

# 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx). AHPRA has analysed the NMBA's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx)

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<sup>1</sup> 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)	698	13,569	401	13,064	7,690	1,543	20,243	5,408	111	<b>62,727</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,925	83,112	3,407	57,375	22,345	6,835	71,972	29,562	10,083	<b>289,616</b>	
		EN & RN	81	1,429	66	1,624	829	78	2,974	712	28	<b>7,821</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>		<b>5,704</b>	<b>98,110</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>72,063</b>	<b>30,864</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>95,189</b>	<b>35,682</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>360,164</b>	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	20	310	6	176	131	25	237	81	17	<b>1,003</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	78	1,460	23	601	302	103	656	315	455	<b>3,993</b>	
		EN & RN	1	3		3	5		9		5	<b>26</b>	
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>5,022</b>	
	<b>Total Nurse</b>			<b>5,803</b>	<b>99,883</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>72,843</b>	<b>31,302</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>96,091</b>	<b>36,078</b>	<b>10,699</b>	<b>365,186</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	6	4	25	7		32	1		<b>76</b>
RN & Midwife			502	7,734	490	5,676	1,861	624	7,460	2,826	291	<b>27,464</b>	
EN & RN & Midwife				18	2	7	2	2	34	13		<b>78</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>		<b>503</b>	<b>7,758</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>5,708</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>7,526</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>27,618</b>		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1				<b>1</b>
		RN & Midwife	17	284		88	38	10	103	42	26		<b>608</b>
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>284</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>609</b>	
<b>Total NMW</b>			<b>520</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>7,630</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>28,227</b>	
Midwife	General		163	1,171	89	1,024	624	33	1,326	430	191	<b>5,051</b>	
	Non-practising		1	17		9	8		17	7	7	<b>66</b>	
<b>Total Midwife</b>			<b>164</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>5,117</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,487</b>	<b>109,113</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>79,672</b>	<b>33,842</b>	<b>9,253</b>	<b>105,064</b>	<b>39,397</b>	<b>11,214</b>	<b>398,530</b>	

\* 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.

