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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.

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that nurses and midwives (as well as pharmacists, medical practitioners, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended to stay on the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only. These nurses and midwives are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

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 types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	820	14,107	399	14,633	8,292	1,767	21,316	6,177	119	67,630	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,255	97,299	4,160	73,399	26,742	8,717	87,741	35,657	17,257	357,227	
		EN & RN	242	2,198	127	2,201	1,135	144	4,134	1,021	34	11,236	
	Total General Nurse			7,317	113,604	4,686	90,233	36,169	10,628	113,191	42,855	17,410	436,093
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	32	505	17	500	261	44	590	193	18	2,160	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	132	2,422	43	1,433	593	181	1,543	639	924	7,910	
		EN & RN	1	7	1	13	7		26	7	3	65	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			165	2,934	61	1,946	861	225	2,159	839	945	10,135
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	13		17	13	1	28	9	1	83	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	35	4	39	12	5	43	7	2	149	
	Total Provisional Nurse			3	48	4	56	25	6	71	16	3	232
	Total Nurse			7,485	116,586	4,751	92,235	37,055	10,859	115,421	43,710	18,358	446,460

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Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse and Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	2	19	2	34	12		34	4		107	
		RN & Midwife	417	6,799	456	5,277	1,534	589	7,485	2,729	241	25,527	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	26	3	8	5	1	43	13		101	
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		421	6,844	461	5,319	1,551	590	7,562	2,746	241	25,735	
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife											0
		RN & Midwife	27	283	6	115	63	12	156	55	26		743
		EN & RN & Midwife							1				1
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		27	283	6	115	63	12	157	55	26		744
	Provisional	RN & Midwife		1									1
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Non-practising and Provisional	RN & Midwife											0	
Total Non-practising and Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Nurse and Midwife			448	7,128	467	5,434	1,614	602	7,719	2,801	267	26,480	
Midwife	General		246	1,825	120	1,790	900	73	1,629	533	281	7,397	
	Non-practising		5	47	2	52	21		46	13	20	206	
	Provisional			1					3			4	
Total Midwife			251	1,873	122	1,842	921	73	1,678	546	301	7,607	
Total			8,184	125,587	5,340	99,511	39,590	11,534	124,818	47,057	18,926	480,547	

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015.

