Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Nursing and Midwifery Board

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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 tables[1] about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that nurses and midwives (as well as and pharmacists, medical practitioners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended to stay on the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only. These nurses and midwives are included in these statistics. Please see the COVID-19 page on Ahpra's website for more info.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the NMBA's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

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[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)	999	16,063	493	16,539	9,251	1,946	24,008	6,800	85	**76,184**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,238	98,261	4,236	71,485	26,327	8,533	87,474	35,067	10,586	**348,207**
		EN & RN	110	1,452	89	1,776	827	84	3,227	867	32	**8,464**
	Total General Nurse		**7,347**	**115,776**	**4,818**	**89,800**	**36,405**	**10,563**	**114,709**	**42,734**	**10,703**	**432,855**
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	13	233	4	136	66	14	180	56	20	**722**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	44	1,093	19	459	174	64	481	219	794	**3,347**
		EN & RN		2		4	3	1	13	3	5	**31**
	Total Non-practising Nurse		**57**	**1,328**	**23**	**599**	**243**	**79**	**674**	**278**	**819**	**4,100**
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4	20		18	22		26	10		**100**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4	44	2	58	20	6	60	22	1	**217**
		EN & RN										**0**
	Total Provisional Nurse		**8**	**64**	**2**	**76**	**42**	**6**	**86**	**32**	**1**	**317**
Total Nurse			**7,412**	**117,168**	**4,843**	**90,475**	**36,690**	**10,648**	**115,469**	**43,044**	**11,523**	**437,272**

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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	1	21	4	33	13		40	5		**117**
		RN & Midwife	512	8,084	515	6,184	1,967	691	8,184	3,113	219	**29,469**
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	21	2	6	3	2	32	16		**83**
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		**514**	**8,126**	**521**	**6,223**	**1,983**	**693**	**8,256**	**3,134**	**219**	**29,669**
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	11	166	1	50	24	3	58	21	25	**359**
		EN & RN & Midwife										**0**
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**11**	**166**	**1**	**50**	**24**	**3**	**59**	**21**	**25**	**360**
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		2					1	1		**4**
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**4**
Total Nurse and Midwife			**525**	**8,294**	**522**	**6,273**	**2,007**	**696**	**8,316**	**3,156**	**244**	**30,033**
Midwife	General		**215**	**1,643**	**106**	**1,526**	**813**	**64**	**1,630**	**505**	**176**	**6,678**
	Non-practising		**2**	**13**	**1**	**7**	**3**		**7**	**8**	**12**	**53**
	Provisional			**1**		**1**	**2**		**2**			**6**
Total Midwife			**217**	**1,657**	**107**	**1,534**	**818**	**64**	**1,639**	**513**	**188**	**6,737**
Total			**8,154**	**127,119**	**5,472**	**98,282**	**39,515**	**11,408**	**125,424**	**46,713**	**11,955**	**474,042**

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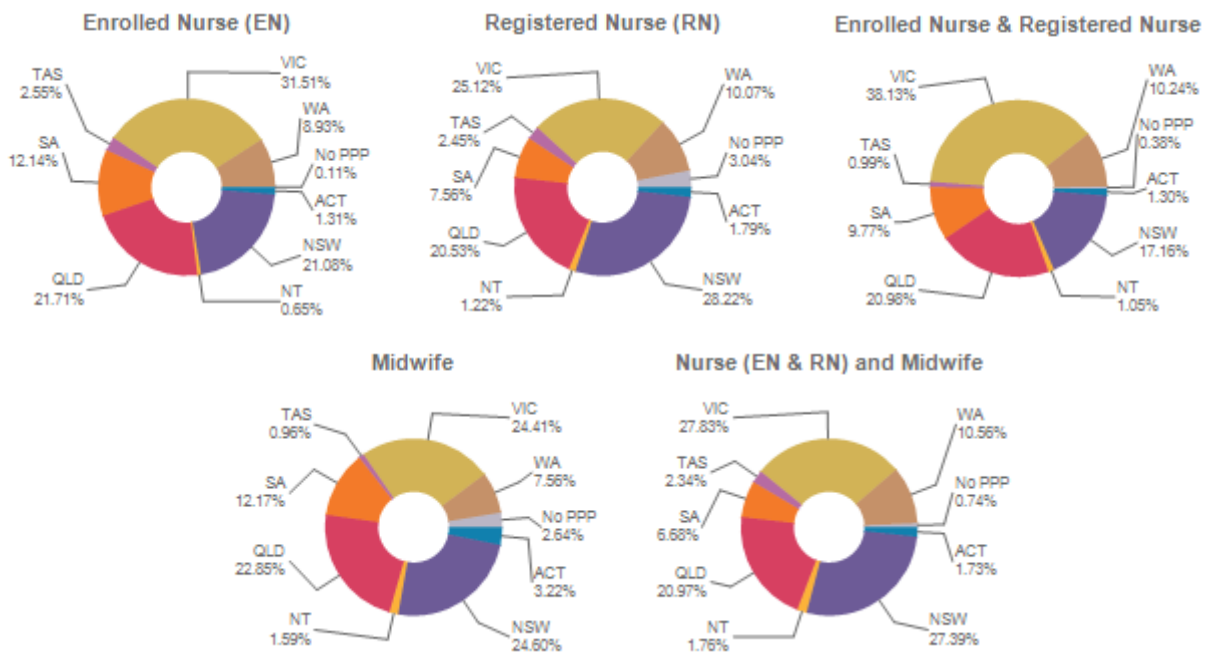
General registration

