

# 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.

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](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.

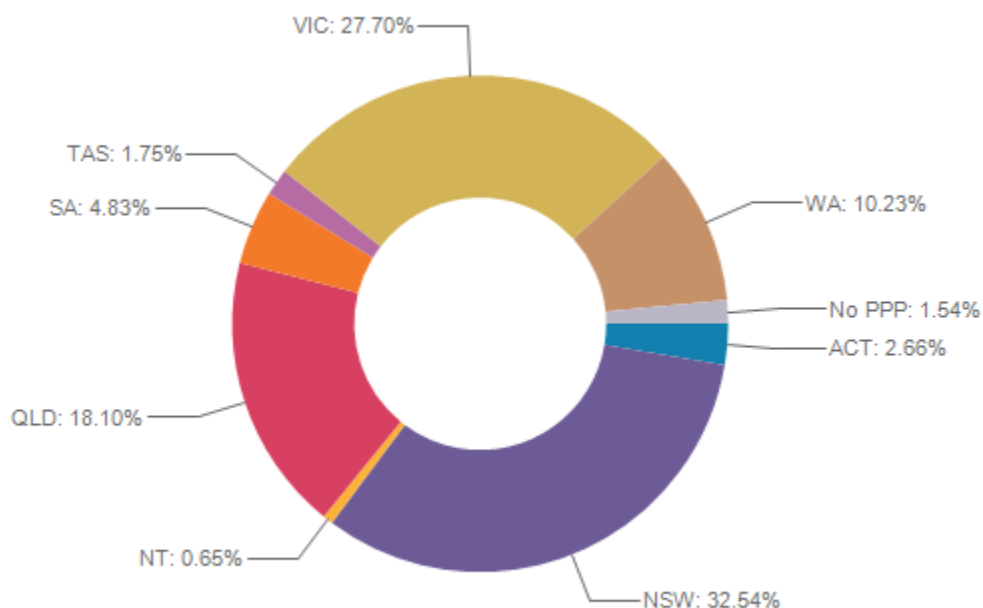
## Registration type

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

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	917	11,012	217	6,116	1,655	608	9,359	3,472	414	<b>33,770</b>
Provisional	139	1,815	47	1,045	252	90	1,656	589	15	<b>5,648</b>
Non-practising	21	359	1	171	50	12	209	82	194	<b>1,099</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>13,186</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>7,332</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>4,143</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>40,517*</b>

\* Total figure includes 1,732 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	191	5	116	31	10	352	40	12	770
Clinical psychology	329	3,035	44	1,677	743	220	2,575	1,299	129	10,051
Community psychology	2	6	1	3	1		33	10		56
Counselling psychology	11	218		89	15	7	540	172	6	1,058
Educational and developmental psychology	11	168	2	149	36	21	296	71	10	764
Forensic psychology	14	247	7	77	39	6	196	54	7	647
Health psychology	6	72	1	69	33	10	149	5	2	347
Organisational psychology	16	196	1	99	55	3	178	50	7	605
Sport and exercise psychology	6	23		34	8	4	24	6		105
<b>Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>14,403</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 30 June 2020 was 13,328.

### 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	12,334	926	58	8	1	1	13,328
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.5%	6.9%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							33,770
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	36.5%	2.7%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	39.5%

**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	604	4.9%	770	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,195	74.6%	10,051	69.8%
Community psychology	31	0.3%	56	0.4%
Counselling psychology	747	6.1%	1,058	7.3%
Educational and developmental psychology	580	4.7%	764	5.3%
Forensic psychology	372	3.0%	647	4.5%
Health psychology	185	1.5%	347	2.4%
Organisational psychology	534	4.3%	605	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	86	0.7%	105	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,334</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,403</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	42	788	17	396	87	24	199	189	2	1,744
5+1 Internship	16	374	7	144	20	34	442	154	3	1,194
Higher Degree program	81	639	22	501	144	31	1,003	239	5	2,665
Transitional Program		14	1	4	1	1	12	7	5	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5,648</b>

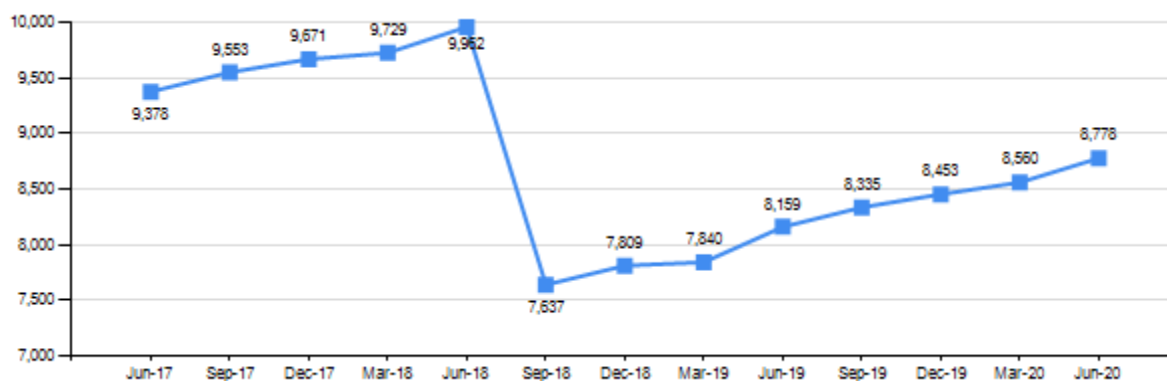
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP**

