

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 tables¹ 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

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)	696	13,535	399	12,780	7,629	1,492	20,063	5,295	103	61,992	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,813	80,700	3,359	56,038	21,799	6,701	70,385	28,955	9,662	282,412	
		EN & RN	70	1,256	64	1,521	754	75	2,660	624	27	7,051	
	Total General Nurse			5,579	95,491	3,822	70,339	30,182	8,268	93,108	34,874	9,792	351,455
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	19	309	6	175	135	25	236	83	17	1,005	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	77	1,473	22	607	299	103	659	318	455	4,013	
		EN & RN	1	3		3	5		9		5	26	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			97	1,785	28	785	439	128	904	401	477	5,044
	Total Nurse			5,676	97,276	3,850	71,124	30,621	8,396	94,012	35,275	10,269	356,499
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife		4	4	23	5		31	1		68
RN & Midwife			500	7,635	484	5,582	1,846	617	7,305	2,773	288	27,030	
EN & RN & Midwife				14	2	6	1	2	25	11		61	
Total General NMW			500	7,653	490	5,611	1,852	619	7,361	2,785	288	27,159	
Non-practising		EN & Midwife								1			1
		RN & Midwife	17	284		90	38	10	105	42	26		612
Total Non-practising NMW			17	284		90	38	10	106	42	26	613	
Total NMW			517	7,937	490	5,701	1,890	629	7,467	2,827	314	27,772	
Midwife	General		146	1,069	87	950	559	27	1,262	413	178	4,691	
	Non-practising		1	17		9	8		17	7	7	66	
Total Midwife			147	1,086	87	959	567	27	1,279	420	185	4,757	
Total			6,340	106,299	4,427	77,784	33,078	9,052	102,758	38,522	10,768	389,028	

* 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.

