

# 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)	714	13,738	421	12,908	7,842	1,473	20,326	5,361	116	62,899	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,778	81,091	3,367	55,585	21,857	6,727	70,026	28,926	9,550	281,907	
		EN & RN	78	1,329	66	1,493	771	92	2,735	637	30	7,231	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>		<b>5,570</b>	<b>96,158</b>	<b>3,854</b>	<b>69,986</b>	<b>30,470</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>93,087</b>	<b>34,924</b>	<b>9,696</b>	<b>352,037</b>	
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	19	331	8	187	157	25	254	80	16	1,077	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	75	1,574	25	672	341	107	702	358	463	4,317	
		EN & RN	1	3		4	3		10	1	5	27	
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>5,421</b>	
	<b>Total Nurse</b>			<b>5,665</b>	<b>98,066</b>	<b>3,887</b>	<b>70,849</b>	<b>30,971</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>94,053</b>	<b>35,363</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>357,458</b>
	Nurse & Midwife	General	EN & Midwife		4	2	23	7		33			69
RN & Midwife			522	8,028	495	5,761	1,970	634	7,527	2,871	298	28,106	
EN & RN & Midwife			1	17		4	1	1	30	12		66	
<b>Total General NMW</b>		<b>523</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>28,241</b>		
Non-practising		EN & Midwife							1				1
		RN & Midwife	20	318		99	44	11	100	53	28		673
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>318</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>674</b>	
<b>Total NMW</b>			<b>543</b>	<b>8,367</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>7,691</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>28,915</b>	
Midwife	General		140	1,021	83	895	565	24	1,253	401	166	4,548	
	Non-practising		1	21		11	7		18	7	8	73	
<b>Total Midwife</b>			<b>141</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>4,621</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,349</b>	<b>107,475</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>77,642</b>	<b>33,565</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>103,015</b>	<b>38,707</b>	<b>10,680</b>	<b>390,994</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.

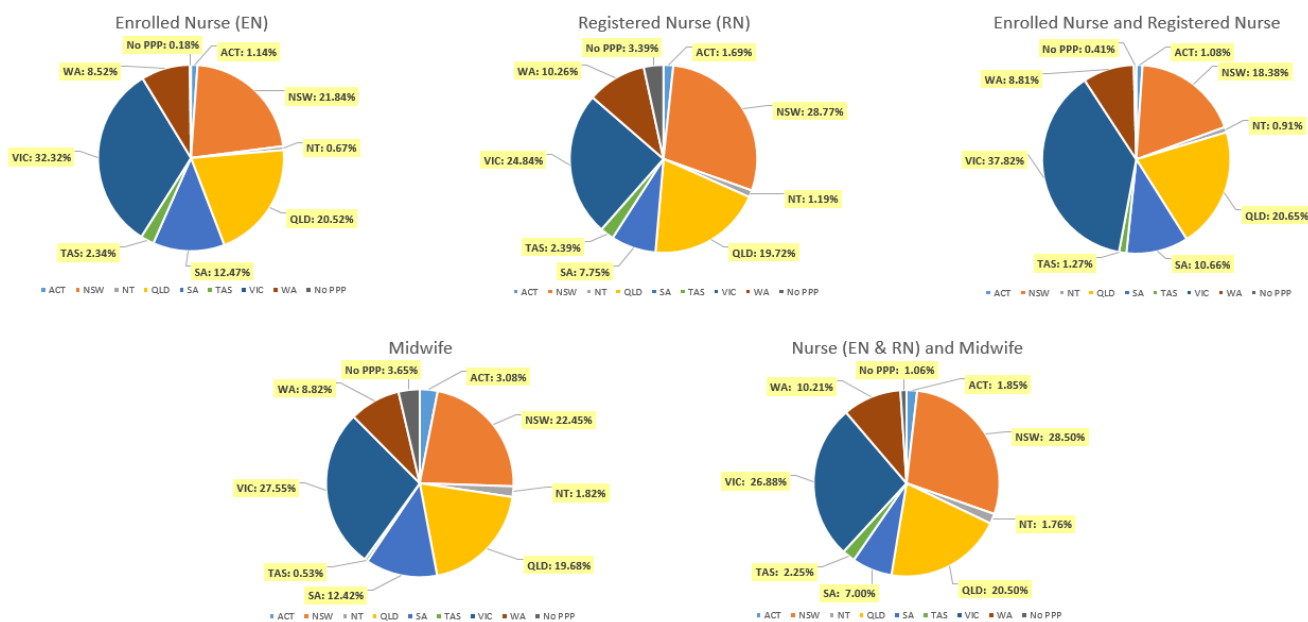
## General Registration

**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)	714	13,738	421	12,908	7,842	1,473	20,326	5,361	116	<b>62,899</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	4,778	81,091	3,367	55,585	21,857	6,727	70,026	28,926	9,550	<b>281,907</b>
EN & RN	78	1,329	66	1,493	771	92	2,735	637	30	<b>7,231</b>
Midwife	140	1,021	83	895	565	24	1,253	401	166	<b>4,548</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	523	8,049	497	5,788	1,978	635	7,590	2,883	298	<b>28,241</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**



