

# 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.

### **Pandemic response sub-register**

On 22 September 2021, Ahpra and National Boards established the 2021 sub-register, enabling practitioners (including psychologists) to return to practice for up to 12 months to work to the full scope of their registration (subject to any notations). These psychologists 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.

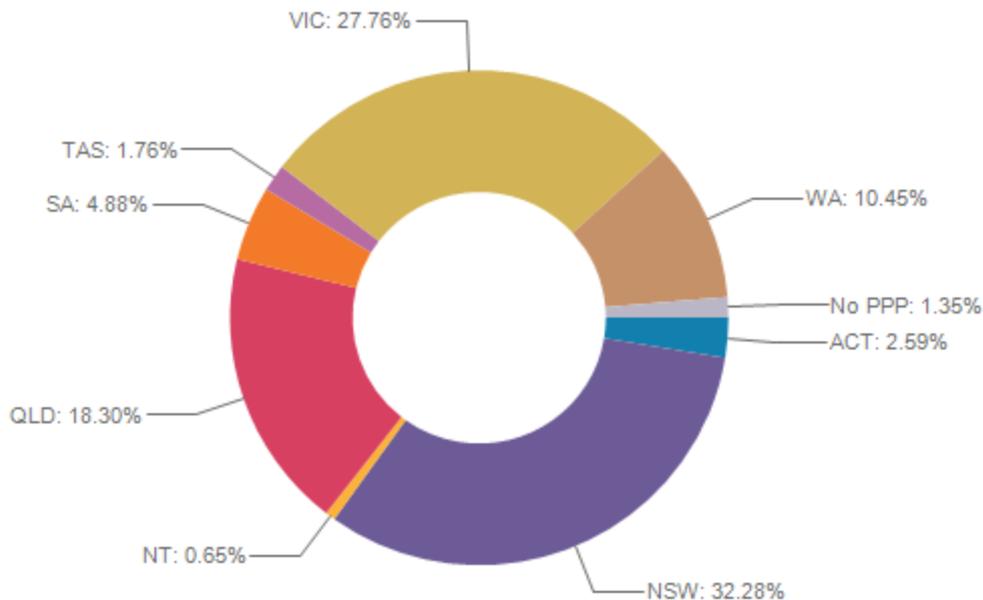
## Registration type

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

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	922	11,219	224	6,364	1,732	617	9,756	3,647	391	<b>34,872</b>
Provisional	175	2,481	58	1,439	332	128	2,164	826	3	<b>7,606</b>
Non-practising	48	560	5	280	90	32	342	143	201	<b>1,701</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>8,083</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>12,262</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>44,179*</b>

\* Total figure includes 379 psychologists on the 2021 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	14	200	6	124	32	9	373	51	13	822
Clinical psychology	369	3,307	43	1,832	781	248	2,856	1,331	128	10,895
Community psychology	2	6	1	3	1		32	10		55
Counselling psychology	9	198		97	17	13	532	183	9	1,058
Educational and developmental psychology	11	163	3	172	36	17	346	67	6	821
Forensic psychology	15	239	10	71	37	7	210	56	6	651
Health psychology	5	69	1	68	34	10	142	4	2	335
Organisational psychology	15	205	1	100	59	2	181	57	6	626
Sport and exercise psychology	7	24		37	6	3	24	6		107
<b>Total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>4,411</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>15,370</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 March 2022 was 14,320.

### 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	13,341	919	52	6	1	1	14,320
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.2%	6.4%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,872
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	38.3%	2.6%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.1%

**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	654	4.9%	822	5.3%
Clinical psychology	10,049	75.3%	10,895	70.9%
Community psychology	33	0.2%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	759	5.7%	1,058	6.9%
Educational and developmental psychology	645	4.8%	821	5.3%
Forensic psychology	378	2.8%	651	4.2%
Health psychology	178	1.3%	335	2.2%
Organisational psychology	557	4.2%	626	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	88	0.7%	107	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,341</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15,370</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	54	1,165	20	722	144	47	403	404	1	<b>2,960</b>
5+1 Internship	40	572	9	182	27	43	684	231		<b>1,788</b>
Higher Degree program	79	726	29	523	157	38	1,063	187	2	<b>2,804</b>
Transitional Program	1	18		9	3		11	4		<b>46</b>
To be determined				3	1		1			<b>5</b>
No pathway	1						2			<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,606</b>

