

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)	666	13,155	384	11,957	7,708	1,431	19,738	5,247	92	60,378	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,404	76,142	3,188	51,488	21,645	6,416	66,021	28,105	8,812	266,221	
		EN & RN	62	1,064	57	1,132	617	57	2,033	490	26	5,538	
	Total General Nurse		5,132	90,361	3,629	64,577	29,970	7,904	87,792	33,842	8,930	332,137	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	302	10	161	106	19	216	74	8	912	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	53	1,421	27	497	259	87	600	283	314	3,541	
		EN & RN		3		3	3		5	1	1	16	
	Total Non-practising Nurse		69	1,726	37	661	368	106	821	358	323	4,469	
	Total Nurse			5,201	92,087	3,666	65,238	30,338	8,010	88,613	34,200	9,253	336,606
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	3	4		13	3		35			58
RN & Midwife			549	8,344	527	5,820	2,078	634	7,534	2,921	297	28,704	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	10	1	3	2		28	9		54	
Total General NMW		553	8,358	528	5,836	2,083	634	7,597	2,930	297	28,816		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1			1	
		RN & Midwife	16	305	1	82	31	7	84	37	27	590	
Total Non-practising NMW		16	305	1	82	31	7	85	37	27	591		
Total NMW			569	8663	529	5918	2114	641	7682	2967	324	29407	
Midwife	General		103	853	64	711	483	20	1,089	362	112	3,797	
	Non-practising			14		4	9	1	15	5	7	55	
Total Midwife			103	867	64	715	492	21	1,104	367	119	3,852	
Total			5,873	101,617	4,259	71,871	32,944	8,672	97,399	37,534	9,696	369,865	

* 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 around and will be reported in the near future.

