

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). These psychologists 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

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.

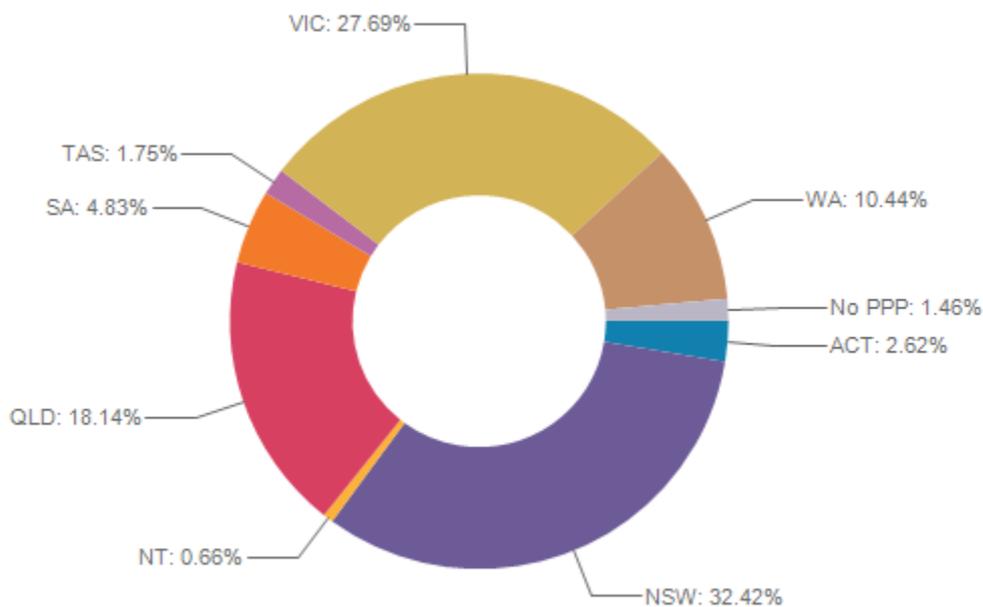
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	914	11,151	229	6,234	1,681	608	9,607	3,608	423	34,455
Provisional	155	2,108	47	1,234	291	108	1,853	718	5	6,519
Non-practising	40	486	2	222	75	25	280	102	190	1,422
Total	1,109	13,745	278	7,690	2,047	741	11,740	4,428	618	42,396*

* Total figure includes 588 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	12	196	6	123	33	9	363	40	12	794
Clinical psychology	360	3,186	42	1,762	761	233	2,754	1,307	135	10,540
Community psychology	1	5	1	3	1		32	11		54
Counselling psychology	9	200		96	17	10	536	179	13	1,060
Educational and developmental psychology	12	161	3	160	32	20	334	69	10	801
Forensic psychology	14	241	11	74	39	6	203	55	6	649
Health psychology	5	70	1	65	32	10	142	5	2	332
Organisational psychology	13	202	1	101	57	2	178	52	9	615
Sport and exercise psychology	7	24		36	7	3	22	6		105
Total	433	4,285	65	2,420	979	293	4,564	1,724	187	14,950

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 September 2021 was 13,902.

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	12,927	913	54	6	1	1	13,902
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.0%	6.6%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,455
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	37.5%	2.6%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	40.3%

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	628	4.9%	794	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,699	75.0%	10,540	70.5%
Community psychology	30	0.2%	54	0.4%
Counselling psychology	760	5.9%	1,060	7.1%
Educational and developmental psychology	623	4.8%	801	5.4%
Forensic psychology	377	2.9%	649	4.3%
Health psychology	177	1.4%	332	2.2%
Organisational psychology	547	4.2%	615	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	86	0.7%	105	0.7%
Total	12,927	100.0%	14,950	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	48	996	16	577	113	35	308	303	1	2,397
5+1 Internship	29	462	10	159	17	36	549	206	3	1,471
Higher Degree program	76	637	21	488	156	36	983	207	1	2,605
Transitional Program	2	13		9	5	1	11	2		43
To be determined				1						1
No pathway							2			2
Total	155	2,108	47	1,234	291	108	1,853	718	5	6,519

