420	120	1,135	447	632	5,784
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	13	1	15	15		27	11		84	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	50	3	52	20	2	49	27	2	206	
		EN & RN				1	1					2	
	Total Provisional Nurse			3	63	4	68	36	2	76	38	2	292
	Total Nurse			6,788	110,749	4,571	84,138	34,420	9,858	109,297	40,271	10,707	410,799

Table 1.1 (continued from page 4)

Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse and Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	16	3	33	12	1	40	2		108	
		RN & Midwife	502	7,723	491	5,858	1,854	639	7,718	2,926	242	27,953	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	22	1	6	2	2	25	14		73	
	Total General Nurse and Midwife			504	7,761	495	5,897	1,868	642	7,783	2,942	242	28,134
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife								1			1
		RN & Midwife	19	216	2	76	35	7	85	32	24		496
		EN & RN & Midwife				1							1
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			19	216	2	77	35	7	86	32	24	498
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		2		2				4			8
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	8
Non-practising and Provisional	RN & Midwife											0	
Total Non-practising and Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Nurse and Midwife			523	7,979	497	5,976	1,903	649	7,869	2,978	266	28,640	
Midwife	General		195	1,511	95	1,396	748	59	1,591	491	165	6,251	
	Non-practising		3	20	1	15	8		18	8	11	84	
	Provisional					1			1			2	
Total Midwife			198	1,531	96	1,412	756	59	1,610	499	176	6,337	
Total			7,509	120,259	5,164	91,526	37,079	10,566	118,776	43,748	11,149	445,776¹	

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015.

¹ Total figure includes 24,646 nurses and midwives on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

