Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

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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.

Ahpra and the NMBA 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 nurses and midwives were added to the pandemic response sub-register. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the COVID-19 page on AHPRA's website for more info.

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)	875	15,566	481	15,476	8,733	1,853	22,890	6,377	90	**72,341**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,973	95,795	4,079	68,835	25,542	8,152	85,336	33,730	10,374	**337,816**
		EN & RN	119	1,810	74	2,102	988	97	3,750	912	33	**9,885**
	Total General Nurse		**6,967**	**113,171**	**4,634**	**86,413**	**35,263**	**10,102**	**111,976**	**41,019**	**10,497**	**420,042**
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	320	9	240	113	20	301	96	16	**1,132**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	93	1,575	24	763	305	101	823	358	629	**4,671**
		EN & RN	1	3		9	3	2	19	5	3	**45**
	Total Non-practising Nurse		**111**	**1,898**	**33**	**1,012**	**421**	**123**	**1,143**	**459**	**648**	**5,848**
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	16	1	18	18		30	10		**95**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	48	3	62	25	4	68	25	2	**239**
		EN & RN					1					**1**
	Total Provisional Nurse		**4**	**64**	**4**	**80**	**44**	**4**	**98**	**35**	**2**	**335**
Total Nurse			**7,082**	**115,133**	**4,671**	**87,505**	**35,728**	**10,229**	**113,217**	**41,513**	**11,147**	**426,225**

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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	20	3	36	14	1	42	3		**120**
		RN & Midwife	501	7,863	503	5,955	1,882	653	7,983	2,985	241	**28,566**
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	23	1	6	4	2	38	14		**89**
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		**503**	**7,906**	**507**	**5,997**	**1,900**	**656**	**8,063**	**3,002**	**241**	**28,775**
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	19	219	2	77	35	7	83	33	24	**499**
		EN & RN & Midwife				1						**1**
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**19**	**219**	**2**	**78**	**35**	**7**	**84**	**33**	**24**	**501**
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		3						2		**5**
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**
Total Nurse and Midwife			**522**	**8,128**	**509**	**6,075**	**1,935**	**663**	**8,147**	**3,037**	**265**	**29,281**
Midwife	General		**217**	**1,627**	**98**	**1,530**	**806**	**62**	**1,639**	**497**	**171**	**6,647**
	Non-practising		**3**	**20**	**1**	**15**	**8**		**18**	**8**	**12**	**85**
	Provisional			**1**		**1**	**1**		**2**			**5**
Total Midwife			**220**	**1,648**	**99**	**1,546**	**815**	**62**	**1,659**	**505**	**183**	**6,737**
Total			**7,824**	**124,909**	**5,279**	**95,126**	**38,478**	**10,954**	**123,023**	**45,055**	**11,595**	**462,243**

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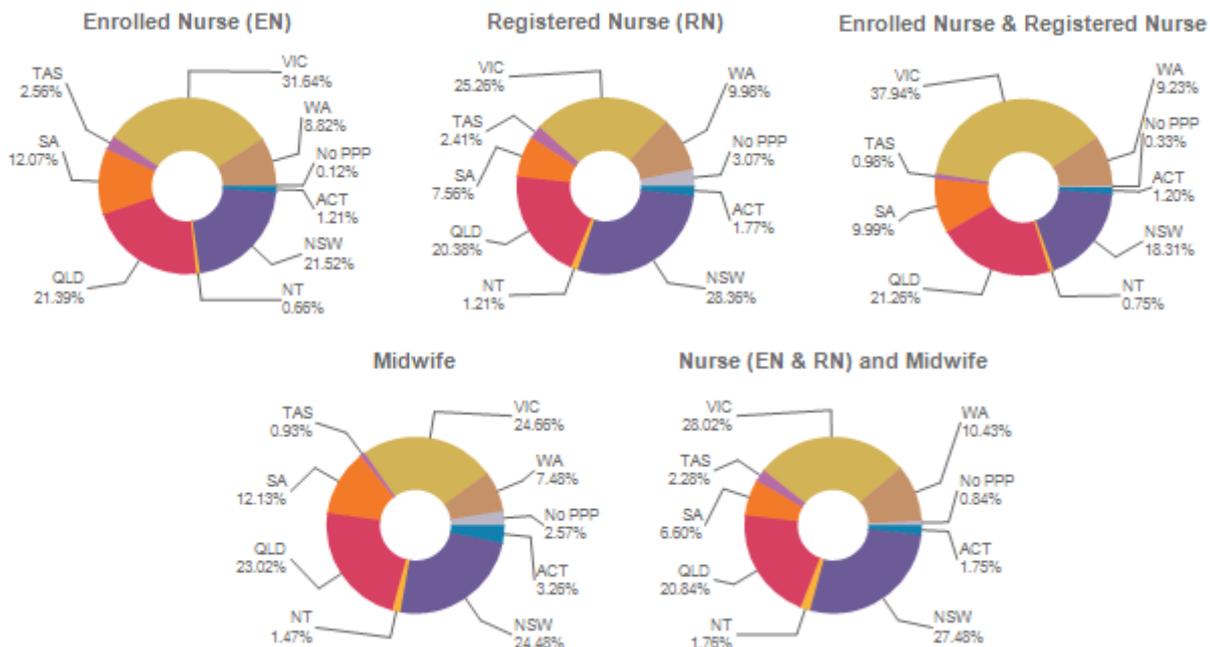
General registration