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	285	26.5%
NSW	2,920	22.1%
NT	63	23.8%
QLD	1,594	21.7%
SA	470	24.0%
TAS	187	26.3%
VIC	2,233	19.9%
WA	983	23.7%
No PPP	43	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,778</b>	<b>21.7%</b>

**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	94	3	66	17	4	209	26	3	429
Clinical psychology	142	1,204	23	674	287	92	1,054	544	20	4,040
Community psychology	1	2		1			19	1		24
Counselling psychology	4	47		39	6		181	71		348
Educational and developmental psychology	2	60		67	18	8	110	22		287
Forensic psychology	9	127	6	34	21	3	99	28	4	331
Health psychology	4	23		30	13	3	65		1	139
Organisational psychology	6	68	1	42	19	2	75	14	2	229
Sport and exercise psychology	1	4		12	2		3	1		23
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5,850</b>

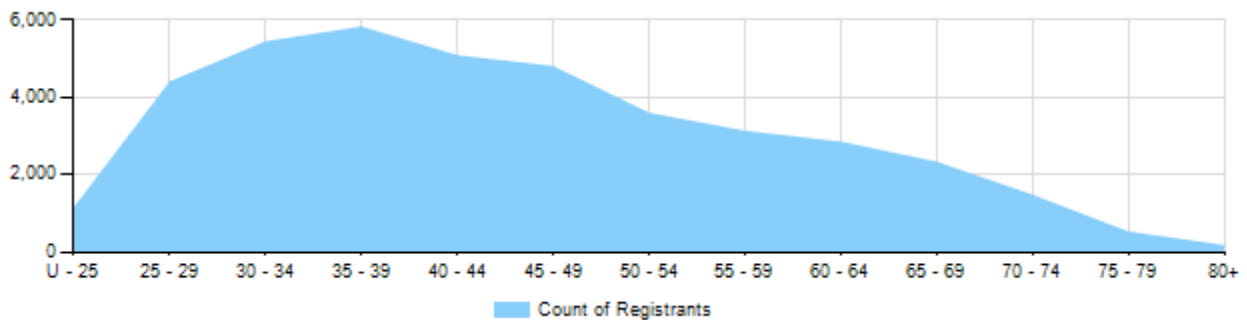
## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 5.1 Registration type by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	89	1,040		<b>1,129</b>
25 - 29	2,437	1,936	15	<b>4,388</b>
30 - 34	4,366	946	111	<b>5,423</b>
35 - 39	5,061	586	157	<b>5,804</b>
40 - 44	4,497	447	118	<b>5,062</b>
45 - 49	4,352	306	125	<b>4,783</b>
50 - 54	3,269	211	93	<b>3,573</b>
55 - 59	2,903	111	93	<b>3,107</b>
60 - 64	2,678	51	100	<b>2,829</b>
65 - 69	2,180	8	119	<b>2,307</b>
70 - 74	1,350	4	103	<b>1,457</b>
75 - 79	449	2	51	<b>502</b>
80+	139		14	<b>153</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,770</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>40,517</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	744	8,768	167	4,911	1,268	508	7,512	2,789	315	<b>26,982</b>
	Provisional	111	1,447	41	825	202	73	1,365	491	9	<b>4,564</b>
	Non-practising	12	274		133	37	7	170	69	153	<b>855</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>867</b>	<b>10,489</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>9,047</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>32,401</b>
Male	General	173	2,242	50	1,205	387	100	1,847	683	99	<b>6,786</b>
	Provisional	28	368	6	220	50	17	289	98	6	<b>1,082</b>
	Non-practising	9	85	1	38	13	5	39	13	41	<b>244</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>8,112</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								<b>2</b>
	Provisional							2			<b>2</b>
<b>Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,077</b>	<b>13,186</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>7,332</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>4,143</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>40,517</b>

### Percentage

**Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.5%	79.5%	78.5%	80.0%	77.0%	82.8%	80.6%	80.8%	76.6%	<b>80.0%</b>
Male	19.5%	20.4%	21.5%	20.0%	23.0%	17.2%	19.4%	19.2%	23.4%	<b>20.0%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<b>&lt;0.1%</b>