

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant Data

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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 tables¹ 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

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 Type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	683	13,346	394	12,272	7,669	1,432	19,757	5,186	91	60,830	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,553	77,450	3,239	52,826	21,346	6,476	66,920	28,198	8,706	269,714	
		EN & RN	60	1,058	61	1,141	607	62	2,167	543	23	5,722	
	Total General Nurse		5,296	91,854	3,694	66,239	29,622	7,970	88,844	33,927	8,820	336,266	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	302	7	167	132	23	218	72	12	950	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	63	1,446	24	543	278	87	642	313	377	3,773	
		EN & RN		3		4	2		8	1	5	23	
	Total Non-practising Nurse		80	1,751	31	714	412	110	868	386	394	4,746	
	Total Nurse			5,376	93,605	3,725	66,953	30,034	8,080	89,712	34,313	9,214	341,012
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	3	1	15	3		31			54
RN & Midwife			531	7,935	501	5,661	1,964	615	7,276	2,846	278	27,607	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	12		3	1		25	10		52	
Total General NMW		533	7,950	502	5,679	1,968	615	7,332	2,856	278	27,713		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1			1	
		RN & Midwife	15	305	1	85	38	7	81	46	28	606	
Total Non-practising NMW		15	305	1	85	38	7	82	46	28	607		
Total NMW			548	8,255	503	5,764	2,006	622	7,414	2,902	306	28,320	
Midwife	General		123	869	71	759	502	22	1,150	369	130	3,995	
	Non-practising			19		9	8	1	17	7	6	67	
Total Midwife			123	888	71	768	510	23	1,167	376	136	4,062	
Total			6,047	102,748	4,299	73,485	32,550	8,725	98,293	37,591	9,656	373,394	

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015. Data about the number of provisional registrants is being captured and will be reported in the near future.

