

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.

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

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.

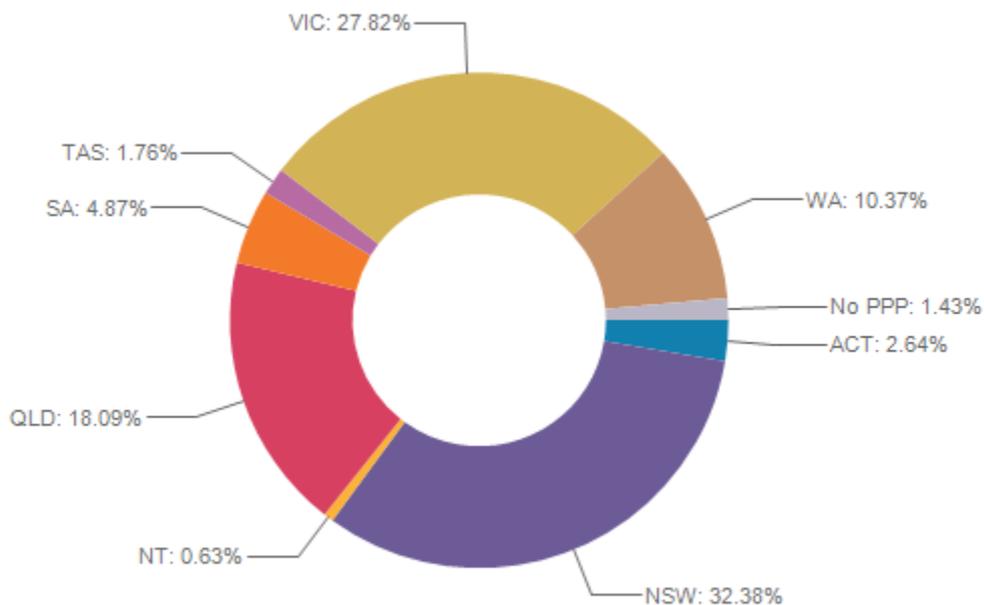
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	933	11,283	228	6,276	1,698	620	9,567	3,571	401	34,577
Provisional	156	1,999	39	1,181	293	105	1,946	705	13	6,437
Non-practising	30	420	1	197	70	18	260	114	192	1,302
Total	1,119	13,702	268	7,654	2,061	743	11,773	4,390	606	42,316*

* Total figure includes 1,686 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	11	198	7	118	32	11	362	38	10	787
Clinical psychology	356	3,150	43	1,743	762	229	2,697	1,313	127	10,420
Community psychology	1	5	1	3	1		32	12		55
Counselling psychology	10	213		91	17	10	539	177	9	1,066
Educational and developmental psychology	12	167	2	155	36	21	318	68	9	788
Forensic psychology	15	246	11	74	39	7	202	54	6	654
Health psychology	6	73	1	66	33	10	146	5	2	342
Organisational psychology	16	198	1	103	54	3	182	51	8	616
Sport and exercise psychology	6	24		36	7	4	24	6		107
Total	433	4,274	66	2,389	981	295	4,502	1,724	171	14,835

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 2021 was 13,762.

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	12,768	928	56	8	1	1	13,762
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.8%	6.7%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,577
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	36.9%	2.7%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	39.8%

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	619	4.8%	787	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,562	74.9%	10,420	70.2%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	760	6.0%	1,066	7.2%
Educational and developmental psychology	604	4.7%	788	5.3%
Forensic psychology	377	3.0%	654	4.4%
Health psychology	181	1.4%	342	2.3%
Organisational psychology	546	4.3%	616	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	88	0.7%	107	0.7%
Total	12,768	100.0%	14,835	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	45	862	17	494	101	29	262	252	1	2,063
5+1 Internship	29	478	8	170	20	40	571	199	5	1,520
Higher Degree program	81	648	14	512	169	36	1,102	249	5	2,816
Transitional Program	1	11		5	3		9	5	2	36
No pathway							2			2
Total	156	1,999	39	1,181	293	105	1,946	705	13	6,437

