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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>

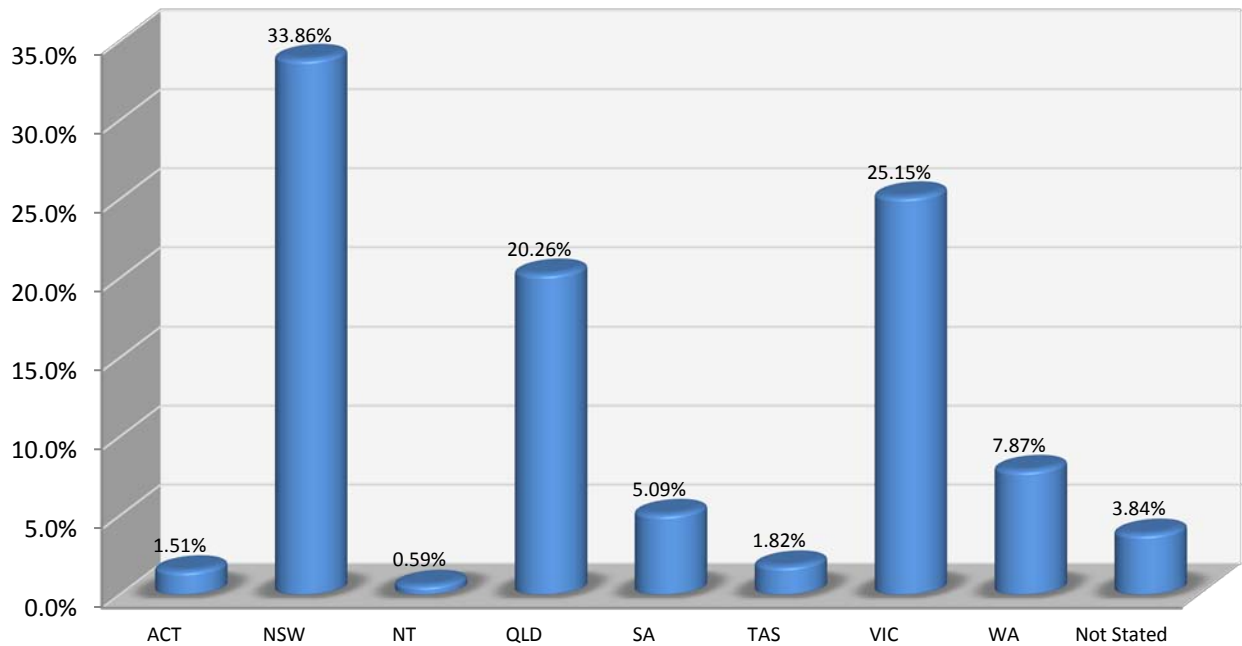
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Optometrists: State/Territory by Registration Type

State	General	Limited	Non-practising	Total	% By State
		Teaching / research			
ACT	68		1	69	1.51%
NSW	1,512		32	1,544	33.86%
NT	27			27	0.59%
QLD	913		11	924	20.26%
SA	231		1	232	5.09%
TAS	83			83	1.82%
VIC	1,123	2	22	1,147	25.15%
WA	355		4	359	7.87%
Not Stated	152		23	175	3.84%
Total	4,464	2	94	4,560	