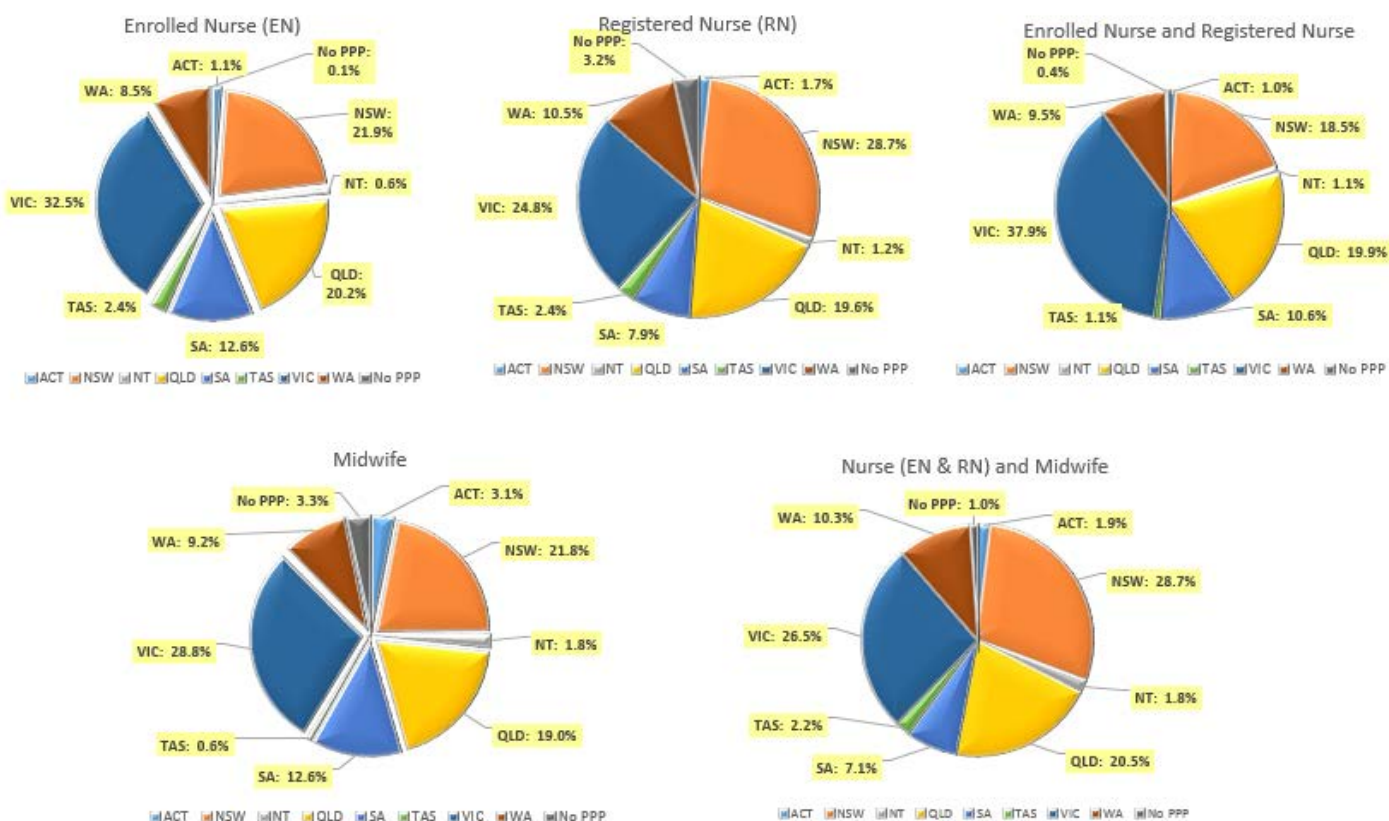
General Registration

Table 2.1 Totals for practitioners with general registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	683	13,346	394	12,272	7,669	1,432	19,757	5,186	91	60,830
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,553	77,450	3,239	52,826	21,346	6,476	66,920	28,198	8,706	269,714
EN & RN	60	1,058	61	1,141	607	62	2,167	543	23	5,722
Midwife	123	869	71	759	502	22	1,150	369	130	3,995
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	533	7,950	502	5,679	1,968	615	7,332	2,856	278	27,713

