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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
- assessing 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: <http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

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Optometrists: State and Territory by Registration Type

State	General	Limited Teaching or research	Non-practising	Total	% By State
ACT	68			68	1.49%
NSW	1,510		35	1,545	33.82%
NT	28			28	0.61%
QLD	919		7	926	20.27%
SA	233		1	234	5.12%
TAS	83			83	1.82%
VIC	1,123	1	21	1,145	25.07%
WA	359		4	363	7.95%
Not Stated	153		23	176	3.85%
Total	4,476	1	91	4,568	100%

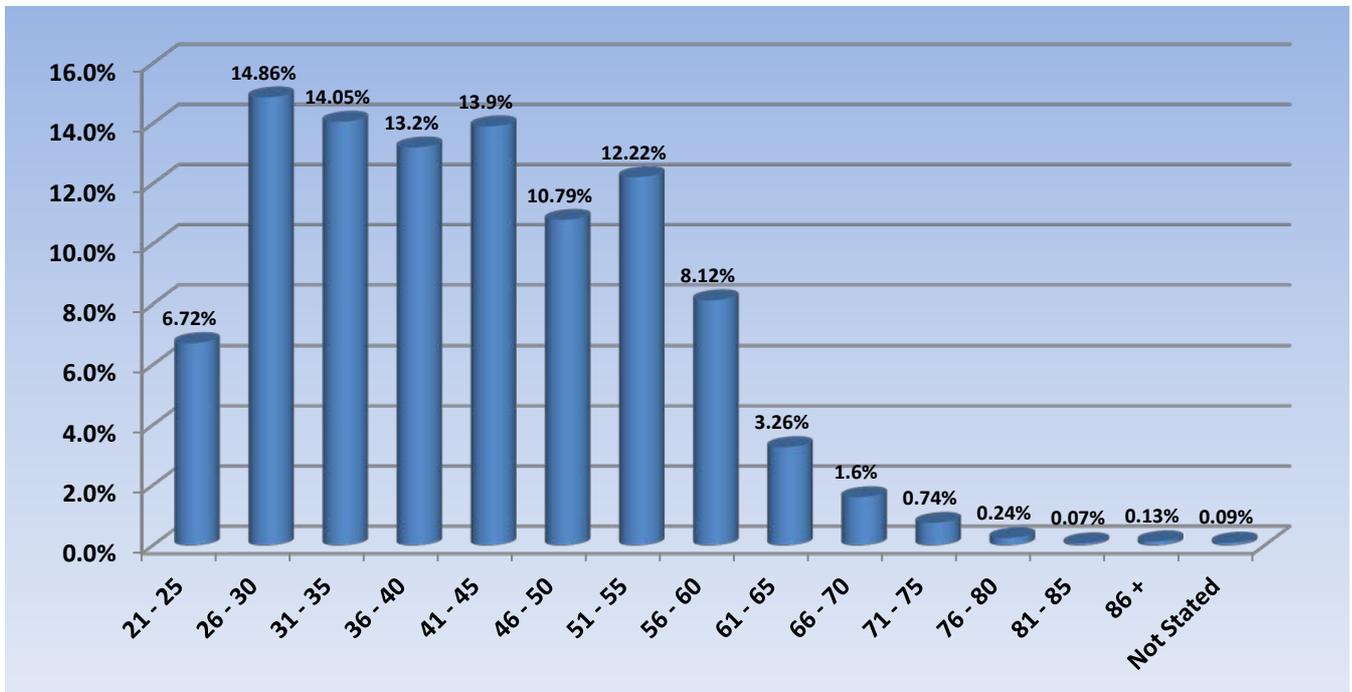
% By State and Territory



Optometrists: Age by Registration Type

Age Group	General	Limited Teaching or research	Non-practising	Total	% By Age Group
21 - 25	307			307	6.72%
26 - 30	674		5	679	14.86%
31 - 35	629	1	12	642	14.05%
36 - 40	585		18	603	13.2%
41 - 45	620		15	635	13.9%
46 - 50	483		10	493	10.79%
51 - 55	543		15	558	12.22%
56 - 60	366		5	371	8.12%
61 - 65	145		4	149	3.26%
66 - 70	71		2	73	1.6%
71 - 75	33		1	34	0.74%
76 - 80	10		1	11	0.24%
81 - 85	3			3	0.07%
86 +	3		3	6	0.13%
Not Stated	4			4	0.09%
Total	4,476	1	91	4,568	100%

% By Age



Optometrists: Gender by State and Territory by Registration Type

Sex	State	General	Limited	Non-practising	Total Count	% By Sex By State
			Teaching or research			
Female	ACT	35			35	0.77%
	NSW	768		13	781	17.1%
	NT	15			15	0.33%
	QLD	424		1	425	9.3%
	SA	42		1	43	0.94%
	TAS	28			28	0.61%
	VIC	577		13	590	12.92%
	WA	145		2	147	3.22%
	Not Stated	63		14	77	1.69%
	Sub total		2,097		44	2,141
Male	ACT	33			33	0.72%
	NSW	736		22	758	16.59%
	NT	13			13	0.28%
	QLD	493		6	499	10.92%
	SA	60			60	1.31%
	TAS	54			54	1.18%
	VIC	543	1	8	552	12.08%
	WA	210		2	212	4.64%
	Not Stated	88		9	97	2.12%
	Sub total		2,230	1	47	2,278
Not Stated	NSW	6			6	0.13%
	QLD	2			2	0.04%
	SA	131			131	2.87%
	TAS	1			1	0.02%
	VIC	3			3	0.07%
	WA	4			4	0.09%
	Not Stated	2			2	0.04%
	Sub total		149			149
Total		4,476	1	91	4,568	100%

Optometrists: Endorsement Type by State/Territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	19	238	9	209	76	53	596	67	11	1,278
Total	19	238	9	209	76	53	596	67	11	1,278