

# 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)	671	13,247	385	12,141	7,804	1,453	19,851	5,290	96	<b>60,938</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,468	78,084	3,254	52,446	21,950	6,544	67,226	28,382	9,069	<b>271,423</b>	
		EN & RN	70	1,240	58	1,310	678	67	2,370	538	27	<b>6,358</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>		<b>5,209</b>	<b>92,571</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>65,897</b>	<b>30,432</b>	<b>8,064</b>	<b>89,447</b>	<b>34,210</b>	<b>9,192</b>	<b>338,719</b>	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	302	10	157	105	18	217	74	8	<b>907</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	54	1,428	24	489	255	88	599	277	315	<b>3,529</b>	
		EN & RN		3		3	3		5	1	1	<b>16</b>	
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>4,452</b>	
	<b>Total Nurse</b>			<b>5,279</b>	<b>94,304</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>66,546</b>	<b>30,795</b>	<b>8,170</b>	<b>90,268</b>	<b>34,562</b>	<b>9,516</b>	<b>343,171</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	3	4	1	15	3		37			<b>63</b>
RN & Midwife			555	8,404	527	5,857	2,082	637	7,627	2,942	295	<b>28,926</b>	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	12	1	4	3		31	11		<b>63</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>		<b>559</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>5,876</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>29,052</b>		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1			<b>1</b>	
		RN & Midwife	15	305	1	82	32	7	86	37	27	<b>592</b>	
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>593</b>		
<b>Total NMW</b>			<b>574</b>	<b>8,725</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>29,645</b>	
Midwife	General		120	885	68	746	525	21	1,140	372	131	<b>4,008</b>	
	Non-practising			15		5	9	1	14	5	7	<b>56</b>	
<b>Total Midwife</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4,064</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,973</b>	<b>103,929</b>	<b>4,329</b>	<b>73,255</b>	<b>33,449</b>	<b>8,836</b>	<b>99,204</b>	<b>37,929</b>	<b>9,976</b>	<b>376,880</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.

