

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering physiotherapists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the physiotherapy profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained physiotherapists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About Ahpra](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that physiotherapists (as well as nurses, midwives, pharmacists, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These physiotherapists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

For more information on physiotherapy registration, please see the Board's website www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

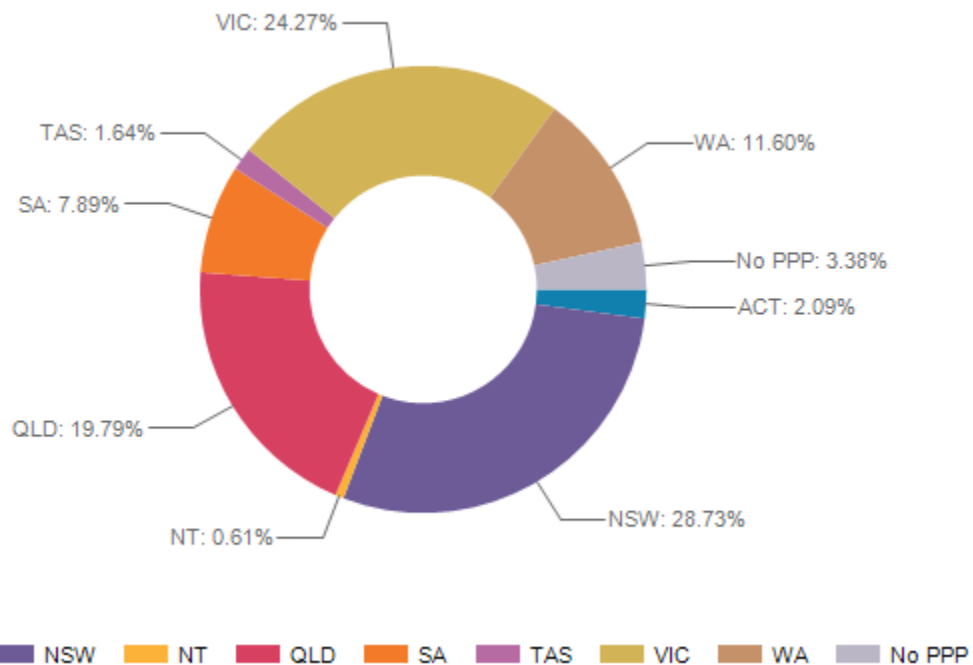
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type and subtype by principal place of practice

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		830	11,220	245	7,770	3,103	634	9,334	4,551	1,037	38,724
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	13	322	6	222	99	33	454	103	16	1,268
	Teaching or research		6		7			2			15
Non-practising		32	465	5	277	96	20	359	197	362	1,813
Total		875	12,013	256	8,276	3,298	687	10,149	4,851	1,415	41,820*

* Total figure includes 19 physiotherapists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Registrations by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements by type

Table 1.3 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture							6			6

The Physiotherapy Board does not have an approved program or pathway for acupuncture endorsement. There are currently practitioners with an acupuncture endorsement as a result of Victoria having different legislation before the start of the National Scheme.

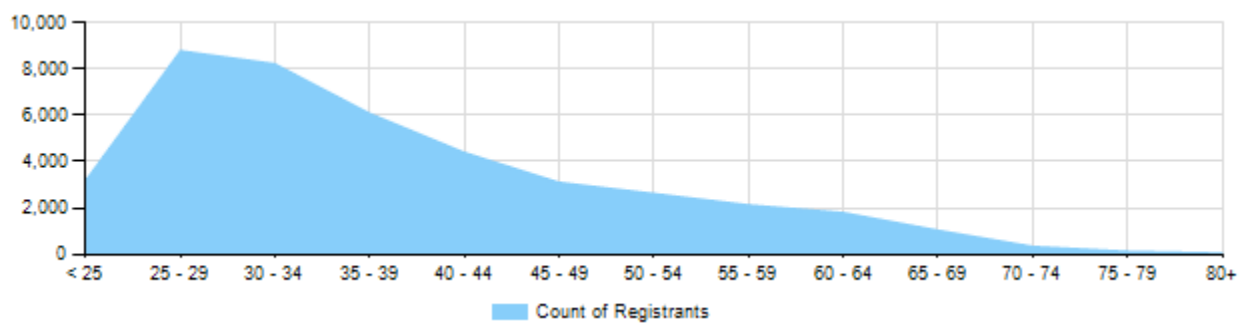
Age group

Registration type and subtype

Table 2.1 Registration by age group

Age group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
< 25	3,170	10		5	3,185
25 - 29	8,203	427		159	8,789
30 - 34	7,483	457	1	286	8,227
35 - 39	5,549	265	2	270	6,086
40 - 44	4,087	90	3	215	4,395
45 - 49	2,899	17	3	179	3,098
50 - 54	2,473	1	2	139	2,615
55 - 59	1,992	1	3	126	2,122
60 - 64	1,614		1	176	1,791
65 - 69	873			155	1,028
70 - 74	271			56	327
75 - 79	84			32	116
80+	26			15	41
Total	38,724	1,268	15	1,813	41,820

Table 2.2 Registration by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 3.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		540	6,931	169	4,840	1,893	435	6,090	3,146	697	24,741
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	11	210	5	134	74	17	303	70	12	836
		Teaching or research		3		6						9
	Non-practising		24	342	4	191	69	13	280	140	263	1,326
Total Female			575	7,486	178	5,171	2,036	465	6,673	3,356	972	26,912
Male	General		290	4,289	76	2,930	1,210	199	3,244	1,405	340	13,983
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	112	1	88	25	16	151	33	4	432
		Teaching or research		3		1			2			6
	Non-practising		8	123	1	86	27	7	79	57	99	487
Total Male			300	4,527	78	3,105	1,262	222	3,476	1,495	443	14,908
Total			875	12,013	256	8,276	3,298	687	10,149	4,851	1,415	41,820

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	65.7%	62.3%	69.5%	62.5%	61.7%	67.7%	65.8%	69.2%	68.7%	64.4%
Male	34.3%	37.7%	30.5%	37.5%	38.3%	32.3%	34.2%	30.8%	31.3%	35.6%