

# 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](http://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.

For more information on psychology registration, please see the Board's website [www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.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.

## 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.

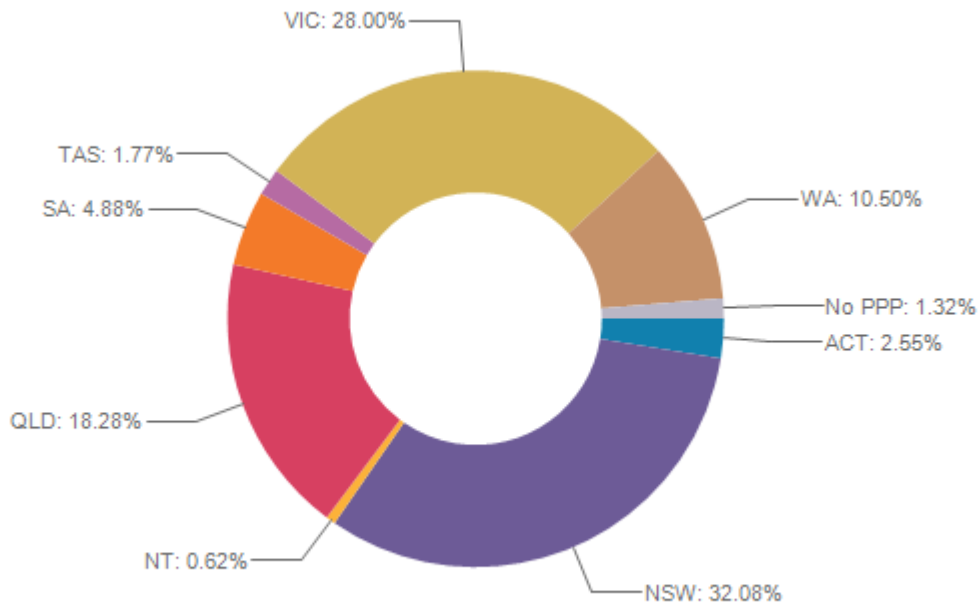
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

## 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	959	11,711	232	6,795	1,801	633	10,267	3,858	396	<b>36,652</b>
Provisional	170	2,584	51	1,382	361	150	2,297	848	12	<b>7,855</b>
Non-practising	51	572	5	293	102	38	413	162	204	<b>1,840</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>14,867</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>12,977</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>46,347</b>

**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	209	5	137	35	9	400	59	19	887
Clinical psychology	402	3,550	50	1,996	822	255	3,093	1,373	129	11,670
Community psychology	1	6	1	3			32	9		52
Counselling psychology	8	188		100	19	13	526	194	9	1,057
Educational and developmental psychology	8	160	1	183	33	18	420	65	7	895
Forensic psychology	14	241	10	74	34	9	216	55	4	657
Health psychology	5	64	1	70	41	11	141	4	1	338
Organisational psychology	16	219		106	56	2	198	65	7	669
Sport and exercise psychology	8	26		35	7	2	23	7		108
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>5,049</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>16,333</b>

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 June 2023 was 15,291.

### 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	14,317	917	49	6	1	1	15,291
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.6%	6.0%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							36,652
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	39.1%	2.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.7%

**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	714	5.0%	887	5.4%
Clinical psychology	10,820	75.6%	11,670	71.5%
Community psychology	32	0.2%	52	0.3%
Counselling psychology	770	5.4%	1,057	6.5%
Educational and developmental psychology	727	5.1%	895	5.5%
Forensic psychology	378	2.6%	657	4.0%
Health psychology	184	1.3%	338	2.1%
Organisational psychology	601	4.2%	669	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	91	0.6%	108	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,317</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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	1,086	20	672	137	45	405	398	1	<b>2,813</b>
5+1 Internship	46	718	5	245	59	54	793	281	5	<b>2,206</b>
Higher Degree program	73	760	25	459	163	48	1,080	163	5	<b>2,776</b>
Transitional Program	2	20	1	6	2	3	19	6	1	<b>60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7,855</b>

