

6 Employed nurses, national nursing labour force survey, 1996

Overall numbers

- In 1996 there were 218,172 nurses employed mainly in nursing, of whom 171,684 were registered nurses and 46,488 enrolled nurses.

Main areas of practice

- Of the 197,458 registered and enrolled nurses employed as clinicians, 64,054 (32.4%), were employed in the areas of medical and surgical practice, 38,272 (19.4%) in gerontology/geriatric nursing, and 14,642 (7.4%) in obstetrics, gynaecology and midwifery.
- The distribution across specific areas of clinical nursing was similar across all States of Australia. In the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, which have younger populations than the rest of Australia, the percentages of nurse clinicians employed in gerontology/geriatrics (13.0% and 7.3% respectively) were lower than in the States, and higher than the States in midwifery (12.0% and 12.4% respectively). The Northern Territory had a high percentage (14.1%) of nurse clinicians employed in community health compared with 2.8% nationally.

Age

- The average age of all employed nurses was 39.9 years, the highest since this survey commenced in 1993. The average for females (40.0 years) was slightly older than that for males (38.4 years).

Hours worked

- Employed nurses worked an average of 32.9 hours per week, with males averaging 39.6 hours per week and females averaged 32.3 hours. 51.7% of females worked less than 35 hours per week compared with only 17.5% of males.

Country of birth and initial qualification

- In those States for which the data were available (New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia), 76.2% of nurses employed in 1996 were born in Australia. A further 11.2% were born in the United Kingdom or Ireland, 3.9% in Asian countries, 2.8% in New Zealand, 2.5% in 'Other Europe' and 3.3% in other countries.
- 87.9% of employed nurses gained their initial nursing qualification in Australia, with 0.7% qualifying in the United Kingdom or Ireland, 1.9% in New Zealand, 1.8% in Asia and 7.7% in other countries.

Citizenship

- 92.9% of employed nurses were Australian citizens. Nurses employed in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory had the highest percentages of nurses who were Australian citizens (both 94.5%) while Western Australia (89.5%) had the lowest.

Table 22: Registered and enrolled nurses: professional employment status, States, Territories, 1996

Professional employment status	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
Employed in nursing, only or mainly in this State									
Clinician	62,193	52,215	34,340	19,168	19,339	5,371	2,864	1,968	197,458
Administrator	3,410	2,566	1,221	751	648	310	142	111	9,159
Teacher/educator	1,020	1,196	582	421	353	80	62	82	3,796
Researcher	132	251	117	118	72	15	8	5	719
Other	1,506	3,481	197	935	423	257	200	41	7,040
<i>Total</i>	<i>68,261</i>	<i>59,709</i>	<i>36,456</i>	<i>21,394</i>	<i>20,836</i>	<i>6,033</i>	<i>3,276</i>	<i>2,207</i>	<i>218,172</i>
On extended leave	856	1,377	654	348	317	155	124	112	3,943
Looking for work in nursing									
Employed elsewhere	1,823	548	350	176	163	58	93	49	3,260
Not employed	2,303	1,023	768	435	386	131	84	12	5,143
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,126</i>	<i>1,571</i>	<i>1,118</i>	<i>611</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>8,403</i>
<i>Nursing labour force</i>	<i>73,243</i>	<i>62,657</i>	<i>38,228</i>	<i>22,354</i>	<i>21,703</i>	<i>6,377</i>	<i>3,577</i>	<i>2,379</i>	<i>230,519</i>
Overseas	1,835	610	593	335	108	33	90	63	3,667
Not looking for work in nursing									
Employed elsewhere	5,308	1,019	1,484	468	277	92	449	202	9,298
Not employed	6,807	1,593	1,792	773	515	221	227	191	12,120
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,115</i>	<i>2,612</i>	<i>3,276</i>	<i>1,241</i>	<i>792</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>676</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>21,419</i>
<i>Not in nursing labour force</i>	<i>13,950</i>	<i>3,222</i>	<i>3,868</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>346</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>456</i>	<i>25,085</i>
<i>Registered and enrolled nurses</i>	<i>87,194</i>	<i>65,879</i>	<i>42,096</i>	<i>23,930</i>	<i>22,603</i>	<i>6,724</i>	<i>4,343</i>	<i>2,835</i>	<i>255,604</i>
Multiple registrations, enrolments	3,291	1,802	1,226	467	265	182	278	464	7,975
Total registrations, enrolments	90,485	67,681	43,322	24,397	22,868	6,905	4,622	3,299	263,579

