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 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 type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	708	13,833	429	13,515	7,933	1,589	20,966	5,533	124	**64,630**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,980	83,585	3,526	58,211	22,335	7,080	72,974	29,552	9,821	**292,064**
		EN & RN	88	1,432	64	1,645	826	81	2,999	730	33	**7,898**
	Total General Nurse		**5,776**	**98,850**	**4,019**	**73,371**	**31,094**	**8,750**	**96,939**	**35,815**	**9,978**	**364,592**
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	18	317	8	212	145	25	283	88	16	**1,112**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	77	1,518	24	710	341	111	777	341	482	**4,381**
		EN & RN		5		7	4	1	10	1	5	**33**
	Total Non-practising Nurse		**95**	**1,840**	**32**	**929**	**490**	**137**	**1,070**	**430**	**503**	**5,526**
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	3	6		8	4	2	17	7		**47**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	38		30	16	6	35	26	1	**154**
	Total Provisional Nurse		**5**	**44**	**0**	**38**	**20**	**8**	**52**	**33**	**1**	**201**
Total Nurse			**5,876**	**100,734**	**4,051**	**74,338**	**31,604**	**8,895**	**98,061**	**36,278**	**10,482**	**370,319**

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Profession	Registration type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	8	3	26	8		33	2		**81**
		RN & Midwife	507	7,705	486	5,697	1,863	627	7,432	2,824	307	**27,448**
		EN & RN & Midwife		19	2	7	2	2	34	13		**79**
	Total General NMW		**508**	**7,732**	**491**	**5,730**	**1,873**	**629**	**7,499**	**2,839**	**307**	**27,608**
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	20	290		95	41	10	128	46	29	**659**
	Total Non-practising NMW		**20**	**290**	**0**	**95**	**41**	**10**	**129**	**46**	**29**	**660**
	Provisional	Registered Nurse (RN)		2		5			1	1		**9**
	Total Provisional NMW		**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**9**
Total NMW			**528**	**8,024**	**491**	**5,830**	**1,914**	**639**	**7,629**	**2,886**	**336**	**28,277**
Midwife	General		168	1,179	86	1,048	633	34	1,351	431	198	**5,128**
	Non-practising			19	1	9	9		24	7	8	**77**
	Provisional			1			1		2			**4**
Total Midwife			**168**	**1,199**	**87**	**1,057**	**643**	**34**	**1,377**	**438**	**206**	**5,209**
Total			**6,572**	**109,957**	**4,629**	**81,225**	**34,161**	**9,568**	**107,067**	**39,602**	**11,024**	**403,805**

