

# Pharmacy now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

## Workforce at a glance



**34,726 registered pharmacists in Australia<sup>1</sup>**

**642 pharmacists on the pandemic response sub-register**

**35,368 pharmacists in total**

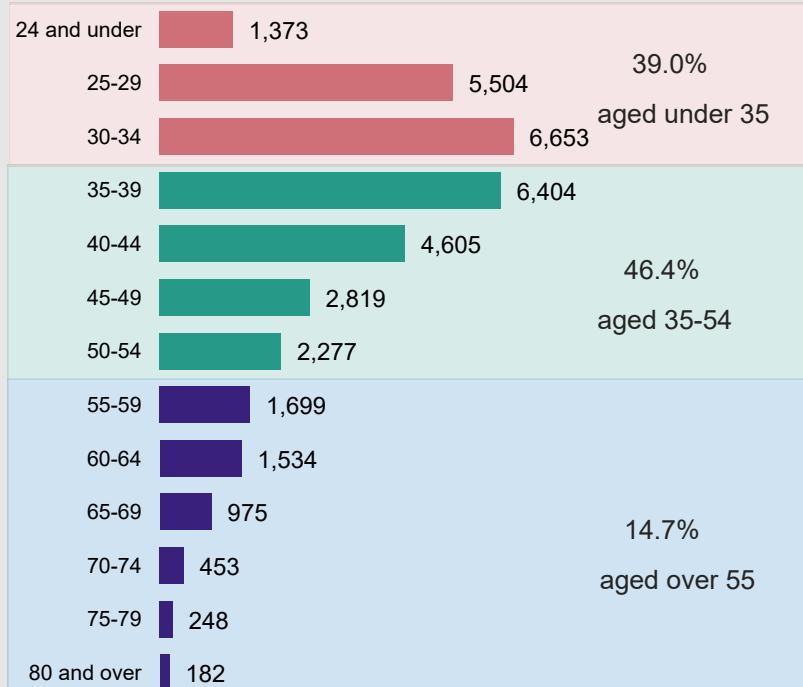
4.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

129.0 pharmacists per 100,000 head of population

### Registration type



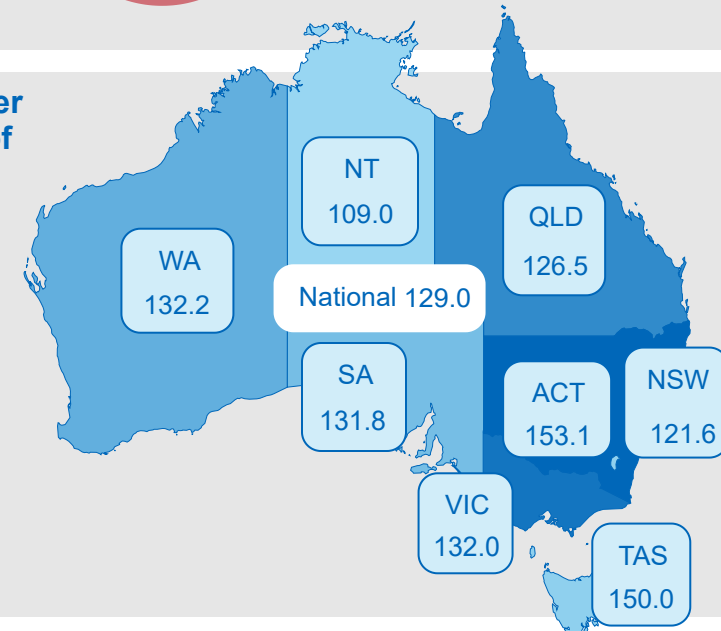
### Age range at 2021/22



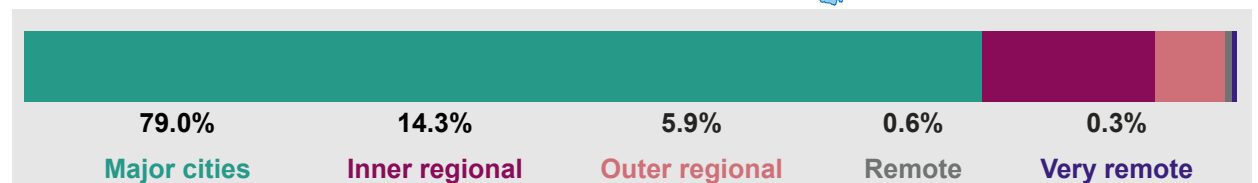
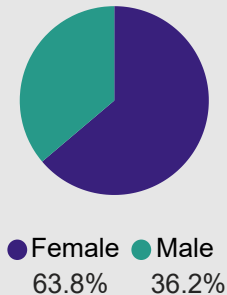
### Average age (mean)

40.2 years

### Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants



### Gender



1. Excludes non-practising registrants and those on the pandemic sub-register, unless otherwise stated.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

## Registered pharmacists

31,108	34,726	▲
4.2%	4.2%	●
124.6	134.1	▲
<b>Age</b>		
44.7%	39.0%	▼
39.7%	46.4%	▲
15.6%	14.7%	▼
<b>Gender</b>		
62.4%	63.8%	▲
37.6%	36.2%	▼

## Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

11.6% increase in registered pharmacists

## Changes to registration categories

90.8%	90.5%	▼
0.1%	0.0%	▼
5.5%	5.6%	▲
3.6%	3.9%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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## Changes to workforce across states and territories<sup>1</sup>

577	<b>718</b>	+24.4 % ▲
NSW		
9,443	<b>10,210</b>	+8.1 % ▲
NT		
253	<b>277</b>	+9.5 % ▲
QLD		
6,167	<b>6,875</b>	+11.5 % ▲
SA		
2,211	<b>2,446</b>	+10.6 % ▲
TAS		
741	<b>879</b>	+18.6 % ▲
VIC		
7,860	<b>9,010</b>	+14.6 % ▲
WA		
3,266	<b>3,746</b>	+14.7 % ▲

## Changes to workforce across remoteness areas<sup>1</sup>

24,047	<b>26,940</b>	+12.0 % ▲
Major cities		
Inner regional		
4,303	<b>4,865</b>	+13.1 % ▲
Outer regional		
1,847	<b>2,001</b>	+8.3 % ▲
Remote		
162	<b>189</b>	+16.7 % ▲
Very remote		
109	<b>114</b>	+4.6 % ▲

1. Excludes practitioners who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice (PPP) recorded on the register - usually because they are residing overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.