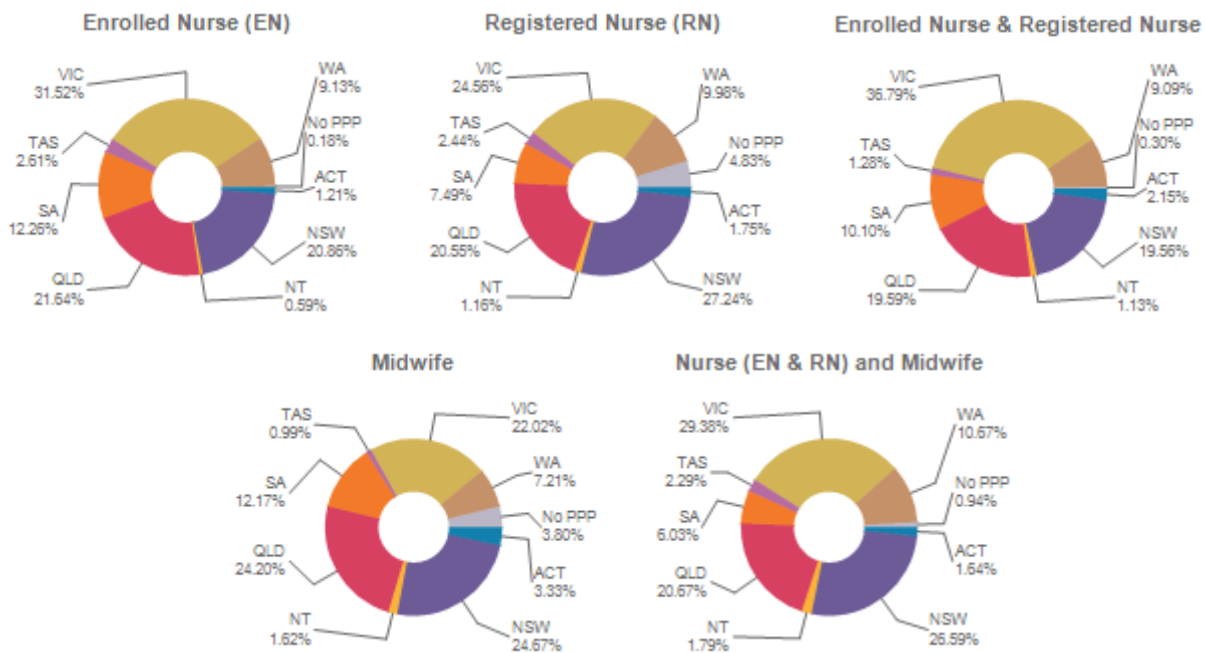
General registration

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

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	820	14,107	399	14,633	8,292	1,767	21,316	6,177	119	67,630
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,255	97,299	4,160	73,399	26,742	8,717	87,741	35,657	17,257	357,227
EN & RN	242	2,198	127	2,201	1,135	144	4,134	1,021	34	11,236
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Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	421	6,844	461	5,319	1,551	590	7,562	2,746	241	25,735

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Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



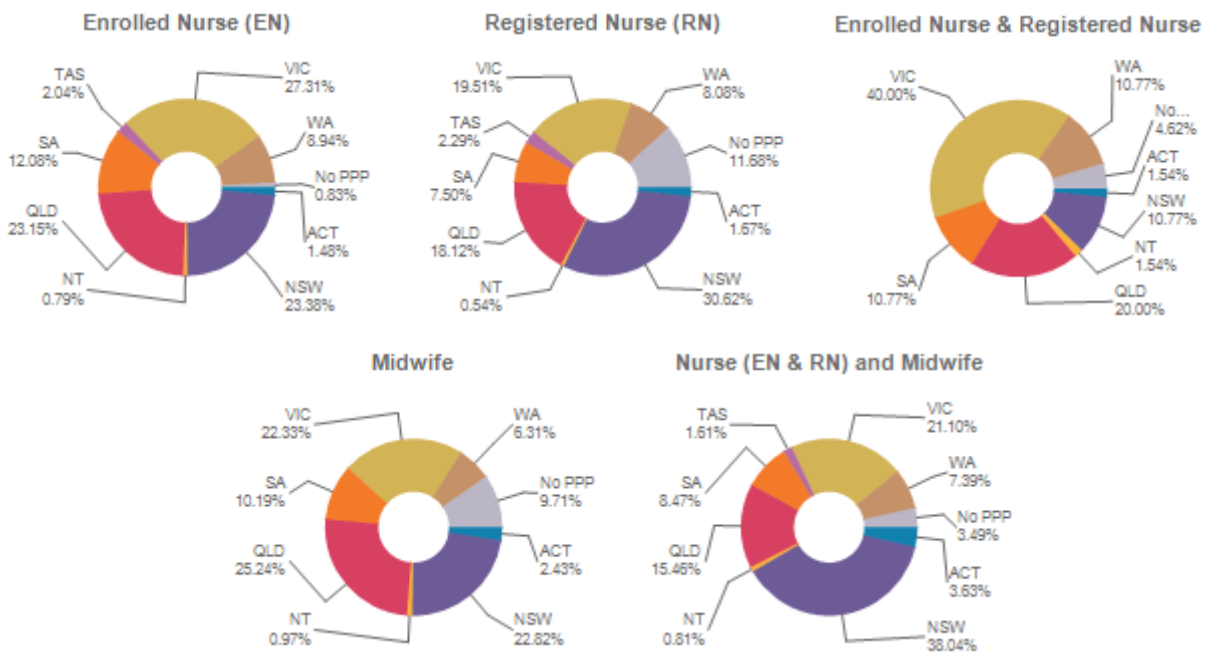
Non-practising registration

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)	32	505	17	500	261	44	590	193	18	2,160
Registered Nurse (RN)	132	2,422	43	1,433	593	181	1,543	639	924	7,910
EN & RN	1	7	1	13	7		26	7	3	65
Midwife	5	47	2	52	21		46	13	20	206
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Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice



