

# Physiotherapy Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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**Physiotherapy Board**  
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## Introduction

The role of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering physiotherapists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the physiotherapy profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained physiotherapists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About Ahpra](#) at [www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx).

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

In April 2020, Ahpra and the National Board established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified physiotherapists to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that the pandemic sub-register for some health professions (medical practitioners, nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only.

At the end of April 2021 the Board agreed to close out the pandemic sub-register for physiotherapists. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

For more information on physiotherapy registration, please see the Board's website [www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

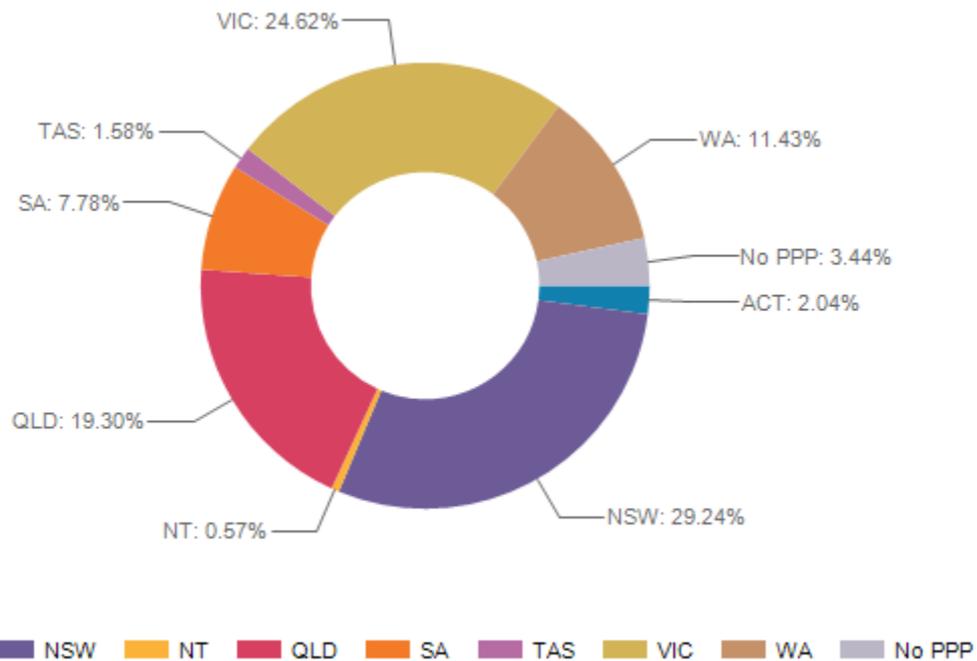
## Principal place of practice

### Registration type

**Table 1.1 Registration type and subtype by principal place of practice**

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		736	10,409	208	6,880	2,802	558	8,622	4,097	973	<b>35,285</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	10	224	2	145	53	21	328	49	6	<b>838</b>
	Teaching or research		7		6			2			<b>15</b>
Non-practising		23	369	4	234	73	17	316	159	317	<b>1,512</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>769</b>	<b>11,009</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>7,265</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>9,268</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>37,650</b>

**Table 1.2 Registrations by principal place of practice percentages**



### Endorsements by type

**Table 1.3 Endorsements**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture							6			<b>6</b>

The Physiotherapy Board does not have an approved program or pathway for acupuncture endorsement. There are currently practitioners with an acupuncture endorsement as a result of Victoria having different legislation before the start of the National Scheme.

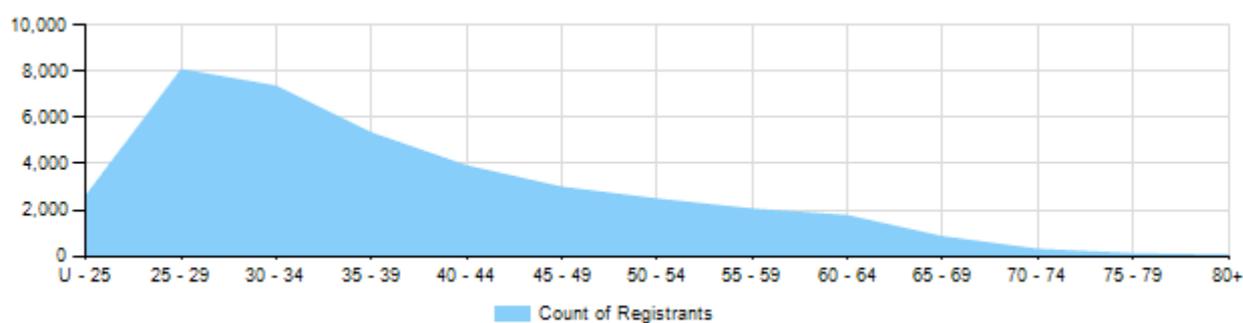
## Age group

### Registration type and subtype

**Table 2.1 Registration by age group**

Age group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	2,583	10		6	2,599
25 - 29	7,627	281		161	8,069
30 - 34	6,789	313		249	7,351
35 - 39	4,952	156	3	210	5,321
40 - 44	3,646	62	3	183	3,894
45 - 49	2,797	12	3	156	2,968
50 - 54	2,346	3	4	104	2,457
55 - 59	1,913		2	112	2,027
60 - 64	1,585	1		150	1,736
65 - 69	732			91	823
70 - 74	229			53	282
75 - 79	67			23	90
80+	19			14	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,285</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>37,650</b>

**Table 2.2 Registration by age group**



## Gender

### Registration type

**Table 3.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type**

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		482	6,497	150	4,343	1,742	397	5,694	2,855	645	<b>22,805</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	7	153	2	89	42	13	228	35	4	<b>573</b>
		Teaching or research		3		5						<b>8</b>
	Non-practising		19	274	2	173	58	11	241	114	235	<b>1,127</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>508</b>	<b>6,927</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>24,513</b>
Male	General		254	3,912	58	2,537	1,060	161	2,928	1,242	328	<b>12,480</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	3	71		56	11	8	100	14	2	<b>265</b>
		Teaching or research		4		1			2			<b>7</b>
	Non-practising		4	95	2	61	15	6	75	45	82	<b>385</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>261</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>13,137</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>769</b>	<b>11,009</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>7,265</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>9,268</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>37,650</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	66.1%	62.9%	72.0%	63.5%	62.9%	70.6%	66.5%	69.8%	68.2%	<b>65.1%</b>
Male	33.9%	37.1%	28.0%	36.5%	37.1%	29.4%	33.5%	30.2%	31.8%	<b>34.9%</b>