

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)	688	13,445	396	12,344	7,720	1,435	19,899	5,247	96	61,270	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,627	78,692	3,270	53,992	21,690	6,567	68,036	28,538	9,151	274,563	
		EN & RN	65	1,179	62	1,345	674	78	2,380	581	24	6,388	
	Total General Nurse		5,380	93,316	3,728	67,681	30,084	8,080	90,315	34,366	9,271	342,221	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	16	300	7	165	132	22	221	70	13	946	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	66	1,447	25	544	278	89	638	312	385	3,784	
		EN & RN		3		4	2		8	1	5	23	
	Total Non-practising Nurse		82	1,750	32	713	412	111	867	383	403	4,753	
	Total Nurse			5,462	95,066	3,760	68,394	30,496	8,191	91,182	34,749	9,674	346,974
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	5	1	17	4		31			59
RN & Midwife			531	7,949	507	5,726	1,972	620	7,383	2,869	277	27,834	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	12		4	1		27	11		56	
Total General NMW		533	7,966	508	5,747	1,977	620	7,441	2,880	277	27,949		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1			1	
		RN & Midwife	15	305		85	37	7	81	47	27	604	
Total Non-practising NMW		15	305		85	37	7	82	47	27	605		
Total NMW			548	8,271	508	5,832	2,014	627	7,523	2,927	304	28,554	
Midwife	General		123	941	76	837	511	22	1,165	373	145	4,193	
	Non-practising			21		9	8	1	18	7	6	70	
Total Midwife			123	962	76	846	519	23	1,183	380	151	4,263	
Total			6,133	104,299	4,344	75,072	33,029	8,841	99,888	38,056	10,129	379,791	

* 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.

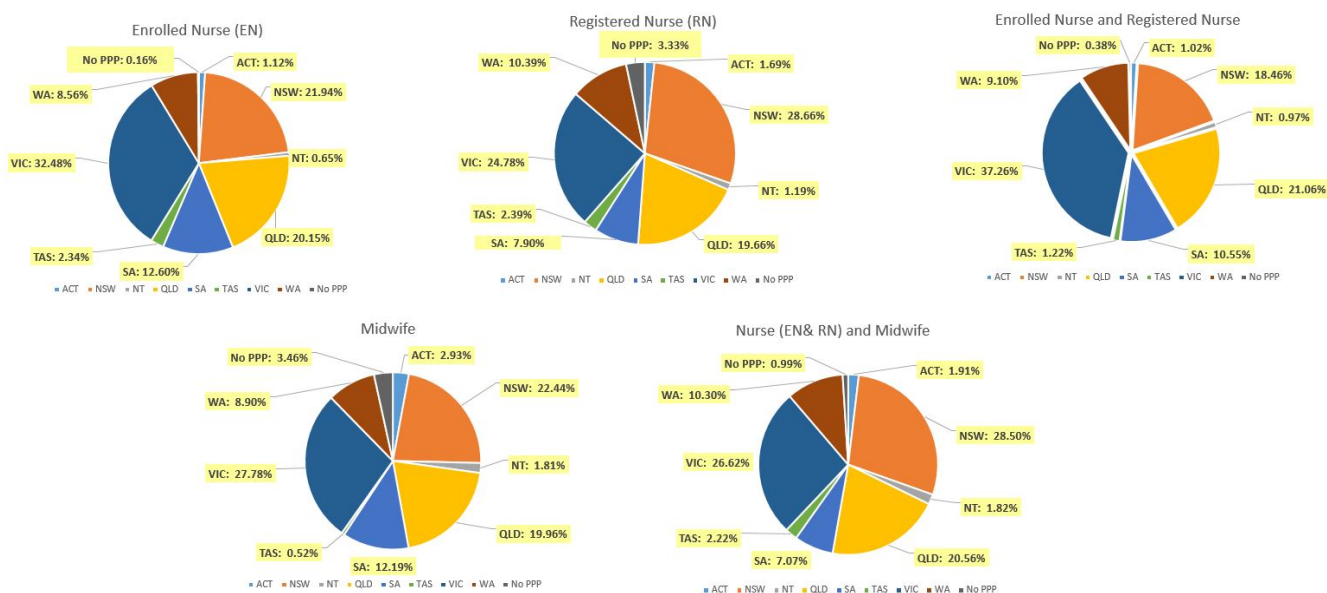
General Registration

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)	688	13,445	396	12,344	7,720	1,435	19,899	5,247	96	61,270
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,627	78,692	3,270	53,992	21,690	6,567	68,036	28,538	9,151	274,563
EN & RN	65	1,179	62	1,345	674	78	2,380	581	24	6,388
Midwife	123	941	76	837	511	22	1,165	373	145	4,193
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	533	7,966	508	5,747	1,977	620	7,441	2,880	277	27,949

