

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Physiotherapy Board
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Introduction

The role of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering physiotherapists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the physiotherapy profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained physiotherapists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About Ahpra](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

Ahpra and the Board established a short-term pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months (or less if the pandemic subsides) to help with fast tracking the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners. The pandemic response sub-register came into effect on 6 April 2020. Eligible physiotherapists were added to the pandemic response sub-register on 20 April 2020. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

For more information on physiotherapy registration, please see the Board's website www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

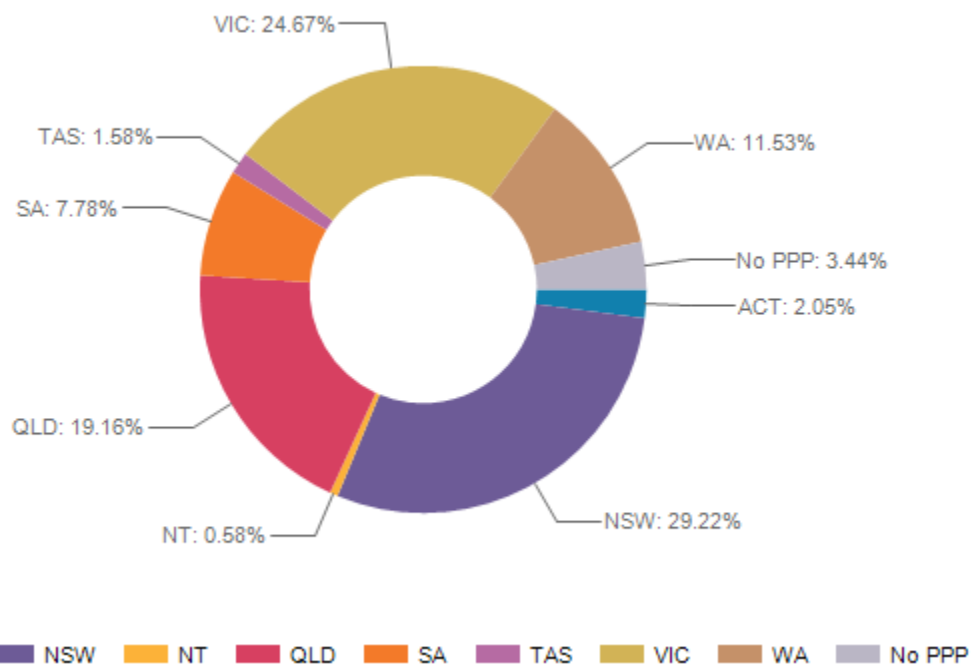
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type and subtype by principal place of practice

| Registration types | Registration subtypes | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|--------------------|--|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| General | | 772 | 10,856 | 219 | 7,138 | 2,907 | 588 | 9,023 | 4,318 | 987 | 36,808 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 7 | 186 | 3 | 111 | 59 | 15 | 308 | 50 | 5 | 744 |
| | Teaching or research | | 8 | | 6 | | | 2 | | 1 | 17 |
| Non-practising | | 13 | 236 | 1 | 146 | 38 | 7 | 198 | 84 | 336 | 1,059 |
| Total | | 792 | 11,286 | 223 | 7,401 | 3,004 | 610 | 9,531 | 4,452 | 1,329 | 38,628* |

* 2,052 eligible physiotherapists that are part of the short-term pandemic response sub-register are included in the above table.

Table 1.2 Registrations by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements by type

Table 1.3 Endorsements

| Endorsement | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|----------|
| Acupuncture | | | | | | | 7 | | | 7 |

The Physiotherapy Board does not have an approved program or pathway for acupuncture endorsement. There are currently practitioners with an acupuncture endorsement as a result of Victoria having different legislation before the start of the National Scheme.

