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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: [www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

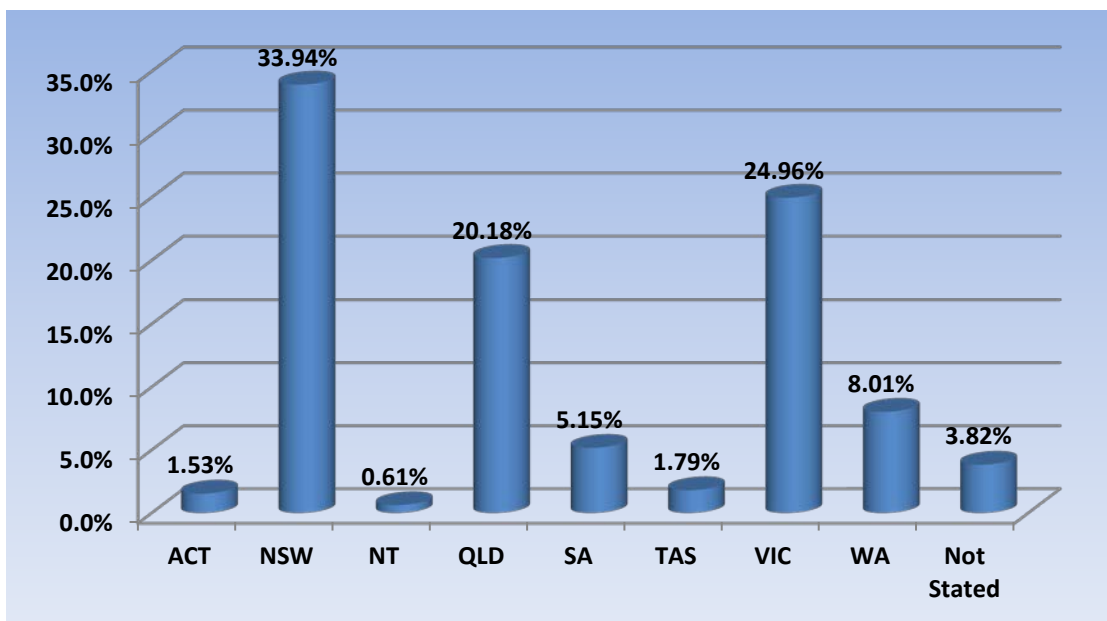
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## Optometrists: State and Territory by Registration Type

State	General	Limited Teaching or research	Non- practising	Total	% By State
ACT	70			70	1.53%
NSW	1,518		36	1,554	33.94%
NT	28			28	0.61%
QLD	918		6	924	20.18%
SA	234		2	236	5.15%
TAS	82			82	1.79%
VIC	1,120	1	22	1,143	24.96%
WA	364		3	367	8.01%
Not Stated	151		24	175	3.82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4,579</b>	

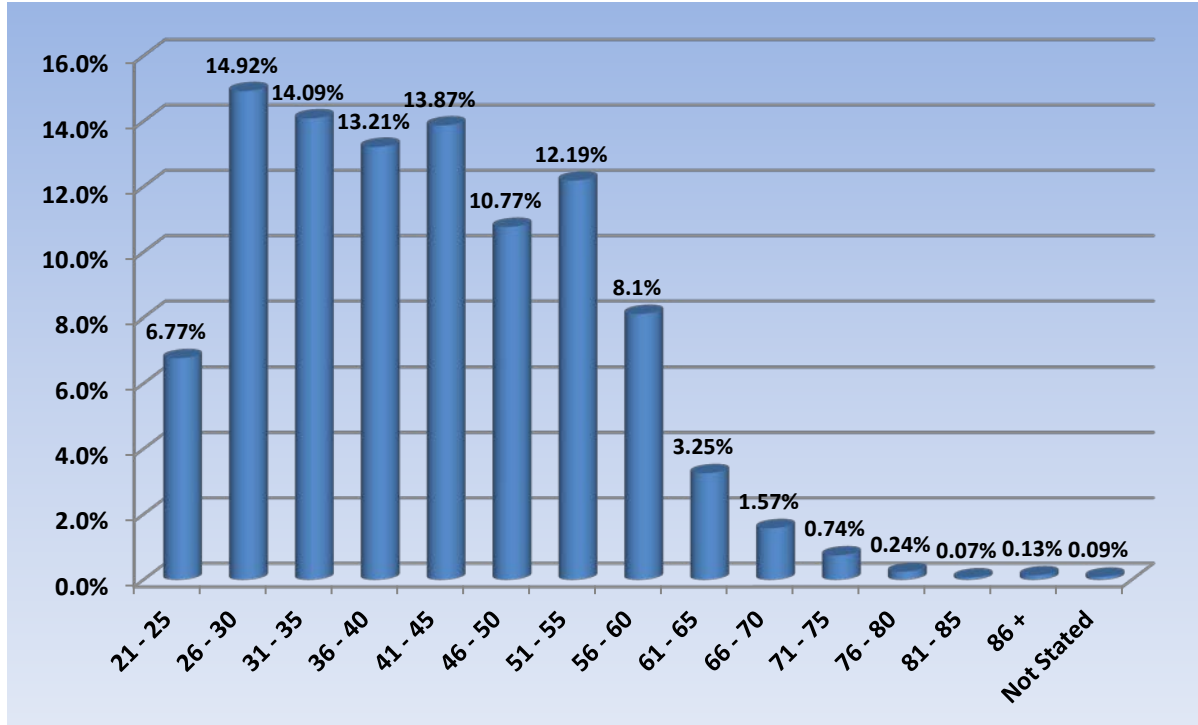
### % By State and Territory



## Optometrists: Age by Registration Type

Age Group	General	Limited Teaching or research	Non- practising	Total	% By Age Group
21 - 25	310			310	6.77%
26 - 30	676		7	683	14.92%
31 - 35	632	1	12	645	14.09%
36 - 40	587		18	605	13.21%
41 - 45	619		16	635	13.87%
46 - 50	483		10	493	10.77%
51 - 55	544		14	558	12.19%
56 - 60	366		5	371	8.1%
61 - 65	145		4	149	3.25%
66 - 70	70		2	72	1.57%
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4,579</b>	

### % 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	37			37	0.81%
	NSW	774		14	788	17.21%
	NT	15			15	0.33%
	QLD	423		1	424	9.26%
	SA	43		1	44	0.96%
	TAS	28			28	0.61%
	VIC	574		13	587	12.82%
	WA	149		2	151	3.3%
	Not Stated	62		14	76	1.66%
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,105</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>2,150</b>
Male	ACT	33			33	0.72%
	NSW	737		22	759	16.58%
	NT	13			13	0.28%
	QLD	493		5	498	10.88%
	SA	62			62	1.35%
	TAS	53			53	1.16%
	VIC	544	1	9	554	12.1%
	WA	211		1	212	4.63%
	Not Stated	87		10	97	2.12%
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>2,281</b>
Not Stated	NSW	7			7	0.15%
	QLD	2			2	0.04%
	SA	129		1	130	2.84%
	TAS	1			1	0.02%
	VIC	2			2	0.04%
	WA	4			4	0.09%
	Not Stated	2			2	0.04%
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>147</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3.23%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,485</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4,579</b>	

## Optometrists: Endorsement Type by State/Territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	19	246	9	230	81	54	592	71	18	1,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,320</b>