

Registered nurses

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

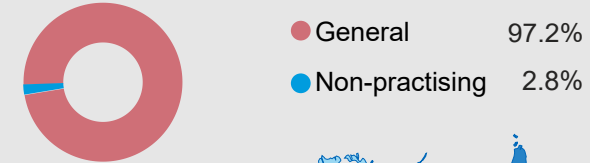


397,232 registered nurses in Australia¹

46.6% of regulated health practitioner workforce

1,500.8 registered nurses per 100,000 head of population²

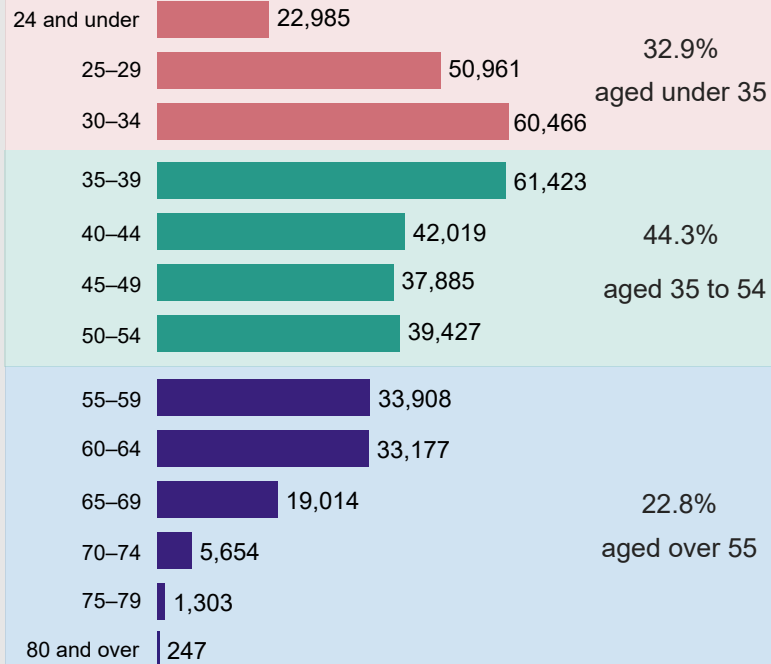
Registration type



Endorsements

2,656 Nurse practitioners
1,258 Scheduled medicines³

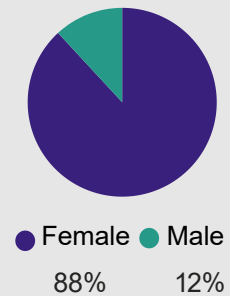
Age range at 2022/23



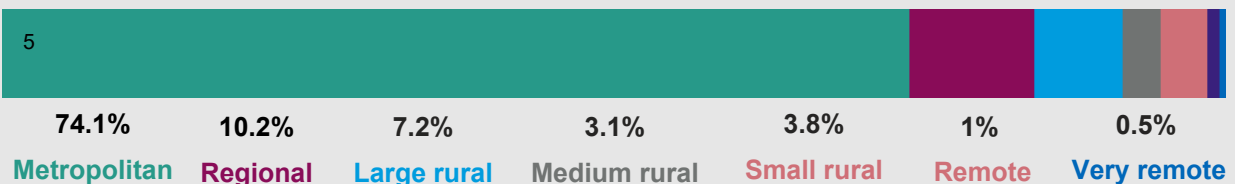
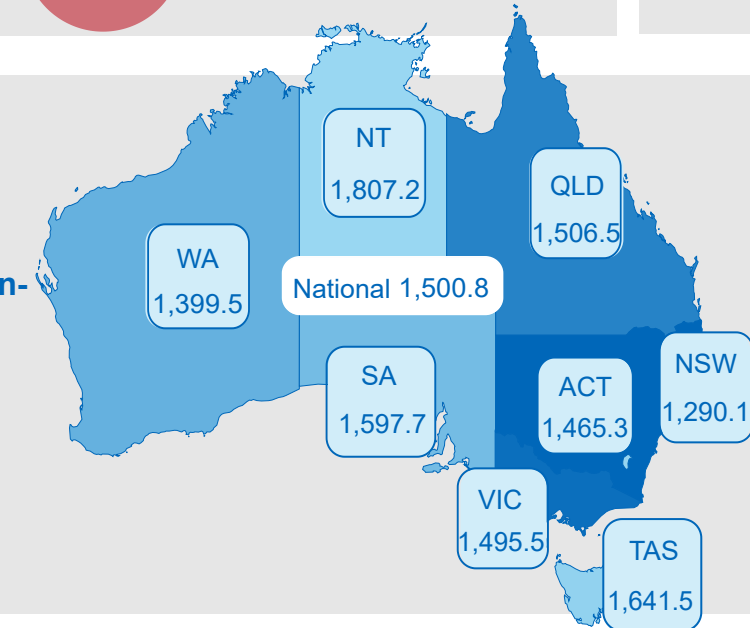
Average age

43 years

Gender



Registered nurses per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants⁴



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.
 2. Based on Australia Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.
 3. See above.
 4. Registered nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice) has been retired in 2023.
 5. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who did not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

Registered nurses

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

Registered nurses⁶

344,719	408,469	▲
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Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce

46.3%	46.6%	●
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Registered nurses per 100,000 head of population⁷

1,370.9	1,543.3	▲
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Age

Percentage of nurses under the age of 35

31.6%	32.9%	▲
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Percentage of nurses aged 35 to 54

43.2%	44.3%	▲
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Percentage of nurses aged 55 and over

25.2%	22.8%	▼
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Gender

Percentage of female registered nurses

88.5%	88%	●
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Percentage of male registered nurses

11.5%	12%	●
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Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

18.5% increase in registered nurses

Changes to registration categories

General registration

98.4%	97.2%	▼
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Provisional registration

0%	0%	●
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Non-practising registration

1.5%	2.8%	▲
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6. Includes non-practising practitioners.

7. See above.

Registered nurses

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

Changes to workforce across states and territories⁸

5,928	7,023	+18.5% ▲
ACT		
97,387	110,352	+13.3% ▲
NSW		
4,267	4,613	+8.1% ▲
NT		
69,358	83,720	+20.7% ▲
QLD		
26,078	30,320	+16.3% ▲
SA		
8,185	9,655	+18% ▲
TAS		
87,848	103,509	+17.8% ▲
VIC		
34,229	40,886	+19.4% ▲
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁹

243,155	284,198	+16.9% ▲
Metropolitan		
31,451	39,187	+24.6% ▲
Regional		
24,147	27,733	+14.9% ▲
Large rural		
10,366	11,786	+13.7% ▲
Medium rural		
13,122	14,599	+11.3% ▲
Small rural		
3,641	3,880	+6.6% ▲
Remote		
1,762	1,895	+7.5% ▲
Very remote		

Changes to endorsements

1,883	2,656	+41.1% ▲
Nurse practitioner		
1,183	1,258	+6.3% ▲
Scheduled medicines		

8. Excludes practitioners who do not a PPP in Australia recorded on the public register. These practitioners usually reside overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

9. See above.