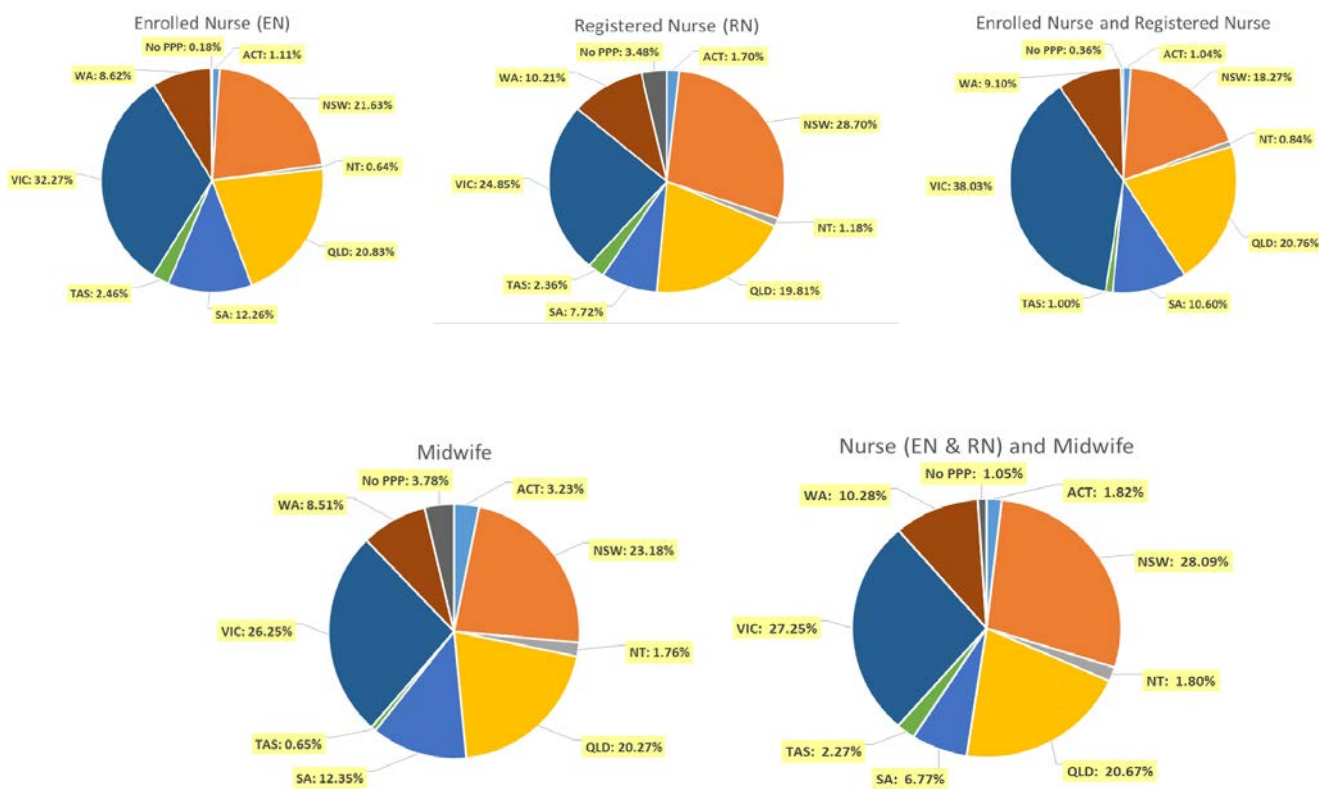
## General Registration

**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)	698	13,569	401	13,064	7,690	1,543	20,243	5,408	111	<b>62,727</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,925	83,112	3,407	57,375	22,345	6,835	71,972	29,562	10,083	<b>289,616</b>
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Midwife	163	1,171	89	1,024	624	33	1,326	430	191	<b>5,051</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	503	7,758	496	5,708	1,870	626	7,526	2,840	291	<b>27,618</b>

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**Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice**