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015. Data about the number of provisional registrants is included in this June 2018 report.
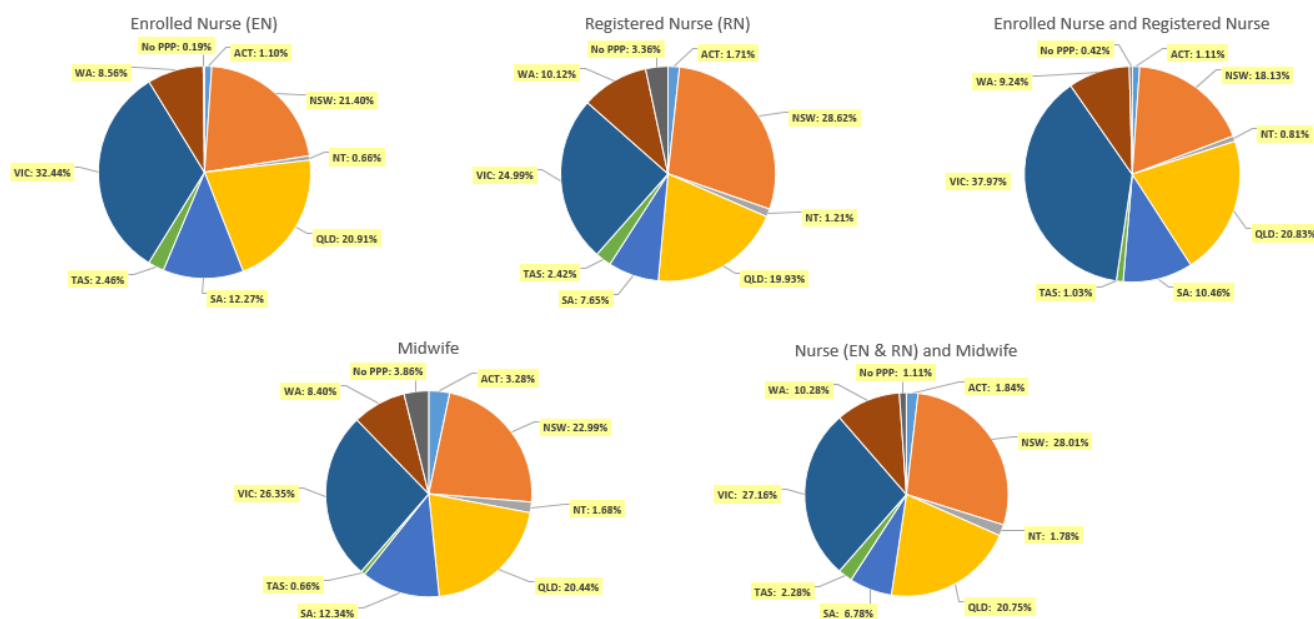
General Registration

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)	708	13,833	429	13,515	7,933	1,589	20,966	5,533	124	**64,630**
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,980	83,585	3,526	58,211	22,335	7,080	72,974	29,552	9,821	**292,064**
EN & RN	88	1,432	64	1,645	826	81	2,999	730	33	**7,898**
Midwife	168	1,179	86	1,048	633	34	1,351	431	198	**5,128**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	508	7,732	491	5,730	1,873	629	7,499	2,839	307	**27,608**

* 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

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	18	317	8	212	145	25	283	88	16	**1,112**
Registered Nurse (RN)	77	1,518	24	710	341	111	777	341	482	**4,381**
EN & RN		5		7	4	1	10	1	5	**33**
Midwife		19	1	9	9		24	7	8	**77**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	20	290		95	41	10	129	46	29	**660**