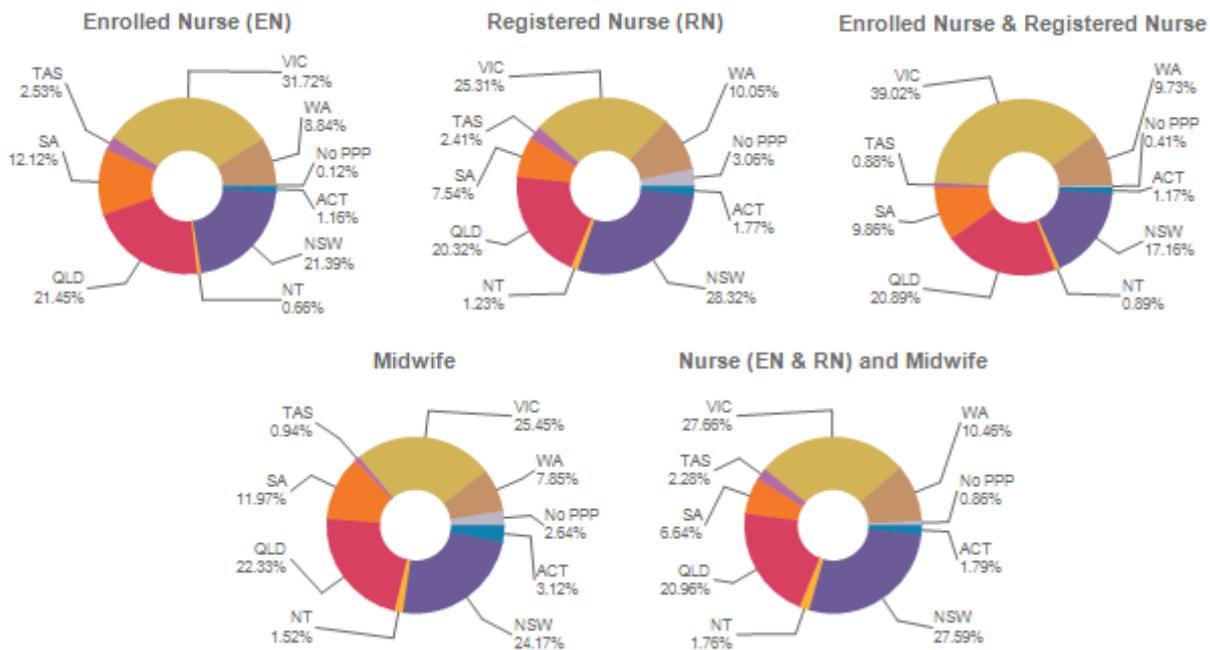
General registration

Table 2.1 Totals for practitioners with general registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	827	15,215	472	15,256	8,620	1,801	22,563	6,284	86	71,124
Registered Nurse (RN)	5,757	92,229	3,991	66,171	24,567	7,866	82,449	32,735	9,955	325,720
EN & RN	92	1,352	70	1,646	777	69	3,074	767	32	7,879
Midwife	195	1,511	95	1,396	748	59	1,591	491	165	6,251
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	504	7,761	495	5,897	1,868	642	7,783	2,942	242	28,134

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



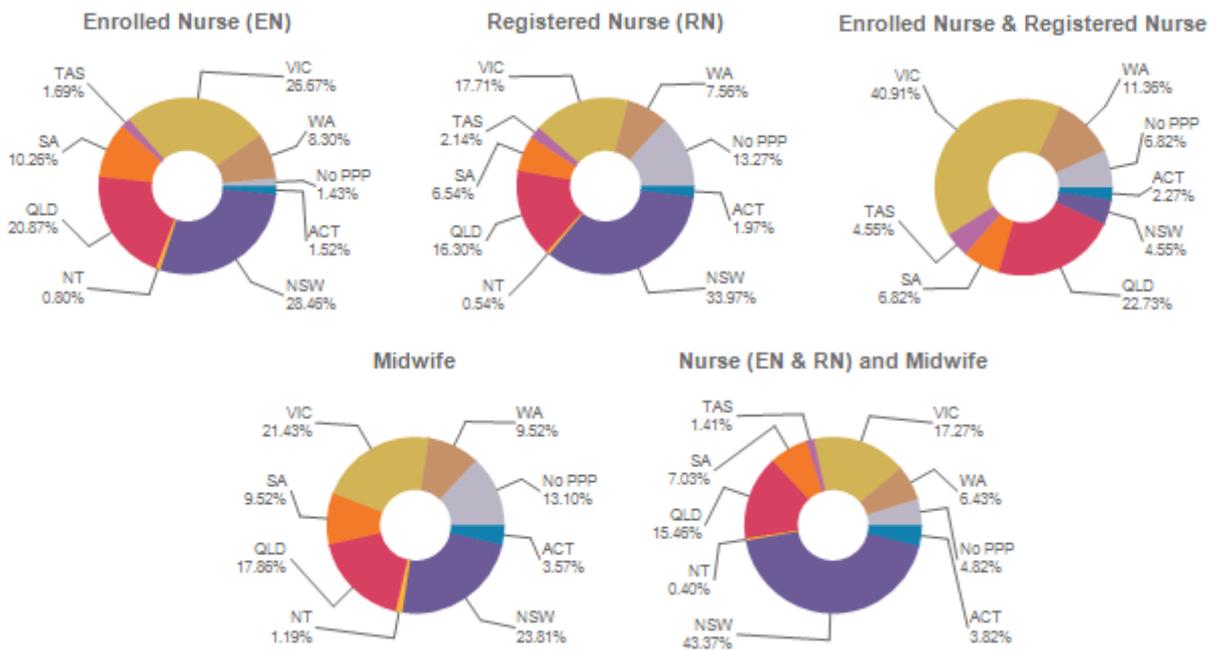
Non-practising registration

Table 3.1 Totals for practitioners with non-practising registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	319	9	234	115	19	299	93	16	1,121
Registered Nurse (RN)	91	1,569	25	753	302	99	818	349	613	4,619
EN & RN	1	2		10	3	2	18	5	3	44
Midwife	3	20	1	15	8		18	8	11	84
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	19	216	2	77	35	7	86	32	24	498