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)	999	16,063	493	16,539	9,251	1,946	24,008	6,800	85	**76,184**
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,238	98,261	4,236	71,485	26,327	8,533	87,474	35,067	10,586	**348,207**
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Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	514	8,126	521	6,223	1,983	693	8,256	3,134	219	**29,669**

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Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice

Enrolled Nurse (EN)

Registered Nurse (RN)

Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse

Midwife

Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife

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)	13	233	4	136	66	14	180	56	20	**722**
Registered Nurse (RN)	44	1,093	19	459	174	64	481	219	794	**3,347**
EN & RN		2		4	3	1	13	3	5	**31**
Midwife	2	13	1	7	3		7	8	12	**53**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	11	166	1	50	24	3	59	21	25	**360**

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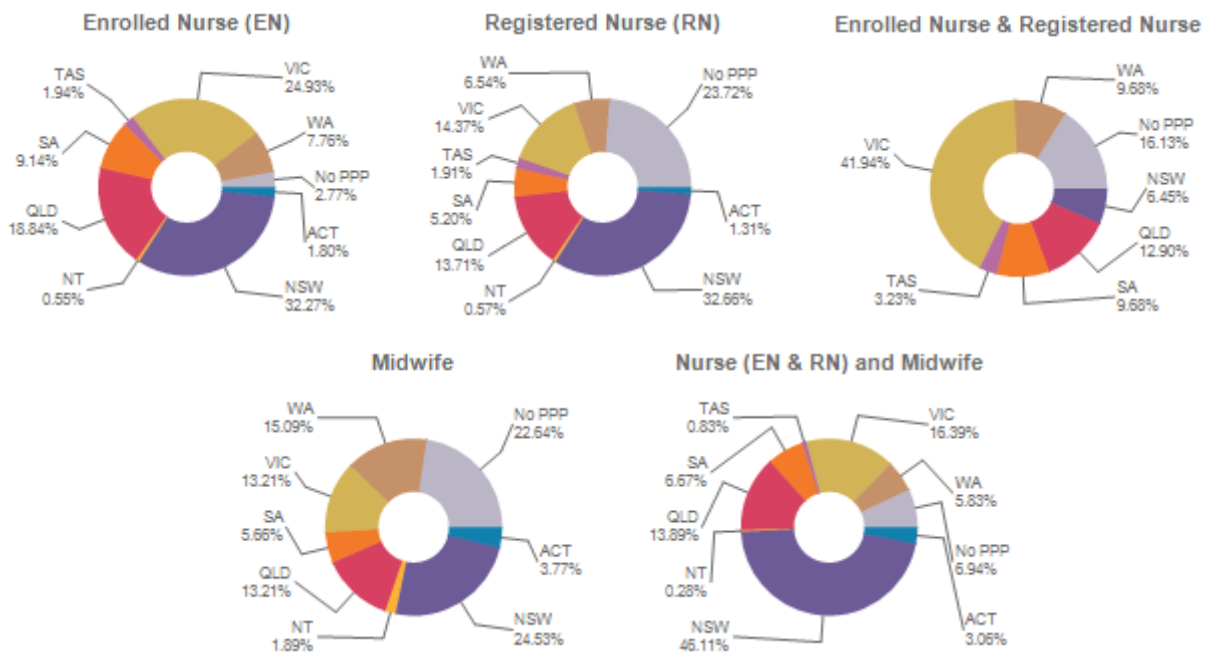## Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice
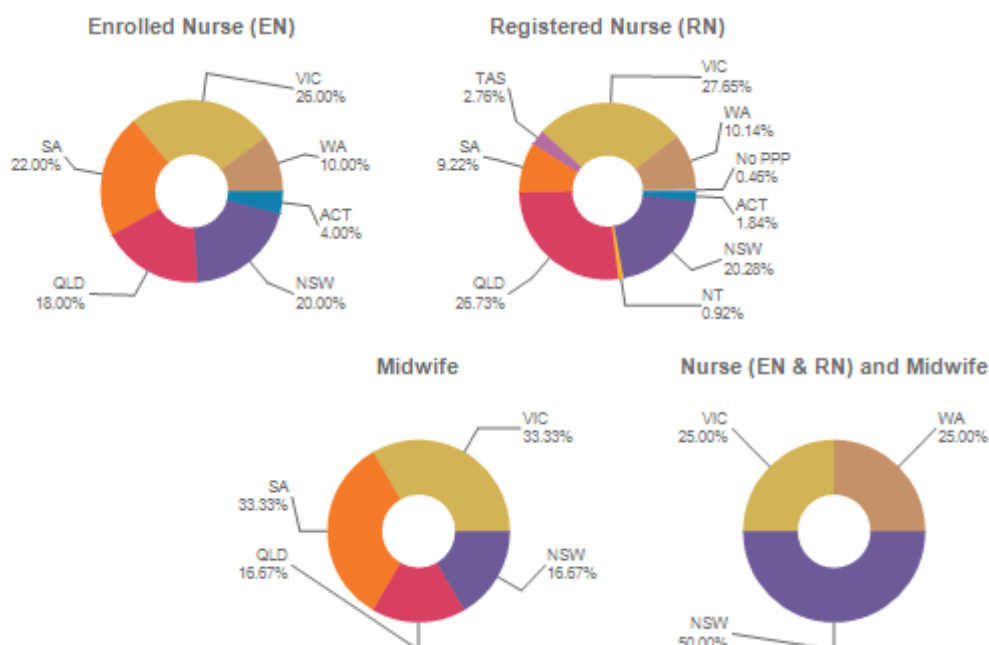
Provisional registration

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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)	4	20		18	22		26	10		**100**
