

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.

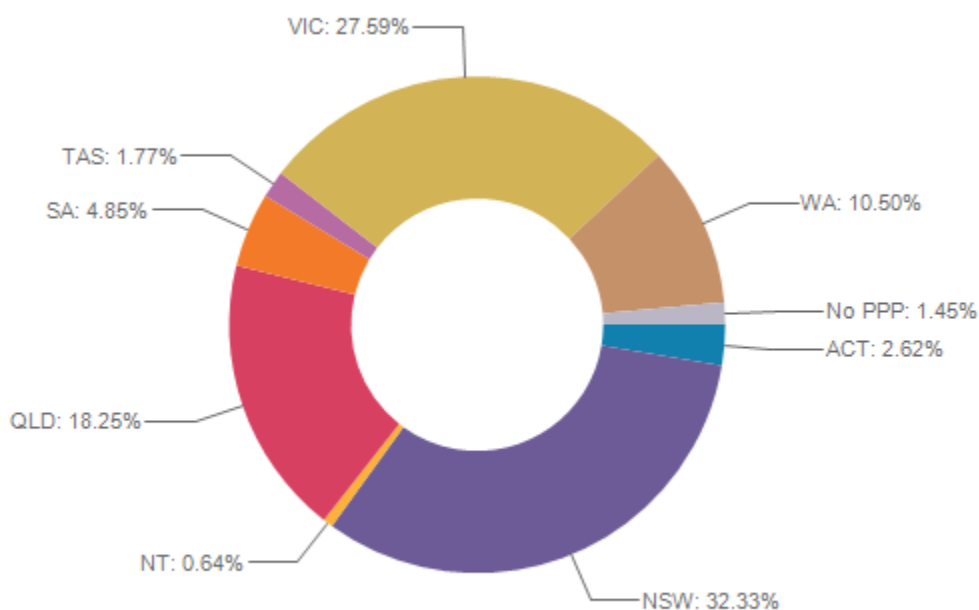
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	919	11,104	225	6,271	1,683	615	9,594	3,606	400	34,417
Provisional	147	2,077	44	1,214	286	105	1,807	722	6	6,408
Non-practising	53	612	5	298	98	35	369	150	212	1,832
Total	1,119	13,793	274	7,783	2,067	755	11,770	4,478	618	42,657*

* Total figure includes 450 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	13	201	6	120	34	9	365	44	13	805
Clinical psychology	364	3,257	41	1,798	772	242	2,805	1,307	130	10,716
Community psychology	2	5	1	3	1		31	10		53
Counselling psychology	9	199		96	17	12	530	181	10	1,054
Educational and developmental psychology	12	163	3	168	32	19	339	67	7	810
Forensic psychology	15	239	10	72	38	7	211	56	6	654
Health psychology	5	70	1	65	32	10	142	5	2	332
Organisational psychology	14	203	1	101	58	2	179	58	6	622
Sport and exercise psychology	7	24		36	6	3	23	6		105
Total	441	4,361	63	2,459	990	304	4,625	1,734	174	15,151

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 2021 was 14,104.

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	13,130	912	54	6	1	1	14,104
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.1%	6.5%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							34,417
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	38.1%	2.6%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.0%

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	639	4.9%	805	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,875	75.2%	10,716	70.7%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	53	0.3%
Counselling psychology	753	5.7%	1,054	7.0%
Educational and developmental psychology	635	4.8%	810	5.3%
Forensic psychology	380	2.9%	654	4.3%
Health psychology	177	1.3%	332	2.2%
Organisational psychology	554	4.2%	622	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	86	0.7%	105	0.7%
Total	13,130	100.0%	15,151	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	49	1,013	15	605	117	39	331	320		2,489
5+1 Internship	27	435	7	153	15	34	547	201	4	1,423
Higher Degree program	68	613	22	445	149	31	914	200	2	2,444
Transitional Program	2	16		10	5	1	12	1		47
To be determined				1			1			2
No pathway	1						2			3
Total	147	2,077	44	1,214	286	105	1,807	722	6	6,408

