Dental practitioner registrant data: December 2014

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Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

* registering the dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
* developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental profession
* handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
* overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and

approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

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

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 dental registration, please see the Board’s website: <http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

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Dental practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

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| **Dental practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| General |   | 351 | 5,848 | 139 | 3,824 | 1,603 | 337 | 4,348 | 2,246 | 397 | 19,093 |
| General and Specialist |   | 39 | 471 | 5 | 313 | 141 | 26 | 390 | 163 | 51 | 1,599 |
| Specialist |   | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  | 8 | 3 | 6 | 27 |
| General and Limited |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  | 2 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 1 | 34 |  | 3 | 26 | 1 | 37 | 13 | 1 | 116 |
| Public interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 11 |  | 17 | 14 |  | 4 | 1 |  | 47 |
| Non-practising |   | 8 | 134 | 2 | 65 | 23 | 5 | 103 | 74 | 115 | 529 |
| **Total** | 400 | 6,502 | 147 | 4,223 | 1,810 | 369 | 4,892 | 2,500 | 570 | 21,413 |
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Dental practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

![This chart represents the percentage of Dental practitioners by principal place pf practice ](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)

Dental practitioners – division(s) by state or territory

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| **Dental Practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Divisions** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Dental Hygienist | 46 | 388 | 7 | 136 | 250 | 20 | 195 | 282 | 26 | 1,350 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist |  | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist | 10 | 54 | 8 | 166 | 68 | 2 | 130 | 52 | 4 | 494 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist | 1 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 3 | 2 |  | 9 |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Dental Prosthetist | 16 | 428 | 4 | 254 | 65 | 50 | 350 | 86 | 5 | 1,258 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dentist |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Dental Therapist | 17 | 228 | 16 | 196 | 94 | 51 | 171 | 311 | 7 | 1,091 |
| Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 |
| Dentist | 290 | 5,118 | 103 | 3,134 | 1,192 | 234 | 3,795 | 1,695 | 526 | 16,087 |
| Dentist and Oral Health Therapist |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Oral Health Therapist | 20 | 277 | 9 | 335 | 141 | 11 | 246 | 68 | 2 | 1,109 |
| **Total** | 400 | 6,502 | 147 | 4,223 | 1,810 | 369 | 4,892 | 2,500 | 570 | 21,413 |
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Dental practitioners – dental specialty by state or territory

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| **Dental practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Dental specialty** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Dento-maxillofacial radiology |  |  |  | 8 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 11 |
| Endodontics | 8 | 45 |  | 27 | 15 | 3 | 38 | 15 | 6 | 157 |
| Forensic odontology | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 |  | 27 |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery | 4 | 50 | 1 | 45 | 16 | 5 | 49 | 19 | 8 | 197 |
| Oral medicine |  | 8 |  | 6 |  |  | 13 | 5 | 4 | 36 |
| Oral pathology |  | 7 |  | 5 | 3 |  | 5 | 2 | 3 | 25 |
| Oral surgery |  | 40 |  | 4 |  |  | 6 | 1 | 2 | 53 |
| Orthodontics | 13 | 184 | 4 | 119 | 54 | 13 | 137 | 54 | 23 | 601 |
| Paediatric dentistry | 2 | 35 |  | 22 | 9 |  | 32 | 12 | 4 | 116 |
| Periodontics | 6 | 57 |  | 45 | 16 | 3 | 56 | 29 | 4 | 216 |
| Prosthodontics | 5 | 67 | 1 | 39 | 22 |  | 49 | 22 | 4 | 209 |
| Public health dentistry (Community dentistry) |  | 3 |  | 2 | 2 |  | 7 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Special needs dentistry |  | 2 |  | 3 | 3 |  | 7 |  | 1 | 16 |
| **Total** | 40 | 504 | 7 | 327 | 144 | 26 | 405 | 167 | 60 | 1,680 |

Dental practitioners – endorsements by state or territory

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| **Dental practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Endorsement type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | **Total** |
| Area of Practice - Conscious sedation | 4 | 46 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 86 |

