

# 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)	700	13,546	393	12,635	7,794	1,448	20,124	5,342	103	<b>62,085</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,750	80,760	3,306	54,916	22,102	6,699	69,411	28,975	9,574	<b>280,493</b>	
		EN & RN	74	1,323	69	1,453	770	90	2,710	633	24	<b>7,146</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>		<b>5,524</b>	<b>95,629</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>69,004</b>	<b>30,666</b>	<b>8,237</b>	<b>92,245</b>	<b>34,950</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>349,724</b>	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	301	7	165	130	23	222	69	11	<b>944</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	66	1,448	24	545	279	86	635	308	382	<b>3,773</b>	
		EN & RN	1	3		4	2		9	1	5	<b>25</b>	
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>4,742</b>	
	<b>Total Nurse</b>			<b>5,607</b>	<b>97,381</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>69,718</b>	<b>31,077</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>93,111</b>	<b>35,328</b>	<b>10,099</b>	<b>354,466</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife		5	2	22	7		32			<b>68</b>
RN & Midwife			531	8,028	503	5,763	1,987	625	7,509	2,900	282	<b>28,128</b>	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	17		4	1		30	12		<b>65</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>		<b>532</b>	<b>8,050</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>5,789</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>28,261</b>		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1			<b>1</b>	
		RN & Midwife	16	304		83	38	7	82	46	26	<b>602</b>	
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>304</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>603</b>		
<b>Total NMW</b>			<b>548</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>7,654</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>28,864</b>	
Midwife	General		140	999	80	883	578	24	1,228	395	165	<b>4,492</b>	
	Non-practising			22		9	7		17	6	5	<b>66</b>	
<b>Total Midwife</b>			<b>140</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>4,558</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,295</b>	<b>106,756</b>	<b>4,384</b>	<b>76,482</b>	<b>33,695</b>	<b>9,002</b>	<b>102,010</b>	<b>38,687</b>	<b>10,577</b>	<b>387,888</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.

