

Paramedicine workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



23,582 registered paramedics in Australia¹

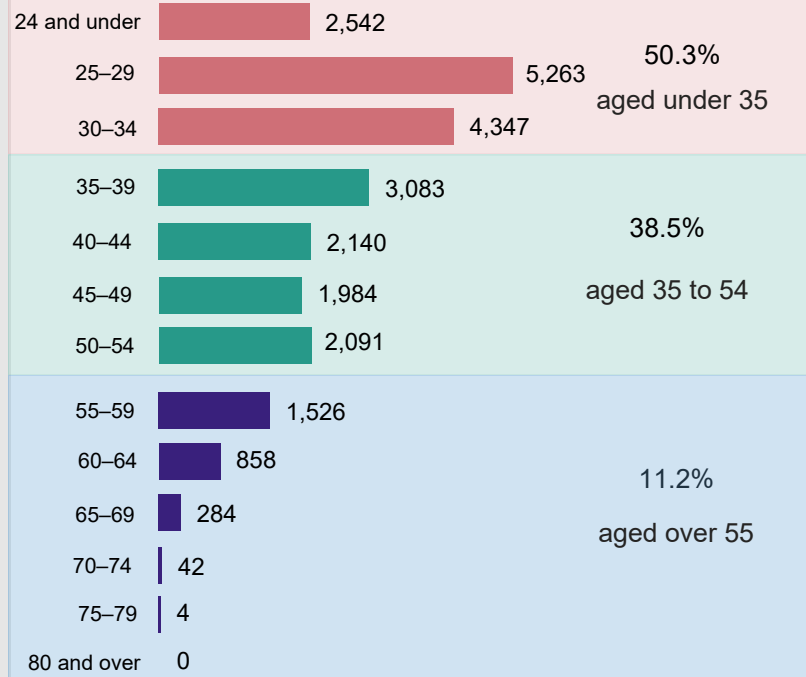
2.8% of regulated health practitioner workforce

89.1 paramedics per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



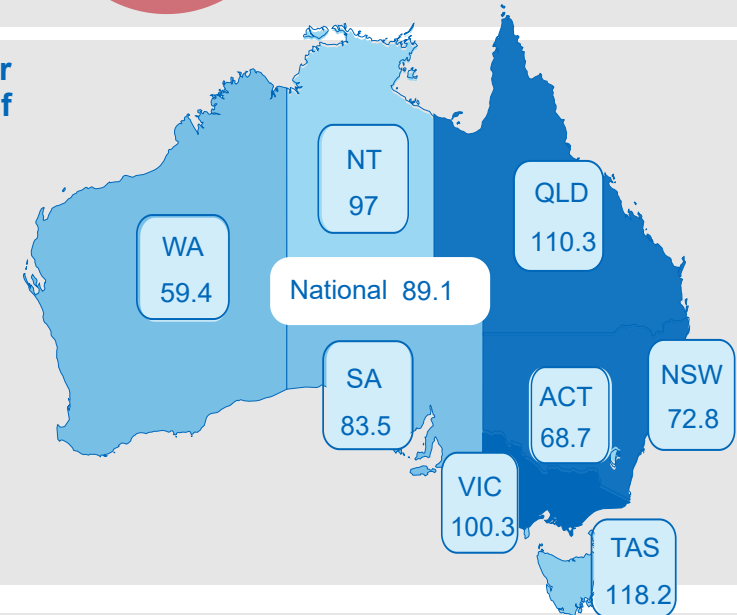
Age range at 2022/23



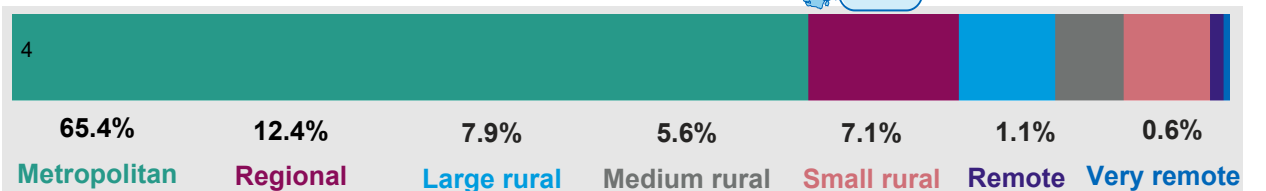
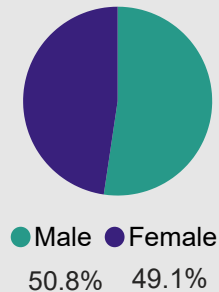
Average age

38 years

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



Gender



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 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 paramedics⁵

17,323	24,164	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
2.3%	2.8%	●
Paramedics per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
68.9	91.3	▲
Age		
Percentage of paramedics under the age of 35		
43.5%	50.3%	▲
Percentage of paramedics aged 35 to 54		
44.1%	38.5%	▼
Percentage of paramedics aged 55 and over		
12.4%	11.2%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female paramedics		
43%	49.1%	▲
Percentage of male paramedics		
56.9%	50.8%	▼

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

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

39.5% increase in registered paramedics

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
99.8%	97.6%	▼
Non-practising registration		
0.2%	2.4%	▲

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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

Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

258	ACT 337	+30.6% ▲
4,417	NSW 6,171	+39.7% ▲
172	NT 255	+48.3% ▲
4,582	QLD 6,130	+33.8% ▲
1,236	SA 1,585	+28.2% ▲
460	TAS 688	+49.6% ▲
5,108	VIC 6,928	+35.6% ▲
984	WA 1,743	+77.1% ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

11,036	Metropolitan 15,405	+39.6% ▲
2,012	Regional 2,923	+45.3% ▲
1,317	Large rural 1,857	+41% ▲
1,063	Medium rural 1,319	+24.1% ▲
1,256	Small rural 1,663	+32.4% ▲
181	Remote 265	+46.4% ▲
97	Very remote 138	+42.3% ▲

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.