

# Pharmacy workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

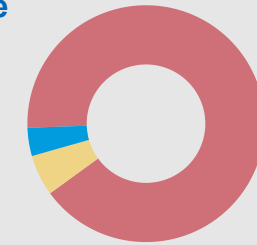


## 34,946 registered pharmacists in Australia<sup>1</sup>

4.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

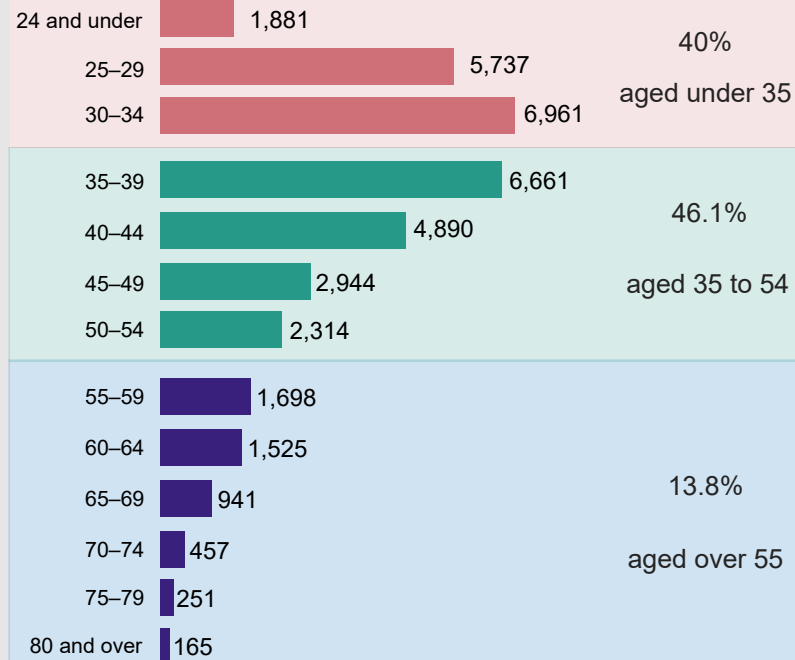
132 pharmacists per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>

## Registration type



|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| General        | 89.3% |
| Provisional    | 6.6%  |
| Non-practising | 4.1%  |

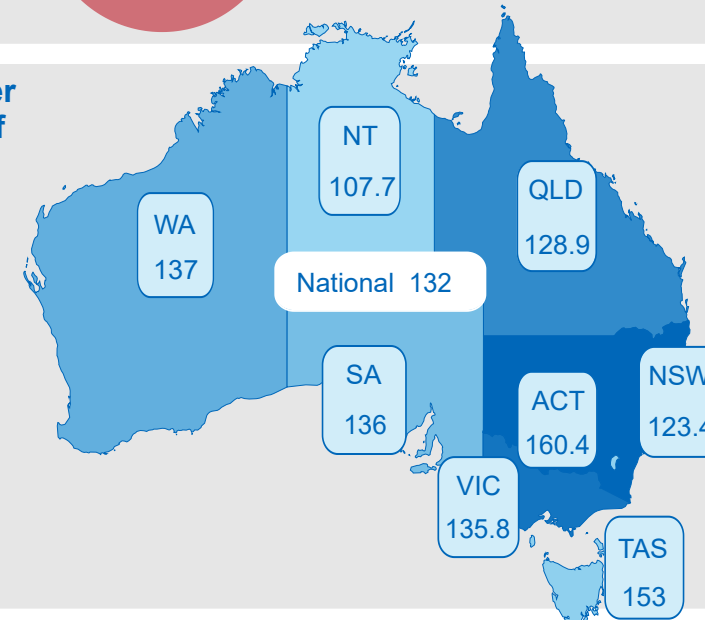
## Age range at 2022/23



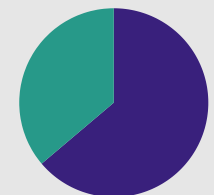
## Average age

40.3 years

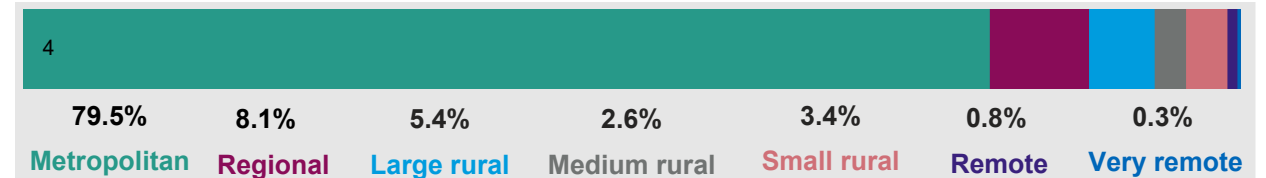
## Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants<sup>3</sup>



## 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

|        |   |   |
|--------|---|---|
|        | <b>Registered pharmacists<sup>5</sup></b>                     |   |
| 31,955 | <b>36,425</b>   | ▲ |
|        | <b>Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce</b>  |   |
| 4.3%   | <b>4.2%</b>   | ● |
|        | <b>Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population<sup>6</sup></b> |   |
| 127.1  | <b>137.6</b>  | ▲ |
|        | <b>Age</b>  |   |
|        | <b>Percentage of pharmacists under the age of 35</b>          |   |
| 43.4%  | <b>40%</b>  | ▼ |
|        | <b>Percentage of pharmacists aged 35 to 54</b>                |   |
| 41.2%  | <b>46.1%</b>  | ▲ |
|        | <b>Percentage of pharmacists aged 55 and over</b>             |   |
| 15.4%  | <b>13.8%</b>  | ▼ |
|        | <b>Gender</b>   |   |
|        | <b>Percentage of female pharmacists</b>                       |   |
| 62.8%  | <b>64.1%</b>  | ▲ |
|        | <b>Percentage of male pharmacists</b>                         |   |
| 37.2%  | <b>35.9%</b>  | ▼ |

## 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

|       |                                    |   |
|-------|------------------------------------|---|
|       | <b>General registration</b>        |   |
| 90.9% | <b>89.3%</b>                       | ▼ |
|       | <b>Limited registration</b>        |   |
| 0.1%  | <b>&lt;0.1%</b>                    | ● |
|       | <b>Provisional registration</b>    |   |
| 5.6%  | <b>6.6%</b>                        | ▲ |
|       | <b>Non-practising registration</b> |   |
| 3.5%  | <b>4.1%</b>                        | ● |

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 territories<sup>7</sup>

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

## Changes to workforce across remoteness areas<sup>8</sup>

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

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.