Source: AIHW.

Table 23: Registered and enrolled nurses employed as clinicians: area of clinical nursing, States and Territories, 1996

Area of clinical nursing	NSW ^(a)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
Mixed medical and surgical	8,018	10,284	4,772	4,343	3,212	739	401	248	32,018
Medical	9,969	2,555	2,629	1,566	892	399	205	86	18,302
Surgical	6,012	2,442	2,369	1,278	950	384	202	97	13,734
Operating theatre	4,864	3,140	2,346	1,238	1,255	345	160	104	13,451
Intensive care	3,434	2,652	1,807	823	656	162	130	91	9,755
Paediatric	—	1,046	1,026	690	447	137	98	126	3,570
Obstetrics and gynaecology	479	364	210	217	87	36	31	9	1,433
Midwifery	4,261	3,456	2,192	1,187	1,157	369	343	244	13,209
Psychiatric/mental health	3,649	3,083	2,013	1,103	1,010	214	115	68	11,255
Developmental disability	1,918	410	179	189	213	82	11	4	3,005
Gerontology/geriatric	12,704	12,920	5,133	2,806	3,106	1,088	373	143	38,272
Accident and emergency	2,245	1,278	1,049	564	374	142	83	108	5,842
Community	1,781	1,048	658	635	646	383	149	277	5,578
Child health	736	449	439	237	255	90	80	43	2,329
School medical	152	178	127	166	22	21	6	23	694
District/domiciliary	—	1,501	1,016	286	323	42	21	11	3,200
Occupational health	276	330	225	112	183	12	12	9	1,159
Private medical	—	1,249	1,379	393	597	106	87	50	3,860
Independent practice	—	121	341	84	27	12	10	12	607
No one principal area	890	536	2,974	416	2,561	258	48	93	7,777
Other	805	3,173	1,459	835	1,367	348	299	121	8,408
Total	62,193	52,215	34,340	19,168	19,339	5,371	2,864	1,968	197,458
	(per cent)								
Mixed medical and surgical	12.9	19.7	13.9	22.7	16.6	13.8	14.0	12.6	16.2
Medical	16.0	4.9	7.7	8.2	4.6	7.4	7.2	4.4	9.3
Surgical	9.7	4.7	6.9	6.7	4.9	7.2	7.0	4.9	7.0
Operating theatre	7.8	6.0	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.3	6.8
Intensive care	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.3	3.4	3.0	4.5	4.6	4.9
Paediatric	—	2.0	3.0	3.6	2.3	2.6	3.4	6.4	1.8
Obstetrics,gynaecology	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.7
Midwifery	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.9	12.0	12.4	6.7
Psychiatric/mental health	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.2	4.0	4.0	3.5	5.7
Developmental disability	3.1	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.5
Gerontology/geriatric	20.4	24.7	14.9	14.6	16.1	20.2	13.0	7.3	19.4
Accident and emergency	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.6	2.9	5.5	3.0
Community	2.9	2.0	1.9	3.3	3.3	7.1	5.2	14.1	2.8
Child health	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.8	2.2	1.2
School medical	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.4
District/domiciliary	—	2.9	3.0	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.6
Occupational health	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Private medical	—	2.4	4.0	2.0	3.1	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.0
Independent practice	—	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.3
No one principal area	1.4	1.0	8.7	2.2	13.2	4.8	1.7	4.7	3.9
Other	1.3	6.1	4.2	4.4	7.1	6.5	10.4	6.2	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For New South Wales, obstetrics is included with midwifery.