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



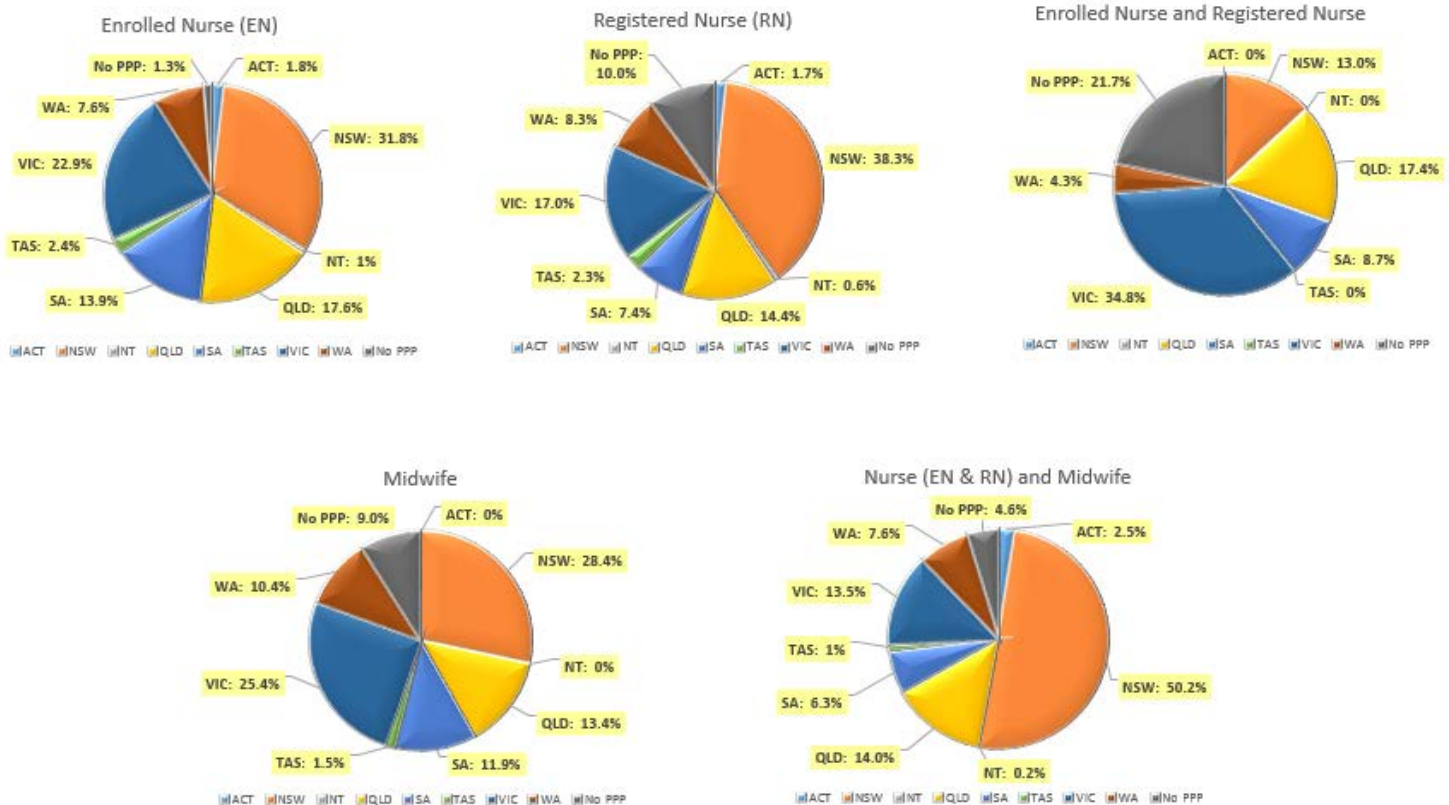
Non-practising Registration

Table 3.1 Totals for practitioners with non-practising registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	17	302	7	167	132	23	218	72	12	950
Registered Nurse (RN)	63	1,446	24	543	278	87	642	313	377	3,773
EN & RN		3		4	2		8	1	5	23
Midwife		19		9	8	1	17	7	6	67
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	15	305	1	85	38	7	82	46	28	607

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

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



Endorsements by Type

The NMBA endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner – includes prescribing scheduled medicines
- Registered Nurse - supply 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 4.1 Registered Nurse and Midwife – Endorsements by type

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	40	320	22	373	124	29	281	241	16	1,446
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	40	21	827	7	5	167	22	7	1,102
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	2	42	2	94	26	8	48	40		262
	Midwife Practitioner		1								1

* The above numbers under 'Midwife Scheduled Medicines' reflect those midwives who have met the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives they are also eligible for the Eligible midwife notation.

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 5.1 Registered Nurse notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		28	2	8	6		13	17	7	81
Mental Health nursing	6	239	33	154	237	13	234	1,083	120	2,119
Paediatric Nursing	3	125	3	67	17	2	67	145	58	487
Total	9	392	38	229	260	15	314	1,245	185	2,687

The NMBA also recognises midwives that meet the requirements of the Eligible Midwife registration standard with a notation on their registration.

The notation states:

Eligible midwife competent to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care and qualified to provide the associated services and order diagnostic investigations required for midwifery practice, in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Table 5.2 Midwife notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Eligible Midwife*	2	23	3	59	7	1	23	12		130

* The above numbers reflect those midwives with the Eligible midwife notation only. An Eligible midwife, may be qualified to apply for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives under section 94 to prescribe Schedule 2, 3, 4 & 8 medicines when they have completed a NMBA-approved program of study and meet the requirements of the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives.

