

Midwifery workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



33,060 registered midwives in Australia¹

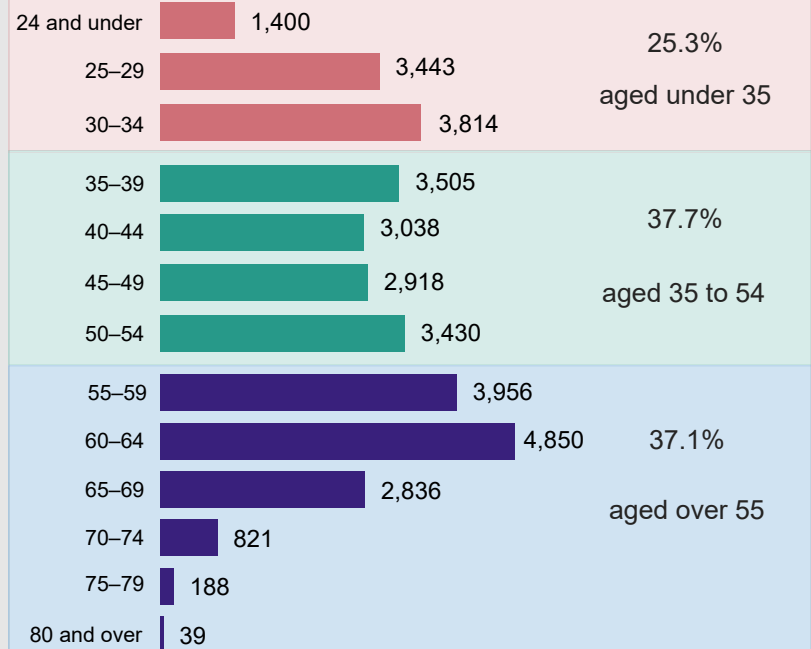
3.9% of regulated health practitioner workforce

124.9 midwives per 100,000 head of population²

Registration types



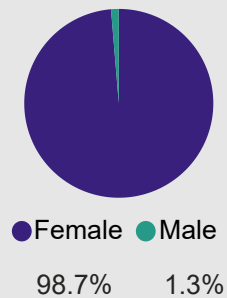
Age range at 2022/23



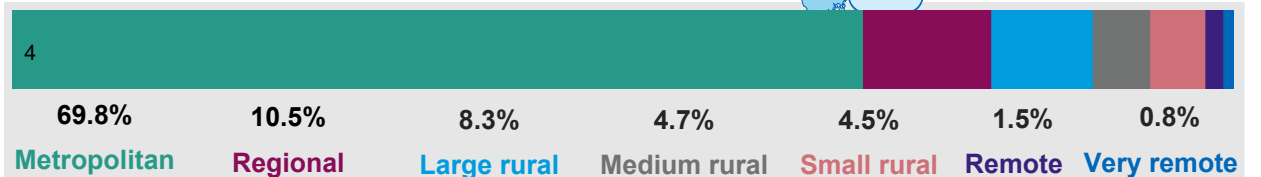
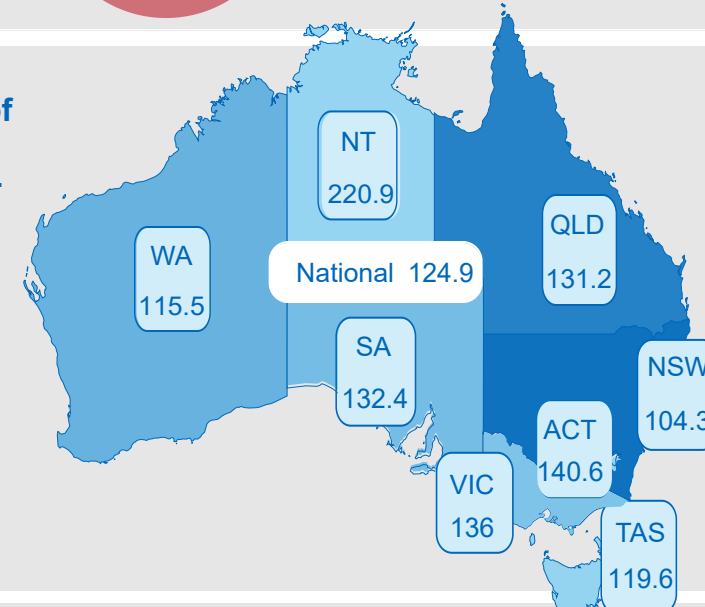
Average age

47 years

Gender



Midwives per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants³



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.
 2. Based on Australia 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 midwives⁵

33,434	34,238	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
4.5%	3.9%	▼
Midwives per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
133	129.4	▼
Age		
Percentage of midwives under the age of 35		
20.2%	25.3%	▲
Percentage of midwives aged 35 to 54		
38%	37.7%	▼
Percentage of midwives aged 55 and over		
41.8%	37.1%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female midwives		
98.6%	98.7%	●
Percentage of male midwives		
1.4%	1.3%	●

Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23 Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

-0.6% decrease in registered midwives

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
97.8%	96.5%	▼
Provisional registration		
0.02%	0.01%	●
Non-practising registration		
2.1%	3.4%	▲

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

696	ACT 690	-0.9% ●
9,082	NSW 9,048	-0.4% ●
579	NT 565	-2.4% ▼
6,948	QLD 7,319	+5.3% ▲
2,532	SA 2,550	+0.7% ▲
671	TAS 702	+4.6% ▲
9,086	VIC 9,465	+4.2% ▲
3,296	WA 3,374	+2.4% ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

22,649	Metropolitan 23,159	+2.3% ▲
3,193	Regional 3,485	+9.1% ▲
2,589	Large rural 2,751	+6.3% ▲
1,499	Medium rural 1,545	+3.1% ▲
1,510	Small rural 1,502	-0.5% ●
521	Remote 487	-6.5% ▼
279	Very remote 260	-6.8% ▼

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.