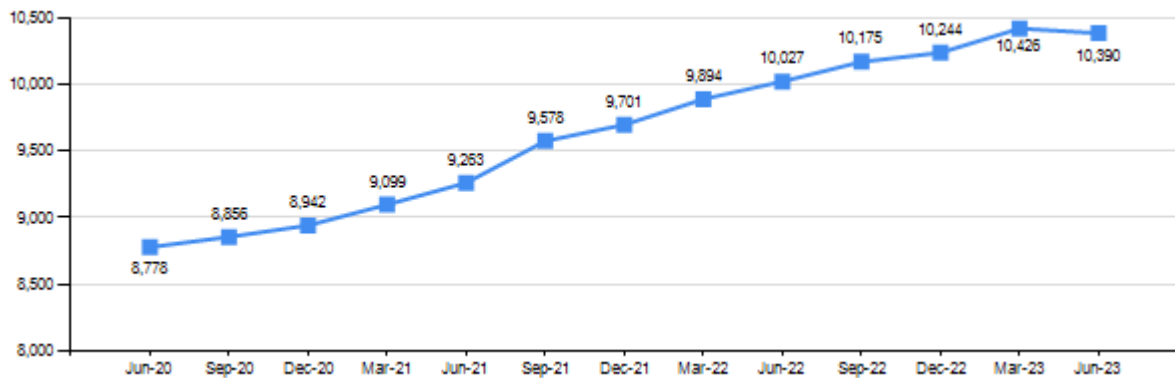
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP**

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	323	27.4%
NSW	3,425	23.0%
NT	61	21.2%
QLD	1,922	22.7%
SA	553	24.4%
TAS	209	25.5%
VIC	2,737	21.1%
WA	1,094	22.5%
No PPP	66	10.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,390</b>	<b>22.4%</b>

**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	116	2	76	21	4	219	31	5	483
Clinical psychology	191	1,485	24	876	353	112	1,341	582	36	5,000
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			16	1		21
Counselling psychology	1	47		42	10		169	76	2	347
Educational and developmental psychology	2	73		84	18	9	147	33	1	367
Forensic psychology	9	135	7	34	18	4	115	23	3	348
Health psychology	3	23		37	18	3	71		1	156
Organisational psychology	6	82		53	22	2	89	21		275
Sport and exercise psychology	1	10		15	2	1	9	1		39
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>7,036</b>

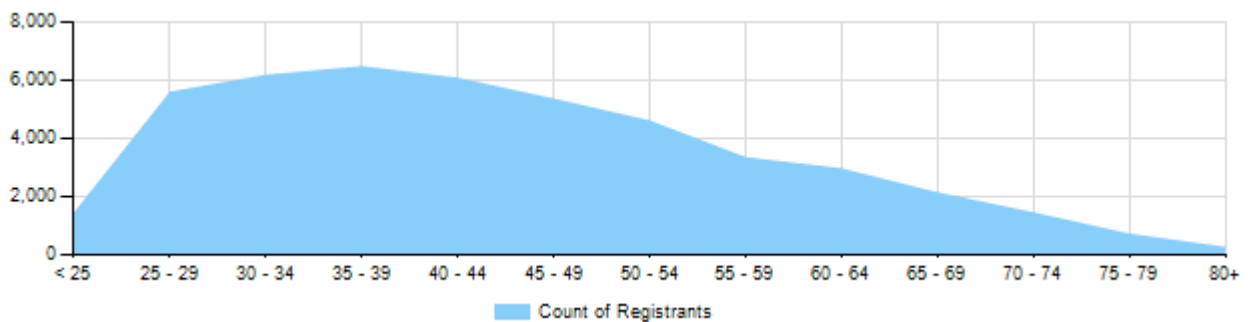
## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 5.1 Registration type by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
< 25	120	1,292		1,412
25 - 29	3,009	2,556	23	5,588
30 - 34	4,715	1,303	158	6,176
35 - 39	5,305	932	236	6,473
40 - 44	5,200	667	202	6,069
45 - 49	4,735	460	154	5,349
50 - 54	4,056	385	153	4,594
55 - 59	3,005	167	154	3,326
60 - 64	2,689	68	182	2,939
65 - 69	1,860	21	226	2,107
70 - 74	1,215	2	198	1,415
75 - 79	569	2	109	680
80+	174		45	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,652</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>46,347</b>

**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	786	9,441	178	5,472	1,408	530	8,309	3,127	313	<b>29,564</b>
	Provisional	134	2,074	46	1,086	291	129	1,826	670	11	<b>6,267</b>
	Non-practising	36	436	4	235	75	26	342	143	165	<b>1,462</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>956</b>	<b>11,951</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>37,293</b>
Male	General	173	2,268	54	1,322	393	103	1,956	729	83	<b>7,081</b>
	Provisional	36	510	5	295	70	21	464	174	1	<b>1,576</b>
	Non-practising	15	136	1	58	27	12	71	19	39	<b>378</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>224</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>9,035</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2		1			2	2		<b>7</b>
	Provisional				1			7	4		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,180</b>	<b>14,867</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>12,977</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>46,347</b>

### Percentage

**Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.0%	80.4%	79.2%	80.2%	78.4%	83.4%	80.7%	80.9%	79.9%	<b>80.5%</b>
Male	19.0%	19.6%	20.8%	19.8%	21.6%	16.6%	19.2%	18.9%	20.1%	<b>19.5%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	0.1%		<b>&lt;0.1%</b>