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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 tables¹ about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

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 nurses and midwives (as well as and pharmacists, medical practitioners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended to stay on the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only. These nurses and midwives 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

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)	989	15,903	460	16,289	9,001	1,918	23,529	6,789	91	74,969	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,306	100,261	4,308	73,404	27,022	8,688	89,229	35,755	12,192	357,165	
		EN & RN	164	1,948	105	2,309	1,139	116	4,057	1,031	34	10,903	
	Total General Nurse			7,459	118,112	4,873	92,002	37,162	10,722	116,815	43,575	12,317	443,037
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	14	299	8	200	116	22	268	75	18	1,020	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	60	1,398	20	678	267	93	691	304	801	4,312	
		EN & RN		3		10	3		13	4	4	37	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			74	1,700	28	888	386	115	972	383	823	5,369
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4	17		18	18		24	7		88	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	48	1	49	15	4	60	21		200	
		EN & RN										0	
	Total Provisional Nurse			6	65	1	67	33	4	84	28	0	288
	Total Nurse			7,539	119,877	4,902	92,957	37,581	10,841	117,871	43,986	13,140	448,694

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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	22	4	38	15		37	5		122	
		RN & Midwife	492	7,945	512	6,087	1,888	686	8,190	3,064	220	29,084	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	23	2	7	4	2	42	16		97	
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		494	7,990	518	6,132	1,907	688	8,269	3,085	220	29,303	
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife							1				1
		RN & Midwife	15	192	2	68	38	5	80	24	25		449
		EN & RN & Midwife											0
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		15	192	2	68	38	5	81	24	25		450
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		1					2	1			4
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	4
Total Nurse and Midwife			509	8,183	520	6,200	1,945	693	8,352	3,110	245	29,757	
Midwife	General		240	1,782	115	1,664	868	64	1,681	509	197	7,120	
	Non-practising		2	18	1	11	11		15	8	13	79	
	Provisional			1			1		3			5	
Total Midwife			242	1,801	116	1,675	880	64	1,699	517	210	7,204	
Total			8,290	129,861	5,538	100,832	40,406	11,598	127,922	47,613	13,595	485,655	

