Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Nursing and Midwifery Board

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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 tables[1] about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that nurses and midwives (as well as pharmacists, medical practitioners, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended to stay on the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only. These nurses and midwives are included in these statistics. Please see the COVID-19 page on Ahpra's website for more information.

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

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[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)	826	14,060	402	14,405	8,077	1,730	21,049	6,061	105	**66,715**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,157	95,436	4,121	72,614	26,325	8,631	86,221	35,031	14,822	**349,358**
		EN & RN	227	1,920	116	2,105	1,093	137	3,781	953	34	**10,366**
	Total General Nurse		**7,210**	**111,416**	**4,639**	**89,124**	**35,495**	**10,498**	**111,051**	**42,045**	**14,961**	**426,439**
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	33	509	17	498	262	44	595	194	18	**2,170**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	132	2,414	42	1,440	596	182	1,552	643	939	**7,940**
		EN & RN	1	8	1	13	8		26	7	3	**67**
	Total Non-practising Nurse		**166**	**2,931**	**60**	**1,951**	**866**	**226**	**2,173**	**844**	**960**	**10,177**
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	14	1	12	16	1	32	12	1	**90**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	39	3	42	14	6	43	10	1	**160**
	Total Provisional Nurse		**3**	**53**	**4**	**54**	**30**	**7**	**75**	**22**	**2**	**250**
Total Nurse			**7,379**	**114,400**	**4,703**	**91,129**	**36,391**	**10,731**	**113,299**	**42,911**	**15,923**	**436,866**

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Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse and Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	19	2	33	11		33	4		**103**
		RN & Midwife	413	6,680	451	5,248	1,521	582	7,268	2,674	227	**25,064**
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	24	3	8	5	1	38	13		**94**
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		**416**	**6,723**	**456**	**5,289**	**1,537**	**583**	**7,339**	**2,691**	**227**	**25,261**
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife										**0**
		RN & Midwife	27	283	6	115	64	12	155	57	26	**745**
		EN & RN & Midwife							1			**1**
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**27**	**283**	**6**	**115**	**64**	**12**	**156**	**57**	**26**	**746**
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		1						1		**2**
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**
	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			**443**	**7,007**	**462**	**5,404**	**1,601**	**595**	**7,495**	**2,749**	**253**	**26,009**
Midwife	General		237	1,762	114	1,756	842	71	1,601	529	239	**7,151**
	Non-practising		5	46	2	51	21		45	11	20	**201**
	Provisional		1	1					3			**5**
Total Midwife			**243**	**1,809**	**116**	**1,807**	**863**	**71**	**1,649**	**540**	**259**	**7,357**
Total			**8,065**	**123,216**	**5,281**	**98,340**	**38,855**	**11,397**	**122,443**	**46,200**	**16,435**	**470,232**

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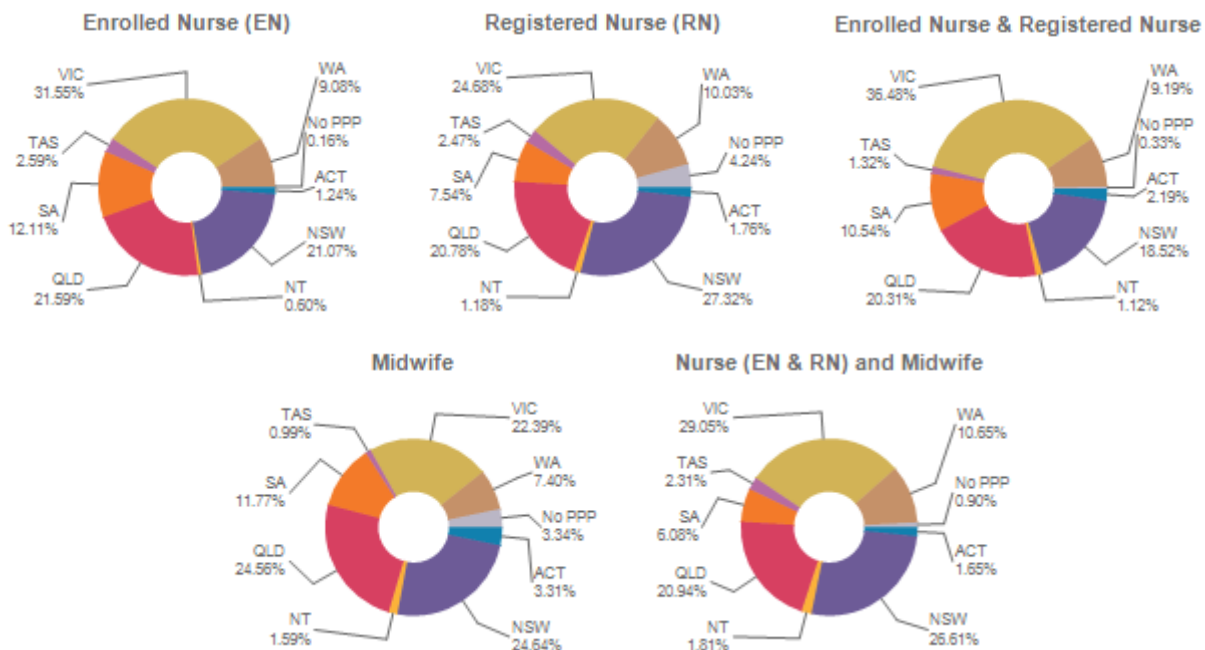
General registration