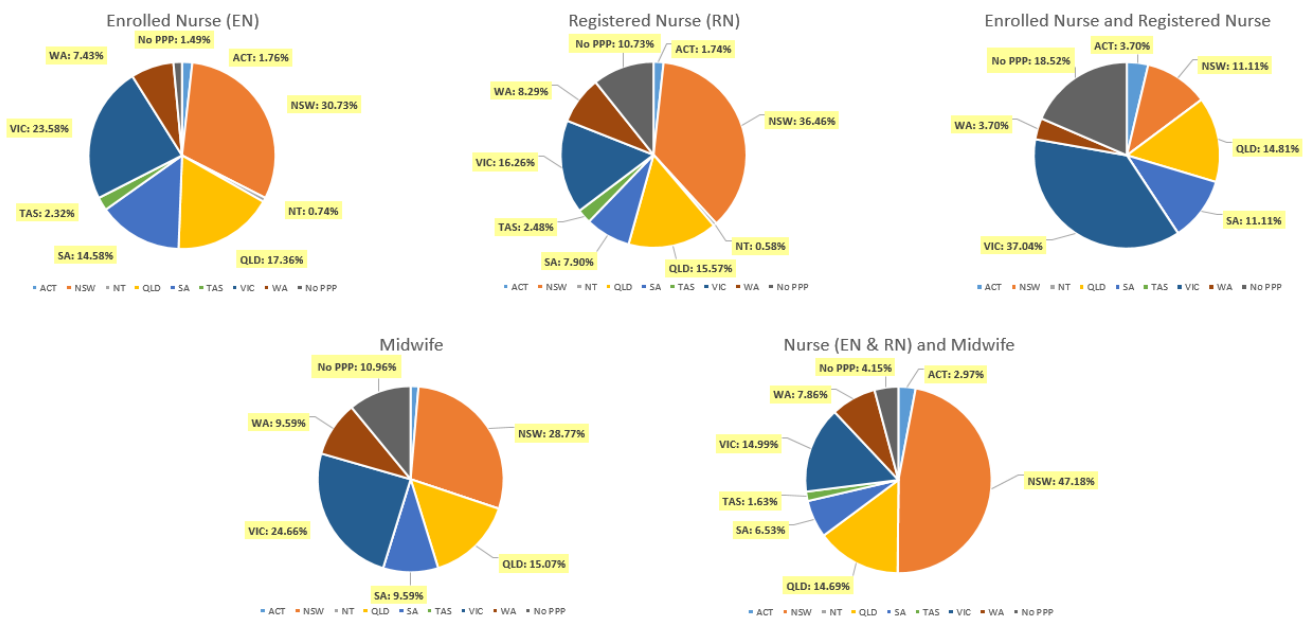
# Non-practising Registration

**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)	19	331	8	187	157	25	254	80	16	<b>1,077</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	75	1,574	25	672	341	107	702	358	463	<b>4,317</b>
EN & RN	1	3		4	3		10	1	5	<b>27</b>
Midwife	1	21		11	7		18	7	8	<b>73</b>
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	20	318		99	44	11	101	53	28	<b>674</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	43	356	22	406	127	33	301	246	25	<b>1,559</b>
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	49	22	821	7	7	173	24	9	<b>1,117</b>
Midwife	Scheduled Medicines*	2	56	3	122	31	9	63	46		<b>332</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		37	2	11	5		13	18	12	<b>98</b>
Mental Health nursing	7	264	31	170	233	16	268	1,087	146	<b>2,222</b>
Paediatric Nursing	2	136	2	98	19	2	80	150	67	<b>556</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2,876</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	6	1	23	2	1	7	5		<b>45</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.

