Nurse and Midwife Registrant Data: October 2013

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board).

The functions of the National Board are defined under the National Law, and include:

- Registering nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determining national registration requirements
- Developing registration standards and professional codes and guidelines to guide nurses and midwives
- Managing notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Assessing internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to practice in Australia
- Approving national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegating to state and territory boards and committees*, and AHPRA staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notifications of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct, and a student's health or criminal history

  **In New South Wales (NSW), where a co-regulatory model applies and notifications are managed separately by the Nursing and Midwifery Council NSW, the NSW Board of the National Board is only responsible for the registration of nurses, midwives and students.*

The National Board's functions are supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing the National Board and AHPRA, see AHPRA's Legislation & Publications at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx

AHPRA has analysed the National Board's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables about registrants to share with the professions and community. The National Board will update this statistical report regularly.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the National Board's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

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Nurse & Midwife by Registration Type

The National Board recognises four nursing and midwifery registration types: general registration, limited registration, non-practising registration and student registration.

The nurse may be either a Registered Nurse or an Enrolled Nurse, or both. Refer the National Board Position Statement: [Position statement on concurrent registration as an Enrolled Nurse and Registered Nurse.]

Nurse & Midwife By Registration Type										
Nurse	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
General										
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	702	13,140	420	11,162	7,760	1,354	19,666	5,046	46	**59,296**
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,168	70,986	3,050	47,631	20,819	6,179	62,360	27,009	6,376	**248,578**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	32	722	33	693	348	25	1,284	283	6	**3,426**
Total General Nurse	**4,902**	**84,848**	**3,503**	**59,486**	**28,927**	**7,558**	**83,310**	**32,338**	**6,428**	**311,300**
Non-practising										
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	13	294	4	107	60	16	168	49	3	**714**
Registered Nurse (RN)	50	1,307	19	363	178	73	508	231	84	**2,813**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	1	1		3			2			**7**
Total Non-practising Nurse	**64**	**1,602**	**23**	**473**	**238**	**89**	**678**	**280**	**87**	**3,534**
Total Nurse	**4,966**	**86,450**	**3,526**	**59,959**	**29,165**	**7,647**	**83,988**	**32,618**	**6,515**	**314,834**
Nurse & Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
General										
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	6		3	4		23			**38**
Registered Nurse (RN)	571	8,750	529	6,143	2,228	626	7,736	2,986	201	**29,770**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	1	3		1			18	5		**28**
Total General Nurse & Midwife	574	8,759	529	6,147	2,232	626	7,777	2,991	201	**29,836**
Non-practising										
Enrolled Nurse (EN)							3			**3**
Registered Nurse (RN)	24	949	9	148	50	24	206	85	18	**1,513**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse		1								**1**
Total Non-practising Nurse & Midwife	**24**	**950**	**9**	**148**	**50**	**24**	**209**	**85**	**18**	**1,517**
Total Nurse & Midwife	**598**	**9,709**	**538**	**6,295**	**2,282**	**650**	**7,986**	**3,076**	**219**	**31,353**
Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
General	73	565	51	438	394	13	851	290	62	**2,737**
Non-practising		14		3	5		18	5	2	**47**
Total Midwife	**73**	**579**	**51**	**441**	**399**	**13**	**869**	**295**	**64**	**2,784**
Grand Total	**5,637**	**96,738**	**4,115**	**66,695**	**31,846**	**8,310**	**92,843**	**35,989**	**6,798**	**348,971**

The following table and charts show totals for General Registration

Totals for General Nurse & Midwife										
	ACT	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	702	13,140	420	11,162	7,760	1,354	19,666	5,046	46	**59,296**
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,168	70,986	3,050	47,631	20,819	6,179	62,360	27,009	6,376	**248,578**
EN & RN	32	722	33	693	348	25	1,284	283	6	**3,426**
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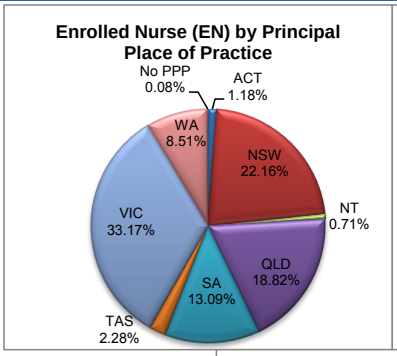