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)	826	14,060	402	14,405	8,077	1,730	21,049	6,061	105	**66,715**
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,157	95,436	4,121	72,614	26,325	8,631	86,221	35,031	14,822	**349,358**
EN & RN	227	1,920	116	2,105	1,093	137	3,781	953	34	**10,366**
Midwife	237	1,762	114	1,756	842	71	1,601	529	239	**7,151**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	416	6,723	456	5,289	1,537	583	7,339	2,691	227	**25,261**

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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)	33	509	17	498	262	44	595	194	18	**2,170**
Registered Nurse (RN)	132	2,414	42	1,440	596	182	1,552	643	939	**7,940**
EN & RN	1	8	1	13	8		26	7	3	**67**
Midwife	5	46	2	51	21		45	11	20	**201**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	27	283	6	115	64	12	156	57	26	**746**

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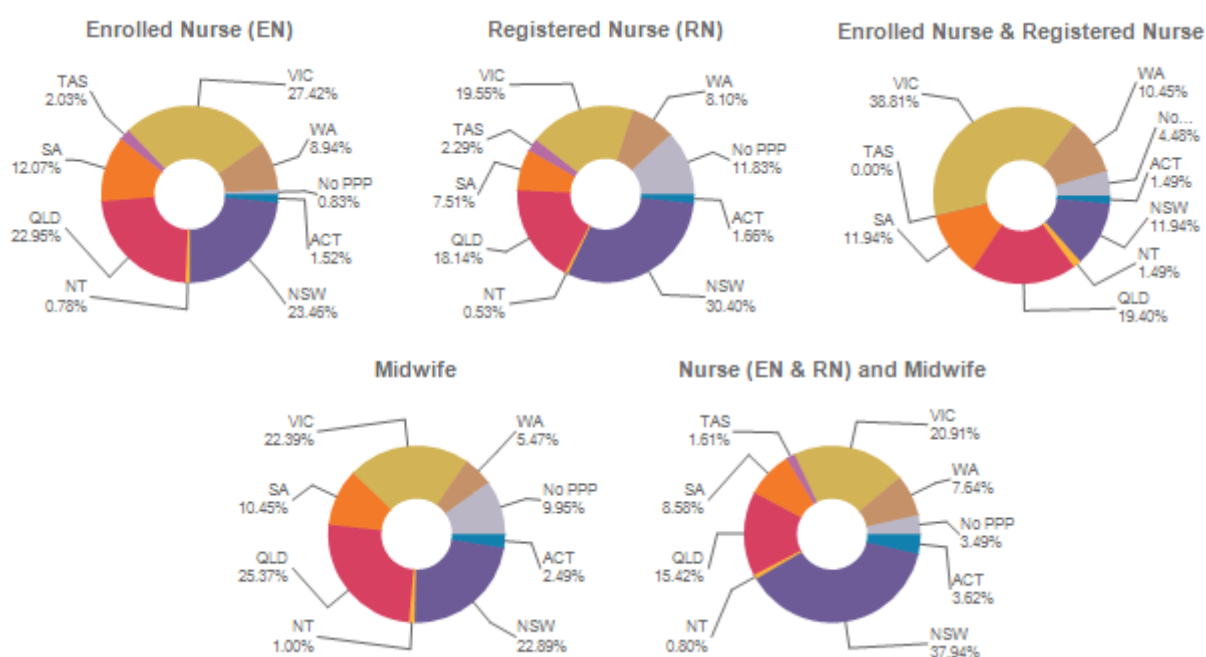## Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice

