

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

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.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the NMBA's website:

www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

Pandemic response sub-register

Ahpra and the National Boards supported the COVID-19 response by helping provide access to a potential surge workforce when the healthcare system was experiencing changing demands due to outbreaks of COVID-19 variants.

Temporary Pandemic response sub-registers were first established in April 2020 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners.

On 8 June 2023, the Pandemic response sub-registers were closed and all practitioners registered on them were transitioned to the public register. For more information see the [COVID-19 page](#) on Ahpra's website.

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)	858	14,096	414	14,886	8,439	1,777	21,729	6,263	111	68,573	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,165	97,911	3,977	74,082	26,793	8,643	89,433	36,150	16,954	360,108	
		EN & RN	234	2,262	124	2,226	1,139	146	4,202	1,061	35	11,429	
	Total General Nurse			7,257	114,269	4,515	91,194	36,371	10,566	115,364	43,474	17,100	440,110
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	41	616	19	667	331	57	808	273	26	2,838	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	184	3,006	57	1,931	763	240	2,079	849	1,132	10,241	
		EN & RN	1	9	1	19	8		39	7	6	90	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			226	3,631	77	2,617	1,102	297	2,926	1,129	1,164	13,169
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		16	1	17	13	1	24	10	1	83	
		Registered Nurse (RN)		34	6	39	13	4	42	13	2	153	
	Total Provisional Nurse			0	50	7	56	26	5	66	23	3	236
	Total Nurse			7,483	117,950	4,599	93,867	37,499	10,868	118,356	44,626	18,267	453,515

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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	2	19	2	33	11		34	4		105	
		RN & Midwife	407	6,764	439	5,272	1,522	606	7,469	2,728	230	25,437	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	26	2	10	4	1	45	13		103	
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		411	6,809	443	5,315	1,537	607	7,548	2,745	230	25,645	
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife				1			1				2
		RN & Midwife	30	339	7	140	77	15	199	65	32		904
		EN & RN & Midwife							1				1
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		30	339	7	141	77	15	201	65	32		907
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		1		1							2
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Non-practising and Provisional	RN & Midwife					1						1	
Total Non-practising and Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total Nurse and Midwife			441	7,149	450	5,457	1,615	622	7,749	2,810	262	26,555	
Midwife	General		242	1,837	113	1,793	906	78	1,653	553	235	7,410	
	Non-practising		7	62	2	69	29	2	60	11	28	270	
	Provisional								3			3	
Total Midwife			249	1,899	115	1,862	935	80	1,716	564	263	7,683	
Total			8,173	126,998	5,164	101,186	40,049	11,570	127,821	48,000	18,792	487,753	