Source: AIHW.

Table 24: Employed registered and enrolled nurses: age and sex, States and Territories, 1996

Age (years)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
Males									
Under 25	473	241	238	72	45	5	8	2	1,083
25–29	934	540	528	140	204	51	19	16	2,433
30–34	841	697	473	163	281	54	15	41	2,565
35–39	1,237	812	519	300	391	89	29	34	3,410
40–44	1,182	789	455	222	375	85	43	41	3,191
45–49	692	481	323	167	176	68	17	29	1,953
50–54	303	238	189	138	89	28	12	15	1,011
55–59	180	125	86	68	58	26	2	—	546
60–64	62	51	48	38	17	11	4	2	233
65 and over	24	11	14	10	8	—	—	2	68
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,928</i>	<i>3,984</i>	<i>2,873</i>	<i>1,318</i>	<i>1,643</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>16,494</i>
Average age	38.7	37.8	37.5	40.2	38.7	40.2	39.7	39.3	38.4
Females									
Under 25	4,545	3,160	2,148	1,012	687	157	62	77	11,848
25–29	7,707	6,716	4,488	2,018	2,061	408	216	253	23,866
30–34	8,532	8,102	4,765	2,746	2,875	772	355	347	28,493
35–39	12,470	9,935	5,819	3,763	4,272	1,087	634	417	38,397
40–44	10,775	9,918	5,244	3,606	3,694	1,082	628	351	35,299
45–49	7,837	7,928	4,593	2,998	2,684	924	560	299	27,823
50–54	5,455	5,374	3,373	2,133	1,651	687	385	173	19,231
55–59	3,221	3,134	2,085	1,326	857	366	195	81	11,265
60–64	1,311	1,136	830	393	334	112	85	20	4,221
65 and over	482	322	239	81	79	22	7	6	1,237
<i>Total</i>	<i>62,333</i>	<i>55,725</i>	<i>33,583</i>	<i>20,077</i>	<i>19,193</i>	<i>5,616</i>	<i>3,127</i>	<i>2,024</i>	<i>201,679</i>
Average age	40.3	39.7	39.8	40.3	39.6	41.4	41.7	39.1	40.0
Persons									
Under 25	5,017	3,401	2,386	1,085	732	162	70	78	12,931
25–29	8,641	7,256	5,017	2,158	2,264	459	235	269	26,299
30–34	9,373	8,799	5,238	2,909	3,155	825	370	389	31,058
35–39	13,707	10,747	6,338	4,063	4,662	1,176	663	451	41,807
40–44	11,956	10,707	5,700	3,828	4,069	1,167	671	392	38,490
45–49	8,529	8,409	4,915	3,165	2,860	992	577	328	29,776
50–54	5,757	5,611	3,562	2,271	1,740	715	397	188	20,242
55–59	3,402	3,259	2,171	1,394	915	392	197	81	11,810
60–64	1,373	1,187	877	431	351	123	89	22	4,454
65 and over	506	333	252	91	87	22	7	7	1,305
Total	68,261	59,709	36,456	21,394	20,836	6,033	3,276	2,207	218,172
Average age	40.1	39.6	39.7	40.3	39.6	41.4	41.6	39.1	39.9

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Table 24 (continued): Employed registered and enrolled nurses: age, sex, States and Territories, 1996

