

Podiatrists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

At a glance

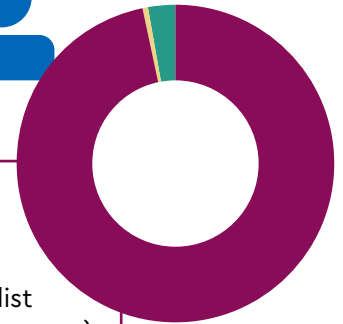


5,608 registered podiatrists in Australia

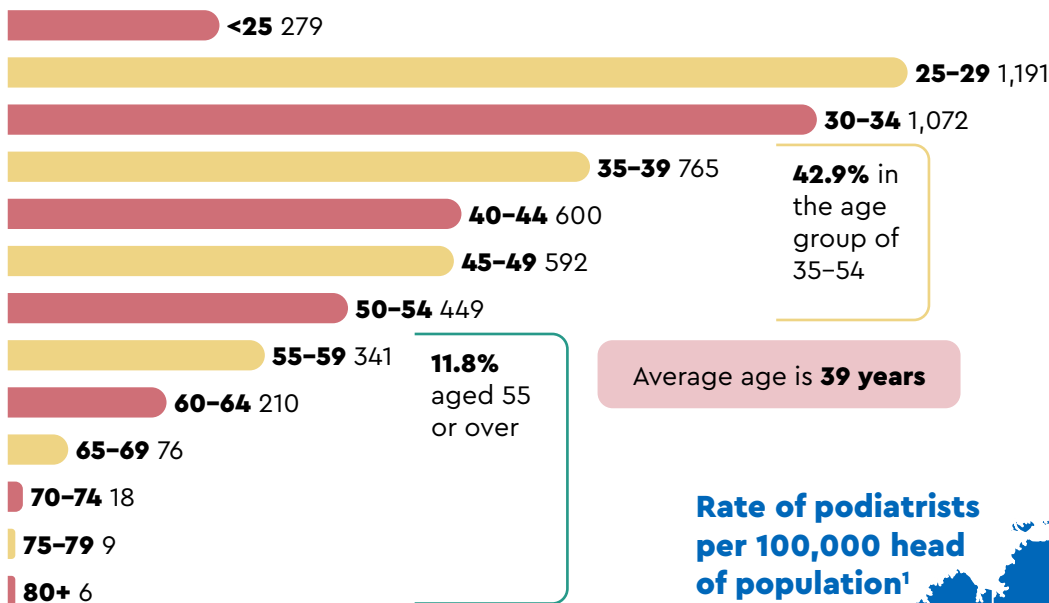
- **0.7%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **21** podiatrists per 100,000 head of population¹

36 podiatric surgeons in Australia
138 endorsed for scheduled medication

- **96.8% general registration**
- **0.6%** general and specialist registration (podiatric surgeons)
- **2.5%** non-practising registration



Age breakdown at 2019/2020

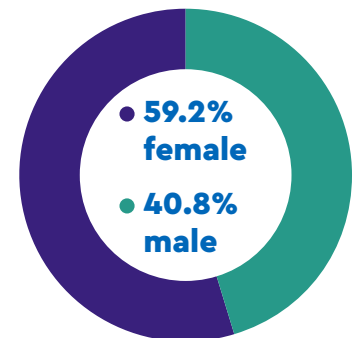


45.3% under the age of 35

42.9% in the age group of 35-54

11.8% aged 55 or over

Average age is **39 years**



86.7% have initial qualifications from Australia²

0.7% podiatrists identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander²

10.5% work 50 hours or more per week

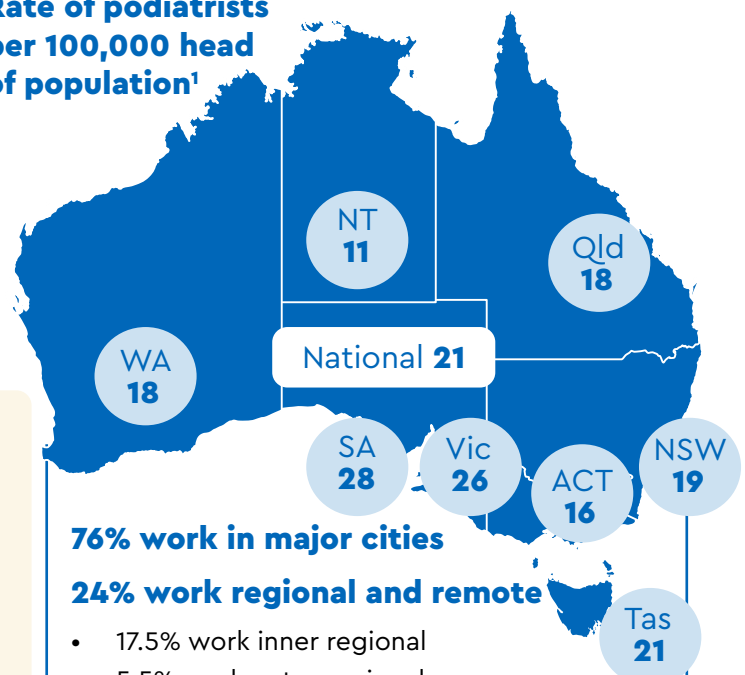
65.8% work 35 or more hours per week

34.2% work less than 35 hours per week

10.3% work less than 20 hours per week

2.1% of employed podiatrists work no clinical hours²

Rate of podiatrists per 100,000 head of population¹



76% work in major cities

24% work regional and remote

- 17.5% work inner regional
- 5.5% work outer regional
- 1% work remote and very remote

¹ Excluding non-practising podiatrists.

² Source: National Health Workforce Data Set (NHWDS).

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Trends: 5 years to 2019/20



20.5% increase in registered podiatrists

21.3% decrease in student registration

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered podiatrists	4,655	5,608	↑
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	0.7%	0.7%	→
Percentage of podiatrists in Australia's population	0.02%	0.02%	→
Percentage of podiatrists under the age of 35	45.6%	45.3%	↓
Percentage of podiatrists aged 35 to 54	44.0%	42.9%	↓
Percentage of podiatrists over the age of 55	10.4%	11.8%	↑
Percentage of male podiatrists	39.4%	40.8%	↑
Percentage of female podiatrists	60.6%	59.2%	↓

Changes to podiatry workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	61	73	19.7% ↑
NSW	1,268	1,565	23.4% ↑
NT	24	27	12.5% ↑
Qld	780	985	26.3% ↑
SA	427	501	17.3% ↑
Tas	104	115	10.6% ↑
Vic	1,481	1,778	20.1% ↑
WA	442	492	11.3% ↑

Changes to registration categories

- General registration decreased from 97.2% to **96.8% of registrants**
- General and specialist registration stayed stable at **0.6% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration increased from 2.2% to **2.5% of registrants**

Changes to podiatry workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	3,508	4,218	20% ↑
Inner regional	789	967	23% ↑
Outer regional	256	299	17% ↑
Remote	18	27	50% ↑
Very remote	12	19	58% ↑