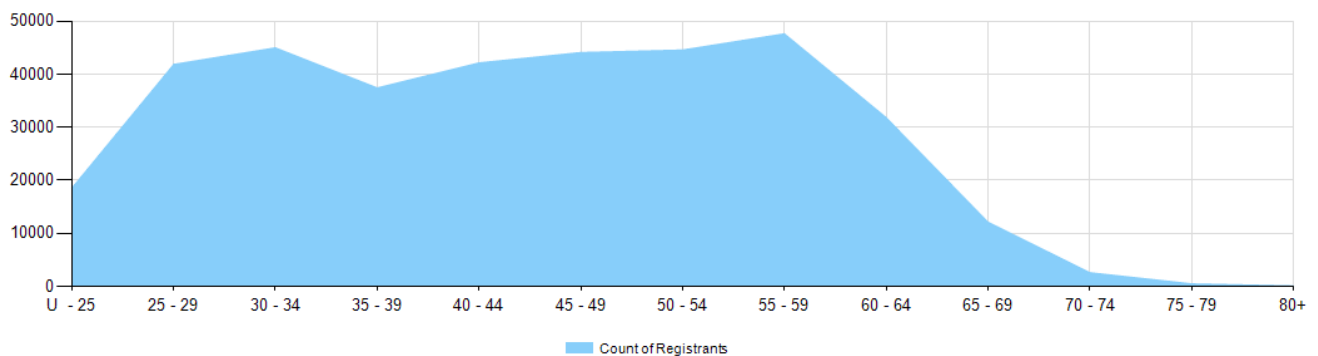
Age Group

General Registration

Table 6.1 General registration by age group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	4,724	12,692	352		400	2	335	18,505	5.0%
25 - 29	5,400	32,726	1,339	12	1,568	20	746	41,811	11.4%
30 - 34	5,360	35,982	1,051	13	1,899	8	634	44,947	12.2%
35 - 39	4,644	29,827	664	6	1,737	2	521	37,401	10.2%
40 - 44	5,483	33,150	607	11	2,292	6	560	42,109	11.4%
45 - 49	7,380	32,474	626	6	3,106	7	466	44,065	12.0%
50 - 54	8,980	29,914	594	4	4,722	4	317	44,535	12.1%
55 - 59	10,086	31,031	329	2	5,934	2	221	47,605	12.9%
60 - 64	6,381	21,140	126		4,034	1	129	31,811	8.6%
65 - 69	1,998	8,493	30		1,521		54	12,096	3.3%
70 - 74	351	1,864	3		330		10	2,558	.7%
75 - 79	37	363	1		57		2	460	.1%
80+	6	58			7			71	<.1%
Total	60,830	269,714	5,722	54	27,607	52	3,995	367,974	100.0%

Table 6.2 General registration by age group

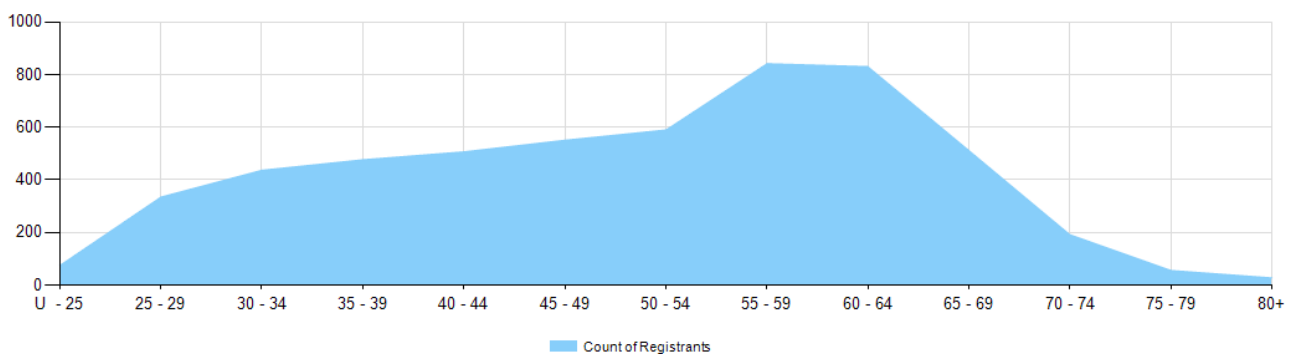


Non-practising Registration

Table 7.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	21	50	1		2			74	1.4%
25 - 29	60	247	8		7		12	334	6.2%
30 - 34	64	346	1	1	15		9	436	8.0%
35 - 39	77	373			17		9	476	8.8%
40 - 44	82	378	1		38		7	506	9.3%
45 - 49	117	384	2		43		4	550	10.1%
50 - 54	148	377	3		55		6	589	10.9%
55 - 59	188	517	4		123		9	841	15.5%
60 - 64	133	547	1		143		6	830	15.3%
65 - 69	47	356	1		106		1	511	9.4%
70 - 74	10	141			37		3	191	3.5%
75 - 79	3	38	1		13			55	1.0%
80+		19			7		1	27	.5%
Total	950	3,773	23	1	606		67	5,420	100.0%

