

# 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.

Ahpra and the Board 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 psychologists were added to the pandemic response sub-register on 20 April 2020. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

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.

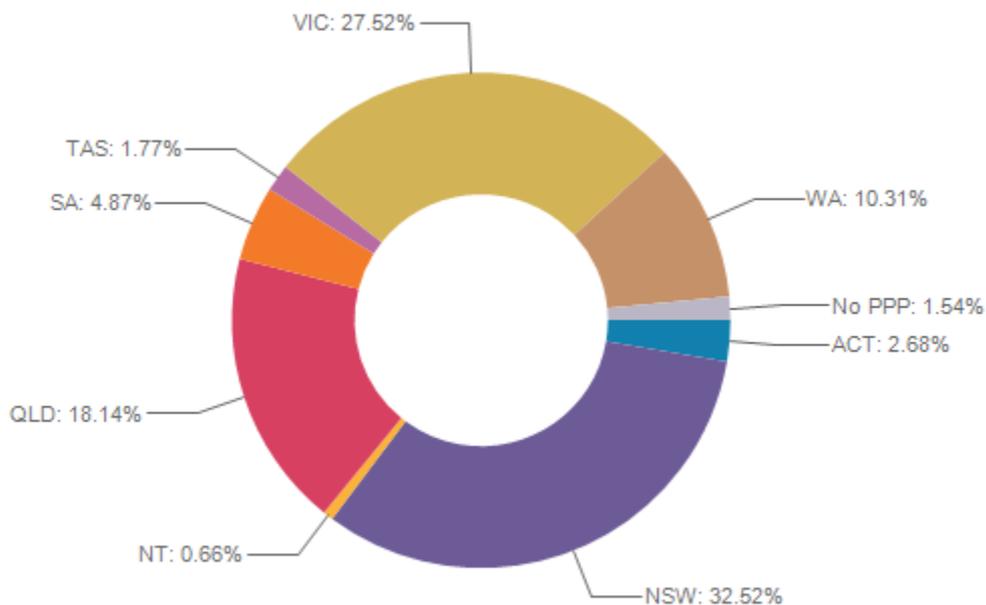
## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice**

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	932	11,116	223	6,174	1,678	615	9,440	3,522	408	<b>34,108</b>
Provisional	128	1,765	46	1,033	251	87	1,563	575	11	<b>5,459</b>
Non-practising	36	443	1	223	68	22	272	125	212	<b>1,402</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>13,324</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>40,969*</b>

\* Total figure includes 1,688 psychologists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

**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	12	197	7	117	31	11	360	39	10	784
Clinical psychology	347	3,119	46	1,717	763	224	2,667	1,317	128	10,328
Community psychology	2	5	1	3	1		33	10		55
Counselling psychology	11	216		89	17	9	548	178	7	1,075
Educational and developmental psychology	12	167	2	154	37	21	315	68	10	786
Forensic psychology	15	244	9	75	39	7	201	55	6	651
Health psychology	6	73	1	67	34	10	147	5	2	345
Organisational psychology	16	200	1	99	54	3	180	51	8	612
Sport and exercise psychology	6	24		36	7	4	24	6		107
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>4,475</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>14,743</b>

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 December 2020 was 13,662.

### 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	12,662	932	58	8	1	1	13,662
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.7%	6.8%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,108
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	37.1%	2.7%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	40.1%

**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	616	4.9%	784	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,467	74.8%	10,328	70.1%
Community psychology	30	0.2%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	764	6.0%	1,075	7.3%
Educational and developmental psychology	598	4.7%	786	5.3%
Forensic psychology	374	3.0%	651	4.4%
Health psychology	184	1.5%	345	2.3%
Organisational psychology	541	4.3%	612	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	88	0.7%	107	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,662</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,743</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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	39	790	17	435	91	26	218	206	1	<b>1,823</b>
5+1 Internship	17	368	7	142	18	30	405	146	2	<b>1,135</b>
Higher Degree program	71	591	22	452	140	31	929	216	6	<b>2,458</b>
Transitional Program	1	16		4	2		11	7	2	<b>43</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5,459</b>