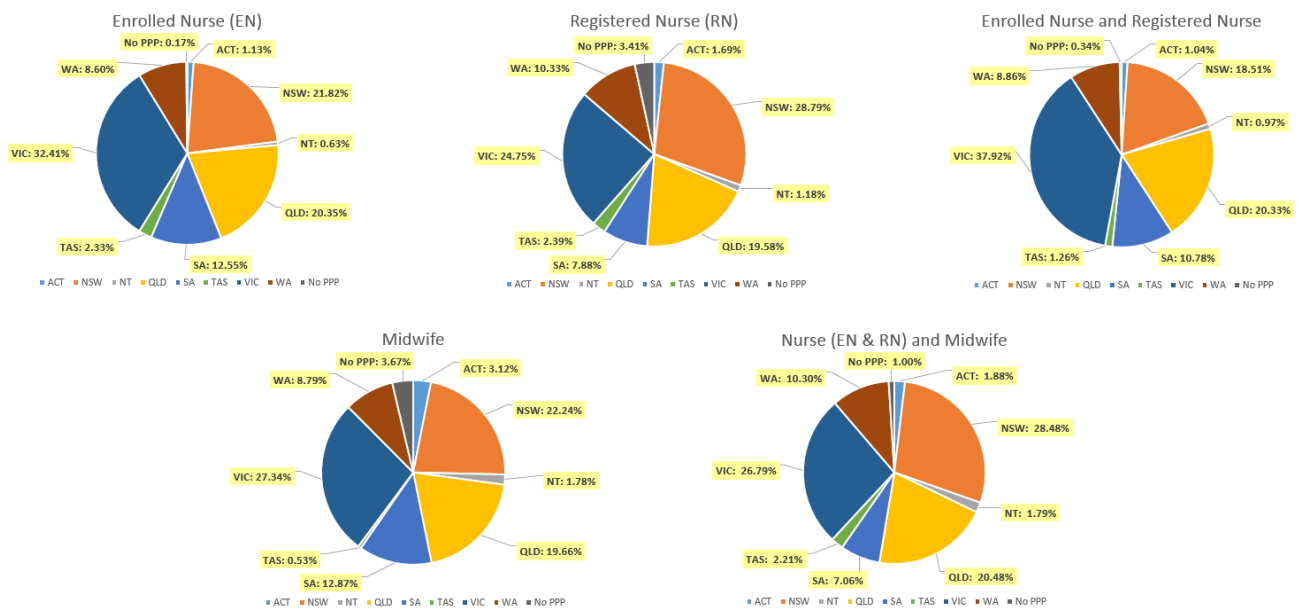
# General Registration

**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)	700	13,546	393	12,635	7,794	1,448	20,124	5,342	103	<b>62,085</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,750	80,760	3,306	54,916	22,102	6,699	69,411	28,975	9,574	<b>280,493</b>
EN & RN	74	1,323	69	1,453	770	90	2,710	633	24	<b>7,146</b>
Midwife	140	999	80	883	578	24	1,228	395	165	<b>4,492</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	532	8,050	505	5,789	1,995	625	7,571	2,912	282	<b>28,261</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**



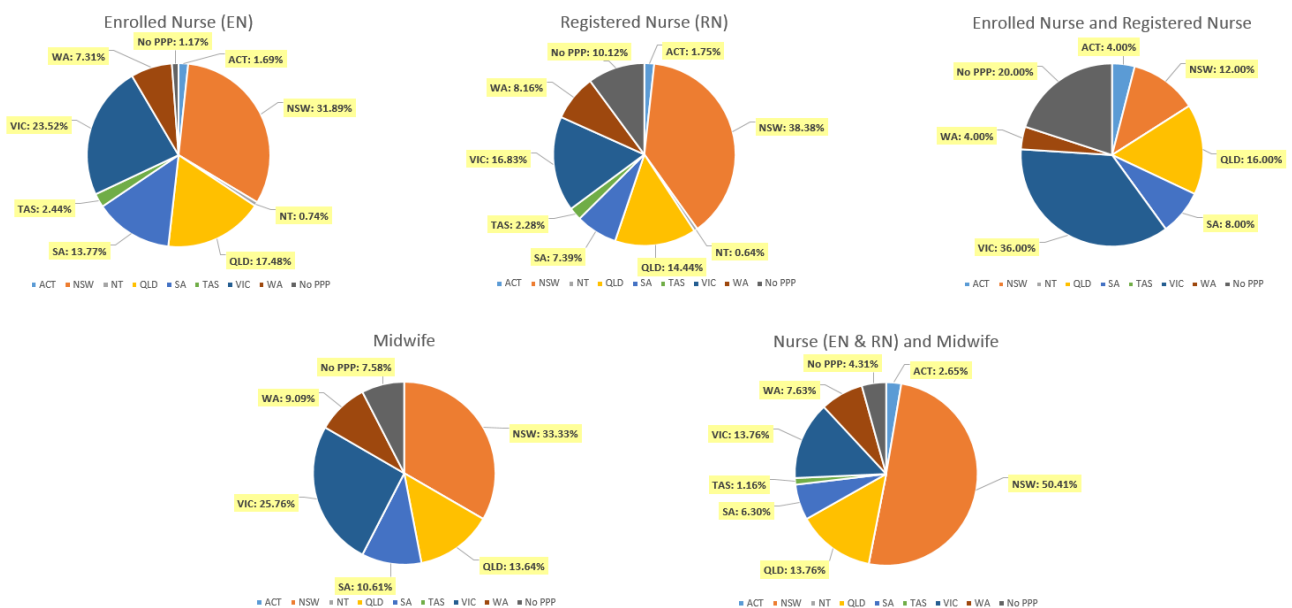
## Non-practising Registration

**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
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	301	7	165	130	23	222	69	11	<b>944</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	66	1,448	24	545	279	86	635	308	382	<b>3,773</b>
EN & RN	1	3		4	2		9	1	5	<b>25</b>
Midwife		22		9	7		17	6	5	<b>66</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	16	304		83	38	7	83	46	26	<b>603</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 type**

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	42	339	23	399	127	30	287	252	20	<b>1,519</b>
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	7	44	21	839	8	6	169	24	7	<b>1,125</b>
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	3	53	4	109	29	9	57	41		<b>305</b>
	Midwife Practitioner		1								<b>1</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		34	2	11	6		13	17	12	<b>95</b>
Mental Health nursing	6	249	31	163	237	15	245	1,088	155	<b>2,189</b>
Paediatric Nursing	3	133	3	79	19	2	73	151	76	<b>539</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2,823</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*	3	15	2	53	4		20	13		<b>110</b>

\* 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.

