Dental practitioner registrant data: June 2015

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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 |   | 349 | 5,825 | 140 | 3,783 | 1,574 | 335 | 4,311 | 2,234 | 425 | 18,976 |
| General and Specialist |   | 40 | 472 | 4 | 314 | 141 | 26 | 398 | 167 | 52 | 1,614 |
| Specialist |   | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |   | 8 | 3 | 5 | 26 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 1 | 6 |   | 3 | 17 |   | 9 | 4 |   | 40 |
| Public interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Teaching or research |   | 9 |   | 15 | 11 |   | 5 | 1 | 1 | 42 |
| Non-practising |   | 8 | 133 | 2 | 63 | 23 | 5 | 96 | 63 | 117 | 510 |
| **Total** | 399 | 6,449 | 147 | 4,179 | 1,769 | 366 | 4,827 | 2,472 | 601 | 21,209 |

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

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 | 44 | 393 | 12 | 142 | 251 | 20 | 201 | 283 | 27 | 1,373 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist |   | 2 |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |   | 1 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   | 2 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist | 9 | 55 | 8 | 161 | 64 | 2 | 128 | 53 | 3 | 483 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist |   | 1 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   | 2 |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist |   | 3 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |   | 6 |
| Dental Prosthetist | 15 | 418 | 4 | 255 | 67 | 49 | 349 | 85 | 3 | 1,245 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dentist |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| Dental Therapist | 18 | 223 | 13 | 188 | 90 | 50 | 166 | 305 | 10 | 1,063 |
| Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |   | 2 |
| Dentist | 294 | 5,056 | 100 | 3,091 | 1,160 | 233 | 3,727 | 1,672 | 555 | 15,888 |
| Dentist and Oral Health Therapist |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Oral Health Therapist | 19 | 296 | 10 | 341 | 137 | 12 | 252 | 69 | 3 | 1,139 |
| **Total** | 399 | 6,449 | 147 | 4,179 | 1,769 | 366 | 4,827 | 2,472 | 601 | 21,209 |
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Dental practitioners – registration type and division(s) by state or territory

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| **Dental Practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Registration Type** | **Divisions** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| General | Dental Hygienist | 42 | 387 | 12 | 139 | 247 | 20 | 198 | 269 | 19 | 1,333 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist |  | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist | 9 | 53 | 7 | 157 | 63 | 2 | 124 | 52 | 3 | 470 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 6 |
| Dental Prosthetist | 15 | 405 | 4 | 252 | 67 | 48 | 338 | 82 | 1 | 1,212 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dentist |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Dental Therapist | 18 | 212 | 13 | 183 | 88 | 48 | 161 | 292 | 9 | 1,024 |
| Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Dentist | 246 | 4,466 | 94 | 2,717 | 972 | 205 | 3,236 | 1,466 | 390 | 13,792 |
| Dentist and Oral Health Therapist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Oral Health Therapist | 19 | 294 | 10 | 334 | 137 | 12 | 250 | 68 | 3 | 1,127 |
| Sub Total | 349 | 5,825 | 140 | 3,783 | 1,574 | 335 | 4,311 | 2,234 | 425 | 18,976 |
| General and Specialist | Dentist | 40 | 472 | 4 | 314 | 141 | 26 | 398 | 167 | 52 | 1,614 |
| Specialist | Dentist | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  | 8 | 3 | 5 | 26 |
| Limited | Dental Hygienist |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Dentist | 1 | 14 |  | 18 | 28 |  | 13 | 5 | 2 | 81 |
| Oral Health Therapist |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Sub Total | 1 | 15 |  | 18 | 28 |  | 14 | 5 | 2 | 83 |
| **Registration Type** | **Divisions** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Non-practising | Dental Hygienist | 2 | 5 |  | 3 | 4 |  | 3 | 14 | 8 | 39 |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist |  | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |  | 4 | 1 |  | 13 |
| Dental Prosthetist |  | 13 |  | 3 |  | 1 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 33 |
| Dental Therapist |  | 11 |  | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 39 |
| Dentist | 6 | 100 | 1 | 41 | 16 | 2 | 72 | 31 | 106 | 375 |
| Oral Health Therapist |  | 2 |  | 7 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 11 |
| Sub Total | 8 | 133 | 2 | 63 | 23 | 5 | 96 | 63 | 117 | 510 |
| **Total** | 399 | 6,449 | 147 | 4,179 | 1,769 | 366 | 4,827 | 2,472 | 601 | 21,209 |

