

Physiotherapy workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



40,540 registered physiotherapists in Australia¹

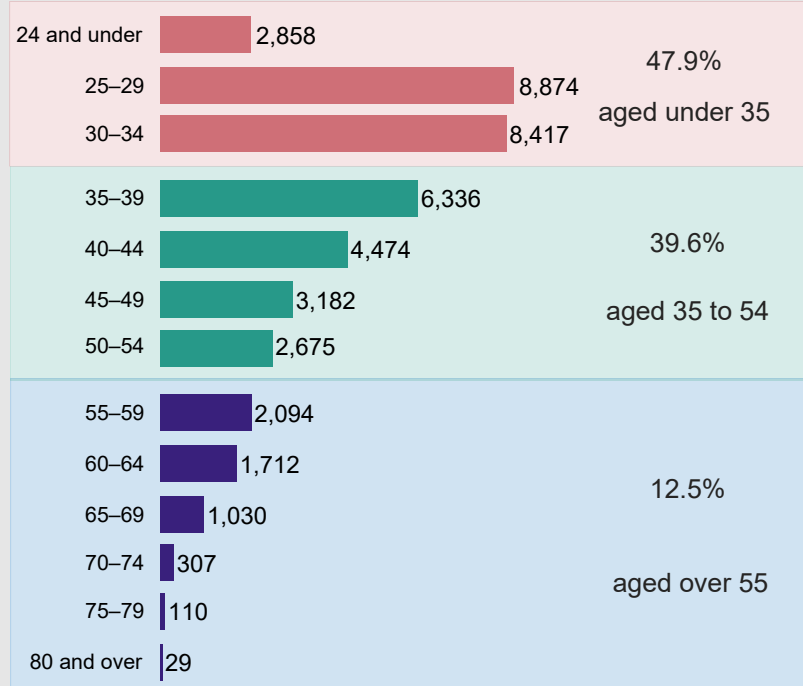
4.8% of regulated health practitioner workforce

153.2 physiotherapists per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



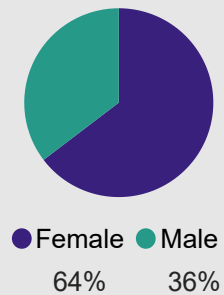
Age range at 2022/23



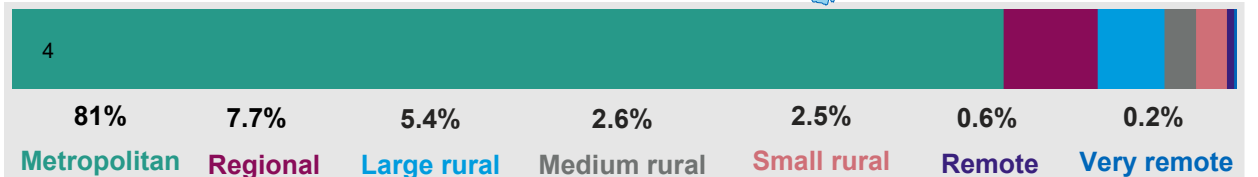
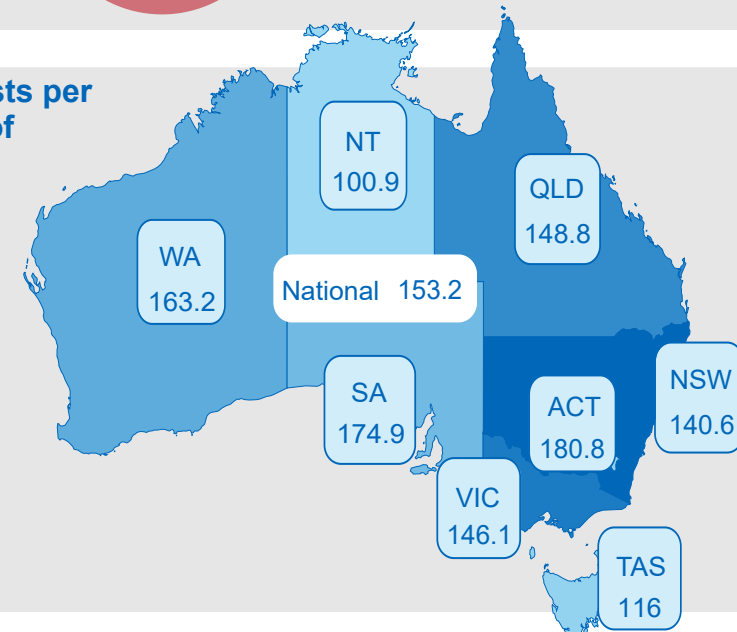
Average age

38.8 years

Gender



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



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 do 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 physiotherapists⁵

33,792	42,098	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
4.5%	4.8%	●
Physiotherapists per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
134.4	159.1	▲
Age		
Percentage of physiotherapists under the age of 35		
46.4%	47.9%	▲
Percentage of physiotherapists aged 35 to 54		
39.6%	39.6%	●
Percentage of physiotherapists aged 55 and over		
14%	12.5%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female physiotherapists		
66.2%	64%	▼
Percentage of male physiotherapists		
33.8%	36%	▲

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

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

24.6% increase in registered physiotherapists

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
94.4%	93.3%	▼
Limited registration		
1.6%	3%	▲
Non-practising registration		
4%	3.7%	●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

664	863	+30%	▲
ACT			
9,739	12,046	+23.7%	▲
NSW			
194	259	+33.5%	▲
NT			
6,428	8,303	+29.2%	▲
QLD			
2,623	3,311	+26.2%	▲
SA			
512	680	+32.8%	▲
TAS			
8,317	10,192	+22.5%	▲
VIC			
3,893	4,831	+24.1%	▲
WA			

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

26,213	32,403	+23.6%	▲
Metropolitan			
2,311	3,064	+32.6%	▲
Regional			
1,712	2,166	+26.5%	▲
Large rural			
849	1,039	+22.4%	▲
Medium rural			
794	991	+24.8%	▲
Small rural			
194	251	+29.4%	▲
Remote			
65	73	+12.3%	▲
Very remote			

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.