Provisional registration

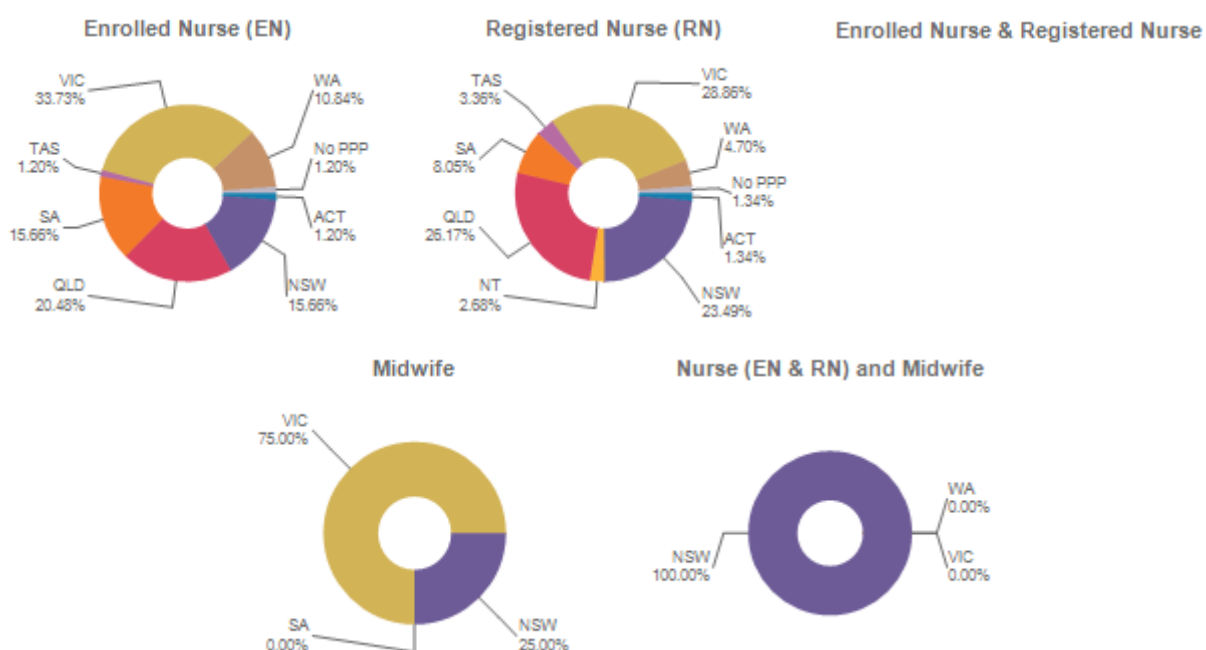
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Table 4.1 Totals for practitioners with provisional registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	13		17	13	1	28	9	1	83
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	35	4	39	12	5	43	7	2	149
Midwife		1					3			4
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*		1								1

* 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 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 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	61	606	35	693	199	54	629	318	29	2,624
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	47	30	835	12	16	286	32	11	1,274
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								1
	Scheduled Medicines*	17	153	14	332	82	19	178	173	60	1,028
Total		83	807	79	1,860	293	89	1,093	523	100	4,927

* 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		56		20	3		17	24	41	161
Mental Health nursing	8	323	20	242	183	29	390	902	318	2,415
Paediatric Nursing	3	166	2	164	19	2	94	161	129	740
Total	11	545	22	426	205	31	501	1,087	488	3,316

Midwife notations

Note: All midwives who held the Eligible Midwife notation either now hold the Midwife Scheduled Medicines endorsement or have determined they no longer require the Eligible Midwife notation.

