

Medical workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

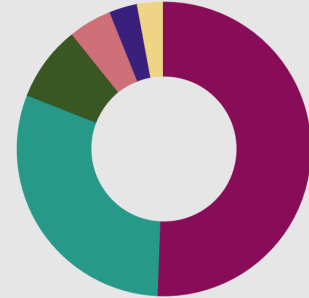


132,366 registered medical practitioners in Australia¹

15.7% of regulated health practitioner workforce

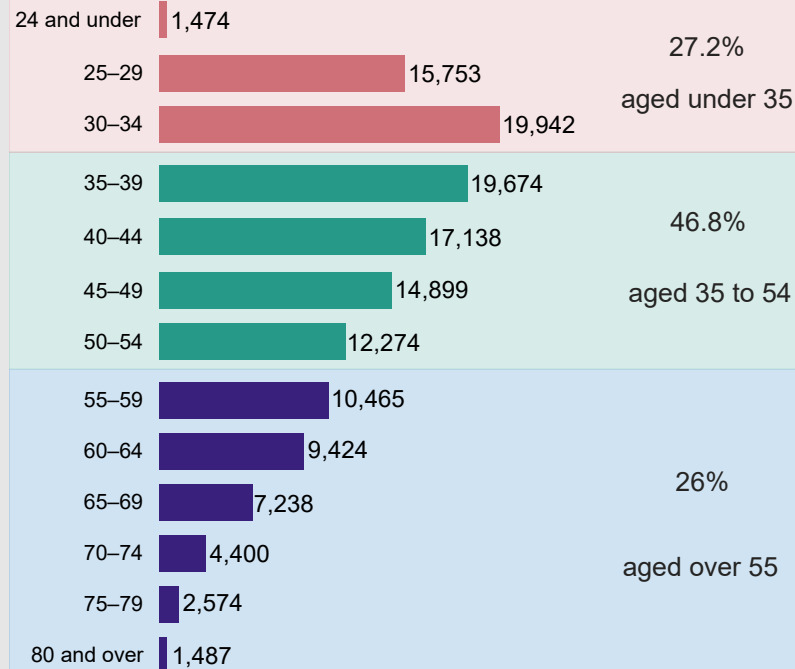
500.1 medical practitioners per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



General	30.4%
General (teaching and assessing)	<0.1%
General and specialist	50.6%
Specialist	8.3%
Limited	2.9%
Non-practising	3.2%
Provisional	4.6%

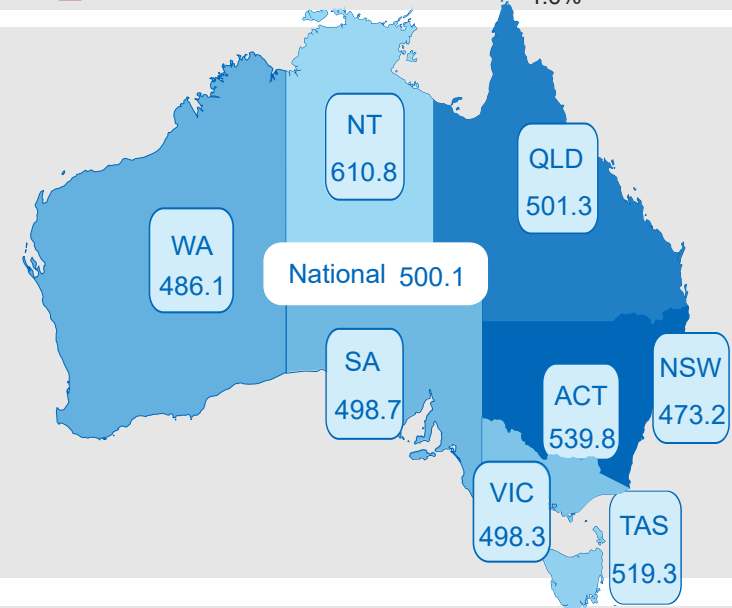
Age range at 2022/23



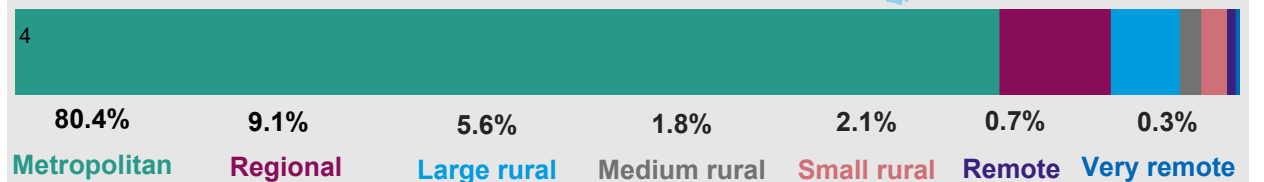
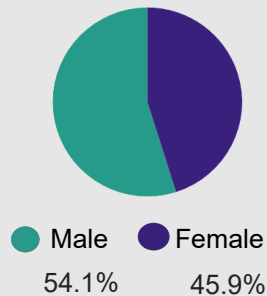
Average age (mean)

45.8 years

Medical practitioners per 100,000 head of population³



Gender



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.

2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.

3. See Footnote 2.

4. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who do not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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FIVE-YEAR TREND FROM 2018/19 TO 2022/23

Medical practitioners⁵

118,996	136,742	▲
16%	15.6%	●
437.2	516.6	▲

Age

26.2%	27.2%	▲
46.2%	46.8%	▲
27.6%	26%	▼

Gender

43.4%	45.9%	▲
56.6%	54.1%	▼

Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2023/32

Table key

2018/19	2022/23
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Trend down ▼	Trend stable ●	Trend up ▲
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14.9% increase in medical practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
35.1%	30.4%	▼
General and specialist registration		
47%	50.6%	▲
Specialist registration		
8.6%	8.3%	●
Limited registration		
2.1%	2.9%	●
Non-practising registration		
2.4%	3.2%	●
Provisional registration		
4.7%	4.6%	●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See Footnote 5.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

2,199	2,584	+17.5% ▲
	ACT	
36,194	40,356	+11.5% ▲
	NSW	
1,400	1,567	+11.9% ▲
	NT	
23,902	27,715	+16% ▲
	QLD	
8,525	9,446	+10.8% ▲
	SA	
2,526	3,060	+21.1% ▲
	TAS	
29,322	34,545	+17.8% ▲
	VIC	
11,829	14,209	+20.1% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

92,349	105,578	+14.3% ▲
	Metropolitan	
9,558	11,911	+24.6% ▲
	Regional	
6,118	7,389	+20.8% ▲
	Large rural	
2,135	2,416	+13.2% ▲
	Medium rural	
2,350	2,729	+16.1% ▲
	Small rural	
800	943	+17.9% ▲
	Remote	
281	341	+21.4% ▲
	Very remote	

7. Excludes practitioners who do not have a PPP in Australia recorded on the public register. These practitioners usually reside overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

8. See Footnote 7.