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

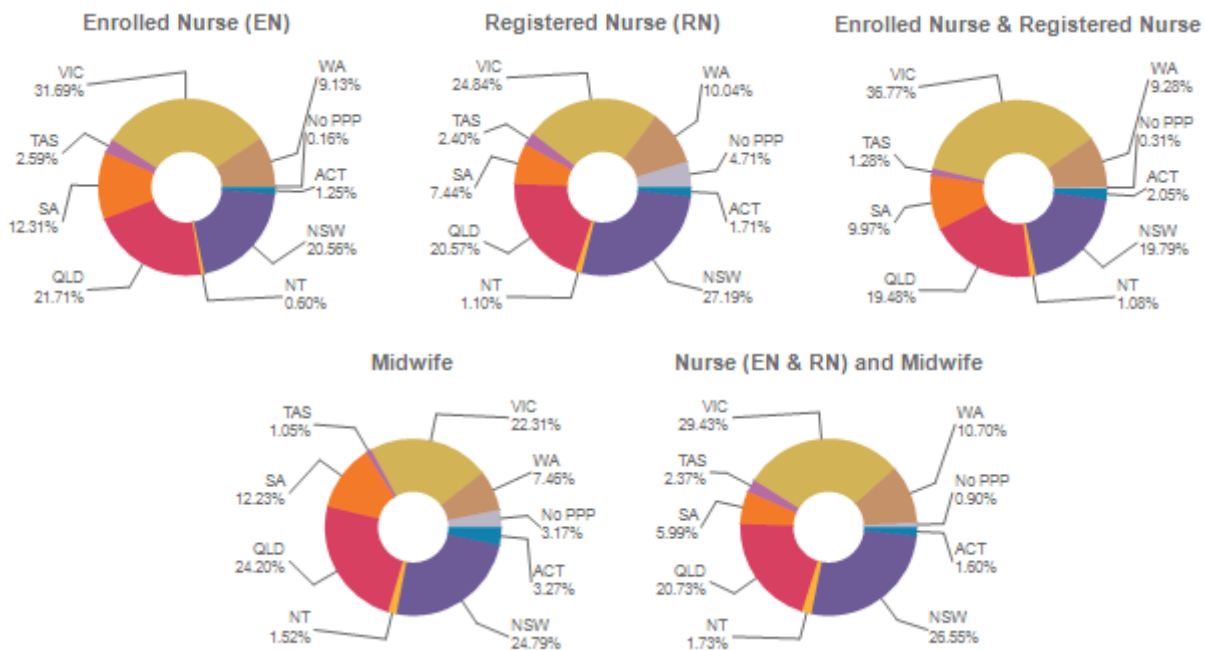
General registration

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)	858	14,096	414	14,886	8,439	1,777	21,729	6,263	111	68,573
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,165	97,911	3,977	74,082	26,793	8,643	89,433	36,150	16,954	360,108
EN & RN	234	2,262	124	2,226	1,139	146	4,202	1,061	35	11,429
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Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	411	6,809	443	5,315	1,537	607	7,548	2,745	230	25,645

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Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



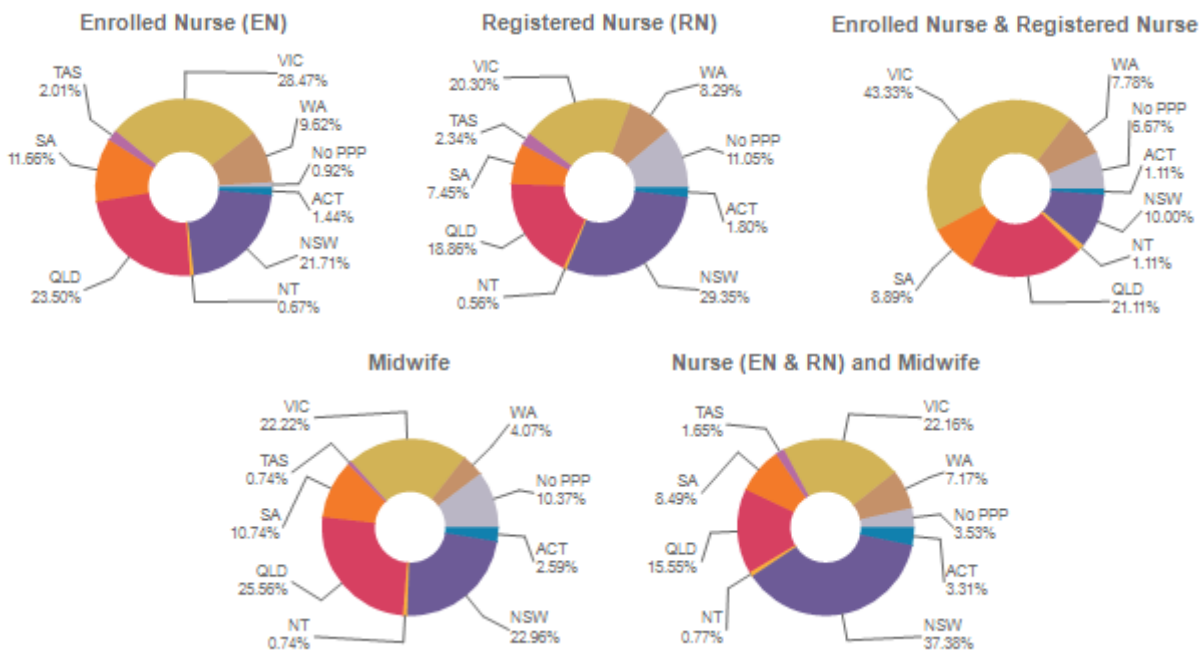
Non-practising registration

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)	41	616	19	667	331	57	808	273	26	2,838
Registered Nurse (RN)	184	3,006	57	1,931	763	240	2,079	849	1,132	10,241
EN & RN	1	9	1	19	8		39	7	6	90
Midwife	7	62	2	69	29	2	60	11	28	270
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	30	339	7	141	77	15	201	65	32	907