Provisional registration

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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)	1	14	1	12	16	1	32	12	1	**90**
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	39	3	42	14	6	43	10	1	**160**
Midwife	1	1					3			**5**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		1						1		**2**

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

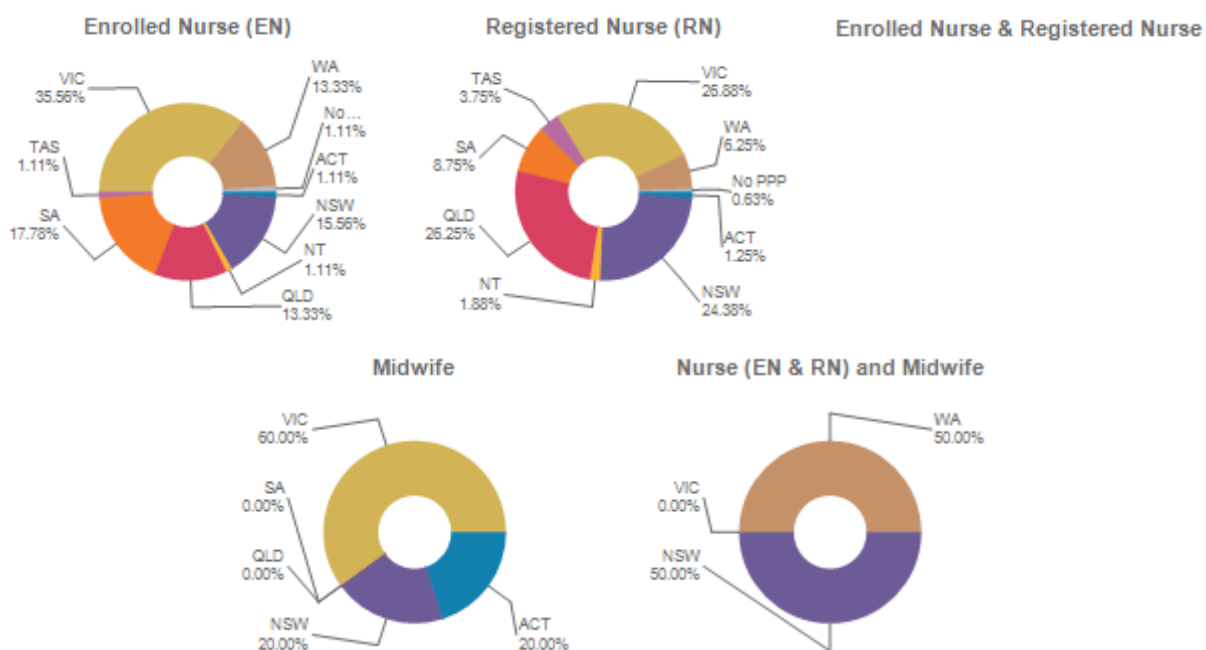**Table 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice**

Enrolled Nurse (EN)

Registered Nurse (RN)

Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse

Midwife

Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife

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	58	578	30	640	194	53	602	311	28	**2,494**
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	45	29	839	12	16	286	32	11	**1,275**
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								**1**
	Scheduled Medicines*	17	144	11	311	79	21	170	168	47	**968**
Total		**80**	**768**	**70**	**1,790**	**285**	**90**	**1,058**	**511**	**86**	**4,738**

* 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		55		19	3		17	24	30	**148**
Mental Health nursing	8	319	22	241	181	27	386	899	257	**2,340**
Paediatric Nursing	3	163	2	155	18	2	90	161	107	**701**
Total	**11**	**537**	**24**	**415**	**202**	**29**	**493**	**1,084**	**394**	**3,189**

