

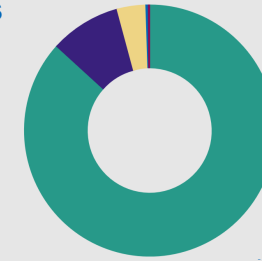
# Dentists

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



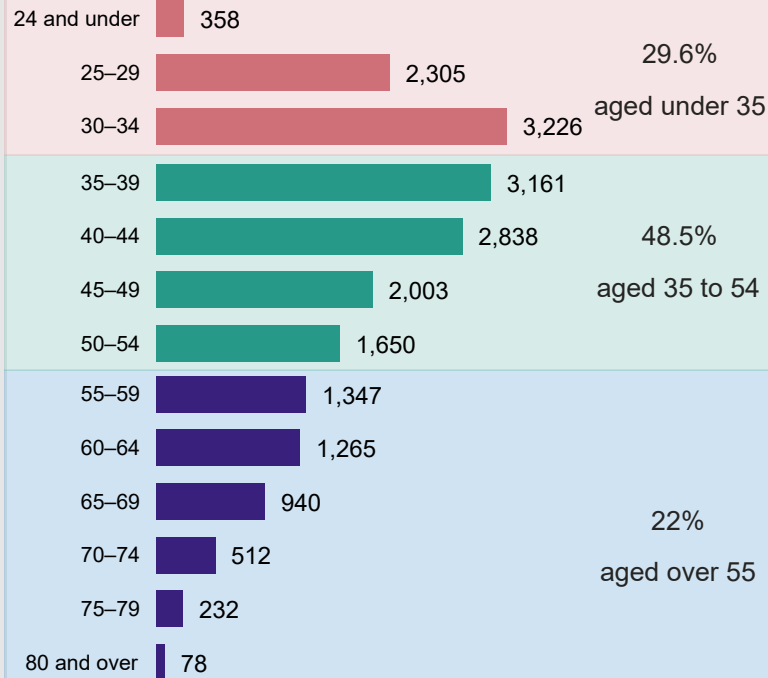
**19,179** registered dentists in Australia<sup>1</sup>  
 74.6% of the dental practice profession  
 2.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce  
 72.5 dentists per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>

## Registration types



|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| General registration                | 86.6% |
| General and specialist registration | 9.1%  |
| Specialist registration             | 0.3%  |
| Non-practising registration         | 3.7%  |
| Limited registration                | 0.2%  |

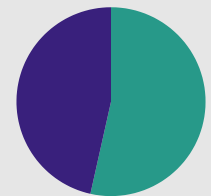
## Age range at 2022/23



## Average age

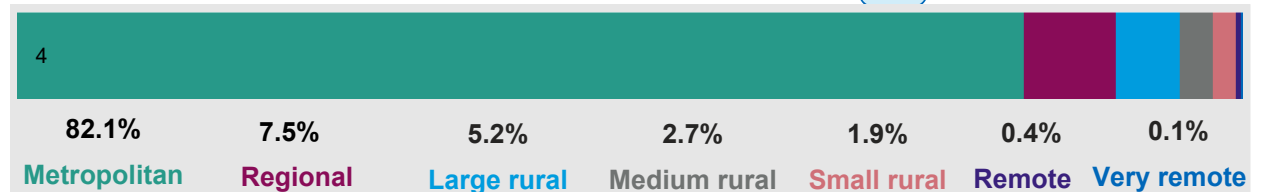
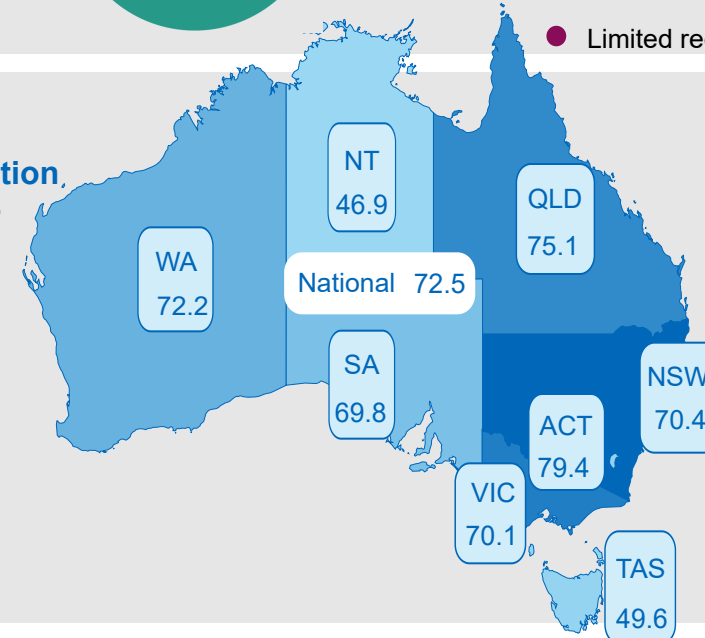
43.5 years

## Gender



Male 52.4%  
 Female 47.6%

## Dentists per 100,000 head of population, excluding non-practising registrants<sup>3</sup>



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.  
 2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.  
 3. See above  
 4. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who did not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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FIVE-YEAR TREND FROM 2018/19 TO 2022/23

