

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.

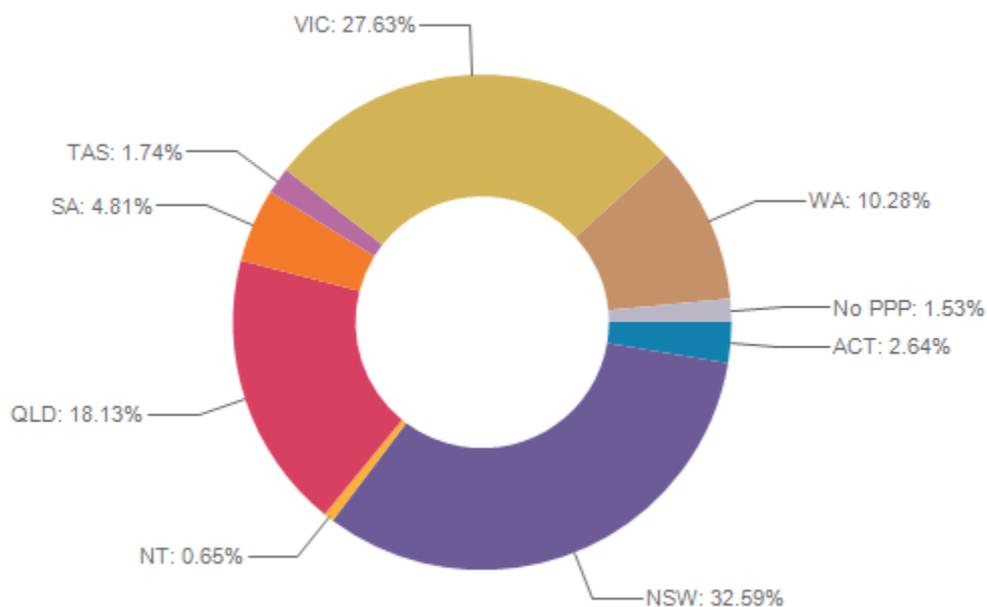
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	925	11,101	217	6,154	1,659	613	9,415	3,513	417	34,014
Provisional	131	1,827	47	1,066	252	87	1,631	591	13	5,645
Non-practising	21	363	1	172	51	11	222	86	192	1,119
Total	1,077	13,291	265	7,392	1,962	711	11,268	4,190	622	40,778*

* Total figure includes 1,710 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	13	195	5	119	31	10	356	42	11	782
Clinical psychology	337	3,058	45	1,710	754	223	2,624	1,309	131	10,191
Community psychology	2	6	1	3	1		33	10		56
Counselling psychology	12	219		90	15	8	552	177	6	1,079
Educational and developmental psychology	11	168	2	149	36	21	305	71	10	773
Forensic psychology	14	251	7	77	39	6	197	53	7	651
Health psychology	6	72	1	69	35	10	150	5	2	350
Organisational psychology	16	199	1	99	54	3	183	51	7	613
Sport and exercise psychology	6	23		35	8	4	24	6		106
Total	417	4,191	62	2,351	973	285	4,424	1,724	174	14,601

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 30 September 2020 was 13,523.

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	12,526	929	58	8	1	1	13,523
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.6%	6.9%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,014
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	36.8%	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	614	4.9%	782	5.4%
Clinical psychology	9,332	74.5%	10,191	69.8%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	56	0.4%
Counselling psychology	768	6.1%	1,079	7.4%
Educational and developmental psychology	588	4.7%	773	5.3%
Forensic psychology	376	3.0%	651	4.5%
Health psychology	188	1.5%	350	2.4%
Organisational psychology	542	4.3%	613	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	87	0.7%	106	0.7%
Total	12,526	100.0%	14,601	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	39	805	17	423	90	26	208	204	2	1,814
5+1 Internship	14	380	7	144	19	30	427	153	3	1,177
Higher Degree program	78	625	22	494	141	31	982	226	5	2,604
Transitional Program		17	1	5	2		14	8	3	50
Total	131	1,827	47	1,066	252	87	1,631	591	13	5,645