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

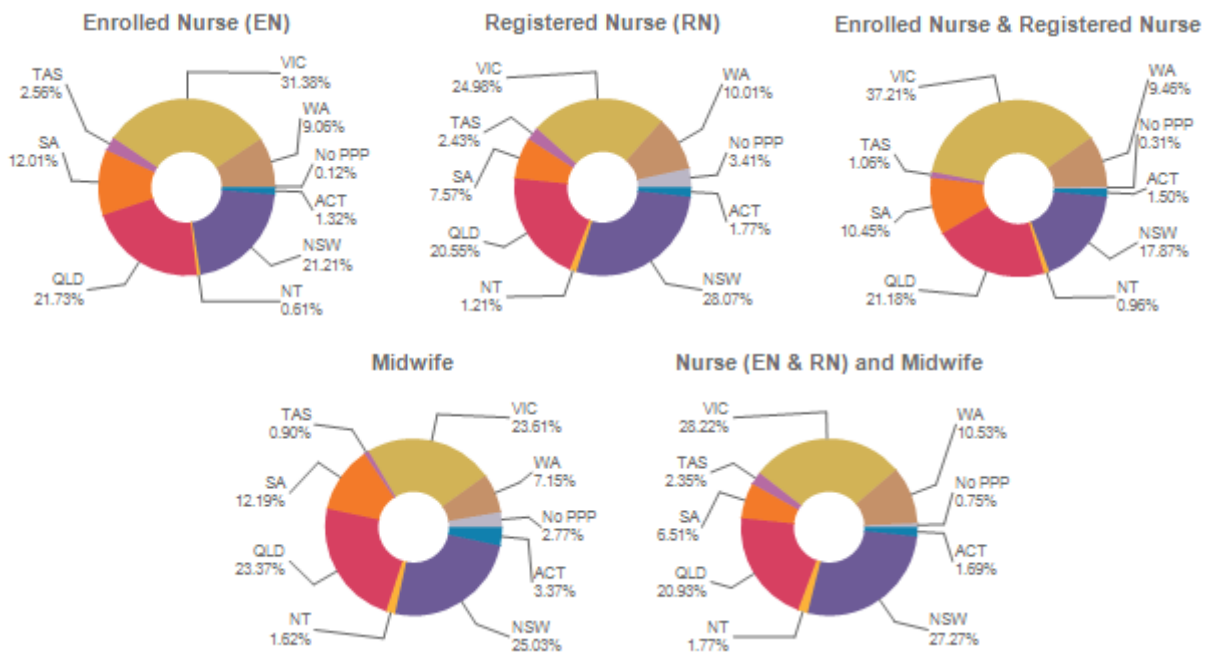
General registration

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)	989	15,903	460	16,289	9,001	1,918	23,529	6,789	91	74,969
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,306	100,261	4,308	73,404	27,022	8,688	89,229	35,755	12,192	357,165
EN & RN	164	1,948	105	2,309	1,139	116	4,057	1,031	34	10,903
Midwife	240	1,782	115	1,664	868	64	1,681	509	197	7,120
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	494	7,990	518	6,132	1,907	688	8,269	3,085	220	29,303

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Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



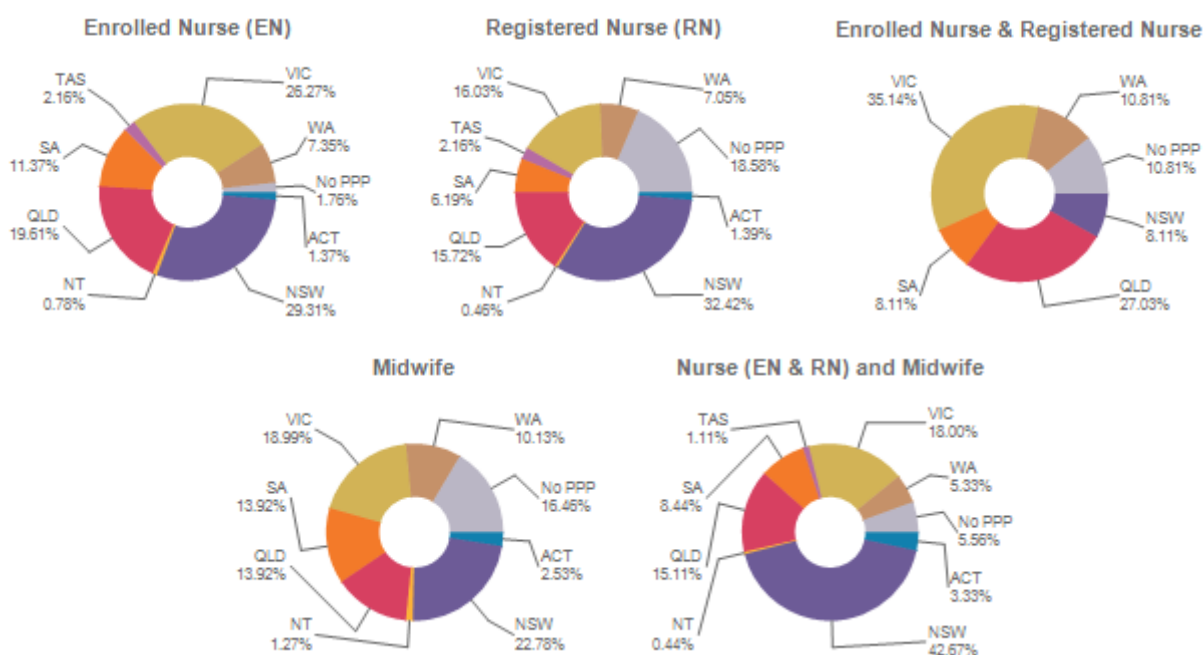
Non-practising registration

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)	14	299	8	200	116	22	268	75	18	1,020
Registered Nurse (RN)	60	1,398	20	678	267	93	691	304	801	4,312
EN & RN		3		10	3		13	4	4	37
Midwife	2	18	1	11	11		15	8	13	79
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	15	192	2	68	38	5	81	24	25	450

* 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 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice



