

# Dental practitioners: Dental prosthetists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

## At a glance

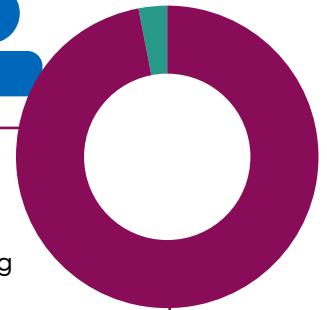


### 1,273 registered dental prosthetists in Australia<sup>1</sup>

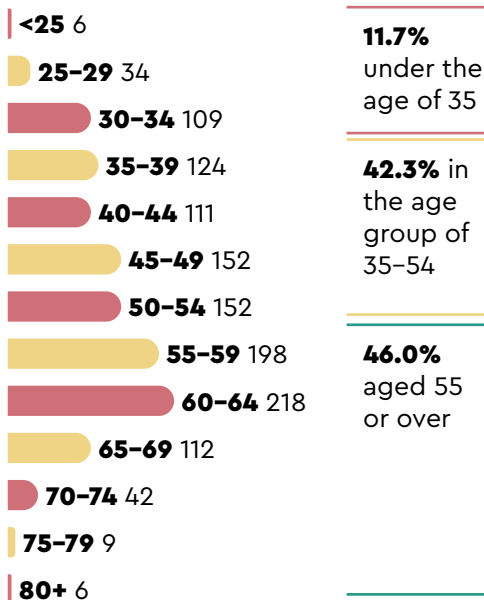
- **5.2%** of the dental profession
- **0.2%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **4.8** dental prosthetists per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>

● **97.2% general registration**

● **2.8% non-practising registration**

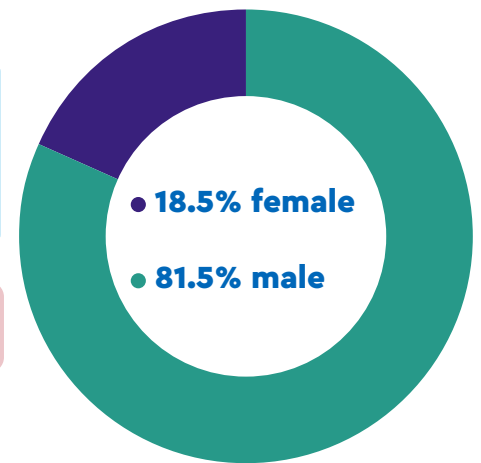


### Age breakdown at 2019/2020



**0.6% dental prosthetists identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander<sup>3</sup>**

Average age is **51.3 years**



**95.3% have initial qualifications from Australia<sup>3</sup>**

**18.8% work 50 hours or more per week**

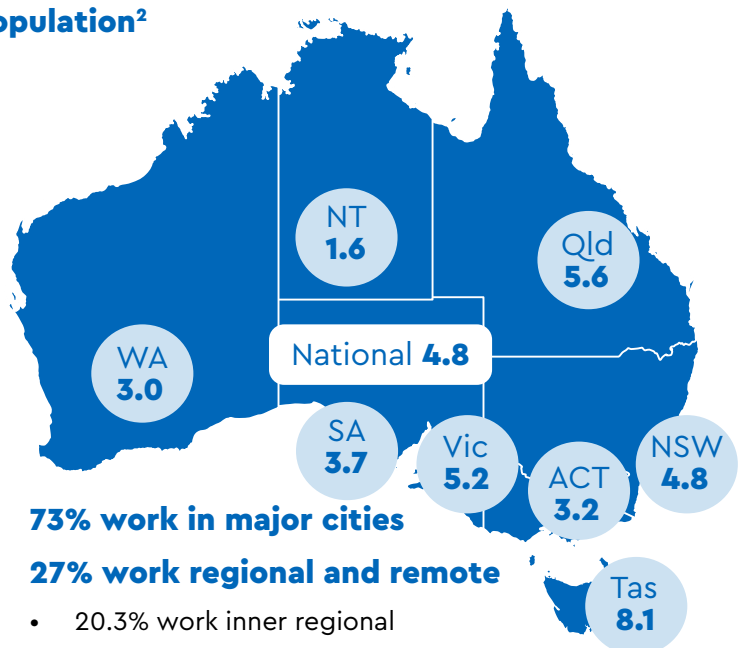
**70.1%** work 35 or more hours per week

**29.9% work less than 35 hours per week**

**11.9%** work less than 20 hours per week

**0.9%** of employed dental prosthetists work no clinical hours<sup>3</sup>

### Rate of dental prosthetists per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>



**73% work in major cities**

**27% work regional and remote**

- 20.3% work inner regional
- 6.4% work outer regional
- Less than 1% work remote and very remote

<sup>1</sup> Nine dental prosthetists have registration in another division.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding non-practising dental prosthetists.

<sup>3</sup> Source: National Health Workforce Data Set (NHWDS).

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## Trends: 5 years to 2019/20



1.3% increase in dental prosthetists

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered dental prosthetists	1,257	<b>1,273</b>	↑
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	0.2%	<b>0.2%</b>	→
Percentage of dental prosthetists in Australia's population	0.005%	<b>0.005%</b>	→
Percentage of dental prosthetists under the age of 35	14.1%	<b>11.7%</b>	↓
Percentage of dental prosthetists aged 35 to 54	44.2%	<b>42.3%</b>	↓
Percentage of dental prosthetists over the age of 55	41.7%	<b>46.0%</b>	↑
Percentage of male dental prosthetists	83.9%	<b>81.5%</b>	↓
Percentage of female dental prosthetists	16.1%	<b>18.5%</b>	↑

### Changes to dental prosthetist workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	16	<b>14</b>	12.5% ↓
NSW	412	<b>405</b>	1.7% ↓
NT	4	<b>4</b>	0.0% →
Qld	272	<b>292</b>	7.4% ↑
SA	63	<b>67</b>	6.3% ↑
Tas	48	<b>44</b>	8.3% ↓
Vic	354	<b>361</b>	2.0% ↑
WA	85	<b>82</b>	3.5% ↓

### Changes to registration categories

- General registration decreased from 97.5% to **97.2% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration increased from 2.5% to **2.8% of registrants**

### Changes to dental prosthetist workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	917	<b>927</b>	1% ↑
Inner regional	259	<b>256</b>	1% ↓
Outer regional	76	<b>83</b>	8% ↑
Remote	2	<b>2</b>	0% →