

## Dental Practitioner Registrant Data: December 2013

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### Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia include:

- registering 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
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

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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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The following tables break down the number of registered practitioners by type, age and gender as at the monthly data extract.

| Dental Practitioners - Registration Type and Sub Type by State |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            |               |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Dental Practitioner  | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
| General  | 336        | 5,515        | 131        | 3,620        | 1,504        | 319        | 4,135        | 2,132        | 329        | 18,021        |
| General & Specialist*  | 40         | 453          | 6          | 302          | 140          | 23         | 374          | 155          | 43         | 1,536         |
| Specialist*  | -          | 5            | 1          | 1            | 3            | -          | 8            | 2            | 5          | 25            |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types)                                   | 1          | 116          | -          | 57           | 48           | 2          | 111          | 42           | -          | 377           |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice                   | 1          | 107          | -          | 40           | 36           | 2          | 107          | 41           | -          | 334           |
| Public Interest  | -          | 1            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 1             |
| Teaching or Research   | -          | 8            | -          | 17           | 12           | -          | 4            | 1            | -          | 42            |
| Non-Practising   | 5          | 114          | 1          | 42           | 14           | 5          | 93           | 60           | 79         | 413           |
| <b>Total Practitioners</b>                                     | <b>382</b> | <b>6,203</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>4,022</b> | <b>1,709</b> | <b>349</b> | <b>4,721</b> | <b>2,391</b> | <b>456</b> | <b>20,372</b> |

