

Dental practice now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance

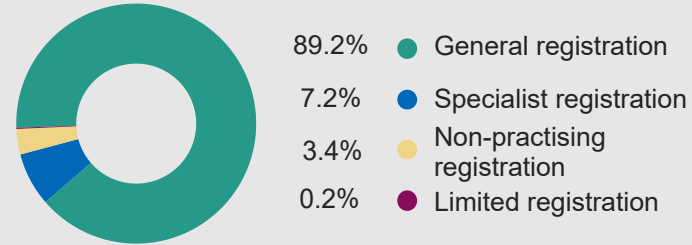


25,738 registered dental practitioners in Australia¹

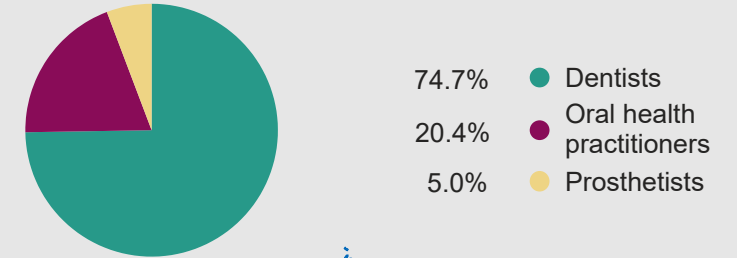
3.1% of regulated health practitioner workforce

96.0 health practitioners per 100,000 head of population

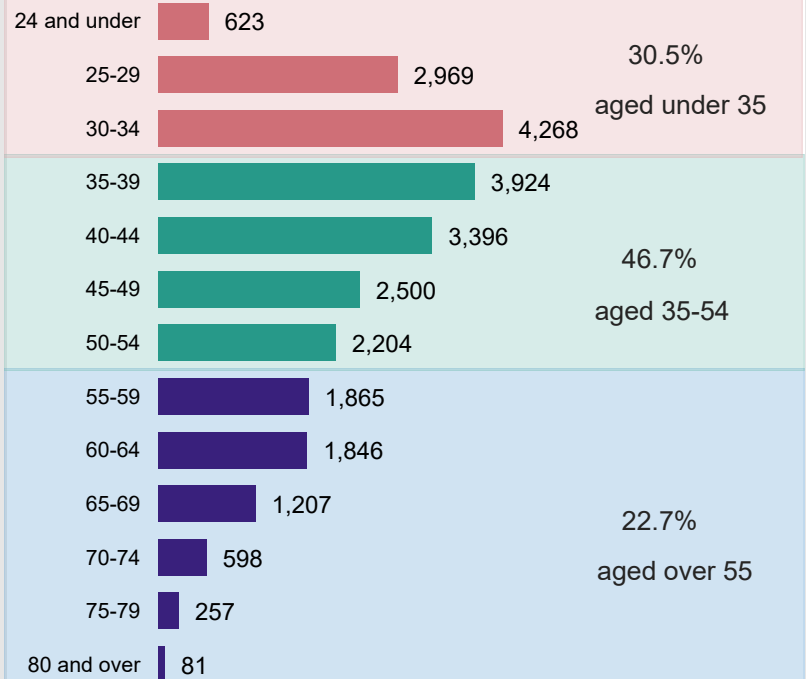
Registration types



Divisions



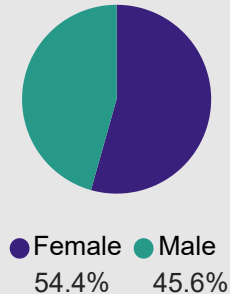
Age range at 2021/22



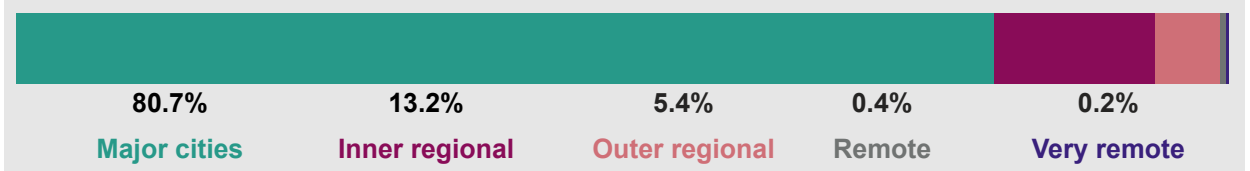
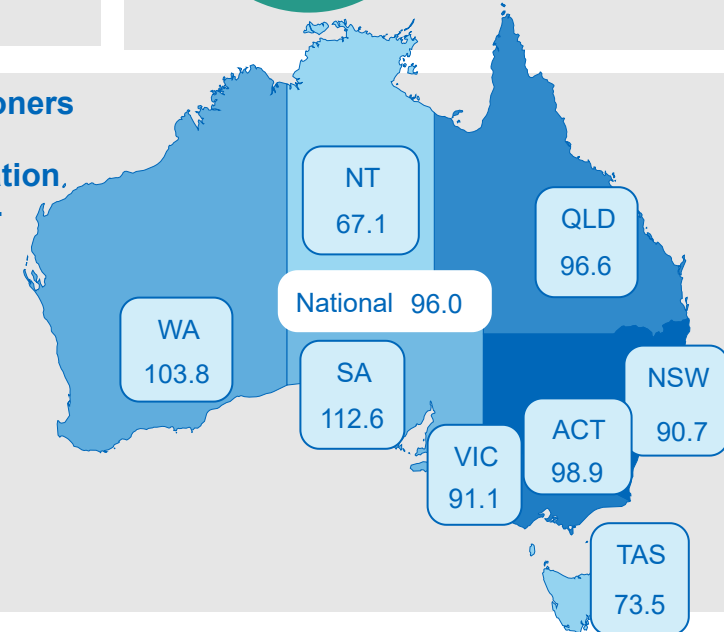
Average age (mean)

Average age is 43.6 years

Gender



Dental 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.

Dental practice now

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Registered dental practitioners

23,093	25,738	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
3.1%	3.1%	●
Practitioners per 100,000 head of population ¹		
92.5	99.4	▲
Age		
Percentage of dental practitioners under the age of 35		
31.6%	30.5%	▼
Percentage of dental practitioners aged 35 to 54		
44.2%	46.7%	▲
Percentage of dental practitioners aged 55 and over		
24.2%	22.7%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female dental practitioners		
51.2%	54.4%	▲
Percentage of male dental practitioners		
48.8%	45.6%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

11.5% increase in registered dental practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
89.6%	89.2%	▼
Specialist registration		
7.5%	7.2%	▼
Limited registration		
0.2%	0.2%	●
Non-practising registration		
2.6%	3.4%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

Dental practice now

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

416	464	+11.5 % ▲
ACT		
6,981	7,588	+8.7 % ▲
NSW		
168	171	+1.8 % ▲
NT		
4,602	5,257	+14.2 % ▲
QLD		
1,895	2,101	+10.9 % ▲
SA		
386	428	+10.9 % ▲
TAS		
5,351	6,160	+15.1 % ▲
VIC		
2,678	2,942	+9.9 % ▲
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

18,022	20,256	+12.4 % ▲
Major cities		
2,946	3,308	+12.3 % ▲
Inner regional		
1,320	1,363	+3.3 % ▲
Outer regional		
107	107	0.0 % ●
Remote		
57	54	-5.3 % ▼
Very remote		

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.