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A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance



44,541 registered psychologists in Australia¹

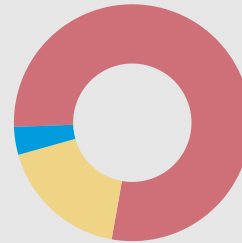
376 psychologists on the pandemic response sub-register

44,917 psychologists in total

5.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce

165.5 psychologists per 100,000 head of population

Registration type



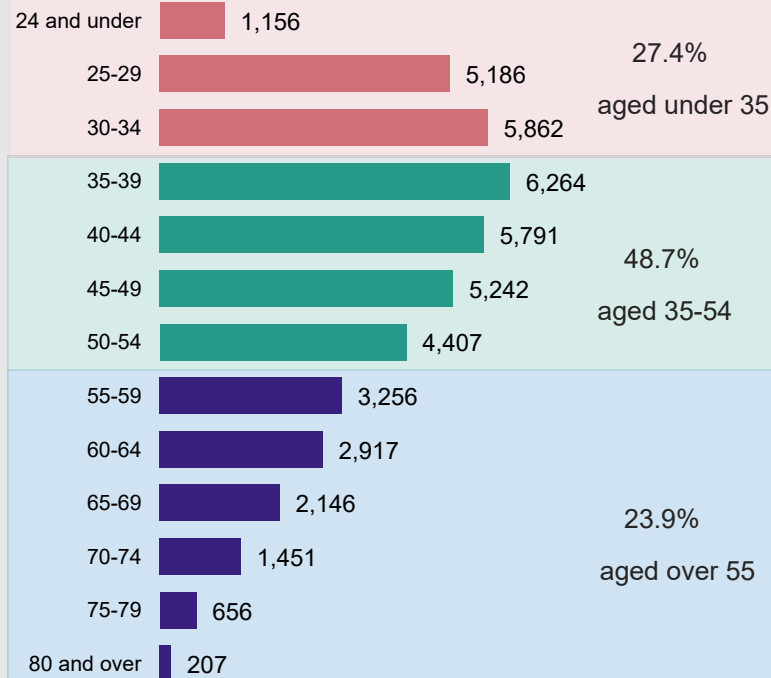
- General 78.4%
- Provisional 17.8%
- Non-practising 3.8%

Endorsements

9 endorsements

32.4% have one or more area of practice endorsement

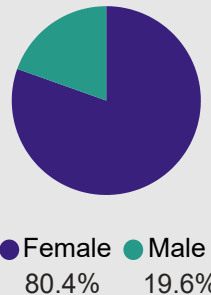
Age range at 2021/22



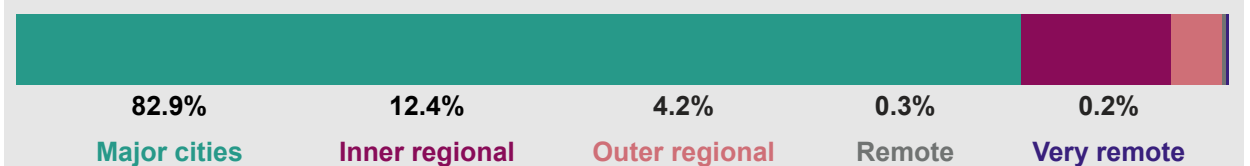
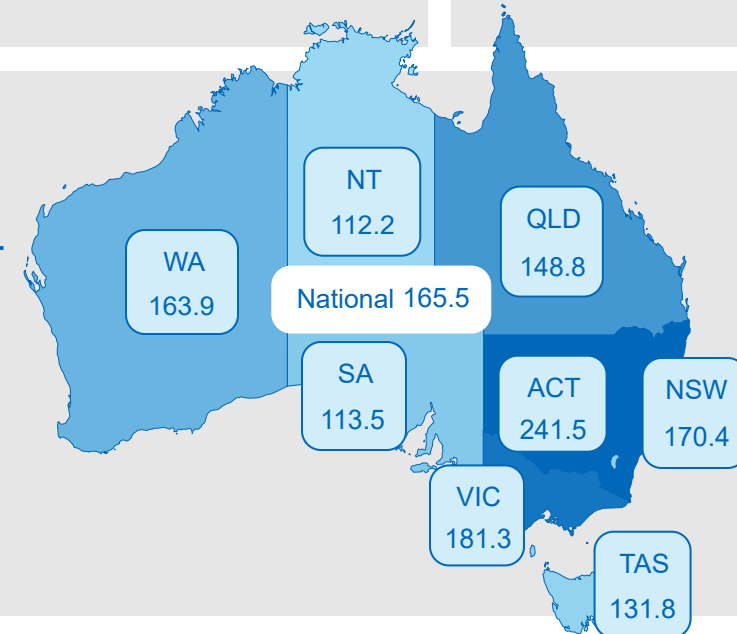
Average age (mean)

44.6 years

Gender



Psychologists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants



1. Excludes non-practising registrants and those on the pandemic sub-register, unless otherwise stated.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Registered psychologists

36,376	44,541	▲
4.9%	5.3%	▲
145.7	172.0	▲
Age		
26.7%	27.4%	▲
47.8%	48.7%	▲
25.5%	23.9%	▼
Gender		
79.9%	80.4%	▲
20.1%	19.6%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

22.4% increase in registered psychologists

Changes to registration categories

81.4%	78.4%	▼
14.1%	17.8%	▲
4.6%	3.8%	▼

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

961	1,149	+19.6 % ▲
ACT		
11,956	14,410	+20.5 % ▲
NSW		
231	286	+23.8 % ▲
NT		
6,503	8,162	+25.5 % ▲
QLD		
1,772	2,152	+21.4 % ▲
SA		
628	786	+25.2 % ▲
TAS		
9,966	12,300	+23.4 % ▲
VIC		
3,794	4,686	+23.5 % ▲
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

29,739	36,300	+22.1 % ▲
Major cities		
4,277	5,424	+26.8 % ▲
Inner regional		
1,491	1,840	+23.4 % ▲
Outer regional		
118	139	+17.8 % ▲
Remote		
74	83	+12.2 % ▲
Very remote		

Changes to area of practice endorsements held by psychologists²

661	824	+24.7 % ▲
Clinical neuropsychology		
8,496	11,001	+29.5 % ▲
Clinical psychology		
55	54	-1.8 % ▼
Community psychology		
948	1,052	+11.0 % ▲
Counselling psychology		
663	829	+25.0 % ▲
Educational and developmental psychology		
581	654	+12.6 % ▲
Forensic psychology		
325	334	+2.8 % ▲
Health psychology		
519	630	+21.4 % ▲
Organisational psychology		
92	105	+14.1 % ▲
Sport and exercise psychology		

1. Excludes practitioners who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice (PPP) recorded on the register - usually because they are residing overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

2. Psychologists with more than one endorsement are included in these figures for each endorsement they hold.