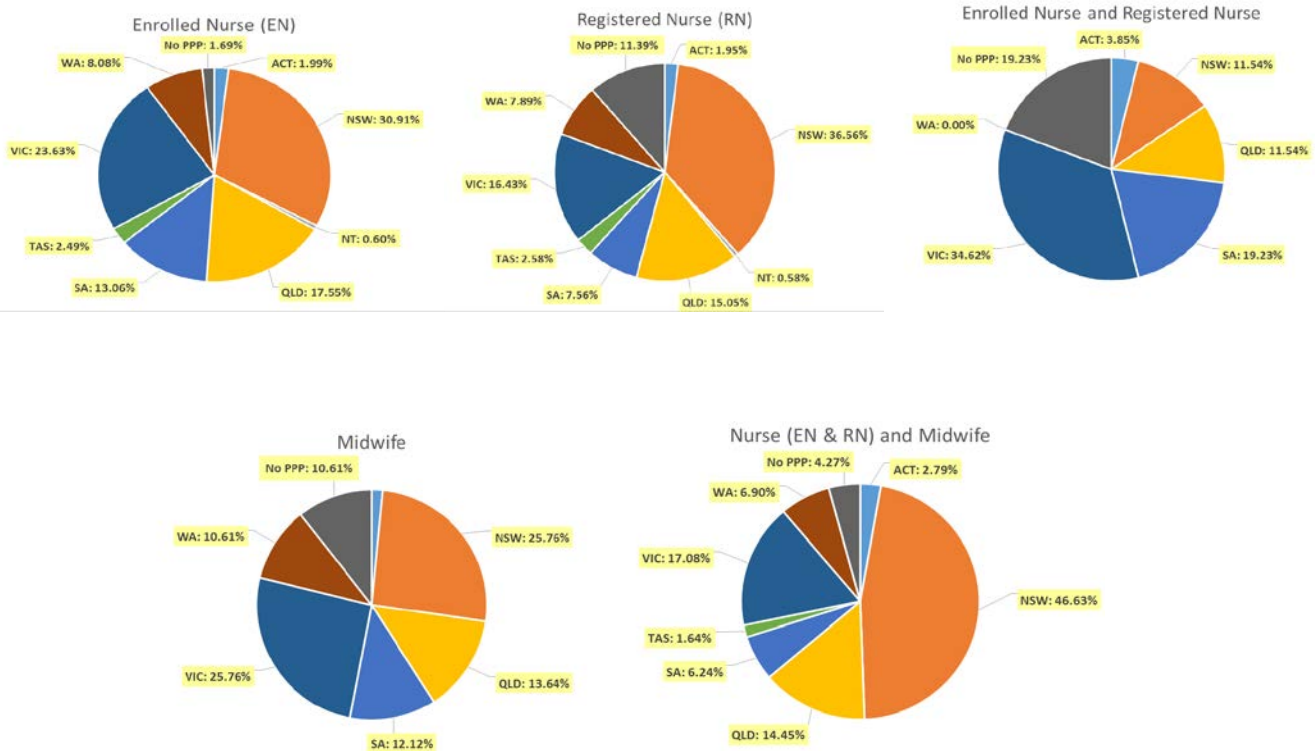
## Non-practising Registration

**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)	20	310	6	176	131	25	237	81	17	<b>1,003</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	78	1,460	23	601	302	103	656	315	455	<b>3,993</b>
EN & RN	1	3		3	5		9		5	<b>26</b>
Midwife	1	17		9	8		17	7	7	<b>66</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	17	284		88	38	10	104	42	26	<b>609</b>

\* 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
- 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 4.1 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	43	375	25	440	139	35	339	252	26	1,674
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	50	23	841	7	8	180	23	8	1,146
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	3	63	4	148	37	10	74	68		407
	Midwife Practitioner		1								1
<b>Total</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3,228</b>

\* 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 5.1 Registered Nurse notations**

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		41	2	11	5		12	20	18	109
Mental health nursing	8	273	26	180	221	16	279	1,052	174	2,229
Paediatric Nursing	2	141	2	106	16	2	76	152	83	580
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2,918</b>

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	1	1	7	2		3	3		18

\* 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.