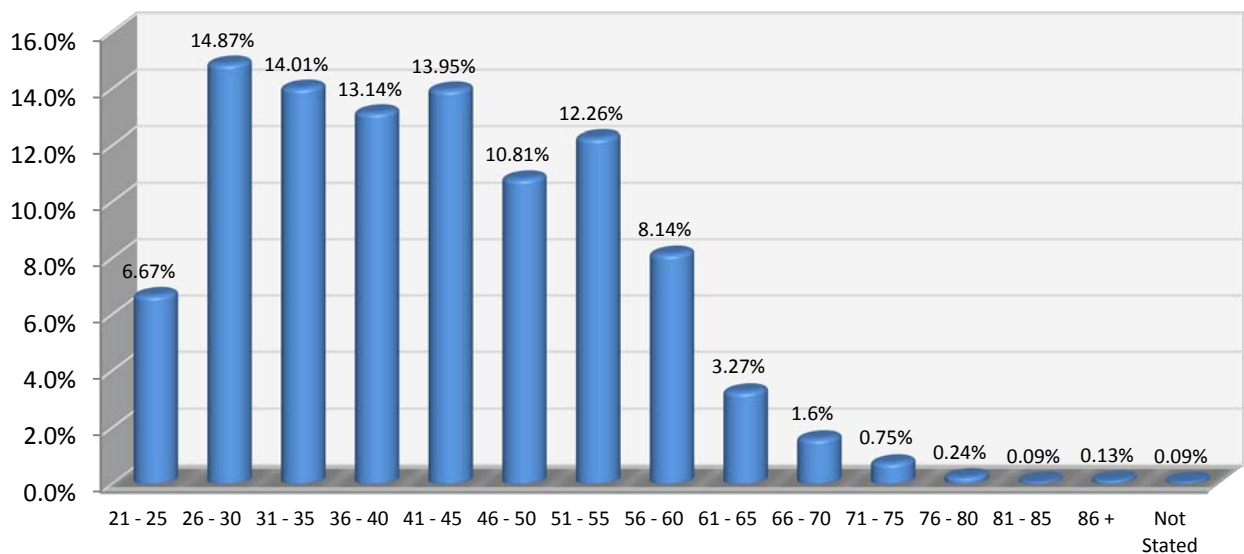
% By State



Optometrists: Age by Registration Type

Age Group	General	Limited Teaching / research	Non-practising	Total	% By Age Group
21 - 25	304			304	6.67%
26 - 30	668	1	9	678	14.87%
31 - 35	627	1	11	639	14.01%
36 - 40	581		18	599	13.14%
41 - 45	621		15	636	13.95%
46 - 50	483		10	493	10.81%
51 - 55	543		16	559	12.26%
56 - 60	366		5	371	8.14%
61 - 65	145		4	149	3.27%
66 - 70	71		2	73	1.6%
71 - 75	33		1	34	0.75%
76 - 80	10		1	11	0.24%
81 - 85	4			4	0.09%
86 +	4		2	6	0.13%
Not Stated	4			4	0.09%
Total	4,464	2	94	4,560	

% By Age Group



Optometrists: Gender by State/Territory by Registration Type

Sex	State	General	Limited	Non-practising	Total Count	% By Sex By State
			Teaching / research			
Female	ACT	36			36	0.79%
	NSW	769		12	781	17.13%
	NT	14			14	0.31%
	QLD	418		5	423	9.28%
	SA	39		1	40	0.88%
	TAS	28			28	0.61%
	VIC	577	1	14	592	12.98%
	WA	144		2	146	3.2%
	Not Stated	63		14	77	1.69%
	Sub total	2,088	1	48	2,137	46.86%
Male	ACT	32		1	33	0.72%
	NSW	737		20	757	16.6%
	NT	13			13	0.29%
	QLD	493		6	499	10.94%
	SA	52			52	1.14%
	TAS	54			54	1.18%
	VIC	543	1	8	552	12.11%
	WA	207		2	209	4.58%
	Not Stated	87		9	96	2.11%
	Sub total	2,218	1	46	2,265	49.67%
Not Stated	NSW	6			6	0.13%
	QLD	2			2	0.04%
	SA	140			140	3.07%
	TAS	1			1	0.02%
	VIC	3			3	0.07%
	WA	4			4	0.09%
	Not Stated	2			2	0.04%
	Sub total	158			158	3.46%
Total		4,464	2	94	4,560	

Optometrists: Endorsement Type by State/Territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	12	222	9	207	68	53	590	64	18	1,243
Total	12	222	9	207	68	53	590	64	18	1,243