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					
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN	Midwife	Total	% age bracket
< 25	7,249	21,527	751	2	675	1	650	**30,855**	**6.7%**
25 - 29	8,107	43,861	1,932	15	2,070	15	1,153	**57,153**	**12.5%**
30 - 34	7,324	53,392	1,913	22	2,380	24	1,249	**66,304**	**14.5%**
35 - 39	6,625	52,634	1,791	14	2,229	17	1,084	**64,394**	**14.0%**
40 - 44	5,519	36,318	1,201	16	1,932	13	895	**45,894**	**10.0%**
45 - 49	5,543	34,210	918	12	2,135	7	749	**43,574**	**9.5%**
50 - 54	6,883	34,429	788	12	2,740	8	602	**45,462**	**9.9%**
55 - 59	7,603	28,669	571	7	3,644	6	378	**40,878**	**8.9%**
60 - 64	7,563	26,362	361	2	4,292	2	236	**38,818**	**8.5%**
65 - 69	3,466	13,408	114	1	2,256	1	116	**19,362**	**4.2%**
70 - 74	708	3,651	22		570		31	**4,982**	**1.1%**
75 - 79	112	770	4		120		7	**1,013**	**0.2%**
80+	13	127			21		1	**162**	**<0.1%**
Total	**66,715**	**349,358**	**10,366**	**103**	**25,064**	**94**	**7,151**	**458,851**	**100.0%**

Table 7.2 General registration by age group
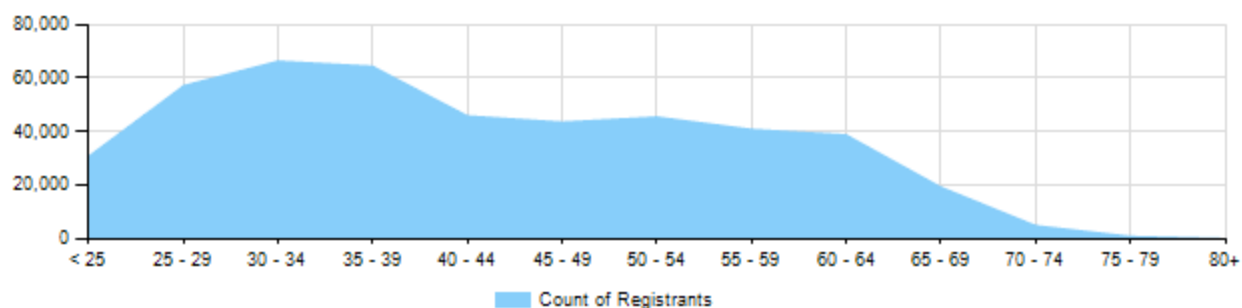
Non-practising registration

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			
< 25	107	68					6	**181**	**1.6%**
25 - 29	180	446	5		8		8	**647**	**5.8%**
30 - 34	214	756	12		20	1	26	**1,029**	**9.3%**
35 - 39	169	780	12		35		26	**1,022**	**9.2%**
40 - 44	151	654	3		24		26	**858**	**7.7%**
45 - 49	138	566	4		37		12	**757**	**6.8%**
50 - 54	211	662	3		47		12	**935**	**8.4%**
55 - 59	299	704	7		80		21	**1,111**	**10.0%**
60 - 64	377	1,207	14		166		29	**1,793**	**16.1%**
65 - 69	239	1,278	7		189		26	**1,739**	**15.6%**
70 - 74	70	585			87		7	**749**	**6.7%**
75 - 79	14	188			41		2	**245**	**2.2%**
80+	1	46			11			**58**	**0.5%**
Total	**2,170**	**7,940**	**67**	**0**	**745**	**1**	**201**	**11,124**	**100.0%**