Provisional registration

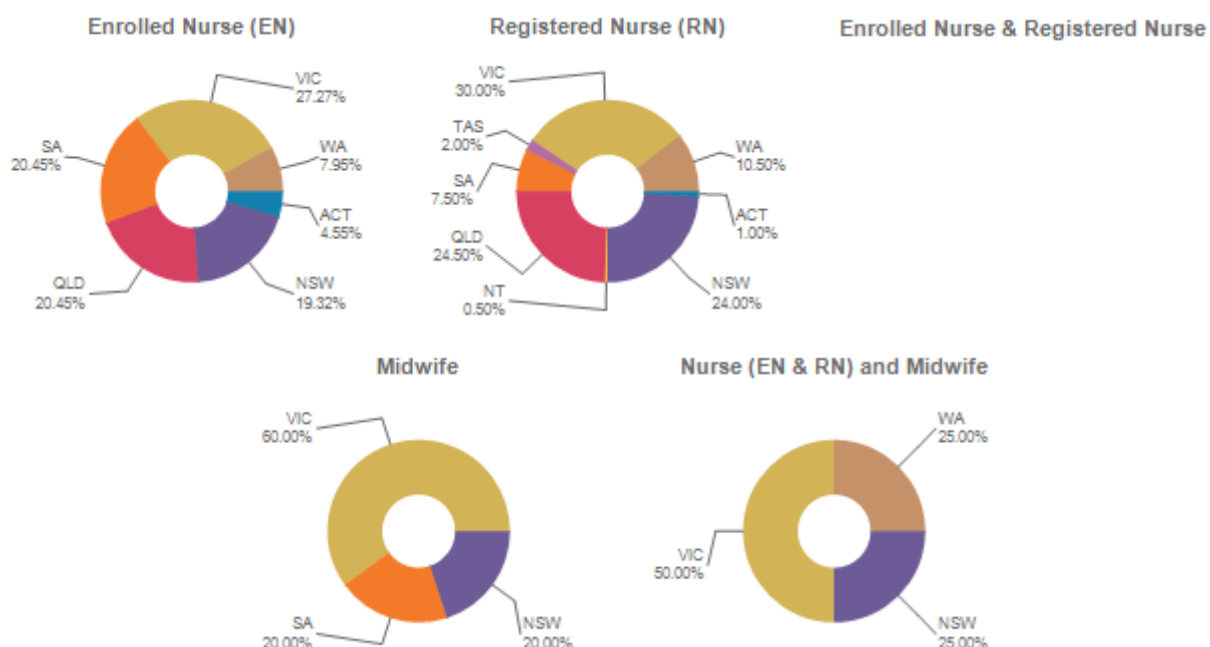
Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 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)	4	17		18	18		24	7		88
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	48	1	49	15	4	60	21		200
EN & RN										0
Midwife		1			1		3			5
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		1					2	1		4

* 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 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice



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	Nurse Practitioner	59	557	35	629	194	50	581	293	27	2,425
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	4	47	24	888	12	14	294	34	11	1,328
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								1
	Scheduled Medicines*	15	136	11	278	70	18	153	148	3	832
Total		78	741	70	1,795	276	82	1,028	475	41	4,586

* 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	2	16	5	1	28	29	35	167
Mental Health nursing	7	327	33	244	218	20	425	1,029	237	2,540
Paediatric Nursing	2	176	4	148	20	1	104	166	97	718
Total	9	554	39	408	243	22	557	1,224	369	3,425

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.

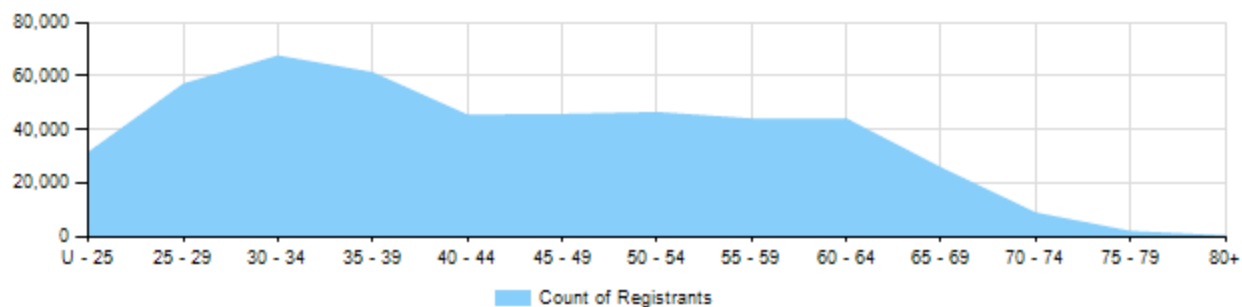
Age group

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	7,870	21,331	950	2	737	1	657	31,548	6.6%
25 - 29	8,551	43,046	2,017	18	2,147	18	1,133	56,930	11.9%
30 - 34	7,793	53,827	2,069	28	2,422	26	1,254	67,419	14.1%
35 - 39	7,032	49,069	1,748	16	2,251	16	1,068	61,200	12.8%
40 - 44	5,852	35,486	1,199	15	1,948	11	890	45,401	9.5%
45 - 49	6,258	35,244	996	17	2,357	8	743	45,623	9.5%
50 - 54	7,695	34,232	800	17	3,021	8	588	46,361	9.7%
55 - 59	8,629	30,018	618	8	4,323	5	367	43,968	9.2%
60 - 64	8,971	29,150	357		5,264	2	241	43,985	9.2%
65 - 69	4,719	17,557	116	1	3,195	2	122	25,712	5.4%
70 - 74	1,336	6,382	29		1,128		47	8,922	1.9%
75 - 79	235	1,503	4		248		7	1,997	0.4%
80+	28	320			43		3	394	<0.1%
Total	74,969	357,165	10,903	122	29,084	97	7,120	479,460	100.0%