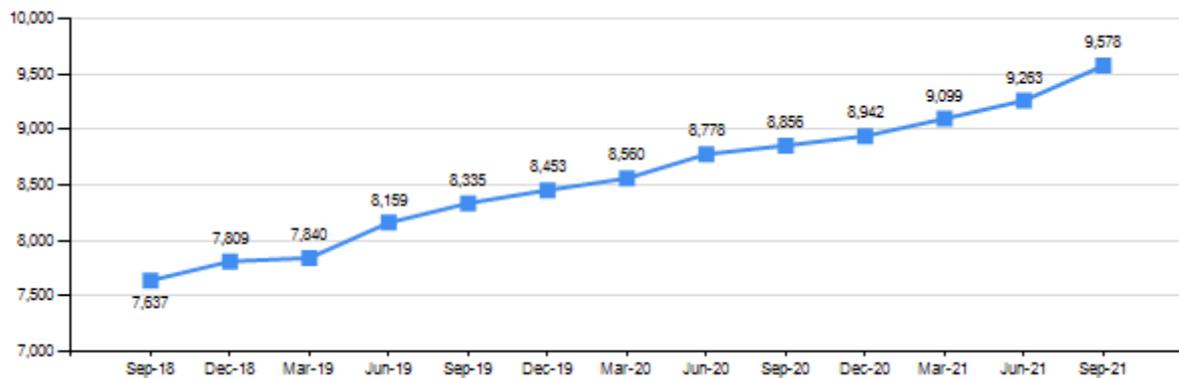
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	312	28.1%
NSW	3,149	22.9%
NT	64	23.0%
QLD	1,774	23.1%
SA	515	25.2%
TAS	197	26.6%
VIC	2,447	20.8%
WA	1,058	23.9%
No PPP	62	10.0%
Total	9,578	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	7	102	2	72	19	5	222	25	3	457
Clinical psychology	167	1,316	20	758	316	101	1,159	585	28	4,450
Community psychology		1	1	1			17	2		22
Counselling psychology	3	46		40	9	2	179	80		359
Educational and developmental psychology	2	62		82	18	9	124	24		321
Forensic psychology	8	124	4	35	19	4	101	27	4	326
Health psychology	3	25		35	14	3	63		1	144
Organisational psychology	5	74	1	49	20	2	78	19	2	250
Sport and exercise psychology	1	6		12	2		7	1		29
Total	196	1,756	28	1,084	417	126	1,950	763	38	6,358

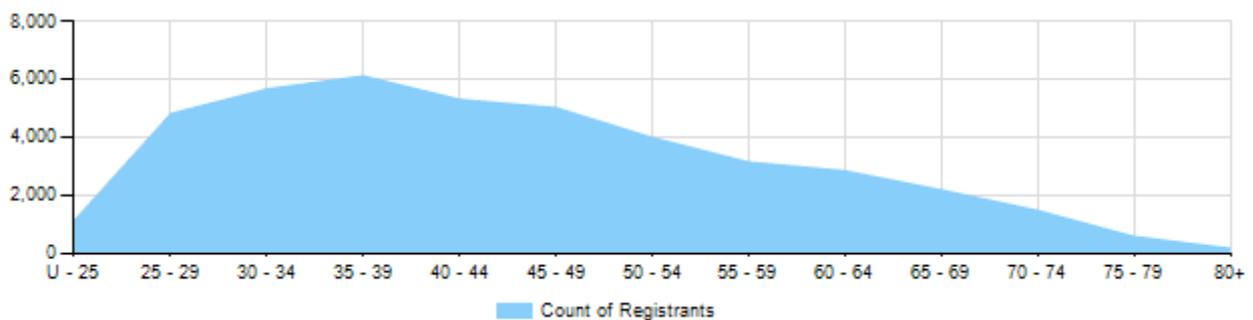
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	64	1,067		1,131
25 - 29	2,482	2,322	13	4,817
30 - 34	4,450	1,095	123	5,668
35 - 39	5,226	700	193	6,119
40 - 44	4,651	506	149	5,306
45 - 49	4,512	378	130	5,020
50 - 54	3,593	260	137	3,990
55 - 59	2,905	123	111	3,139
60 - 64	2,642	52	143	2,837
65 - 69	1,994	11	170	2,175
70 - 74	1,312	4	152	1,468
75 - 79	491	1	75	567
80+	133		26	159
Total	34,455	6,519	1,422	42,396

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	731	8,944	176	5,005	1,301	513	7,745	2,929	331	27,675
	Provisional	135	1,694	40	978	231	92	1,513	584	4	5,271
	Non-practising	28	364	1	170	57	15	225	88	149	1,097
Total female		894	11,002	217	6,153	1,589	620	9,483	3,601	484	34,043
Male	General	183	2,205	53	1,229	380	95	1,861	679	92	6,777
	Provisional	20	414	7	255	60	16	339	132	1	1,244
	Non-practising	12	122	1	52	18	10	55	14	41	325
Total male		215	2,741	61	1,536	458	121	2,255	825	134	8,346
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2					1			3
	Provisional				1			1	2		4
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	7
Total		1,109	13,745	278	7,690	2,047	741	11,740	4,428	618	42,396

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.6%	80.0%	78.1%	80.0%	77.6%	83.7%	80.8%	81.3%	78.3%	80.3%
Male	19.4%	19.9%	21.9%	20.0%	22.4%	16.3%	19.2%	18.6%	21.7%	19.7%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%