

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Registrant data

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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.

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.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards 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 health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that physiotherapists (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These physiotherapists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

For more information on physiotherapy registration, please see the Board's website www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

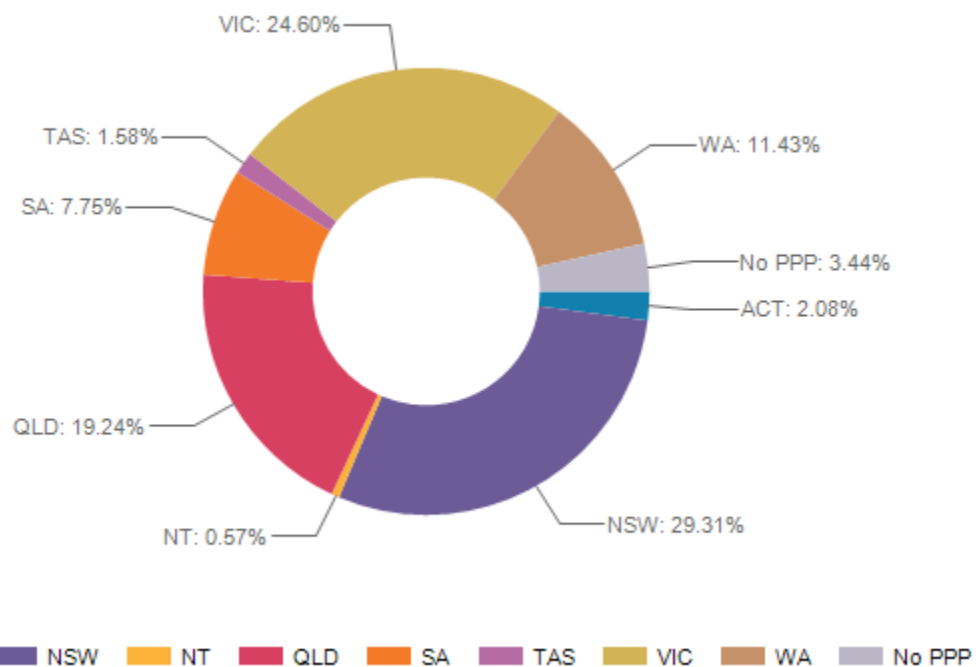
Registration type

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		765	10,642	213	6,991	2,850	571	8,791	4,184	997	36,004
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	11	248	1	160	57	23	346	54	10	910
	Teaching or research		7		7			2			16
Non-practising		19	321	4	205	59	10	276	135	309	1,338
Total		795	11,218	218	7,363	2,966	604	9,415	4,373	1,316	38,268*

* Total figure includes 483 physiotherapists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

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			6

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.

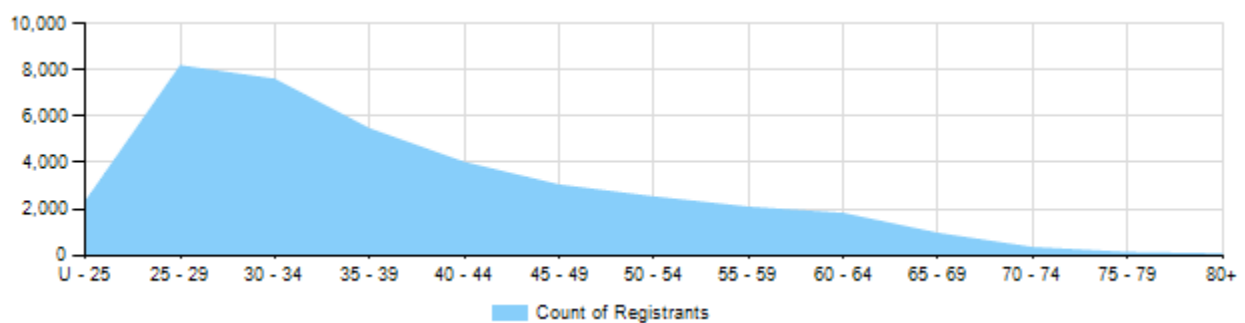
Age group

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	2,314	5		1	2,320
25 - 29	7,749	302		121	8,172
30 - 34	7,038	340		212	7,590
35 - 39	5,074	177	3	192	5,446
40 - 44	3,749	66	4	173	3,992
45 - 49	2,852	16	3	147	3,018
50 - 54	2,394	3	4	104	2,505
55 - 59	1,959		2	99	2,060
60 - 64	1,661	1		127	1,789
65 - 69	849			76	925
70 - 74	265			48	313
75 - 79	75			24	99
80+	25			14	39
Total	36,004	910	16	1,338	38,268

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		501	6,634	154	4,424	1,778	405	5,801	2,922	657	23,276
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	8	173	1	101	45	15	236	40	7	626
		Teaching or research		3		6						9
	Non-practising			15	244	2	149	45	7	211	93	230
Total Female			524	7,054	157	4,680	1,868	427	6,248	3,055	894	24,907
Male	General		264	4,008	59	2,567	1,072	166	2,990	1,262	340	12,728
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	3	75		59	12	8	110	14	3	284
		Teaching or research		4		1			2			7
	Non-practising			4	77	2	56	14	3	65	42	79
Total Male			271	4,164	61	2,683	1,098	177	3,167	1,318	422	13,361
Total			795	11,218	218	7,363	2,966	604	9,415	4,373	1,316	38,268

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	65.9%	62.9%	72.0%	63.6%	63.0%	70.7%	66.4%	69.9%	67.9%	65.1%
Male	34.1%	37.1%	28.0%	36.4%	37.0%	29.3%	33.6%	30.1%	32.1%	34.9%