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

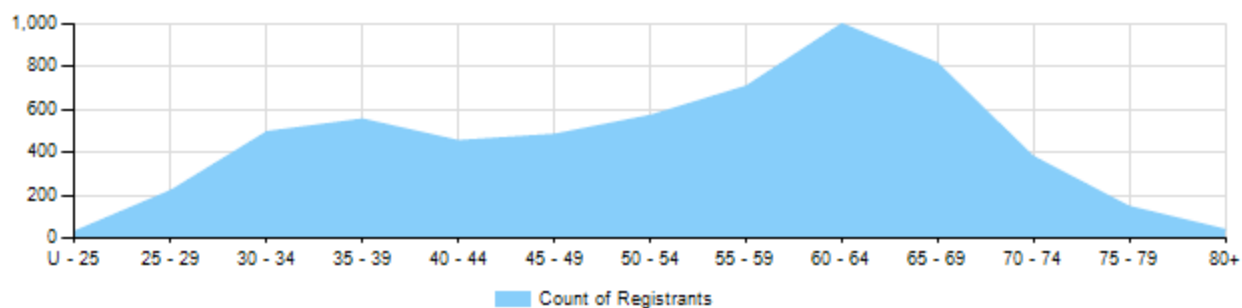


Non-practising registration

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	17	14					1	32	0.5%
25 - 29	44	165	2		6		5	222	3.8%
30 - 34	74	392	5		7		17	495	8.4%
35 - 39	81	434	6	1	19		13	554	9.4%
40 - 44	66	370	1		6		10	453	7.7%
45 - 49	76	369	4		24		10	483	8.2%
50 - 54	109	425	2		32		3	571	9.7%
55 - 59	192	454	5		46		10	707	12.0%
60 - 64	202	680	8		104		5	999	16.9%
65 - 69	116	588	4		102		5	815	13.8%
70 - 74	35	284			61			380	6.4%
75 - 79	6	111			30			147	2.5%
80+	2	26			12			40	0.7%
Total	1,020	4,312	37	1	449	0	79	5,898	100.0%

