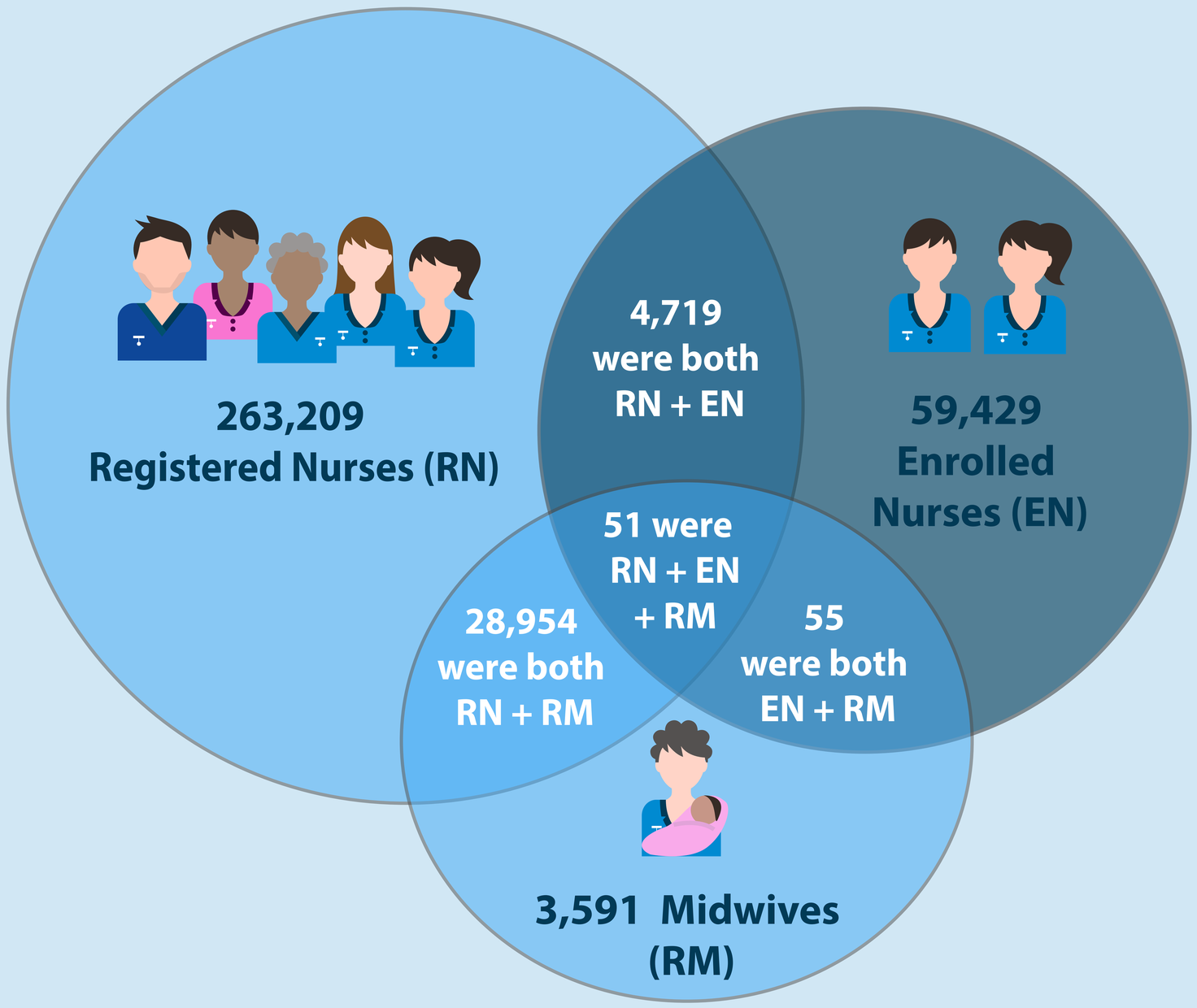
Nurses and midwives 2015

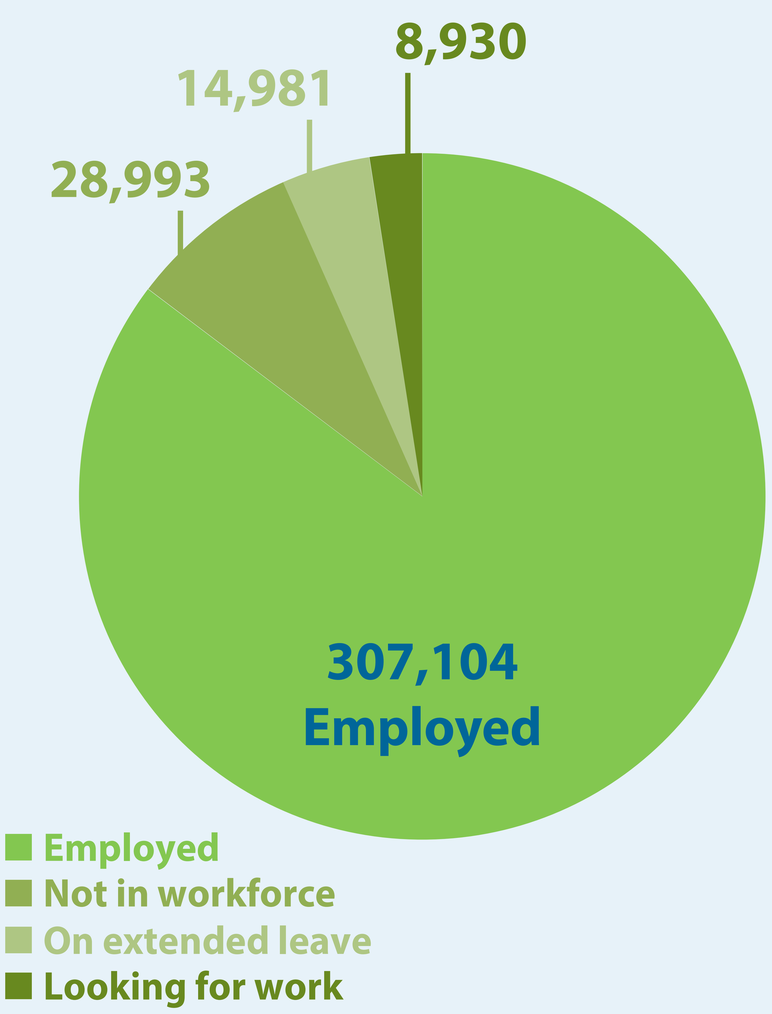


Registered
nurses and midwives

highlights:

- **3,187** identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- **89%** of employed nurses and midwives are women
- Almost **4 in 10** employed nurses and midwives are aged 50 or older
- Numbers of employed nurses and midwives increased in the **25–34** and **55 and over** age groups
- **80%** of employed nurses and midwives received their initial qualifications in Australia
- **9 in 10** employed nurses and midwives worked in a clinical role
- **Top 3** areas of employment for employed nurses and midwives: aged care, medical and surgical
- On average employed nurses and midwives worked **33.5** hours per week

Of the **360,008** registered nurses and midwives in Australia



Regsitered nurses complete 3 years or equivalent of tertiary study in a Bachelor of Nursing.
Midwives complete a Bachelor Degree in Midwifery or a Bachelor Degree of Nursing plus a Graduate Diploma or Masters of Midwifery.
Enrolled nurses complete a 2 year or equivalent Diploma of Nursing within the vocational education training (VET) sector.