

Physiotherapy now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance



39,702 registered physiotherapists in Australia¹

316 physiotherapists on the pandemic response sub-register

40,018 physiotherapists in total

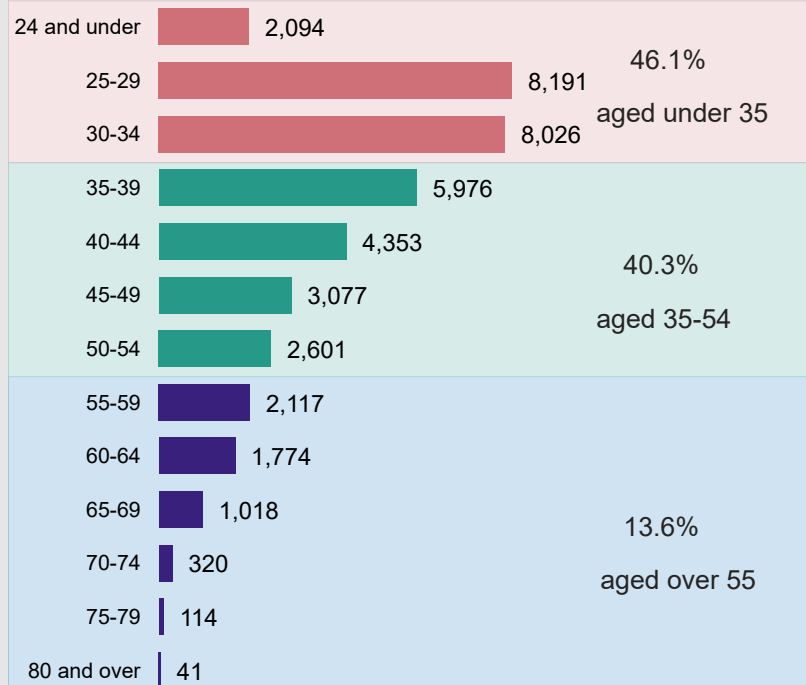
4.8% of regulated health practitioner workforce

147.7 physiotherapists per 100,000 head of population

Registration type



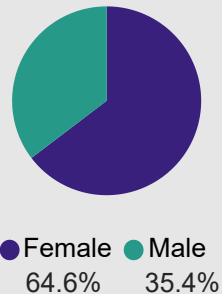
Age range at 2021/22



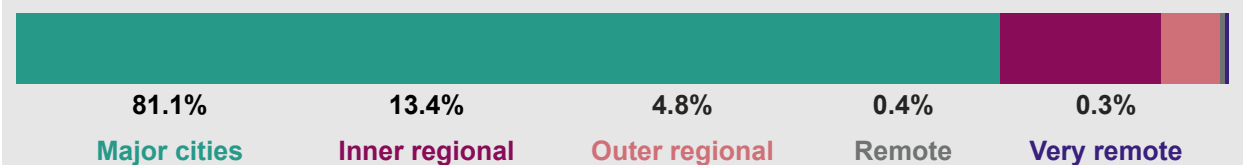
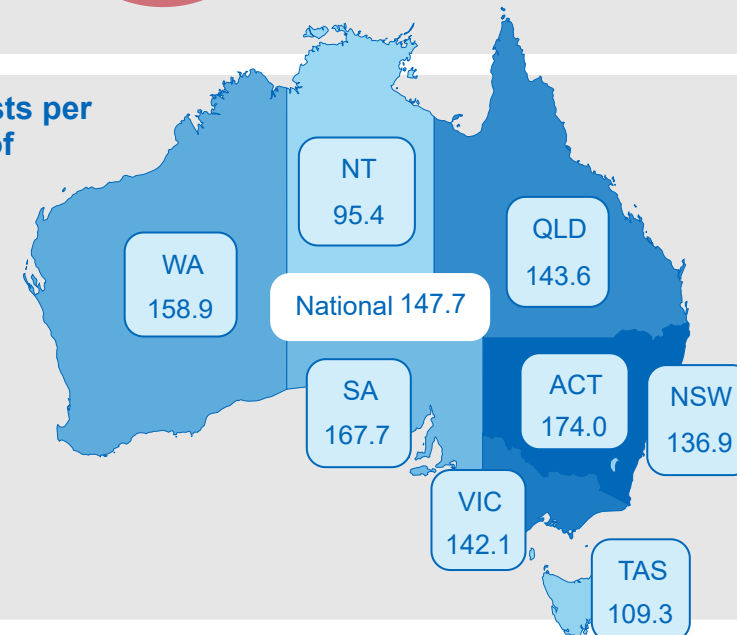
Average age (mean)

38.8 years

Gender



Physiotherapists 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 physiotherapists

31,995	39,702	▲
4.3%	4.8%	▲
128.2	153.3	▲
Age		
46.2%	46.1%	▼
39.6%	40.3%	▲
14.2%	13.6%	▼
Gender		
66.9%	64.6%	▼
33.1%	35.4%	▲

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

24.1% increase in registered physiotherapists

Changes to registration categories

95.0%	93.4%	▼
1.5%	2.9%	▲
3.5%	3.6%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

646	812	+25.7 % ▲
NSW		
9,279	11,491	+23.8 % ▲
NT		
182	243	+33.5 % ▲
QLD		
6,089	7,826	+28.5 % ▲
SA		
2,489	3,111	+25.0 % ▲
TAS		
489	633	+29.4 % ▲
VIC		
7,848	9,663	+23.1 % ▲
WA		
3,748	4,558	+21.6 % ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

Major cities		
25,115	31,066	+23.7 % ▲
Inner regional		
3,865	5,114	+32.3 % ▲
Outer regional		
1,507	1,842	+22.2 % ▲
Remote		
128	162	+26.6 % ▲
Very remote		
95	104	+9.5 % ▲

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.