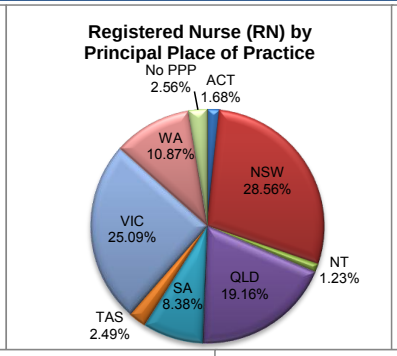

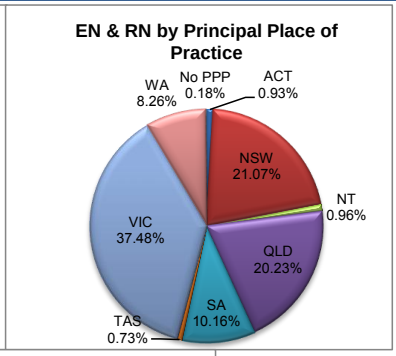

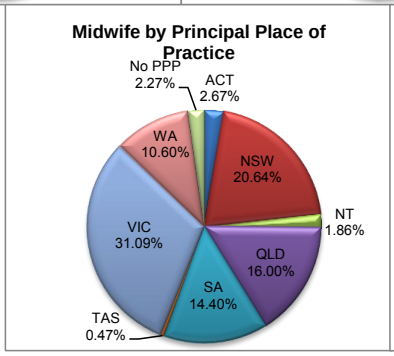

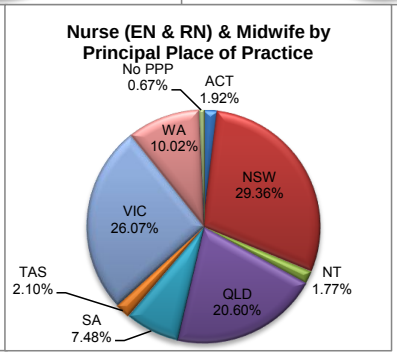

The following table and charts show totals for Non-Practising Registration

Totals for Non-Practising Nurse & Midwife										
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	13	294	4	107	60	16	168	49	3	**714**
Registered Nurse (RN)	50	1,307	19	363	178	73	508	231	84	**2,813**
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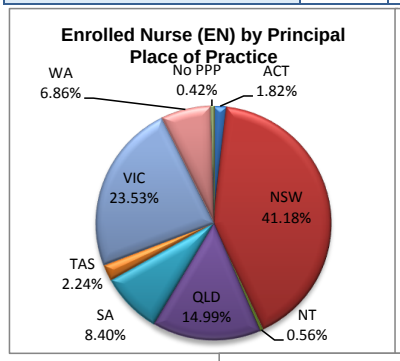
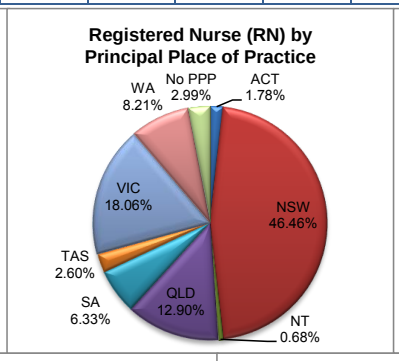
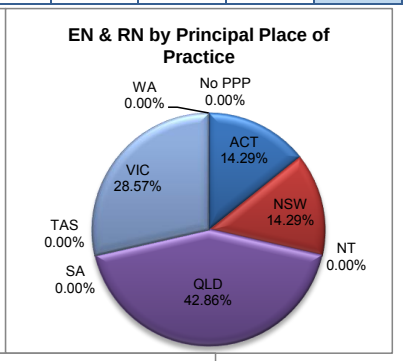
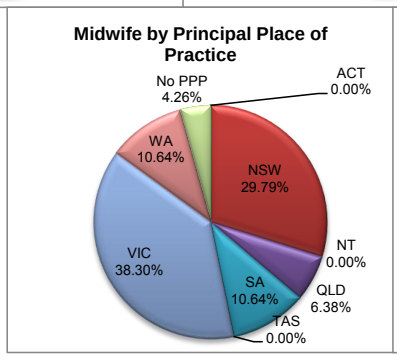
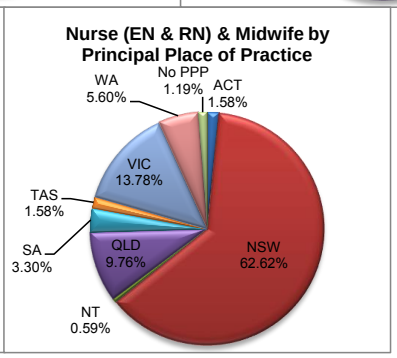