* 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



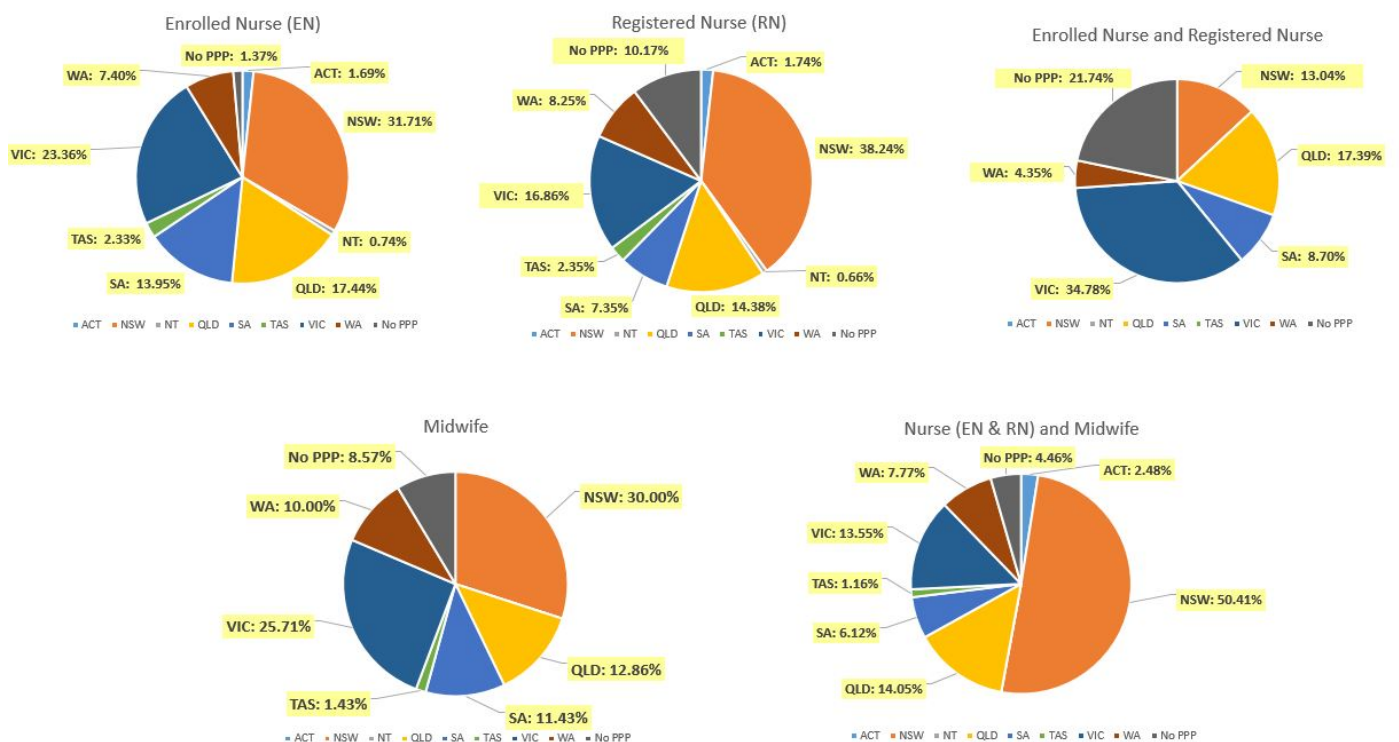
Non-practising Registration

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	300	7	165	132	22	221	70	13	946
Registered Nurse (RN)	66	1,447	25	544	278	89	638	312	385	3,784
EN & RN		3		4	2		8	1	5	23
Midwife		21		9	8	1	18	7	6	70
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	15	305		85	37	7	82	47	27	605

* 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	40	330	23	382	126	29	283	244	20	1,477
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	6	42	22	836	8	5	169	23	7	1,118
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	2	47	3	98	28	9	51	40		278
	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		29	2	11	6		13	17	10	88
Mental Health nursing	6	245	33	155	237	15	239	1,086	138	2,154
Paediatric Nursing	3	129	3	74	18	2	68	146	64	507
Total	9	403	38	240	261	17	320	1,249	212	2,749

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*	2	24	3	59	7		21	14		130

* 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.