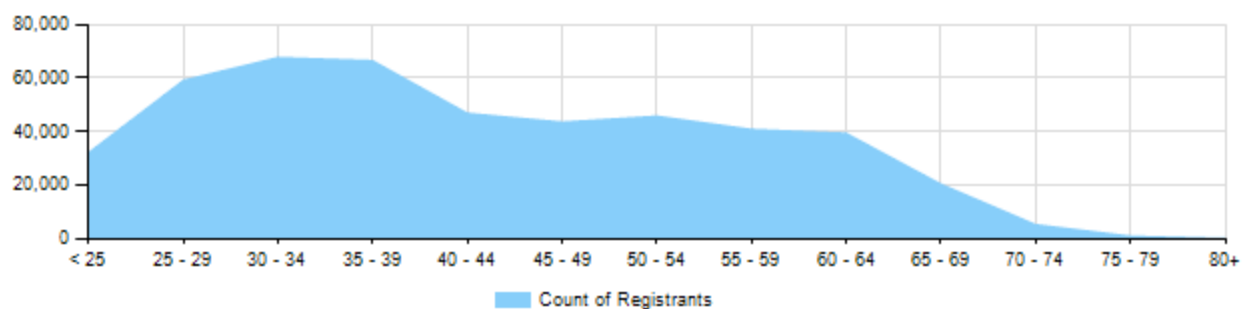
Age group

General registration

Table 7.1 General registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
< 25	7,315	22,580	895	1	777	1	698	32,267	6.9%
25 - 29	8,348	45,209	2,182	16	2,194	20	1,202	59,171	12.6%
30 - 34	7,471	54,379	2,040	23	2,424	25	1,283	67,645	14.4%
35 - 39	6,724	54,429	1,917	15	2,279	17	1,106	66,487	14.2%
40 - 44	5,549	37,140	1,283	16	1,971	13	926	46,898	10.0%
45 - 49	5,562	34,168	972	13	2,103	8	767	43,593	9.3%
50 - 54	6,831	34,783	820	12	2,726	7	620	45,799	9.8%
55 - 59	7,548	28,775	589	7	3,545	6	391	40,861	8.7%
60 - 64	7,669	26,743	388	3	4,363	3	240	39,409	8.4%
65 - 69	3,719	14,140	121	1	2,371	1	120	20,473	4.4%
70 - 74	758	3,910	25		624		35	5,352	1.1%
75 - 79	119	833	4		128		8	1,092	0.2%
80+	17	138			22		1	178	<0.1%
Total	67,630	357,227	11,236	107	25,527	101	7,397	469,225	100.0%