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)	875	15,566	481	15,476	8,733	1,853	22,890	6,377	90	**72,341**
Registered Nurse (RN)	5,973	95,795	4,079	68,835	25,542	8,152	85,336	33,730	10,374	**337,816**
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Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	503	7,906	507	5,997	1,900	656	8,063	3,002	241	**28,775**

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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)	17	320	9	240	113	20	301	96	16	**1,132**
Registered Nurse (RN)	93	1,575	24	763	305	101	823	358	629	**4,671**
EN & RN	1	3		9	3	2	19	5	3	**45**
Midwife	3	20	1	15	8		18	8	12	**85**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	19	219	2	78	35	7	84	33	24	**501**

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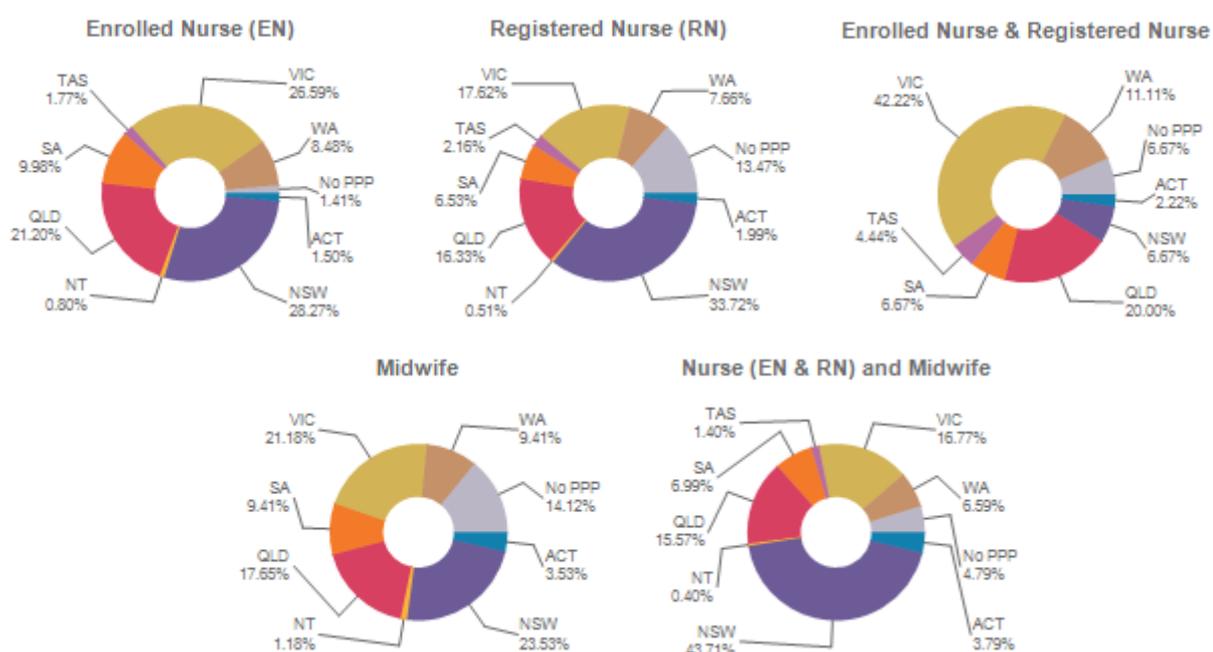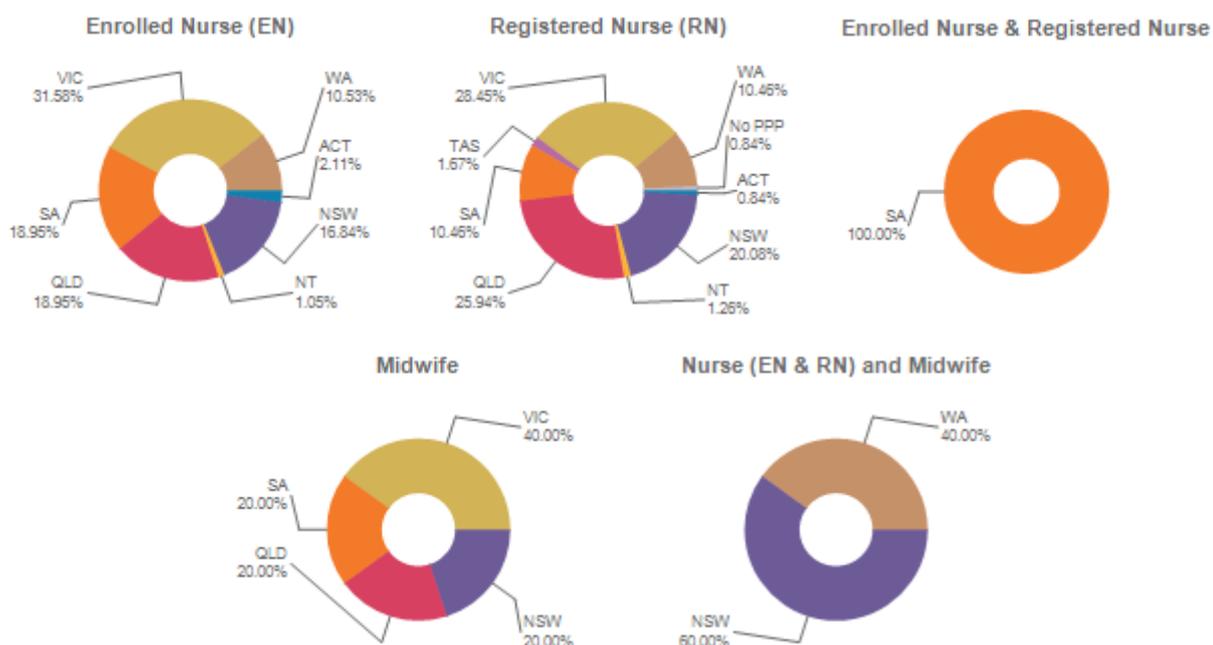
Provisional registration

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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)	2	16	1	18	18		30	10		**95**
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	48	3	62	25	4	68	25	2	**239**
EN & RN					1					**1**
Midwife		1		1	1		2			**5**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		3						2		**5**

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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	Area of Practice				1						**1**
	Nurse Practitioner	58	500	38	568	176	46	524	275	27	**2,212**
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	7	44	26	866	13	12	272	32	10	**1,282**
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								**1**
	Scheduled Medicines*	10	109	10	247	55	15	130	120	1	**697**
Total		**75**	**654**	**74**	**1,682**	**244**	**73**	**926**	**427**	**38**	**4,193**

* 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		51	1	16	4	1	24	28	13	**138**
Mental Health nursing	8	323	27	233	226	15	416	1,028	164	**2,440**
Paediatric Nursing	2	167	3	139	19	1	99	162	79	**671**
Total	**10**	**541**	**31**	**388**	**249**	**17**	**539**	**1,218**	**256**	**3,249**