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 |   |   |   | 7 |   |   | 1 | 2 |   | 10 |
| Endodontics | 8 | 45 |   | 26 | 15 | 3 | 39 | 16 | 7 | 159 |
| Forensic odontology | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 |   | 27 |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery | 4 | 51 | 1 | 46 | 17 | 5 | 52 | 19 | 7 | 202 |
| Oral medicine |   | 7 |   | 6 |   |   | 13 | 5 | 4 | 35 |
| Oral pathology |   | 7 |   | 5 | 2 |   | 5 | 2 | 3 | 24 |
| Oral surgery |   | 40 |   | 4 |   |   | 6 | 1 | 1 | 52 |
| Orthodontics | 13 | 183 | 3 | 120 | 52 | 14 | 139 | 56 | 20 | 600 |
| Paediatric dentistry | 2 | 35 |   | 21 | 10 |   | 33 | 12 | 6 | 119 |
| Periodontics | 7 | 59 |   | 45 | 17 | 2 | 56 | 30 | 5 | 221 |
| Prosthodontics | 5 | 66 | 1 | 41 | 22 |   | 50 | 22 | 5 | 212 |
| Public health dentistry (Community dentistry) |   | 3 |   | 2 | 2 |   | 7 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Special needs dentistry |   | 2 |   | 3 | 3 |   | 7 |   | 1 | 16 |
| **Total** | 41 | 504 | 6 | 328 | 144 | 26 | 413 | 171 | 60 | 1,693 |

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 | 49 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 91 |

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 | 848 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 | 851 |
| 25 - 29 | 2,904 | 9 |   | 10 |   | 2 | 49 | 2,974 |
| 30 - 34 | 2,985 | 143 | 6 | 20 |   | 7 | 71 | 3,232 |
| 35 - 39 | 2,354 | 243 | 11 | 7 |   | 9 | 46 | 2,670 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,123 | 205 | 3 | 2 |   | 5 | 48 | 2,386 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,807 | 184 | 5 |   |   | 9 | 43 | 2,048 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,806 | 219 |   | 1 | 1 | 6 | 53 | 2,086 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,918 | 228 |   |   |   | 2 | 54 | 2,202 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,180 | 177 |   |   |   | 1 | 46 | 1,404 |
| 65 - 69 | 682 | 117 | 1 |   |   |   | 41 | 841 |
| 70 - 74 | 249 | 50 |   |   |   | 1 | 23 | 323 |
| 75 - 79 | 88 | 29 |   |   |   |   | 14 | 131 |
| 80+ | 32 | 10 |   |   |   |   | 19 | 61 |
| **Total** | 18,976 | 1,614 | 26 | 40 | 1 | 42 | 510 | 21,209 |

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![This chart represents number of Dental practitioners by age group.](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)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** | 851 | 2,974 | 3,232 | 2,670 | 2,386 | 2,048 | 2,086 | 2,202 | 1,404 | 841 | 323 | 131 | 61 |

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Dental practitioners – registration type by gender

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| **Dental Practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | General | 206 | 2,692 | 74 | 1,869 | 905 | 158 | 2,208 | 1,314 | 178 | 9,604 |
| General and Specialist | 7 | 108 |  | 70 | 36 | 5 | 118 | 44 | 10 | 398 |
| Specialist |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 5 | 1 |  | 9 |
| Limited |  | 10 |  | 6 | 15 |  | 9 | 5 | 1 | 46 |
| Non-practising | 6 | 67 | 1 | 39 | 14 | 4 | 43 | 45 | 55 | 274 |
| Sub Total | 219 | 2,879 | 75 | 1,984 | 971 | 167 | 2,383 | 1,409 | 244 | 10,331 |
| Male | General | 143 | 3,133 | 66 | 1,914 | 669 | 177 | 2,103 | 920 | 247 | 9,372 |
| General and Specialist | 33 | 364 | 4 | 244 | 105 | 21 | 280 | 123 | 42 | 1,216 |
| Specialist | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 |
| Limited | 1 | 5 |  | 12 | 13 |  | 5 |  | 1 | 37 |
| Non-practising | 2 | 66 | 1 | 24 | 9 | 1 | 53 | 18 | 62 | 236 |
| Sub Total | 180 | 3,570 | 72 | 2,195 | 798 | 199 | 2,444 | 1,063 | 357 | 10,878 |
| **Total** | 399 | 6,449 | 147 | 4,179 | 1,769 | 366 | 4,827 | 2,472 | 601 | 21,209 |

Dental practitioners – percentage by gender

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| **Dental Practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |
| **Gender** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
| Female | 54.89% | 44.64% | 51.02% | 47.48% | 54.89% | 45.63% | 49.37% | 57.00% | 40.60% | 48.71% |
| Male | 45.11% | 55.36% | 48.98% | 52.52% | 45.11% | 54.37% | 50.63% | 43.00% | 59.40% | 51.29% |