Registered Nurse & Midwife by Endorsement

The endorsement of registration identifies registered nurses and midwives with additional qualifications and specific expertise.

The National Board endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner – includes prescribing scheduled medicines
- Midwife Practitioner – refer Position-Statement Midwife Practitioners (7 April 2011)
- Registered Nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

Note: No principal place of practice (PPP) will include nurses and midwives with an overseas address.

The National Board endorsement for midwives is:

- Eligible Midwife – prescribe scheduled medicines

Registered Nurse & Midwife By Endorsement										
Registered Nurse	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse Practitioner	36	240	15	259	79	22	153	158	4	**966**
Schedule Medicines - Rural & Isolated Practice	3	30	9	710	7	3	59	13	3	**837**
Midwife	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines - Eligible Midwife		5		12	3	2	12	7		**41**

Registered Nurse & Midwife by Notation

Registered Nurses with a sole qualification in mental health nursing or paediatric nursing or disability nursing.

To ensure national consistency, 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* .

Registered Nurse Notation by State and Territory										
Registered Nurse	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		19	3	5	4	1	10	18	2	62
Mental Health Nursing	5	181	19	40	46	3	131	1,174	42	1,641
Paediatric Nursing	1	99	2	21	10	1	35	134	10	313
Total	**6**	**299**	**24**	**66**	**60**	**5**	**176**	**1,326**	**54**	**2,016**

The National Board also recognises those 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.

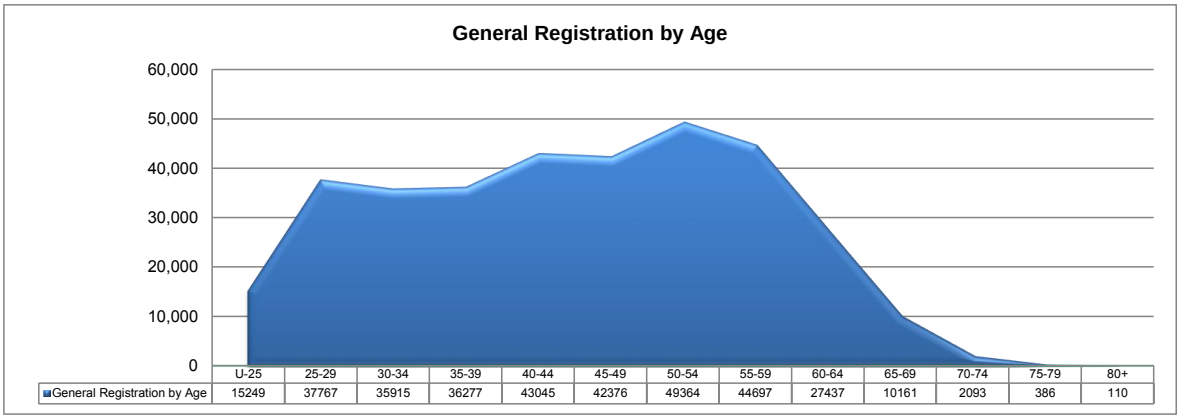
Eligible midwife, but NOT qualified to obtain endorsement under section 94 to prescribe Schedule 2, 3, 4 & 8 medicines required for midwifery practice in accordance with state and territory legislation.

These eligible midwives will be endorsed to prescribe scheduled medicines when they successfully complete a Board-approved program of study for prescribing midwifery medicines.

