

# Physiotherapists

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020



## At a glance

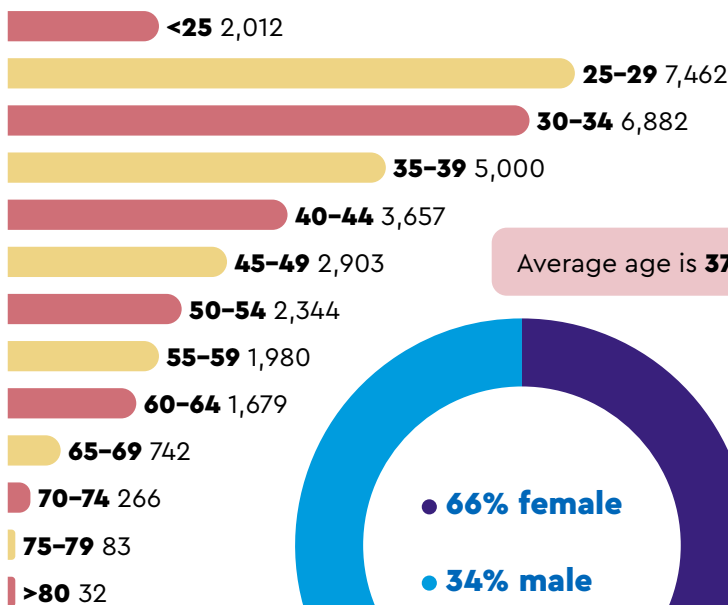


**35,041 registered physiotherapists in Australia**  
**2,072 physiotherapists on the pandemic sub-register**  
**37,113 physiotherapists in total<sup>1</sup>**

- **4.6%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **130** physiotherapists per 100,000 head of population<sup>2</sup>

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- **95.7%** general registration
  - **1.9%** limited registration
  - **2.4%** non-practising registration

### Age breakdown at 2019/2020

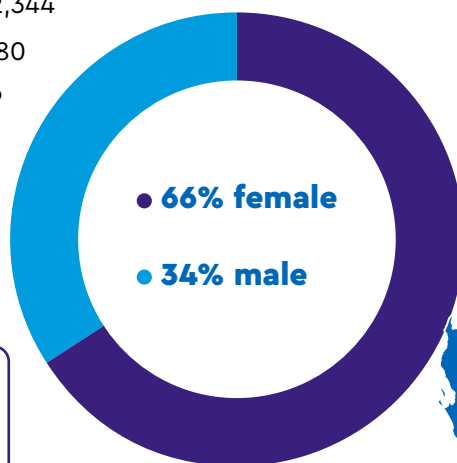


**61%** under the age of 40

**80%** under the age of 50

**0.7%** physiotherapists identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander<sup>3</sup>

Average age is **37.8 years**



**81%** have initial qualifications from Australia<sup>3</sup>

**7%** work 50 hours or more per week

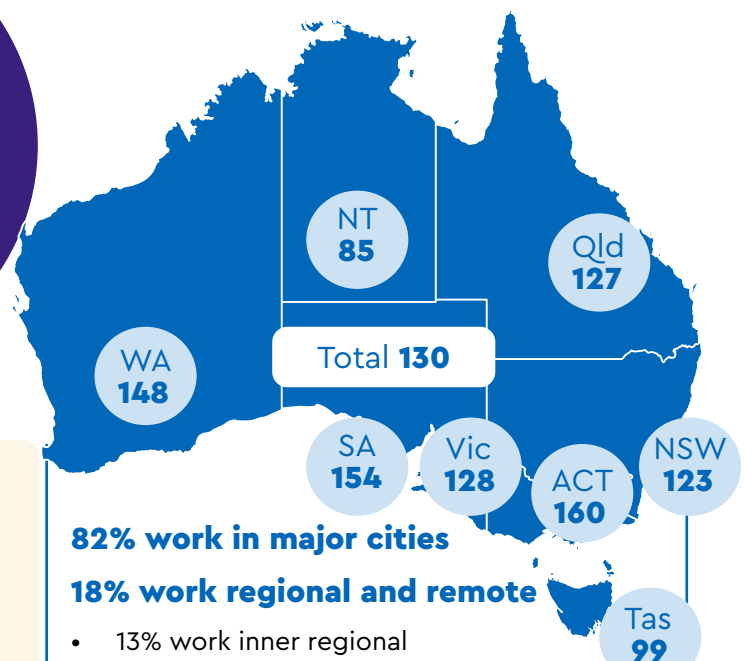
**58%** work 35 or more hours per week

**30%** work less than 35 hours per week

**12%** work less than 20 hours per week

**4%** of employed physiotherapists work no clinical hours<sup>3</sup>

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



**82%** work in major cities

**18%** work regional and remote

- 13% work inner regional
- 5% work outer regional
- Less than 1% work remote and very remote

<sup>1</sup>The calculations on this page are based on the physiotherapy profession without the pandemic response sub-register where separating the data is possible.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding non-practising physiotherapists.

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

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## Trends: 5 years to 2019/20

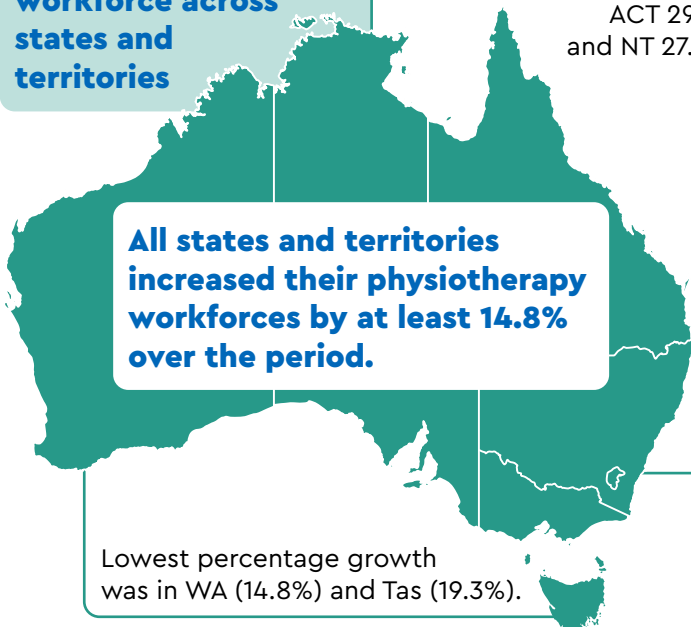


21.4% increase in registered physiotherapists

13.7% increase in registered students

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered physiotherapists	28,855	<b>35,041</b>	↑
Percentage of male physiotherapists	32%	<b>34%</b>	↑
Percentage of female physiotherapists	68%	<b>66%</b>	↓
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	4.4%	<b>4.6%</b>	↑
Percentage of physiotherapists in Australia's population	0.12%	<b>0.13%</b>	↑
Percentage of physiotherapists under the age of 40	60%	<b>61%</b>	↑
Percentage of physiotherapists under the age of 50	80%	<b>80%</b>	→

### Changes to physiotherapy workforce across states and territories



### Changes to registration categories

- General registration increased from 95.6% to **95.7% of registrants**
- Limited registration increased from 1.2% to **1.9% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration decreased from 2.9% to **2.4% of registrants**