Registered Nurse (RN)	4	44	2	58	20	6	60	22	1	**217**
EN & RN										**0**
Midwife		1		1	2		2			**6**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		2					1	1		**4**

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Table 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice

Enrolled Nurse (EN)
- VIC 25.00%
- WA 10.00%
- ACT 4.00%
- NSW 20.00%
- QLD 18.00%
- SA 22.00%

Registered Nurse (RN)
- VIC 27.65%
- WA 10.14%
- No PPP 0.46%
- ACT 1.84%
- NSW 20.28%
- NT 0.92%
- QLD 26.73%
- SA 9.22%
- TAS 2.76%

Midwife
- VIC 33.33%
- NSW 16.67%
- QLD 16.67%
- SA 33.33%

Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife
- WA 25.00%
- VIC 25.00%
- NSW 50.00%

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	57	527	33	583	184	47	544	275	27	**2,277**
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	4	45	23	875	12	14	283	34	10	**1,300**
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								**1**
	Scheduled Medicines*	12	127	9	260	61	17	139	135		**760**
Total		**73**	**700**	**65**	**1,718**	**257**	**78**	**966**	**444**	**37**	**4,338**

* 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		50	2	16	5	1	29	30	26	**159**
Mental Health nursing	7	327	36	244	220	19	426	1,057	155	**2,491**
Paediatric Nursing	2	174	4	146	20	1	106	168	78	**699**
Total	**9**	**551**	**42**	**406**	**245**	**21**	**561**	**1,255**	**259**	**3,349**

