

# 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.

### **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 information.

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)

## 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.

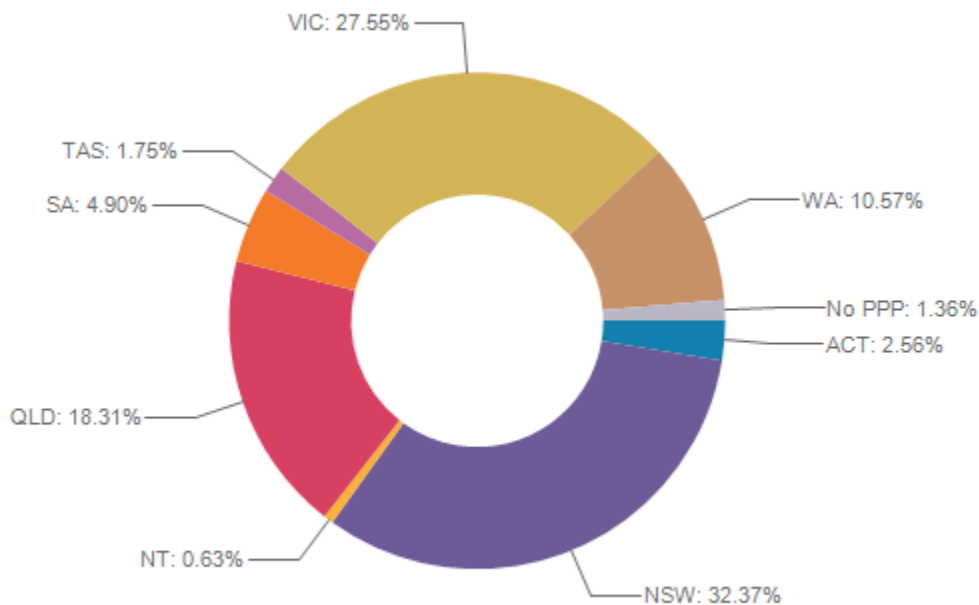
## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice**

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	921	11,354	217	6,461	1,760	621	9,876	3,697	408	<b>35,315</b>
Provisional	180	2,647	60	1,501	353	133	2,182	915	6	<b>7,977</b>
Non-practising	57	611	7	306	99	36	380	161	198	<b>1,855</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>12,438</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>45,147*</b>

\* Total figure includes 78 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	14	203	5	130	32	9	384	51	13	841
Clinical psychology	375	3,397	42	1,898	809	253	2,924	1,353	136	11,187
Community psychology	2	5	1	3	1		33	10		55
Counselling psychology	8	197		101	18	13	530	187	9	1,063
Educational and developmental psychology	11	162	2	175	34	18	386	66	7	861
Forensic psychology	16	242	10	72	37	9	213	57	6	662
Health psychology	6	69	1	68	36	10	143	4	1	338
Organisational psychology	16	211	1	107	59	2	186	60	6	648
Sport and exercise psychology	7	23		36	6	3	24	7		106
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>15,761</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 September 2022 was 14,707.

### 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	13,723	925	51	6	1	1	14,707
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.3%	6.3%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							35,315
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	38.9%	2.6%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.6%

**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	673	4.9%	841	5.3%
Clinical psychology	10,334	75.3%	11,187	71.0%
Community psychology	33	0.2%	55	0.3%
Counselling psychology	766	5.6%	1,063	6.7%
Educational and developmental psychology	685	5.0%	861	5.5%
Forensic psychology	384	2.8%	662	4.2%
Health psychology	181	1.3%	338	2.1%
Organisational psychology	580	4.2%	648	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	87	0.6%	106	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,723</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15,761</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	66	1,373	27	836	170	57	498	491	3	<b>3,521</b>
5+1 Internship	39	547	9	172	30	41	676	246	1	<b>1,761</b>
Higher Degree program	75	710	23	482	150	34	1,000	174	2	<b>2,650</b>
Transitional Program		17	1	11	3	1	8	4		<b>45</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7,977</b>