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

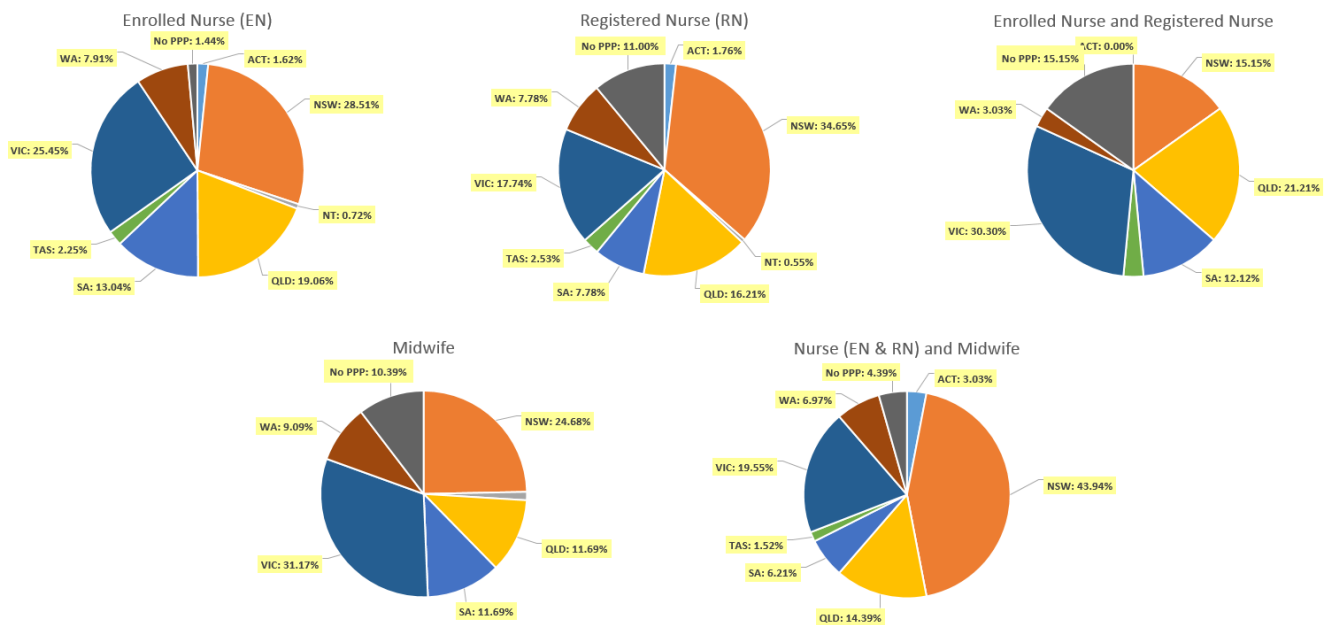**Table 3.2   Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice**
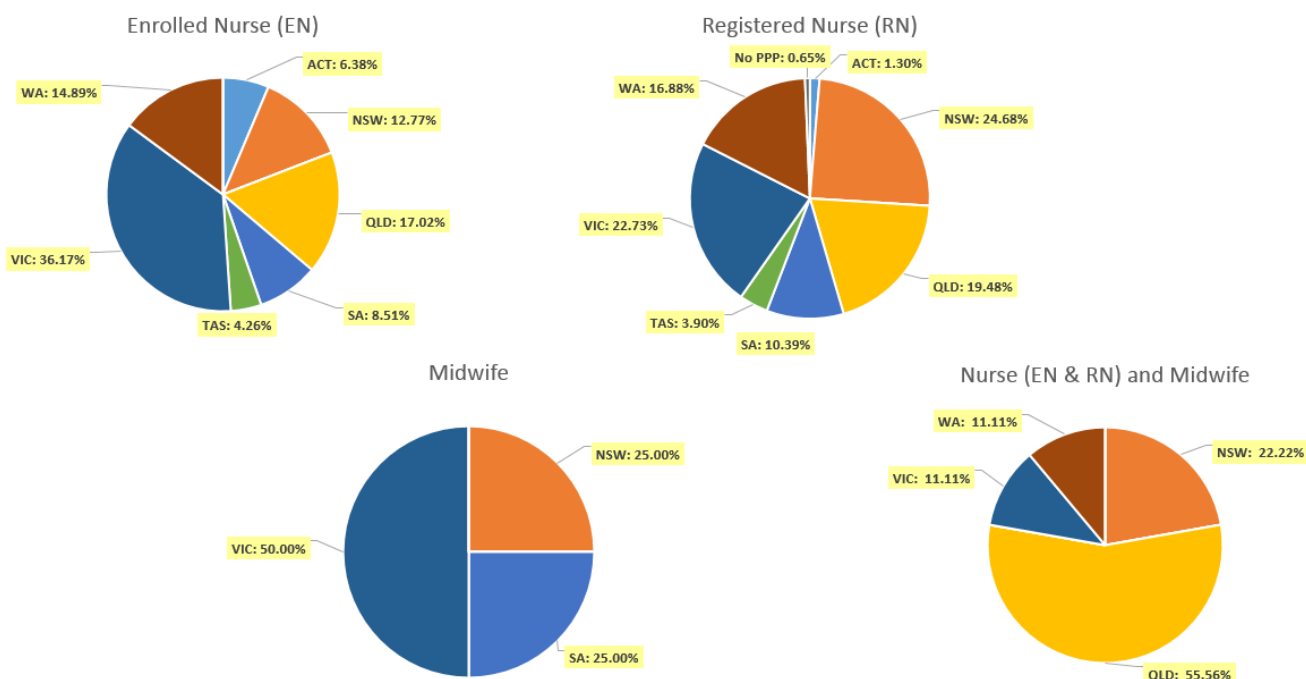
Provisional Registration