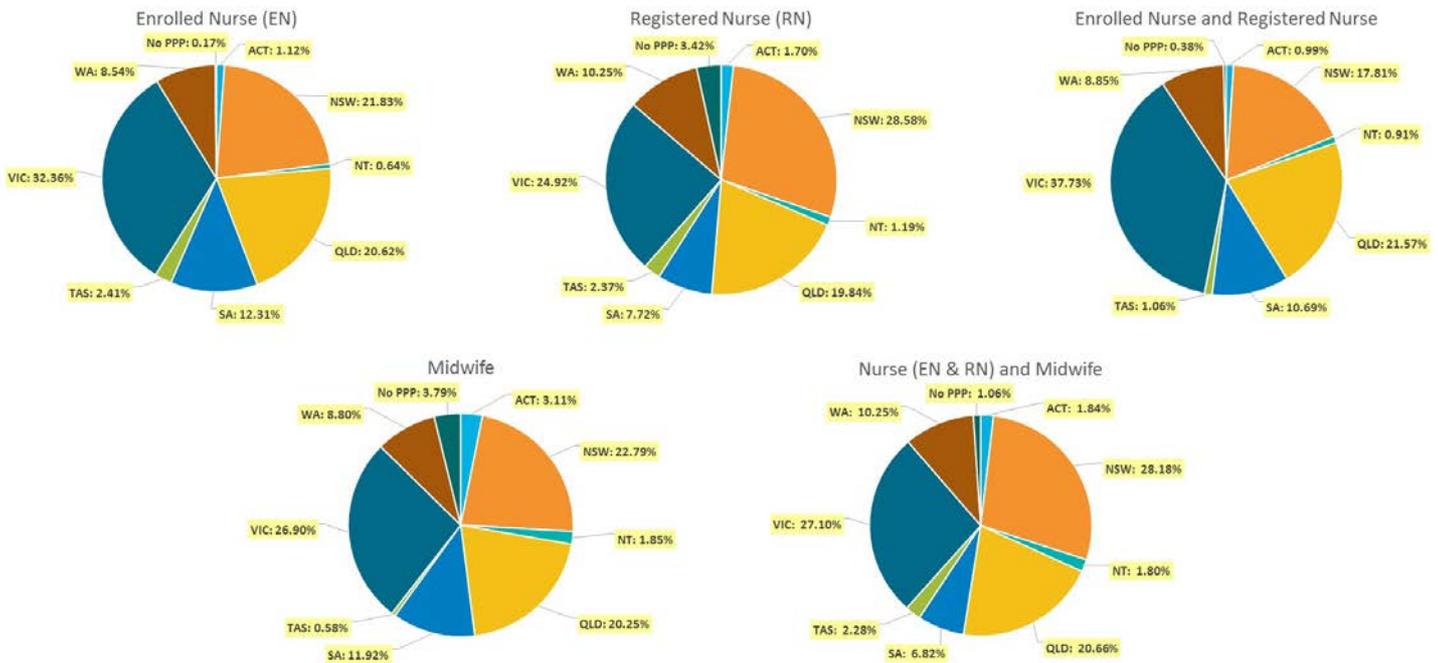
General Registration

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)	696	13,535	399	12,780	7,629	1,492	20,063	5,295	103	61,992
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,813	80,700	3,359	56,038	21,799	6,701	70,385	28,955	9,662	282,412
EN & RN	70	1,256	64	1,521	754	75	2,660	624	27	7,051
Midwife	146	1,069	87	950	559	27	1,262	413	178	4,691
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	500	7,653	490	5,611	1,852	619	7,361	2,785	288	27,159

* 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



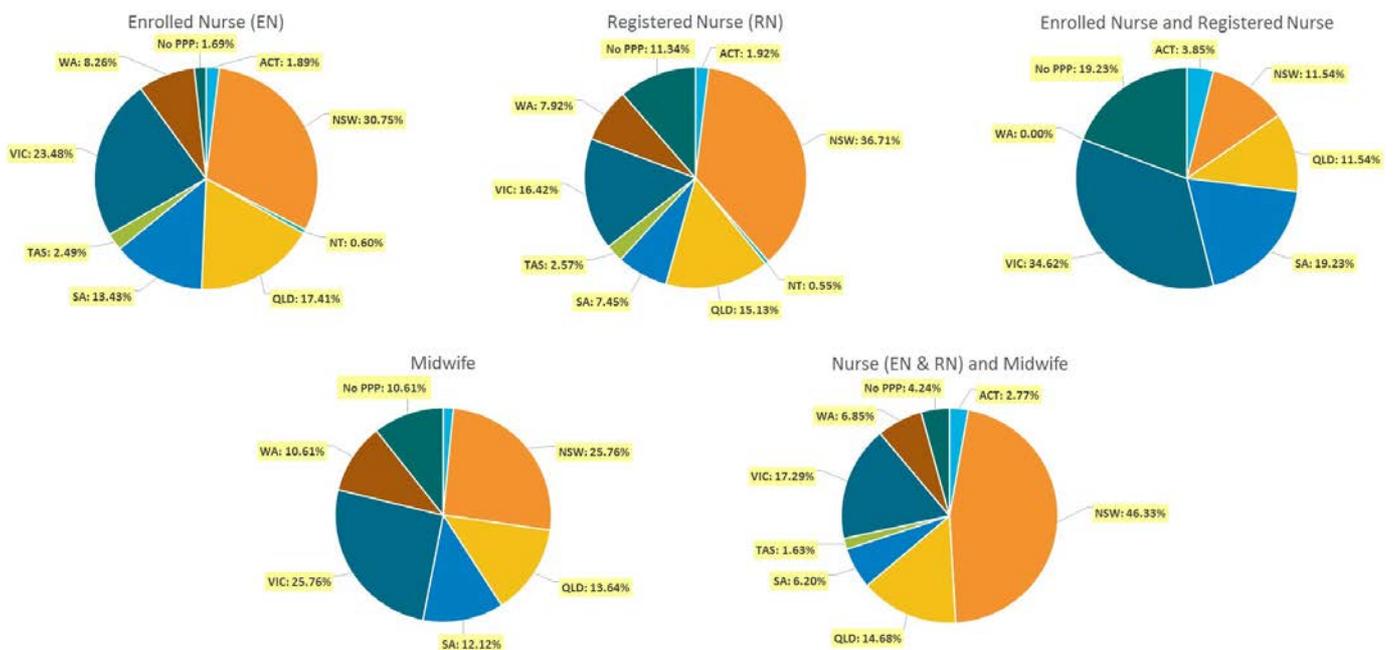
Non-practising Registration

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)	19	309	6	175	135	25	236	83	17	1,005
Registered Nurse (RN)	77	1,473	22	607	299	103	659	318	455	4,013
EN & RN	1	3		3	5		9		5	26
Midwife	1	17		9	8		17	7	7	66
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	17	284		90	38	10	106	42	26	613

* 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	42	365	23	412	131	33	324	248	26	1,604
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	50	22	829	7	8	179	23	8	1,132
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	3	63	3	143	34	10	73	61		390
	Midwife Practitioner		1								1
Total		51	479	48	1,384	172	51	576	332	34	3,127

* 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		39	2	11	5		12	20	18	107
Mental health nursing	7	262	27	173	222	16	270	1,050	166	2,193
Paediatric Nursing	2	138	2	100	15	2	72	150	75	556
Total	9	439	31	284	242	18	354	1,220	259	2,856

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	2	9	2		4	3		22

* 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.