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



Provisional registration

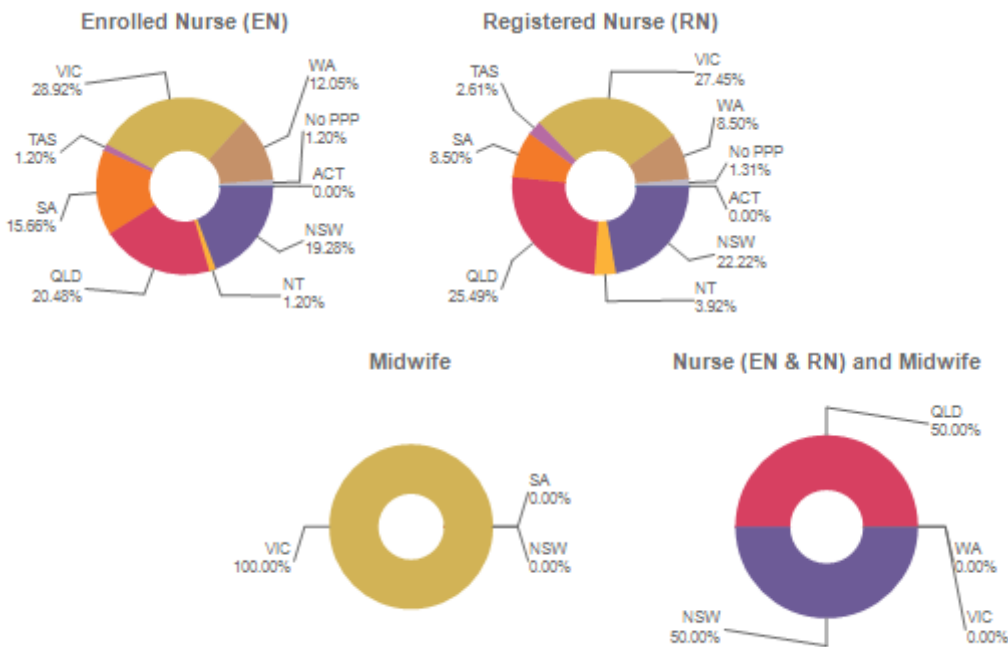
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Table 4.1 Totals for practitioners with provisional registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)		16	1	17	13	1	24	10	1	83
Registered Nurse (RN)		34	6	39	13	4	42	13	2	153
Midwife							3			3
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		1		1						2

* 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	61	617	33	704	198	54	641	318	30	2,656
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	50	29	824	10	21	281	29	9	1,258
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								1
	Scheduled Medicines*	21	157	18	348	87	19	176	189	74	1,089
Total		87	825	80	1,876	295	94	1,098	536	113	5,004

* 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		69		21	3		23	29	31	176
Mental Health nursing	7	385	24	250	184	28	436	919	247	2,480
Paediatric Nursing	3	185	2	177	22	2	110	175	103	779
Total	10	639	26	448	209	30	569	1,123	381	3,435

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.

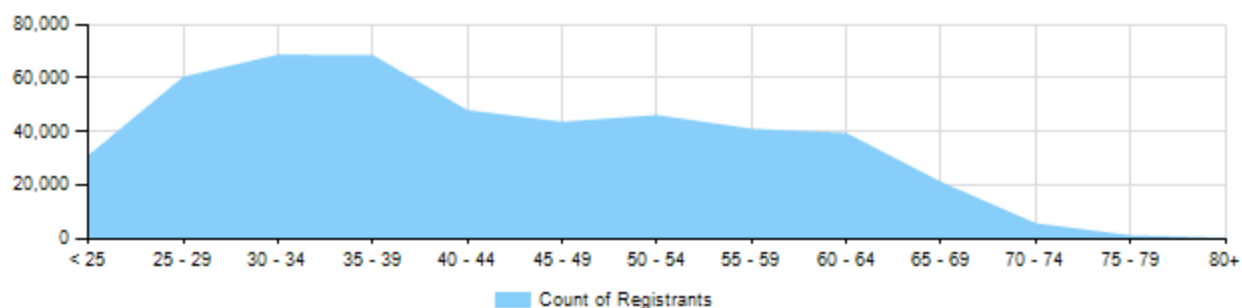
Age group

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			
< 25	7,454	21,312	841	1	711		678	30,997	6.6%
25 - 29	8,694	45,832	2,260	16	2,185	22	1,189	60,198	12.7%
30 - 34	7,713	54,989	2,017	19	2,422	25	1,281	68,466	14.5%
35 - 39	6,830	56,077	1,968	16	2,275	17	1,117	68,300	14.4%
40 - 44	5,651	37,789	1,353	17	2,005	14	940	47,769	10.1%
45 - 49	5,499	34,084	987	13	2,078	8	764	43,433	9.2%
50 - 54	6,728	35,013	847	12	2,701	7	631	45,939	9.7%
55 - 59	7,504	28,888	603	5	3,441	6	391	40,838	8.6%
60 - 64	7,638	26,574	400	5	4,369	3	242	39,231	8.3%
65 - 69	3,908	14,427	127	1	2,443	1	128	21,035	4.4%
70 - 74	808	4,088	21		655		40	5,612	1.2%
75 - 79	129	885	5		128		8	1,155	0.2%
80+	17	150			24		1	192	<0.1%
Total	68,573	360,108	11,429	105	25,437	103	7,410	473,165	100.0%