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice



Provisional registration

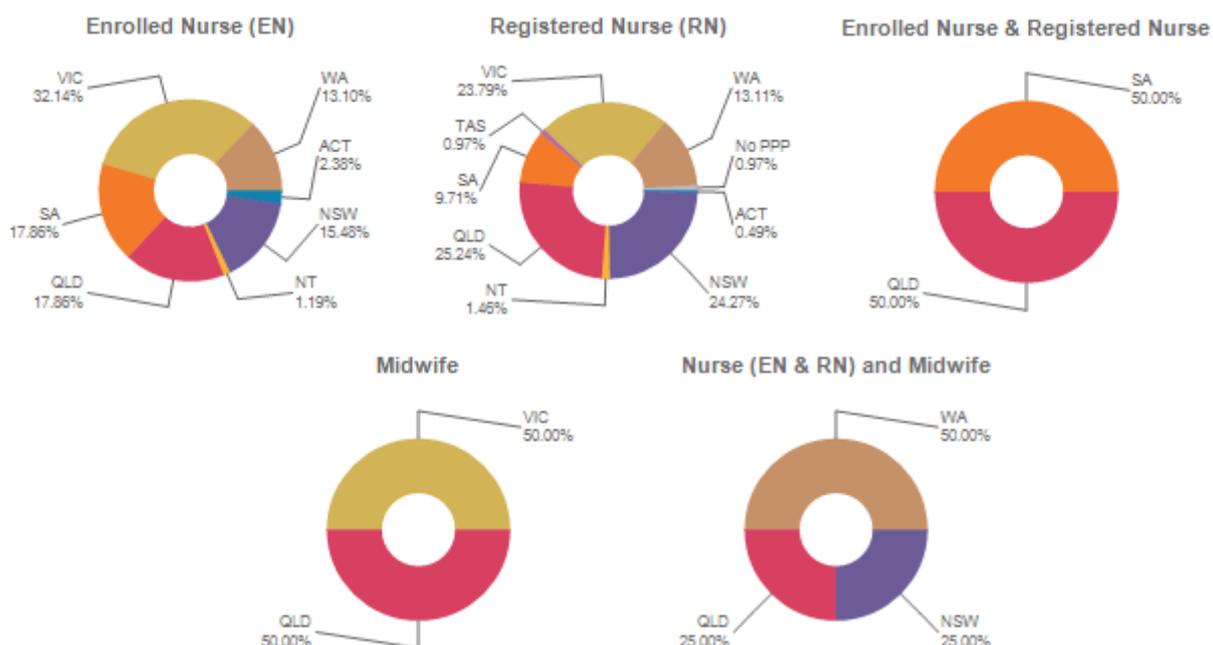
Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 4.1 Totals for practitioners with provisional registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	13	1	15	15		27	11		84
Registered Nurse (RN)	1	50	3	52	20	2	49	27	2	206
EN & RN				1	1					2
Midwife				1			1			2
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		2		2				4		8

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice



Endorsements by type

The NMBA endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse - scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

The NMBA endorsements for midwives are:

- Midwife – scheduled medicines
- Midwife Practitioner – refer [Position-Statement Midwife Practitioners \(7 April 2011\)](#)

Table 5.1 Registered Nurse and Midwife - Endorsements by principal place of practice

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	55	471	34	543	166	46	491	262	29	2,097
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	7	42	26	843	11	12	243	29	13	1,226
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								1
	Scheduled Medicines*	7	98	9	233	50	14	122	113	1	647
Total		69	612	69	1,619	227	72	856	404	43	3,971

* The above numbers under 'Midwife - Scheduled Medicines' reflect those midwives who have met the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives.

Notations

Registered nurses with a sole qualification in mental health nursing or paediatric nursing or disability nursing - rather than a qualification in general nursing - are identified on the national register with a notation, which states: Solely qualified in the area of Disability Nursing / Mental Health Nursing / Paediatric Nursing.

