

# 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](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, 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 information.

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

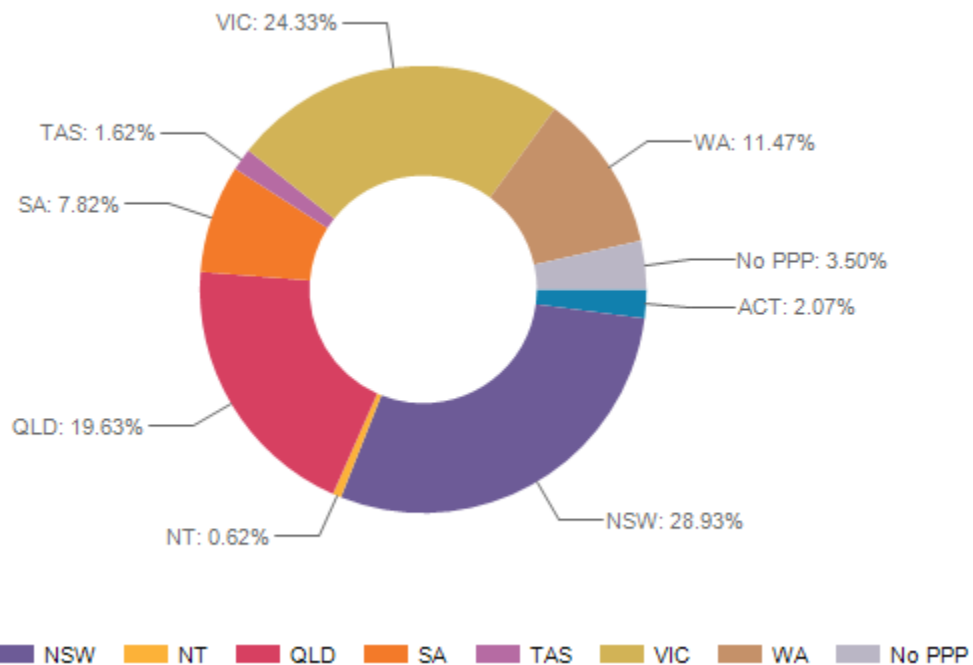
### Registration type

**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		799	10,918	242	7,435	2,982	603	9,031	4,349	1,057	<b>37,416</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	12	309	5	219	83	32	433	98	22	<b>1,213</b>
	Teaching or research		6		6			2			<b>14</b>
Non-practising		21	389	3	227	75	16	309	161	327	<b>1,528</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>832</b>	<b>11,622</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>9,775</b>	<b>4,608</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>40,171*</b>

\* Total figure includes 18 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.

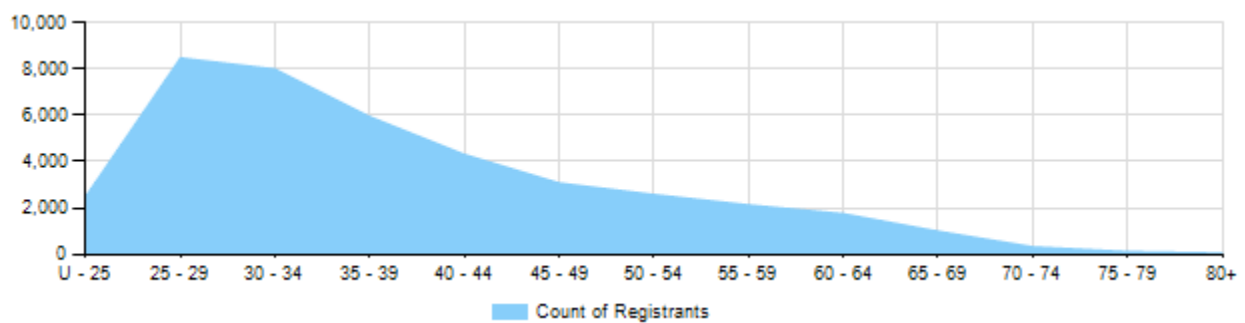
## Age group

### 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	2,484	5		2	<b>2,491</b>
25 - 29	7,956	415		113	<b>8,484</b>
30 - 34	7,307	450		240	<b>7,997</b>
35 - 39	5,466	245	3	229	<b>5,943</b>
40 - 44	4,023	80	2	201	<b>4,306</b>
45 - 49	2,892	16	3	162	<b>3,073</b>
50 - 54	2,445	1	2	124	<b>2,572</b>
55 - 59	2,002	1	4	114	<b>2,121</b>
60 - 64	1,603			140	<b>1,743</b>
65 - 69	871			115	<b>986</b>
70 - 74	265			46	<b>311</b>
75 - 79	77			27	<b>104</b>
80+	25			15	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,416</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>40,171</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	6,763	170	4,648	1,829	428	5,898	3,013	721	<b>23,994</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	10	207	4	131	64	19	288	69	15	<b>807</b>
		Teaching or research		3		5						<b>8</b>
	Non-practising			17	283	2	163	55	10	246	115	234
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>551</b>	<b>7,256</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>25,934</b>
Male	General		275	4,155	72	2,787	1,153	175	3,133	1,336	336	<b>13,422</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	102	1	88	19	13	145	29	7	<b>406</b>
		Teaching or research		3		1			2			<b>6</b>
	Non-practising			4	106	1	64	20	6	63	46	93
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>281</b>	<b>4,366</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>14,237</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>832</b>	<b>11,622</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>9,775</b>	<b>4,608</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>40,171</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	66.2%	62.4%	70.4%	62.7%	62.0%	70.2%	65.8%	69.4%	69.0%	<b>64.6%</b>
Male	33.8%	37.6%	29.6%	37.3%	38.0%	29.8%	34.2%	30.6%	31.0%	<b>35.4%</b>