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.
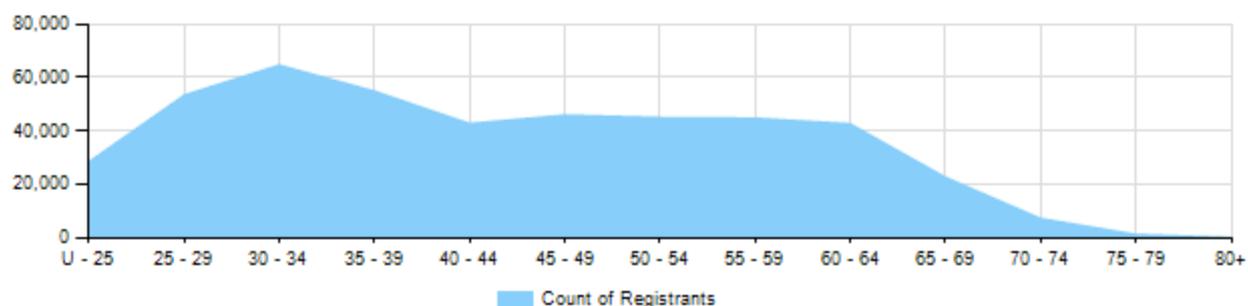
Age group

General registration

Table 7.1 General registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	7,299	19,304	774	2	659	2	590	**28,630**	**6.3%**
25 - 29	7,629	40,838	1,809	14	2,068	21	1,104	**53,483**	**11.7%**
30 - 34	7,200	52,100	1,972	26	2,261	21	1,138	**64,718**	**14.2%**
35 - 39	6,581	43,678	1,537	19	2,190	15	989	**55,009**	**12.1%**
40 - 44	5,584	33,433	1,056	17	1,951	10	811	**42,862**	**9.4%**
45 - 49	6,380	35,538	945	20	2,469	7	698	**46,057**	**10.1%**
50 - 54	7,958	32,658	746	12	3,170	4	555	**45,103**	**9.9%**
55 - 59	9,027	30,168	621	7	4,754	6	305	**44,888**	**9.9%**
60 - 64	8,921	28,137	317	2	5,130	2	254	**42,763**	**9.4%**
65 - 69	4,383	15,394	83	1	2,815	1	130	**22,807**	**5.0%**
70 - 74	1,145	5,256	24		891		63	**7,379**	**1.6%**
75 - 79	208	1,080	1		179		8	**1,476**	**0.3%**
80+	26	232			29		2	**289**	**<0.1%**
Total	**72,341**	**337,816**	**9,885**	**120**	**28,566**	**89**	**6,647**	**455,464**	**100.0%**

Table 7.2 General registration by age group
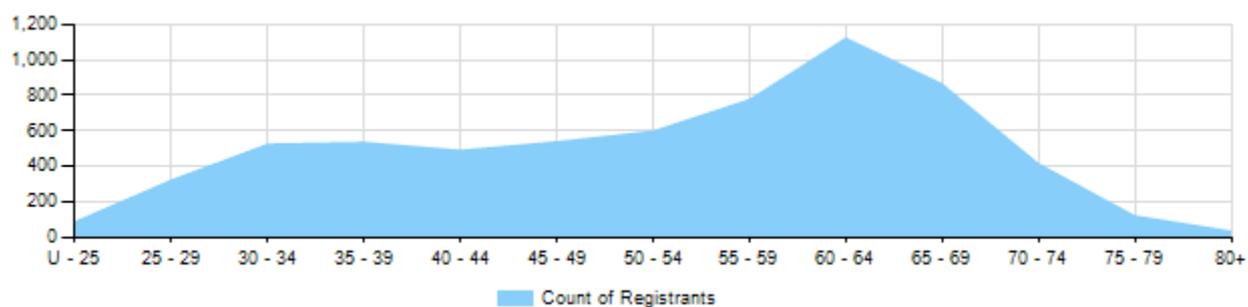

