

# 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, 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

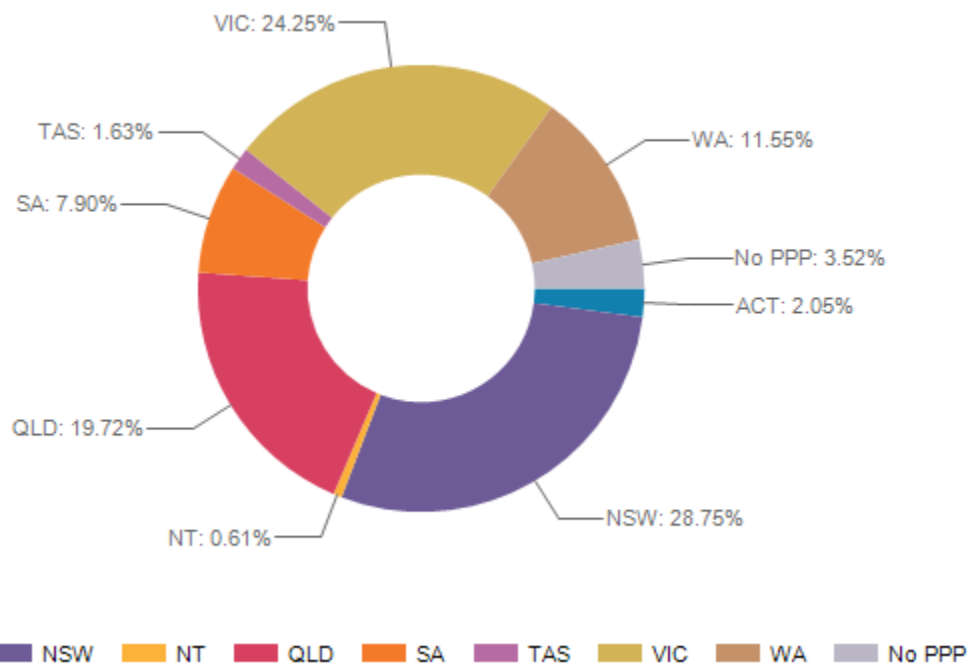
### Registration type

**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		819	11,257	246	7,743	3,106	625	9,336	4,533	1,119	<b>38,784</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	13	326	6	219	100	35	454	104	15	<b>1,272</b>
	Teaching or research		5		6			2			<b>13</b>
Non-practising		22	382	4	242	85	18	306	173	332	<b>1,564</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>854</b>	<b>11,970</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>41,633*</b>

\* Total figure includes 19 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.

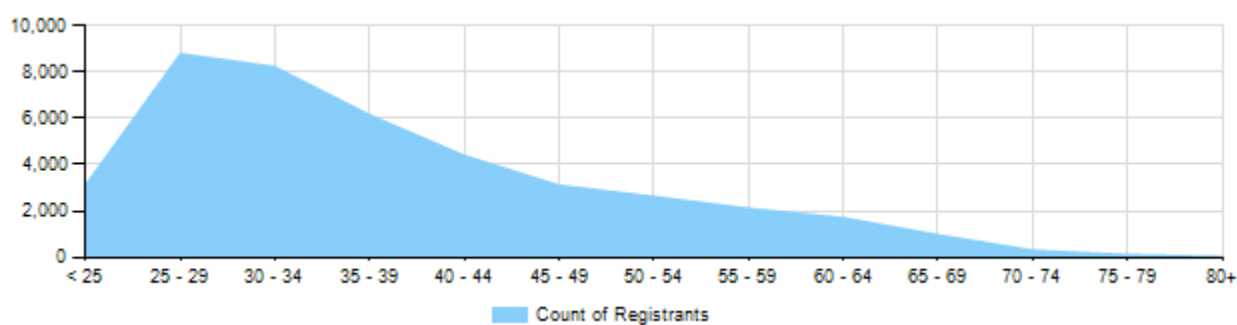
## Age group

### 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		
< 25	3,118	9		6	3,133
25 - 29	8,254	410		130	8,794
30 - 34	7,516	471	1	244	8,232
35 - 39	5,651	272	1	228	6,152
40 - 44	4,104	89	3	198	4,394
45 - 49	2,924	17	3	162	3,106
50 - 54	2,485	3	2	131	2,621
55 - 59	1,993	1	2	111	2,107
60 - 64	1,554		1	146	1,701
65 - 69	836			128	964
70 - 74	252			46	298
75 - 79	78			26	104
80+	19			8	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,784</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>41,633</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		529	6,937	171	4,814	1,889	424	6,072	3,127	751	<b>24,714</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	11	219	5	134	77	19	304	67	12	<b>848</b>
		Teaching or research		3		5						<b>8</b>
	Non-practising		18	280	3	165	63	10	231	123	237	<b>1,130</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>558</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>5,118</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>26,700</b>
Male	General		290	4,320	75	2,929	1,216	201	3,264	1,406	368	<b>14,069</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	107	1	85	23	16	150	37	3	<b>424</b>
		Teaching or research		2		1			2			<b>5</b>
	Non-practising		4	102	1	77	22	8	75	50	95	<b>434</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>296</b>	<b>4,531</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>14,932</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General						1					<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>854</b>	<b>11,970</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>41,633</b>

### Percentage

**Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	65.3%	62.1%	69.9%	62.3%	61.7%	66.8%	65.4%	69.0%	68.2%	<b>64.1%</b>
Male	34.7%	37.9%	30.1%	37.7%	38.3%	33.2%	34.6%	31.0%	31.8%	<b>35.9%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate					<0.1%					<b>&lt;0.1%</b>