Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 October 2019 to 31 December 2019

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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.

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
	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	696	13,677	432	13,372	7,789	1,651	20,499	5,620	99	**63,835**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,312	87,064	3,752	62,524	23,292	7,359	77,247	30,558	10,777	**307,885**
		EN & RN	100	1,521	65	1,827	821	79	3,159	762	31	**8,365**
	Total General Nurse		**6,108**	**102,262**	**4,249**	**77,723**	**31,902**	**9,089**	**100,905**	**36,940**	**10,907**	**380,085**
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	19	299	5	189	122	21	254	89	13	**1,011**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	78	1,443	19	652	294	100	718	318	442	**4,064**
		EN & RN		5		5	4		9	3	4	**30**
	Total Non-practising Nurse		**97**	**1,747**	**24**	**846**	**420**	**121**	**981**	**410**	**459**	**5,105**
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	8	1	14	7	1	15	12		**59**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5	43	3	37	19	4	37	19	2	**169**
		EN & RN										**0**
	Total Provisional Nurse		**6**	**51**	**4**	**51**	**26**	**5**	**52**	**31**	**2**	**228**
Total Nurse			**6,211**	**104,060**	**4,277**	**78,620**	**32,348**	**9,215**	**101,938**	**37,381**	**11,368**	**385,418**

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Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
	General	EN & Midwife	1	14	3	27	11		32	3		**91**
		RN & Midwife	479	7,123	468	5,489	1,698	609	7,231	2,737	269	**26,103**
		EN & RN & Midwife		24	1	5	2	2	25	14		**73**
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		**480**	**7,161**	**472**	**5,521**	**1,711**	**611**	**7,288**	**2,754**	**269**	**26,267**
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	16	239	1	79	35	8	88	30	26	**522**
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**16**	**239**	**1**	**79**	**35**	**8**	**89**	**30**	**26**	**523**
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		1		1			1	3		**6**
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**6**
	Non-practising and Provisional	RN & Midwife							1			**1**
	Total Non-practising and Provisional Nurse and Midwife		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Total Nurse and Midwife			**496**	**7,401**	**473**	**5,601**	**1,746**	**619**	**7,379**	**2,787**	**295**	**26,797**
Midwife	General		**185**	**1,407**	**93**	**1,293**	**680**	**46**	**1,495**	**460**	**195**	**5,854**
	Non-practising		**1**	**12**	**2**	**9**	**6**		**20**	**6**	**9**	**65**
	Provisional					**1**			**2**			**3**
Total Midwife			**186**	**1,419**	**95**	**1,303**	**686**	**46**	**1,517**	**466**	**204**	**5,922**
Total			**6,893**	**112,880**	**4,845**	**85,524**	**34,780**	**9,880**	**110,834**	**40,634**	**11,867**	**418,137**

