

Midwives

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

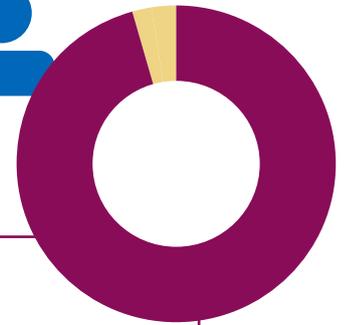
At a glance



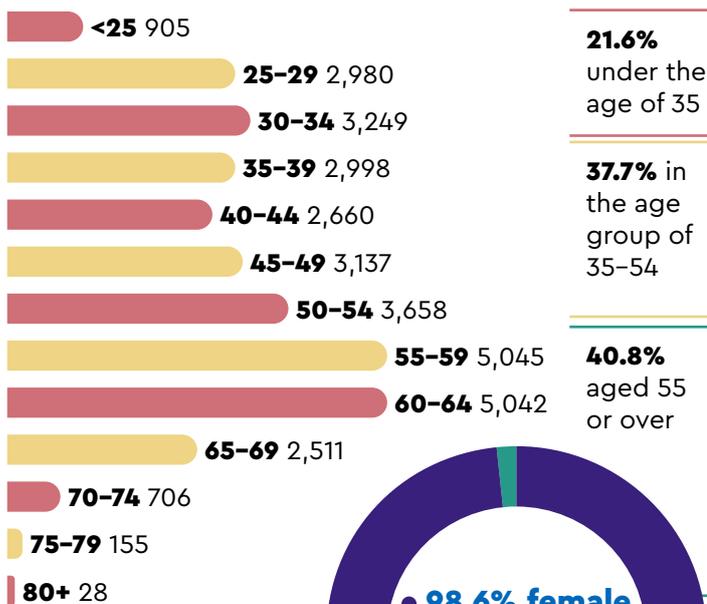
33,074 registered midwives in Australia
26,881 also hold registration in nursing
2,941 midwives on the pandemic sub-register
36,045 midwives in total¹

- **4.3%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **122** midwives per 100,000 head of population²

- **94.6%** general registration
- **5.49%** non-practising registration



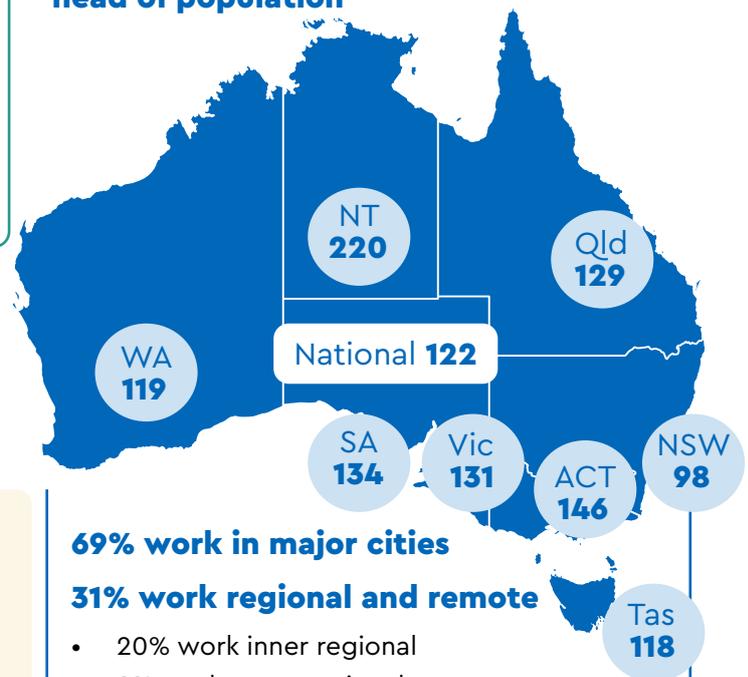
Age breakdown at 2019/2020



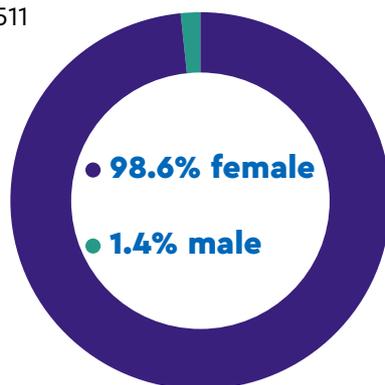
1.3% midwives identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander³

Average age is **48.3 years**

Rate of midwives per 100,000 head of population²



87.6% have initial qualifications from Australia³



7.2% work 50 hours or more per week

45.0% work 35 or more hours per week

55.0% work less than 35 hours per week

11.3% work less than 20 hours per week

7.0% of employed midwives work no clinical hours²

69% work in major cities

31% work regional and remote

- 20% work inner regional
- 9% work outer regional
- 1% work remote
- 1% work very remote

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

² Excluding non-practising midwives.

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

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Trends: 5 years to 2019/20



2.2% decrease in registered midwives

4.7% increase in student registration

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered midwives	33,821	33,047	↓
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	5.1%	4.3%	↓
Percentage of midwives in Australia's population	0.14%	0.13%	↓
Percentage of midwives under the age of 35	16.4%	21.6%	↑
Percentage of midwives aged 35 to 54	41.4%	37.7%	↓
Percentage of midwives over the age of 55	42.3%	40.8%	↓
Percentage of male midwives	1.6%	1.4%	↓
Percentage of female midwives	98.4%	98.6%	↑

Changes to midwifery workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	699	685	2.0% ↓
NSW	9,645	8,899	7.7% ↓
NT	593	551	7.1% ↓
Qld	6,789	6,956	2.5% ↑
SA	2,645	2,464	6.8% ↓
Tas	668	667	0.1% ↓
Vic	8,950	9,072	1.4% ↑
WA	3,353	3,274	2.4% ↓

Changes to registration categories

- General registration increased from 94% to **94.6% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration decreased from 6% to **5.4% of registrants**

Changes to midwife workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	22,807	22,538	1.2% ↓
Inner regional	6,558	6,405	2.3% ↓
Outer regional	3,107	2,863	7.9% ↓
Remote	427	380	11.0% ↓
Very remote	346	310	10.4% ↓