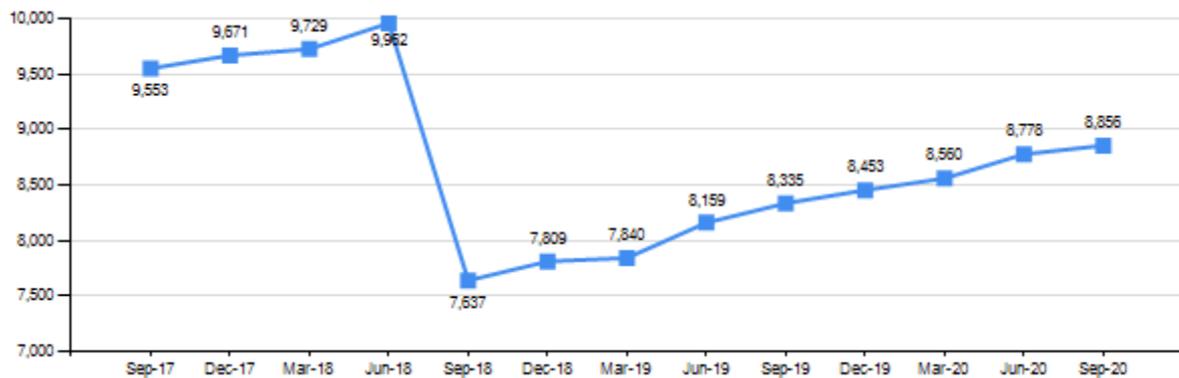
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	287	26.6%
NSW	2,953	22.2%
NT	61	23.0%
QLD	1,619	21.9%
SA	469	23.9%
TAS	181	25.5%
VIC	2,250	20.0%
WA	991	23.7%
No PPP	45	7.2%
Total	8,856	21.7%

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	7	93	3	68	17	3	214	26	3	434
Clinical psychology	148	1,219	22	690	290	92	1,063	553	21	4,098
Community psychology	1	1		1			19	1		23
Counselling psychology	4	46		39	6		185	71		351
Educational and developmental psychology	2	59		67	18	8	108	23		285
Forensic psychology	9	127	5	34	20	3	99	28	4	329
Health psychology	4	23		32	13	3	64		1	140
Organisational psychology	6	71	1	43	19	2	77	14	2	235
Sport and exercise psychology	1	4		11	2		3	1		22
Total	182	1,643	31	985	385	111	1,832	717	31	5,917

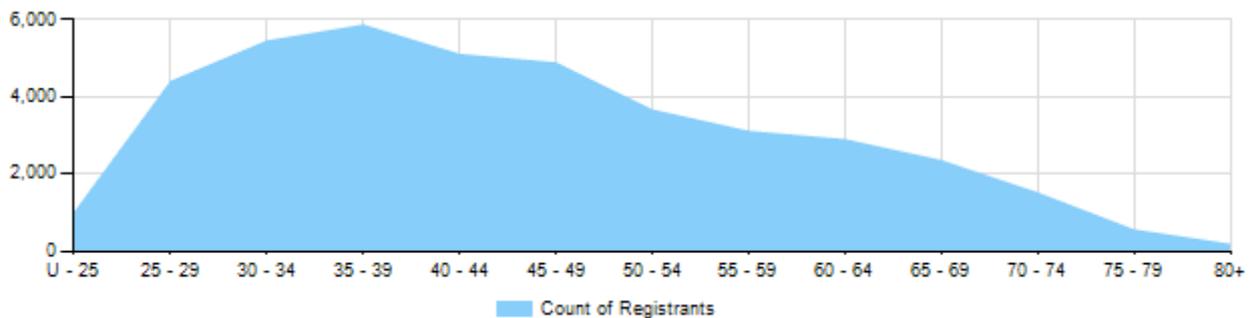
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	60	932		992
25 - 29	2,374	1,996	19	4,389
30 - 34	4,369	956	111	5,436
35 - 39	5,093	595	162	5,850
40 - 44	4,518	447	125	5,090
45 - 49	4,436	312	121	4,869
50 - 54	3,326	228	93	3,647
55 - 59	2,888	116	89	3,093
60 - 64	2,723	46	107	2,876
65 - 69	2,210	10	115	2,335
70 - 74	1,385	5	109	1,499
75 - 79	486	2	51	539
80+	146		17	163
Total	34,014	5,645	1,119	40,778

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	8,843	166	4,943	1,270	511	7,549	2,826	317	27,171
	Provisional	108	1,459	40	843	202	70	1,346	489	9	4,566
	Non-practising	12	277		134	38	7	181	72	150	871
Total female		866	10,579	206	5,920	1,510	588	9,076	3,387	476	32,608
Male	General	179	2,256	51	1,211	389	102	1,866	687	100	6,841
	Provisional	23	368	7	223	50	17	283	102	4	1,077
	Non-practising	9	86	1	38	13	4	40	14	42	247
Total male		211	2,710	59	1,472	452	123	2,189	803	146	8,165
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional							2			2
	Non-practising							1			1
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5
Total		1,077	13,291	265	7,392	1,962	711	11,268	4,190	622	40,778

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.4%	79.6%	77.7%	80.1%	77.0%	82.7%	80.5%	80.8%	76.5%	80.0%
Male	19.6%	20.4%	22.3%	19.9%	23.0%	17.3%	19.4%	19.2%	23.5%	20.0%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<0.1%