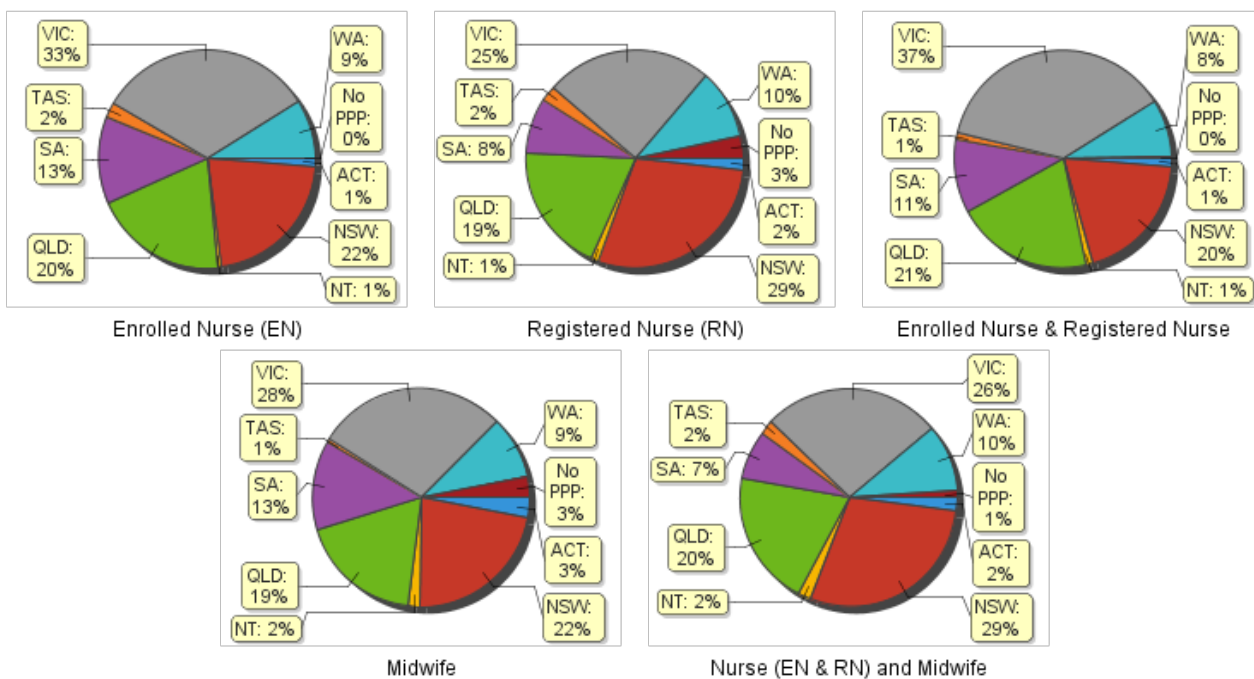
## General Registration

**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)	671	13,247	385	12,141	7,804	1,453	19,851	5,290	96	<b>60,938</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,468	78,084	3,254	52,446	21,950	6,544	67,226	28,382	9,069	<b>271,423</b>
EN & RN	70	1,240	58	1,310	678	67	2,370	538	27	<b>6,358</b>
Midwife	120	885	68	746	525	21	1,140	372	131	<b>4,008</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	559	8,420	529	5,876	2,088	637	7,695	2,953	295	<b>29,052</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**



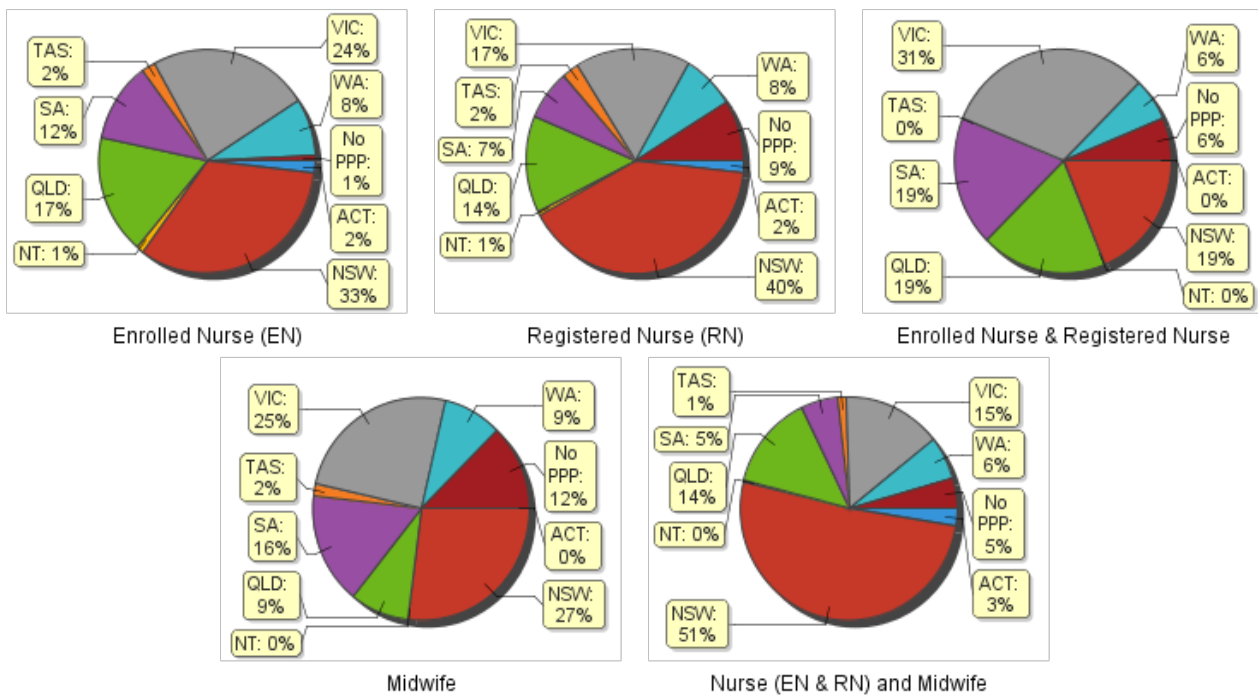
## Non-practising Registration

**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	302	10	157	105	18	217	74	8	<b>907</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	54	1,428	24	489	255	88	599	277	315	<b>3,529</b>
EN & RN		3		3	3		5	1	1	<b>16</b>
Midwife		15		5	9	1	14	5	7	<b>56</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	15	305	1	82	32	7	87	37	27	<b>593</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 – 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 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	39	301	22	357	121	28	266	232	14	1,380
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	37	17	820	5	6	159	18	8	1,075
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	2	37	2	86	23	4	45	37		236
	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 5.1 Registered Nurse notations**

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing	1	24	2	9	6		13	17	9	81
Mental Health nursing	7	235	31	148	245	10	239	1,132	117	2,164
Paediatric Nursing	5	131	3	61	17	2	63	155	53	490
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2,735</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*	1	25	3	59	6	3	25	10		132

\* 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.

