

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.

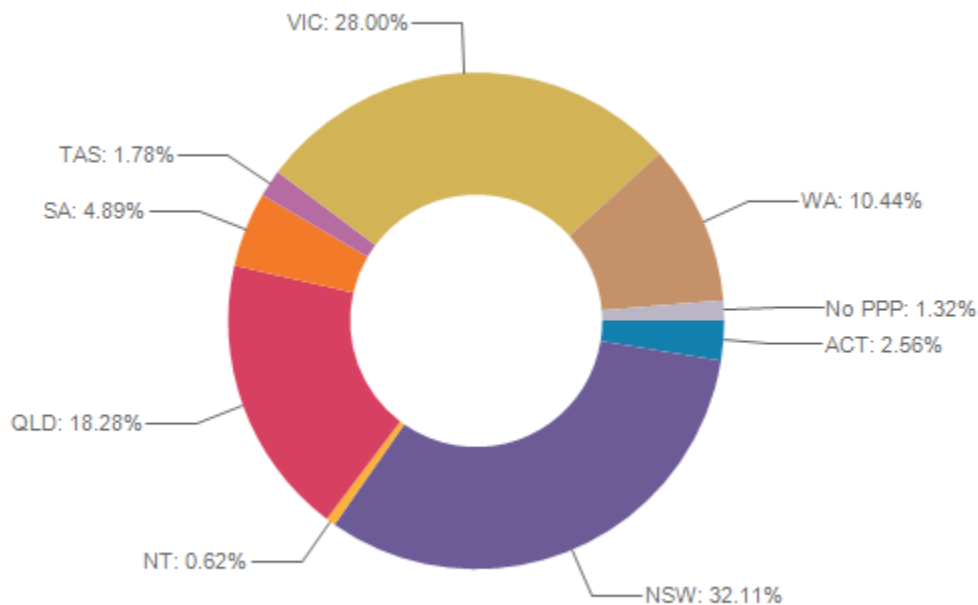
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	944	11,530	226	6,691	1,783	626	10,126	3,801	394	36,121
Provisional	186	2,730	57	1,455	377	160	2,402	867	10	8,244
Non-practising	54	579	5	300	99	36	414	158	205	1,850
Total	1,184	14,839	288	8,446	2,259	822	12,942	4,826	609	46,215

* Total figure includes 77 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	12	206	5	134	35	9	388	55	19	863
Clinical psychology	393	3,485	49	1,959	806	253	3,006	1,365	128	11,444
Community psychology	1	6	1	3			32	9		52
Counselling psychology	8	189		99	19	13	521	190	9	1,048
Educational and developmental psychology	9	160	1	176	33	18	401	64	7	869
Forensic psychology	14	239	10	74	35	9	214	55	4	654
Health psychology	5	66	1	67	41	10	141	4	1	336
Organisational psychology	16	216		103	54	2	187	64	7	649
Sport and exercise psychology	7	26		35	6	2	23	7		106
Total	465	4,593	67	2,650	1,029	316	4,913	1,813	175	16,021

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 March 2023 was 14,985.

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	14,017	911	49	6	1	1	14,985
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.5%	6.1%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							36,121
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	38.8%	2.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.5%

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	692	4.9%	863	5.4%
Clinical psychology	10,600	75.6%	11,444	71.4%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	52	0.3%
Counselling psychology	763	5.4%	1,048	6.5%
Educational and developmental psychology	702	5.0%	869	5.4%
Forensic psychology	376	2.7%	654	4.1%
Health psychology	182	1.3%	336	2.1%
Organisational psychology	582	4.2%	649	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	89	0.6%	106	0.7%
Total	14,017	100.0%	16,021	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	58	1,199	22	723	149	52	439	427	2	3,071
5+1 Internship	46	746	6	237	56	60	820	263	3	2,237
Higher Degree program	81	769	28	484	169	47	1,126	171	4	2,879
Transitional Program	1	16	1	11	3	1	17	6	1	57
Total	186	2,730	57	1,455	377	160	2,402	867	10	8,244

