

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.

Ahpra and the Board established a short-term pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months (or less if the pandemic subsides) to help with fast tracking the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners. The pandemic response sub-register came into effect on 6 April 2020. Eligible physiotherapists were added to the pandemic response sub-register on 20 April 2020. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

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

Principal place of practice

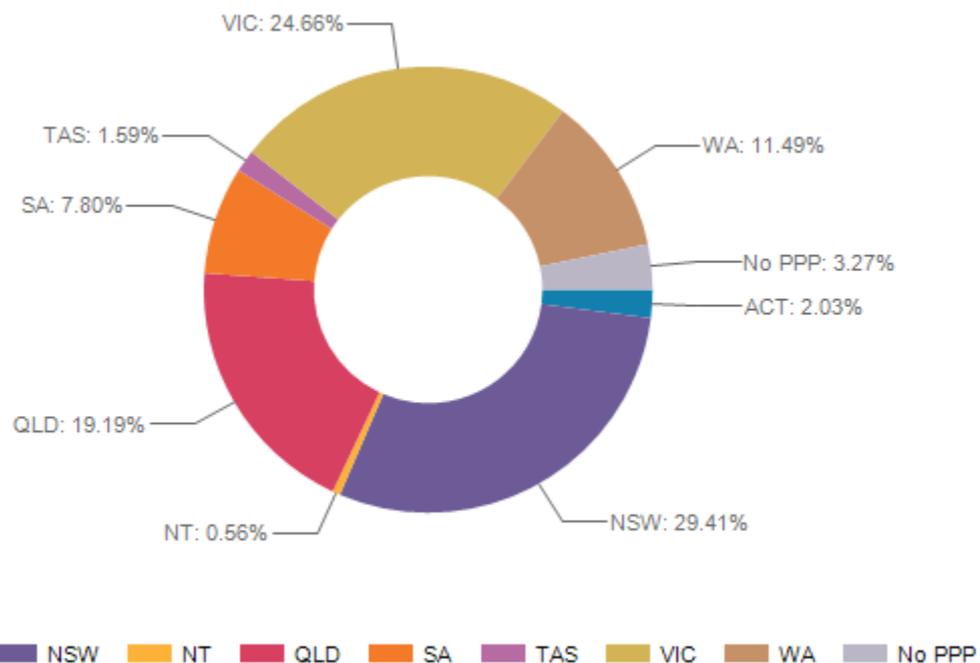
Registration type

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		765	10,944	215	7,156	2,924	589	9,050	4,319	949	36,911
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	9	217	2	126	58	18	310	55	5	800
	Teaching or research		8		6			2			16
Non-practising		13	219		144	37	9	189	76	313	1,000
Total		787	11,388	217	7,432	3,019	616	9,551	4,450	1,267	38,727*

* 2,051 eligible physiotherapists that are part of the short-term pandemic response sub-register are included in the above table.

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							7			7

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.

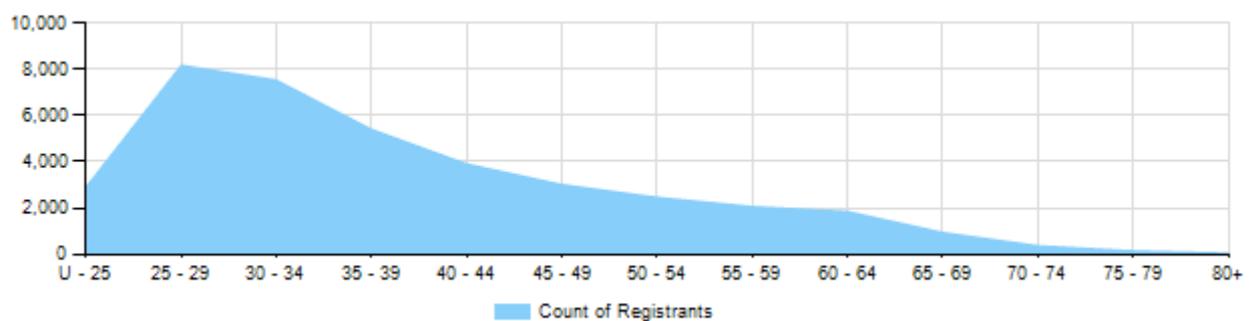
Age group

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		
U - 25	2,879	12		6	2,897
25 - 29	7,802	274		103	8,179
30 - 34	7,087	295		158	7,540
35 - 39	5,113	144	3	140	5,400
40 - 44	3,710	58	4	131	3,903
45 - 49	2,869	13	4	118	3,004
50 - 54	2,371	3	4	74	2,452
55 - 59	1,973		1	79	2,053
60 - 64	1,758	1		84	1,843
65 - 69	879			51	930
70 - 74	321			34	355
75 - 79	119			13	132
80+	30			9	39
Total	36,911	800	16	1,000	38,727

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		505	6,865	154	4,523	1,828	420	5,976	3,006	634	23,911
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	7	147	2	80	46	10	209	40	2	543
		Teaching or research		3		5						8
	Non-practising		12	167		106	30	6	148	56	232	757
Total Female			524	7,182	156	4,714	1,904	436	6,333	3,102	868	25,219
Male	General		260	4,079	61	2,633	1,096	169	3,074	1,313	315	13,000
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	70		46	12	8	101	15	3	257
		Teaching or research		5		1			2			8
	Non-practising		1	52		38	7	3	41	20	81	243
Total Male			263	4,206	61	2,718	1,115	180	3,218	1,348	399	13,508
Total			787	11,388	217	7,432	3,019	616	9,551	4,450	1,267	38,727

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	66.6%	63.1%	71.9%	63.4%	63.1%	70.8%	66.3%	69.7%	68.5%	65.1%
Male	33.4%	36.9%	28.1%	36.6%	36.9%	29.2%	33.7%	30.3%	31.5%	34.9%