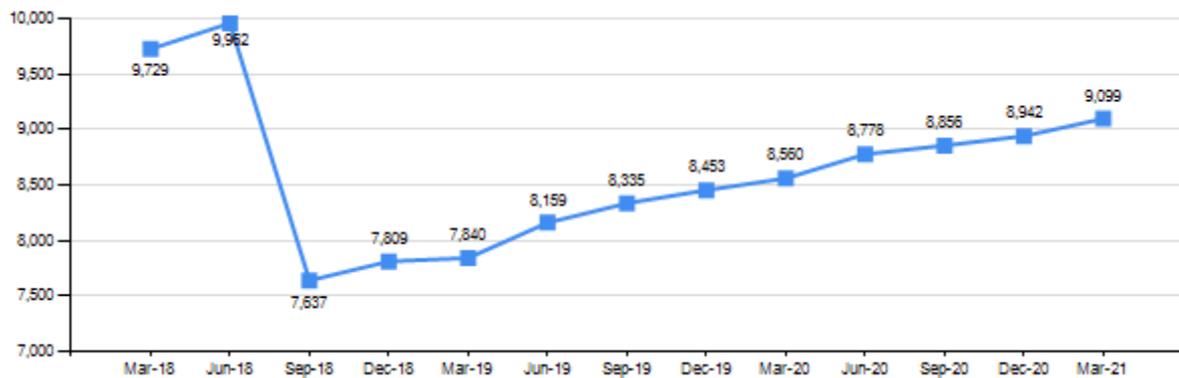
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	295	26.4%
NSW	2,969	21.7%
NT	61	22.8%
QLD	1,698	22.2%
SA	487	23.6%
TAS	187	25.2%
VIC	2,338	19.9%
WA	1,012	23.1%
No PPP	52	8.6%
Total	9,099	21.5%

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	95	4	70	19	4	214	26	3	441
Clinical psychology	158	1,240	20	727	298	98	1,105	567	24	4,237
Community psychology		1		1			18	2		22
Counselling psychology	2	47		40	8	1	176	77		351
Educational and developmental psychology	3	59		71	17	8	114	21		293
Forensic psychology	9	124	6	36	20	4	99	28	4	330
Health psychology	4	24		32	14	3	66		1	144
Organisational psychology	6	73	1	45	20	2	75	17	2	241
Sport and exercise psychology	1	5		10	2		7	1		26
Total	189	1,668	31	1,032	398	120	1,874	739	34	6,085

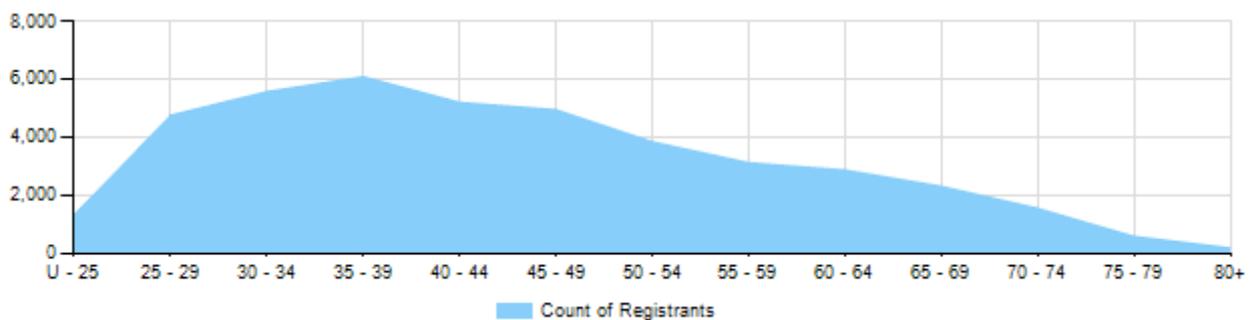
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	97	1,228		1,325
25 - 29	2,522	2,216	24	4,762
30 - 34	4,396	1,043	136	5,575
35 - 39	5,216	670	204	6,090
40 - 44	4,573	493	136	5,202
45 - 49	4,476	357	118	4,951
50 - 54	3,495	241	105	3,841
55 - 59	2,879	124	114	3,117
60 - 64	2,697	48	119	2,864
65 - 69	2,148	11	143	2,302
70 - 74	1,416	5	123	1,544
75 - 79	510	1	59	570
80+	152		21	173
Total	34,577	6,437	1,302	42,316

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	748	9,005	177	5,018	1,307	521	7,709	2,885	314	27,684
	Provisional	134	1,599	33	933	235	87	1,574	572	10	5,177
	Non-practising	19	327		159	54	13	208	102	150	1,032
Total female		901	10,931	210	6,110	1,596	621	9,491	3,559	474	33,893
Male	General	185	2,276	51	1,258	391	99	1,857	686	87	6,890
	Provisional	22	400	6	247	58	18	371	131	3	1,256
	Non-practising	11	93	1	38	16	5	52	12	42	270
Total male		218	2,769	58	1,543	465	122	2,280	829	132	8,416
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2					1			3
	Provisional				1			1	2		4
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	7
Total		1,119	13,702	268	7,654	2,061	743	11,773	4,390	606	42,316

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.5%	79.8%	78.4%	79.8%	77.4%	83.6%	80.6%	81.1%	78.2%	80.1%
Male	19.5%	20.2%	21.6%	20.2%	22.6%	16.4%	19.4%	18.9%	21.8%	19.9%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%