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

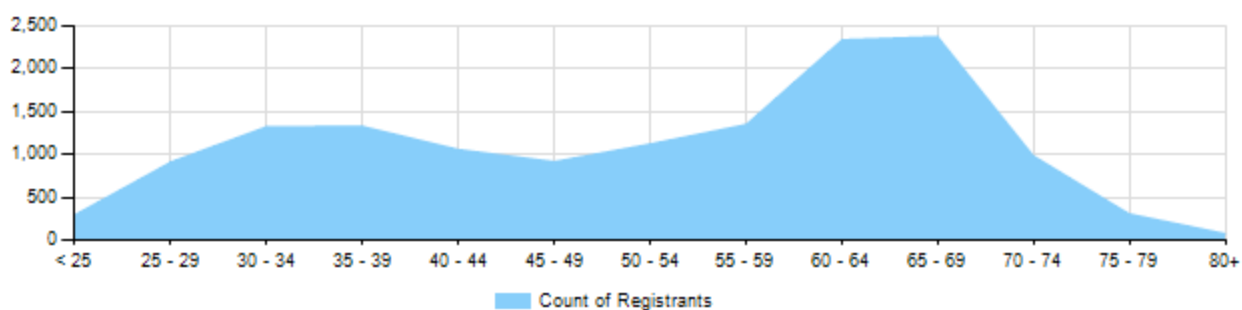


Non-practising registration

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			
< 25	165	120	1				10	296	2.1%
25 - 29	237	637	6		13		18	911	6.4%
30 - 34	295	946	13	1	29	1	36	1,321	9.2%
35 - 39	230	997	18	1	44		34	1,324	9.2%
40 - 44	197	792	5		27		34	1,055	7.4%
45 - 49	186	672	2		31		22	913	6.4%
50 - 54	255	780	6		57		20	1,118	7.8%
55 - 59	366	859	8		91		22	1,346	9.4%
60 - 64	480	1,607	15	2	201		30	2,333	16.3%
65 - 69	324	1,772	11		229		34	2,370	16.5%
70 - 74	86	764	5		119		7	981	6.8%
75 - 79	16	236			49		3	304	2.1%
80+	1	59			14			74	0.5%
Total	2,838	10,241	90	2	904	1	270	14,346	100.0%