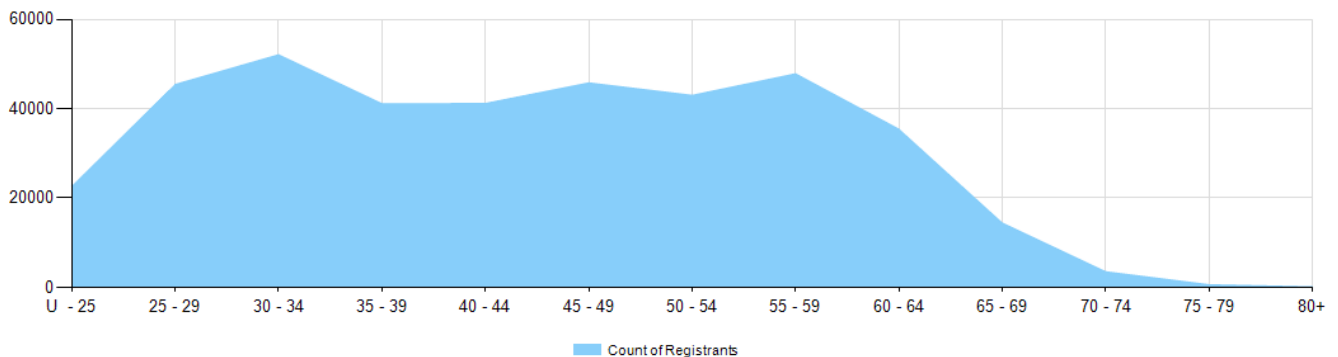
## Age group

### 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	5,120	15,816	583	2	612	4	478	<b>22,615</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
25 - 29	5,915	35,084	1,690	14	1,733	28	939	<b>45,403</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
30 - 34	5,767	41,891	1,556	14	1,983	11	833	<b>52,055</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
35 - 39	5,111	32,450	965	13	1,869	10	682	<b>41,100</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
40 - 44	5,192	32,379	844	10	2,068	7	655	<b>41,155</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
45 - 49	7,028	34,469	809	13	2,881	6	553	<b>45,759</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
50 - 54	8,415	29,512	682	7	3,960	8	397	<b>42,981</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
55 - 59	9,956	31,386	468	2	5,730	2	257	<b>47,801</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
60 - 64	7,144	23,549	170	1	4,366	2	168	<b>35,400</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
65 - 69	2,530	10,002	45		1,760		62	<b>14,399</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
70 - 74	486	2,546	7		415		25	<b>3,479</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
75 - 79	52	452	2		74		2	<b>582</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
80+	11	80			13			<b>104</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,727</b>	<b>289,616</b>	<b>7,821</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>27,464</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>392,833</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 6.2** General registration by age group