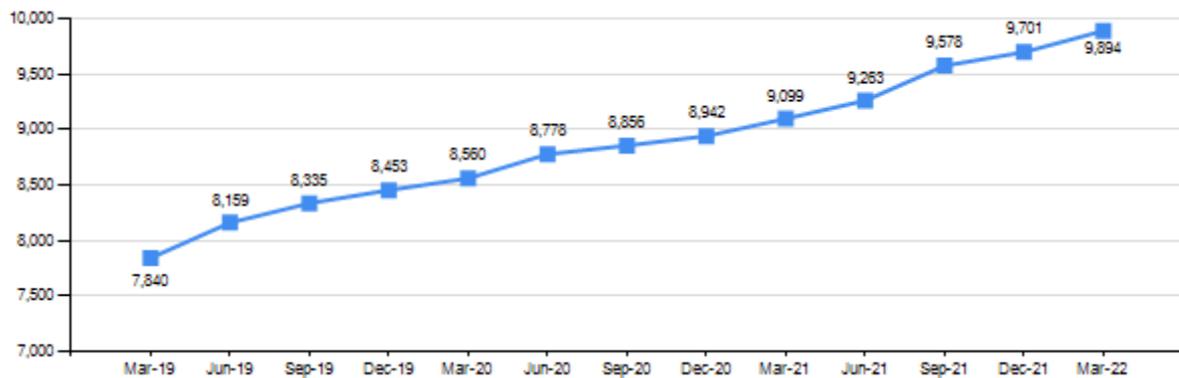
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP**

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	313	27.3%
NSW	3,261	22.9%
NT	65	22.6%
QLD	1,826	22.6%
SA	522	24.2%
TAS	206	26.5%
VIC	2,552	20.8%
WA	1,093	23.7%
No PPP	56	9.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,894</b>	<b>22.4%</b>

**Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors**



## 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	8	104	2	70	20	5	220	28	3	460
Clinical psychology	168	1,377	20	784	321	105	1,202	599	29	4,605
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			17	1		22
Counselling psychology	3	42		43	9	2	180	78		357
Educational and developmental psychology	2	65	1	81	16	9	128	26		328
Forensic psychology	8	121	4	35	19	4	105	27	4	327
Health psychology	3	26		37	16	3	64		1	150
Organisational psychology	5	78	1	51	20	2	81	20		258
Sport and exercise psychology	1	6		12	2		8	1		30
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6,537</b>

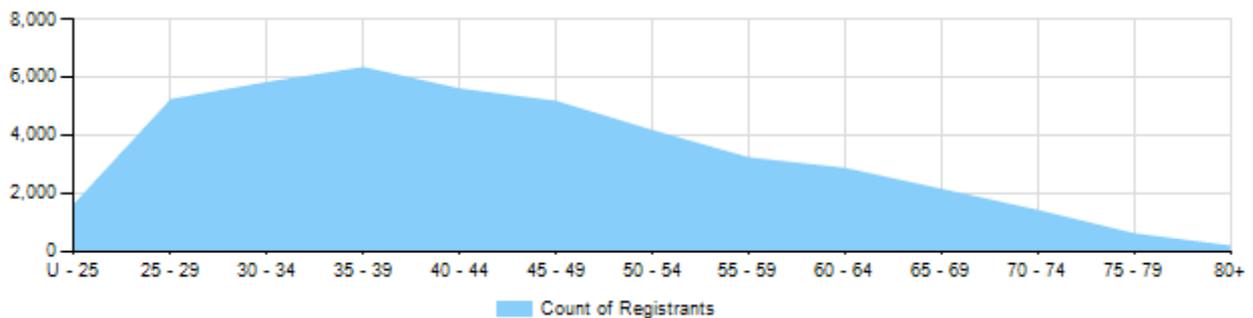
## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 5.1 Registration type by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	104	1,509		<b>1,613</b>
25 - 29	2,740	2,456	26	<b>5,222</b>
30 - 34	4,424	1,213	175	<b>5,812</b>
35 - 39	5,266	826	236	<b>6,328</b>
40 - 44	4,795	622	172	<b>5,589</b>
45 - 49	4,568	456	136	<b>5,160</b>
50 - 54	3,689	312	153	<b>4,154</b>
55 - 59	2,932	139	138	<b>3,209</b>
60 - 64	2,624	56	162	<b>2,842</b>
65 - 69	1,898	11	211	<b>2,120</b>
70 - 74	1,212	3	174	<b>1,389</b>
75 - 79	490	3	89	<b>582</b>
80+	130		29	<b>159</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,872</b>	<b>7,606</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>44,179</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	750	9,025	174	5,106	1,343	516	7,881	2,958	306	<b>28,059</b>
	Provisional	147	2,003	53	1,149	265	110	1,746	671	3	<b>6,147</b>
	Non-practising	33	424	3	227	68	22	272	130	159	<b>1,338</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>930</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>35,544</b>
Male	General	172	2,192	50	1,258	389	101	1,874	689	85	<b>6,810</b>
	Provisional	28	478	5	289	67	18	414	152		<b>1,451</b>
	Non-practising	15	136	2	53	22	10	70	13	42	<b>363</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>8,624</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2					1			<b>3</b>
	Provisional				1			4	3		<b>8</b>
<b>Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,145</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>8,083</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>12,262</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>44,179</b>

### Percentage

**Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.2%	80.3%	80.1%	80.2%	77.8%	83.4%	80.7%	81.4%	78.7%	<b>80.5%</b>
Male	18.8%	19.7%	19.9%	19.8%	22.2%	16.6%	19.2%	18.5%	21.3%	<b>19.5%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<b>&lt;0.1%</b>