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group



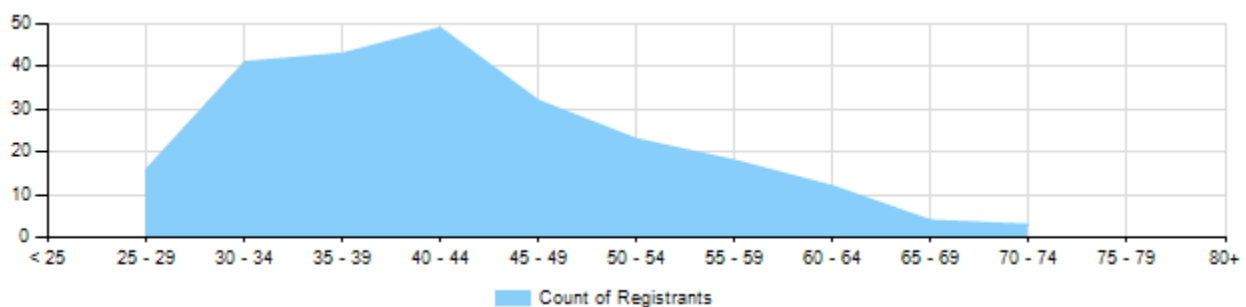
Provisional registration

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 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse		Nurse and Midwife	Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	RN			
< 25					0	0.0%
25 - 29	10	6			16	6.6%
30 - 34	17	24			41	17.0%
35 - 39	15	27		1	43	17.8%
40 - 44	15	33	1		49	20.3%
45 - 49	9	22		1	32	13.3%
50 - 54	6	15	1	1	23	9.5%
55 - 59	6	12			18	7.5%
60 - 64	4	8			12	5.0%
65 - 69		4			4	1.7%
70 - 74	1	2			3	1.2%
75 - 79					0	0.0%
80+					0	0.0%
Total	83	153	2	3	241	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)	741	12,344	345	13,372	7,385	1,597	19,493	5,680	102	61,059	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,310	84,402	3,355	64,768	23,391	7,548	78,495	32,435	14,412	314,116	
		EN & RN	194	1,966	110	1,936	948	133	3,574	955	31	9,847	
	Total Female General Nurse			6,245	98,712	3,810	80,076	31,724	9,278	101,562	39,070	14,545	385,022
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	117	1,750	69	1,513	1,054	180	2,236	582	9	7,510	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	854	13,499	622	9,301	3,400	1,092	10,921	3,712	2,540	45,941	
		EN & RN	40	296	14	290	191	13	628	106	4	1,582	
	Total Male General Nurse			1,011	15,545	705	11,104	4,645	1,285	13,785	4,400	2,553	55,033
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		1				1		4	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	10		13	2	3	17	3	2	51	
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse			1	12	0	14	2	3	17	4	2	55
	Total General Nurse			7,257	114,269	4,515	91,194	36,371	10,566	115,364	43,474	17,100	440,110
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	2	19	1	32	11		34	4		103	
		RN & Midwife	395	6,626	409	5,195	1,501	595	7,401	2,699	228	25,049	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	23	2	10	4	1	45	13		100	
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife			399	6,668	412	5,237	1,516	596	7,480	2,716	228	25,252
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	12	138	30	77	21	11	67	29	2	387	
		EN & RN & Midwife		3									3
Total Male General Nurse and Midwife			12	141	31	78	21	11	67	29	2	392	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	RN & Midwife							1			1		
Total General Nurse and Midwife			411	6,809	443	5,315	1,537	607	7,548	2,745	230	25,645	

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		242	1,832	113	1,790	904	76	1,647	552	235	7,391
	Male			5		3	2	2	6	1		19
Total General Midwife			242	1,837	113	1,793	906	78	1,653	553	235	7,410
Total			7,910	122,915	5,071	98,302	38,814	11,251	124,565	46,772	17,565	473,165

* 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	6,886	107,212	4,335	87,103	34,144	9,950	110,689	42,338	15,008	417,665
Male	1,023	15,691	736	11,185	4,668	1,298	13,858	4,430	2,555	55,444
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	12		14	2	3	18	4	2	56

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.1%	87.2%	85.5%	88.6%	88.0%	88.4%	88.9%	90.5%	85.4%	88.3%
Male	12.9%	12.8%	14.5%	11.4%	12.0%	11.5%	11.1%	9.5%	14.5%	11.7%
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)	40	555	18	605	308	52	742	250	23	2,593	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	151	2,674	52	1,746	678	206	1,846	783	939	9,075	
		EN & RN	1	9	1	16	8		31	7	6	79	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		192	3,238	71	2,367	994	258	2,619	1,040	968	11,747	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	61	1	62	23	5	66	23	3	245	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	33	332	5	185	85	34	233	66	193	1,166	
		EN & RN				3			8			11	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		34	393	6	250	108	39	307	89	196	1,422	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			226	3,631	77	2,617	1,102	297	2,926	1,129	1,164	13,169
	Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife				1			1			2
RN & Midwife			30	327	7	137	76	15	198	63	31	884	
EN & RN & Midwife									1			1	
Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		30	327	7	138	76	15	200	63	31	887		
Male		RN & Midwife		12		3	1		1	2	1	20	
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			30	339	7	141	77	15	201	65	32	907	
Midwife	Female		7	62	2	69	29	2	60	11	28	270	
Total Non-practising Midwife			7	62	2	69	29	2	60	11	28	270	
Total			263	4,032	86	2,827	1,208	314	3,187	1,205	1,224	14,346	

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	229	3,627	80	2,574	1,099	275	2,879	1,114	1,027	12,904
Male	34	405	6	253	109	39	308	91	197	1,442

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.1%	90.0%	93.0%	91.1%	91.0%	87.6%	90.3%	92.4%	83.9%	89.9%
Male	12.9%	10.0%	7.0%	8.9%	9.0%	12.4%	9.7%	7.6%	16.1%	10.1%

Provisional Registration

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Table 12.1 Provisional registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	13	1	16	11	1	21	10	1	74
		Registered Nurse (RN)	28	6	34	12	3	40	13	2	138
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		41	7	50	23	4	61	23	3	212
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	3		1	2		3			9
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6		5	1	1	2			15
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		9	0	6	3	1	5	0	0	24
Total Provisional Nurse			50	7	56	26	5	66	23	3	236
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife	1		1						2
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Midwife	Female							3			3
Total Provisional Midwife			0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total			51	7	57	26	5	69	23	3	241

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female		42	7	51	23	4	64	23	3	217
Male		9		6	3	1	5			24

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female		82.4%	100.0%	89.5%	88.5%	80.0%	92.8%	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%
Male		17.6%		10.5%	11.5%	20.0%	7.2%			10.0%