Dental practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

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| **Dental practitioner** | **Registration type/ sub type** |  |
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| **Age group** | General | General and Specialist | Specialist | Limited | Non-practising |  |
|  |  |  | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Public interest | Teaching or research |  | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 1,059 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 1,062 |
| 25 - 29 | 2,930 | 12 |  | 29 |  | 2 | 63 | 3,036 |
| 30 - 34 | 2,936 | 149 | 6 | 46 |  | 8 | 73 | 3,218 |
| 35 - 39 | 2,290 | 224 | 11 | 28 |  | 12 | 56 | 2,621 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,081 | 196 | 3 | 7 |  | 6 | 40 | 2,333 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,784 | 192 | 5 | 5 |  | 9 | 43 | 2,038 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,900 | 223 | 1 | 1 |  | 6 | 52 | 2,183 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,855 | 224 |  |  |  | 2 | 51 | 2,132 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,168 | 178 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 47 | 1,395 |
| 65 - 69 | 705 | 115 |  |  |  |  | 44 | 864 |
| 70 - 74 | 253 | 47 |  |  |  | 1 | 22 | 323 |
| 75 - 79 | 95 | 29 |  |  |  |  | 16 | 140 |
| 80+ | 39 | 10 |  |  |  |  | 19 | 68 |
| **Total** | 19,095 | 1,599 | 27 | 116 |  | 47 | 529 | 21,413 |

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Dental practitioners – by age group

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| This chart represents number of Dental practitioners by age group. |

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| **Age Group** | U - 25 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 | 35 - 39 | 40 - 44 | 45 - 49 | 50 - 54 | 55 - 59 | 60 - 64 | 65 - 69 | 70 - 74 | 75 - 79 | 80+ |
| **Count of Registrants** | 1,062 | 3,036 | 3,218 | 2,621 | 2,333 | 2,038 | 2,183 | 2,132 | 1,395 | 864 | 323 | 140 | 68 |

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Dental practitioners – registration type by gender

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| **Dental Practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | ACT | No PPP | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | **Total** |
| Female | General | 206 | 159 | 2,667 | 74 | 1,876 | 922 | 150 | 2,207 | 1,309 | 9,570 |
| General and Specialist | 6 | 12 | 107 |  | 70 | 37 | 5 | 115 | 41 | 393 |
| Specialist |  |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| Limited |  | 1 | 27 |  | 7 | 22 | 1 | 28 | 12 | 98 |
| Non-practising | 6 | 56 | 67 | 1 | 42 | 13 | 4 | 49 | 56 | 294 |
| Sub Total | 218 | 228 | 2,870 | 75 | 1,995 | 995 | 160 | 2,404 | 1,419 | 10,364 |
| Male | General | 145 | 238 | 3,181 | 65 | 1,948 | 681 | 187 | 2,143 | 937 | 9,525 |
| General and Specialist | 33 | 39 | 364 | 5 | 243 | 104 | 21 | 275 | 122 | 1,206 |
| Specialist | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| Limited | 1 |  | 18 |  | 13 | 18 |  | 13 | 2 | 65 |
| Non-practising | 2 | 59 | 67 | 1 | 23 | 10 | 1 | 54 | 18 | 235 |
| Sub Total | 182 | 342 | 3,632 | 72 | 2,228 | 815 | 209 | 2,488 | 1,081 | 11,049 |
| **Total** | 400 | 570 | 6,502 | 147 | 4,223 | 1,810 | 369 | 4,892 | 2,500 | 21,413 |

Dental practitioners – percentage by gender

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| **Dental Practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |
| **Gender** | ACT | No PPP | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | **Total** |
| Female | 54.50% | 44.14% | 51.02% | 47.24% | 54.97% | 43.36% | 49.14% | 56.76% | 40.00% | 48.40% |
| Male | 45.50% | 55.86% | 48.98% | 52.76% | 45.03% | 56.64% | 50.86% | 43.24% | 60.00% | 51.60% |