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

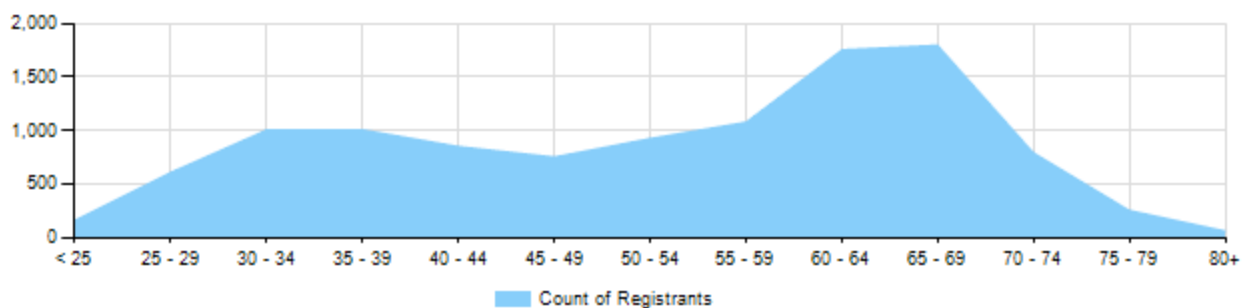


Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
< 25	97	63					7	167	1.5%
25 - 29	168	424	5		7		9	613	5.5%
30 - 34	214	738	12		19	1	24	1,008	9.1%
35 - 39	167	772	9		34		27	1,009	9.1%
40 - 44	153	645	4		24		27	853	7.7%
45 - 49	137	573	4		28		13	755	6.8%
50 - 54	211	651	3		52		11	928	8.4%
55 - 59	292	682	7		78		21	1,080	9.7%
60 - 64	380	1,174	13	0	159		28	1,754	15.8%
65 - 69	252	1,318	8		191		29	1,798	16.2%
70 - 74	73	619			97		7	796	7.2%
75 - 79	15	198			42		3	258	2.3%
80+	1	53			12			66	0.6%
Total	2,160	7,910	65	0	743	1	206	11,085	100.0%

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group



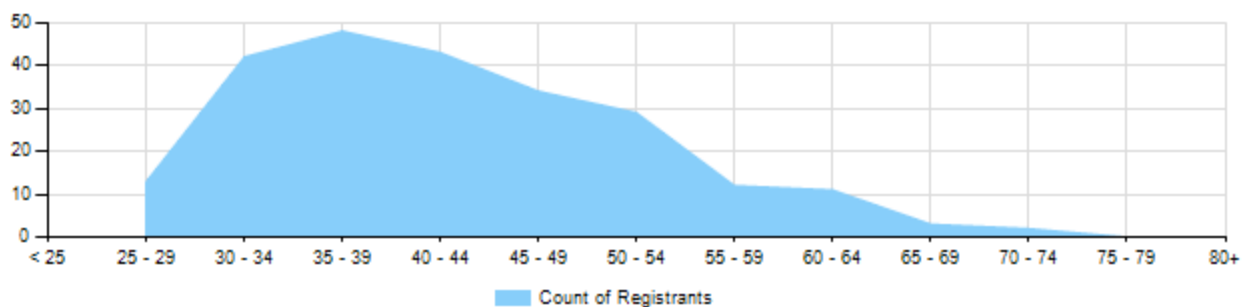
Provisional registration

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Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse		Nurse and Midwife	Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	RN			
< 25					0	0.0%
25 - 29	10	3			13	5.5%
30 - 34	16	25		1	42	17.7%
35 - 39	18	29		1	48	20.3%
40 - 44	15	28			43	18.1%
45 - 49	8	24		2	34	14.3%
50 - 54	7	21	1		29	12.2%
55 - 59	5	7			12	5.1%
60 - 64	4	7			11	4.6%
65 - 69		3			3	1.3%
70 - 74		2			2	0.8%
75 - 79					0	0.0%
80+					0	0.0%
Total	83	149	1	4	237	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group



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)	718	12,368	335	13,159	7,279	1,580	19,166	5,610	107	60,322	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,395	83,899	3,517	64,207	23,379	7,600	77,135	32,018	14,619	311,769	
		EN & RN	203	1,905	112	1,911	943	131	3,526	917	31	9,679	
	Total Female General Nurse			6,316	98,172	3,964	79,277	31,601	9,311	99,827	38,545	14,757	381,770
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	102	1,737	64	1,473	1,013	187	2,150	566	12	7,304	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	859	13,391	643	9,181	3,362	1,114	10,590	3,636	2,633	45,409	
		EN & RN	39	293	15	290	192	13	608	104	3	1,557	
	Total Male General Nurse			1,000	15,421	722	10,944	4,567	1,314	13,348	4,306	2,648	54,270
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		1				1		4	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	9		11	1	3	16	3	5	49	
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse			1	11	0	12	1	3	16	4	5	53
Total General Nurse			7,317	113,604	4,686	90,233	36,169	10,628	113,191	42,855	17,410	436,093	
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	2	19	1	33	12		34	4		105	
		RN & Midwife	407	6,660	427	5,202	1,512	578	7,415	2,697	237	25,135	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	23	3	8	5	1	43	13		98	
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife			411	6,702	431	5,243	1,529	579	7,492	2,714	237	25,338
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	10	139	29	75	22	11	69	32	4		391
		EN & RN & Midwife		3									3
Total Male General Nurse and Midwife			10	142	30	76	22	11	69	32	4	396	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	RN & Midwife							1				1	
Total General Nurse and Midwife			421	6,844	461	5,319	1,551	590	7,562	2,746	241	25,735	

