

# 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)	685	13,519	415	12,420	7,876	1,447	20,144	5,312	102	<b>61,920</b>	
		Registered nurse (RN)	4,541	78,426	3,263	53,117	21,750	6,565	67,580	28,362	9,129	<b>272,733</b>	
		EN & RN	67	1,266	64	1,334	672	69	2,400	543	28	<b>6,443</b>	
	<b>Total general nurse</b>		<b>5,293</b>	<b>93,211</b>	<b>3,742</b>	<b>66,871</b>	<b>30,298</b>	<b>8,081</b>	<b>90,124</b>	<b>34,217</b>	<b>9,259</b>	<b>341,096</b>	
	Non-practising	EN	18	316	10	194	138	25	246	91	12	<b>1,050</b>	
		RN	70	1,522	31	596	318	104	719	334	395	<b>4,089</b>	
		EN & RN		3		3	3		8	1	4	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Total non-practising nurse</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>5,161</b>	
	<b>Total nurse</b>			<b>5,381</b>	<b>95,052</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>67,664</b>	<b>30,757</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>91,097</b>	<b>34,643</b>	<b>9,670</b>	<b>346,257</b>
	Nurse & midwife	General	EN & midwife	2	4	1	16	3		37			<b>63</b>
RN & midwife			560	8,392	517	5,898	2,071	639	7,597	2,912	303	<b>28,889</b>	
EN & RN & midwife			1	13	1	4	4		33	10		<b>66</b>	
<b>Total general nurse and midwife (NMW)</b>		<b>563</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>29,018</b>		
Non-practising		EN & midwife							1			<b>1</b>	
		RN & midwife	16	333	1	95	43	7	98	46	30	<b>669</b>	
<b>Total non-practising NMW</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>670</b>		
<b>Total NMW</b>			<b>579</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>7,766</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>29,688</b>	
Midwife	General		120	884	73	761	513	21	1,161	378	139	<b>4,050</b>	
	Non-practising			19		9	9	1	20	7	7	<b>72</b>	
<b>Total midwife</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>4,122</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,080</b>	<b>104,697</b>	<b>4,376</b>	<b>74,447</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>8,878</b>	<b>100,044</b>	<b>37,996</b>	<b>10,149</b>	<b>380,067</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.

