

Pharmacists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

At a glance



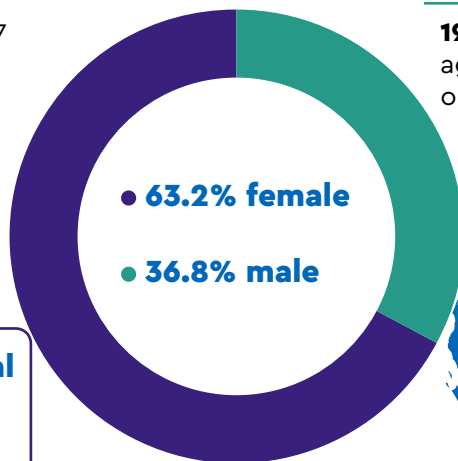
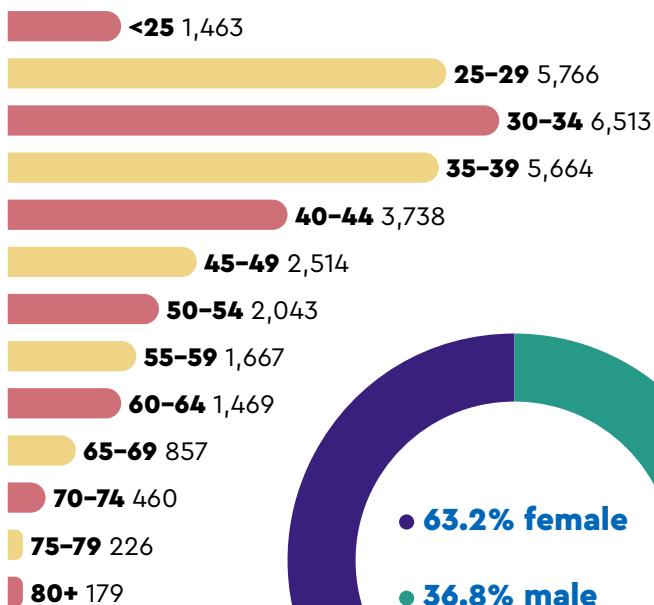
32,559 registered pharmacists in Australia

1,953 pharmacists on the pandemic sub-register

34,512 pharmacists in total¹

- **4.2%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **123** pharmacists per 100,000 head of population²

Age breakdown at 2019/2020



86.7% have initial qualifications from Australia³

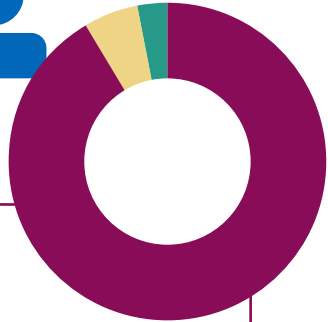
8.6% work 50 hours or more per week

65.7% work 35 or more hours per week

34.3% work less than 35 hours per week

13.3% work less than 20 hours per week

7.6% of employed pharmacists work no clinical hours³

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- **91.3% general registration**
 - **5.7% provisional/intern registration**
 - **2.9% non-practising registration**

42.2% under the age of 35

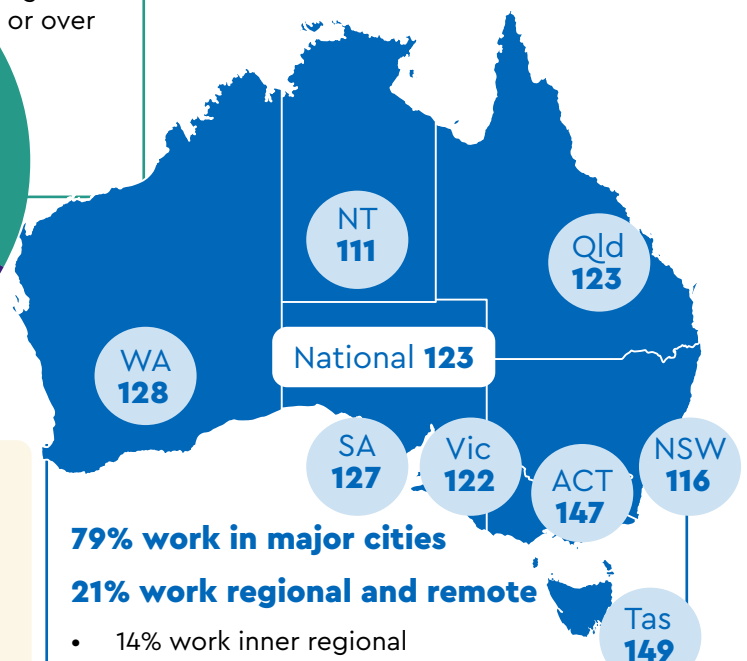
42.9% in the age group of 35-54

19.9% aged 55 or over

Average age is **40 years**

0.7% pharmacists identified as **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander³**

Rate of pharmacists per 100,000 head of population²



79% work in major cities

21% work regional and remote

- 14% work inner regional
- 6% work outer regional
- 1% work remote and very remote

¹The calculations on this page are based on the pharmacy profession without the pandemic response sub-register where separating the data is possible.

²Excluding non-practising pharmacists.

³Source: National Health Workforce Data Set (NHWDS).

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Trends: 5 years to 2019/20

9.6% increase in registered pharmacists

1.8% decrease in student registration

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered pharmacists	29,717	32,559	↑
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	4.5%	4.2%	↓
Percentage of pharmacists in Australia's population	0.12%	0.12%	→
Percentage of pharmacists under the age of 35	46.7%	42.2%	↓
Percentage of pharmacists aged 35 to 54	36.8%	42.9%	↑
Percentage of pharmacists over the age of 55	16.5%	14.9%	↓
Percentage of male pharmacists	38.6%	36.9%	↓
Percentage of female pharmacists	61.4%	63.2%	↑

Changes to pharmacy workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	516	645	25.0% ↑
NSW	9,171	9,685	5.6% ↑
NT	217	277	27.6% ↑
Qld	5,843	6,465	10.6% ↑
SA	2,142	2,275	6.2% ↑
Tas	701	813	16.0% ↑
Vic	7,360	8,379	13.8% ↑
WA	3,163	3,447	9.0% ↑

Changes to registration categories

- General registration increased from 90.7% to **91.3% of registrants**
- Provisional/intern registration decreased from 5.8% to **5.7% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration decreased from 3.5% to **2.9% of registrants**

Changes to pharmacy workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	22,865	25,180	10.1% ↑
Inner regional	4,145	4,551	9.8% ↑
Outer regional	1,803	1,910	5.9% ↑
Remote	146	168	15.1% ↑
Very remote	101	119	17.8% ↑