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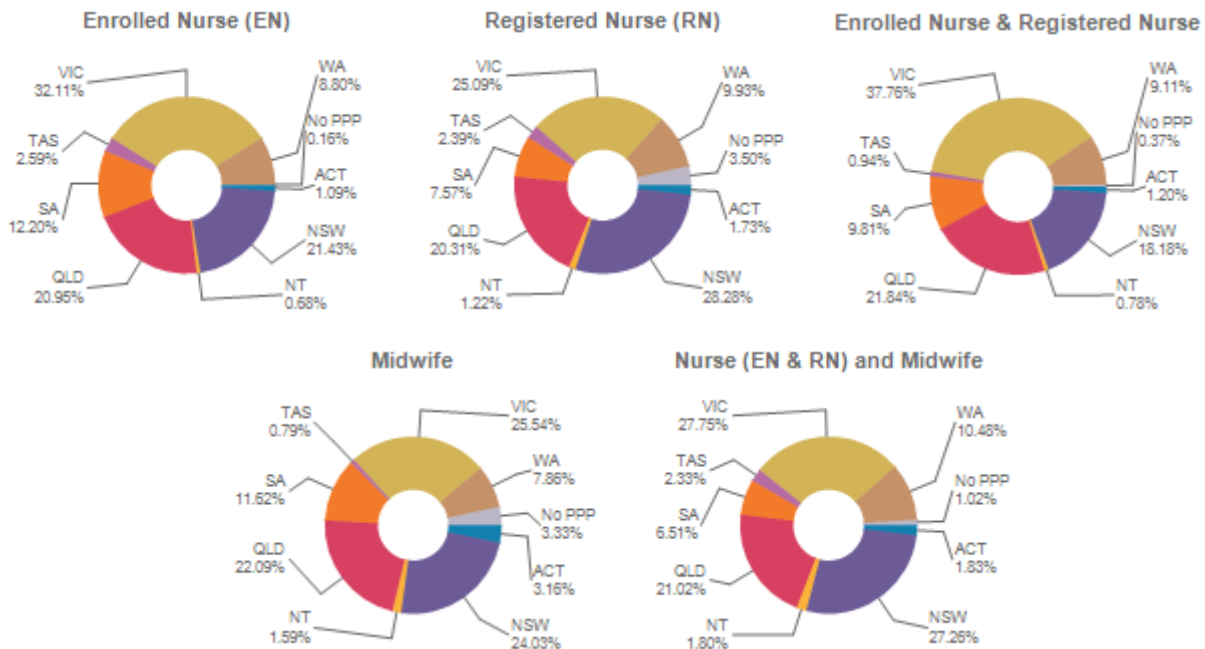
General registration

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)	696	13,677	432	13,372	7,789	1,651	20,499	5,620	99	**63,835**
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Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice

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)	19	299	5	189	122	21	254	89	13	**1,011**
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EN & RN		5		5	4		9	3	4	**30**
Midwife	1	12	2	9	6		20	6	9	**65**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	16	239	1	79	35	8	89	30	26	**523**

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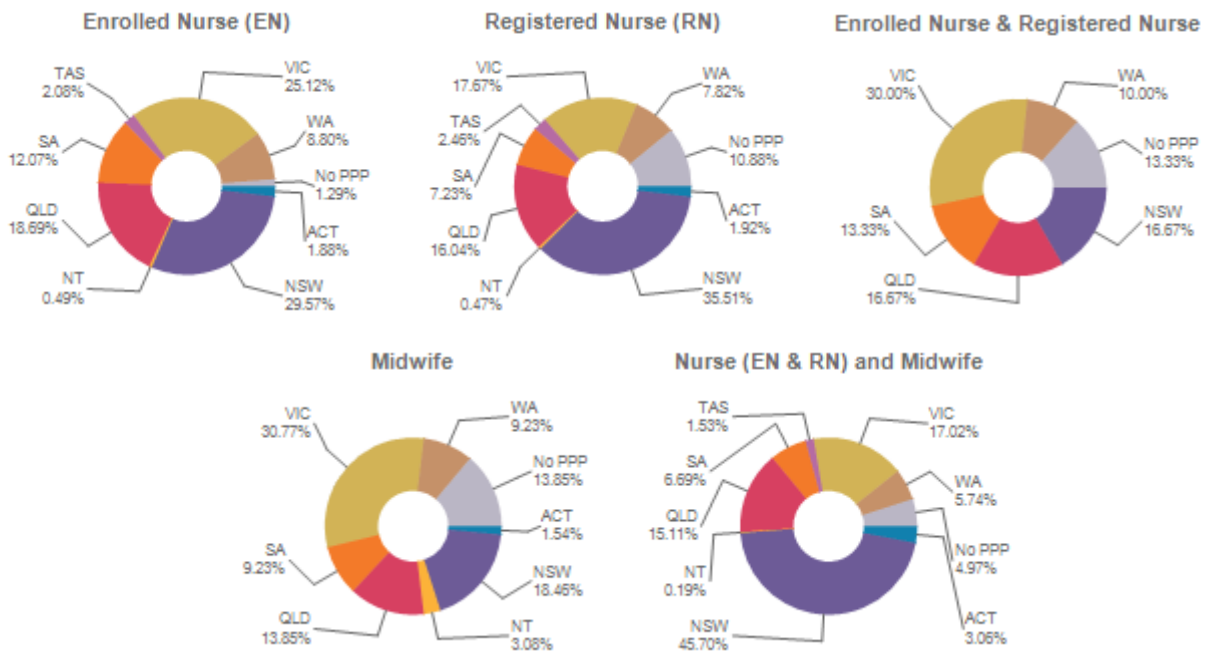## Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice