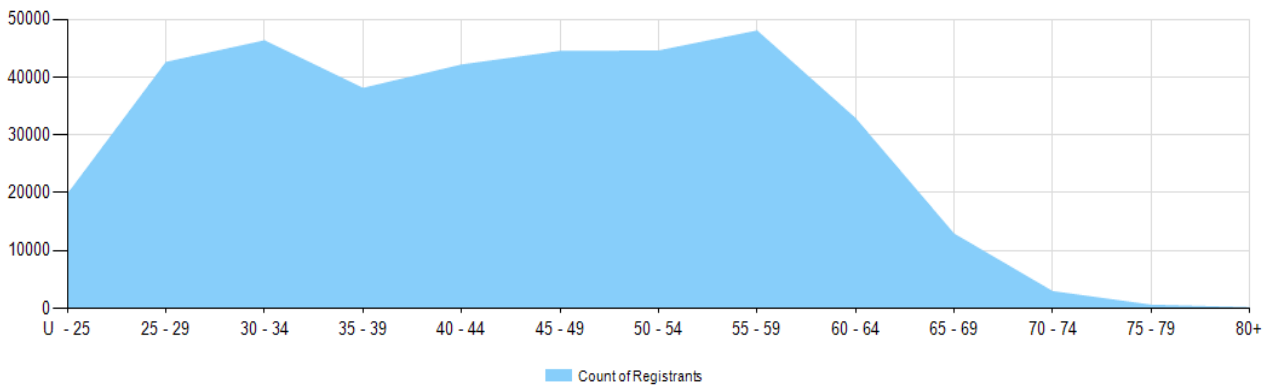
Age Group

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	4,659	13,744	442		485	2	361	19,693	5.3%
25 - 29	5,449	33,170	1,494	12	1,577	21	780	42,503	11.4%
30 - 34	5,446	37,021	1,165	15	1,914	10	674	46,245	12.4%
35 - 39	4,662	30,291	746	7	1,747	3	553	38,009	10.2%
40 - 44	5,470	33,035	671	10	2,276	6	585	42,053	11.2%
45 - 49	7,336	32,849	688	8	3,038	7	482	44,408	11.9%
50 - 54	8,921	29,964	647	5	4,613	4	331	44,485	11.9%
55 - 59	10,166	31,218	361	1	5,966	1	222	47,935	12.8%
60 - 64	6,549	21,793	139	1	4,173	2	132	32,789	8.8%
65 - 69	2,177	8,925	30		1,611		61	12,804	3.4%
70 - 74	387	2,098	4		362		10	2,861	<0.8%
75 - 79	41	394	1		63		2	501	<0.1%
80+	7	61			9			77	<.01%
Total	61,270	274,563	6,388	59	27,834	56	4,193	374,363	100%