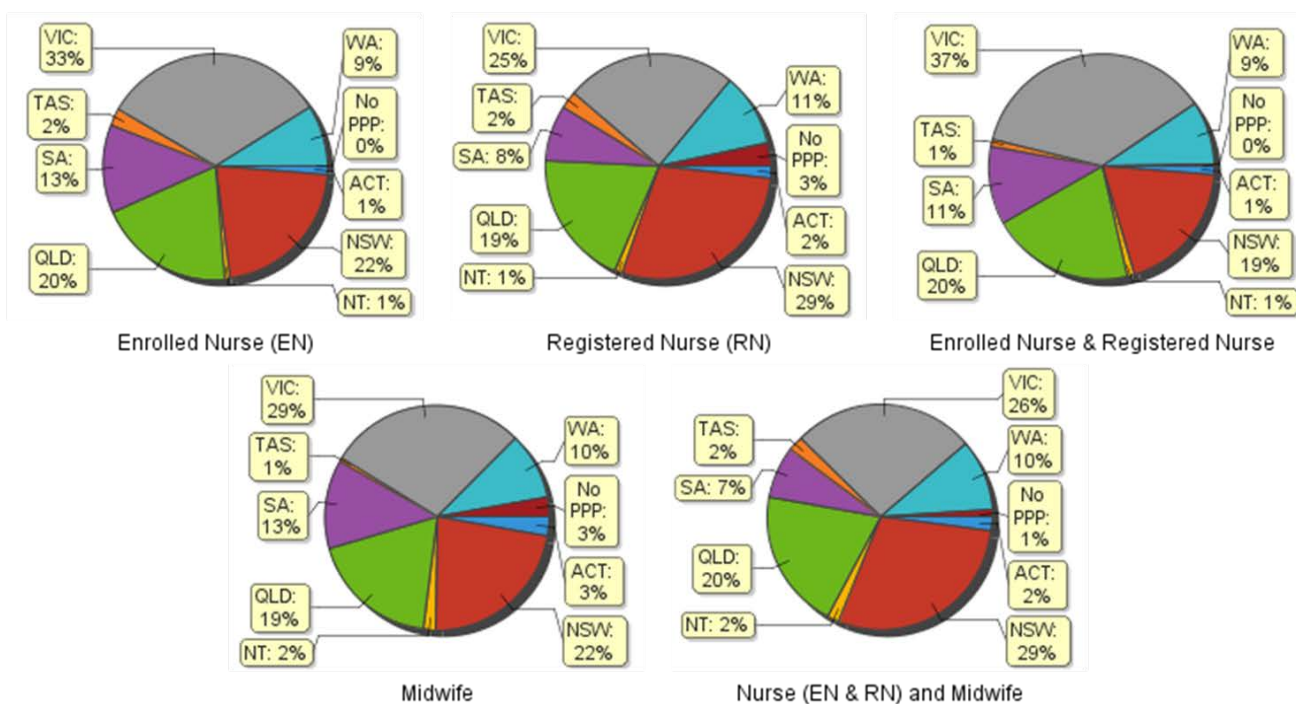
General Registration

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)	666	13,155	384	11,957	7,708	1,431	19,738	5,247	92	60,378
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,404	76,142	3,188	51,488	21,645	6,416	66,021	28,105	8,812	266,221
EN & RN	62	1,064	57	1,132	617	57	2,033	490	26	5,538
Midwife	103	853	64	711	483	20	1,089	362	112	3,797
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	553	8,357	528	5,836	2,083	634	7,597	2,930	297	28,815

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may be 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



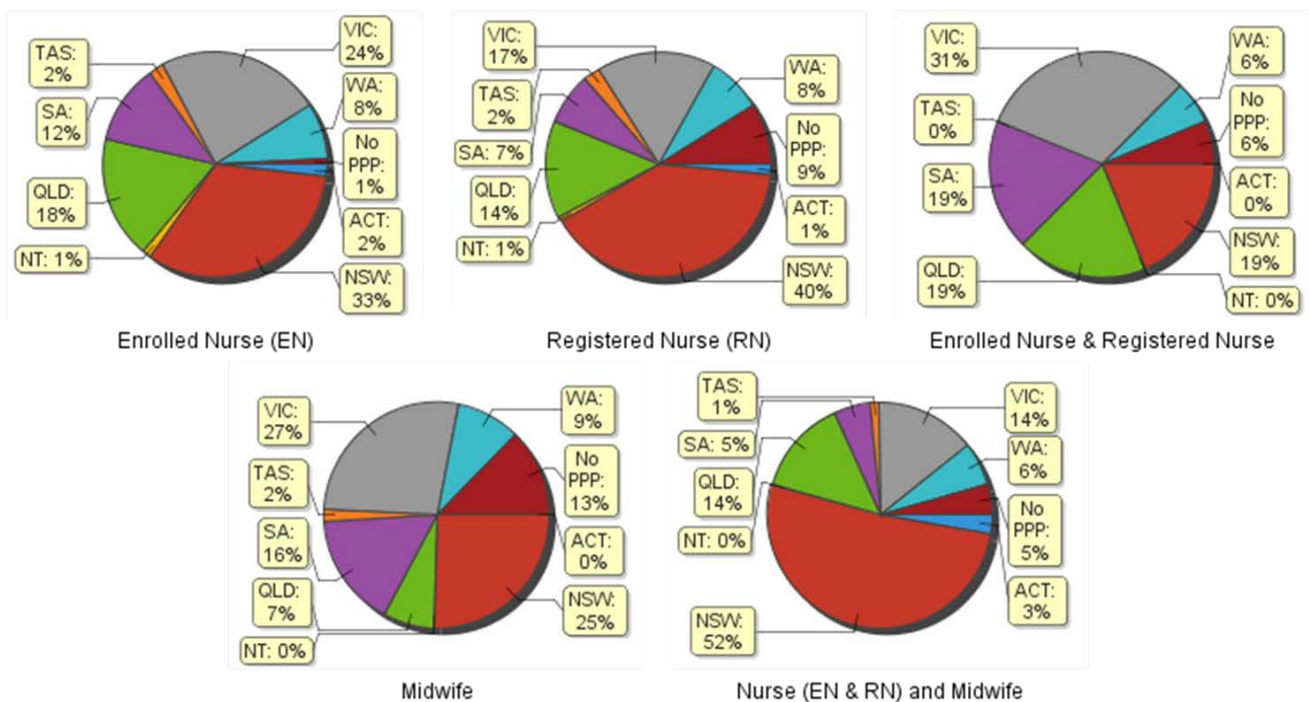
Non-practising Registration

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)	16	302	10	161	106	19	216	74	8	912
Registered Nurse (RN)	53	1,421	27	497	259	87	600	283	314	3,541
EN & RN		3		3	3		5	1	1	16
Midwife		14		4	9	1	15	5	7	55
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	16	305	1	82	31	7	85	37	27	591

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may be 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	37	285	21	342	119	28	247	226	14	1,319
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	38	15	809	6	6	138	15	9	1,041
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	2	34	2	81	22	3	43	34		221
	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	1	24	3	9	6	0	13	18	7	81
Mental Health nursing	7	227	31	138	243	10	234	1,124	97	2,111
Paediatric Nursing	5	128	3	56	18	2	60	152	41	465
Total	13	379	37	203	267	12	307	1,294	145	2,657

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*	1	24	2	57	6	4	25	11		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.