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group
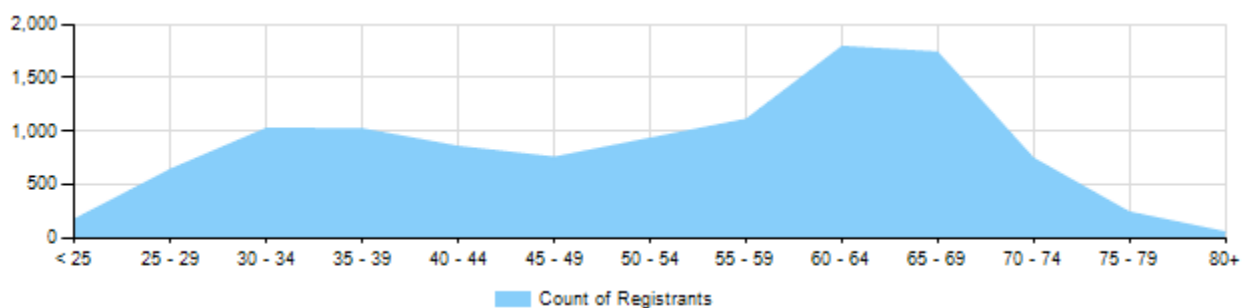
Provisional registration

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Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse		Nurse and Midwife		Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	RN	Midwife		
< 25					0	0.0%
25 - 29	12	4			16	6.2%
30 - 34	15	32		2	49	19.1%
35 - 39	23	30	1	1	55	21.4%
40 - 44	15	26			41	16.0%
45 - 49	6	27		2	35	13.6%
50 - 54	10	21	1		32	12.5%
55 - 59	6	8			14	5.4%
60 - 64	2	7			9	3.5%
65 - 69	1	4			5	1.9%
70 - 74		1			1	0.4%
75 - 79					0	0.0%
80+					0	0.0%
Total	90	160	2	5	257	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group

Count of Registrants
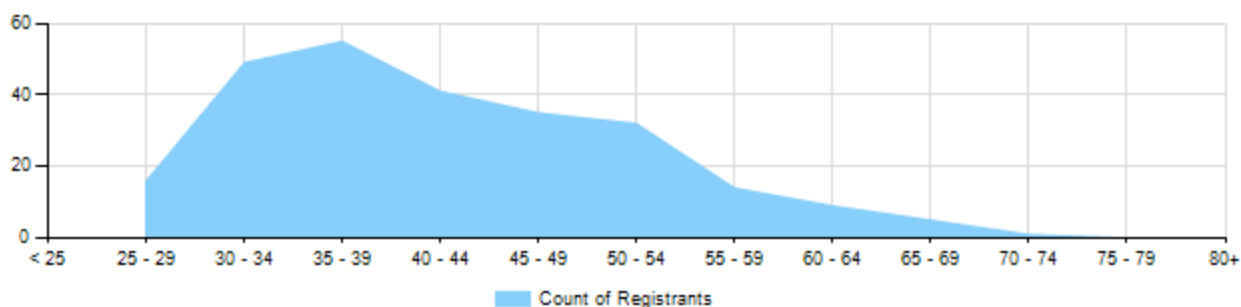
Gender

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	12,357	336	12,960	7,105	1,545	18,924	5,512	94	**59,559**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,317	82,294	3,485	63,523	23,026	7,525	75,851	31,465	12,526	**305,012**
		EN & RN	188	1,661	102	1,826	908	125	3,219	860	31	**8,920**
	Total Female General Nurse		**6,231**	**96,312**	**3,923**	**78,309**	**31,039**	**9,195**	**97,994**	**37,837**	**12,651**	**373,491**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	100	1,701	66	1,444	972	185	2,125	548	11	**7,152**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	839	13,134	636	9,080	3,298	1,104	10,357	3,563	2,292	**44,303**
		EN & RN	39	259	14	279	185	12	562	93	3	**1,446**
	Total Male General Nurse		**978**	**15,094**	**716**	**10,803**	**4,455**	**1,301**	**13,044**	**4,204**	**2,306**	**52,901**
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		1				1		**4**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	8		11	1	2	13	3	4	**43**
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse		**1**	**10**	**0**	**12**	**1**	**2**	**13**	**4**	**4**	**47**
Total General Nurse			**7,210**	**111,416**	**4,639**	**89,124**	**35,495**	**10,498**	**111,051**	**42,045**	**14,961**	**426,439**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	19	1	32	11		33	4		**101**
		RN & Midwife	403	6,542	422	5,174	1,499	571	7,197	2,642	223	**24,673**
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	21	3	8	5	1	38	13		**91**
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife		**406**	**6,582**	**426**	**5,214**	**1,515**	**572**	**7,268**	**2,659**	**223**	**24,865**
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1						**2**
		RN & Midwife	10	138	29	74	22	11	70	32	4	**390**
		EN & RN & Midwife		3								**3**
	Total Male General Nurse and Midwife		**10**	**141**	**30**	**75**	**22**	**11**	**70**	**32**	**4**	**395**
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	RN & Midwife							1			**1**
Total General Nurse and Midwife			**416**	**6,723**	**456**	**5,289**	**1,537**	**583**	**7,339**	**2,691**	**227**	**25,261**

