

# Dental Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners 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 Ahpra's Legislation & Publications at [www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications)

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. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

### Pandemic response sub-register

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 dental practitioners (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These dental practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

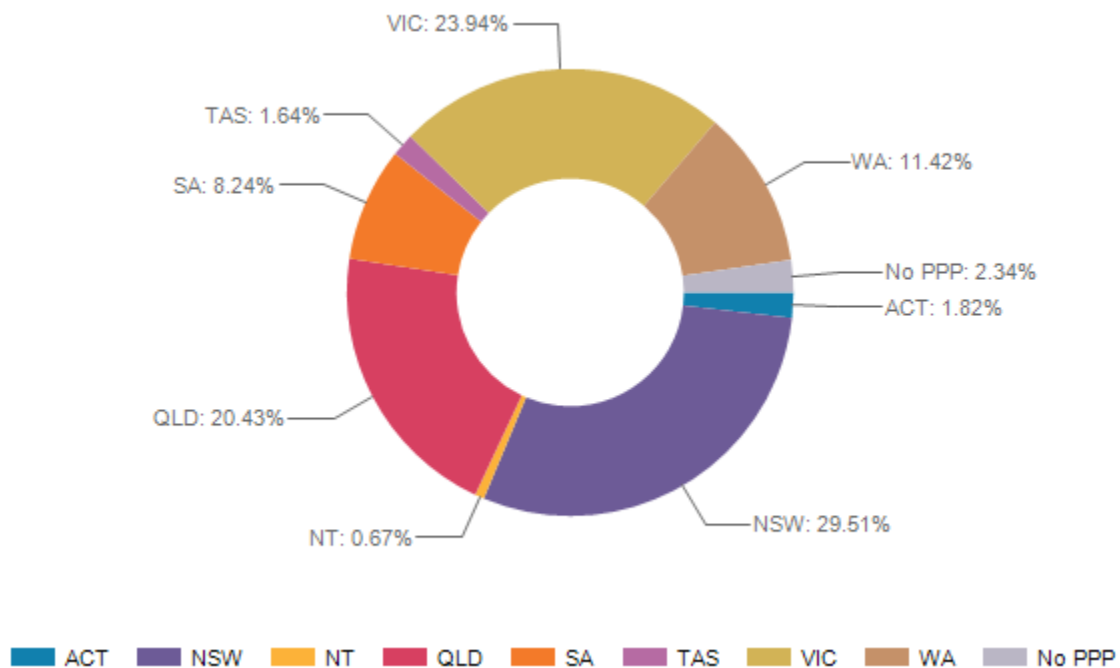
## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory**

| Registration types         | Registration subtypes                        | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total          |
|----------------------------|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| General                    |  | 412        | 6,886        | 165        | 4,770        | 1,908        | 392        | 5,572        | 2,681        | 315        | <b>23,101</b>  |
| General and Non-practising |  |            | 1            |            | 1            | 1            |            |              |              |            | <b>3</b>       |
| General and Specialist     |  | 45         | 524          | 5          | 355          | 155          | 25         | 452          | 198          | 41         | <b>1,800</b>   |
| Specialist                 |  | 1          | 14           |            | 11           | 4            | 1          | 13           | 8            | 14         | <b>66</b>      |
| Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |            | 2            |            | 2            | 5            |            | 4            | 3            |            | <b>16</b>      |
|                            | Teaching or research                         |            | 6            |            | 11           | 3            |            | 2            | 5            |            | <b>27</b>      |
| Non-practising             |  | 13         | 210          | 3          | 141          | 57           | 8          | 157          | 63           | 235        | <b>887</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>               |  | <b>471</b> | <b>7,643</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>5,291</b> | <b>2,133</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>6,200</b> | <b>2,958</b> | <b>605</b> | <b>25,900*</b> |

\* Total figure includes 300 dental practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

**Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice**



## Registration divisions

**Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory**

| Division  | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Dental Hygienist  | 39         | 371          | 11         | 169          | 339          | 20         | 228          | 265          | 19         | 1,461         |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                         |            | 1            |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 2             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist    |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                           | 6          | 57           | 4          | 117          | 57           | 3          | 110          | 54           | 4          | 412           |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist               |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |            | 24           |            | 8            | 4            | 1          | 15           | 8            |            | 60            |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                    |            | 1            |            | 3            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 5             |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist                      | 1          | 20           |            | 5            | 3            |            | 5            | 6            |            | 40            |
| Dental Prosthetist  | 13         | 410          | 4          | 326          | 68           | 45         | 350          | 79           | 4          | 1,299         |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                         |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dentist                                  |            |              |            |              |              |            | 3            |              |            | 3             |
| Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist                    |            | 1            | 1          |              |              |            |              |              |            | 2             |
| Dental Therapist  | 11         | 154          | 8          | 125          | 62           | 36         | 123          | 232          | 3          | 754           |
| Dental Therapist and Dentist                                    |            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 2             |
| Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist                      |            |              |            |              |              |            |              | 6            |            | 6             |
| Dentist   | 360        | 5,882        | 124        | 4,006        | 1,324        | 292        | 4,703        | 2,023        | 560        | 19,274        |
| Dentist and Oral Health Therapist                               |            | 5            |            | 2            |              |            | 2            |              |            | 9             |
| Oral Health Therapist   | 41         | 717          | 21         | 527          | 276          | 29         | 657          | 285          | 15         | 2,568         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>471</b> | <b>7,643</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>5,291</b> | <b>2,133</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>6,200</b> | <b>2,958</b> | <b>605</b> | <b>25,900</b> |

## Registration type and divisions

**Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory**

| Registration types         | Division  | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|----------------------------|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| General                    | Dental Hygienist  | 38         | 353          | 11         | 161          | 329          | 20         | 221          | 257          | 10         | 1,400         |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                         |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist    |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                           | 5          | 54           | 4          | 111          | 56           | 3          | 102          | 52           | 2          | 389           |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist               |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |            | 24           |            | 8            | 4            | 1          | 15           | 8            |            | 60            |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                    |            | 1            |            | 2            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 4             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist                      | 1          | 20           |            | 5            | 3            |            | 5            | 6            |            | 40            |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist  | 13         | 397          | 4          | 310          | 67           | 45         | 342          | 78           | 2          | 1,258         |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                         |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Dentist                                  |            |              |            |              |              |            | 3            |              |            | 3             |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist                    |            | 1            | 1          |              |              |            |              |              |            | 2             |
|                            | Dental Therapist  | 10         | 138          | 7          | 122          | 61           | 35         | 117          | 223          |            | 713           |
|                            | Dental Therapist and Dentist                                    |            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 2             |
|                            | Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist                      |            |              |            |              |              |            |              | 6            |            | 6             |
|                            | Dentist   | 305        | 5,184        | 117        | 3,535        | 1,120        | 259        | 4,113        | 1,769        | 291        | 16,693        |
|                            | Dentist and Oral Health Therapist                               |            | 4            |            | 2            |              |            | 2            |              |            | 8             |
|                            | Oral Health Therapist   | 40         | 710          | 21         | 511          | 268          | 29         | 648          | 282          | 10         | 2,519         |
| <b>Sub Total - General</b> |   | <b>412</b> | <b>6,886</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>4,770</b> | <b>1,908</b> | <b>392</b> | <b>5,572</b> | <b>2,681</b> | <b>315</b> | <b>23,101</b> |

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| Registration types                            | Division  | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|---|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| General and Non-practising                    | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                           |            |              |            |              | 1            |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|   | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 0             |
|   | Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                    |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|   | Dentist and Oral Health Therapist                               |            | 1            |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
| <b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b> |   | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>3</b>      |
| General and Specialist                        | Dentist   | 45         | 524          | 5          | 355          | 155          | 25         | 452          | 198          | 41         | 1,800         |
| Specialist                                    | Dentist   | 1          | 14           |            | 11           | 4            | 1          | 13           | 8            | 14         | 66            |
| Limited                                       | Dental Hygienist  |            | 1            |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|   | Dentist   |            | 7            |            | 13           | 8            |            | 6            | 8            |            | 42            |
|   | Oral Health Therapist   |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 0             |
| <b>Sub Total - Limited</b>                    |   | <b>0</b>   | <b>8</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>13</b>    | <b>8</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>6</b>     | <b>8</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>43</b>     |
| Non-practising                                | Dental Hygienist  | 1          | 17           |            | 8            | 10           |            | 7            | 8            | 9          | 60            |
|   | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                         |            | 1            |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|   | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                           | 1          | 3            |            | 6            |              |            | 8            | 2            | 2          | 22            |
|   | Dental Prosthetist  |            | 13           |            | 16           | 1            |            | 8            | 1            | 2          | 41            |
|   | Dental Therapist  | 1          | 16           | 1          | 3            | 1            | 1          | 6            | 9            | 3          | 41            |
|   | Dentist   | 9          | 153          | 2          | 92           | 37           | 7          | 119          | 40           | 214        | 673           |
|   | Oral Health Therapist   | 1          | 7            |            | 16           | 8            |            | 9            | 3            | 5          | 49            |
| <b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>             |   | <b>13</b>  | <b>210</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>141</b>   | <b>57</b>    | <b>8</b>   | <b>157</b>   | <b>63</b>    | <b>235</b> | <b>887</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |   | <b>471</b> | <b>7,643</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>5,291</b> | <b>2,133</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>6,200</b> | <b>2,958</b> | <b>605</b> | <b>25,900</b> |