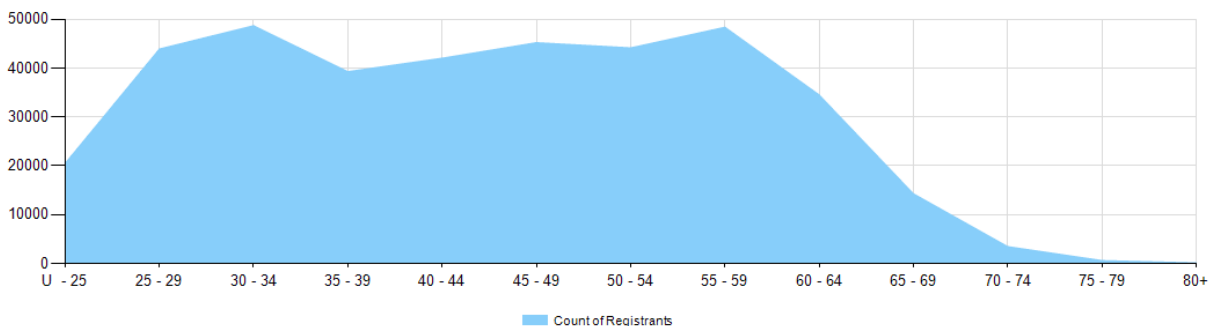
# Age Group

## 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	4,911	14,165	486		481	2	419	20,464	<b>5.3%</b>
25 - 29	5,752	33,961	1,658	11	1,639	25	844	43,890	<b>11.4%</b>
30 - 34	5,605	38,957	1,387	14	1,948	12	742	48,665	<b>12.6%</b>
35 - 39	4,922	31,074	869	12	1,760	6	615	39,258	<b>10.2%</b>
40 - 44	5,432	32,996	745	10	2,223	5	595	42,006	<b>10.9%</b>
45 - 49	7,260	33,609	775	13	2,991	7	527	45,182	<b>11.7%</b>
50 - 54	8,802	29,866	689	6	4,404	6	348	44,121	<b>11.5%</b>
55 - 59	10,192	31,535	421	2	5,976	1	233	48,360	<b>12.6%</b>
60 - 64	6,951	22,879	153	1	4,378	2	142	34,506	<b>9.0%</b>
65 - 69	2,531	9,820	40		1,804		68	14,263	<b>3.7%</b>
70 - 74	483	2,505	7		419		12	3,426	<b>0.9%</b>
75 - 79	49	461	1		72		3	586	<b>0.2%</b>
80+	9	79			11			99	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,899</b>	<b>281,907</b>	<b>7,231</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28,106</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>384,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 6.2 General registration by age group**