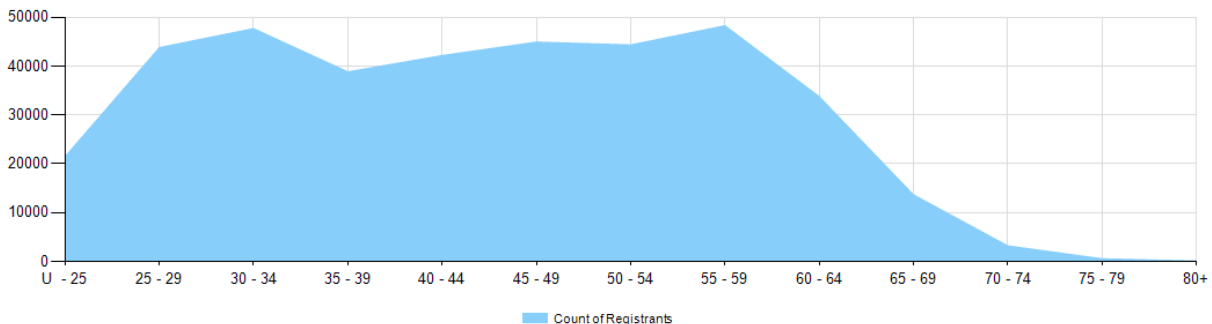
# Age Group

## 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	4,823	15,131	547		529	2	429	21,461	5.6%
25 - 29	5,588	34,003	1,649	12	1,660	25	838	43,775	11.4%
30 - 34	5,454	38,179	1,334	16	1,938	11	725	47,657	12.5%
35 - 39	4,810	30,781	842	9	1,747	6	603	38,798	10.1%
40 - 44	5,439	33,081	735	11	2,262	5	604	42,137	11.0%
45 - 49	7,327	33,265	761	11	3,015	9	507	44,895	11.7%
50 - 54	8,838	29,931	693	7	4,500	4	344	44,317	11.6%
55 - 59	10,194	31,450	399	1	5,985	1	227	48,257	12.6%
60 - 64	6,740	22,435	142	1	4,295	2	137	33,752	8.8%
65 - 69	2,383	9,423	37		1,723		65	13,631	3.6%
70 - 74	439	2,328	6		397		10	3,180	0.8%
75 - 79	42	416	1		67		3	529	0.1%
80+	8	70			10			88	<.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,085</b>	<b>280,493</b>	<b>7,146</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28,128</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>382,477</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 6.2 General registration by age group**