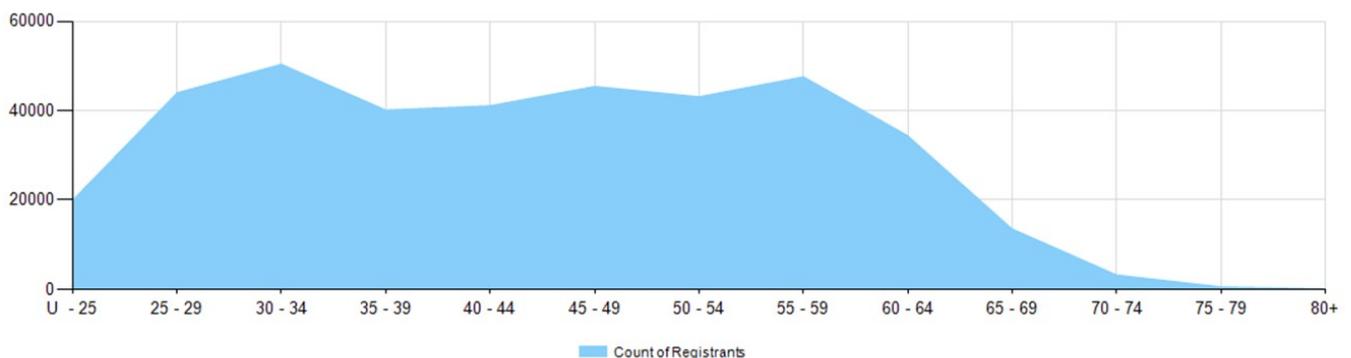
Age group

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	5,006	13,661	437	1	479	1	371	19,956	5.2%
25 - 29	5,850	34,040	1,545	10	1,647	24	869	43,985	11.5%
30 - 34	5,640	40,585	1,402	12	1,946	8	785	50,378	13.1%
35 - 39	5,044	31,748	865	14	1,814	7	633	40,125	10.5%
40 - 44	5,203	32,382	759	10	2,110	5	621	41,090	10.7%
45 - 49	7,100	34,108	754	12	2,886	6	534	45,400	11.8%
50 - 54	8,485	29,498	646	6	4,076	7	385	43,103	11.2%
55 - 59	9,899	31,245	439	2	5,727	1	252	47,565	12.4%
60 - 64	6,918	22,897	155	1	4,236	2	158	34,367	9.0%
65 - 69	2,349	9,410	41		1,649		61	13,510	3.5%
70 - 74	444	2,342	6		381		21	3,194	0.8%
75 - 79	43	421	2		68		1	535	0.1%
80+	11	75			11			97	<0.1%
Total	61,992	282,412	7,051	68	27,030	61	4,691	383,305	100.0%

Table 6.2 General registration by age group

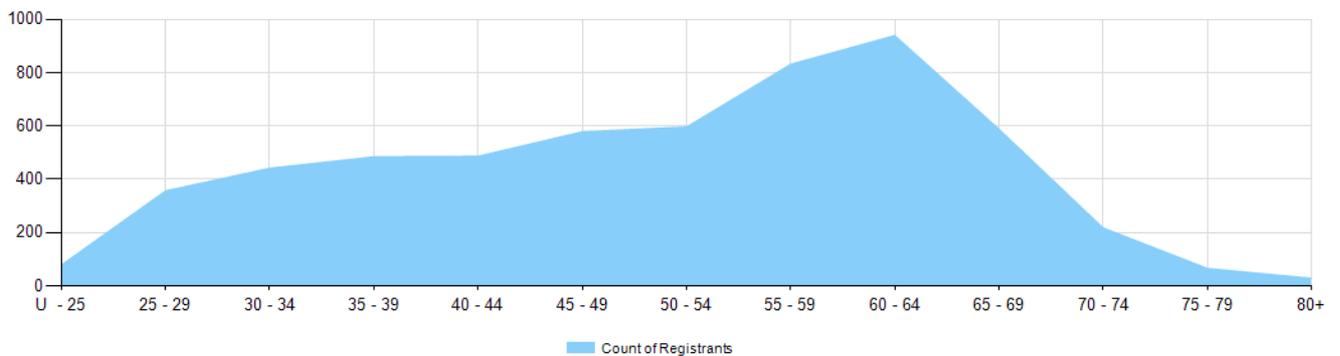


Non-practising registration

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	28	41			2			71	1.2%
25 - 29	66	258	7		7		8	346	6.0%
30 - 34	65	346		1	12		5	429	7.5%
35 - 39	74	391	2		20		8	495	8.6%
40 - 44	80	355	3		29		9	476	8.3%
45 - 49	123	413	2		46		4	588	10.3%
50 - 54	150	379	3		49		10	591	10.3%
55 - 59	181	531	5		104		9	830	14.5%
60 - 64	160	638	2		151		10	961	16.8%
65 - 69	62	422	1		119			604	10.6%
70 - 74	11	164	1		52		2	230	4.0%
75 - 79	5	55			14			74	1.3%
80+		20			7		1	28	.5%
Total	1,005	4,013	26	1	612		66	5,723	100.0%