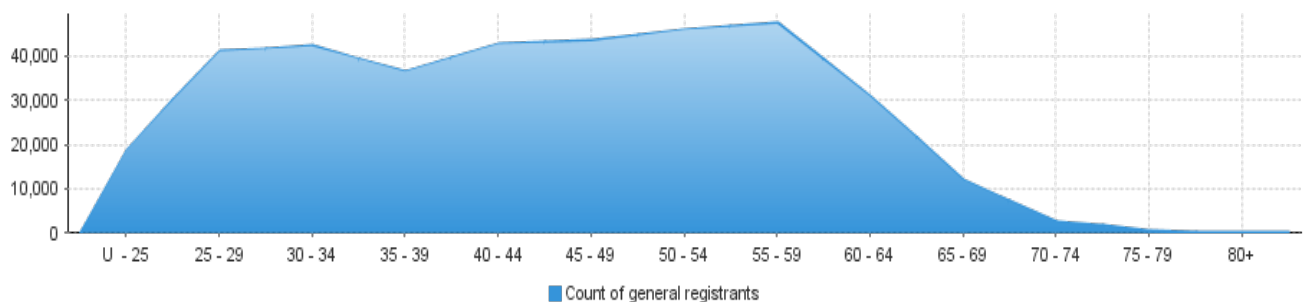
Age Group

General Registration

Table 6.1 General Registration by Age Group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife		
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN		Total	%
U - 25	4,385	13,187	395	1	472	6	361	18,807	5.16%
25 - 29	5,162	32,454	1,337	18	1,492	15	690	41,168	11.29%
30 - 34	5,025	33,838	946	7	1,865	10	603	42,294	11.60%
35 - 39	4,455	29,239	624	6	1,760	2	488	36,574	10.03%
40 - 44	5,635	33,634	598	12	2,407	7	548	42,841	11.75%
45 - 49	7,553	31,446	631	6	3,309	5	446	43,396	11.90%
50 - 54	9,479	30,501	574	4	5,231	7	275	46,071	12.63%
55 - 59	10,096	30,684	294	3	6,078	1	200	47,356	12.98%
60 - 64	6,206	20,486	112	1	4,140	1	114	31,060	8.52%
65 - 69	2,002	8,490	25		1,544		56	12,117	3.32%
70 - 74	340	1,842	1		338		13	2,534	0.69%
75 - 79	35	362	1		57		3	458	0.13%
80+	5	58			10			73	0.02%
Total	60,378	266,221	5,538	58	28,703	54	3,797	364,749	100%

Table 6.2 General Registration by Age Group

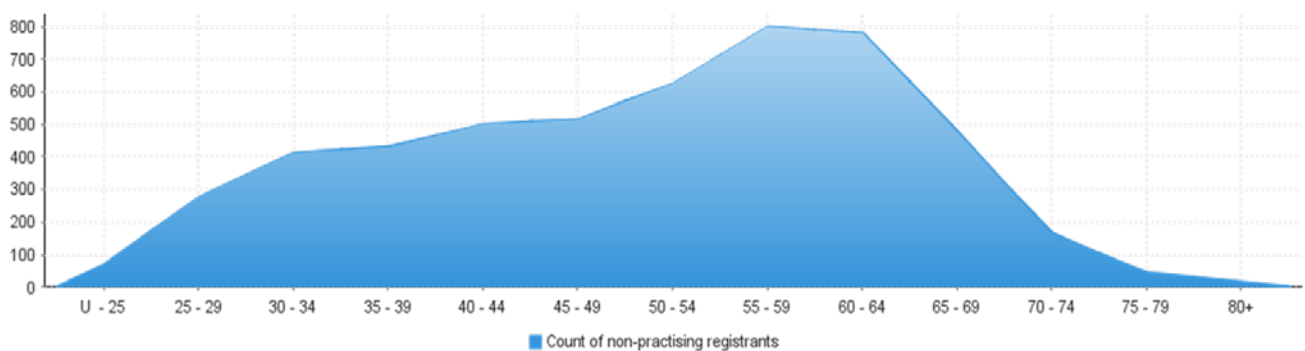


Non-practising Registration

Table 7.1 Non-practising Registration by Age Group

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife			Midwife		
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN		Total	%
U - 25	24	46	1					71	1.39%
25 - 29	60	198	5		7		9	279	5.45%
30 - 34	56	328	1	1	18		8	412	8.05%
35 - 39	61	346			13		9	429	8.39%
40 - 44	82	374			40		4	500	9.78%
45 - 49	102	359	1		45		7	514	10.05%
50 - 54	157	391	5		68		5	626	12.24%
55 - 59	182	498	2		113		5	800	15.64%
60 - 64	136	501			138		5	780	15.25%
65 - 69	43	337			98		1	479	9.36%
70 - 74	9	116			36		2	163	3.19%
75 - 79		37	1		8			46	0.90%
80+		10			6			16	0.31%
Total	912	3,541	16	1	590	0	55	5,115	100%