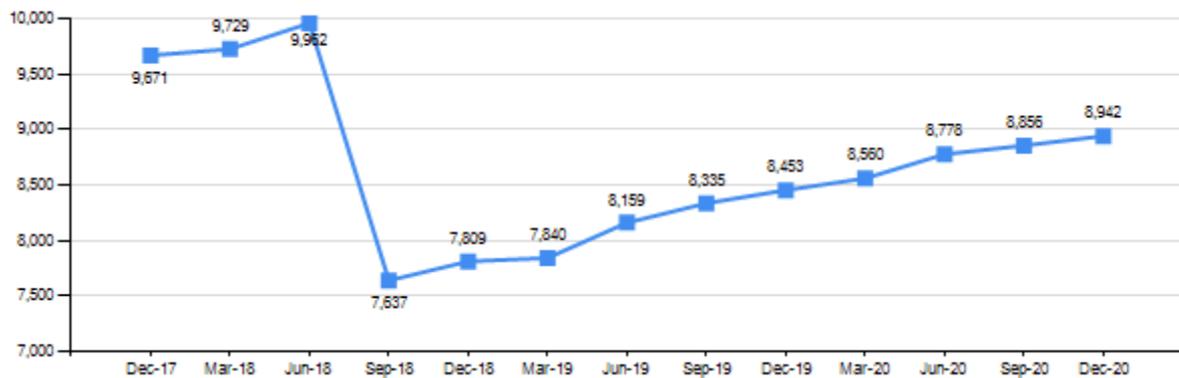
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP**

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	293	26.7%
NSW	2,939	22.1%
NT	63	23.3%
QLD	1,651	22.2%
SA	476	23.8%
TAS	185	25.6%
VIC	2,284	20.3%
WA	1,001	23.7%
No PPP	50	7.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,942</b>	<b>21.8%</b>

**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	6	93	4	68	18	4	210	26	3	432
Clinical psychology	155	1,220	22	696	294	93	1,086	560	23	4,149
Community psychology	1	1		1			19	1		23
Counselling psychology	3	45		38	8	1	185	72		352
Educational and developmental psychology	3	58		68	17	8	110	22		286
Forensic psychology	9	124	6	35	20	4	99	28	4	329
Health psychology	4	25		30	15	3	64		1	142
Organisational psychology	6	73	1	44	19	2	75	14	2	236
Sport and exercise psychology	1	5		10	2		4	1		23
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5,972</b>

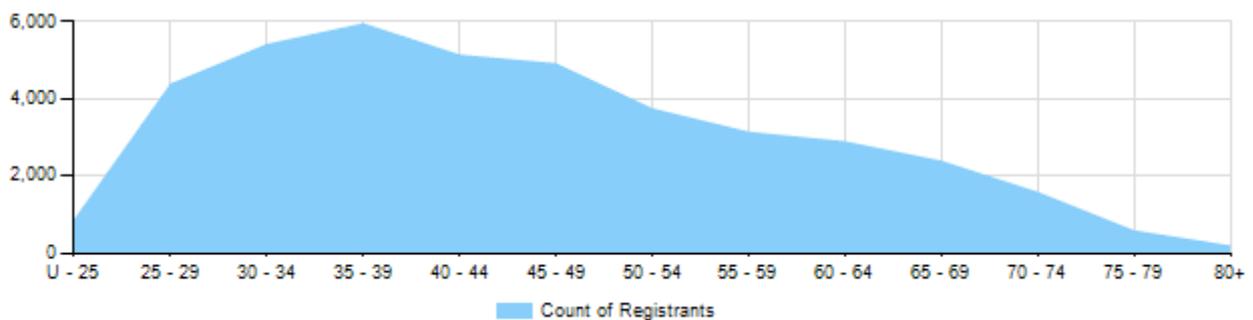
## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 5.1 Registration type by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	57	793		850
25 - 29	2,344	1,999	28	4,371
30 - 34	4,319	925	153	5,397
35 - 39	5,115	606	215	5,936
40 - 44	4,552	429	142	5,123
45 - 49	4,459	308	129	4,896
50 - 54	3,401	220	110	3,731
55 - 59	2,889	117	114	3,120
60 - 64	2,700	44	129	2,873
65 - 69	2,201	11	159	2,371
70 - 74	1,420	5	137	1,562
75 - 79	498	2	65	565
80+	153		21	174
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,108</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>40,969</b>

**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	746	8,854	170	4,938	1,289	513	7,592	2,835	316	<b>27,253</b>
	Provisional	105	1,409	40	823	198	70	1,277	465	8	<b>4,395</b>
	Non-practising	23	346		181	51	17	214	110	167	<b>1,109</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>874</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>5,942</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>9,083</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>32,757</b>
Male	General	186	2,260	53	1,236	389	102	1,847	687	92	<b>6,852</b>
	Provisional	23	356	6	210	53	17	285	110	3	<b>1,063</b>
	Non-practising	13	97	1	42	17	5	57	15	45	<b>292</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>8,207</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2					1			<b>3</b>
	Provisional							1			<b>1</b>
	Non-practising							1			<b>1</b>
<b>Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,096</b>	<b>13,324</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>40,969</b>

### Percentage

**Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	79.7%	79.6%	77.8%	80.0%	77.0%	82.9%	80.6%	80.8%	77.8%	<b>80.0%</b>
Male	20.3%	20.4%	22.2%	20.0%	23.0%	17.1%	19.4%	19.2%	22.2%	<b>20.0%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<b>&lt;0.1%</b>