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)	1	8	1	14	7	1	15	12		**59**
Registered Nurse (RN)	5	43	3	37	19	4	37	19	2	**169**
EN & RN										**0**
Midwife				1			2			**3**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		1		1			1	3		**6**

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Table 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice
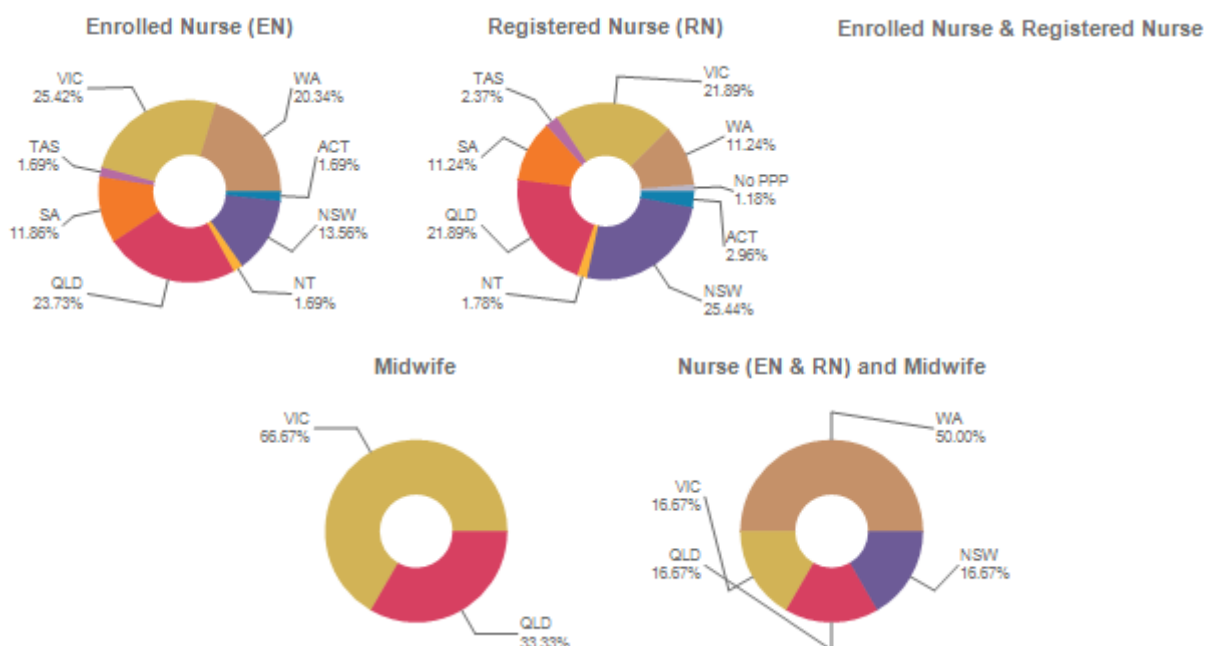
Endorsements by type

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	51	433	29	508	160	44	427	249	28	**1,929**
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	7	35	24	831	15	10	226	24	12	**1,184**
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								**1**
	Scheduled Medicines*	8	85	7	206	48	14	108	101	1	**578**
Total		**66**	**554**	**60**	**1,545**	**223**	**68**	**761**	**374**	**41**	**3,692**

* 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		39	3	11	5		22	23	19	**122**
Mental Health nursing	13	287	21	214	203	16	372	976	185	**2,287**
Paediatric Nursing	2	142	5	115	17	2	88	159	80	**610**
Total	**15**	**468**	**29**	**340**	**225**	**18**	**482**	**1,158**	**284**	**3,019**