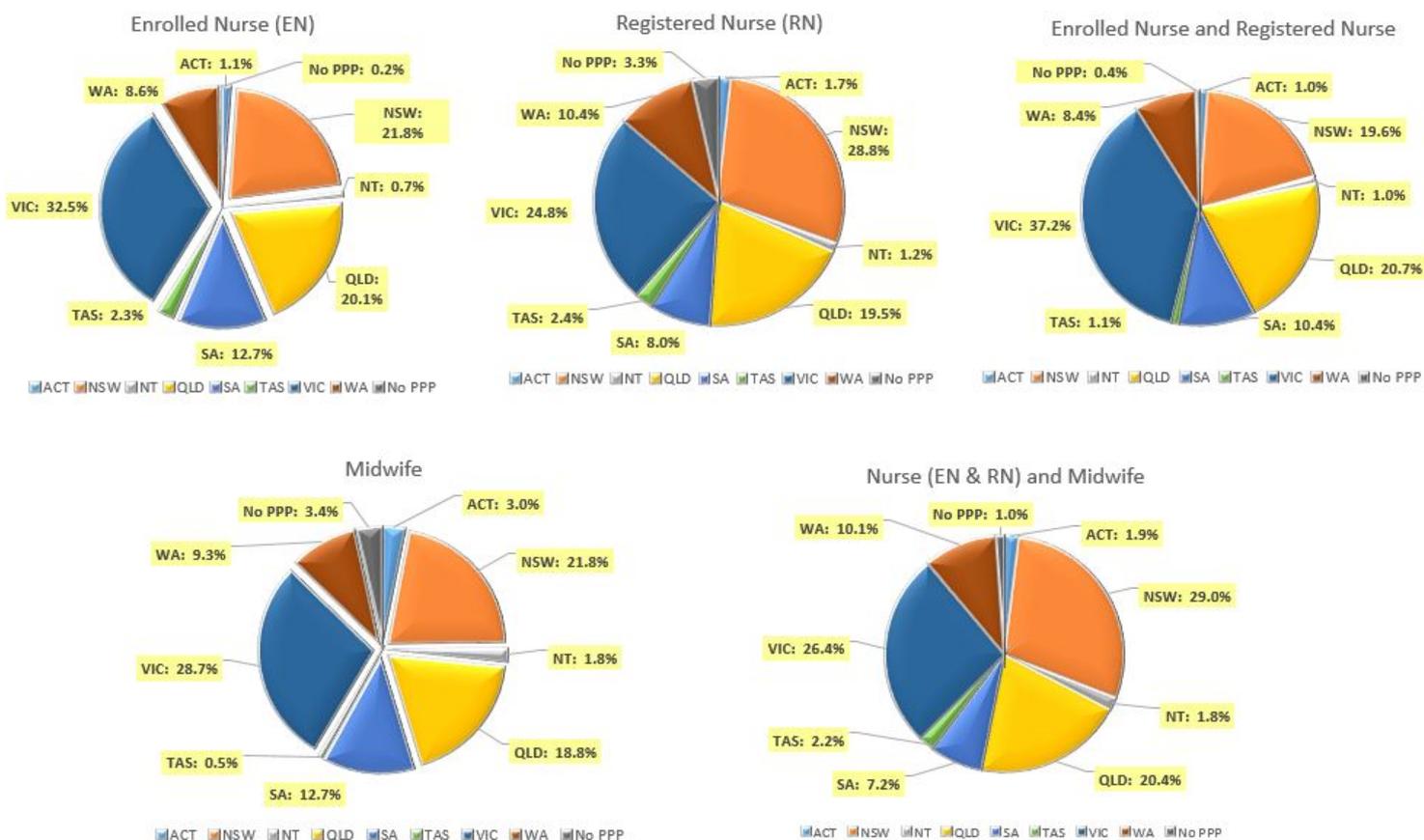
## General Registration

**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
EN	685	13,519	415	12,420	7,876	1,447	20,144	5,312	102	<b>61,920</b>
RN	4,541	78,426	3,263	53,117	21,750	6,565	67,580	28,362	9,129	<b>272,733</b>
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Midwife	120	884	73	761	513	21	1,161	378	139	<b>4,050</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and midwife*	<b>563</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>29,018</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 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice**