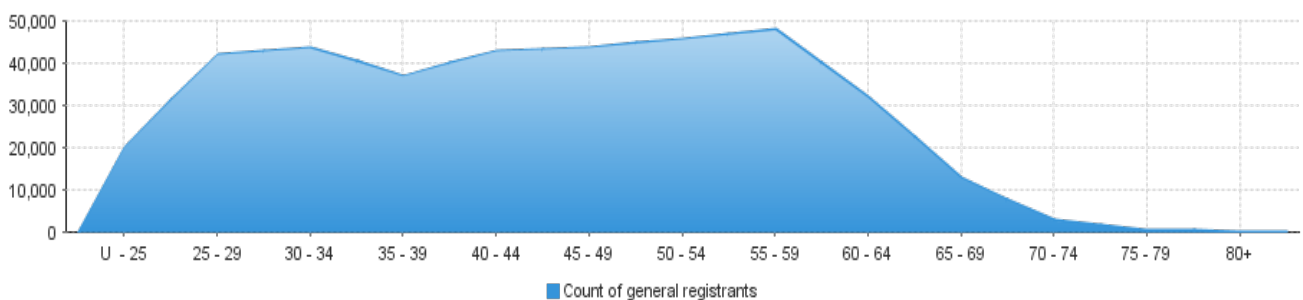
# Age Group

## 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	4,414	14,296	545		493	7	395	<b>20,150</b>	<b>5.42%</b>
25 - 29	5,217	33,079	1,543	16	1,535	19	736	<b>42,145</b>	<b>11.34%</b>
30 - 34	5,132	34,936	1,078	11	1,898	9	637	<b>43,701</b>	<b>11.75%</b>
35 - 39	4,516	29,507	716	9	1,767	4	515	<b>37,034</b>	<b>9.96%</b>
40 - 44	5,608	33,727	672	13	2,398	9	565	<b>42,992</b>	<b>11.56%</b>
45 - 49	7,496	31,893	693	6	3,244	6	470	<b>43,808</b>	<b>11.78%</b>
50 - 54	9,302	30,417	628	4	5,091	7	290	<b>45,739</b>	<b>12.30%</b>
55 - 59	10,231	31,035	334	3	6,137	1	206	<b>47,947</b>	<b>12.90%</b>
60 - 64	6,479	21,063	117	1	4,267	1	119	<b>32,047</b>	<b>8.62%</b>
65 - 69	2,117	9,018	29		1,666		58	<b>12,888</b>	<b>3.47%</b>
70 - 74	382	2,007	2		354		14	<b>2,759</b>	<b>0.74%</b>
75 - 79	36	385	1		65		3	<b>490</b>	<b>0.13%</b>
80+	8	60			11			<b>79</b>	<b>0.02%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,938</b>	<b>271,423</b>	<b>6,358</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28,926</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>371,779</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 6.2 General registration by age group**