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	5,926	16,861	547	2	603	1	536	**24,476**	**5.9%**
25 - 29	6,569	38,055	1,553	13	1,810	18	1,040	**49,058**	**11.9%**
30 - 34	6,266	47,905	1,734	22	2,112	13	987	**59,039**	**14.3%**
35 - 39	5,636	37,420	1,219	13	1,958	11	862	**47,119**	**11.4%**
40 - 44	5,154	32,119	911	15	1,897	8	726	**40,830**	**9.9%**
45 - 49	6,346	34,966	824	15	2,555	8	642	**45,356**	**11.0%**
50 - 54	7,788	30,550	717	4	3,310	6	465	**42,840**	**10.4%**
55 - 59	9,088	30,201	549	6	4,999	6	271	**45,120**	**10.9%**
60 - 64	7,637	25,356	238	1	4,450	1	200	**37,883**	**9.2%**
65 - 69	2,793	10,927	60		1,845	1	98	**15,724**	**3.8%**
70 - 74	550	2,936	13		456		23	**3,978**	**1.0%**
75 - 79	71	500			95		4	**670**	**0.2%**
80+	11	89			13			**113**	**<0.1%**
Total	**63,835**	**307,885**	**8,365**	**91**	**26,103**	**73**	**5,854**	**412,206**	**100.0%**

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

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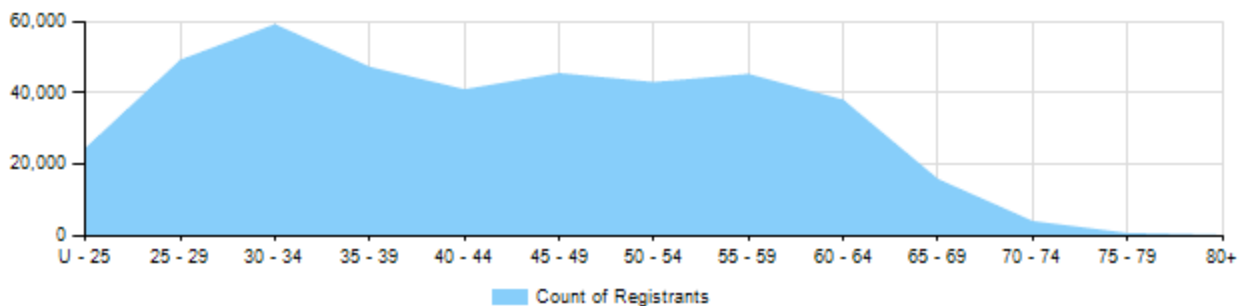
Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife		Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN			
U - 25	29	32				1	**62**	**1.1%**
25 - 29	68	196	3		5	9	**281**	**4.9%**
30 - 34	79	330	11		11	11	**442**	**7.8%**
35 - 39	72	375	3	1	18	8	**477**	**8.4%**
40 - 44	66	381	1		15	7	**470**	**8.3%**
45 - 49	100	410	2		38	5	**555**	**9.7%**
50 - 54	140	397	3		32	8	**580**	**10.2%**
55 - 59	183	495	2		78	6	**764**	**13.4%**
60 - 64	170	659	4		124	7	**964**	**16.9%**
65 - 69	74	460	1		116	2	**653**	**11.5%**
70 - 74	27	238			55	1	**321**	**5.6%**
75 - 79	3	68			21		**92**	**1.6%**
80+		23			9		**32**	**0.6%**
Total	**1,011**	**4,064**	**30**	**1**	**522**	**65**	**5,693**	**100.0%**