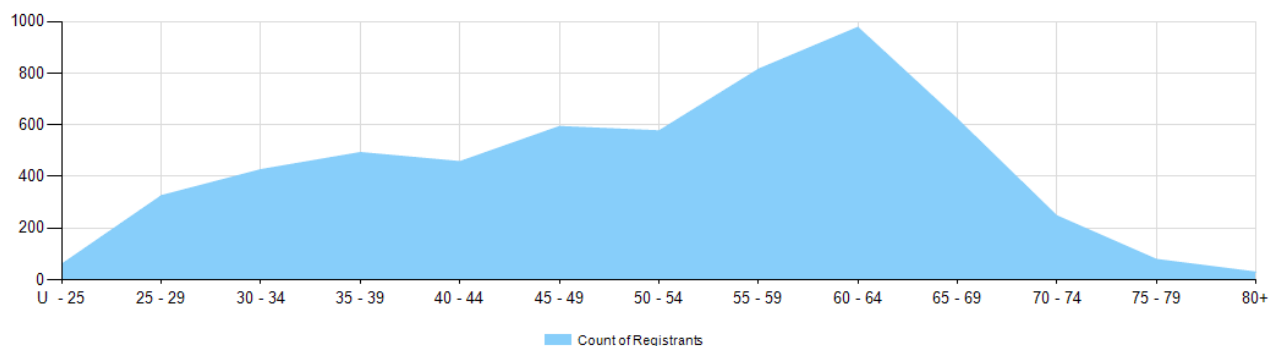


## Non-practising registration

**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	27	32			1			<b>60</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
25 - 29	61	244	6		6		8	<b>325</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
30 - 34	64	343	1	1	12		5	<b>426</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
35 - 39	76	388	2		18		8	<b>492</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
40 - 44	77	343	3		25		9	<b>457</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
45 - 49	121	418	2		48		4	<b>593</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
50 - 54	148	368	3		47		10	<b>576</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
55 - 59	184	518	4		100		9	<b>815</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
60 - 64	159	653	3		152		10	<b>977</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
65 - 69	69	427	1		125			<b>622</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
70 - 74	12	180	1		52		2	<b>247</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
75 - 79	5	58			15			<b>78</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
80+		21			7		1	<b>29</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5,697</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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)	621	12,029	332	11,719	6,970	1,404	18,310	4,993	97	<b>56,475</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,260	71,820	2,875	50,738	19,672	5,991	63,764	26,670	8,547	<b>254,337</b>	
		EN & RN	66	1,213	56	1,418	673	73	2,566	648	27	<b>6,740</b>	
	<b>Total female General Nurse</b>			<b>4,947</b>	<b>85,062</b>	<b>3,263</b>	<b>63,875</b>	<b>27,315</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>84,640</b>	<b>32,311</b>	<b>8,671</b>	<b>317,552</b>
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	77	1,540	69	1,345	720	139	1,933	415	14	<b>6,252</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	665	11,291	532	6,636	2,673	844	8,208	2,892	1,536	<b>35,277</b>	
		EN & RN	15	216	10	206	156	5	408	64	1	<b>1,081</b>	
	<b>Total male General Nurse</b>			<b>757</b>	<b>13,047</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>8,187</b>	<b>3,549</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>42,610</b>
	Intersex or Indeterminate	Registered Nurse (RN)		1		1						<b>2</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>			<b>5,704</b>	<b>98,110</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>72,063</b>	<b>30,864</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>95,189</b>	<b>35,682</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>360,164</b>
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	1	6	3	24	7		32	1		<b>74</b>	
		RN & Midwife	494	7,559	460	5,590	1,822	609	7,391	2,786	285	<b>26,996</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife		17	2	7	2	2	34	13		<b>77</b>	
	<b>Total female General NMW</b>			<b>495</b>	<b>7,582</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>5,621</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>7,457</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>27,147</b>
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							<b>2</b>
		RN & Midwife	8	175	30	86	39	15	69	40	6	<b>468</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1								<b>1</b>	
<b>Total male General NMW</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>471</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>			<b>503</b>	<b>7,758</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>5,708</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>7,526</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>27,618</b>	
Midwife	Female		162	1,165	88	1,023	622	31	1,320	430	191	<b>5,032</b>	
	Male		1	6	1	1	2	2	6			<b>19</b>	
<b>Total General Midwife</b>			<b>163</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>5,051</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,370</b>	<b>107,039</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>78,795</b>	<b>33,358</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>104,041</b>	<b>38,952</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>392,833</b>	

\* 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	5,604	93,809	3,816	70,519	29,768	8,110	93,417	35,541	9,147	<b>349,731</b>
Male	766	13,229	643	8,275	3,590	1,005	10,624	3,411	1,557	<b>43,100</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		1		1						<b>2</b>

**Table 8.3 Total general registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.0%	87.6%	85.6%	89.5%	89.2%	89.0%	89.8%	91.2%	85.5%	<b>89.0%</b>
Male	12.0%	12.4%	14.4%	10.5%	10.8%	11.0%	10.2%	8.8%	14.5%	<b>11.0%</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%						<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

## 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)	19	281	5	167	125	23	224	77	16	<b>937</b>
		Registered Nurse (RN)	69	1,326	19	549	260	97	596	299	413	<b>3,628</b>
		EN & RN	1	3		3	4		8		4	<b>23</b>
	<b>Total Female Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>4,588</b>
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	29	1	9	6	2	13	4	1	<b>66</b>
		Registered Nurse (RN)	9	134	4	52	42	6	60	16	42	<b>365</b>
		EN & RN					1		1		1	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Male Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>434</b>	
<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>			<b>99</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>5,022</b>
Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			<b>1</b>
		RN & Midwife	16	276		86	38	10	103	42	26	<b>597</b>
	<b>Total Female Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>276</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>598</b>
	Male	RN & Midwife	1	8		2						<b>11</b>
	<b>Total Male Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>2</b>						<b>11</b>
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>284</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>609</b>
Midwife	Female		1	17		9	8		17	7	7	<b>66</b>
	Male											
<b>Total Non-practising Midwife</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>117</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>5,697</b>

**Table 9.2 Total non-practising registration by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	106	1,903	24	814	435	130	949	425	466	<b>5,252</b>
Male	11	171	5	63	49	8	74	20	44	<b>445</b>

**Table 9.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.6%	91.8%	82.8%	92.8%	89.9%	94.2%	92.8%	95.5%	91.4%	<b>92.2%</b>
Male	9.4%	8.2%	17.2%	7.2%	10.1%	5.8%	7.2%	4.5%	8.6%	<b>7.8%</b>