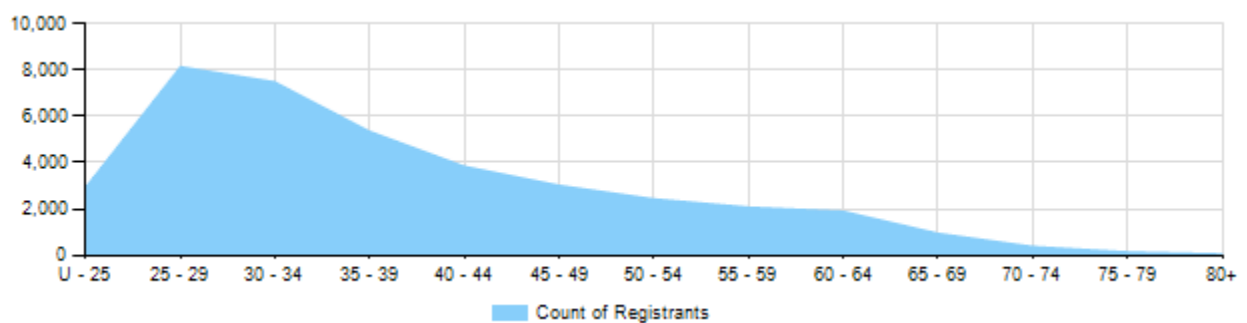
Age group

Registration type and subtype

Table 2.1 Registration by age group

| Age group | General | Limited | | Non-practising | Total |
|--------------|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research | | |
| U - 25 | 2,916 | 13 | | 8 | 2,937 |
| 25 - 29 | 7,775 | 261 | | 111 | 8,147 |
| 30 - 34 | 7,040 | 274 | | 168 | 7,482 |
| 35 - 39 | 5,073 | 131 | 3 | 142 | 5,349 |
| 40 - 44 | 3,647 | 52 | 4 | 133 | 3,836 |
| 45 - 49 | 2,879 | 9 | 3 | 119 | 3,010 |
| 50 - 54 | 2,341 | 3 | 4 | 79 | 2,427 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,981 | | 3 | 84 | 2,068 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,800 | 1 | | 89 | 1,890 |
| 65 - 69 | 875 | | | 59 | 934 |
| 70 - 74 | 326 | | | 43 | 369 |
| 75 - 79 | 121 | | | 13 | 134 |
| 80+ | 34 | | | 11 | 45 |
| Total | 36,808 | 744 | 17 | 1,059 | 38,628 |

Table 2.2 Registration by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 3.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type

| Gender | Registration types | Registration subtypes | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Female | General | | 512 | 6,843 | 157 | 4,526 | 1,827 | 421 | 5,965 | 3,018 | 653 | 23,922 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 5 | 128 | 2 | 73 | 48 | 9 | 207 | 37 | 3 | 512 |
| | | Teaching or research | | 3 | | 5 | | | | | 1 | 9 |
| | Non-practising | | 12 | 183 | 1 | 106 | 31 | 5 | 153 | 63 | 250 | 804 |
| Total Female | | | 529 | 7,157 | 160 | 4,710 | 1,906 | 435 | 6,325 | 3,118 | 907 | 25,247 |
| Male | General | | 260 | 4,013 | 62 | 2,612 | 1,080 | 167 | 3,058 | 1,300 | 334 | 12,886 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 2 | 58 | 1 | 38 | 11 | 6 | 101 | 13 | 2 | 232 |
| | | Teaching or research | | 5 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 8 |
| | Non-practising | | 1 | 53 | | 40 | 7 | 2 | 45 | 21 | 86 | 255 |
| Total Male | | | 263 | 4,129 | 63 | 2,691 | 1,098 | 175 | 3,206 | 1,334 | 422 | 13,381 |
| Total | | | 792 | 11,286 | 223 | 7,401 | 3,004 | 610 | 9,531 | 4,452 | 1,329 | 38,628 |

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

| Gender | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Female | 66.8% | 63.4% | 71.7% | 63.6% | 63.4% | 71.3% | 66.4% | 70.0% | 68.2% | 65.4% |
| Male | 33.2% | 36.6% | 28.3% | 36.4% | 36.6% | 28.7% | 33.6% | 30.0% | 31.8% | 34.6% |