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.
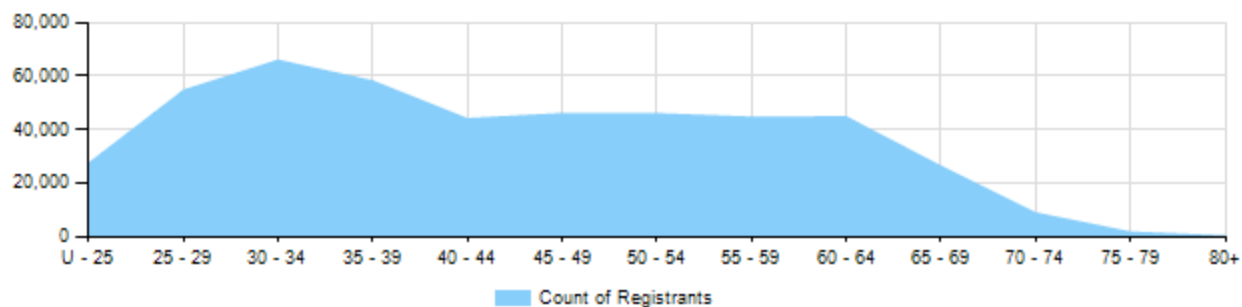
Age group

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			
U - 25	8,147	17,794	458	1	557	1	535	**27,493**	**5.9%**
25 - 29	8,540	41,587	1,397	15	2,053	16	1,076	**54,684**	**11.7%**
30 - 34	7,667	52,921	1,711	24	2,339	19	1,197	**65,878**	**14.0%**
35 - 39	7,091	46,363	1,412	18	2,239	15	1,013	**58,151**	**12.4%**
40 - 44	5,888	34,440	930	17	1,957	10	839	**44,081**	**9.4%**
45 - 49	6,461	35,521	839	18	2,418	7	712	**45,976**	**9.8%**
50 - 54	7,900	33,654	675	15	3,155	6	565	**45,970**	**9.8%**
55 - 59	8,889	30,187	584	7	4,610	5	346	**44,628**	**9.5%**
60 - 64	9,215	29,555	323	1	5,464	3	229	**44,790**	**9.5%**
65 - 69	4,870	18,000	106	1	3,281	1	110	**26,369**	**5.6%**
70 - 74	1,282	6,484	28		1,123		47	**8,964**	**1.9%**
75 - 79	209	1,389	1		235		8	**1,842**	**0.4%**
80+	25	312			38		1	**376**	**<0.1%**
Total	**76,184**	**348,207**	**8,464**	**117**	**29,469**	**83**	**6,678**	**469,202**	**100.0%**

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

Count of Registrants

Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife				Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN	Midwife		
U - 25	10	12					1	**23**	**0.5%**
25 - 29	26	142	2		4		4	**178**	**3.9%**
30 - 34	54	334	7		3		12	**410**	**9.1%**
35 - 39	55	361	5	1	12		6	**440**	**9.7%**
40 - 44	53	330	1		4		9	**397**	**8.8%**
45 - 49	61	341	3		21		8	**434**	**9.6%**
50 - 54	84	360	1		31		2	**478**	**10.6%**
55 - 59	133	379	2		41		6	**561**	**12.4%**
60 - 64	149	475	8		78		3	**713**	**15.8%**
65 - 69	65	333	2		78		2	**480**	**10.6%**
70 - 74	28	186			51			**265**	**5.9%**
75 - 79	3	74			25			**102**	**2.3%**
80+	1	20			11			**32**	**0.7%**
Total	**722**	**3,347**	**31**	**1**	**359**	**0**	**53**	**4,513**	**100.0%**

