

# Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The role of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering occupational therapists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the occupational therapy profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners 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 <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>.

### Pandemic response sub-register

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 occupational therapists (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These occupational therapists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

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 occupational therapy registration, please see the Board's website [www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Principal place of practice

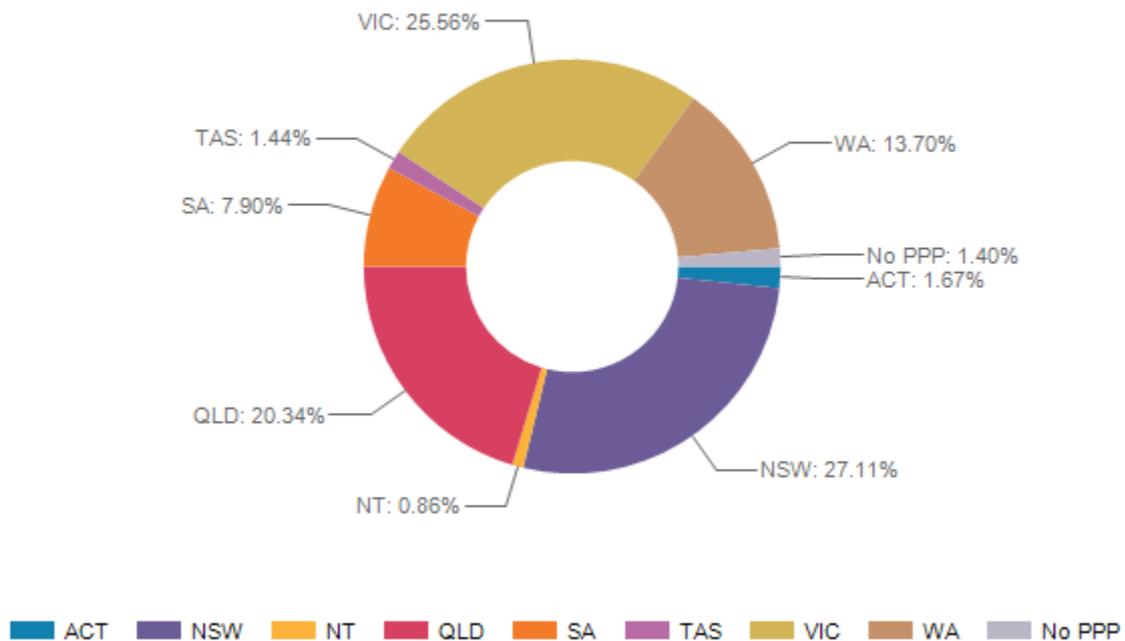
### Registration type

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

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		438	7,229	231	5,408	2,104	384	6,846	3,617	242	<b>26,499</b>
Provisional			1		1			2			<b>4</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	6	27		17	6	5	17	6	8	<b>92</b>
	Teaching or research		1								<b>1</b>
Non-practising		15	174	6	151	57	7	143	132	134	<b>819</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>459</b>	<b>7,432</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>5,577</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>7,008</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>27,415*</b>

\* Total figure includes 284 occupational therapists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

**Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages**



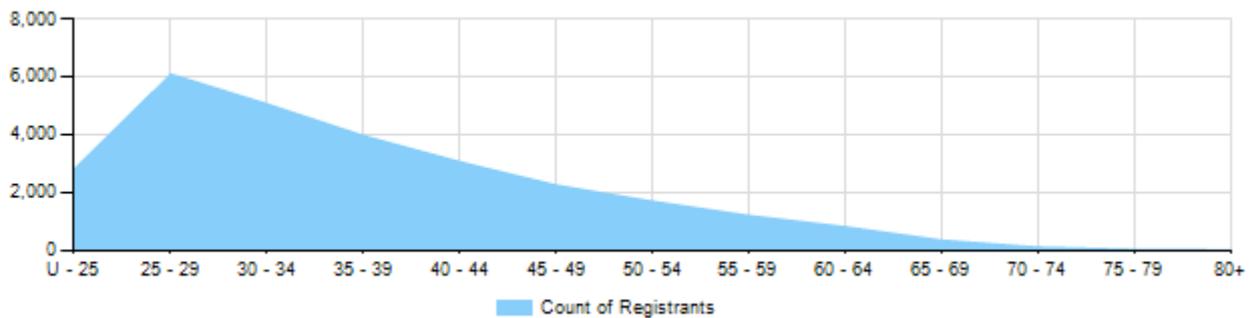
## Age group

### Registration type and subtype

**Table 2.1 Registration by age group**

Age group	General	Provisional	Limited		Non-practising	Total
			Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	2,814		2		6	2,822
25 - 29	5,951		36		112	6,099
30 - 34	4,852	1	27		189	5,069
35 - 39	3,776		15	1	174	3,966
40 - 44	2,954	2	8		96	3,060
45 - 49	2,181	1	3		62	2,247
50 - 54	1,642		1		45	1,688
55 - 59	1,159				36	1,195
60 - 64	753				54	807
65 - 69	314				29	343
70 - 74	86				14	100
75 - 79	16				2	18
80+	1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,499</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>27,415</b>

**Table 2.2 Registration by age group**



## Gender

### Registration type

**Table 3.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type**

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		396	6,494	209	4,892	1,830	344	6,184	3,304	213	<b>23,866</b>
	Provisional			1		1			2			<b>4</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	5	25		15	3	5	16	6	8	<b>83</b>
	Non-practising		15	163	6	145	56	7	128	123	120	<b>763</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>416</b>	<b>6,683</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>6,330</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>24,716</b>
Male	General		42	735	22	515	274	40	662	312	29	<b>2,631</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	2		2	3		1			<b>9</b>
		Teaching or research		1								<b>1</b>
	Non-practising			11		6	1		15	9	14	<b>56</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2,697</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General					1			1		<b>2</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>459</b>	<b>7,432</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>5,577</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>7,008</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>27,415</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.6%	89.9%	90.7%	90.6%	87.2%	89.9%	90.3%	91.4%	88.8%	<b>90.2%</b>
Male	9.4%	10.1%	9.3%	9.4%	12.8%	10.1%	9.7%	8.5%	11.2%	<b>9.8%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate				<0.1%				<0.1%		<b>&lt;0.1%</b>