Age (years)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
(per cent—males)									
Under 25	8.0	6.0	8.3	5.5	2.7	1.2	5.1	0.9	6.6
25–29	15.8	13.6	18.4	10.6	12.4	12.3	12.8	9.0	14.8
30–34	14.2	17.5	16.5	12.4	17.1	12.9	10.2	22.6	15.6
35–39	20.9	20.4	18.1	22.8	23.8	21.3	19.4	18.8	20.7
40–44	19.9	19.8	15.8	16.9	22.8	20.3	28.6	22.6	19.3
45–49	11.7	12.1	11.2	12.7	10.7	16.3	11.6	15.9	11.8
50–54	5.1	6.0	6.6	10.4	5.4	6.6	8.0	8.3	6.1
55–59	3.0	3.1	3.0	5.1	3.5	6.3	1.7	—	3.3
60–64	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.0	2.7	2.5	0.9	1.4
65 and over	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	—	—	0.9	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
(per cent—females)									
Under 25	7.3	5.7	6.4	5.0	3.6	2.8	2.0	3.8	5.9
25–29	12.4	12.1	13.4	10.1	10.7	7.3	6.9	12.5	11.8
30–34	13.7	14.5	14.2	13.7	15.0	13.7	11.4	17.2	14.1
35–39	20.0	17.8	17.3	18.7	22.3	19.4	20.3	20.6	19.0
40–44	17.3	17.8	15.6	18.0	19.2	19.3	20.1	17.3	17.5
45–49	12.6	14.2	13.7	14.9	14.0	16.5	17.9	14.8	13.8
50–54	8.8	9.6	10.0	10.6	8.6	12.2	12.3	8.6	9.5
55–59	5.2	5.6	6.2	6.6	4.5	6.5	6.2	4.0	5.6
60–64	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.7	1.0	2.1
65 and over	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
(per cent—persons)									
Under 25	7.4	5.7	6.5	5.1	3.5	2.7	2.1	3.6	5.9
25–29	12.7	12.2	13.8	10.1	10.9	7.6	7.2	12.2	12.1
30–34	13.7	14.7	14.4	13.6	15.1	13.7	11.3	17.6	14.2
35–39	20.1	18.0	17.4	19.0	22.4	19.5	20.2	20.4	19.2
40–44	17.5	17.9	15.6	17.9	19.5	19.3	20.5	17.8	17.6
45–49	12.5	14.1	13.5	14.8	13.7	16.4	17.6	14.9	13.6
50–54	8.4	9.4	9.8	10.6	8.4	11.8	12.1	8.5	9.3
55–59	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	4.4	6.5	6.0	3.7	5.4
60–64	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.7	1.0	2.0
65 and over	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: AIHW.

Table 25: Employed registered and enrolled nurses: total hours worked and sex, States and Territories, 1996