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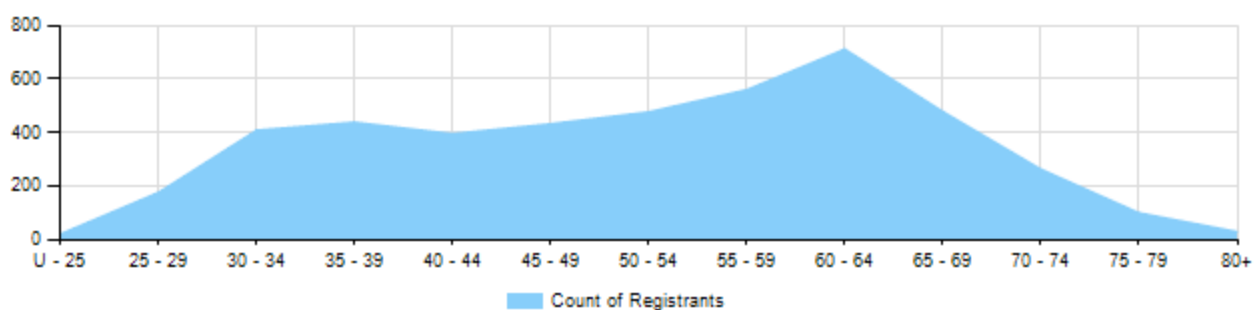
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Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife		Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	RN	Midwife		
U - 25						0	0.0%
25 - 29	13	8			1	22	6.7%
30 - 34	16	34			2	52	15.9%
35 - 39	20	47		1	1	69	21.1%
40 - 44	19	44		2	1	66	20.2%
45 - 49	12	39		1	1	53	16.2%
50 - 54	9	20				29	8.9%
55 - 59	6	8				14	4.3%
60 - 64	4	10				14	4.3%
65 - 69	1	5				6	1.8%
70 - 74		1				1	0.3%
75 - 79		1				1	0.3%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	100	217	0	4	6	327	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group
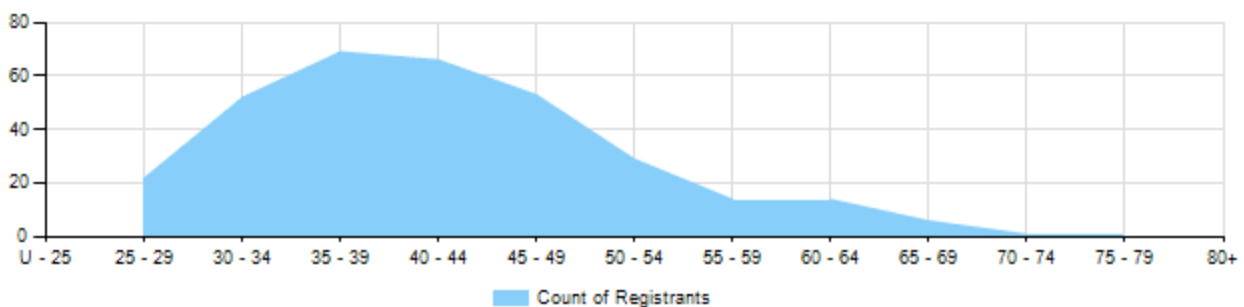
Gender

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)	882	14,111	409	14,814	8,261	1,737	21,618	6,188	74	**68,094**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,377	84,817	3,544	62,708	23,058	7,465	77,030	31,573	8,895	**304,467**
		EN & RN	87	1,227	77	1,534	671	77	2,713	775	29	**7,190**
	Total Female General Nurse		**6,346**	**100,155**	**4,030**	**79,056**	**31,990**	**9,279**	**101,361**	**38,536**	**8,998**	**379,751**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	117	1,951	84	1,725	990	209	2,390	611	11	**8,088**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	861	13,441	692	8,773	3,269	1,067	10,441	3,493	1,689	**43,726**
		EN & RN	23	225	12	242	156	7	514	92	3	**1,274**
	Total Male General Nurse		**1,001**	**15,617**	**788**	**10,740**	**4,415**	**1,283**	**13,345**	**4,196**	**1,703**	**53,088**
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1						1		**2**
		Registered Nurse (RN)		3		4		1	3	1	2	**14**
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse		**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**16**
Total General Nurse			**7,347**	**115,776**	**4,818**	**89,800**	**36,405**	**10,563**	**114,709**	**42,734**	**10,703**	**432,855**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	21	3	32	13		40	5		**115**
		RN & Midwife	500	7,899	481	6,092	1,928	677	8,104	3,068	215	**28,964**
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	20	2	6	3	2	32	16		**82**
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife		**502**	**7,940**	**486**	**6,130**	**1,944**	**679**	**8,176**	**3,089**	**215**	**29,161**
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1						**2**
		RN & Midwife	12	185	34	92	39	14	80	45	4	**505**
		EN & RN & Midwife		1								**1**
	Total Male General Nurse and Midwife		**12**	**186**	**35**	**93**	**39**	**14**	**80**	**45**	**4**	**508**
Total General Nurse and Midwife			**514**	**8,126**	**521**	**6,223**	**1,983**	**693**	**8,256**	**3,134**	**219**	**29,669**