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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)	3	6		8	4	2	17	7		**47**
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	38		30	16	6	35	26	1	**154**
Midwife		1			1		2			**4**
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		2		5			1	1		**9**

* 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 4.2   Percentage of provisional by principal place of practice

Enrolled Nurse (EN)
ACT: 6.38%
NSW: 12.77%
QLD: 17.02%
SA: 8.51%
TAS: 4.26%
VIC: 36.17%
WA: 14.89%

Registered Nurse (RN)
No PPP: 0.65%
ACT: 1.30%
NSW: 24.68%
QLD: 19.48%
SA: 10.39%
TAS: 3.90%
VIC: 22.73%
WA: 16.88%

Midwife
NSW: 25.00%
SA: 25.00%
VIC: 50.00%

Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife
WA: 11.11%
VIC: 11.11%
NSW: 22.22%
QLD: 55.56%

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	43	399	29	447	141	41	356	249	24	**1,729**
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	7	44	27	823	10	8	179	27	10	**1,135**
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	4	65	5	156	41	11	76	70	1	**429**
	Midwife Practitioner		1								**1**
Total		**54**	**509**	**61**	**1,426**	**192**	**60**	**611**	**346**	**35**	**3,294**

* 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		40	2	10	5		12	23	19	**111**
Mental health nursing	8	273	26	198	216	17	308	1,051	161	**2,258**
Paediatric Nursing	3	137	2	115	15	2	89	159	73	**595**
Total	**11**	**450**	**30**	**323**	**236**	**19**	**409**	**1,233**	**253**	**2,964**

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 6.2   Midwife notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Eligible Midwife*	1	1		4			2	2		**10**

* 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 7.1   **General registration by age group**

Age group	Nurse			Nurse & Midwife					
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN	Midwife	Total	% age bracket
U - 25	4,921	12,226	414	2	447	2	380	18,392	**4.6%**
25 - 29	6,294	34,055	1,616	9	1,623	26	925	44,548	**11.2%**
30 - 34	6,104	43,233	1,653	21	1,969	13	866	53,859	**13.6%**
35 - 39	5,430	33,693	1,034	14	1,894	12	738	42,815	**10.8%**
40 - 44	5,227	31,954	845	11	2,019	7	639	40,702	**10.2%**
45 - 49	6,837	34,693	832	14	2,780	7	588	45,751	**11.5%**
50 - 54	8,286	29,951	696	5	3,702	6	417	43,063	**10.8%**
55 - 59	9,922	31,318	539	4	5,577	4	285	47,649	**12.0%**
60 - 64	7,858	25,275	200	1	4,749	2	189	38,274	**9.6%**
65 - 69	3,046	11,763	58		2,061		74	17,002	**4.3%**
70 - 74	618	3,225	9		510		24	4,386	**1.1%**
75 - 79	72	562	2		101		3	740	**0.2%**
80+	15	116			16			147	**<0.1%**
Total	**64,630**	**292,064**	**7,898**	**81**	**27,448**	**79**	**5,128**	**397,328**	**100.0%**