Hours worked	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
Males									
1-9	93	56	47	16	30	10	5	8	264
10-19	240	134	77	30	44	4	—	4	531
20-29	330	266	123	50	103	27	12	7	917
30-34	289	412	215	64	151	35	4	2	1,171
35-39	2,296	1,378	1,197	460	789	158	28	47	6,353
40-49	1,868	1,335	1,100	499	432	144	78	89	5,546
50-59	157	150	100	75	41	14	11	16	564
60-69	60	56	15	22	11	11	—	2	176
70-79	302	96	—	56	33	7	2	3	501
80 and over	292	102	—	46	10	6	9	5	470
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,928</i>	<i>3,984</i>	<i>2,873</i>	<i>1,318</i>	<i>1,643</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>16,494</i>
Average weekly hours	41.3	39.2	37.4	41.6	37.6	38.6	41.0	40.1	39.6
Females									
1-9	1,863	2,343	976	628	862	193	97	34	6,996
10-19	8,574	7,703	3,413	2,366	3,192	712	380	119	26,458
20-29	12,096	13,233	6,592	4,128	4,739	1,709	865	325	43,687
30-34	5,807	9,275	4,976	3,033	2,747	751	428	104	27,122
35-39	13,911	10,507	8,766	4,244	4,236	824	380	396	43,263
40-49	14,209	9,532	8,260	4,006	2,929	1,175	771	829	41,711
50-59	903	1,050	528	343	172	49	108	97	3,249
60-69	567	626	70	251	120	45	9	38	1,726
70-79	1,910	641	2	622	129	55	28	20	3,407
80 and over	2,493	814	—	457	66	103	64	63	4,059
<i>Total</i>	<i>62,333</i>	<i>55,725</i>	<i>33,583</i>	<i>20,077</i>	<i>19,193</i>	<i>5,616</i>	<i>3,127</i>	<i>2,024</i>	<i>201,679</i>
Average weekly hours	34.4	31.2	31.8	33.4	29.4	30.7	32.1	37.2	32.3
Persons									
1-9	1,956	2,399	1,023	644	892	203	101	42	7,260
10-19	8,814	7,837	3,490	2,395	3,235	716	380	123	26,989
20-29	12,426	13,500	6,714	4,178	4,841	1,736	876	332	44,604
30-34	6,097	9,687	5,191	3,096	2,898	786	432	106	28,293
35-39	16,207	11,885	9,963	4,704	5,025	982	408	444	49,616
40-49	16,077	10,867	9,361	4,506	3,361	1,319	849	917	47,257
50-59	1,061	1,200	628	417	213	63	119	112	3,813
60-69	627	682	84	273	131	56	9	40	1,903
70-79	2,211	737	2	679	163	62	30	23	3,908
80 and over	2,785	915	—	503	76	109	73	68	4,529
Total	68,261	59,709	36,456	21,394	20,836	6,033	3,276	2,207	218,172
Average weekly hours	34.9	31.8	32.2	33.9	30.1	31.2	32.6	37.5	32.9

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Table 25 (continued): Employed registered and enrolled nurses: total hours worked and sex, States and Territories, 1996

Hours worked	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
(per cent—males)									
1–9	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.1	4.1	1.6
10–19	4.0	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.7	1.0	—	2.2	3.2
20–29	5.6	6.7	4.3	3.8	6.2	6.5	7.8	3.8	5.6
30–34	4.9	10.3	7.5	4.9	9.2	8.4	2.6	1.0	7.1
35–39	38.7	34.6	41.7	34.9	48.0	37.9	18.8	26.0	38.5
40–49	31.5	33.5	38.3	37.9	26.3	34.6	52.4	48.6	33.6
50–59	2.7	3.8	3.5	5.7	2.5	3.4	7.3	8.6	3.4
60–69	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.7	0.7	2.7	—	1.0	1.1
70–79	5.1	2.4	—	4.3	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.9	3.0
80 and over	4.9	2.6	—	3.5	0.6	1.4	6.3	2.9	2.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
(per cent—females)									
1–9	3.0	4.2	2.9	3.1	4.5	3.4	3.1	1.7	3.5
10–19	13.8	13.8	10.2	11.8	16.6	12.7	12.1	5.9	13.1
20–29	19.4	23.7	19.6	20.6	24.7	30.4	27.6	16.1	21.7
30–34	9.3	16.6	14.8	15.1	14.3	13.4	13.7	5.2	13.4
35–39	22.3	18.9	26.1	21.1	22.1	14.7	12.1	19.6	21.5
40–49	22.8	17.1	24.6	20.0	15.3	20.9	24.6	40.9	20.7
50–59	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.9	3.5	4.8	1.6
60–69	0.9	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.3	1.9	0.9
70–79	3.1	1.1	0.0	3.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.7
80 and over	4.0	1.5	—	2.3	0.3	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
(per cent—persons)									
1–9	2.9	4.0	2.8	3.0	4.3	3.4	3.1	1.9	3.3
10–19	12.9	13.1	9.6	11.2	15.5	11.9	11.6	5.6	12.4
20–29	18.2	22.6	18.4	19.5	23.2	28.8	26.7	15.0	20.4
30–34	8.9	16.2	14.2	14.5	13.9	13.0	13.2	4.8	13.0
35–39	23.7	19.9	27.3	22.0	24.1	16.3	12.4	20.1	22.7
40–49	23.6	18.2	25.7	21.1	16.1	21.9	25.9	41.6	21.7
50–59	1.6	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.0	1.0	3.6	5.1	1.7
60–69	0.9	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.8	0.9
70–79	3.2	1.2	0.0	3.2	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.8
80 and over	4.1	1.5	—	2.3	0.4	1.8	2.2	3.1	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
(per cent working part-time hours)									
Males	16.1	21.8	16.0	12.1	19.9	18.2	13.6	11.1	17.5
Females	45.5	58.4	47.5	50.6	60.1	59.9	56.6	28.8	51.7
All nurses	42.9	56.0	45.0	48.2	57.0	57.0	54.6	27.3	49.1