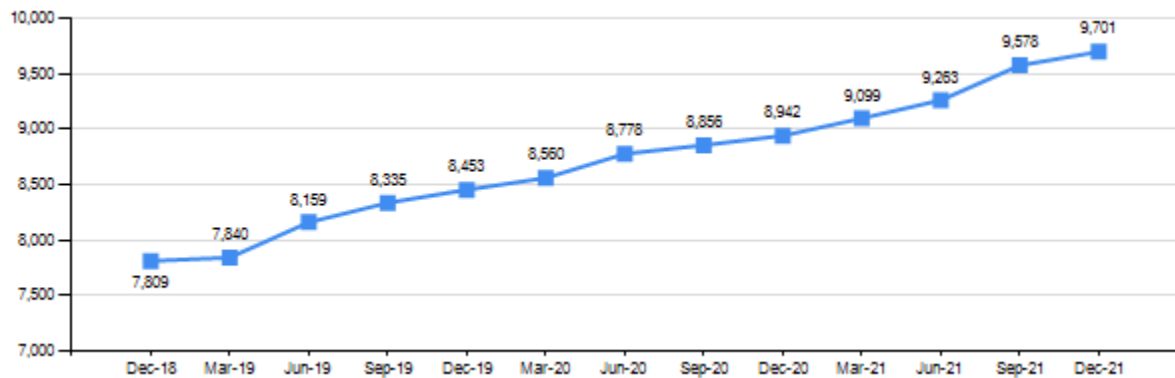
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	313	28.0%
NSW	3,202	23.2%
NT	66	24.1%
QLD	1,781	22.9%
SA	521	25.2%
TAS	200	26.5%
VIC	2,486	21.1%
WA	1,075	24.0%
No PPP	57	9.2%
Total	9,701	22.7%

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	104	2	70	19	5	220	27	3	458
Clinical psychology	167	1,342	20	764	320	104	1,180	592	29	4,518
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			17	1		22
Counselling psychology	4	43		43	9	2	175	80		356
Educational and developmental psychology	2	67	1	80	17	9	127	24		327
Forensic psychology	10	126	4	35	19	4	102	28	4	332
Health psychology	3	25		37	15	3	64		1	148
Organisational psychology	5	77	1	50	19	2	79	20		253
Sport and exercise psychology	1	6		12	2		8	1		30
Total	201	1,791	29	1,092	420	129	1,972	773	37	6,444

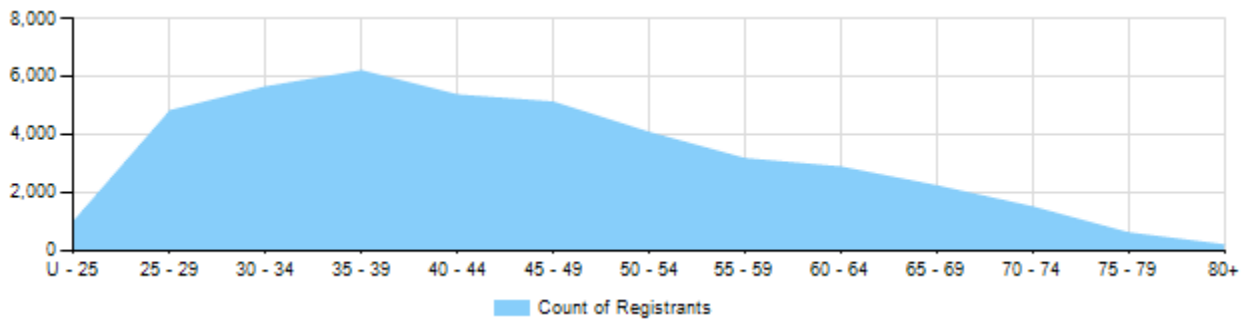
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	50	956		1,006
25 - 29	2,501	2,283	27	4,811
30 - 34	4,347	1,101	188	5,636
35 - 39	5,241	704	250	6,195
40 - 44	4,671	510	177	5,358
45 - 49	4,560	399	151	5,110
50 - 54	3,642	263	158	4,063
55 - 59	2,894	122	139	3,155
60 - 64	2,635	52	177	2,864
65 - 69	1,965	12	237	2,214
70 - 74	1,282	3	201	1,486
75 - 79	491	3	93	587
80+	138		34	172
Total	34,417	6,408	1,832	42,657

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	747	8,914	172	5,033	1,299	513	7,746	2,916	313	27,653
	Provisional	126	1,666	38	965	227	91	1,469	591	5	5,178
	Non-practising	36	462	3	239	75	25	293	136	168	1,437
Total female		909	11,042	213	6,237	1,601	629	9,508	3,643	486	34,268
Male	General	172	2,188	53	1,238	384	102	1,847	690	87	6,761
	Provisional	21	411	6	248	59	14	337	129	1	1,226
	Non-practising	17	150	2	59	23	10	76	14	44	395
Total male		210	2,749	61	1,545	466	126	2,260	833	132	8,382
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		1,119	13,793	274	7,783	2,067	755	11,770	4,478	618	42,657

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.2%	80.1%	77.7%	80.1%	77.5%	83.3%	80.8%	81.4%	78.6%	80.3%
Male	18.8%	19.9%	22.3%	19.9%	22.5%	16.7%	19.2%	18.6%	21.4%	19.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%