Table 6.1 Registered Nurse notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		50	1	16	4	1	24	28	13	137
Mental Health nursing	8	321	27	230	225	15	414	1,032	163	2,435
Paediatric Nursing	2	168	3	136	18	1	97	163	75	663
Total	10	539	31	382	247	17	535	1,223	251	3,235

Midwife notations

Note: All midwives who held the Eligible Midwife notation either now hold the Midwife Scheduled Medicines endorsement or have determined they no longer require the Eligible Midwife notation.

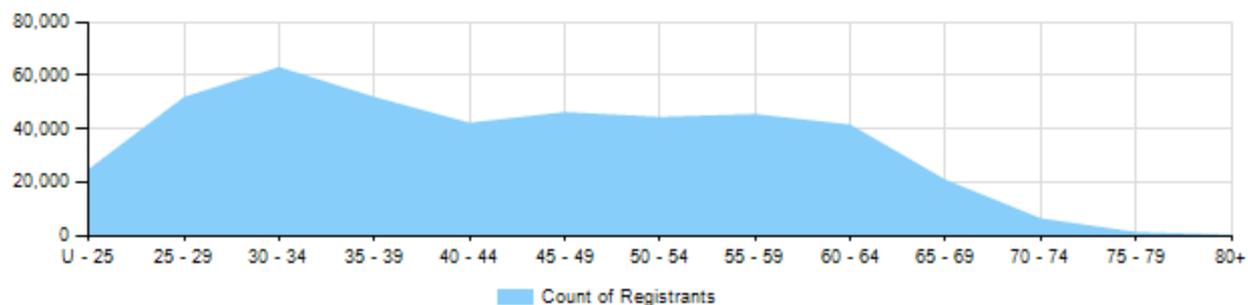
Age group

General registration

Table 7.1 General registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	7,087	16,275	410	1	513	1	501	24,788	5.6%
25 - 29	7,458	39,881	1,311	12	1,977	15	1,078	51,732	11.8%
30 - 34	7,116	50,818	1,667	27	2,205	15	1,071	62,919	14.3%
35 - 39	6,367	41,083	1,226	14	2,082	14	921	51,707	11.8%
40 - 44	5,596	32,894	861	18	1,948	9	766	42,092	9.6%
45 - 49	6,565	35,528	783	18	2,518	6	687	46,105	10.5%
50 - 54	7,985	31,815	685	9	3,263	4	511	44,272	10.1%
55 - 59	9,253	30,287	563	7	4,949	6	287	45,352	10.3%
60 - 64	8,604	27,307	276	2	4,972	2	238	41,401	9.4%
65 - 69	3,901	14,103	77		2,590	1	126	20,798	4.7%
70 - 74	1,001	4,592	19		750		56	6,418	1.5%
75 - 79	167	932	1		160		7	1,267	0.3%
80+	24	205			26		2	257	<0.1%
Total	71,124	325,720	7,879	108	27,953	73	6,251	439,108	100.0%

