

# 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.

### 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](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Principal place of practice

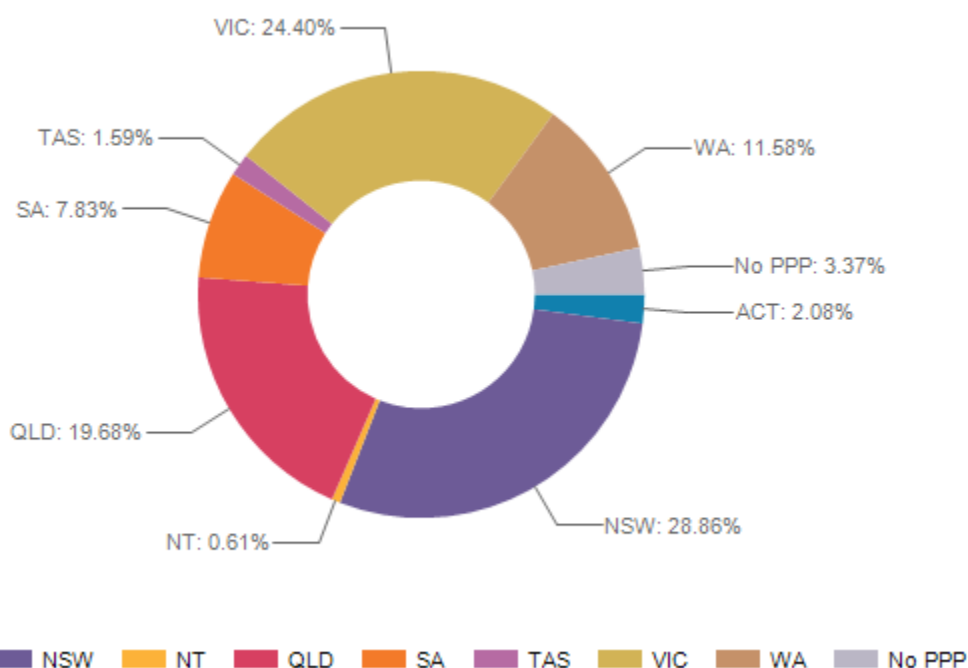
### Registration type

**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		795	10,806	237	7,393	2,979	594	9,011	4,382	973	<b>37,170</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	10	280	2	178	60	27	368	61	15	<b>1,001</b>
	Teaching or research		5		7			2			<b>14</b>
Non-practising		22	388	4	251	77	13	327	163	351	<b>1,596</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>827</b>	<b>11,479</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>39,781*</b>

\* Total figure includes 394 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			<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.

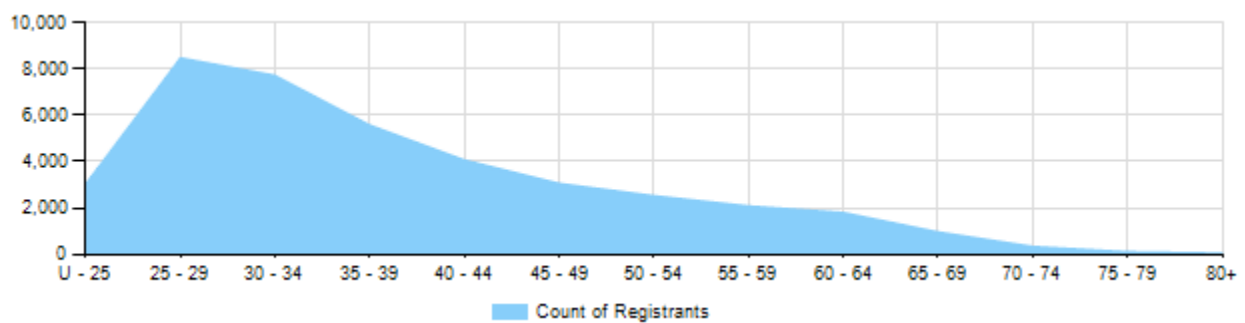
## Age group

### 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	3,024	4		7	3,035
25 - 29	7,999	340		147	8,486
30 - 34	7,094	371		264	7,729
35 - 39	5,160	195	3	221	5,579
40 - 44	3,794	74	4	197	4,069
45 - 49	2,872	16	2	168	3,058
50 - 54	2,406	1	3	112	2,522
55 - 59	1,958		2	119	2,079
60 - 64	1,637			158	1,795
65 - 69	849			106	955
70 - 74	277			53	330
75 - 79	72			30	102
80+	28			14	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,170</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>39,781</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		524	6,729	168	4,643	1,851	424	5,912	3,051	649	<b>23,951</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	8	194	2	110	45	17	251	44	12	<b>683</b>
		Teaching or research		2		6						<b>8</b>
	Non-practising		17	294	3	182	54	9	257	118	257	<b>1,191</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>549</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>25,833</b>
Male	General		271	4,077	69	2,750	1,128	170	3,099	1,331	324	<b>13,219</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	86		68	15	10	117	17	3	<b>318</b>
		Teaching or research		3		1			2			<b>6</b>
	Non-practising		5	94	1	69	23	4	70	45	94	<b>405</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>278</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>13,948</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>827</b>	<b>11,479</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>39,781</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	66.4%	62.9%	71.2%	63.1%	62.6%	71.0%	66.1%	69.8%	68.6%	<b>64.9%</b>
Male	33.6%	37.1%	28.8%	36.9%	37.4%	29.0%	33.9%	30.2%	31.4%	<b>35.1%</b>