

Optometry Registrant Data: March 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
- 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](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](#) 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

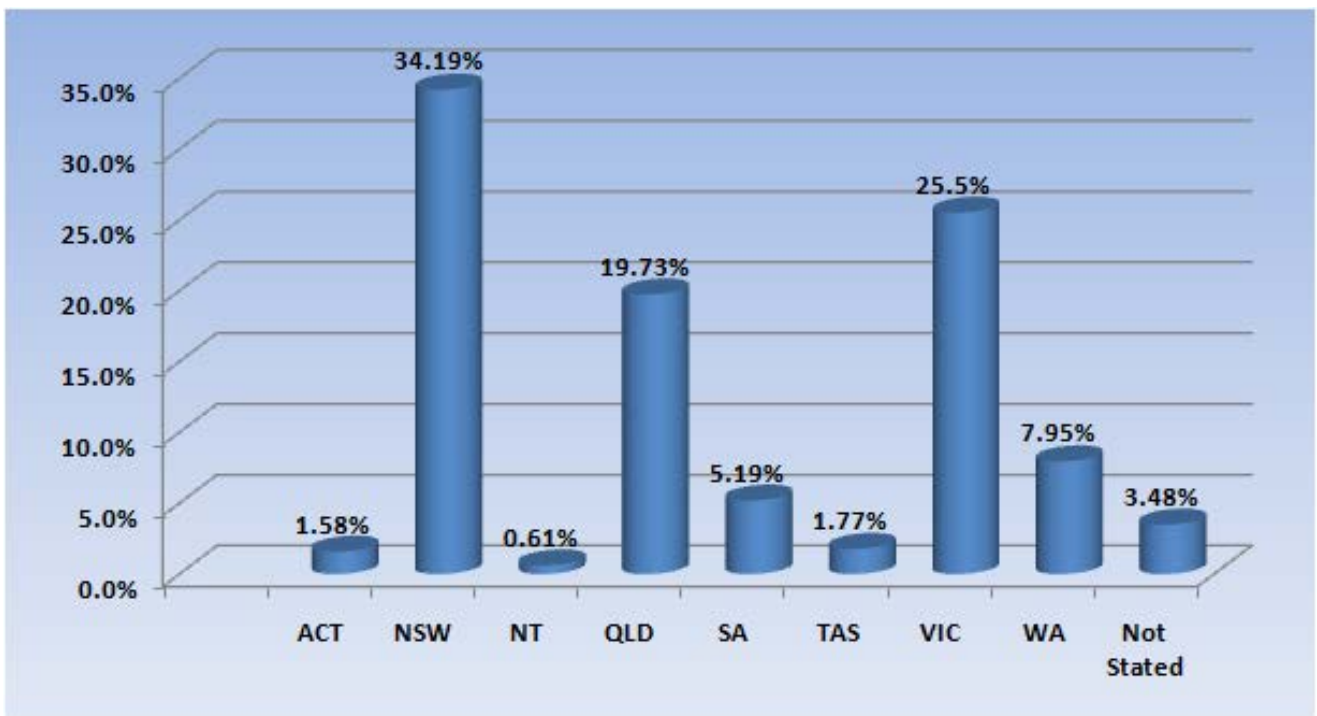
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Optometrists: State and territory by registration type

State	General	Non-practising	Total	% By State
ACT	73		73	1.58%
NSW	1,539	43	1,582	34.19%
NT	27	1	28	0.61%
QLD	901	12	913	19.73%
SA	239	1	240	5.19%
TAS	82		82	1.77%
VIC	1,154	26	1,180	25.5%
WA	362	6	368	7.95%
Not Stated	127	34	161	3.48%
Total	4,504	123	4,627	