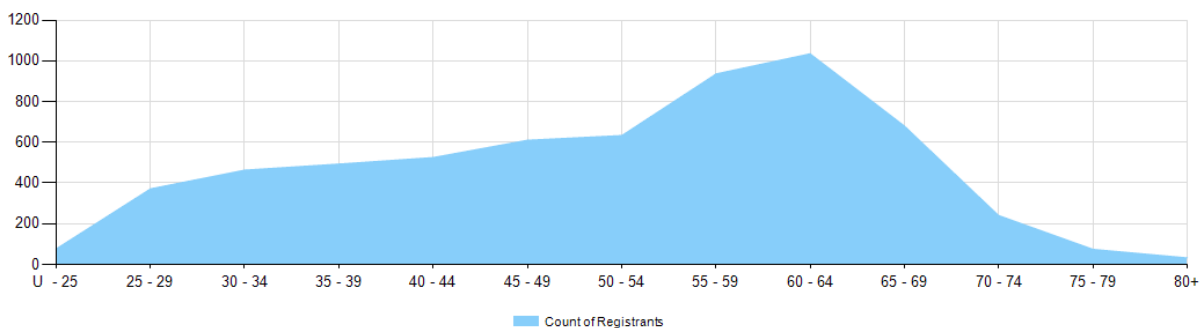


## Non-practising Registration

**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	26	47			2		1	76	1.2%
25 - 29	65	284	8		8		6	371	6.0%
30 - 34	67	371	2	1	14		8	463	7.5%
35 - 39	78	386			21		8	493	8.0%
40 - 44	87	396	3		28		11	525	8.5%
45 - 49	131	428	1		44		6	610	9.9%
50 - 54	159	408	3		54		9	633	10.3%
55 - 59	208	589	5		125		9	936	15.2%
60 - 64	171	672	3		179		10	1,035	16.8%
65 - 69	67	482	1		129		1	680	11.0%
70 - 74	13	177			47		3	240	3.9%
75 - 79	5	53	1		15			74	1.2%
80+		24			7		1	32	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>673</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>6,168</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)	641	12,188	348	11,609	7,108	1,341	18,434	4,959	102	<b>56,730</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	4,141	70,141	2,836	49,149	19,247	5,893	62,189	26,101	8,148	<b>247,845</b>	
		EN & RN	62	1,119	57	1,298	640	87	2,360	580	28	<b>6,231</b>	
		<b>Total Female General Nurse</b>	<b>4,844</b>	<b>83,448</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>62,056</b>	<b>26,995</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>82,983</b>	<b>31,640</b>	<b>8,278</b>	<b>310,806</b>	
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	73	1,550	73	1,299	734	132	1,892	402	14	<b>6,169</b>	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	637	10,949	531	6,435	2,610	834	7,837	2,825	1,402	<b>34,060</b>	
		EN & RN	16	210	9	195	131	5	375	57	2	<b>1,000</b>	
	<b>Total Male General Nurse</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>12,709</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>10,104</b>	<b>3,284</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>41,229</b>		
	Intersex or Indeterminate	Registered Nurse (RN)		1		1						<b>2</b>	
	<b>Total General Nurse</b>			<b>5,570</b>	<b>96,158</b>	<b>3,854</b>	<b>69,986</b>	<b>30,470</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>93,087</b>	<b>34,924</b>	<b>9,696</b>	<b>352,037</b>
Nurse & Midwife*	Female	EN & Midwife		4	2	22	7		33			<b>68</b>	
		RN & Midwife	513	7,841	466	5,672	1,929	619	7,453	2,827	291	<b>27,611</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife	1	16		4	1	1	30	12		<b>65</b>	
		<b>Total Female General NMW</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>7,861</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>7,516</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>27,744</b>	
	Male	EN & Midwife				1							<b>1</b>
		RN & Midwife	9	187	29	89	41	15	74	44	7	<b>495</b>	
		EN & RN & Midwife		1									<b>1</b>
<b>Total Male General NMW</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>497</b>			
<b>Total General NMW</b>			<b>523</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>28,241</b>	
Midwife	Female		139	1,015	82	894	564	23	1,248	401	166	<b>4,532</b>	
	Male		1	6	1	1	1	1	5			<b>16</b>	
<b>Total General Midwife</b>			<b>140</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>4,548</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,233</b>	<b>105,228</b>	<b>4,434</b>	<b>76,669</b>	<b>33,013</b>	<b>8,951</b>	<b>101,930</b>	<b>38,208</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>384,826</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	5,497	92,324	3,791	68,648	29,496	7,964	91,747	34,880	8,735	<b>343,082</b>
Male	736	12,903	643	8,020	3,517	987	10,183	3,328	1,425	<b>41,742</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		1		1						<b>2</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%	87.7%	85.5%	89.5%	89.3%	89.0%	90.0%	91.3%	86.0%	<b>89.2%</b>
Male	11.8%	12.3%	14.5%	10.5%	10.7%	11.0%	10.0%	8.7%	14.0%	<b>10.8%</b>
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%						<b>&lt;0.1%</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)	18	301	7	179	146	23	240	78	15	1,007
		Registered Nurse (RN)	67	1,432	23	617	298	99	639	339	421	3,935
		EN & RN	1	3		4	2		10	1	4	25
	<b>Total Female Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>4,967</b>
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	30	1	8	11	2	14	2	1	70
		Registered Nurse (RN)	8	142	2	55	43	8	63	19	42	382
		EN & RN					1				1	2
	<b>Total Male Non-practising Nurse</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>454</b>
	<b>Total Non-practising Nurse</b>			<b>95</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>484</b>
Nurse & Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
		RN & Midwife	19	310		97	44	11	100	52	28	661
	<b>Total Female Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>310</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>662</b>
	Male	RN & Midwife	1	8		2				1		12
	<b>Total Male Non-practising NMW</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Non-practising NMW</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>318</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>674</b>
Midwife	Female		1	21		11	7		18	7	8	73
	Male											
<b>Total Non-practising Midwife</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>116</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>6,168</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	106	2,067	30	908	497	133	1,008	477	476	<b>5,702</b>
Male	10	180	3	65	55	10	77	22	44	<b>466</b>

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	91.4%	92.0%	90.9%	93.3%	90.0%	93.0%	92.9%	95.6%	91.5%	<b>92.4%</b>
Male	8.6%	8.0%	9.1%	6.7%	10.0%	7.0%	7.1%	4.4%	8.5%	<b>7.6%</b>