

Dental practice now: Dental prosthetists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022



Workforce at a glance

1,286 registered dental prosthetists in Australia¹

5.0% of the dental profession

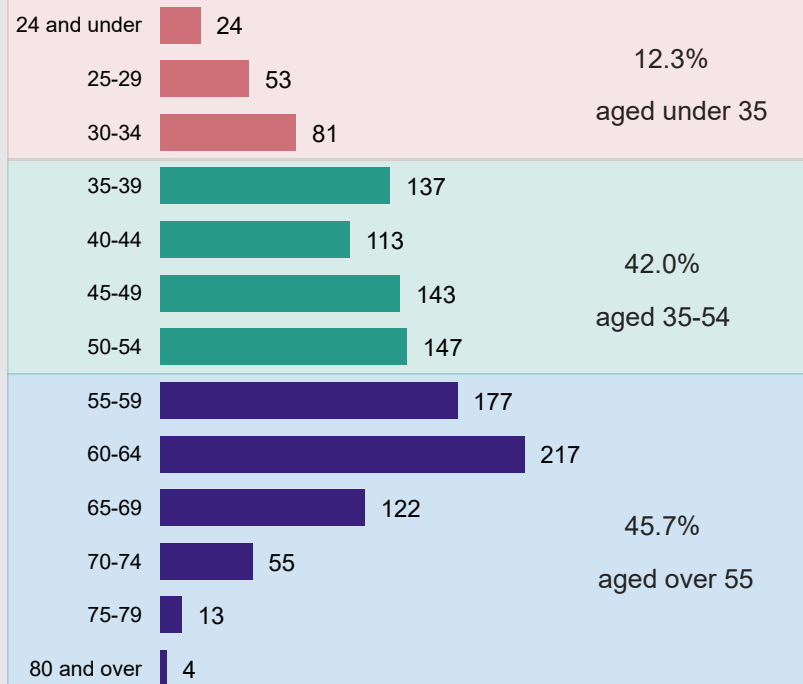
0.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

4.8 dental prosthetists per 100,000 head of population

Registration types



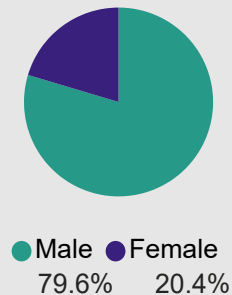
Age range at 2021/22



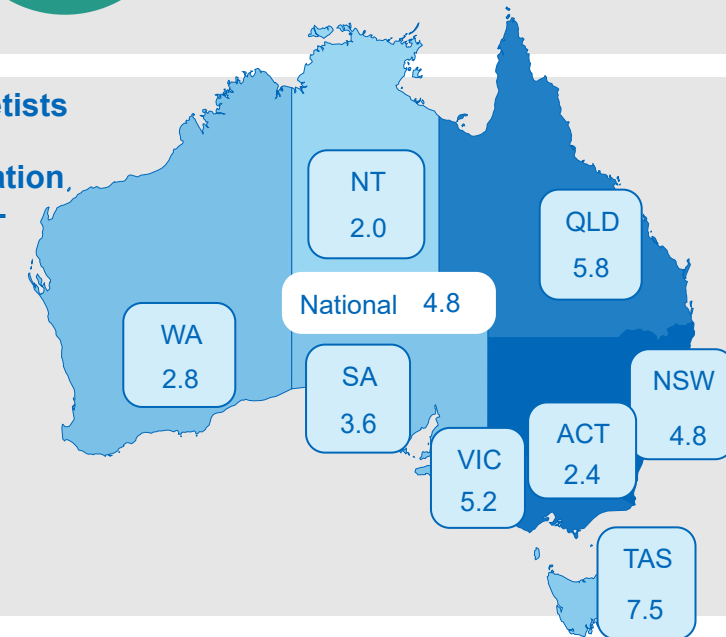
Average age (mean)

51.2 years

Gender



Dental prosthetists 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.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Registered dental prosthetists

1,266	1,286	▲
0.2%	0.2%	●
5.1	5.0	▼
Age		
13.5%	12.3%	▼
42.2%	42.0%	▼
44.3%	45.7%	▲
Gender		
17.9%	20.4%	▲
82.1%	79.6%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

1.6% increase in registered dental prosthetists

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
97.4%	96.9%	▼
Non-practising registration		
2.6%	3.1%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

14	11	-21.4 % ▼
ACT		
407	404	-0.7 % ▼
NSW		
6	5	-16.7 % ▼
NT		
270	322	+19.3 % ▲
QLD		
71	66	-7.0 % ▼
SA		
47	43	-8.5 % ▼
TAS		
359	352	-1.9 % ▼
VIC		
89	79	-11.2 % ▼
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

925	947	+2.4 % ▲
Major cities		
256	252	-1.6 % ▼
Inner regional		
80	80	0.0 % ●
Outer regional		
2	3	+50.0 % ▲
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.