\* Total practitioners with specialist registration 1,561

Table 1: Dental Practitioners - Registration Type and Sub Type by State

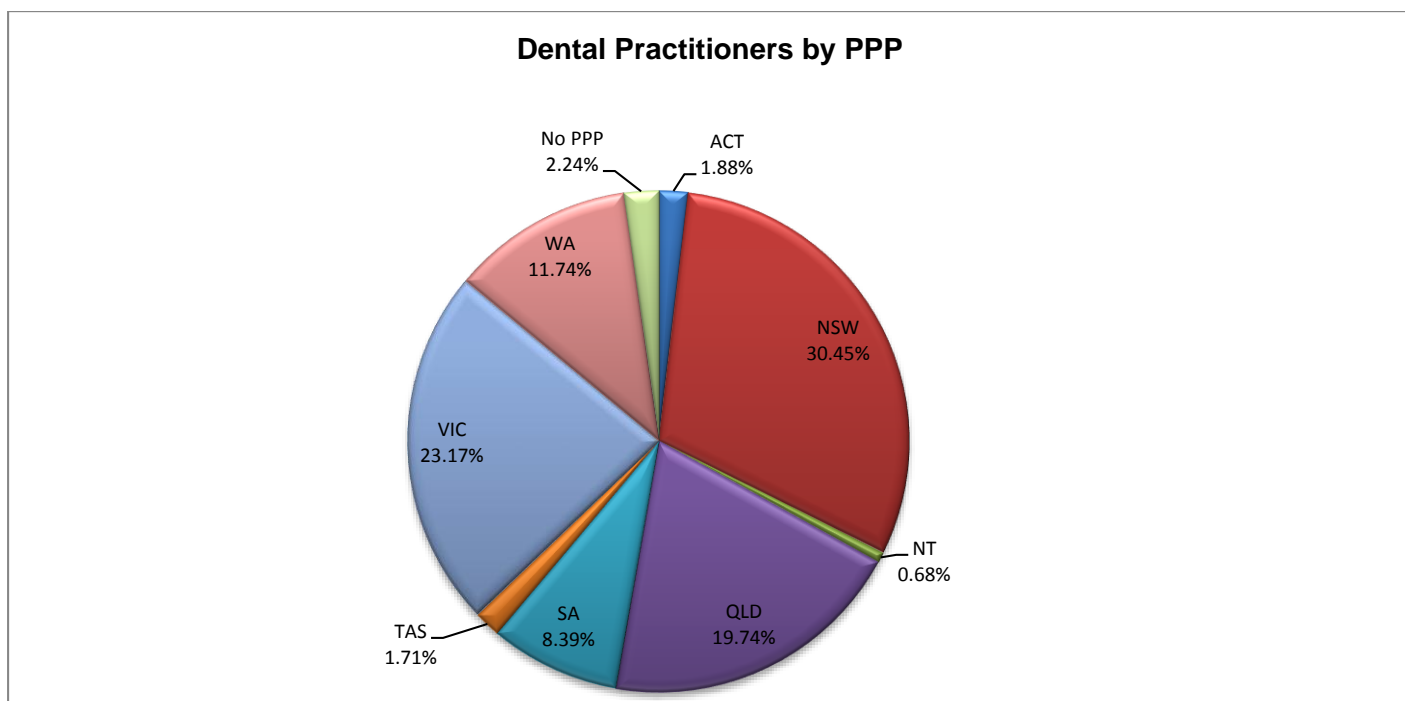


Chart1: Dental Practitioners by Principal Place of Practice

| Dental Practitioners – Division(s)                           |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            |               |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Dental Practitioner  | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
| Dental Hygienist   | 41         | 352          | 7          | 129          | 226          | 19         | 184          | 283          | 17         | 1,258         |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                      | -          | 1            | -          | 1            | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 2             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist | -          | 1            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 1            | -            | -          | 2             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                        | 9          | 55           | 7          | 161          | 66           | 2          | 131          | 54           | 2          | 487           |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                 | 1          | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | 1            | -          | 2             |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Therapist                          | -          | 1            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 1             |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                      | -          | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 1            | -            | -          | 1             |
| Dental Prosthetist   | 15         | 413          | 3          | 233          | 53           | 48         | 337          | 87           | 4          | 1,193         |
| Dental Therapist   | 16         | 227          | 17         | 200          | 95           | 51         | 170          | 316          | 3          | 1,095         |
| Dentist  | 283        | 4,921        | 100        | 2,998        | 1,159        | 219        | 3,697        | 1,608        | 426        | 15,411        |
| Oral Health Therapist  | 17         | 232          | 5          | 300          | 110          | 10         | 200          | 42           | 4          | 920           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>382</b> | <b>6,203</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>4,022</b> | <b>1,709</b> | <b>349</b> | <b>4,721</b> | <b>2,391</b> | <b>456</b> | <b>20,372</b> |

Table 2: Dental Practitioners – Division(s)

## Dental Practitioners - Endorsements

| Dental Practitioner | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|---------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|-------|
| Conscious Sedation  | 4   | 46  | 2  | 18  | 1  | 2   | 6   | 8  | -      | 87    |
| Total               | 4   | 46  | 2  | 18  | 1  | 2   | 6   | 8  | -      | 87    |

Table 3: Dental Practitioners - Endorsements

## Dental Practitioners - Registration Type by Age

| Dental Practitioner | Type          |                       |             |  |                 |                      |                | Total         | % by Age Group |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Age Group           | General       | General & Specialist* | Specialist* | Limited                                      |                 |                      | Non-Practising |               |                |
|                     |               |                       |             | Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | Public Interest | Teaching or Research |                |               |                |
| U-25                | 625           | -                     | -           | -  | -               | -                    | 2              | 627           | 3.08%          |
| 25-29               | 2,537         | 3                     | -           | 101  | -               | -                    | 32             | 2,673         | 13.12%         |
| 30-34               | 2,788         | 113                   | 5           | 129  | -               | 6                    | 55             | 3,096         | 15.20%         |
| 35-39               | 2,223         | 202                   | 10          | 67   | -               | 11                   | 47             | 2,560         | 12.57%         |
| 40-44               | 2,038         | 196                   | 3           | 23   | -               | 4                    | 32             | 2,296         | 11.27%         |
| 45-49               | 1,766         | 189                   | 5           | 10   | -               | 9                    | 39             | 2,018         | 9.91%          |
| 50-54               | 1,897         | 222                   | 1           | 2  | -               | 6                    | 46             | 2,174         | 10.67%         |
| 55-59               | 1,854         | 224                   | -           | 1  | -               | 3                    | 42             | 2,124         | 10.43%         |
| 60-64               | 1,180         | 181                   | 1           | 1  | -               | 2                    | 30             | 1,395         | 6.85%          |
| 65-69               | 712           | 118                   | -           | -  | -               | -                    | 40             | 870           | 4.27%          |
| 70-74               | 261           | 48                    | -           | -  | 1               | 1                    | 17             | 328           | 1.61%          |
| 75-79               | 96            | 29                    | 1           | -  | -               | -                    | 16             | 142           | 0.70%          |
| 80+                 | 44            | 10                    | -           | -  | -               | -                    | 15             | 69            | 0.34%          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>18,021</b> | <b>1,535</b>          | <b>26</b>   | <b>334</b>                                   | <b>1</b>        | <b>42</b>            | <b>413</b>     | <b>20,372</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