Midwife Notation by State and Territory										
Midwife	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Eligible Midwife		36		85	13	4	41	21		**200**

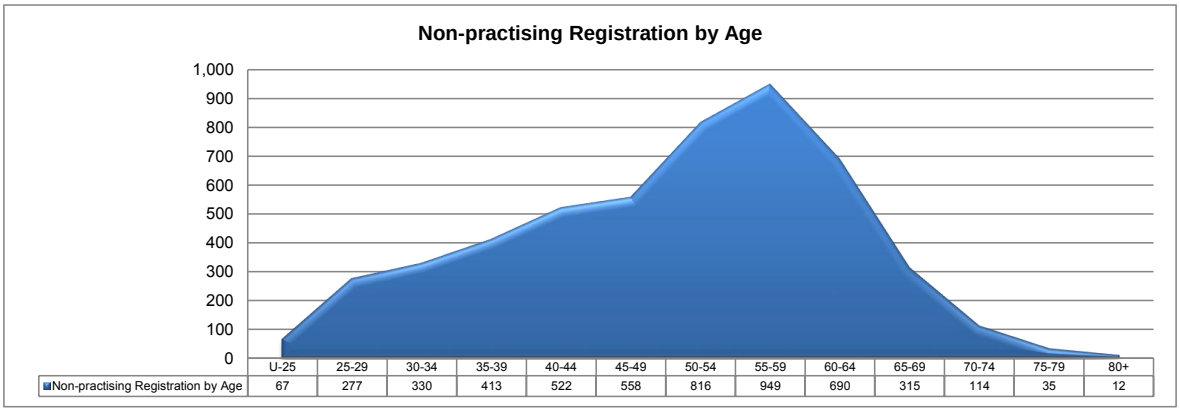
General Registration by Age

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% by Age Group
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	Registered Nurse (RN)	Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	Registered Nurse (RN)	Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse			
U-25	3,867	10,498	309	3	326	3	243	**15,249**	4.42%
25-29	4,835	30,244	842	14	1,350	5	477	**37,767**	10.95%
30-34	4,244	29,130	464	5	1,685	4	383	**35,915**	10.41%
35-39	4,441	29,162	386	5	1,904	6	373	**36,277**	10.52%
40-44	6,209	33,187	396	5	2,846	3	399	**43,045**	12.48%
45-49	8,216	29,371	414	2	4,020	2	351	**42,376**	12.29%
50-54	10,615	31,771	351	3	6,395	3	226	**49,364**	14.31%
55-59	9,528	28,356	191	1	6,466	2	153	**44,697**	12.96%
60-64	5,437	17,876	58	2	3,987	1	76	**27,437**	7.96%
65-69	1,605	7,092	13	0	1,412	0	39	**10,161**	2.95%
70-74	238	1,519	2	0	318	0	16	**2,093**	0.61%
75-79	33	303	0	0	49	0	1	**386**	0.11%
80+	28	69	0	0	13	0	0	**110**	0.03%
Total	**59,296**	**248,578**	**3,426**	**40**	**30,771**	**29**	**2737**	**344,877**	**100.00%**



Non-practising Registration by Age

Age Group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% by Age Group
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	Registered Nurse (RN)	Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	Registered Nurse (RN)	Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse			
U-25	29	34	0	0	1	0	3	**67**	0.02%
25-29	45	215	0	2	8	0	7	**277**	0.08%
30-34	52	245	1	0	26	0	6	**330**	0.10%
35-39	51	306	0	0	50	0	6	**413**	0.12%
40-44	79	349	2	0	85	0	7	**522**	0.15%
45-49	96	299	1	0	158	0	4	**558**	0.16%
50-54	132	337	1	0	339	0	7	**816**	0.24%
55-59	124	400	0	1	418	1	5	**949**	0.28%
60-64	84	327	0	0	279	0	0	**690**	0.20%
65-69	18	194	1	0	100	0	2	**315**	0.09%
70-74	4	76	1	0	33	0	0	**114**	0.03%
75-79	0	24	0	0	11	0	0	**35**	0.01%
80+	0	7	0	0	5	0	0	**12**	0.00%
Total	**714**	**2,813**	**7**	**3**	**1,513**	**1**	**47**	**5,098**	**1.48%**