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group
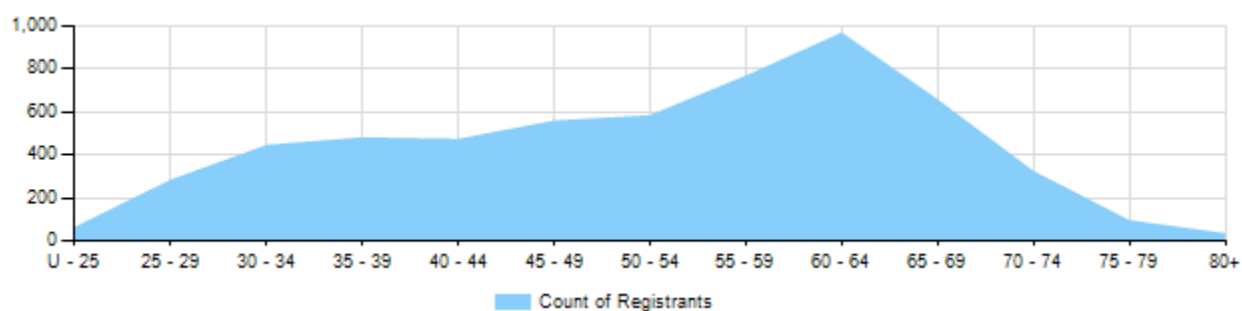
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Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife		Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	RN	Midwife		
U - 25	1					1	0.4%
25 - 29	4	4				8	3.4%
30 - 34	17	25		1	1	44	18.6%
35 - 39	9	39		1		49	20.7%
40 - 44	8	40		1	2	51	21.5%
45 - 49	8	31		1		40	16.9%
50 - 54	7	18				25	10.5%
55 - 59	1	8		2		11	4.6%
60 - 64	2	1				3	1.3%
65 - 69	2	3				5	2.1%
70 - 74						0	0.0%
75 - 79						0	0.0%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	59	169	0	6	3	237	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group
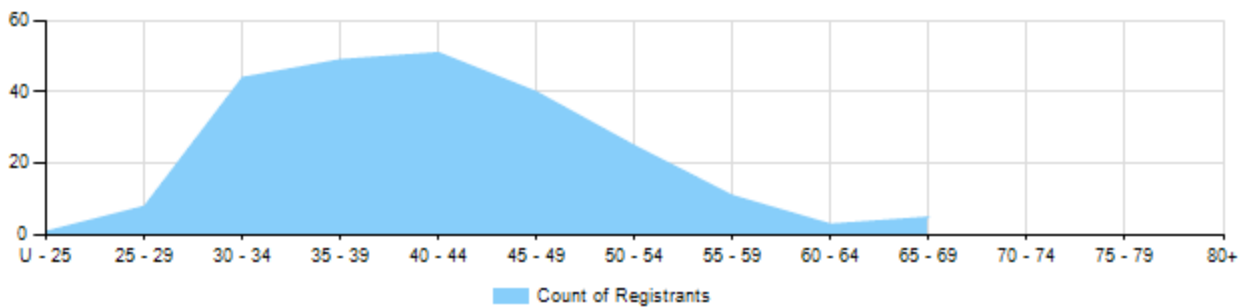
Gender

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)	613	12,060	359	11,987	7,006	1,491	18,497	5,136	86	**57,235**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,583	75,198	3,154	55,088	20,431	6,424	68,252	27,541	9,010	**269,681**
		EN & RN	80	1,303	59	1,596	683	76	2,698	698	29	**7,222**
	Total Female General Nurse		**5,276**	**88,561**	**3,572**	**68,671**	**28,120**	**7,991**	**89,447**	**33,375**	**9,125**	**334,138**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	83	1,617	73	1,384	783	160	2,002	483	13	**6,598**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	728	11,864	598	7,434	2,861	935	8,995	3,017	1,763	**38,195**
		EN & RN	20	218	6	231	138	3	461	64	2	**1,143**
	Total Male General Nurse		**831**	**13,699**	**677**	**9,049**	**3,782**	**1,098**	**11,458**	**3,564**	**1,778**	**45,936**
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)				1				1		**2**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	2		2					4	**9**
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse		**1**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**11**
Total General Nurse			**6,108**	**102,262**	**4,249**	**77,723**	**31,902**	**9,089**	**100,905**	**36,940**	**10,907**	**380,085**
	Female	EN & Midwife	1	14	2	26	11		32	3		**89**
		RN & Midwife	471	6,969	438	5,414	1,661	597	7,170	2,695	262	**25,677**
		EN & RN & Midwife		23	1	5	2	2	25	14		**72**
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife		**472**	**7,006**	**441**	**5,445**	**1,674**	**599**	**7,225**	**2,714**	**262**	**25,838**
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1						**2**
		RN & Midwife	8	154	30	75	37	12	63	40	7	**426**
		EN & RN & Midwife		1								**1**
	Total Male General Nurse and Midwife		**8**	**155**	**31**	**76**	**37**	**12**	**63**	**40**	**7**	**429**
Total General Nurse and Midwife			**480**	**7,161**	**472**	**5,521**	**1,711**	**611**	**7,288**	**2,754**	**269**	**26,267**