Count of Registrants

Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

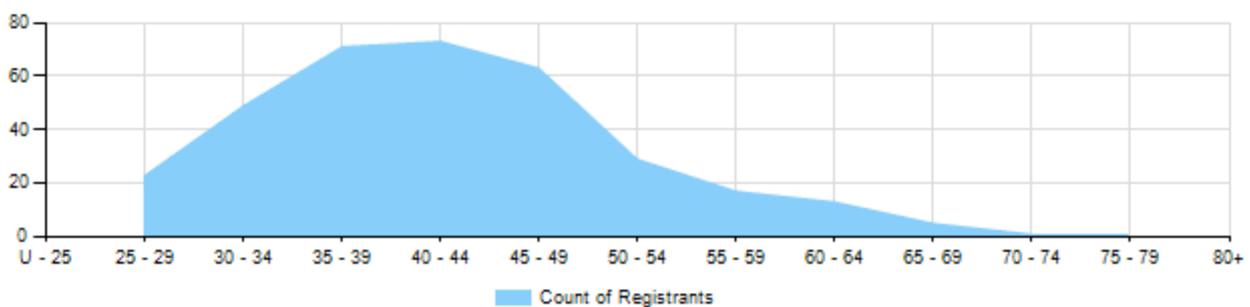| Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	45	41	1		1		2	**90**	**1.4%**
25 - 29	76	231	6		7		4	**324**	**5.0%**
30 - 34	83	411	11		8		12	**525**	**8.2%**
35 - 39	87	409	3	1	22	1	12	**535**	**8.3%**
40 - 44	84	384			8		14	**490**	**7.6%**
45 - 49	83	413	5		29		8	**538**	**8.4%**
50 - 54	121	432	2		40		3	**598**	**9.3%**
55 - 59	197	510	7		53		9	776	12.1%
60 - 64	210	781	6		116		9	1,122	17.4%
65 - 69	107	626	3		117		10	863	13.4%
70 - 74	32	323	1		57		2	415	6.5%
75 - 79	7	85			30			122	1.9%
80+		25			11			36	0.6%
Total	**1,132**	**4,671**	**45**	**1**	**499**	**1**	**85**	6,434	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	EN & RN	RN	Midwife		
U - 25						0	0.0%
25 - 29	13	9			1	23	6.7%
30 - 34	14	34			1	49	14.2%
35 - 39	27	42		1	1	71	20.6%
40 - 44	19	51		2	1	73	21.2%
45 - 49	8	53	1		1	63	18.3%
50 - 54	4	24		1		29	8.4%
55 - 59	5	12				17	4.9%
60 - 64	4	9				13	3.8%
65 - 69	1	3		1		5	1.4%
70 - 74		1				1	0.3%
75 - 79		1				1	0.3%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	**95**	**239**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**345**	**100.0%**

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group

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)	765	13,695	391	13,864	7,855	1,661	20,642	5,795	76	**64,744**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,139	82,672	3,397	60,399	22,405	7,129	75,227	30,356	8,707	**295,431**
		EN & RN	96	1,535	66	1,825	807	91	3,181	830	30	**8,461**
	Total Female General Nurse		**6,000**	**97,902**	**3,854**	**76,088**	**31,067**	**8,881**	**99,050**	**36,981**	**8,813**	**368,636**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	110	1,870	90	1,611	878	192	2,248	582	14	**7,595**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	833	13,120	682	8,432	3,137	1,023	10,108	3,374	1,666	**42,375**
		EN & RN	23	275	8	277	181	6	569	82	3	**1,424**
	Total Male General Nurse		**966**	**15,265**	**780**	**10,320**	**4,196**	**1,221**	**12,925**	**4,038**	**1,683**	**51,394**
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1		1						**2**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	3		4			1		1	**10**
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse		**1**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**12**
Total General Nurse			**6,967**	**113,171**	**4,634**	**86,413**	**35,263**	**10,102**	**111,976**	**41,019**	**10,497**	**420,042**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	20	2	35	14	1	42	3		**118**
		RN & Midwife	490	7,684	468	5,869	1,843	641	7,905	2,942	236	**28,078**
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	22	1	6	4	2	38	14		**88**
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife		**492**	**7,726**	**471**	**5,910**	**1,861**	**644**	**7,985**	**2,959**	**236**	**28,284**
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1						**2**
		RN & Midwife	11	179	35	86	39	12	78	43	5	**488**
		EN & RN & Midwife		1								**1**
	Total Male General Nurse and Midwife		**11**	**180**	**36**	**87**	**39**	**12**	**78**	**43**	**5**	**491**
Total General Nurse and Midwife			**503**	**7,906**	**507**	**5,997**	**1,900**	**656**	**8,063**	**3,002**	**241**	**28,775**

