

# 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

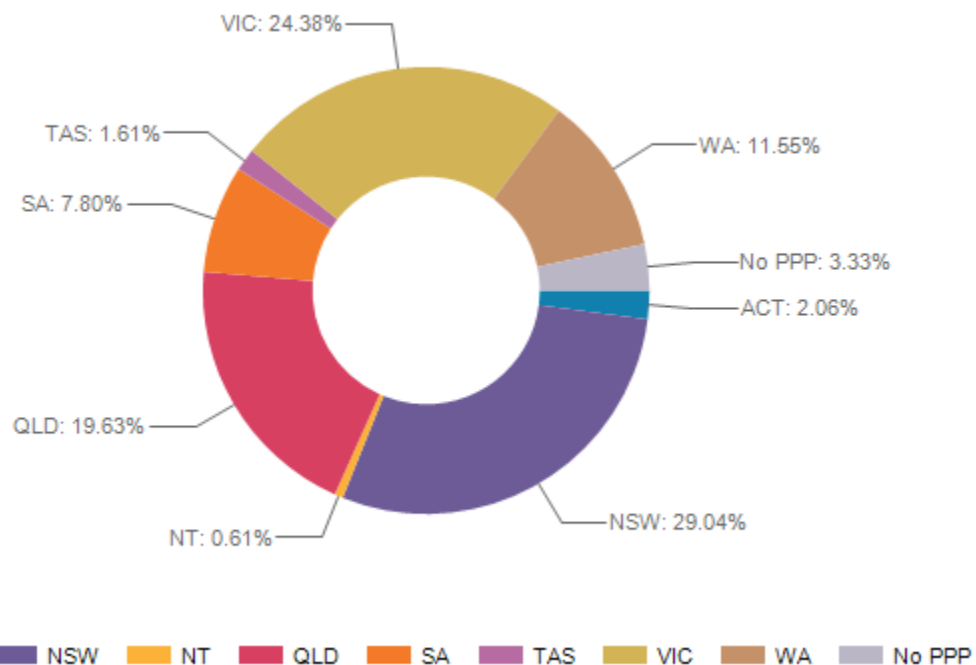
### Registration type

**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		789	10,873	236	7,372	2,970	605	9,003	4,352	968	<b>37,168</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	10	286	2	195	61	26	381	80	27	<b>1,068</b>
	Teaching or research		7		6			2			<b>15</b>
Non-practising		19	360	4	217	66	10	289	151	325	<b>1,441</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>818</b>	<b>11,526</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>7,790</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>9,675</b>	<b>4,583</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>39,692</b>

\* Total figure includes 318 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.

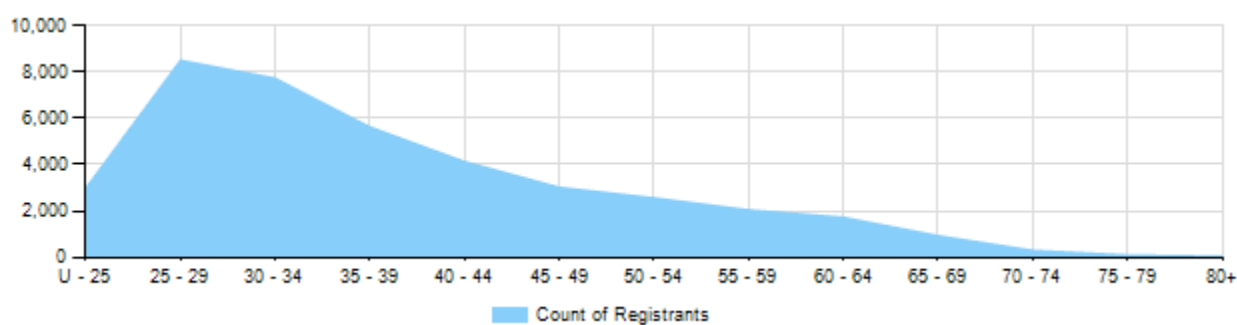
## Age group

### 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	2,968	4		5	<b>2,977</b>
25 - 29	8,038	358		119	<b>8,515</b>
30 - 34	7,101	406		233	<b>7,740</b>
35 - 39	5,219	207	3	206	<b>5,635</b>
40 - 44	3,862	77	2	195	<b>4,136</b>
45 - 49	2,840	14	3	159	<b>3,016</b>
50 - 54	2,443	1	4	115	<b>2,563</b>
55 - 59	1,928	1	3	112	<b>2,044</b>
60 - 64	1,590			132	<b>1,722</b>
65 - 69	832			91	<b>923</b>
70 - 74	256			36	<b>292</b>
75 - 79	67			25	<b>92</b>
80+	24			13	<b>37</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,168</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>39,692</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		523	6,752	165	4,628	1,837	430	5,892	3,024	649	<b>23,900</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	8	195	2	116	47	16	259	57	17	<b>717</b>
		Teaching or research		3		5						<b>8</b>
	Non-practising			15	265	3	153	48	7	234	107	236
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>546</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>6,385</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>25,693</b>
Male	General		266	4,121	71	2,744	1,133	175	3,111	1,328	319	<b>13,268</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	91		79	14	10	122	23	10	<b>351</b>
		Teaching or research		4		1			2			<b>7</b>
	Non-practising			4	95	1	64	18	3	55	44	89
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>272</b>	<b>4,311</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>13,999</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>818</b>	<b>11,526</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>7,790</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>9,675</b>	<b>4,583</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>39,692</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	66.7%	62.6%	70.2%	62.9%	62.4%	70.7%	66.0%	69.6%	68.3%	<b>64.7%</b>
Male	33.3%	37.4%	29.8%	37.1%	37.6%	29.3%	34.0%	30.4%	31.7%	<b>35.3%</b>