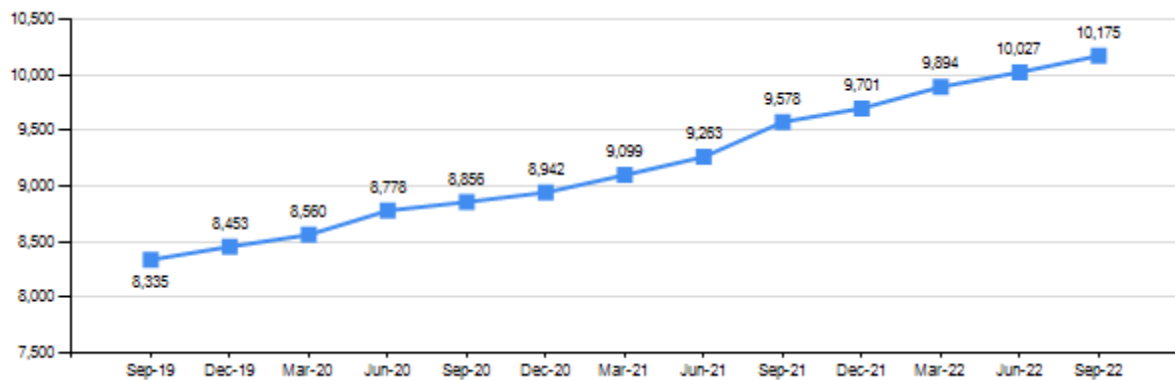
## Supervisors

### Board-approved supervisors

**Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP**

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	312	26.9%
NSW	3,379	23.1%
NT	59	20.8%
QLD	1,872	22.6%
SA	541	24.5%
TAS	219	27.7%
VIC	2,625	21.1%
WA	1,108	23.2%
No PPP	60	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>22.5%</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	111	2	71	20	6	226	30	3	478
Clinical psychology	178	1,435	19	820	344	113	1,251	589	32	4,781
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			17	1		22
Counselling psychology	2	44		42	9	2	166	78		343
Educational and developmental psychology	2	66	1	79	17	10	134	30		339
Forensic psychology	8	127	4	34	19	5	111	25	4	337
Health psychology	3	25		38	18	3	63		1	151
Organisational psychology	5	75	1	54	20	2	86	22		265
Sport and exercise psychology	1	7		13	2	1	7	1		32
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6,748</b>

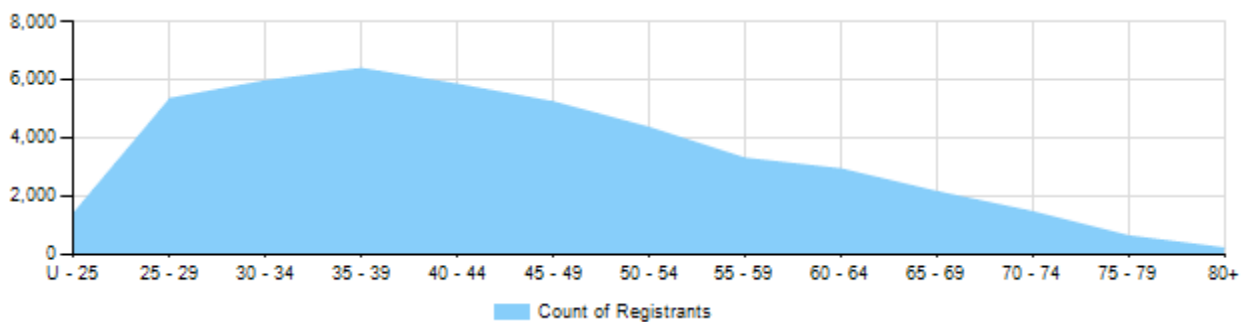
## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 5.1 Registration type by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	72	1,344		1,416
25 - 29	2,697	2,631	24	5,352
30 - 34	4,447	1,342	172	5,961
35 - 39	5,272	861	252	6,385
40 - 44	4,948	699	193	5,840
45 - 49	4,601	479	152	5,232
50 - 54	3,836	358	160	4,354
55 - 59	2,972	171	148	3,291
60 - 64	2,678	69	174	2,921
65 - 69	1,898	16	227	2,141
70 - 74	1,227	4	215	1,446
75 - 79	509	3	101	613
80+	158		37	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,315</b>	<b>7,977</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>45,147</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	751	9,140	166	5,183	1,368	522	7,989	2,993	319	<b>28,431</b>
	Provisional	151	2,123	57	1,189	279	112	1,737	742	6	<b>6,396</b>
	Non-practising	41	463	5	252	77	26	302	145	158	<b>1,469</b>
<b>Total female</b>		<b>943</b>	<b>11,726</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>6,624</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>10,028</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>36,296</b>
Male	General	170	2,212	51	1,277	392	99	1,886	704	89	<b>6,880</b>
	Provisional	29	524	3	312	74	21	439	169		<b>1,571</b>
	Non-practising	16	148	2	54	22	10	78	16	40	<b>386</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>8,837</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2		1			1			<b>4</b>
	Provisional							6	4		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,158</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>12,438</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>45,147</b>

### Percentage

**Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.4%	80.2%	80.3%	80.1%	77.9%	83.5%	80.6%	81.3%	78.9%	<b>80.4%</b>
Male	18.6%	19.7%	19.7%	19.9%	22.1%	16.5%	19.3%	18.6%	21.1%	<b>19.6%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<b>&lt;0.1%</b>