

# Nursing workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

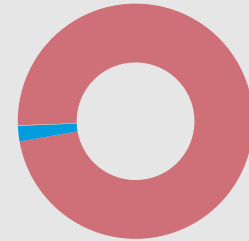


## 465,993 registered nurses in Australia<sup>1</sup>

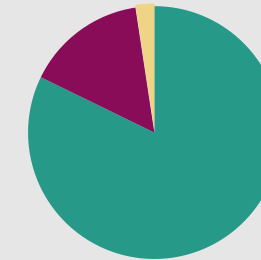
54.7% of regulated health practitioner workforce

1,760.6 nurses per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>

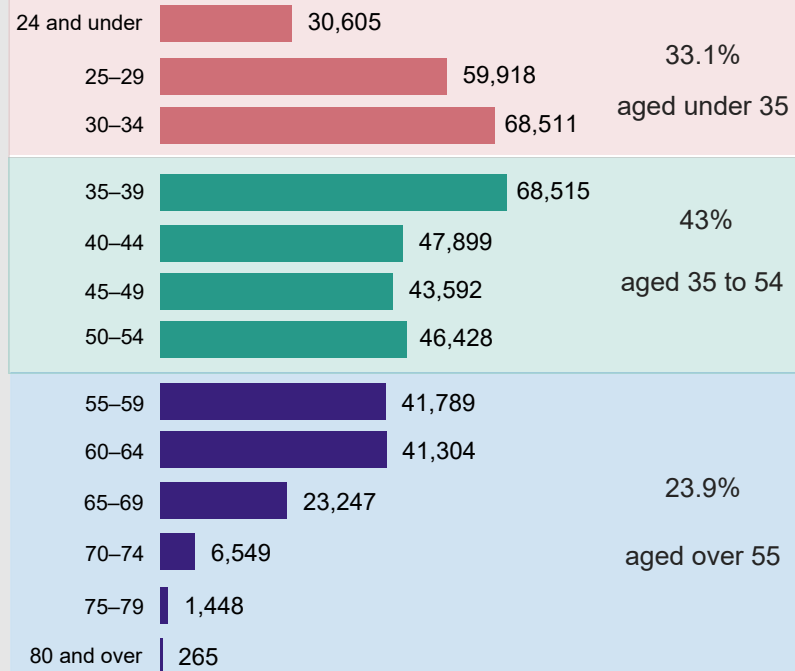
## Registration type



## Divisions



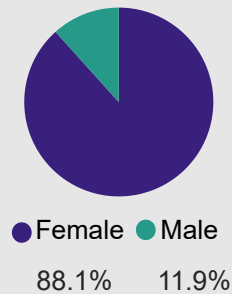
## Age range at 2022/23



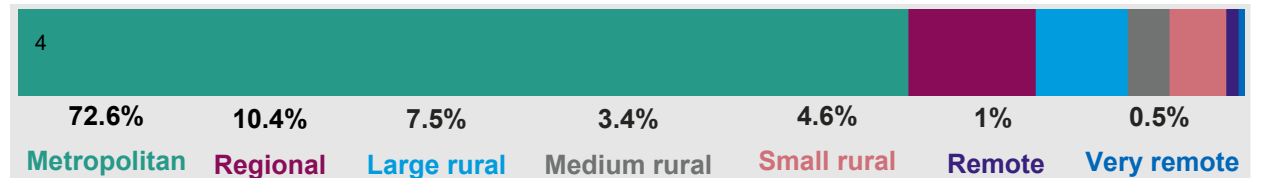
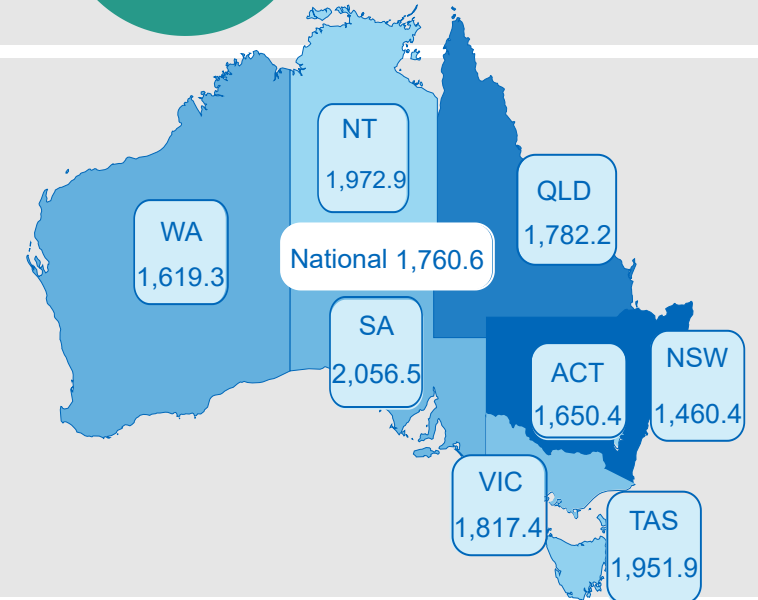
## Average age

43 years

## Gender



## Nurses 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

2018/19	2022/23	Trend
<b>Registered nursing workforce<sup>5</sup></b>		
411,216	480,070	▲
<b>Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce</b>		
55.2%	54.7%	●
<b>Nurses per 100,000 head of population<sup>6</sup></b>		
1,635.3	1,813.8	▲
<b>Age</b>		
<b>Percentage of nurses under the age of 35</b>		
31.1%	33.1%	▲
<b>Percentage of nurses aged 35 to 54</b>		
42.5%	43%	●
<b>Percentage of nurses aged 55 and over</b>		
26.3%	23.9%	▼
<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Percentage of female nurses</b>		
88.7%	88.1%	●
<b>Percentage of male nurses</b>		
11.3%	11.9%	●

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

2018/19	2022/23
Trend down ▼	Trend stable ●
	Trend up ▲

16.7% increase in registered nurses

Changes to registration categories		
<b>General registration</b>		
98.4%	97%	▼
<b>Provisional registration</b>		
0.1%	< 0.1%	●
<b>Non-practising registration</b>		
1.6%	2.9%	▲

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.  
6. See above.

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

6,652	<b>7,924</b>	+19.1% ▲
	<b>ACT</b>	
111,731	<b>125,099</b>	+12% ▲
	<b>NSW</b>	
4,724	<b>5,049</b>	+6.9% ▲
	<b>NT</b>	
83,393	<b>99,324</b>	+19.1% ▲
	<b>QLD</b>	
34,215	<b>39,114</b>	+14.3% ▲
	<b>SA</b>	
9,820	<b>11,490</b>	+17% ▲
	<b>TAS</b>	
109,089	<b>126,105</b>	+15.6% ▲
	<b>VIC</b>	
40,025	<b>47,436</b>	+18.5% ▲
	<b>WA</b>	

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

284,460	<b>329,512</b>	+15.8% ▲
	<b>Metropolitan</b>	
38,401	<b>47,051</b>	+22.5% ▲
	<b>Regional</b>	
30,214	<b>34,000</b>	+12.5% ▲
	<b>Large rural</b>	
14,030	<b>15,534</b>	+10.7% ▲
	<b>Medium rural</b>	
19,279	<b>20,670</b>	+7.2% ▲
	<b>Small rural</b>	
4,489	<b>4,719</b>	+5.1% ▲
	<b>Remote</b>	
2,089	<b>2,216</b>	+6.1% ▲
	<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.