General Registration by Gender

Nurse	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	4,348	74,057	2,932	52,961	25,712	6,674	74,493	29,232	5,551	**275,960**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	644	11,644	338	10,107	7,084	1,243	17,915	4,716	43	**53,734**
Registered Nurse (RN)	3,678	61,810	2,564	42,254	18,340	5,406	55,504	24,252	5,502	**219,310**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	26	603	30	600	288	25	1,074	264	6	**2,916**
Male	554	10,791	571	6,525	3,215	884	8,817	3,106	877	**35,340**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	58	1,496	82	1,055	676	111	1,751	330	3	**5,562**
Registered Nurse (RN)	490	9,176	486	5,377	2,479	773	6,856	2,757	874	**29,268**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	6	119	3	93	60		210	19		**510**
Total	**4,902**	**84,848**	**3,503**	**59,486**	**28,927**	**7,558**	**83,310**	**32,338**	**6,428**	**311,300**
Nurse & Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
Female	574	9,208	511	6,117	2,207	628	7,830	2,989	198	**30,262**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	6		3	3		25			**39**
Registered Nurse (RN)	571	9,198	511	6,113	2,204	628	7,787	2,984	198	**30,194**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	1	4		1			18	5		**29**
Male	16	195	24	129	57	17	89	47	4	**578**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)					1					**1**
Registered Nurse (RN)	16	195	24	129	56	17	89	47	4	**577**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse										**0**
Total	**590**	**9,403**	**535**	**6,246**	**2,264**	**645**	**7,919**	**3,036**	**202**	**30,840**
Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
Female	73	561	50	437	394	12	848	290	61	**2,726**
Male		4	1	1		1	3		1	**11**
Total	**73**	**565**	**51**	**438**	**394**	**13**	**851**	**290**	**62**	**2,737**
Grand Total	**5,565**	**94,816**	**4,089**	**66,170**	**31,585**	**8,216**	**92,080**	**35,664**	**6,692**	**344,877**

Total General Registration by Gender

General	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	4,995	83,826	3,493	59,515	28,313	7,314	83,171	32,511	5,810	**308,948**
Male	570	10,990	596	6,655	3,272	902	8,909	3,153	882	**35,929**

General Registration by Gender - Percentages

General	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	89.76%	88.41%	85.42%	89.94%	89.64%	89.02%	90.32%	91.16%	86.82%	**89.58%**
Male	10.24%	11.59%	14.58%	10.06%	10.36%	10.98%	9.68%	8.84%	13.18%	**10.42%**

Non-practising Registration by Gender

Nurse	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	54	1,474	22	444	216	86	624	262	79	**3,261**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	12	275	4	101	57	15	160	47	1	**672**
Registered Nurse (RN)	42	1,198	18	340	159	71	462	215	78	**2,583**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse		1		3			2			**6**
Male	10	128	1	29	22	3	54	18	8	**273**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	19		6	3	1	8	2	2	**42**
Registered Nurse (RN)	8	109	1	23	19	2	46	16	6	**230**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse	1									**1**
Total	**64**	**1,602**	**23**	**473**	**238**	**89**	**678**	**280**	**87**	**3,534**
Nurse & Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
Female	22	932	8	144	49	22	206	84	18	**1,485**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)							3			**3**
Registered Nurse (RN)	22	931	8	144	49	22	203	84	18	**1,481**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse		1								**1**
Male	2	18	1	4	1	2	3	1		**32**
Enrolled Nurse (EN)										**0**
Registered Nurse (RN)	2	18	1	4	1	2	3	1		**32**
Enrolled Nurse & Registered Nurse										**0**
Total	**24**	**950**	**9**	**148**	**50**	**24**	**209**	**85**	**18**	**1,517**
Midwife	**ACT**	**NSW**	**NT**	**QLD**	**SA**	**TAS**	**VIC**	**WA**	**No PPP**	**Total**
Female		14		3	5		18	5	2	**47**
Male										**0**
Total	**0**	**14**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**18**	**5**	**2**	**47**
Grand Total	**88**	**2,566**	**32**	**624**	**293**	**113**	**905**	**370**	**107**	**5,098**

Total Non-practising Registration by Gender

Non-practicing	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	76	2,420	30	591	270	108	848	351	99	**4,793**
Male	12	146	2	33	23	5	57	19	8	**305**

Non-practising Registration by Gender - Percentages

Non-practicing	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	86.36%	94.31%	93.75%	94.71%	92.15%	95.58%	93.70%	94.86%	92.52%	**94.02%**
Male	13.64%	5.69%	6.25%	5.29%	7.85%	4.42%	6.30%	5.14%	7.48%	**5.98%**