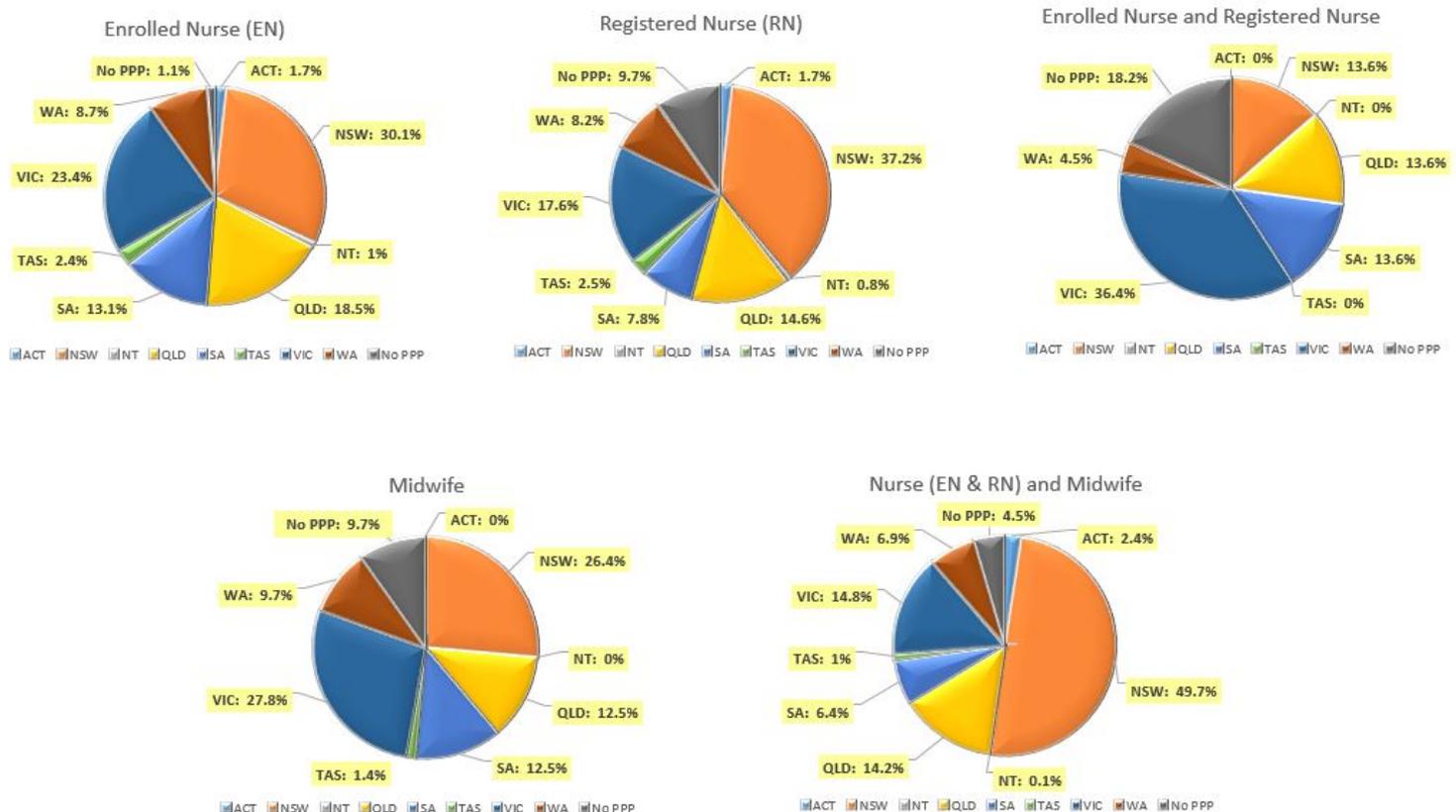
## Non-practising Registration

**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
EN	18	316	10	194	138	25	246	91	12	<b>1,050</b>
RN	70	1,522	31	596	318	104	719	334	395	<b>4,089</b>
EN & RN		3		3	3		8	1	4	<b>22</b>
Midwife		19		9	9	1	20	7	7	<b>72</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and midwife*	16	333	1	95	43	7	99	46	30	<b>670</b>

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**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 3.3 Registered nurse and midwife – Endorsements by type**

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse practitioner	38	317	21	367	119	28	274	238	16	1,418
	Scheduled medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	39	19	829	7	5	164	21	7	1,097
Midwife	Scheduled medicines*	2	40	2	88	24	8	47	39		250
	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 4.1 Registered nurse notations**

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability nursing		29	2	9	6		13	19	7	85
Mental health nursing	6	248	33	156	243	14	235	1,132	126	2,193
Paediatric nursing	4	130	3	69	17	2	69	148	58	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2,778</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 4.2 Midwife notations**

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Eligible midwife*	2	24	3	62	7	1	25	11		135

\* 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*.