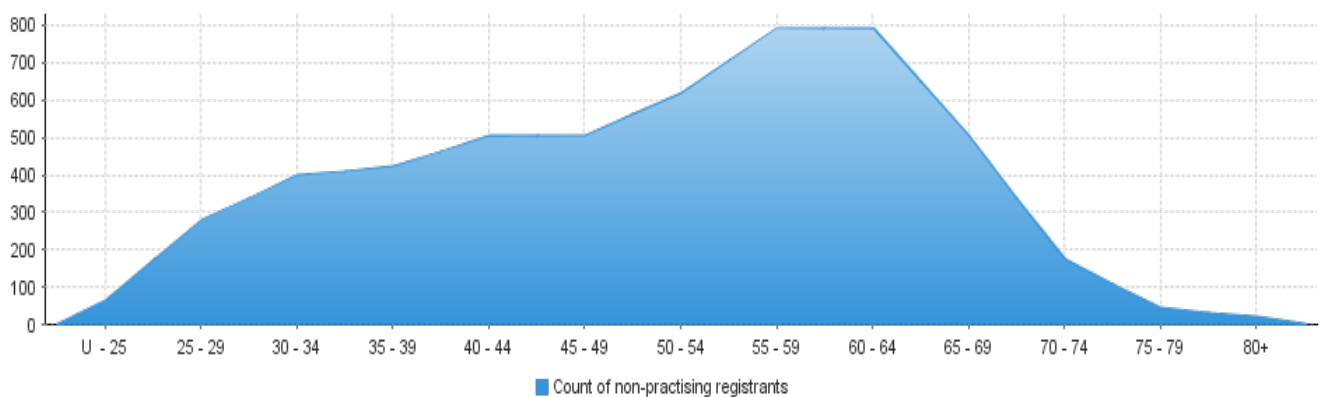


## Non-practising Registration

**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	19	42	1		1		1	64	1.25%
25 - 29	56	202	5		8		8	279	5.47%
30 - 34	56	313	1	1	18		8	397	7.78%
35 - 39	64	337			11		9	421	8.25%
40 - 44	80	376			41		5	502	9.84%
45 - 49	101	354	1		42		5	503	9.86%
50 - 54	152	390	5		64		5	616	12.08%
55 - 59	182	487	2		114		6	791	15.51%
60 - 64	141	504			138		6	789	15.47%
65 - 69	47	353			103		1	504	9.88%
70 - 74	9	123			37		2	171	3.35%
75 - 79		35	1		8			44	0.86%
80+		13			7			20	0.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>100%</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)	610	11,749	318	10,964	7,094	1,324	18,030	4,927	78	<b>55,094</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	3,904	67,709	2,746	46,450	19,309	5,731	59,818	25,600	7,773	<b>239,040</b>	
		EN & RN	57	1,043	53	1,134	564	64	2,042	489	27	<b>5,473</b>	
	<b>Total Female General Nurse</b>		<b>4,571</b>	<b>80,501</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>58,548</b>	<b>26,967</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>79,890</b>	<b>31,016</b>	<b>7,878</b>	<b>299,607</b>	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	61	1,498	67	1,177	710	129	1,821	363	18	<b>5,844</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	564	10,375	508	5,996	2,641	813	7,408	2,782	1,296	<b>32,383</b>	
		EN & RN	13	197	5	176	114	3	328	49		<b>885</b>	
	<b>Total Male General Nurse</b>		<b>638</b>	<b>12,070</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>39,112</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>			<b>5,209</b>	<b>92,571</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>65,897</b>	<b>30,432</b>	<b>8,064</b>	<b>89,447</b>	<b>34,210</b>	<b>9,192</b>	<b>338,719</b>
	Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	3	4	1	14	3		37			<b>62</b>
RN & Midwife			543	8,224	502	5,759	2,036	622	7,548	2,899	286	<b>28,419</b>	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	11	1	4	3		31	11		<b>62</b>	
<b>Total Female General NMW</b>		<b>547</b>	<b>8,239</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>7,616</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>28,543</b>		
Male		EN & Midwife				1							<b>1</b>
		RN & Midwife	12	180	25	98	46	15	79	43	9		<b>507</b>
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									<b>1</b>
<b>Total Male General NMW</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>509</b>	
<b>Total General NMW</b>			<b>559</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>5,876</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>29,052</b>	
Midwife	Female		119	880	67	744	524	20	1,137	372	130	<b>3,993</b>	
	Male		1	5	1	2	1	1	3		1	<b>15</b>	
<b>Total General Midwife</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>4,008</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,888</b>	<b>101,876</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>72,519</b>	<b>33,045</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>98,282</b>	<b>37,535</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>371,779</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	5,237	89,620	3,688	65,069	29,533	7,761	88,643	34,298	8,294	<b>332,143</b>
Male	651	12,256	606	7,450	3,512	961	9,639	3,237	1,324	<b>39,636</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.94%	87.97%	85.89%	89.73%	89.37%	88.98%	90.19%	91.38%	86.23%	<b>89.38%</b>
Male	11.06%	12.03%	14.11%	10.27%	10.63%	11.02%	9.81%	8.62%	13.77%	<b>10.62%</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	279	10	151	100	16	202	74	6	<b>853</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	48	1,292	24	451	226	80	555	258	288	<b>3,222</b>	
		EN & RN		3		2	2		5	1	1	<b>14</b>	
	<b>Total Female Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>4,089</b>	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	23		6	5	2	15			2	<b>54</b>
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6	136		38	29	8	44	19	27		<b>307</b>
		EN & RN				1	1						<b>2</b>
	<b>Total Male Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>159</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>363</b>
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>4,452</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			15	300	1	81	32	6	86	36	26	583	
<b>Total Female Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>584</b>		
Male		RN & Midwife		5		1		1		1	1	9	
<b>Total Male Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>593</b>	
Midwife	Female			15		5	9	1	14	5	7	56	
	Male												
<b>Total Non-practising Midwife</b>				<b>15</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>85</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>5,101</b>	

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	78	1,889	35	690	369	103	863	374	328	<b>4,729</b>
Male	7	164	0	46	35	11	59	20	30	<b>372</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.76%	92.01%	100%	93.75%	91.34%	90.35%	93.60%	94.92%	91.62%	<b>89.38%</b>
Male	8.24%	7.99%	0%	6.25%	8.66%	9.65%	6.40%	5.08%	8.38%	<b>10.62%</b>