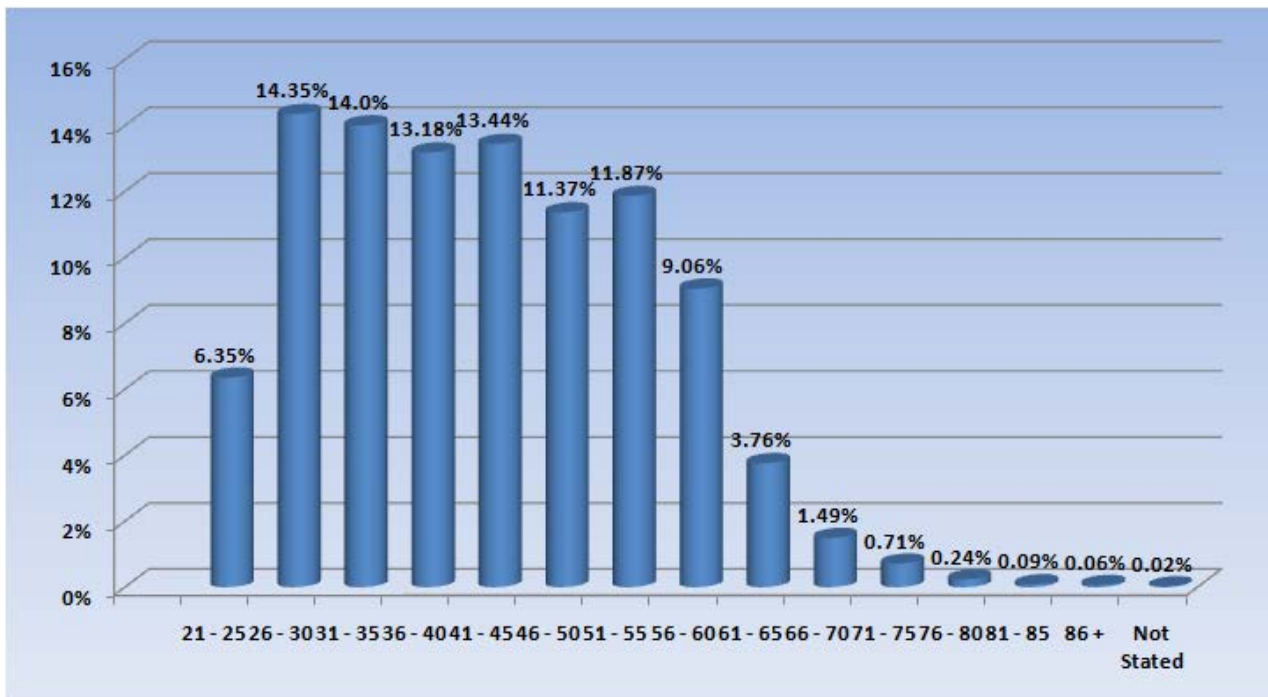
% By state and territory



Optometrists: Age by registration type

Age Group	General	Non-practising	Total	% By Age Group
21 - 25	293	1	294	6.35%
26 - 30	657	7	664	14.35%
31 - 35	632	16	648	14.0%
36 - 40	589	21	610	13.18%
41 - 45	600	22	622	13.44%
46 - 50	515	11	526	11.37%
51 - 55	529	20	549	11.87%
56 - 60	408	11	419	9.06%
61 - 65	169	5	174	3.76%
66 - 70	64	5	69	1.49%
71 - 75	31	2	33	0.71%
76 - 80	10	1	11	0.24%
81 - 85	4		4	0.09%
86 +	2	1	3	0.06%
Not Stated	1		1	0.02%
Total	4,504	123	4,627	

% By age



Optometrists: Gender by state and territory by registration type

Sex	State	General	Non-practising	Total Count	% By Sex By State
Female	ACT	38		38	0.82%
	NSW	799	20	819	17.7%
	NT	15	1	16	0.35%
	QLD	417	5	422	9.12%
	SA	63	1	64	1.38%
	TAS	27		27	0.58%
	VIC	594	14	608	13.14%
	WA	146	5	151	3.26%
	Not Stated	52	17	69	1.49%
	Sub total	2,151	63	2,214	47.85%
Male	ACT	35		35	0.76%
	NSW	733	23	756	16.34%
	NT	12		12	0.26%
	QLD	481	7	488	10.55%
	SA	72		72	1.56%
	TAS	54		54	1.17%
	VIC	557	12	569	12.3%
	WA	214	1	215	4.65%
	Not Stated	73	17	90	1.95%
	Sub total	2,231	60	2,291	49.51%
Not Stated	NSW	7		7	0.15%
	QLD	3		3	0.06%
	SA	104		104	2.25%
	TAS	1		1	0.02%
	VIC	3		3	0.06%
	WA	2		2	0.04%
	Not Stated	2		2	0.04%
	Sub total	122		122	2.64%
Total		4,504	123	4,627	

Optometrists: Endorsement type by state/territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	21	307	9	253	95	54	636	92	20	1,487
Total	21	307	9	253	95	54	636	92	20	1,487