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		215	1,638	105	1,523	810	61	1,624	504	176	**6,656**
	Male			5	1	3	3	3	6	1		**22**
Total General Midwife			**215**	**1,643**	**106**	**1,526**	**813**	**64**	**1,630**	**505**	**176**	**6,678**
Total			**8,076**	**125,545**	**5,445**	**97,549**	**39,201**	**11,320**	**124,595**	**46,373**	**11,098**	**469,202**

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Table 10.2 Total general registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	7,063	109,733	4,621	86,709	34,744	10,019	111,161	42,129	9,389	**415,568**
Male	1,013	15,808	824	10,836	4,457	1,300	13,431	4,242	1,707	**53,618**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		4		4		1	3	2	2	**16**

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.5%	87.4%	84.9%	88.9%	88.6%	88.5%	89.2%	90.8%	84.6%	**88.6%**
Male	12.5%	12.6%	15.1%	11.1%	11.4%	11.5%	10.8%	9.1%	15.4%	**11.4%**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<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)	13	208	4	130	64	13	171	54	18	**675**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	37	973	17	424	139	52	431	202	648	**2,923**
		EN & RN		1		4	3	1	11	3	5	**28**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		**50**	**1,182**	**21**	**558**	**206**	**66**	**613**	**259**	**671**	**3,626**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		25		6	2	1	9	2	2	**47**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	7	120	2	35	35	12	50	17	146	**424**
		EN & RN		1					2			**3**
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		**7**	**146**	**2**	**41**	**37**	**13**	**61**	**19**	**148**	**474**
Total Non-practising Nurse			**57**	**1,328**	**23**	**599**	**243**	**79**	**674**	**278**	**819**	**4,100**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	11	161	1	47	24	3	58	21	25	**351**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**11**	**161**	**1**	**47**	**24**	**3**	**59**	**21**	**25**	**352**
	Male	RN & Midwife		5		3						**8**
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			**11**	**166**	**1**	**50**	**24**	**3**	**59**	**21**	**25**	**360**
Midwife	Female		2	13	1	7	3		7	8	12	**53**
Total Non-practising Midwife			**2**	**13**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**8**	**12**	**53**
Total			**70**	**1,507**	**25**	**656**	**270**	**82**	**740**	**307**	**856**	**4,513**

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	63	1,356	23	612	233	69	679	288	708	**4,031**
Male	7	151	2	44	37	13	61	19	148	**482**

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.0%	90.0%	92.0%	93.3%	86.3%	84.1%	91.8%	93.8%	82.7%	**89.3%**
Male	10.0%	10.0%	8.0%	6.7%	13.7%	15.9%	8.2%	6.2%	17.3%	**10.7%**

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 12.1 Provisional registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4	17		18	17		23	10		**89**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4	37	2	50	16	6	52	21	1	**189**
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		**8**	**54**	**2**	**68**	**33**	**6**	**75**	**31**	**1**	**278**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		3			5		3			**11**
		Registered Nurse (RN)		7		8	4		8	1		**28**
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		**0**	**10**	**0**	**8**	**9**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**0**	**39**
Total Provisional Nurse			**8**	**64**	**2**	**76**	**42**	**6**	**86**	**32**	**1**	**317**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		2					1	1		**4**
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**4**
Midwife	Female			1		1	2		2			**6**
Total Provisional Midwife			**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**6**
Total			**8**	**67**	**2**	**77**	**44**	**6**	**89**	**33**	**1**	**327**

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	8	57	2	69	35	6	78	32	1	**288**
Male		10		8	9		11	1		**39**

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	85.1%	100.0%	89.6%	79.5%	100.0%	87.6%	97.0%	100.0%	**88.1%**
Male		14.9%		10.4%	20.5%		12.4%	3.0%		**11.9%**