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

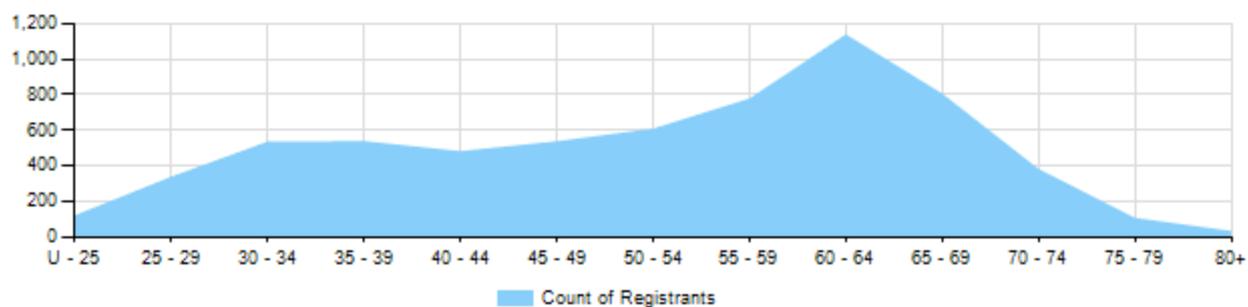


Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	51	65	1		1		2	120	1.9%
25 - 29	79	238	7		8		4	336	5.3%
30 - 34	86	413	13		9		12	533	8.4%
35 - 39	90	407	3	1	19	1	14	535	8.4%
40 - 44	82	372			11		14	479	7.5%
45 - 49	85	411	4		29		5	534	8.4%
50 - 54	132	424	3		42		4	605	9.5%
55 - 59	192	512	4		58		8	774	12.2%
60 - 64	199	803	5		116		10	1,133	17.8%
65 - 69	89	587	3		113		9	801	12.6%
70 - 74	31	295	1		50		2	379	6.0%
75 - 79	5	69			31			105	1.6%
80+		23			9			32	0.5%
Total	1,121	4,619	44	1	496	1	84	6,366	100.0%

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group



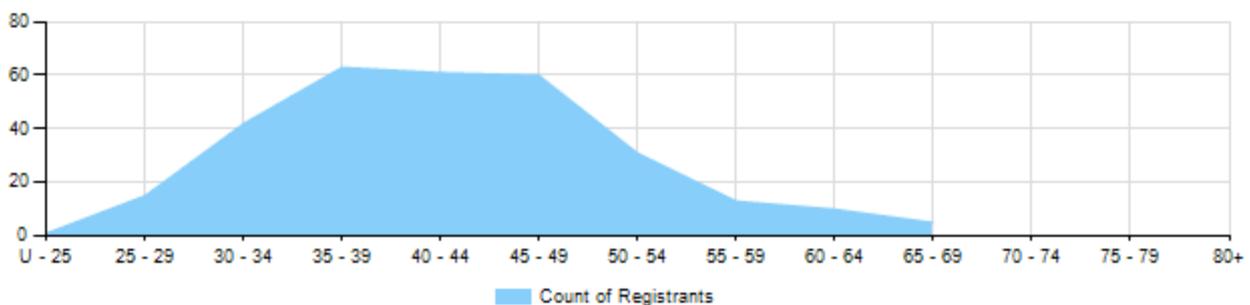
Provisional registration

Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife		Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	RN	Midwife		
U - 25	1					1	0.3%
25 - 29	7	8				15	5.0%
30 - 34	17	23	1		1	42	13.9%
35 - 39	12	49		2		63	20.9%
40 - 44	17	42		1	1	61	20.2%
45 - 49	10	48	1	1		60	19.9%
50 - 54	8	21		2		31	10.3%
55 - 59	5	7		1		13	4.3%
60 - 64	4	5		1		10	3.3%
65 - 69	3	2				5	1.7%
70 - 74						0	0.0%
75 - 79		1				1	0.3%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	84	206	2	8	2	302	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group



Gender

General registration

Table 10.1 General registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	726	13,373	387	13,667	7,757	1,623	20,315	5,727	74	63,649	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,961	79,587	3,334	58,084	21,556	6,878	72,693	29,457	8,374	284,924	
		EN & RN	75	1,151	62	1,432	632	65	2,613	701	29	6,760	
	Total Female General Nurse			5,762	94,111	3,783	73,183	29,945	8,566	95,621	35,885	8,477	355,333
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	101	1,841	85	1,588	863	178	2,248	557	12	7,473	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	795	12,640	657	8,083	3,011	988	9,755	3,278	1,581	40,788	
		EN & RN	17	201	8	214	145	4	461	66	3	1,119	
	Total Male General Nurse			913	14,682	750	9,885	4,019	1,170	12,464	3,901	1,596	49,380
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1		1							2
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	2		4			1				8
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse			1	3	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	10	
Total General Nurse			6,676	108,796	4,533	83,073	33,964	9,736	108,086	39,786	10,073	404,723	
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	16	2	32	12	1	40	2		106	
		RN & Midwife	491	7,545	456	5,773	1,814	627	7,641	2,883	238	27,468	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	21	1	6	2	2	25	14		72	
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife			493	7,582	459	5,811	1,828	630	7,706	2,899	238	27,646
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	11	178	35	85	40	12	77	43	4		485
EN & RN & Midwife			1									1	
Total Male General Nurse and Midwife			11	179	36	86	40	12	77	43	4	488	
Total General Nurse and Midwife			504	7,761	495	5,897	1,868	642	7,783	2,942	242	28,134	

