

Medical radiation practice now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance



18,374 registered medical radiation practitioners in Australia¹

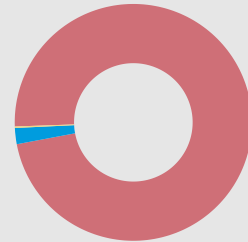
227 practitioners on the pandemic sub-register

18,601 practitioners in total

2.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

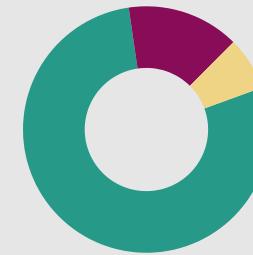
69.4 practitioners per 100,000 head of population

Registration types



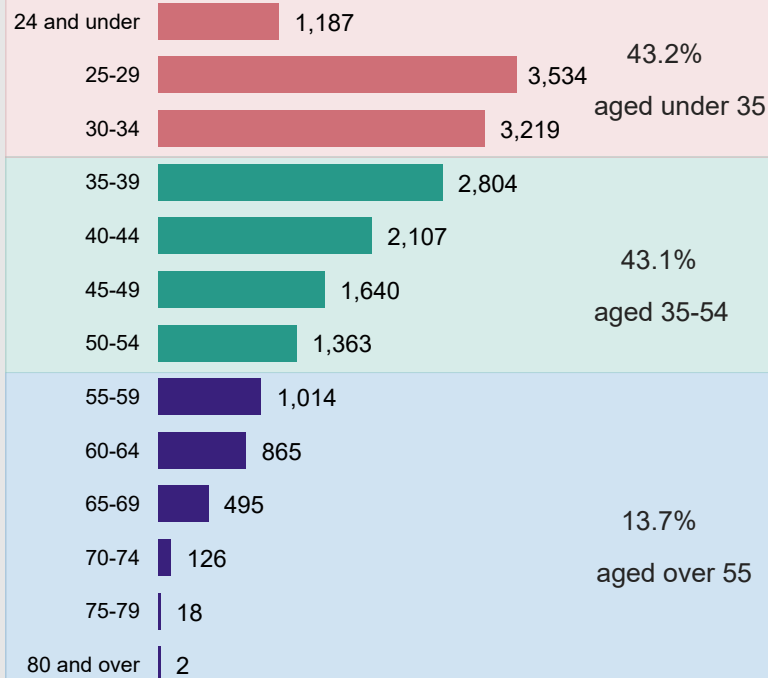
- General 97.6%
- Non-practising 2.2%
- Provisional 0.2%

Divisions



- 78.3% Diagnostic radiographer
- 14.7% Radiation therapist
- 7.0% Nuclear medicine technologist

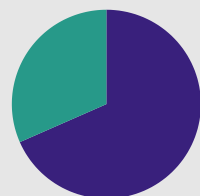
Age range at 2021/22



Average age (mean)

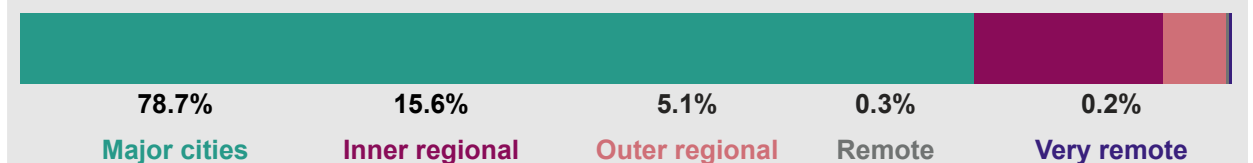
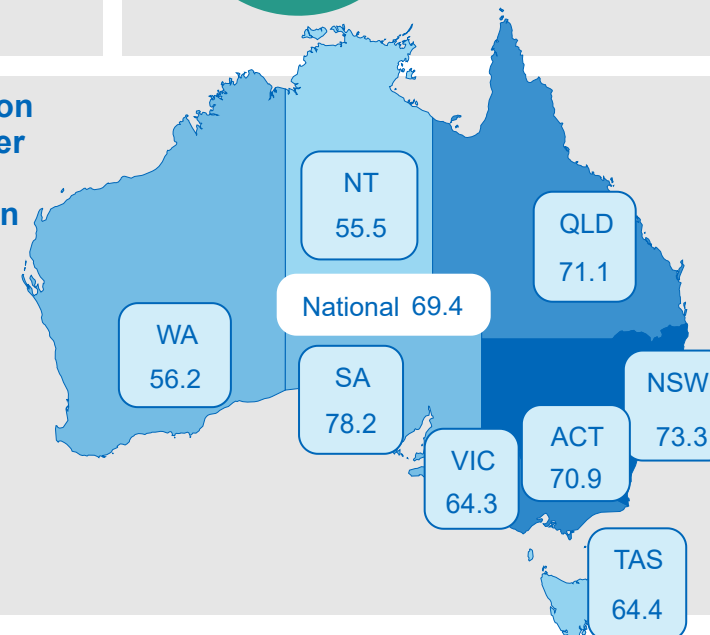
39.2 years

Gender



- Female 68.4%
- Male 31.6%

Medical radiation practitioners per 100,000 head 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

Registered medical radiation practitioners

16,257	18,374	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
2.2%	2.2%	●
Practitioners per 100,000 head population ¹		
65.1	71.0	▲
Age		
Percentage of practitioners under the age of 35		
44.7%	43.2%	▼
Percentage of practitioners aged 35 to 54		
40.5%	43.1%	▲
Percentage of practitioners aged 55 and over		
14.8%	13.7%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female practitioners		
68.1%	68.4%	▲
Percentage of male practitioners		
31.9%	31.6%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22 Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

13.0% increase in registered practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
96.0%	97.6%	▲
Provisional registration		
2.6%	0.2%	▼
Non-practising registration		
1.5%	2.2%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

272	331	+21.7 % ▲
NSW		
5,413	6,075	+12.2 % ▲
NT		
111	141	+27.0 % ▲
QLD		
3,321	3,827	+15.2 % ▲
SA		
1,237	1,446	+16.9 % ▲
TAS		
325	375	+15.4 % ▲
VIC		
3,939	4,341	+10.2 % ▲
WA		
1,359	1,588	+16.9 % ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

12,571	14,238	+13.3 % ▲
Major cities		
Inner regional		
2,412	2,824	+17.1 % ▲
Outer regional		
850	928	+9.2 % ▲
Remote		
58	58	0.0 % ●
Very remote		
31	37	+19.4 % ▲

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.