

Nursing now: Enrolled nurses

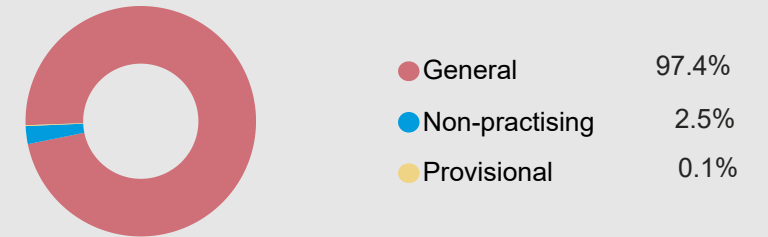
A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance

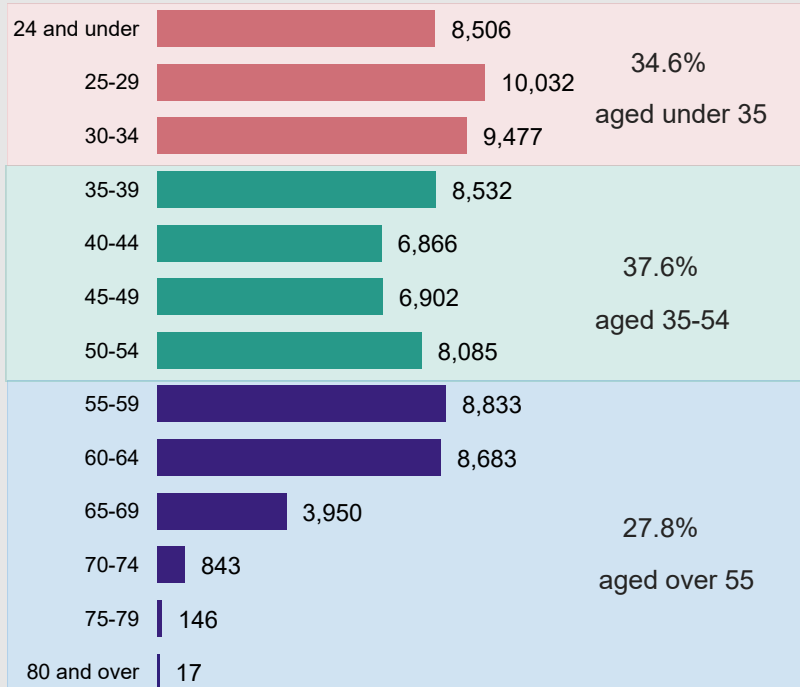
- 80,872** enrolled nurses in Australia¹
- 4,408** enrolled nurses on the pandemic sub-register
- 85,280** enrolled nurses in total
- 9.3% of regulated health practitioner workforce
- 304.5 enrolled nurses per 100,000 head of population



Registration type



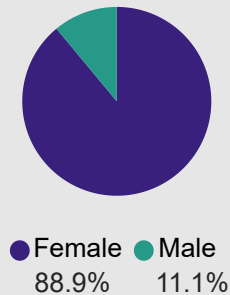
Age range at 2021/22



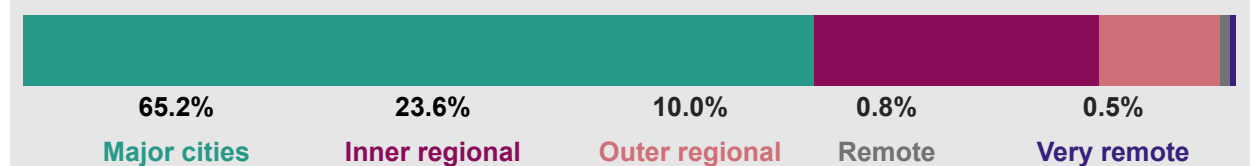
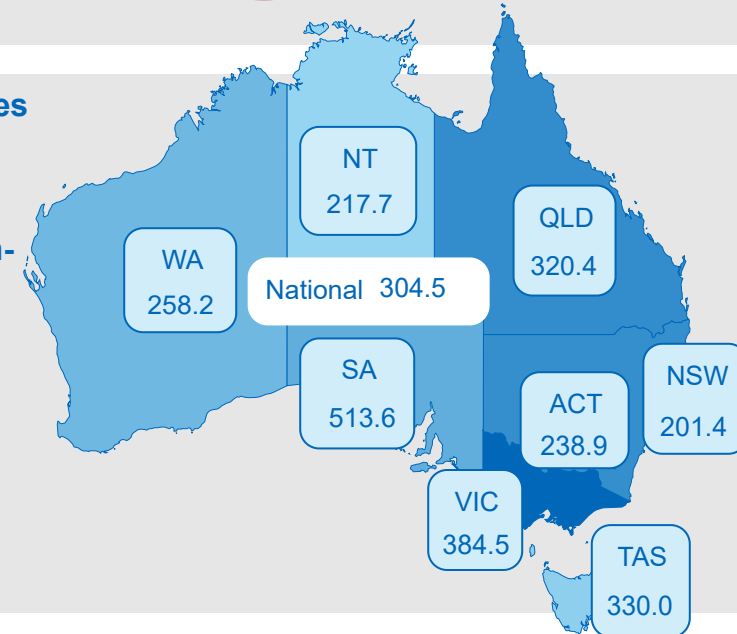
Average age (mean)

43.1 years

Gender



Enrolled nurses 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

Enrolled nurses

| | | |
|---|--------|---|
| 73,881 | 80,872 | ▲ |
| Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce | | |
| 10.0% | 9.3% | ▼ |
| Nurses per 100,000 head of population ¹ | | |
| 295.9 | 312.4 | ▲ |
| Age | | |
| Percentage of nurses under the age of 35 | | |
| 29.7% | 34.6% | ▲ |
| Percentage of nurses aged 35 to 54 | | |
| 40.7% | 37.6% | ▼ |
| Percentage of nurses aged 55 and over | | |
| 29.6% | 27.8% | ▼ |
| Gender | | |
| Percentage of female nurses | | |
| 89.6% | 89.0% | ▼ |
| Percentage of male nurses | | |
| 10.4% | 11.0% | ▲ |

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

9.5% increase in enrolled nurses

Changes to registration categories

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| General registration | | |
| 98.3% | 97.4% | ▼ |
| Provisional registration | | |
| 0.1% | 0.1% | ● |
| Non-practising registration | | |
| 1.6% | 2.5% | ▲ |

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

| | | |
|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 818 | 1,116 | +36.4 % ▲ |
| | ACT | |
| 15,620 | 16,869 | +8.0 % ▲ |
| | NSW | |
| 506 | 564 | +11.5 % ▲ |
| | NT | |
| 15,420 | 17,418 | +13.0 % ▲ |
| | QLD | |
| 8,922 | 9,577 | +7.3 % ▲ |
| | SA | |
| 1,700 | 1,928 | +13.4 % ▲ |
| | TAS | |
| 24,343 | 25,920 | +6.5 % ▲ |
| | VIC | |
| 6,374 | 7,320 | +14.8 % ▲ |
| | WA | |

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 47,000 | 52,525 | +11.8 % ▲ |
| | Major cities | |
| 17,675 | 19,027 | +7.6 % ▲ |
| | Inner regional | |
| 7,853 | 8,018 | +2.1 % ▲ |
| | Outer regional | |
| 682 | 635 | -6.9 % ▼ |
| | Remote | |
| 369 | 372 | +0.8 % ▲ |
| | Very remote | |

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.