

Pharmacy workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

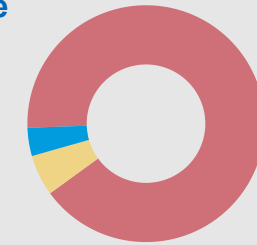


34,946 registered pharmacists in Australia¹

4.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

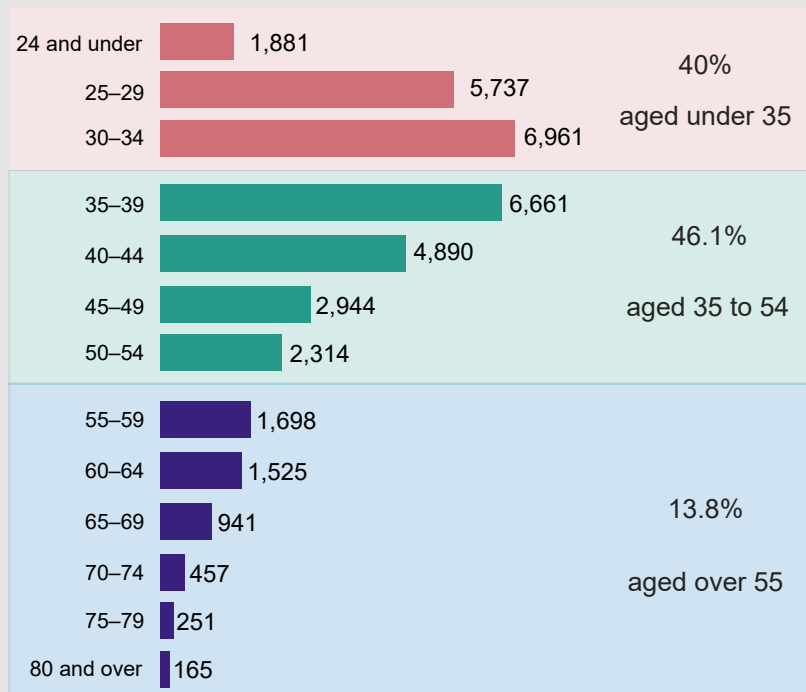
132 pharmacists per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



General	89.3%
Provisional	6.6%
Non-practising	4.1%

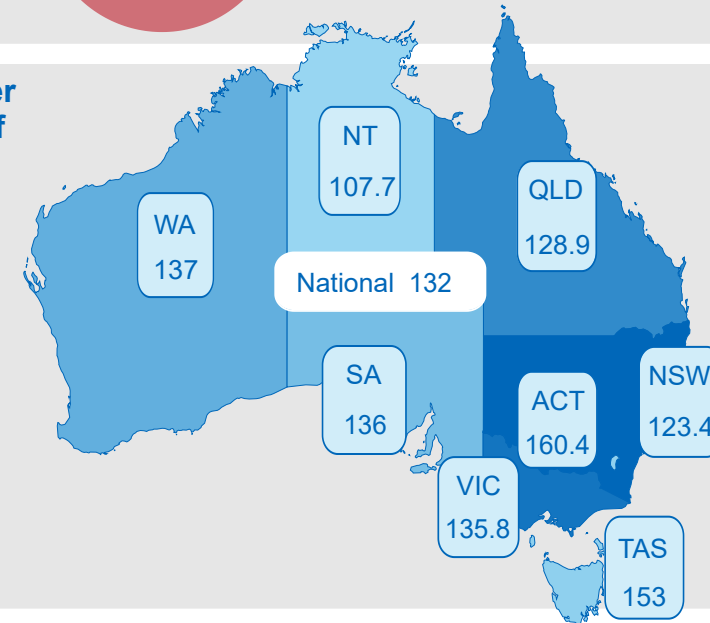
Age range at 2022/23



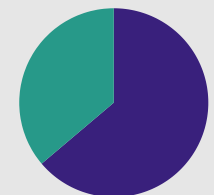
Average age

40.3 years

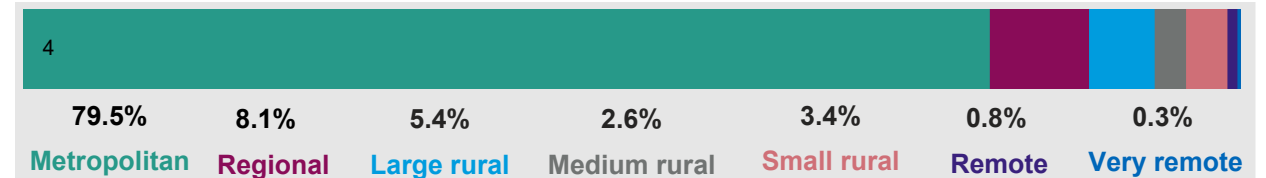
Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants³



Gender



Female 64.1% Male 35.9%



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.
 2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.
 3. See above.
 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

	2018/19	2022/23	Trend
Registered pharmacists⁵			
	31,955	36,425	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce			
	4.3%	4.2%	●
Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population⁶			
	127.1	137.6	▲
Age			
Percentage of pharmacists under the age of 35			
	43.4%	40%	▼
Percentage of pharmacists aged 35 to 54			
	41.2%	46.1%	▲
Percentage of pharmacists aged 55 and over			
	15.4%	13.8%	▼
Gender			
Percentage of female pharmacists			
	62.8%	64.1%	▲
Percentage of male pharmacists			
	37.2%	35.9%	▼

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

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

14% increase in registered pharmacists

Changes to registration categories

	2018/19	2022/23	Trend
General registration			
	90.9%	89.3%	▼
Limited registration			
	0.1%	<0.1%	●
Provisional registration			
	5.6%	6.6%	▲
Non-practising registration			
	3.5%	4.1%	●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

624	766	+22.8% ▲
	ACT	
9,637	10,613	+10.1% ▲
	NSW	
267	276	+3.4% ▲
	NT	
6,349	7,194	+13.3% ▲
	QLD	
2,235	2,579	+15.4% ▲
	SA	
784	897	+14.4% ▲
	TAS	
8,117	9,508	+17.1% ▲
	VIC	
3,346	3,995	+19.4% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

24,457	28,022	+14.6% ▲
	Metropolitan	
2,429	2,842	+17% ▲
	Regional	
1,684	1,897	+12.6% ▲
	Large rural	
851	915	+7.5% ▲
	Medium rural	
1,119	1,205	+7.7% ▲
	Small rural	
234	279	+19.2% ▲
	Remote	
84	103	+22.6% ▲
	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.