

Psychology workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

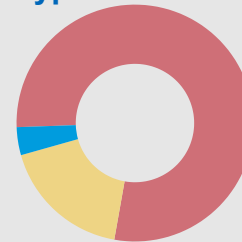


44,507 registered psychologists in Australia¹

5.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce

175.1 psychologists per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



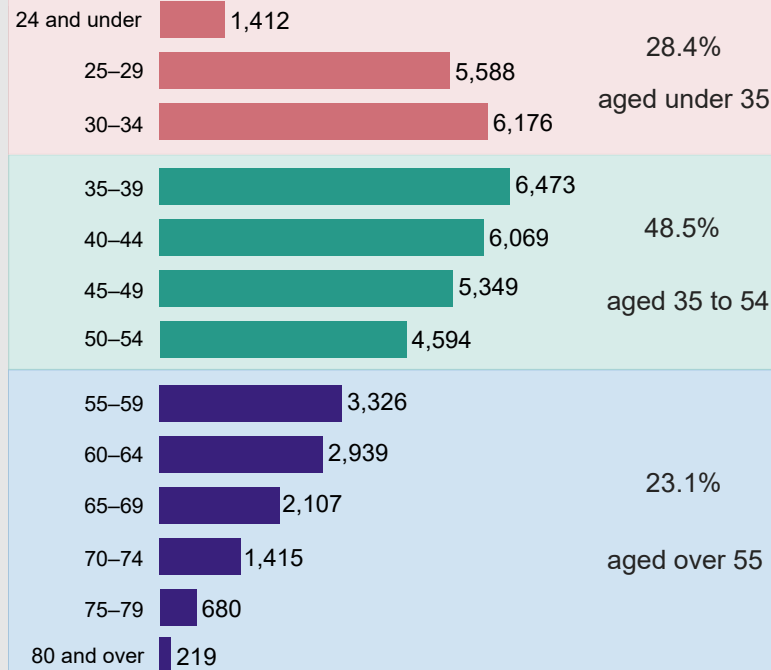
General	79.1%
Provisional	16.9%
Non-practising	4%

Endorsements

9 endorsements

35.2% have one or more area of practice endorsement

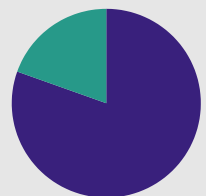
Age range at 2022/23



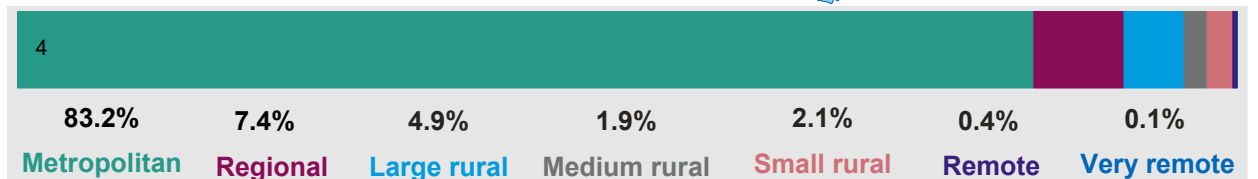
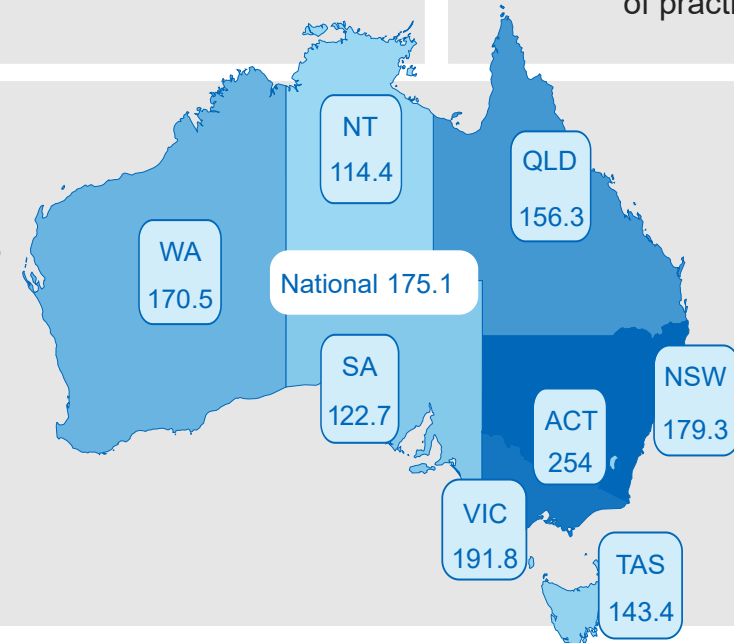
Average age

44.8 years

Gender



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



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.

2. Based on Australian Bureau 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).

Psychology workforce

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

Registered psychologists⁵

37,783 46,347 

Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce

5.1% 5.3% 

Psychologists per 100,000 head of population⁶

150.3 175.1 

Age

Percentage of psychologists under the age of 35

26.4% 28.4% 

Percentage of psychologists aged 35 to 54

48.3% 48.5% 

Percentage of psychologists aged 55 and over

25.3% 23.1% 

Gender

Percentage of female psychologists

80% 80.5% 

Percentage of male psychologists


20% 19.5% 


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


Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down 

Trend stable 

Trend up 

22.7% increase in registered psychologists

Changes to registration categories

General registration

81.2% 79.1% 

Provisional registration

14.3% 16.9% 

Non-practising registration

4.5% 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

1,002	1,180	+17.8% ▲
	ACT	
	NSW	
12,318	14,867	+20.7% ▲
	NT	
245	288	+17.6% ▲
	QLD	
6,804	8,470	+24.5% ▲
	SA	
1,817	2,264	+24.6% ▲
	TAS	
653	821	+25.7% ▲
	VIC	
10,415	12,977	+24.6% ▲
	WA	
3,903	4,868	+24.7% ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

30,230	37,178	+23% ▲
	Metropolitan	
	Regional	
2,471	3,315	+34.2% ▲
	Large rural	
1,873	2,178	+16.3% ▲
	Medium rural	
678	836	+23.3% ▲
	Small rural	
673	953	+41.6% ▲
	Remote	
164	179	+9.1% ▲
	Very remote	
46	52	+13% ▲

Changes to area of practice endorsements held by psychologists⁹

693	887	+28% ▲
	Clinical neuropsychology	
9,000	11,670	+29.7% ▲
	Clinical psychology	
54	52	- 3.7% ▼
	Community psychology	
974	1,057	+ 8.5% ▲
	Counselling psychology	
686	895	+30.5% ▲
	Educational and developmental psychology	
605	657	+8.6% ▲
	Forensic psychology	
327	338	+3.4% ▲
	Health psychology	
538	669	+24.3% ▲
	Organisational psychology	
96	108	+12.5% ▲
	Sport and exercise psychology	

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.

9. Psychologists with more than one endorsement are included in these figures for each endorsement they hold.