

# Dental practice now: Dentists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

## Workforce at a glance



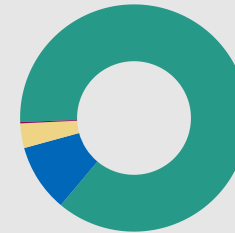
**19,219** registered dentists in Australia<sup>1</sup>

74.7% of the dental profession

2.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce

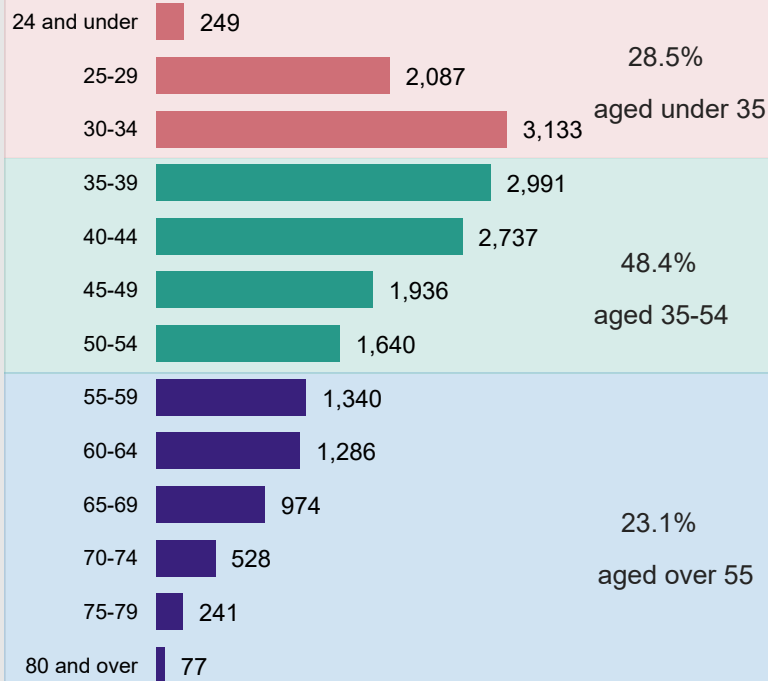
71.6 dentists per 100,000 head of population

### Registration types



General registration	86.7%
Specialist registration	9.6%
Non-practising registration	3.5%
Limited registration	0.2%

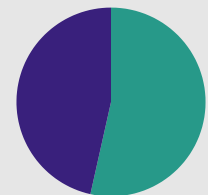
### Age range at 2021/22



### Average age (mean)

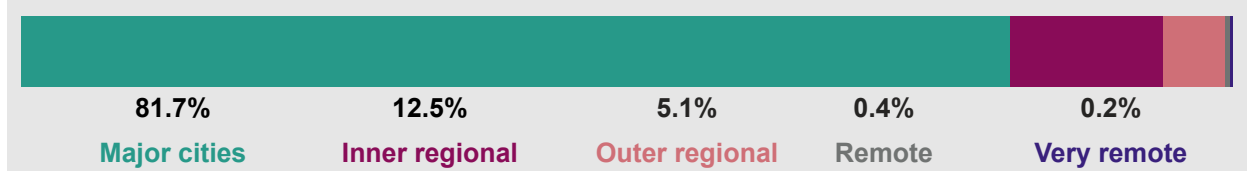
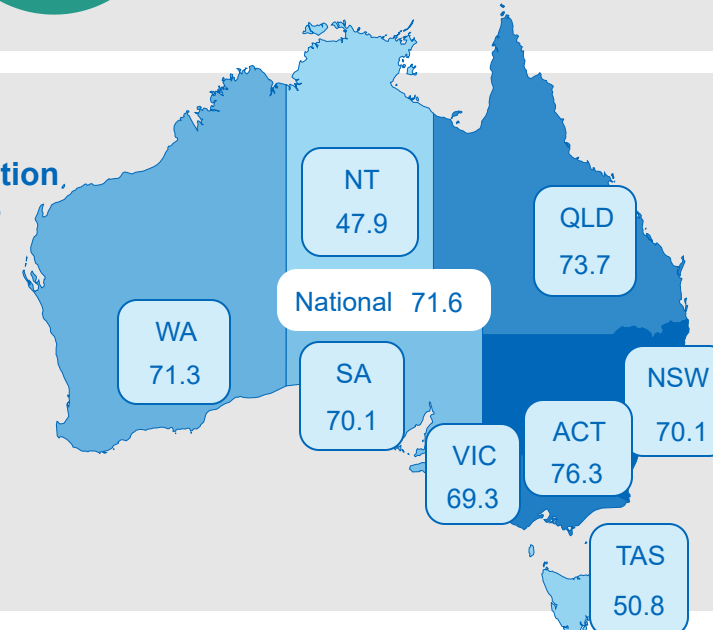
44.1 years