Table 6.2 General registration by age group

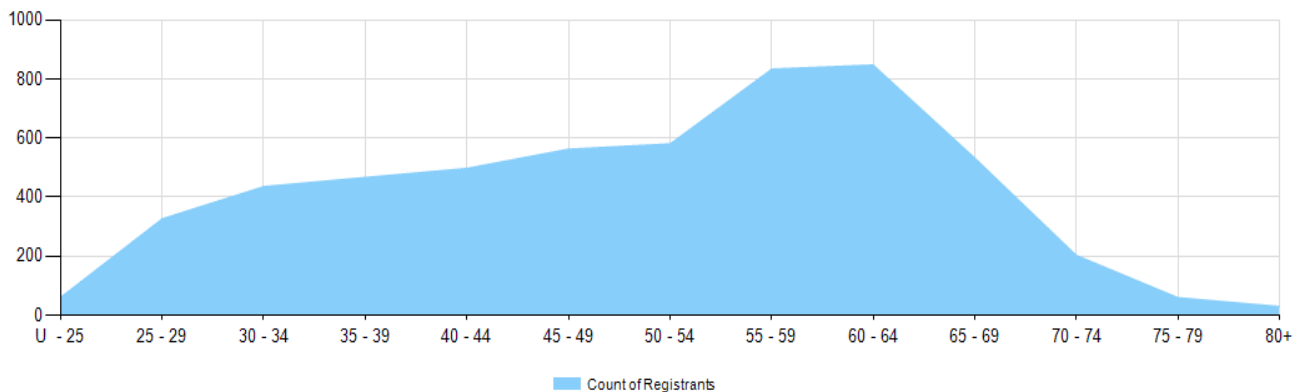


Non-practising Registration

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	16	41	1		2			60	1.1%
25 - 29	65	235	7		7		12	326	6.0%
30 - 34	62	347	2	1	14		9	435	8.0%
35 - 39	75	366			16		9	466	8.6%
40 - 44	80	375	1		34		7	497	9.2%
45 - 49	111	400	2		45		4	562	10.4%
50 - 54	146	376	3		49		6	580	10.7%
55 - 59	189	512	4		119		9	833	15.3%
60 - 64	136	552	1		149		9	847	15.6%
65 - 69	52	369	1		109		1	532	9.8%
70 - 74	10	150			39		3	202	3.7%
75 - 79	4	40	1		14			59	1.1%
80+		21			7		1	29	0.5%
Total	946	3,784	23	1	604		70	5,428	100%

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)	618	11,929	322	11,133	7,001	1,315	18,043	4,861	84	55,306	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,019	68,180	2,771	47,760	19,102	5,764	60,494	25,751	7,796	241,637	
		EN & RN	51	990	55	1,171	558	72	2,052	527	23	5,499	
	Total Female General Nurse			4,688	81,099	3,148	60,064	26,661	7,151	80,589	31,139	7,903	302,442
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	70	1,516	74	1,211	719	120	1,856	386	12	5,964	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	608	10,512	499	6,232	2,588	803	7,542	2,787	1,355	32,926	
		EN & RN	14	189	7	174	116	6	328	54	1	889	
	Total Male General Nurse			692	12,217	580	7,617	3,423	929	9,726	3,227	1,368	39,779
	Total General Nurse			5,380	93,316	3,728	67,681	30,084	8,080	90,315	34,366	9,271	342,221
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife	1	5	1	16	4		31			58	
		RN & Midwife	519	7,769	481	5,636	1,930	606	7,307	2,826	271	27,345	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	11		4	1		27	11		55	
	Total Female General NMW			521	7,785	482	5,656	1,935	606	7,365	2,837	271	27,458
	Male	EN & Midwife				1							1
		RN & Midwife	12	180	26	90	42	14	76	43	6	489	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									1
Total Male General NMW			12	181	26	91	42	14	76	43	6	491	
Total General NMW			533	7,966	508	5,747	1,977	620	7,441	2,880	277	27,949	
Midwife	Female		122	935	75	835	510	21	1,162	373	145	4,178	
	Male		1	6	1	2	1	1	3			15	
Total General Midwife			123	941	76	837	511	22	1,165	373	145	4,193	
Total			6,036	102,223	4,312	74,265	32,572	8,722	98,921	37,619	9,693	374,363	

* 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	5,331	89,819	3,705	66,555	29,106	7,778	89,116	34,349	8,319	334,078
Male	705	12,404	607	7,710	3,466	944	9,805	3,270	1,374	40,285

Table 8.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	88.3%	87.9%	85.9%	89.6%	89.4%	89.2%	90.1%	91.3%	85.8%	89.2%
Male	11.7%	12.1%	14.1%	10.4%	10.6%	10.8%	9.9%	8.7%	14.2%	10.8%

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	274	6	159	121	20	209	69	11	884	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	61	1,309	25	502	243	83	584	292	350	3,449	
		EN & RN		3		4	1		8	1	4	21	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse		76	1,586	31	665	365	103	801	362	365	4,354	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	26	1	6	11	2	12	1	2	62	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5	138		42	35	6	54	20	35	335	
		EN & RN					1				1	2	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse		6	164	1	48	47	8	66	21	38	399	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			82	1,750	32	713	412	111	867	383	403	4,753
	Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			15	300		83	37	7	81	46	27	596	
Total Female Non-practising NMW		15	300		83	37	7	82	46	27	597		
Male		RN & Midwife		5		2				1		8	
Total Male Non-practising NMW			5		2				1		8		
Total Non-practising NMW			15	305		85	37	7	82	47	27	605	
Midwife	Female			21		9	8	1	18	7	6	70	
	Male												
Total Non-practising Midwife				21		9	8	1	18	7	6	70	
Total			97	2,076	32	807	457	119	967	437	436	5,428	

Table 9.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91	1,907	31	757	410	111	901	415	398	5,021
Male	6	169	1	50	47	8	66	22	38	407

Table 9.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	93.8%	91.9%	96.9%	93.8%	89.7%	93.3%	93.2%	95%	91.3%	92.5%
Male	6.2%	8.1%	3.1%	6.2%	10.3%	6.7%	6.8%	5%	8.7%	7.5%