

Optometry Registrant Data: June 2013

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Introduction

The functions of the Optometry Board of Australia include:

- registering optometrists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx>

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

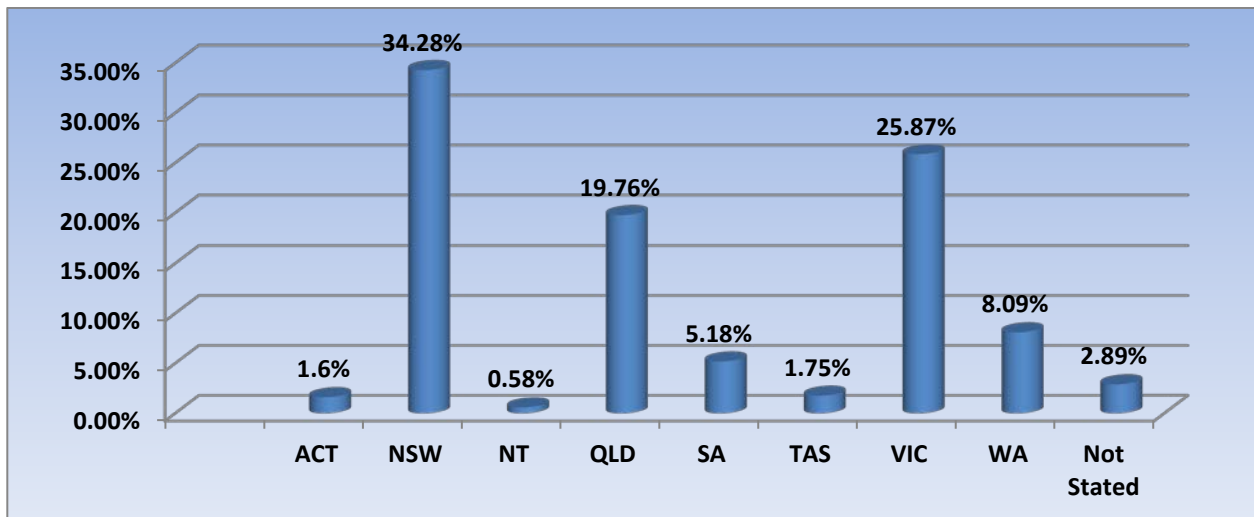
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Optometrists: State and territory by registration type

Optometrists: Registration Type by State				
State	General	Non-practising	Total	% By State
ACT	74		74	1.6%
NSW	1,547	42	1,589	34.28%
NT	27		27	0.58%
QLD	904	12	916	19.76%
SA	239	1	240	5.18%
TAS	81		81	1.75%
VIC	1,158	41	1,199	25.87%
WA	367	8	375	8.09%
Not Stated	116	18	134	2.89%
Total	4,513	122	4,635	

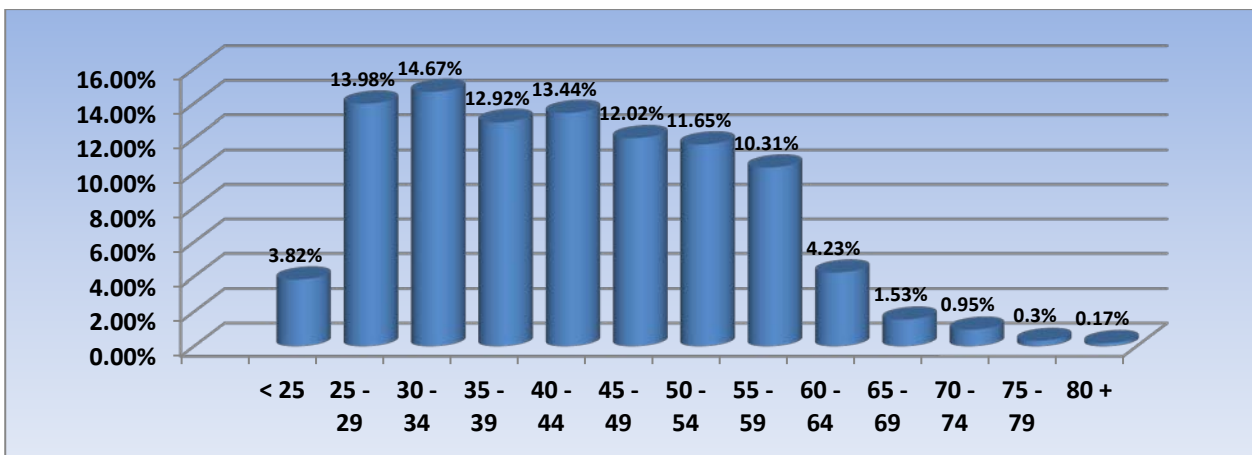
Percent by state and territory



Optometrists: Age by registration type

Optometrists: Registration by Age and Registration Type				
Age Group	General	Non-practising	Total	% By Age Group
< 25	177		177	3.82%
25 - 29	640	8	648	13.98%
30 - 34	668	12	680	14.67%
35 - 39	579	20	599	12.92%
40 - 44	600	23	623	13.44%
45 - 49	544	13	557	12.02%
50 - 54	522	18	540	11.65%
55 - 59	464	14	478	10.31%
60 - 64	191	5	196	4.23%
65 - 69	68	3	71	1.53%
70 - 74	40	4	44	0.95%
75 - 79	13	1	14	0.3%
80 +	7	1	8	0.17%
Total	4,513	122	4,635	

Percent by age



Optometrists: Gender by state and territory by registration type

Optometrists: Registration by Sex by State					
Sex	State	General	Non-practising	Total Count	% By Sex By State
Female	ACT	39		39	1.71%
	NSW	818	18	836	36.59%
	NT	15		15	0.66%
	QLD	421	5	426	18.64%
	SA	105	1	106	4.64%
	TAS	27		27	1.18%
	VIC	595	22	617	27.0%
	WA	152	6	158	6.91%
	Not Stated	50	11	61	2.67%
	Sub total	2,222	63	2,285	49.3%
Male	ACT	35		35	1.49%
	NSW	729	24	753	32.04%
	NT	12		12	0.51%
	QLD	483	7	490	20.85%
	SA	134		134	5.7%
	TAS	54		54	2.3%
	VIC	563	19	582	24.77%
	WA	215	2	217	9.23%
	Not Stated	66	7	73	3.11%
	Sub total	2,291	59	2,350	50.7%
Total		4,513	122	4,635	

Optometrists: Endorsement type by state/territory

Optometrists: By Endorsement and by State or Territory										
Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	22	312	9	256	95	54	636	98	17	1,499
Total	22	312	9	256	95	54	636	98	17	1,499