

Dental practice workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

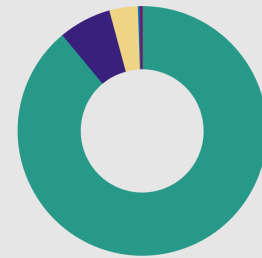


25,720 registered dental practitioners in Australia¹

3.1% of regulated health practitioner workforce

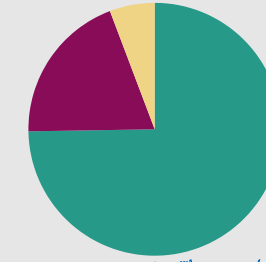
97.2 dental practitioners per 100,000 head of population²

Registration types



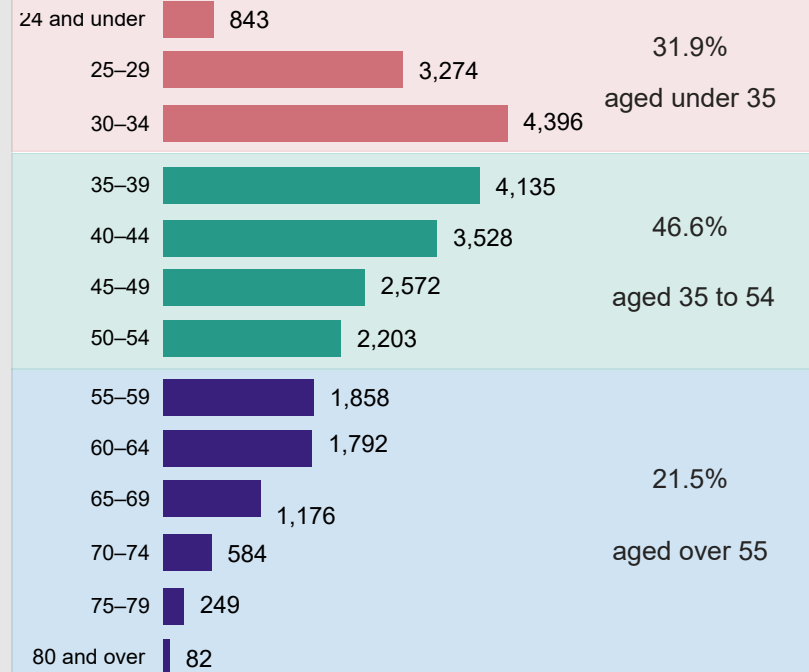
89.1% ● General registration
 6.8% ● General and specialist registration
 0.3% ● Specialist registration
 3.6% ● Non-practising registration
 0.2% ● Limited

Divisions



74.6% ● Dentist
 20.6% ● Oral health practitioner
 4.9% ● Prosthetist

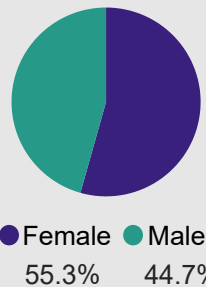
Age range at 2022/23



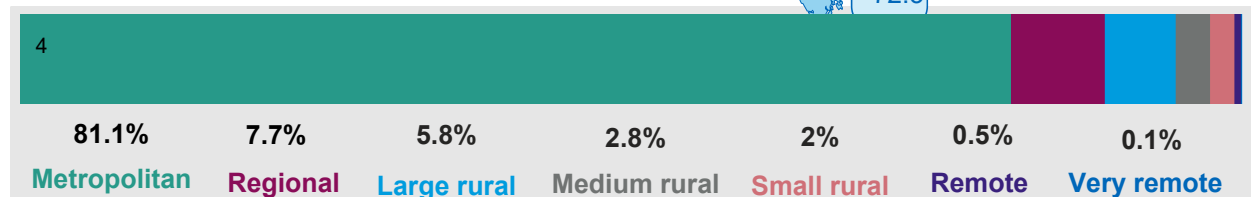
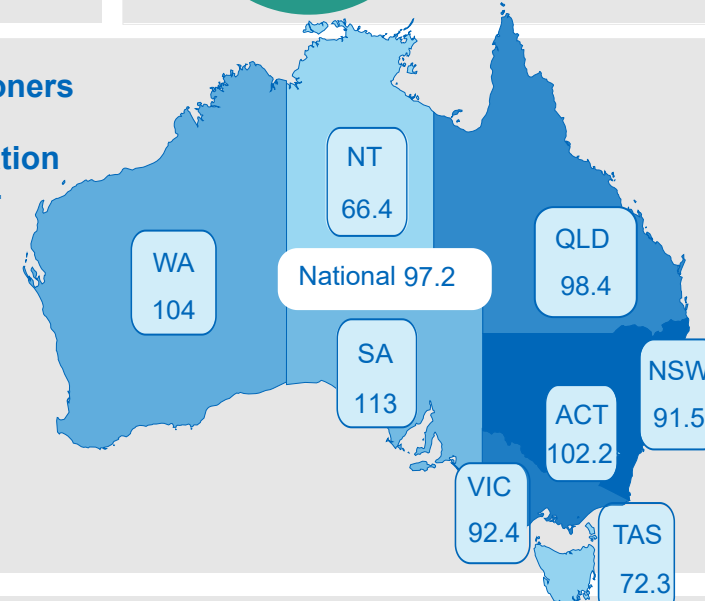
Average age

43.5 years

Gender



Dental practitioners per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants³



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.
 2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as March 2023.
 3. See above.
 4. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who did not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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

Registered dental practitioners⁵

23,730	26,692	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
3.2%	3%	●
Practitioners per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
94.4	100.8	▲
Age		
Percentage of dental practitioners under the age of 35		
31.6%	31.9%	●
Percentage of dental practitioners aged 35 to 54		
44.5%	46.6%	▲
Percentage of dental practitioners aged 55 and over		
24%	21.5%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female dental practitioners		
51.8%	55.3%	▲
Percentage of male dental practitioners		
48.2%	44.7%	▼

Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

12.5% increase in registered dental practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
89.7%	89.1%	●
General and specialist registration		
7.2%	6.8%	●
Specialist registration		
0.2%	0.3%	●
Limited registration		
0.3%	0.2%	●
Non-practising registration		
2.6%	3.6%	●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

428	488	+14% ▲
	ACT	
7,100	7,818	+10.1% ▲
	NSW	
166	172	+3.6% ▲
	NT	
4,797	5,473	+14.1% ▲
	QLD	
1,959	2,155	+10% ▲
	SA	
399	424	+6.3% ▲
	TAS	
5,536	6,437	+16.3% ▲
	VIC	
2,738	3,044	+11.2% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

18,394	20,826	+13.2% ▲
	Metropolitan	
1,693	1,975	+16.7% ▲
	Regional	
1,355	1,494	+10.3% ▲
	Large rural	
688	725	+5.4 ▲
	Medium rural	
474	509	+7.4 ▲
	Small rural	
132	121	-8.3% ▼
	Remote	
40	26	-35% ▼
	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 above.