

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.

Pandemic response sub-register

On 22 September 2021, Ahpra and National Boards established the 2021 sub-register, enabling practitioners (including psychologists) to return to practice for up to 12 months to work to the full scope of their registration (subject to any notations). In August 2022, National Boards determined to extend the sub-register for a further 12 months. Psychologists on the sub-register are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

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.

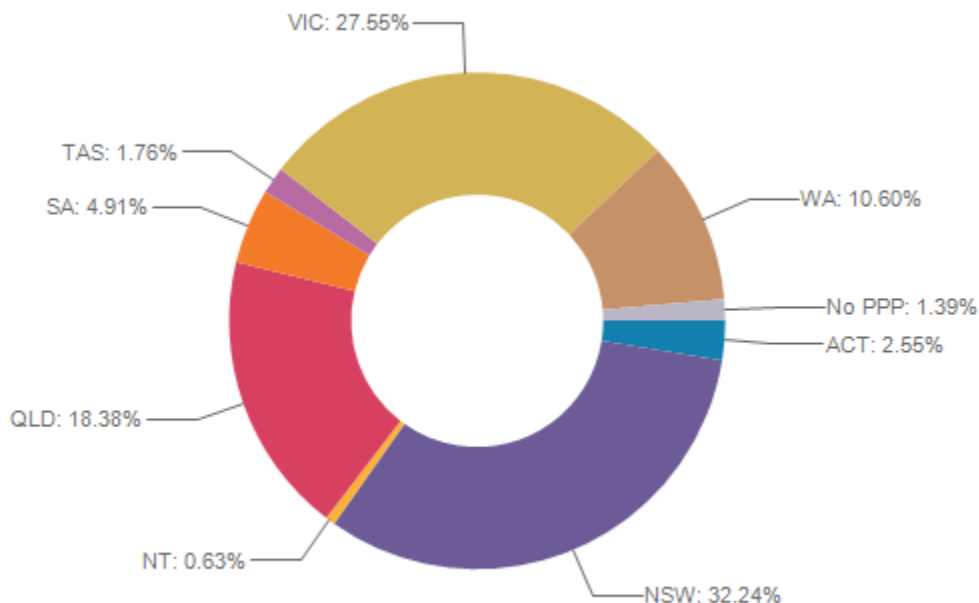
Registration type

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	11,389	218	6,575	1,765	621	9,925	3,765	405	35,588
Provisional	166	2,517	58	1,391	338	128	2,074	853	6	7,531
Non-practising	61	675	7	349	119	45	461	177	220	2,114
Total	1,152	14,581	283	8,315	2,222	794	12,460	4,795	631	45,233*

* Total figure includes 78 psychologists on the 2021 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	14	207	5	132	34	9	382	52	18	853
Clinical psychology	386	3,443	47	1,942	808	251	2,964	1,365	132	11,338
Community psychology	1	6	1	3	1		32	9		53
Counselling psychology	8	194		100	18	14	525	189	8	1,056
Educational and developmental psychology	11	160	1	176	33	18	401	67	7	874
Forensic psychology	15	241	10	74	37	9	215	56	4	661
Health psychology	6	68	1	68	40	10	141	4	1	339
Organisational psychology	16	214	1	105	58	2	185	62	7	650
Sport and exercise psychology	7	24		36	6	3	24	7		107
Total	464	4,557	66	2,636	1,035	316	4,869	1,811	177	15,931

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 31 December 2022 was 14,883.

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	13,905	919	51	6	1	1	14,883
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.4%	6.2%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							35,588
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	39.1%	2.6%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.8%

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	683	4.9%	853	5.4%
Clinical psychology	10,489	75.4%	11,338	71.2%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	53	0.3%
Counselling psychology	767	5.5%	1,056	6.6%
Educational and developmental psychology	703	5.1%	874	5.5%
Forensic psychology	380	2.7%	661	4.1%
Health psychology	182	1.3%	339	2.1%
Organisational psychology	582	4.2%	650	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	88	0.6%	107	0.7%
Total	13,905	100.0%	15,931	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	64	1,321	26	797	165	55	472	463	3	3,366
5+1 Internship	37	523	8	162	28	41	667	226	1	1,693
Higher Degree program	64	657	23	421	143	31	924	160	2	2,425
Transitional Program	1	16	1	11	2	1	11	4		47
Total	166	2,517	58	1,391	338	128	2,074	853	6	7,531