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		195	1,506	94	1,393	746	57	1,583	491	164	6,229
	Male			5	1	3	2	2	8		1	22
Total General Midwife			195	1,511	95	1,396	748	59	1,591	491	165	6,251
Total			7,375	118,068	5,123	90,366	36,580	10,437	117,460	43,219	10,480	439,108

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 10.2 Total general registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	6,450	103,199	4,336	80,387	32,519	9,253	104,910	39,275	8,879	389,208
Male	924	14,866	787	9,974	4,061	1,184	12,549	3,944	1,601	49,890
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	3		5			1			10

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.5%	87.4%	84.6%	89.0%	88.9%	88.7%	89.3%	90.9%	84.7%	88.6%
Male	12.5%	12.6%	15.4%	11.0%	11.1%	11.3%	10.7%	9.1%	15.3%	11.4%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%			<0.1%

Non-practising registration

Table 11.1 Non-practising registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	286	8	219	106	18	285	89	16	1,043	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	79	1,400	19	688	259	88	744	327	513	4,117	
		EN & RN	1	2		10	3	2	15	5	3	41	
		Total Female Non-practising Nurse	96	1,688	27	917	368	108	1,044	421	532	5,201	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	33	1	15	9	1	14	4		78	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	12	169	6	65	43	11	74	22	100	502	
		EN & RN							3			3	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse	13	202	7	80	52	12	91	26	100	583		
	Total Non-practising Nurse			109	1,890	34	997	420	120	1,135	447	632	5,784
	Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			19	208	2	73	35	7	85	32	24	485	
EN & RN & Midwife						1						1	
Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		19	208	2	74	35	7	86	32	24	487		
Male		RN & Midwife		8		3						11	
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			19	216	2	77	35	7	86	32	24	498	
Midwife	Female		3	20	1	15	8		18	8	11	84	
Total Non-practising Midwife			3	20	1	15	8	0	18	8	11	84	
Total			131	2,126	37	1,089	463	127	1,239	487	667	6,366	

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	118	1,916	30	1,006	411	115	1,148	461	567	5,772
Male	13	210	7	83	52	12	91	26	100	594

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.1%	90.1%	81.1%	92.4%	88.8%	90.6%	92.7%	94.7%	85.0%	90.7%
Male	9.9%	9.9%	18.9%	7.6%	11.2%	9.4%	7.3%	5.3%	15.0%	9.3%

Provisional Registration

Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 12.1 Provisional registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	11	1	15	11		25	11		76	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	45	2	48	19	2	46	25	2	190	
		EN & RN					1					1	
	Total Female Provisional Nurse			3	56	3	63	31	2	71	36	2	267
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2			4		2				8
		Registered Nurse (RN)		5	1	4	1		3	2			16
		EN & RN				1							1
	Total Male Provisional Nurse			0	7	1	5	5	0	5	2	0	25
	Total Provisional Nurse			3	63	4	68	36	2	76	38	2	292
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		1		2				4		7	
	Male	RN & Midwife		1								1	
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	8	
Midwife	Female					1			1			2	
Total Provisional Midwife			0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
Total			3	65	4	71	36	2	77	42	2	302	

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	3	57	3	66	31	2	72	40	2	276
Male		8	1	5	5		5	2		26

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	87.7%	75.0%	93.0%	86.1%	100.0%	93.5%	95.2%	100.0%	91.4%
Male		12.3%	25.0%	7.0%	13.9%		6.5%	4.8%		8.6%