Table 7.2 Non-practising registration by age group



Gender

General Registration

Table 8.1 General registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	613	11,841	323	11,072	6,949	1,312	17,939	4,807	78	54,934	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	3,962	67,107	2,742	46,711	18,799	5,674	59,516	25,439	7,415	237,365	
		EN & RN	47	885	54	985	504	59	1,856	493	22	4,905	
		Total Female General Nurse	4,622	79,833	3,119	58,768	26,252	7,045	79,311	30,739	7,515	297,204	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	70	1,505	71	1,200	720	120	1,818	379	13	5,896	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	591	10,343	497	6,115	2,547	802	7,404	2,759	1,291	32,349	
		EN & RN	13	173	7	156	103	3	311	50	1	817	
		Total Male General Nurse	674	12,021	575	7,471	3,370	925	9,533	3,188	1,305	39,062	
	Total General Nurse			5,296	91,854	3,694	66,239	29,622	7,970	88,844	33,927	8,820	336,266
	Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	1	3	1	14	3		31			53
RN & Midwife			519	7,755	475	5,572	1,924	601	7,200	2,804	272	27,122	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	11		3	1		25	10		51	
Total Female General NMW			521	7,769	476	5,589	1,928	601	7,256	2,814	272	27,226	
Male		EN & Midwife				1							1
		RN & Midwife	12	180	26	89	40	14	76	42	6	485	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									1
		Total Male General NMW	12	181	26	90	40	14	76	42	6	487	
Total General NMW			533	7,950	502	5,679	1,968	615	7,332	2,856	278	27,713	
Midwife	Female		122	863	70	757	501	21	1,147	369	130	3,980	
	Male		1	6	1	2	1	1	3			15	
Total General Midwife			123	869	71	759	502	22	1,150	369	130	3,995	
Total			5,952	100,673	4,267	72,677	32,092	8,607	97,326	37,152	9,228	367,974	

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 8.2 Total general registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5,265	88,465	3,665	65,114	28,681	7,667	87,714	33,922	7,917	328,410
Male	687	12,208	602	7,563	3,411	940	9,612	3,230	1,311	39,564

Table 8.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.5%	87.9%	85.9%	89.6%	89.4%	89.1%	90.1%	91.3%	85.8%	89.2%
Male	11.5%	12.1%	14.1%	10.4%	10.6%	10.9%	9.9%	8.7%	14.2%	10.8%

Non-practising Registration

Table 9.1 Non-practising registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	276	6	161	123	21	207	71	10	891	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	58	1,308	24	502	243	82	588	293	344	3,442	
		EN & RN		3		4	1		8	1	4	21	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		74	1,587	30	667	367	103	803	365	358	4,354	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	26	1	6	9	2	11	1	2	59	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5	138		41	35	5	54	20	33	331	
		EN & RN					1				1	2	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		6	164	1	47	45	7	65	21	36	392	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			80	1,751	31	714	412	110	868	386	394	4,746
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			15	300	1	83	38	7	81	45	28	598	
Total Female Non-practising NMW		15	300	1	83	38	7	82	45	28	599		
Male		RN & Midwife		5		2				1		8	
Total Male Non-practising NMW			5		2				1		8		
Total Non-practising NMW			15	305	1	85	38	7	82	46	28	607	
Midwife	Female			19		9	8	1	17	7	6	67	
	Male												
Total Non-practising Midwife				19		9	8	1	17	7	6	67	
Total			95	2,075	32	808	458	118	967	439	428	5,420	

Table 9.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	89	1,906	31	759	413	111	902	417	392	5,020
Male	6	169	1	49	45	7	65	22	36	400

Table 9.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	93.7%	91.9%	96.9%	93.9%	90.2%	94.1%	93.3%	95.0%	91.6%	92.6%
Male	6.3%	8.1%	3.1%	6.1%	9.8%	5.9%	6.7%	5.0%	8.4%	7.4%