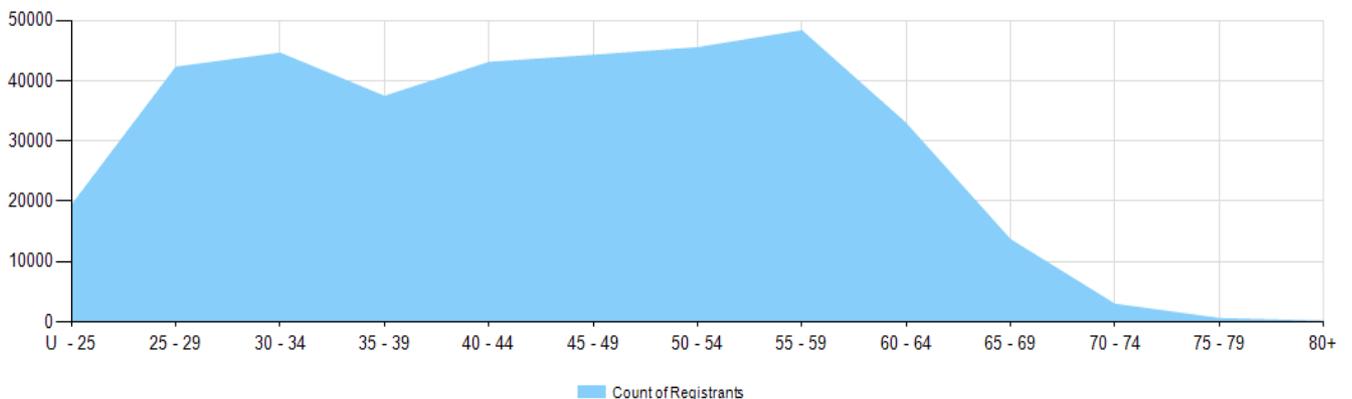
# Age Group

## General Registration

**Table 5.1 General registration by age group**

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse & midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	4,558	13,420	501		441	6	366	<b>19,292</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
25 - 29	5,396	32,925	1,545	15	1,524	22	768	<b>42,195</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
30 - 34	5,284	35,534	1,129	12	1,903	9	651	<b>44,522</b>	<b>11.9%</b>
35 - 39	4,648	29,679	732	7	1,766	3	516	<b>37,351</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
40 - 44	5,601	33,755	682	14	2,355	10	565	<b>42,982</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
45 - 49	7,497	32,302	693	7	3,196	7	473	<b>44,175</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
50 - 54	9,203	30,276	655	4	4,985	6	301	<b>45,430</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
55 - 59	10,327	31,234	344	3	6,133	2	212	<b>48,255</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
60 - 64	6,673	21,561	128	1	4,384	1	125	<b>32,873</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
65 - 69	2,287	9,469	31		1,745		56	<b>13,588</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
70 - 74	401	2,098	2		376		14	<b>2,891</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
75 - 79	38	416	1		69		3	<b>527</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
80+	7	64			12			<b>83</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,920</b>	<b>272,733</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28,889</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>374,164</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 5.2 General registration by age group**

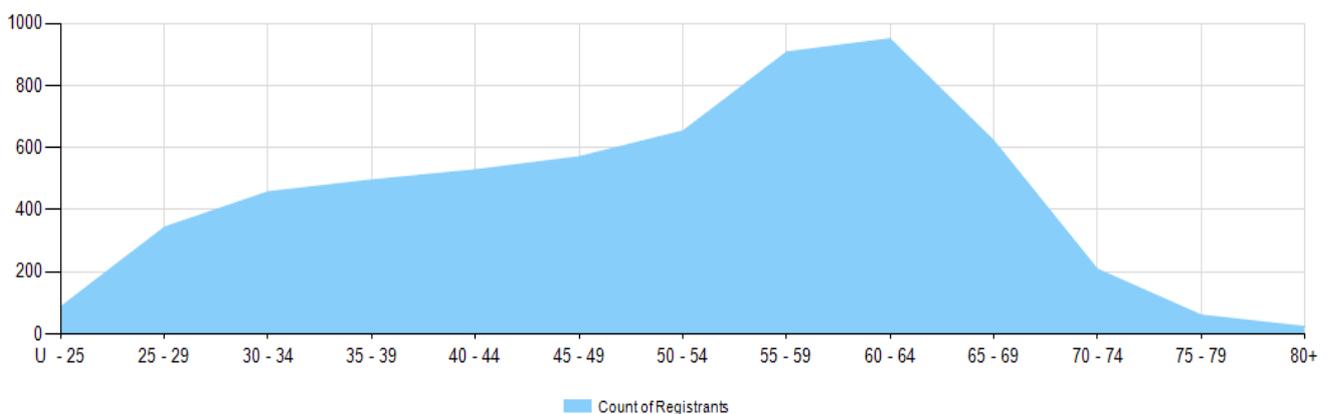


## Non-practising Registration

**Table 6.1 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	22	62	1		2			87	1.5%
25 - 29	64	249	7		9		14	343	5.8%
30 - 34	68	357	1	1	20		10	457	7.7%
35 - 39	73	398			13		11	495	8.4%
40 - 44	90	390	1		41		6	528	8.9%
45 - 49	123	397	2		43		5	570	9.7%
50 - 54	168	410	5		64		6	653	11.1%
55 - 59	205	561	3		129		9	907	15.4%
60 - 64	165	613	1		163		8	950	16.1%
65 - 69	57	440			124		1	622	10.5%
70 - 74	13	151			42		2	208	3.5%
75 - 79	2	45	1		12			60	1%
80+		16			7			23	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>4,089</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>669</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>5,903</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 6.2 Non-practising registration by age group**