Table 4: Dental Practitioners - Registration Type by Age

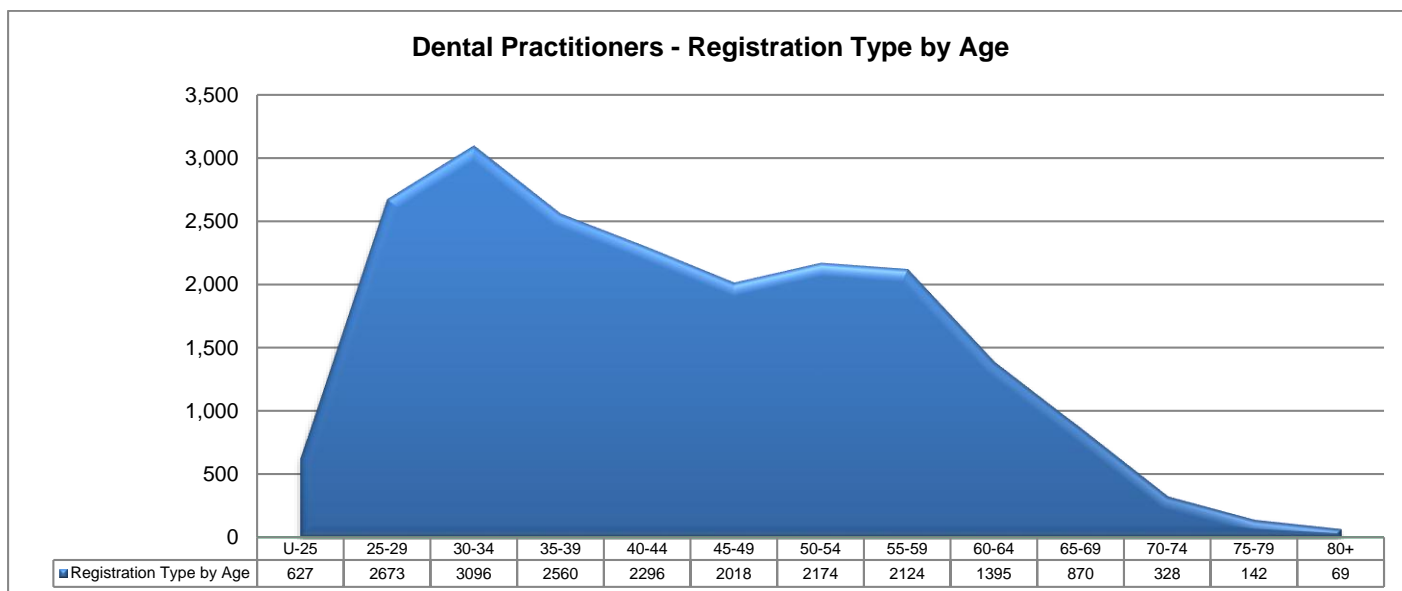


Chart 2: Dental Practitioners – Registration Type by Age

| Dental Practitioners - Registration Type by Gender  |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            |               |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Dental Practitioner                                 | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
| <b>Female</b>                                       | <b>204</b> | <b>2,720</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>1,869</b> | <b>928</b>   | <b>149</b> | <b>2,295</b> | <b>1,337</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>9,748</b>  |
| General   | 196        | 2,476        | 70         | 1,752        | 850          | 140        | 2,058        | 1,228        | 129        | 8,899         |
| General & Specialist*                               | 5          | 102          | -          | 64           | 37           | 4          | 104          | 37           | 10         | 363           |
| Specialist*   | -          | 2            | -          | -            | 1            | -          | 5            | 1            | -          | 9             |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types)                        | 1          | 78           | -          | 31           | 32           | 1          | 79           | 27           | -          | 248           |
| <i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i> | -          | 75           | -          | 25           | 25           | 1          | 78           | 26           | -          | 230           |
| <i>Public Interest</i>                              | -          | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -             |
| <i>Teaching or Research</i>                         | -          | 3            | -          | 6            | 7            | -          | 1            | 1            | -          | 18            |
| Non-Practising                                      | 3          | 62           | -          | 22           | 8            | 4          | 49           | 44           | 37         | 229           |
| <b>Male</b>   | <b>178</b> | <b>3,483</b> | <b>69</b>  | <b>2,153</b> | <b>781</b>   | <b>200</b> | <b>2,426</b> | <b>1,054</b> | <b>280</b> | <b>10,624</b> |
| General   | 140        | 3,039        | 61         | 1,868        | 654          | 179        | 2,077        | 904          | 200        | 9,122         |
| General & Specialist*                               | 35         | 351          | 6          | 238          | 103          | 19         | 270          | 118          | 33         | 1,173         |
| Specialist*   | -          | 3            | 1          | 1            | 2            | -          | 3            | 1            | 5          | 16            |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types)                        | 1          | 38           | -          | 26           | 16           | 1          | 32           | 15           | -          | 129           |
| <i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i> | 1          | 32           | -          | 15           | 11           | 1          | 29           | 15           | -          | 104           |
| <i>Public Interest</i>                              | -          | 1            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | 1             |
| <i>Teaching or Research</i>                         | -          | 5            | -          | 11           | 5            | -          | 3            | -            | -          | 24            |
| Non-Practising                                      | 2          | 52           | 1          | 20           | 6            | 1          | 44           | 16           | 42         | 184           |
| <b>Total Practitioners</b>                          | <b>382</b> | <b>6,203</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>4,022</b> | <b>1,709</b> | <b>349</b> | <b>4,721</b> | <b>2,391</b> | <b>456</b> | <b>20,372</b> |

Table 5: Dental Practitioners - Registration Type by Gender

| Dental Practitioners - Practitioner by Gender |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |               |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Dental Practitioner                           | ACT    | NSW    | NT     | QLD    | SA     | TAS    | VIC    | WA     | No PPP | Total         |
| <b>Female</b>                                 | 53.40% | 43.85% | 50.36% | 46.47% | 54.30% | 42.69% | 48.61% | 55.92% | 38.60% | <b>47.85%</b> |
| <b>Male</b>                                   | 46.60% | 56.15% | 49.64% | 53.53% | 45.70% | 57.31% | 51.39% | 44.08% | 61.40% | <b>52.15%</b> |

Table 6: Dental Practitioners - Practitioner by Gender