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		237	1,758	114	1,753	841	70	1,595	529	238	**7,135**
	Male			4		3	1	1	6		1	**16**
Total General Midwife			237	1,762	114	1,756	842	71	1,601	529	239	**7,151**
Total			7,863	119,901	5,209	96,169	37,874	11,152	119,991	45,265	15,427	458,851

* 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	6,874	104,652	4,463	85,276	33,395	9,837	106,857	41,025	13,112	**405,491**
Male	988	15,239	746	10,881	4,478	1,313	13,120	4,236	2,311	**53,312**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	10		12	1	2	14	4	4	**48**

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.4%	87.3%	85.7%	88.7%	88.2%	88.2%	89.1%	90.6%	85.0%	**88.4%**
Male	12.6%	12.7%	14.3%	11.3%	11.8%	11.8%	10.9%	9.4%	15.0%	**11.6%**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<0.1%	<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)	32	458	17	450	246	42	548	180	16	**1,989**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	106	2,136	37	1,303	531	158	1,367	590	779	**7,007**
		EN & RN	1	8	1	11	8		20	7	3	**59**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		**139**	**2,602**	**55**	**1,764**	**785**	**200**	**1,935**	**777**	**798**	**9,055**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	51		48	16	2	47	14	2	**181**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	26	278	5	137	65	24	185	53	160	**933**
		EN & RN				2			6			**8**
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		**27**	**329**	**5**	**187**	**81**	**26**	**238**	**67**	**162**	**1,122**
Total Non-practising Nurse			**166**	**2,931**	**60**	**1,951**	**866**	**226**	**2,173**	**844**	**960**	**10,177**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife	27	274	6	113	63	12	155	55	26	**731**
		EN & RN & Midwife							1			**1**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**27**	**274**	**6**	**113**	**63**	**12**	**156**	**55**	**26**	**732**
	Male	RN & Midwife		9		2	1			2		**14**
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			**27**	**283**	**6**	**115**	**64**	**12**	**156**	**57**	**26**	**746**
Midwife	Female		5	46	2	51	21		45	11	20	**201**
Total Non-practising Midwife			**5**	**46**	**2**	**51**	**21**	**0**	**45**	**11**	**20**	**201**
Total			**198**	**3,260**	**68**	**2,117**	**951**	**238**	**2,374**	**912**	**1,006**	**11,124**

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	171	2,922	63	1,928	869	212	2,136	843	844	**9,988**
Male	27	338	5	189	82	26	238	69	162	**1,136**

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	86.4%	89.6%	92.6%	91.1%	91.4%	89.1%	90.0%	92.4%	83.9%	**89.8%**
Male	13.6%	10.4%	7.4%	8.9%	8.6%	10.9%	10.0%	7.6%	16.1%	**10.2%**

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)	1	12	1	12	14	1	29	11	1	82
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	38	3	37	13	4	41	10	1	149
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		**3**	**50**	**4**	**49**	**27**	**5**	**70**	**21**	**2**	**231**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2			2		3	1		8
		Registered Nurse (RN)		1		5	1	2	2			11
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		**0**	**3**	**0**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**19**
Total Provisional Nurse			**3**	**53**	**4**	**54**	**30**	**7**	**75**	**22**	**2**	**250**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		1						1		2
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Midwife	Female		1	1					3			5
Total Provisional Midwife			**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**5**
Total			**4**	**55**	**4**	**54**	**30**	**7**	**78**	**23**	**2**	**257**

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	4	52	4	49	27	5	73	22	2	**238**
Male		3		5	3	2	5	1		**19**

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	94.5%	100.0%	90.7%	90.0%	71.4%	93.6%	95.7%	100.0%	**92.6%**
Male		5.5%		9.3%	10.0%	28.6%	6.4%	4.3%		**7.4%**