## Registered dentists<sup>5</sup>

|        |               |   |
|--------|---------------|---|
| 17,744 | <b>19,915</b> | ▲ |
|--------|---------------|---|

## Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 2.4% | <b>2.3%</b> | ● |
|------|-------------|---|

## Practitioners per 100,000 head of population<sup>6</sup>

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 70.6 | <b>75.2</b> | ▲ |
|------|-------------|---|

## Age

### Percentage of dentists under the age of 35

|       |              |   |
|-------|--------------|---|
| 31.6% | <b>29.6%</b> | ▼ |
|-------|--------------|---|

### Percentage of dentists aged 35 to 54

|       |              |   |
|-------|--------------|---|
| 44.8% | <b>48.5%</b> | ▲ |
|-------|--------------|---|

### Percentage of dentists aged 55 and over

|       |            |   |
|-------|------------|---|
| 23.6% | <b>22%</b> | ▼ |
|-------|------------|---|

## Gender

### Percentage of female dentists

|       |              |   |
|-------|--------------|---|
| 43.5% | <b>47.6%</b> | ▲ |
|-------|--------------|---|

### Percentage of male dentists

|       |              |   |
|-------|--------------|---|
| 56.5% | <b>52.4%</b> | ▼ |
|-------|--------------|---|

## Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23

### Table key

|         |
|---------|
| 2018/19 |
|---------|

|         |
|---------|
| 2022/23 |
|---------|

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

**11.4% increase in registered dentists**

## Changes to registration categories

### General registration

|       |              |   |
|-------|--------------|---|
| 87.1% | <b>86.6%</b> | ▼ |
|-------|--------------|---|

### General and specialist registration

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 9.7% | <b>9.1%</b> | ● |
|------|-------------|---|

### Specialist registration

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 0.3% | <b>0.3%</b> | ● |
|------|-------------|---|

### Limited registration

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 0.3% | <b>0.2%</b> | ● |
|------|-------------|---|

### Non-practising registration

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| 2.6% | <b>3.7%</b> | ▲ |
|------|-------------|---|

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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## Changes to workforce across states and territories<sup>7</sup>

|       |              |          |
|-------|--------------|----------|
| 319   | <b>378</b>   | +18.5% ▲ |
|       | <b>ACT</b>   |          |
| 5,517 | <b>6,001</b> | +8.8% ▲  |
|       | <b>NSW</b>   |          |
| 113   | <b>121</b>   | +7.1% ▲  |
|       | <b>NT</b>    |          |
| 3,640 | <b>4,165</b> | +14.4% ▲ |
|       | <b>QLD</b>   |          |
| 1,239 | <b>1,335</b> | +7.7% ▲  |
|       | <b>SA</b>    |          |
| 266   | <b>292</b>   | +9.8% ▲  |
|       | <b>TAS</b>   |          |
| 4,214 | <b>4,884</b> | +15.9% ▲ |
|       | <b>VIC</b>   |          |
| 1,874 | <b>2,112</b> | +12.7% ▲ |
|       | <b>WA</b>    |          |

## Changes to workforce across remoteness areas<sup>8</sup>

|        |                     |          |
|--------|---------------------|----------|
| 13,849 | <b>15,631</b>       | +12.9% ▲ |
|        | <b>Major cities</b> |          |
| 1,195  | <b>1,430</b>        | +19.7% ▲ |
|        | <b>Regional</b>     |          |
| 928    | <b>995</b>          | +7.2% ▲  |
|        | <b>Large rural</b>  |          |
| 493    | <b>518</b>          | +5.1% ▲  |
|        | <b>Medium rural</b> |          |
| 343    | <b>368</b>          | +7.3% ▲  |
|        | <b>Small rural</b>  |          |
| 96     | <b>84</b>           | -12.5% ▼ |
|        | <b>Remote</b>       |          |
| 30     | <b>19</b>           | -36.7% ▼ |
|        | <b>Very remote</b>  |          |

7. Excludes practitioners who do not have a PPP in Australia recorded on the public register. These practitioners usually reside overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

8. See above.

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FIVE-YEAR TREND FROM 2018/19 to 2022/23

## Change to dentist principal specialty

### Dento-maxillofacial radiology

13

16

23.1 % ▲

### Endodontics

178

195

+9.6 % ▲

### Forensic odontology

23

19

-17.4 % ▼

### Oral and maxillofacial surgery

224

241

+7.6 % ▲

### Oral medicine

38

41

+7.9 % ▲

### Oral and maxillofacial pathology

0

17

+100% ▲

### Oral surgery

52

62

+19.2 % ▲

### Orthodontics

624

640

+2.6 % ▲

## Change to dentist principal specialty – continued

### Paediatric dentistry

150

169

+12.7 % ▲

### Periodontics

238

257

+8% ▲

### Prosthodontics

222

231

+4.1 % ▲

### Public health dentistry

14

18

+28.6 % ▲

### Special needs dentistry

19

26

+36.8 % ▲