

Nursing now: Nurse practitioners

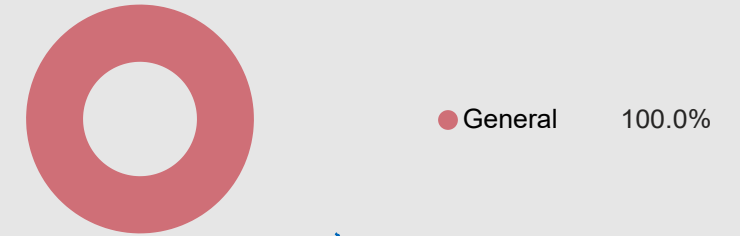
A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance

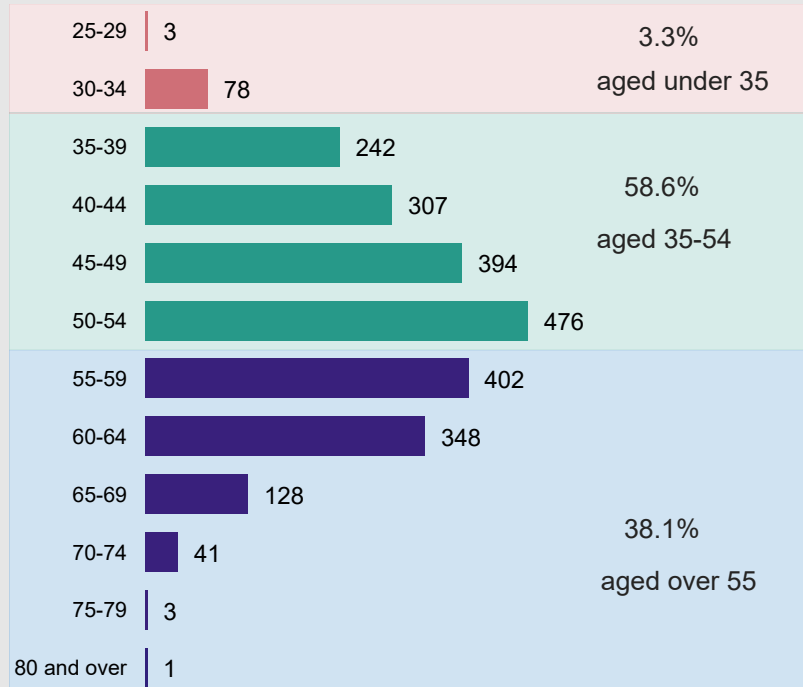


- 2,423 nurse practitioners in Australia¹
- 2 nurse practitioners on the pandemic sub-register
- 2,425 nurse practitioners in total
- 0.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce
- 9.4 nurse practitioners per 100,000 head of population

Registration type



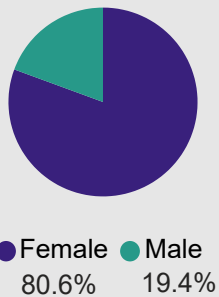
Age range at 2021/22



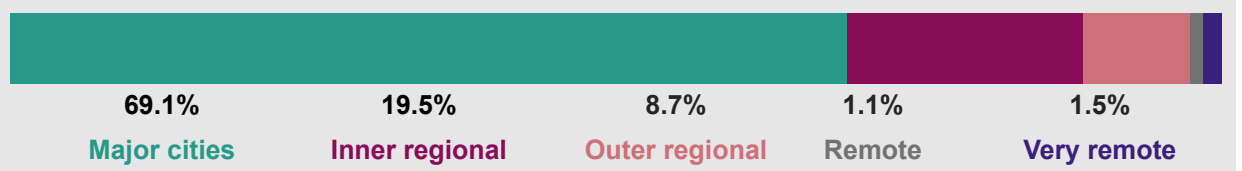
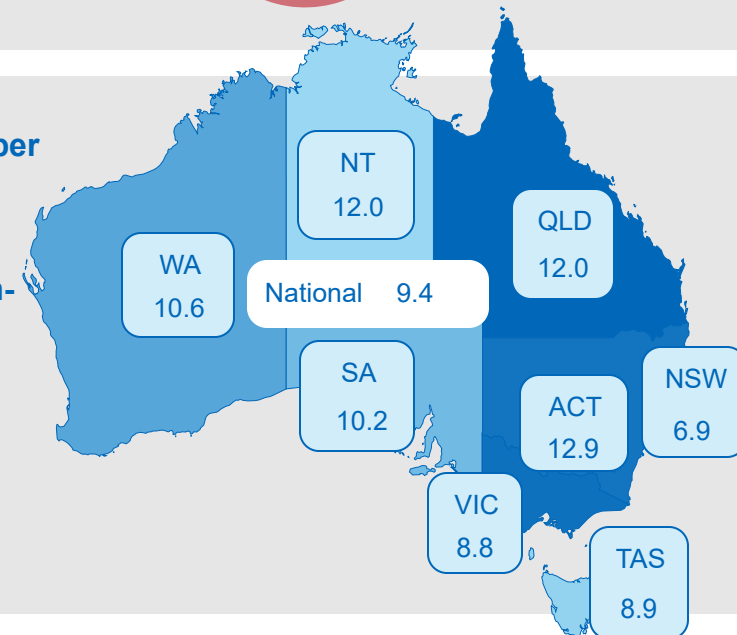
Average age (mean)

51.2 years

Gender



Nurse practitioners per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants



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

Nurse practitioners

1,729	2,423	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
0.2%	0.3%	▲
Nurses per 100,000 head of population ¹		
6.9	9.4	▲
Age		
Percentage of nurses under the age of 35		
3.8%	3.3%	▼
Percentage of nurses aged 35 to 54		
63.3%	58.6%	▼
Percentage of nurses aged 55 and over		
33.0%	38.1%	▲
Gender		
Percentage of female nurses		
81.1%	80.6%	▼
Percentage of male nurses		
18.9%	19.4%	▲

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

40.1% increase in nurse practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
100.0%	100.0%	●

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

43	59	+37.2 % ▲
NSW		
399	560	+40.4 % ▲
NT		
29	30	+3.4 % ▲
QLD		
447	634	+41.8 % ▲
SA		
141	186	+31.9 % ▲
TAS		
41	51	+24.4 % ▲
VIC		
356	581	+63.2 % ▲
WA		
249	293	+17.7 % ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

Major cities		
1,153	1,651	+43.2 % ▲
Inner regional		
322	466	+44.7 % ▲
Outer regional		
168	209	+24.4 % ▲
Remote		
21	26	+23.8 % ▲
Very remote		
36	37	+2.8 % ▲

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.