Table 7.2   **General registration by age group**
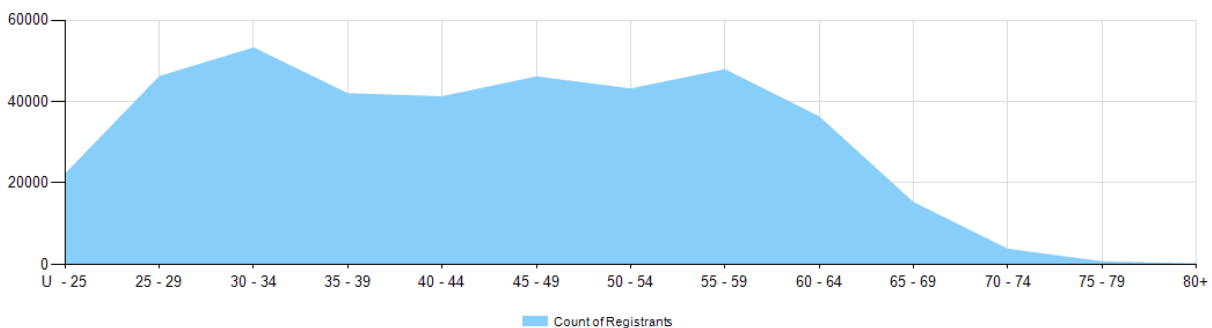
Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 **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	30	31					2	63	**1.0%**
25 - 29	73	252	5		7		9	346	**5.5%**
30 - 34	67	355	7	1	11		7	448	**7.2%**
35 - 39	89	418	4		25		11	547	**8.7%**
40 - 44	78	376	2		23		10	489	**7.8%**
45 - 49	124	429	2		47		5	607	**9.7%**
50 - 54	155	406	4		38		8	611	**9.8%**
55 - 59	195	532	3		94		9	833	**13.3%**
60 - 64	186	733	3		165		11	1,098	**17.5%**
65 - 69	90	526	2		158		2	778	**12.4%**
70 - 74	19	225	1		60		2	307	**4.9%**
75 - 79	6	71			23			100	**1.6%**
80+		27			8		1	36	**0.6%**
Total	**1,112**	**4,381**	**33**	**1**	**659**	**0**	**77**	**6,263**	**100.0%**

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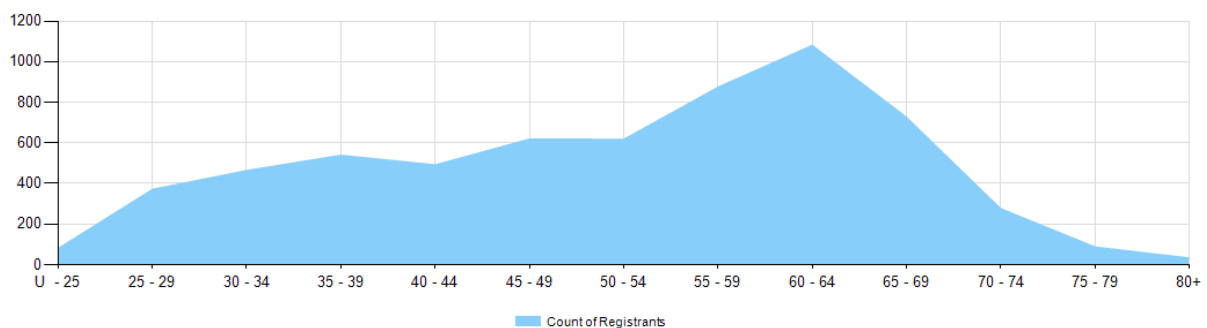
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Table 9.1   Provisional registration by age group

| | Nurse | | | Nurse & Midwife | | | | | |
Age group	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN	Midwife	Total	% age bracket
U - 25								0	**0%**
25 - 29	1	3						4	**1.9%**
30 - 34	7	18			2			27	**12.6%**
35 - 39	8	42			1		1	52	**24.3%**
40 - 44	7	28			2		1	38	**17.8%**
45 - 49	10	27			1		2	40	**18.7%**
50 - 54	6	18			1			25	**11.7%**
55 - 59	3	13			1			17	**7.9%**
60 - 64	4	2			1			7	**3.3%**
65 - 69		1						1	**0.5%**
70 - 74	1	2						3	**1.4%**
75 - 79								0	**0%**
80+								0	**0%**
Total	**47**	**154**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**4**	**214**	**100.0%**