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		185	1,402	92	1,290	679	44	1,490	459	195	**5,836**
	Male			5	1	3	1	2	5	1		**18**
Total General Midwife			**185**	**1,407**	**93**	**1,293**	**680**	**46**	**1,495**	**460**	**195**	**5,854**
Total			**6,773**	**110,830**	**4,814**	**84,537**	**34,293**	**9,746**	**109,688**	**40,154**	**11,371**	**412,206**

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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	5,933	96,969	4,105	75,406	30,473	8,634	98,162	36,548	9,582	**365,812**
Male	839	13,859	709	9,128	3,820	1,112	11,526	3,605	1,785	**46,383**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	2		3				1	4	**11**

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.6%	87.5%	85.3%	89.2%	88.9%	88.6%	89.5%	91.0%	84.3%	**88.7%**
Male	12.4%	12.5%	14.7%	10.8%	11.1%	11.4%	10.5%	9.0%	15.7%	**11.3%**
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<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)	18	268	5	174	118	21	238	84	12	**938**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	69	1,289	17	591	253	90	648	294	394	**3,645**
		EN & RN		5		5	3		9	3	4	**29**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		**87**	**1,562**	**22**	**770**	**374**	**111**	**895**	**381**	**410**	**4,612**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	31		15	4		16	5	1	**73**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	9	154	2	61	41	10	70	24	48	**419**
		EN & RN					1					**1**
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		**10**	**185**	**2**	**76**	**46**	**10**	**86**	**29**	**49**	**493**
Total Non-practising Nurse			**97**	**1,747**	**24**	**846**	**420**	**121**	**981**	**410**	**459**	**5,105**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	16	232	1	77	35	8	88	29	26	**512**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		**16**	**232**	**1**	**77**	**35**	**8**	**89**	**29**	**26**	**513**
	Male	RN & Midwife		7		2				1		**10**
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			**16**	**239**	**1**	**79**	**35**	**8**	**89**	**30**	**26**	**523**
Midwife	Female		1	12	2	9	6		20	6	9	**65**
Total Non-practising Midwife			**1**	**12**	**2**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**20**	**6**	**9**	**65**
Total			**114**	**1,998**	**27**	**934**	**461**	**129**	**1,090**	**446**	**494**	**5,693**

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	104	1,806	25	856	415	119	1,004	416	445	**5,190**
Male	10	192	2	78	46	10	86	30	49	**503**

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.2%	90.4%	92.6%	91.6%	90.0%	92.2%	92.1%	93.3%	90.1%	**91.2%**
Male	8.8%	9.6%	7.4%	8.4%	10.0%	7.8%	7.9%	6.7%	9.9%	**8.8%**

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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)	1	6	1	13	6	1	15	12		**55**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5	43	3	30	17	3	33	17	2	**153**
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		**6**	**49**	**4**	**43**	**23**	**4**	**48**	**29**	**2**	**208**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		1	1					**4**
		Registered Nurse (RN)				7	2	1	4	2		**16**
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		**0**	**2**	**0**	**8**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**20**
Total Provisional Nurse			**6**	**51**	**4**	**51**	**26**	**5**	**52**	**31**	**2**	**228**
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		1		1			1	3		**6**
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**6**
Midwife	Female					1			2			**3**
Total Provisional Midwife			**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**3**
Total			**6**	**52**	**4**	**53**	**26**	**5**	**55**	**34**	**2**	**237**

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	6	50	4	45	23	4	51	32	2	**217**
Male		2		8	3	1	4	2		**20**

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	96.2%	100.0%	84.9%	88.5%	80.0%	92.7%	94.1%	100.0%	**91.6%**
Male		3.8%		15.1%	11.5%	20.0%	7.3%	5.9%		**8.4%**