Source: AIHW.

Table 26: Employed nurses: type of nurse, country of birth, selected States, 1996

Country of birth	NSW	Qld	WA	SA	Total
Registered nurses					
Australia	42,540	23,835	10,157	12,225	88,757
New Zealand	1,217	1,159	561	193	3,130
Other Oceania	372	263	62	35	732
UK/Ireland	5,058	2,721	3,511	2,268	13,557
Other Europe	1,466	561	391	493	2,911
Middle East/ North Africa	202	26	35	34	297
Asia	2,958	676	1,195	389	5,218
North America	374	242	161	79	856
Central/ South America	208	44	43	18	313
West/ East Africa	1,273	126	199	45	1,643
South Africa	291	120	150	35	596
<i>Total</i>	<i>55,958</i>	<i>29,772</i>	<i>16,466</i>	<i>15,814</i>	<i>118,010</i>
Enrolled nurses					
Australia	10,222	5,417	3,476	4,074	23,189
New Zealand	337	347	189	60	932
Other Oceania	85	43	16	4	148
UK/Ireland	857	554	842	674	2,928
Other Europe	313	159	147	150	769
Middle East/ North Africa	31	1	4	3	39
Asia	228	103	183	42	556
North America	28	24	16	5	74
Central/ South America	98	11	4	1	114
West/ East Africa	79	20	36	4	139
South Africa	25	4	16	4	50
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,303</i>	<i>6,684</i>	<i>4,929</i>	<i>5,022</i>	<i>28,937</i>
Total					
Australia	52,762	29,252	13,633	16,299	111,946
New Zealand	1,554	1,506	749	252	4,062
Other Oceania	457	305	78	39	880
UK/Ireland	5,915	3,275	4,354	2,941	16,485
Other Europe	1,778	719	538	644	3,680
Middle East/ North Africa	233	28	39	37	336
Asia	3,186	779	1,378	431	5,774
North America	403	266	177	84	930
Central/ South America	306	55	46	20	427
West/ East Africa	1,352	146	235	49	1,783
South Africa	317	124	167	39	646
Total	68,261	36,456	21,394	20,836	146,948
(per cent)					
Australia	77.3	80.2	63.7	78.2	76.2
New Zealand	2.3	4.1	3.5	1.2	2.8
Other Oceania	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6
UK/Ireland	8.7	9.0	20.3	14.1	11.2
Other Europe	2.6	2.0	2.5	3.1	2.5
Middle East/ North Africa	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Asia	4.7	2.1	6.4	2.1	3.9
North America	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.6
Central/ South America	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
West/ East Africa	2.0	0.4	1.1	0.2	1.2
South Africa	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: AIHW.