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		217	1,622	97	1,527	802	60	1,631	497	170	**6,623**
	Male			5	1	3	4	2	8		1	**24**
Total General Midwife			217	1,627	98	1,530	806	62	1,639	497	171	6,647
Total			7,687	122,704	5,239	93,940	37,969	10,820	121,678	44,518	10,909	455,464

* 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	6,709	107,250	4,422	83,525	33,730	9,585	108,666	40,437	9,219	**403,543**
Male	977	15,450	817	10,410	4,239	1,235	13,011	4,081	1,689	**51,909**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	4		5			1		1	**12**

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.3%	87.4%	84.4%	88.9%	88.8%	88.6%	89.3%	90.8%	84.5%	**88.6%**
Male	12.7%	12.6%	15.6%	11.1%	11.2%	11.4%	10.7%	9.2%	15.5%	**11.4%**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<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)	16	286	8	224	105	19	288	91	16	**1,053**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	81	1,402	18	697	260	90	746	334	525	**4,153**
		EN & RN	1	2		9	3	2	15	5	3	**40**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		**98**	**1,690**	**26**	**930**	**368**	**111**	**1,049**	**430**	**544**	**5,246**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	34	1	16	8	1	13	5		**79**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	12	173	6	66	45	11	77	24	104	**518**
		EN & RN		1					4			**5**
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		**13**	**208**	**7**	**82**	**53**	**12**	**94**	**29**	**104**	**602**
Total Non-practising Nurse			**111**	**1,898**	**33**	**1,012**	**421**	**123**	**1,143**	**459**	**648**	**5,848**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	19	211	2	74	35	7	83	33	24	**488**
		EN & RN & Midwife				1						**1**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**19**	**211**	**2**	**75**	**35**	**7**	**84**	**33**	**24**	**490**
	Male	RN & Midwife		8		3						**11**
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			**19**	**219**	**2**	**78**	**35**	**7**	**84**	**33**	**24**	**501**
Midwife	Female		3	20	1	15	8		18	8	12	**85**
Total Non-practising Midwife			**3**	**20**	**1**	**15**	**8**	**0**	**18**	**8**	**12**	**85**
Total			**133**	**2,137**	**36**	**1,105**	**464**	**130**	**1,245**	**500**	**684**	**6,434**

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	120	1,921	29	1,020	411	118	1,151	471	580	**5,821**
Male	13	216	7	85	53	12	94	29	104	**613**

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.2%	89.9%	80.6%	92.3%	88.6%	90.8%	92.4%	94.2%	84.8%	**90.5%**
Male	9.8%	10.1%	19.4%	7.7%	11.4%	9.2%	7.6%	5.8%	15.2%	**9.5%**

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)	2	13	1	18	13		25	10		82
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	42	2	53	22	4	59	23	2	209
		EN & RN					1					1
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		**4**	**55**	**3**	**71**	**36**	**4**	**84**	**33**	**2**	**292**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		3			5		5			13
		Registered Nurse (RN)		6	1	9	3		9	2		30
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		**0**	**9**	**1**	**9**	**8**	**0**	**14**	**2**	**0**	**43**
Total Provisional Nurse			**4**	**64**	**4**	**80**	**44**	**4**	**98**	**35**	**2**	**335**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		2						2		4
	Male	RN & Midwife		1								1
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**
Midwife	Female			1		1	1		2			5
Total Provisional Midwife			**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**5**
Total			**4**	**68**	**4**	**81**	**45**	**4**	**100**	**37**	**2**	**345**

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	4	58	3	72	37	4	86	35	2	**301**
Male		10	1	9	8		14	2		**44**

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	85.3%	75.0%	88.9%	82.2%	100.0%	86.0%	94.6%	100.0%	**87.2%**
Male		14.7%	25.0%	11.1%	17.8%		14.0%	5.4%		**12.8%**