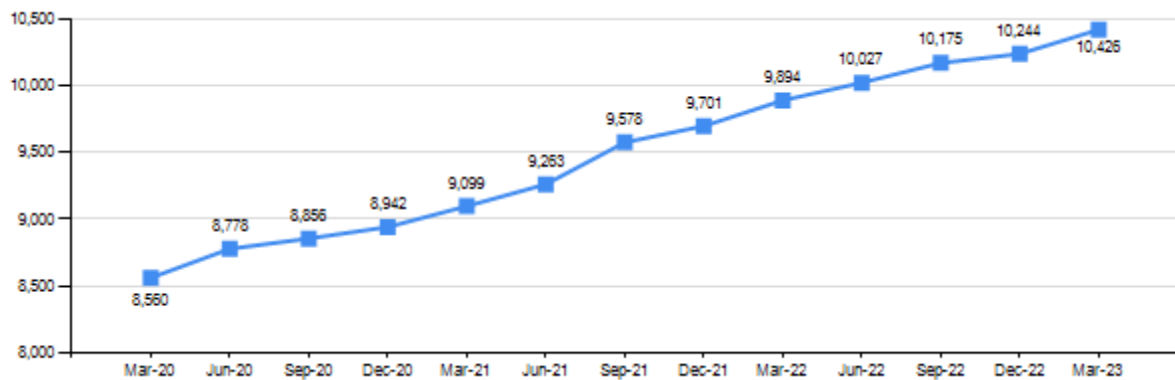
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	322	27.2%
NSW	3,472	23.4%
NT	61	21.2%
QLD	1,916	22.7%
SA	554	24.5%
TAS	208	25.3%
VIC	2,712	21.0%
WA	1,118	23.2%
No PPP	63	10.3%
Total	10,426	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	8	110	2	75	21	4	218	31	5	474
Clinical psychology	188	1,491	24	851	358	110	1,326	600	33	4,981
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			16	1		21
Counselling psychology	2	50		41	10	1	168	79	1	352
Educational and developmental psychology	2	71		81	18	9	145	32	1	359
Forensic psychology	9	136	6	35	19	4	115	24	3	351
Health psychology	3	25		38	19	3	71		1	160
Organisational psychology	7	84		54	21	2	87	22		277
Sport and exercise psychology	1	8		15	2	1	9	1		37
Total	221	1,976	33	1,191	468	134	2,155	790	44	7,012

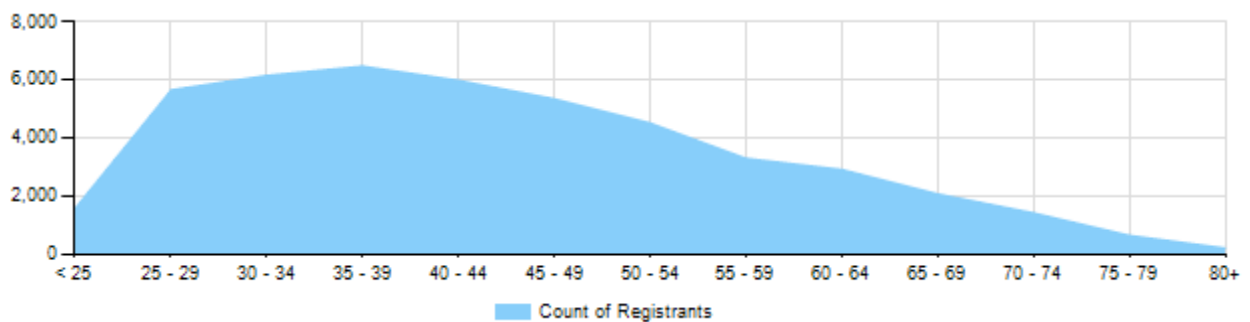
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
< 25	127	1,448		1,575
25 - 29	2,961	2,668	25	5,654
30 - 34	4,630	1,349	172	6,151
35 - 39	5,294	943	238	6,475
40 - 44	5,091	691	202	5,984
45 - 49	4,707	485	153	5,345
50 - 54	3,954	400	158	4,512
55 - 59	2,971	170	154	3,295
60 - 64	2,667	65	178	2,910
65 - 69	1,818	20	227	2,065
70 - 74	1,207	3	204	1,414
75 - 79	535	2	99	636
80+	159		40	199
Total	36,121	8,244	1,850	46,215

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	774	9,290	171	5,388	1,396	524	8,195	3,080	312	29,130
	Provisional	150	2,196	53	1,139	299	138	1,916	689	9	6,589
	Non-practising	39	443	4	242	72	24	342	140	165	1,471
Total female		963	11,929	228	6,769	1,767	686	10,453	3,909	486	37,190
Male	General	170	2,238	55	1,302	387	102	1,930	721	82	6,987
	Provisional	36	534	4	315	78	22	477	173	1	1,640
	Non-practising	15	136	1	58	27	12	72	18	40	379
Total male		221	2,908	60	1,675	492	136	2,479	912	123	9,006
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2		1			1			4
	Provisional				1			9	5		15
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	2	0	0	10	5	0	19
Total		1,184	14,839	288	8,446	2,259	822	12,942	4,826	609	46,215

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.3%	80.4%	79.2%	80.1%	78.2%	83.5%	80.8%	81.0%	79.8%	80.5%
Male	18.7%	19.6%	20.8%	19.8%	21.8%	16.5%	19.2%	18.9%	20.2%	19.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	0.1%		<0.1%