Table 27: Employed nurses: type of nurse, country of initial qualification, States, 1996

Country of initial qualification	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	Total
Registered nurses							
Australia	47,993	38,097	26,505	12,480	14,605	4,621	144,300
New Zealand	845	603	900	478	132	56	3,014
Other Oceania	97	22	24	0	5	0	149
UK/Ireland	470	427	149	110	86	22	1,264
Other Europe	3,979	3,402	1,754	2,812	808	275	13,030
Middle East/North Africa	101	40	5	8	7	0	160
Asia	1,954	1,098	158	322	97	7	3,636
Nth America	237	132	143	89	46	9	655
Central/Sth America	42	22	1	2	5	0	72
West/East Africa	35	43	29	37	4	2	149
South Africa	205	122	104	130	21	15	596
Total	55,958	44,008	29,772	16,466	15,814	5,007	167,025
Enrolled nurses							
Australia	11,417	14,762	6,178	4,383	4,857	1,001	42,597
New Zealand	297	196	274	169	41	13	989
Other Oceania	27	18	15	0	0	0	60
UK/Ireland	55	126	19	18	15	0	232
Europe	345	455	177	330	103	10	1,420
Middle East/North Africa	15	14	0	0	0	0	29
Asia	86	78	11	20	1	0	197
North America	15	5	5	2	4	3	33
Central/South America	32	32	3	0	1	0	67
West/East Africa	4	4	1	0	0	0	9
South Africa	11	12	1	7	0	0	31
Total	12,303	15,701	6,684	4,929	5,022	1,026	45,665
Registered and enrolled nurses							
Australia	59,410	52,859	32,683	16,863	19,461	5,621	186,897
New Zealand	1,142	799	1,175	646	172	68	4,004
Other Oceania	125	40	39	—	5	—	209
UK/Ireland	524	552	168	128	101	22	1,495
Other Europe	4,324	3,857	1,930	3,143	911	285	14,450
Middle East/North Africa	115	54	5	8	7	—	189
Asia	2,041	1,176	169	342	98	7	3,833
North America	251	137	148	90	50	12	689
Central/Sth America	74	54	4	2	6	—	139
West/East Africa	39	47	30	37	4	2	158
South Africa	215	134	105	137	21	15	627
Total	68,261	59,709	36,456	21,394	20,836	6,033	212,690
(per cent)							
Australia	87.0	88.5	89.6	78.8	93.4	93.2	87.9
New Zealand	1.7	1.3	3.2	3.0	0.8	1.1	1.9
Other Oceania	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
UK/Ireland	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7
Europe	6.3	6.5	5.3	14.7	4.4	4.7	6.8
Middle East/North Africa	0.2	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1
Asia	3.0	2.0	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.1	1.8
Nth America	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Central/Sth America	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1
West/East Africa	—	0.1	0.1	0.2	—	—	0.1
South Africa	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: AIHW.

Table 28: Employed nurses: type of nurse, citizenship, States and Territories, 1996

Citizenship	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
Registered nurses									
Australian citizen	51,972	40,863	27,920	14,693	14,657	4,723	2,616	1,744	159,251
Non-Australian citizen	3,986	3,144	1,852	1,773	1,157	285	155	144	12,433
<i>Total</i>	<i>55,958</i>	<i>44,008</i>	<i>29,772</i>	<i>16,466</i>	<i>15,814</i>	<i>5,007</i>	<i>2,771</i>	<i>1,888</i>	<i>171,684</i>
Enrolled nurses									
Australian citizen	11,551	14,817	6,219	4,460	4,691	981	479	293	43,498
Non-Australian citizen	752	884	465	468	331	45	26	26	2,990
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,303</i>	<i>15,701</i>	<i>6,684</i>	<i>4,929</i>	<i>5,022</i>	<i>1,026</i>	<i>505</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>46,488</i>
Registered and enrolled nurses									
Australian citizen	63,512	55,659	34,140	19,145	19,345	5,701	3,094	2,037	202,716
Non-Australian citizen	4,749	4,050	2,316	2,249	1,490	333	182	170	15,456
Total	68,261	59,709	36,456	21,394	20,836	6,033	3,276	2,207	218,172
(per cent)									
Australian citizen	93.0	93.2	93.6	89.5	92.8	94.5	94.5	92.3	92.9
Non-Australian citizen	7.0	6.8	6.4	10.5	7.2	5.5	5.5	7.7	7.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: AIHW.