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)	622	12,002	331	11,471	6,905	1,358	18,150	4,889	88	55,816	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,162	69,765	2,828	49,555	19,204	5,871	62,418	26,126	8,195	248,124	
		EN & RN	56	1,064	55	1,323	616	70	2,289	572	26	6,071	
	Total female General Nurse			4,840	82,831	3,214	62,349	26,725	7,299	82,857	31,587	8,309	310,011
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	74	1,533	68	1,309	724	134	1,913	406	14	6,175	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	651	10,934	531	6,482	2,595	830	7,967	2,829	1,467	34,286	
		EN & RN	14	192	9	198	138	5	371	52	1	980	
	Total male General Nurse			14	192	9	198	138	5	371	52	1	980
	Intersex or Indeterminate	Registered Nurse (RN)		1		1						2	
	Total General Nurse			5,579	95,491	3,822	70,339	30,182	8,268	93,108	34,874	9,791	351,454
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife		4	3	22	5		31	1		66	
		RN & Midwife	492	7,462	455	5,496	1,807	602	7,237	2,733	282	26,566	
		EN & RN & Midwife		13	2	6	1	2	25	11		60	
	Total female General NMW			492	7,479	460	5,524	1,813	604	7,293	2,745	282	26,692
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	8	173	29	86	39	15	68	40	6	464	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									1
Total male General NMW			8	174	30	87	39	15	68	40	6	467	
Total General NMW			500	7,653	490	5,611	1,852	619	7,361	2,785	288	27,159	
Midwife	Female		145	1,063	86	949	558	26	1,256	413	178	4,674	
	Male		1	6	1	1	1	1	6			17	
Total General Midwife			146	1,069	87	950	559	27	1,262	413	178	4,691	
Total			6,225	104,213	4,399	76,900	32,593	8,914	101,731	38,072	10,257	383,304	

* 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	5,477	91,373	3,760	68,822	29,096	7,929	91,406	34,745	8,769	341,377
Male	748	12,839	639	8,077	3,497	985	10,325	3,327	1,488	41,925
Intersex or Indeterminate		1		1						2

Table 8.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.0%	87.7%	85.5%	89.5%	89.3%	88.9%	89.9%	91.3%	85.5%	89.1%
Male	12.0%	12.3%	14.5%	10.5%	10.7%	11.1%	10.1%	8.7%	14.5%	10.9%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%						<0.1%

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)	18	281	5	166	128	23	223	79	16	939
		Registered Nurse (RN)	69	1,341	19	555	257	95	598	302	414	3,650
		EN & RN	1	3		3	4		8		4	23
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		88	1,625	24	724	389	118	829	381	434	4,612
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	28	1	9	7	2	13	4	1	66
		Registered Nurse (RN)	8	132	3	52	42	8	61	16	41	363
		EN & RN					1		1		1	3
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		9	160	4	61	50	10	75	20	43	432
	Total Non-practising Nurse			97	1,785	28	785	439	128	904	401	477
Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
		RN & Midwife	16	276		88	38	10	105	42	26	601
	Total Female Non-practising NMW		16	276		88	38	10	106	42	26	602
	Male	RN & Midwife	1	8		2						11
	Total Male Non-practising NMW		1	8		2						11
Total Non-practising NMW			17	284		90	38	10	106	42	26	613
Midwife	Female		1	17		9	8		17	7	7	66
	Male											
Total Non-practising Midwife			1	17		9	8		17	7	7	66
Total			115	2,086	28	884	485	138	1,027	450	510	5,723

Table 9.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	105	1,918	24	821	435	128	952	430	467	5,280
Male	10	168	4	63	50	10	75	20	43	443

Table 9.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.3%	91.9%	85.7%	92.9%	89.7%	92.8%	92.7%	95.6%	91.6%	92.3%
Male	8.7%	8.1%	14.3%	7.1%	10.3%	7.2%	7.3%	4.4%	8.4%	7.7%