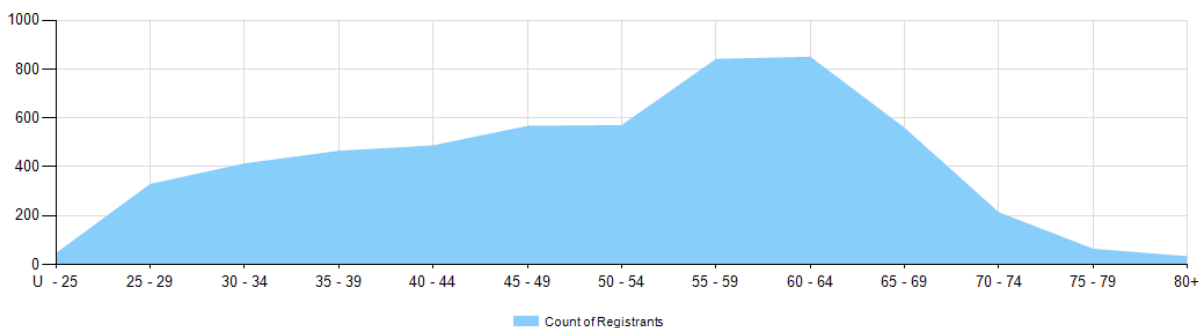


## Non-practising Registration

**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	14	26	1		2		1	44	0.8%
25 - 29	61	241	7		7		11	327	6.0%
30 - 34	60	328	2	1	13		7	411	7.6%
35 - 39	76	364			17		6	463	8.6%
40 - 44	74	373	2		28		8	485	9.0%
45 - 49	115	398	2		46		4	565	10.4%
50 - 54	144	370	2		46		6	568	10.5%
55 - 59	187	516	4		123		9	839	15.5%
60 - 64	145	547	3		144		9	848	15.7%
65 - 69	53	389	1		113		1	557	10.3%
70 - 74	10	157			41		3	211	3.9%
75 - 79	5	41	1		15			62	1.1%
80+		23			7		1	31	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>602</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>5,411</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)	628	12,014	322	11,383	7,065	1,326	18,256	4,950	91	<b>56,035</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,121	69,903	2,798	48,560	19,451	5,878	61,690	26,138	8,157	<b>246,696</b>	
		EN & RN	59	1,111	59	1,269	640	85	2,339	575	23	<b>6,160</b>	
		<b>Total Female General Nurse</b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>83,028</b>	<b>3,179</b>	<b>61,212</b>	<b>27,156</b>	<b>7,289</b>	<b>82,285</b>	<b>31,663</b>	<b>8,271</b>	<b>308,891</b>	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	72	1,532	71	1,252	729	122	1,868	392	12	<b>6,050</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	629	10,857	508	6,356	2,651	821	7,721	2,837	1,417	<b>33,797</b>	
		EN & RN	15	212	10	184	130	5	371	58	1	<b>986</b>	
		<b>Total Male General Nurse</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>12,601</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>7,792</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>9,960</b>	<b>3,287</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>40,833</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>			<b>5,524</b>	<b>95,629</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>69,004</b>	<b>30,666</b>	<b>8,237</b>	<b>92,245</b>	<b>34,950</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>349,724</b>
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife		5	2	21	7		32			<b>67</b>	
		RN & Midwife	519	7,846	477	5,673	1,946	611	7,431	2,856	276	<b>27,635</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	16		4	1		30	12		<b>64</b>	
		<b>Total Female General NMW</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>7,493</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>27,766</b>	
	Male	EN & Midwife				1							<b>1</b>
		RN & Midwife	12	182	26	90	41	14	78	44	6	<b>493</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									<b>1</b>
<b>Total Male General NMW</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>495</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>			<b>532</b>	<b>8,050</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>5,789</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>7,571</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>28,261</b>	
Midwife	Female		139	993	79	881	577	23	1,224	395	165	<b>4,476</b>	
	Male		1	6	1	2	1	1	4			<b>16</b>	
<b>Total General Midwife</b>			<b>140</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4,492</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,196</b>	<b>104,678</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>75,676</b>	<b>33,239</b>	<b>8,886</b>	<b>101,044</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>10,148</b>	<b>382,477</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	5,467	91,888	3,737	67,791	29,687	7,923	91,002	34,926	8,712	<b>341,133</b>
Male	729	12,790	616	7,885	3,552	963	10,042	3,331	1,436	<b>41,344</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.2%	87.8%	85.8%	89.6%	89.3%	89.2%	90.1%	91.3%	85.8%	<b>89.2%</b>
Male	11.8%	12.2%	14.2%	10.4%	10.7%	10.8%	9.9%	8.7%	14.2%	<b>10.8%</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)	15	273	6	159	119	21	208	68	10	879	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	61	1,308	24	503	244	80	580	290	348	3,438	
		EN & RN	1	3		4	1		9	1	4	23	
	<b>Total Female Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>4,340</b>	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	28	1	6	11	2	14	1	1	65	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5	140		42	35	6	55	18	34	335	
		EN & RN					1				1	2	
	<b>Total Male Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>402</b>	
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>			<b>83</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>4,742</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			16	298		81	38	7	82	45	26	593	
<b>Total Female Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>298</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>594</b>		
Male		RN & Midwife		6		2			1			9	
<b>Total Male Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>		
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>304</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>603</b>	
Midwife	Female			22		9	7		17	6	5	66	
	Male												
<b>Total Non-practising Midwife</b>				<b>22</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>99</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>5,411</b>	

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	93	1,904	30	756	409	108	897	410	393	<b>5,000</b>
Male	6	174	1	50	47	8	69	20	36	<b>411</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	93.9%	91.6%	96.8%	93.8%	89.7%	93.1%	92.9%	95.3%	91.6%	<b>92.4%</b>
Male	6.1%	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%	10.3%	6.9%	7.1%	4.7%	8.4%	<b>7.6%</b>