

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.

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

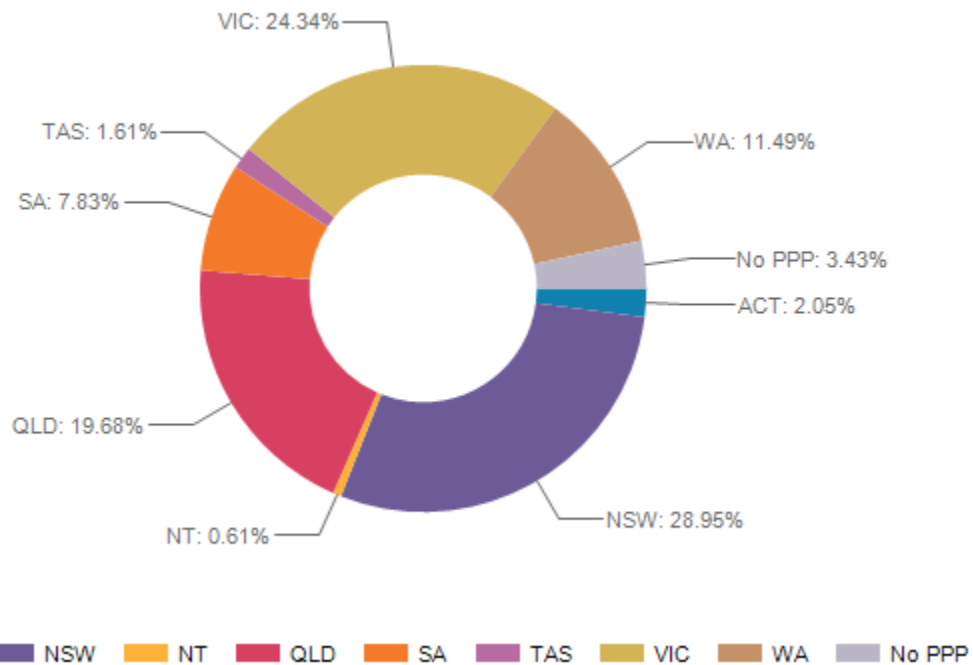
Registration type

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 | | 792 | 10,918 | 238 | 7,447 | 2,993 | 609 | 9,038 | 4,357 | 1,022 | 37,414 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 10 | 302 | 2 | 204 | 75 | 25 | 408 | 89 | 26 | 1,141 |
| | Teaching or research | | 6 | | 6 | | | 2 | | | 14 |
| Non-practising | | 19 | 360 | 4 | 220 | 66 | 9 | 294 | 151 | 326 | 1,449 |
| Total | | 821 | 11,586 | 244 | 7,877 | 3,134 | 643 | 9,742 | 4,597 | 1,374 | 40,018* |

* Total figure includes 316 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.

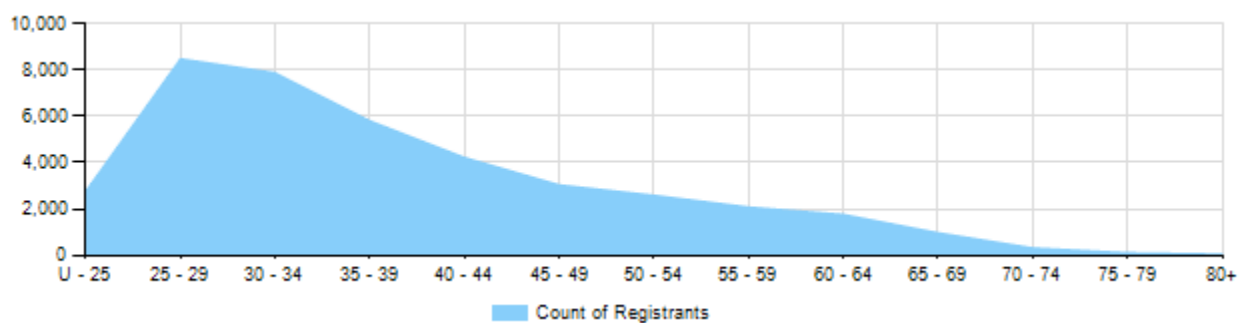
Age group

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 | 2,749 | 6 | | 4 | 2,759 |
| 25 - 29 | 7,990 | 389 | | 110 | 8,489 |
| 30 - 34 | 7,228 | 423 | | 235 | 7,886 |
| 35 - 39 | 5,372 | 224 | 3 | 209 | 5,808 |
| 40 - 44 | 3,945 | 81 | 2 | 192 | 4,220 |
| 45 - 49 | 2,854 | 16 | 3 | 163 | 3,036 |
| 50 - 54 | 2,460 | 1 | 3 | 119 | 2,583 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,960 | 1 | 3 | 111 | 2,075 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,623 | | | 131 | 1,754 |
| 65 - 69 | 866 | | | 96 | 962 |
| 70 - 74 | 268 | | | 39 | 307 |
| 75 - 79 | 73 | | | 26 | 99 |
| 80+ | 26 | | | 14 | 40 |
| Total | 37,414 | 1,141 | 14 | 1,449 | 40,018 |

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 | 6,777 | 166 | 4,667 | 1,843 | 433 | 5,914 | 3,023 | 695 | 24,041 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 8 | 206 | 2 | 122 | 59 | 14 | 273 | 64 | 17 | 765 |
| | | Teaching or research | | 3 | | 5 | | | | | | 8 |
| | Non-practising | | | 15 | 265 | 3 | 156 | 48 | 6 | 236 | 107 | 235 |
| Total Female | | | 546 | 7,251 | 171 | 4,950 | 1,950 | 453 | 6,423 | 3,194 | 947 | 25,885 |
| Male | General | | 269 | 4,141 | 72 | 2,780 | 1,150 | 176 | 3,124 | 1,334 | 327 | 13,373 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 2 | 96 | | 82 | 16 | 11 | 135 | 25 | 9 | 376 |
| | | Teaching or research | | 3 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 6 |
| | Non-practising | | | 4 | 95 | 1 | 64 | 18 | 3 | 58 | 44 | 91 |
| Total Male | | | 275 | 4,335 | 73 | 2,927 | 1,184 | 190 | 3,319 | 1,403 | 427 | 14,133 |
| Total | | | 821 | 11,586 | 244 | 7,877 | 3,134 | 643 | 9,742 | 4,597 | 1,374 | 40,018 |

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

| Gender | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Female | 66.5% | 62.6% | 70.1% | 62.8% | 62.2% | 70.5% | 65.9% | 69.5% | 68.9% | 64.7% |
| Male | 33.5% | 37.4% | 29.9% | 37.2% | 37.8% | 29.5% | 34.1% | 30.5% | 31.1% | 35.3% |