## Dental specialities

**Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory**

| Speciality                                    | ACT       | NSW        | NT       | QLD        | SA         | TAS       | VIC        | WA         | No PPP    | Total        |
|---|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Dento-maxillofacial radiology                 |           | 1          |          | 8          |            |           | 1          | 5          |           | 15           |
| Endodontics                                   | 6         | 53         | 1        | 39         | 14         | 4         | 48         | 18         | 4         | 187          |
| Forensic odontology                           | 2         | 5          | 1        | 2          | 2          | 2         | 2          | 4          |           | 20           |
| Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology              |           | 4          |          | 4          | 4          | 1         | 2          | 3          | 1         | 19           |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery                | 7         | 63         | 1        | 55         | 17         | 5         | 63         | 20         | 5         | 236          |
| Oral medicine                                 | 1         | 10         |          | 7          |            |           | 15         | 11         | 2         | 46           |
| Oral surgery                                  |           | 41         |          | 8          |            |           | 7          | 1          | 4         | 61           |
| Orthodontics                                  | 14        | 191        | 2        | 124        | 57         | 9         | 157        | 67         | 18        | 639          |
| Paediatric dentistry                          | 2         | 46         |          | 25         | 16         | 1         | 44         | 23         | 5         | 162          |
| Periodontics                                  | 9         | 67         | 1        | 54         | 17         | 4         | 63         | 33         | 7         | 255          |
| Prosthodontics                                | 5         | 69         |          | 45         | 25         |           | 54         | 23         | 9         | 230          |
| Public health dentistry (Community dentistry) |           | 5          |          | 1          | 1          |           | 8          | 1          |           | 16           |
| Special needs dentistry                       |           | 5          |          | 4          | 6          |           | 8          | 1          | 1         | 25           |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>46</b> | <b>560</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>376</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>472</b> | <b>210</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>1,911</b> |

## Endorsements

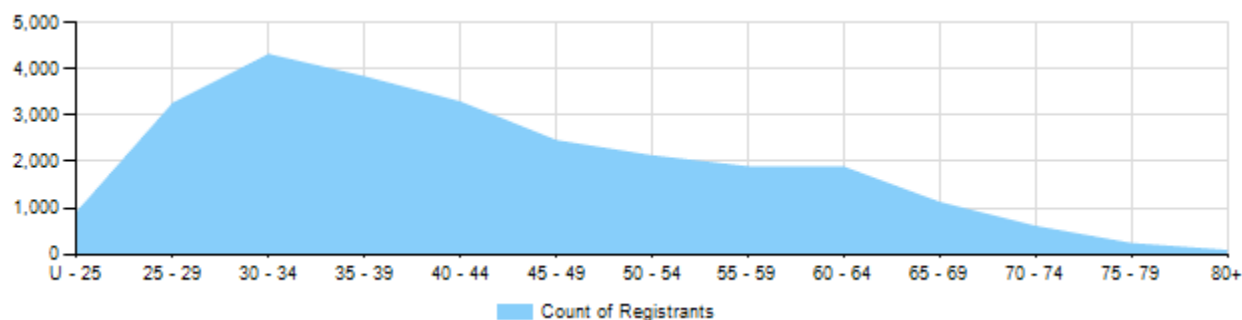
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

| Endorsement                           | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|-------|
| Area of Practice - Conscious sedation | 6   | 47  |    | 19  | 2  | 2   | 4   | 10 | 2      | 92    |