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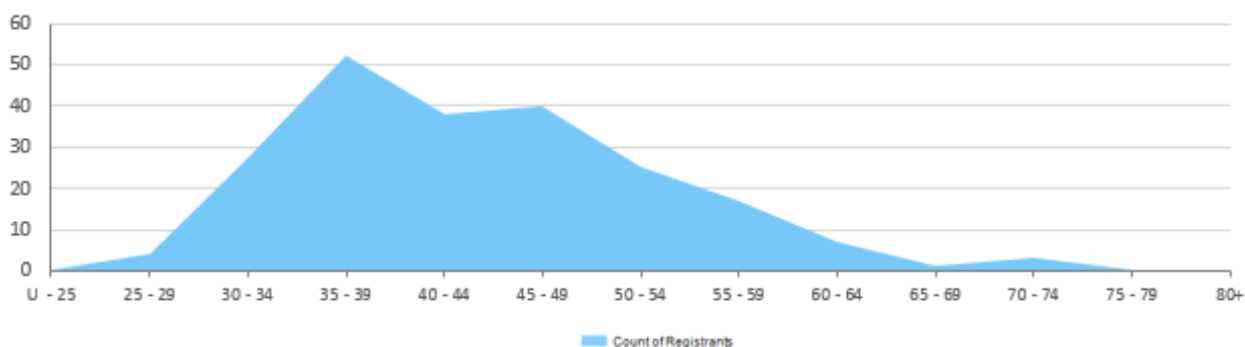
Gender

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)	625	12,249	354	12,118	7,185	1,442	18,958	5,096	108	**58,135**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,306	72,227	2,975	51,434	19,650	6,201	64,547	26,665	8,331	**256,336**
		EN & RN	73	1,218	52	1,435	670	75	2,589	664	31	**6,807**
	Total female General Nurse		**5,004**	**85,694**	**3,381**	**64,987**	**27,505**	**7,718**	**86,094**	**32,425**	**8,470**	**321,278**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	83	1,584	75	1,397	748	147	2,008	437	16	**6,495**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	674	11,356	551	6,776	2,685	879	8,427	2,887	1,490	**35,725**
		EN & RN	15	214	12	210	156	6	410	66	2	**1,091**
	Total male General Nurse		**772**	**13,154**	**638**	**8,383**	**3,589**	**1,032**	**10,845**	**3,390**	**1,508**	**43,311**
	Intersex or Indeterminate	Registered Nurse (RN)		2		1						**3**
Total General Nurse			**5,776**	**98,850**	**4,019**	**73,371**	**31,094**	**8,750**	**96,939**	**35,815**	**9,978**	**364,592**
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	1	8	2	25	8		33	2		**79**
		RN & Midwife	499	7,535	456	5,609	1,822	613	7,364	2,781	301	**26,980**
		EN & RN & Midwife		18	2	7	2	2	34	13		**78**
	Total female General NMW		**500**	**7,561**	**460**	**5,641**	**1,832**	**615**	**7,431**	**2,796**	**301**	**27,137**
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1						**2**
		RN & Midwife	8	170	30	88	41	14	68	43	6	**468**
		EN & RN & Midwife		1								**1**
	Total male General NMW		**8**	**171**	**31**	**89**	**41**	**14**	**68**	**43**	**6**	**471**
Total General NMW			**508**	**7,732**	**491**	**5,730**	**1,873**	**629**	**7,499**	**2,839**	**307**	**27,608**
Midwife	Female		167	1,173	85	1,047	631	32	1,345	431	198	**5,109**
	Male		1	6	1	1	2	2	6			**19**
Total General Midwife			**168**	**1,179**	**86**	**1,048**	**633**	**34**	**1,351**	**431**	**198**	**5,128**
Total			**6,452**	**107,761**	**4,596**	**80,149**	**33,600**	**9,413**	**105,789**	**39,085**	**10,483**	**397,328**