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group



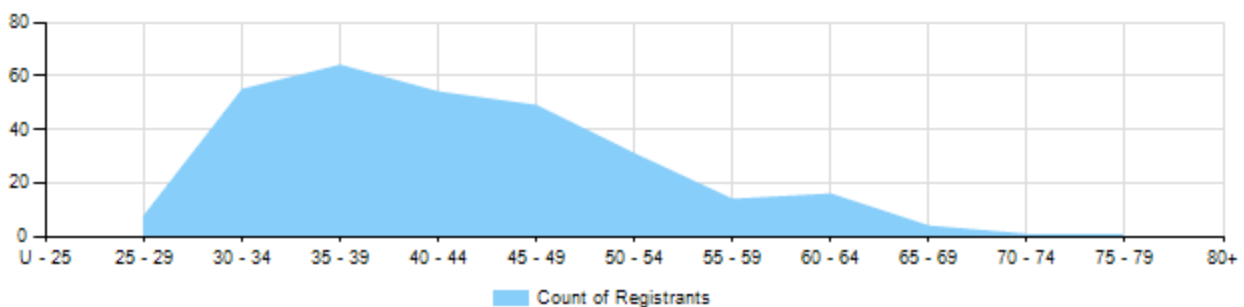
Provisional registration

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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	8					8	2.7%
30 - 34	15	38			2	55	18.5%
35 - 39	22	39		1	2	64	21.5%
40 - 44	16	37		1		54	18.2%
45 - 49	8	39		1	1	49	16.5%
50 - 54	8	23				31	10.4%
55 - 59	5	8		1		14	4.7%
60 - 64	5	11				16	5.4%
65 - 69	1	3				4	1.3%
70 - 74		1				1	0.3%
75 - 79		1				1	0.3%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	88	200	0	4	5	297	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)	867	13,960	380	14,590	8,003	1,713	21,170	6,168	80	66,931	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,431	86,498	3,612	64,317	23,640	7,583	78,535	32,165	10,315	312,096	
		EN & RN	129	1,657	90	2,008	942	105	3,454	922	31	9,338	
	Total Female General Nurse			6,427	102,115	4,082	80,915	32,585	9,401	103,159	39,255	10,426	388,365
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	122	1,942	80	1,699	998	205	2,359	619	11	8,035	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	874	13,759	696	9,082	3,381	1,103	10,687	3,588	1,873	45,043	
		EN & RN	35	291	15	301	197	11	603	109	3	1,565	
	Total Male General Nurse			1,031	15,992	791	11,082	4,576	1,319	13,649	4,316	1,887	54,643
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1						2		3	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	4		5	1	2	7	2	4	26	
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse			1	5	0	5	1	2	7	4	4	29
Total General Nurse			7,459	118,112	4,873	92,002	37,162	10,722	116,815	43,575	12,317	443,037	
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	22	3	37	15		37	5		120	
		RN & Midwife	480	7,764	478	5,998	1,851	672	8,109	3,019	216	28,587	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	21	2	7	4	2	42	16		95	
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife			482	7,807	483	6,042	1,870	674	8,188	3,040	216	28,802
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	12	181	34	89	37	14	80	45	4	496	
		EN & RN & Midwife		2									2
Total Male General Nurse and Midwife			12	183	35	90	37	14	80	45	4	500	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	RN & Midwife							1			1		
Total General Nurse and Midwife			494	7,990	518	6,132	1,907	688	8,269	3,085	220	29,303	

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		240	1,777	114	1,661	865	62	1,675	509	197	7,100
	Male			5	1	3	3	2	6			20
Total General Midwife			240	1,782	115	1,664	868	64	1,681	509	197	7,120
Total			8,193	127,884	5,506	99,798	39,937	11,474	126,765	47,169	12,734	479,460

* 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	7,149	111,699	4,679	88,618	35,320	10,137	113,022	42,804	10,839	424,267
Male	1,043	16,180	827	11,175	4,616	1,335	13,735	4,361	1,891	55,163
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	5		5	1	2	8	4	4	30

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.3%	87.3%	85.0%	88.8%	88.4%	88.3%	89.2%	90.7%	85.1%	88.5%
Male	12.7%	12.7%	15.0%	11.2%	11.6%	11.6%	10.8%	9.2%	14.9%	11.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<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)	14	271	8	188	111	21	252	71	16	952	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	52	1,236	17	626	225	82	608	281	654	3,781	
		EN & RN		2		10	3		11	4	4	34	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse			66	1,509	25	824	339	103	871	356	674	4,767
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		28		12	5	1	16	4	2	68	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	8	162	3	52	42	11	83	23	147	531	
		EN & RN		1					2			3	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse			8	191	3	64	47	12	101	27	149	602
	Total Non-practising Nurse			74	1,700	28	888	386	115	972	383	823	5,369
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1	
		RN & Midwife	15	187	2	65	37	5	80	24	25	440	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			15	187	2	65	37	5	81	24	25	441
	Male	RN & Midwife		5		3	1					9	
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			15	192	2	68	38	5	81	24	25	450	
Midwife	Female		2	18	1	11	10		15	8	13	78	
	Male						1					1	
Total Non-practising Midwife			2	18	1	11	11	0	15	8	13	79	
Total			91	1,910	31	967	435	120	1,068	415	861	5,898	

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	83	1,714	28	900	386	108	967	388	712	5,286
Male	8	196	3	67	49	12	101	27	149	612

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.2%	89.7%	90.3%	93.1%	88.7%	90.0%	90.5%	93.5%	82.7%	89.6%
Male	8.8%	10.3%	9.7%	6.9%	11.3%	10.0%	9.5%	6.5%	17.3%	10.4%

Provisional Registration

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Table 12.1 Provisional registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4	15		16	15		22	7	79
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	42	1	43	11	3	53	20	175
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		6	57	1	59	26	3	75	27	254
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		2	3		2		9
		Registered Nurse (RN)		6		6	4	1	7	1	25
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		0	8	0	8	7	1	9	1	34
Total Provisional Nurse			6	65	1	67	33	4	84	28	288
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		1					2	1	4
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4
Midwife	Female			1			1		3		5
Total Provisional Midwife			0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	5
Total			6	67	1	67	34	4	89	29	297

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	6	59	1	59	27	3	80	28		263
Male		8		8	7	1	9	1		34

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	88.1%	100.0%	88.1%	79.4%	75.0%	89.9%	96.6%		88.6%
Male		11.9%		11.9%	20.6%	25.0%	10.1%	3.4%		11.4%