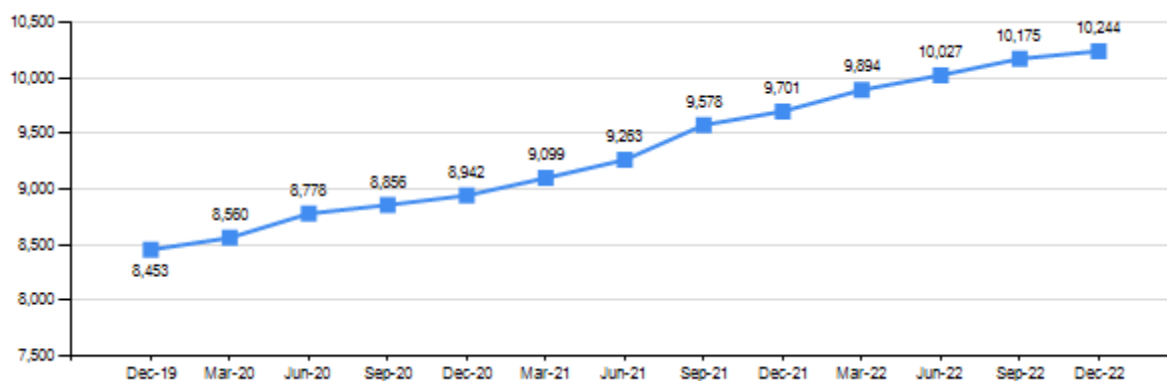
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	316	27.4%
NSW	3,401	23.3%
NT	61	21.6%
QLD	1,896	22.8%
SA	542	24.4%
TAS	210	26.4%
VIC	2,647	21.2%
WA	1,110	23.1%
No PPP	61	9.7%
Total	10,244	22.6%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



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	9	109	2	72	21	4	218	32	5	472
Clinical psychology	179	1,461	20	841	345	111	1,283	597	33	4,870
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			16	1		21
Counselling psychology	2	47		41	9	2	166	79		346
Educational and developmental psychology	2	70		79	18	9	142	33		353
Forensic psychology	9	131	6	34	19	4	113	24	3	343
Health psychology	3	26		37	19	3	65		1	154
Organisational psychology	6	80	1	55	20	2	84	22		270
Sport and exercise psychology	1	7		14	2	1	8	1		34
Total	212	1,932	30	1,174	453	136	2,095	789	42	6,863

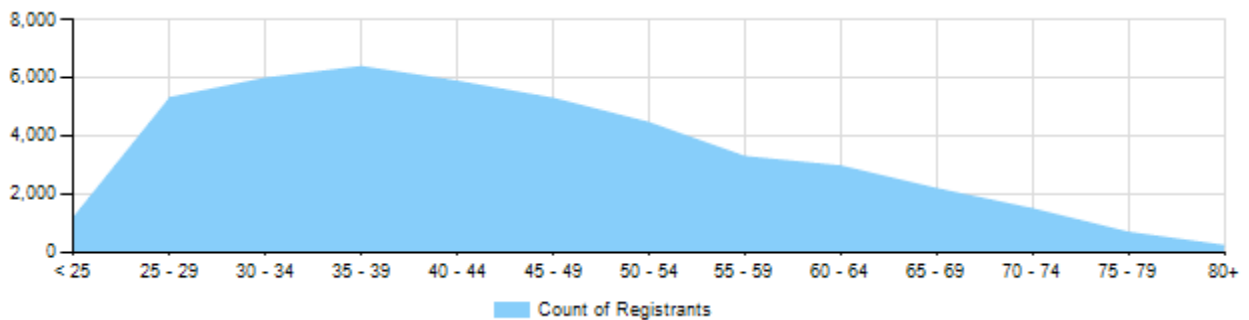
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
< 25	69	1,133	1	1,203
25 - 29	2,721	2,558	30	5,309
30 - 34	4,490	1,287	205	5,982
35 - 39	5,295	823	264	6,382
40 - 44	4,991	665	219	5,875
45 - 49	4,660	455	168	5,283
50 - 54	3,924	355	169	4,448
55 - 59	2,953	160	162	3,275
60 - 64	2,669	71	210	2,950
65 - 69	1,879	17	277	2,173
70 - 74	1,228	4	244	1,476
75 - 79	542	3	121	666
80+	167		44	211
Total	35,588	7,531	2,114	45,233

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	757	9,161	166	5,276	1,376	521	8,019	3,052	320	28,648
	Provisional	138	2,031	55	1,104	267	109	1,645	687	6	6,042
	Non-practising	45	513	5	284	90	33	378	155	177	1,680
Total female		940	11,705	226	6,664	1,733	663	10,042	3,894	503	36,370
Male	General	168	2,226	52	1,298	389	100	1,905	713	85	6,936
	Provisional	28	486	3	287	71	19	422	162		1,478
	Non-practising	16	162	2	65	29	12	83	22	43	434
Total male		212	2,874	57	1,650	489	131	2,410	897	128	8,848
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2		1			1			4
	Provisional							7	4		11
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	1	0	0	8	4	0	15
Total		1,152	14,581	283	8,315	2,222	794	12,460	4,795	631	45,233

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.6%	80.3%	79.9%	80.1%	78.0%	83.5%	80.6%	81.2%	79.7%	80.4%
Male	18.4%	19.7%	20.1%	19.8%	22.0%	16.5%	19.3%	18.7%	20.3%	19.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%