## Age group

**Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group**



**Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group**

| Age group    | General       | General and Non-practising | General and Specialist | Specialist | Limited                                      |                      | Non-practising | Total         |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
|              |               |                            |                        |            | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research |                |               |
| U - 25       | 905           |                            |                        |            |  |                      | 4              | <b>909</b>    |
| 25 - 29      | 3,200         | 1                          | 5                      |            | 2  |                      | 50             | <b>3,258</b>  |
| 30 - 34      | 4,038         |                            | 133                    | 9          | 5  |                      | 124            | <b>4,309</b>  |
| 35 - 39      | 3,487         | 1                          | 220                    | 11         | 3  | 2                    | 103            | <b>3,827</b>  |
| 40 - 44      | 2,839         | 1                          | 327                    | 21         | 5  | 8                    | 80             | <b>3,281</b>  |
| 45 - 49      | 2,138         |                            | 228                    | 11         | 1  | 8                    | 60             | <b>2,446</b>  |
| 50 - 54      | 1,847         |                            | 191                    | 9          |  | 5                    | 66             | <b>2,118</b>  |
| 55 - 59      | 1,613         |                            | 187                    | 4          |  | 2                    | 75             | <b>1,881</b>  |
| 60 - 64      | 1,545         |                            | 218                    |            |  | 1                    | 111            | <b>1,875</b>  |
| 65 - 69      | 860           |                            | 154                    |            |  |                      | 96             | <b>1,110</b>  |
| 70 - 74      | 434           |                            | 83                     | 1          |  | 1                    | 73             | <b>592</b>    |
| 75 - 79      | 154           |                            | 38                     |            |  |                      | 30             | <b>222</b>    |
| 80+          | 41            |                            | 16                     |            |  |                      | 15             | <b>72</b>     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>23,101</b> | <b>3</b>                   | <b>1,800</b>           | <b>66</b>  | <b>16</b>                                    | <b>27</b>            | <b>887</b>     | <b>25,900</b> |

## Gender

**Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender**

| Gender                                  | Registration types         | Registration subtypes                        | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|---|----------------------------|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Female                                  | General                    |  | 264        | 3,619        | 92         | 2,600        | 1,211        | 201        | 3,146        | 1,678        | 160        | <b>12,971</b> |
|   | General and Non-practising |  |            | 1            |            | 1            | 1            |            |              |              |            | <b>3</b>      |
|   | General and Specialist     |  | 11         | 145          | 2          | 89           | 52           | 7          | 152          | 70           | 11         | <b>539</b>    |
|   | Specialist                 |  | 1          | 6            |            | 4            | 1            |            | 10           | 2            | 4          | <b>28</b>     |
|   | Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |            | 2            |            | 1            | 3            |            | 2            | 2            |            | <b>10</b>     |
|   |                            | Teaching or research                         |            | 1            |            | 3            | 2            |            | 2            | 2            |            | <b>10</b>     |
|   | Non-practising             |  | 10         | 113          | 2          | 78           | 30           | 1          | 85           | 38           | 114        | <b>471</b>    |
| <b>Total Female</b>                     |                            |  | <b>286</b> | <b>3,887</b> | <b>96</b>  | <b>2,776</b> | <b>1,300</b> | <b>209</b> | <b>3,397</b> | <b>1,792</b> | <b>289</b> | <b>14,032</b> |
| Male                                    | General                    |  | 148        | 3,266        | 73         | 2,170        | 697          | 191        | 2,426        | 1,003        | 155        | <b>10,129</b> |
|   | General and Specialist     |  | 34         | 379          | 3          | 266          | 103          | 18         | 300          | 128          | 30         | <b>1,261</b>  |
|   | Specialist                 |  |            | 8            |            | 7            | 3            | 1          | 3            | 6            | 10         | <b>38</b>     |
|   | Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |            |              |            | 1            | 2            |            | 2            | 1            |            | <b>6</b>      |
|   |                            | Teaching or research                         |            | 5            |            | 8            | 1            |            |              | 3            |            | <b>17</b>     |
|   | Non-practising             |  | 3          | 97           | 1          | 63           | 27           | 7          | 72           | 25           | 121        | <b>416</b>    |
| <b>Total Male</b>                       |                            |  | <b>185</b> | <b>3,755</b> | <b>77</b>  | <b>2,515</b> | <b>833</b>   | <b>217</b> | <b>2,803</b> | <b>1,166</b> | <b>316</b> | <b>11,867</b> |
| Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate | General                    |  |            | 1            |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | <b>1</b>      |
| <b>Total</b>                            |                            |  | <b>471</b> | <b>7,643</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>5,291</b> | <b>2,133</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>6,200</b> | <b>2,958</b> | <b>605</b> | <b>25,900</b> |

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

| Gender                                  | ACT   | NSW   | NT    | QLD   | SA    | TAS   | VIC   | WA    | No PPP | Total           |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Female                                  | 60.7% | 50.9% | 55.5% | 52.5% | 60.9% | 49.1% | 54.8% | 60.6% | 47.8%  | <b>54.2%</b>    |
| Male                                    | 39.3% | 49.1% | 44.5% | 47.5% | 39.1% | 50.9% | 45.2% | 39.4% | 52.2%  | <b>45.8%</b>    |
| Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate |       | <0.1% |       |       |       |       |       |       |        | <b>&lt;0.1%</b> |