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)	605	11,662	315	10,790	7,007	1,304	17,959	4,894	75	54,611	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	3,851	66,128	2,697	45,621	19,047	5,624	58,762	25,352	7,554	234,636	
		EN & RN	52	893	52	986	520	54	1,735	443	26	4,761	
		Total Female General Nurse	4,508	78,683	3,064	57,397	26,574	6,982	78,456	30,689	7,655	294,008	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	61	1,493	69	1,167	701	127	1,779	353	17	5,767	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	553	10,014	491	5,867	2,598	792	7,259	2,753	1,258	31,585	
		EN & RN	10	171	5	146	97	3	298	47		777	
		Total Male General Nurse	624	11,678	565	7,180	3,396	922	9,336	3,153	1,275	38,129	
	Total General Nurse			5,132	90,361	3,629	64,577	29,970	7,904	87,792	33,842	8,930	332,137
	Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	3	4		12	3		35			57
RN & Midwife			537	8,167	501	5,722	2,032	619	7,456	2,878	289	28,201	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	9	1	3	2		28	9		53	
Total Female General NMW			541	8,180	502	5,737	2,037	619	7,519	2,887	289	28,311	
Male		EN & Midwife				1							1
		RN & Midwife	12	176	26	98	46	15	78	43	8		502
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									1
Total Male General NMW			12	177	26	99	46	15	78	43	8	504	
Total General NMW			553	8,357	528	5,836	2,083	634	7,597	2,930	297	28,815	
Midwife	Female		102	848	63	709	482	19	1,086	362	111	3,782	
	Male		1	5	1	2	1	1	3		1	15	
Total General Midwife			103	853	64	711	483	20	1,089	362	112	3,797	
Total			5,788	99,571	4,221	71,124	32,536	8,558	96,478	37,134	9,339	364,749	

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may be 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	5,151	87,711	3,629	63,843	29,093	7,620	87,061	33,938	8,055	326,101
Male	637	11,860	592	7,281	3,443	938	9,417	3,196	1,284	38,648

Table 8.3 Total General Registration by Gender Percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.99%	88.09%	85.97%	89.76%	89.42%	89.04%	90.24%	91.39%	86.25%	89.45%
Male	11.01%	11.91%	14.03%	10.24%	10.58%	10.96%	9.76%	8.61%	13.75%	10.55%

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)	15	279	10	154	100	17	201	74	6	856	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	46	1,287	27	457	229	79	557	263	288	3,233	
		EN & RN		3		2	2		5	1	1	14	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		61	1,569	37	613	331	96	763	338	295	4,103	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	23		7	6	2	15			2	56
		Registered Nurse (RN)	7	134		40	30	8	43	20	26	308	
		EN & RN				1	1					2	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		8	157		48	37	10	58	20	28	366	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			69	1,726	37	661	368	106	821	358	323	4,469
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			16	300	1	81	31	6	84	36	26	581	
Total Female Non-practising NMW		16	300	1	81	31	6	85	36	26	582		
Male		RN & Midwife		5		1		1		1	1	9	
Total Male Non-practising NMW			5		1		1		1	1	9		
Total Non-practising NMW			16	305	1	82	31	7	85	37	27	591	
Midwife	Female			14		4	9	1	15	5	7	55	
	Male											0	
Total Non-practising Midwife				14		4	9	1	15	5	7	55	
Total			85	2,045	38	747	408	114	921	400	357	5,115	

Table 9.2 Total Non-practising Registration by Gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	77	1,883	38	698	371	103	863	379	328	4,740
Male	8	162	0	49	37	11	58	21	29	375

Table 9.3 Total Non-practising Registration by Gender Percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.59%	92.08%	100.00%	93.44%	90.93%	90.35%	93.70%	94.75%	91.88%	89.45%
Male	9.41%	7.92%	0.00%	6.56%	9.07%	9.65%	6.30%	5.25%	8.12%	10.55%