* 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 10.2   **Total general registration by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5,671	94,428	3,926	71,675	29,968	8,365	94,870	35,652	8,969	**353,524**
Male	781	13,331	670	8,473	3,632	1,048	10,919	3,433	1,514	**43,801**
Intersex or Indeterminate		2		1						**3**

Table 10.3   **Total general registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.9%	87.6%	85.4%	89.4%	89.2%	88.9%	89.7%	91.2%	85.6%	**89.0%**
Male	12.1%	12.4%	14.6%	10.6%	10.8%	11.1%	10.3%	8.8%	14.4%	**11.0%**
Intersex or Indeterminate		<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)	17	287	7	201	138	23	267	84	16	**1,040**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	67	1,375	21	646	301	104	705	325	434	**3,978**
		EN & RN		5		6	3	1	9	1	4	**29**
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		**84**	**1,667**	**28**	**853**	**442**	**128**	**981**	**410**	**454**	**5,047**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	30	1	11	7	2	16	4		**72**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	10	143	3	64	40	7	72	16	48	**403**
		EN & RN				1	1		1		1	**4**
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		**11**	**173**	**4**	**76**	**48**	**9**	**89**	**20**	**49**	**479**
Total Non-practising Nurse			**95**	**1,840**	**32**	**929**	**490**	**137**	**1,070**	**430**	**503**	**5,526**
Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			**1**
		RN & Midwife	19	282		93	41	10	128	46	29	**648**
	Total Female Non-practising NMW		**19**	**282**	**0**	**93**	**41**	**10**	**129**	**46**	**29**	**649**
	Male	RN & Midwife	1	8		2						**11**
	Total Male Non-practising NMW		**1**	**8**		**2**						**11**
Total Non-practising NMW			**20**	**290**	**0**	**95**	**41**	**10**	**129**	**46**	**29**	**660**
Midwife	Female			19	1	9	9		24	7	8	**77**
Total Non-practising Midwife				**19**	**1**	**9**	**9**		**24**	**7**	**8**	**77**
Total			**115**	**2,149**	**33**	**1,033**	**540**	**147**	**1,223**	**483**	**540**	**6,263**

Table 11.2   Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	103	1,968	29	955	492	138	1,134	463	491	**5,773**
Male	12	181	4	78	48	9	89	20	49	**490**

Table 11.3   Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	89.6%	91.6%	87.9%	92.4%	91.1%	93.9%	92.7%	95.9%	90.9%	**92.2%**
Male	10.4%	8.4%	12.1%	7.6%	8.9%	6.1%	7.3%	4.1%	9.1%	**7.8%**

Provisional Registration

Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

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)	3	6		8	3	2	16	7		**45**
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	34		26	15	6	32	22	1	**138**
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		**5**	**40**	**0**	**34**	**18**	**8**	**48**	**29**	**1**	**183**
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)					1		1			**2**
		Registered Nurse (RN)		4		4	1		3	4		**16**
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**18**
Total Provisional Nurse			**5**	**44**	**0**	**38**	**20**	**8**	**52**	**33**	**1**	**201**
Nurse & Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		2		5			1	1		9
	Total Female Provisional NMW		**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**9**
Total Provisional NMW			**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**9**
Midwife	Female			1			1		2			**4**
Total Provisional Midwife			**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**4**
Total			**5**	**47**	**0**	**43**	**21**	**8**	**55**	**34**	**1**	**214**

Table 12.2   **Provisional registration by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5	43		39	19	8	51	30	1	**196**
Male		4		4	2		4	4		**18**

Table 12.3   **Provisional registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	91.5%		90.7%	90.5%	100.0%	92.7%	88.2%	100.0%	**91.6%**
Male		8.5%		9.3%	9.5%		7.3%	11.8%		**8.4%**