# Gender

## General Registration

**Table 7.1 General registration by gender**

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	EN	620	11,996	339	11,195	7,147	1,323	18,298	4,938	85	<b>55,941</b>	
		RN	3,965	67,975	2,760	46,985	19,156	5,750	60,116	25,581	7,816	<b>240,104</b>	
		EN & RN	54	1,063	57	1,157	562	66	2,065	494	26	<b>5,544</b>	
	<b>Total female general nurse</b>		<b>4,639</b>	<b>81,034</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>59,337</b>	<b>26,865</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>80,479</b>	<b>31,013</b>	<b>7,927</b>	<b>301,589</b>	
	Male	EN	65	1,523	76	1,225	729	124	1,846	374	17	<b>5,979</b>	
		RN	576	10,451	503	6,132	2,594	815	7,464	2,781	1,313	<b>32,629</b>	
		EN & RN	13	203	7	177	110	3	335	49	2	<b>899</b>	
	<b>Total male general nurse</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>12,177</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>7,534</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>9,645</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>39,507</b>	
	<b>Total general nurse</b>			<b>5,293</b>	<b>93,211</b>	<b>3,742</b>	<b>66,871</b>	<b>30,298</b>	<b>8,081</b>	<b>90,124</b>	<b>34,217</b>	<b>9,259</b>	<b>341,096</b>
Nurse & midwife*	Female	EN & midwife	2	4	1	15	3		37			<b>62</b>	
		RN & midwife	548	8,207	491	5,799	2,026	625	7,517	2,870	296	<b>28,379</b>	
		EN & RN & midwife	1	12	1	4	4		33	10		<b>65</b>	
	<b>Total female general NMW</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>7,587</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>28,506</b>	
	Male	EN & midwife				1							<b>1</b>
		RN & midwife	12	185	26	99	45	14	80	42	7	<b>510</b>	
		EN & RN & midwife		1									<b>1</b>
<b>Total male general NMW</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>512</b>		
<b>Total general NMW</b>			<b>563</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>29,018</b>	
Midwife	Female		119	878	72	759	512	20	1,158	378	139	<b>4,035</b>	
	Male		1	6	1	2	1	1	3			<b>15</b>	
<b>Total general midwife</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>4,050</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,976</b>	<b>102,504</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>73,550</b>	<b>32,889</b>	<b>8,741</b>	<b>98,952</b>	<b>37,517</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>374,164</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 7.2 Total general registration by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5,309	90,135	3,721	65,914	29,410	7,784	89,224	34,271	8,362	<b>334,130</b>
Male	667	12,369	613	7,636	3,479	957	9,728	3,246	1,339	<b>40,034</b>

**Table 7.3 Total general registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.8%	87.9%	85.9%	89.6%	89.4%	89.1%	90.2%	91.3%	86.2%	<b>89.3%</b>
Male	11.2%	12.1%	14.1%	10.4%	10.6%	10.9%	9.8%	8.7%	13.8%	<b>10.7%</b>

## Non-practising Registration

**Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by gender**

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	EN	17	292	10	186	131	23	231	91	10	991	
		RN	65	1,376	31	550	280	95	663	312	361	3,733	
		EN & RN		3		3	2		8	1	3	20	
	<b>Total female non-practising nurse</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>4,744</b>	
	Male	EN	1	24		8	7	2	15		2		
		RN	5	146		46	38	9	56	22	34		
		EN & RN					1				1		
	<b>Total male non-practising nurse</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>170</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>417</b>	
	<b>Total non-practising nurse</b>			<b>88</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>5,161</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & midwife							1			1
RN & midwife			16	328	1	93	43	6	98	45	29	659	
<b>Total female non-practising NMW</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>660</b>		
Male		RN & midwife		5		2		1		1	1	10	
<b>Total male non-practising NMW</b>			<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>Total non-practising NMW</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>670</b>	
Midwife	Female			19		9	9	1	20	7	7	72	
	Male												
<b>Total non-practising midwife</b>				<b>19</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>72</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>5,903</b>	

**Table 8.2 Total non-practising registration by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	98	2,018	42	841	465	125	1,021	456	410	<b>5,476</b>
Male	6	175		56	46	12	71	23	38	<b>427</b>

**Table 8.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	94.2%	92%	100%	93.8%	91%	91.2%	93.5%	95.2%	91.5%	<b>92.8%</b>
Male	5.8%	8%		6.2%	9%	8.8%	6.5%	4.8%	8.5%	<b>7.2%</b>