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		246	1,820	120	1,787	898	72	1,623	533	280	7,379
	Male			5		3	2	1	6		1	18
Total General Midwife			246	1,825	120	1,790	900	73	1,629	533	281	7,397
Total			7,984	122,273	5,267	97,342	38,620	11,291	122,382	46,134	17,932	469,225

* 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	6,973	106,694	4,515	86,307	34,028	9,962	108,942	41,792	15,274	414,487
Male	1,010	15,568	752	11,023	4,591	1,326	13,423	4,338	2,653	54,684
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	11		12	1	3	17	4	5	54

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.3%	87.3%	85.7%	88.7%	88.1%	88.2%	89.0%	90.6%	85.2%	88.3%
Male	12.7%	12.7%	14.3%	11.3%	11.9%	11.7%	11.0%	9.4%	14.8%	11.7%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<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)	31	456	16	453	245	42	543	180	16	1,982	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	106	2,143	38	1,296	528	158	1,359	586	767	6,981	
		EN & RN	1	7	1	11	7		20	7	3	57	
		Total Female Non-practising Nurse	138	2,606	55	1,760	780	200	1,922	773	786	9,020	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	49	1	47	16	2	47	13	2	178	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	26	279	5	137	65	23	184	53	157	929	
		EN & RN				2			6			8	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse	27	328	6	186	81	25	237	66	159	1,115		
	Total Non-practising Nurse			165	2,934	61	1,946	861	225	2,159	839	945	10,135
	Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife	27	274	6	113	62	12	155	53	26	728
EN & RN & Midwife									1			1	
Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		27	274	6	113	62	12	156	53	26	729		
Male		RN & Midwife		9		2	1		1	2		15	
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			27	283	6	115	63	12	157	55	26	744	
Midwife	Female		5	47	2	52	21		46	13	20	206	
Total Non-practising Midwife			5	47	2	52	21	0	46	13	20	206	
Total			197	3,264	69	2,113	945	237	2,362	907	991	11,085	

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	170	2,927	63	1,925	863	212	2,124	839	832	9,955
Male	27	337	6	188	82	25	238	68	159	1,130

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	86.3%	89.7%	91.3%	91.1%	91.3%	89.5%	89.9%	92.5%	84.0%	89.8%
Male	13.7%	10.3%	8.7%	8.9%	8.7%	10.5%	10.1%	7.5%	16.0%	10.2%

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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)	1	10		16	11	1	25	9	1	74
		Registered Nurse (RN)	2	33	4	34	11	4	40	7	2	137
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		3	43	4	50	22	5	65	16	3	211
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		3		1	2		3			9
		Registered Nurse (RN)		2		5	1	1	3			12
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		0	5	0	6	3	1	6	0	0	21
Total Provisional Nurse			3	48	4	56	25	6	71	16	3	232
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife		1								1
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Midwife	Female			1					3			4
Total Provisional Midwife			0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
Total			3	50	4	56	25	6	74	16	3	237

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	3	45	4	50	22	5	68	16	3	216
Male		5		6	3	1	6			21

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	90.0%	100.0%	89.3%	88.0%	83.3%	91.9%	100.0%	100.0%	91.1%
Male		10.0%		10.7%	12.0%	16.7%	8.1%			8.9%