### Gender



Male 53.5% Female 46.5%

### Dentists 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 dentists

17,255	19,219	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
2.3%	2.3%	●
Practitioners per 100,000 head of population <sup>1</sup>		
69.1	74.2	▲
Age		
Percentage of dentists under the age of 35		
30.0%	28.5%	▼
Percentage of dentists aged 35 to 54		
45.4%	48.4%	▲
Percentage of dentists aged 55 and over		
24.7%	23.1%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female dentists		
42.6%	46.5%	▲
Percentage of male dentists		
57.4%	53.5%	▼

## Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

### Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

11.4%

increase in registered dentists

## Changes to registration categories

General registration		
87.0%	86.7%	▼
Specialist registration		
10.1%	9.6%	▼
Limited registration		
0.3%	0.2%	▼
Non-practising registration		
2.6%	3.5%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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## Changes to workforce across states and territories<sup>1</sup>

312	<b>357</b>	+14.4 % ▲
	<b>ACT</b>	
5,435	<b>5,857</b>	+7.8 % ▲
	<b>NSW</b>	
113	<b>122</b>	+8.0 % ▲
	<b>NT</b>	
3,480	<b>3,994</b>	+14.8 % ▲
	<b>QLD</b>	
1,199	<b>1,309</b>	+9.2 % ▲
	<b>SA</b>	
253	<b>297</b>	+17.4 % ▲
	<b>TAS</b>	
4,081	<b>4,688</b>	+14.9 % ▲
	<b>VIC</b>	
1,818	<b>2,018</b>	+11.0 % ▲
	<b>WA</b>	

## Changes to workforce across remoteness areas<sup>1</sup>

13,560	<b>15,215</b>	+12.2 % ▲
	<b>Major cities</b>	
2,068	<b>2,335</b>	+12.9 % ▲
	<b>Inner regional</b>	
931	<b>957</b>	+2.8 % ▲
	<b>Outer regional</b>	
71	<b>73</b>	+2.8 % ▲
	<b>Remote</b>	
41	<b>43</b>	+4.9 % ▲
	<b>Very remote</b>	

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.

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## Change to dentist principal speciality

### Dento-maxillofacial radiology

11      15      +36.4 % ▲

### Endodontics

173      186      +7.5 % ▲

### Forensic odontology

24      20      -16.7 % ▼

### Oral and maxillofacial surgery

221      253      +14.5 % ▲

### Oral medicine

35      46      +31.4 % ▲

### Oral and maxillofacial pathology

23      19      -17.4 % ▼

### Oral surgery

49      60      +22.4 % ▲

### Orthodontics

617      634      +2.8 % ▲

## Change to dentist principal speciality - continued

### Paediatric dentistry

149      163      +9.4 % ▲

### Periodontics

232      251      +8.2 % ▲

### Prosthodontics

225      228      +1.3 % ▲

### Public health dentistry

16      15      -6.3 % ▼

### Special needs dentistry

18      25      +38.9 % ▲