

Occupational therapy workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



28,844 registered occupational therapists in Australia¹

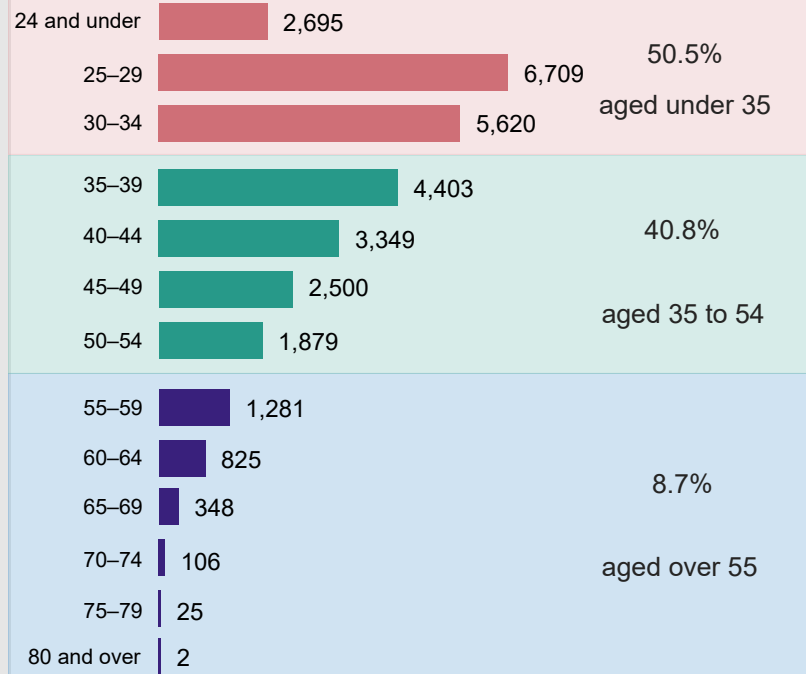
3.4% of regulated health practitioner workforce

109 occupational therapists per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



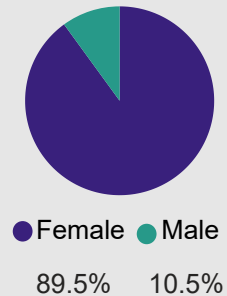
Age range at 2022/23



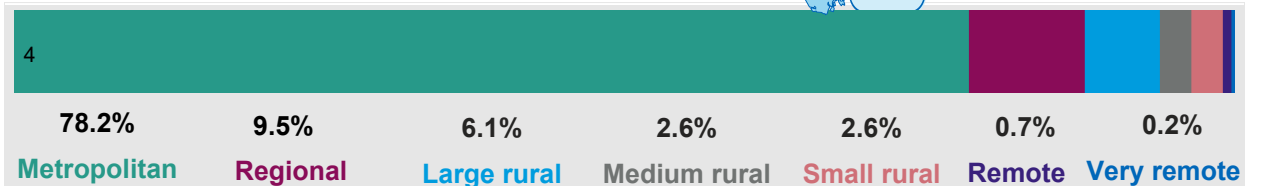
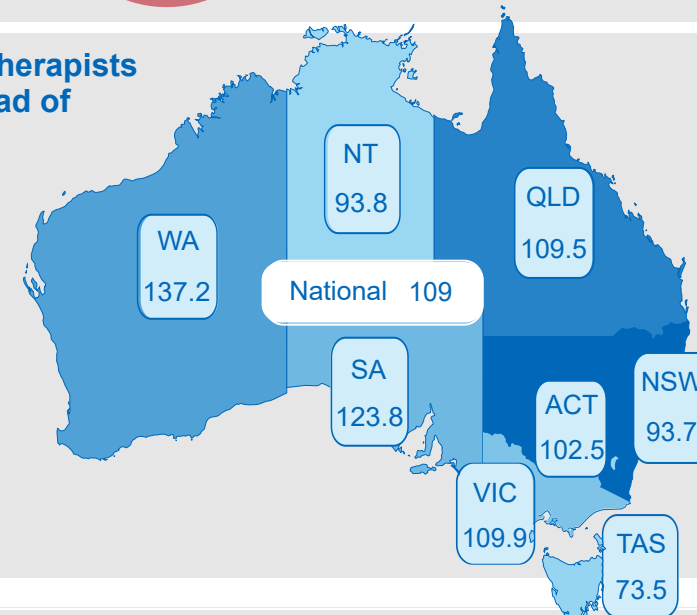
Average age

37.4 years

Gender



Occupational therapists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants³



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.
 2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.
 3. See above.
 4. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who do not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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FIVE-YEAR TREND FROM 2018/19 TO 2022/23

Registered occupational therapists⁵

22,412 29,742 ▲

Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce

3% 3.4% ●

Occupational therapists per 100,000 head of population⁶

89.1 112.4 ▲

Age

Percentage of occupational therapists under the age of 35

48.9% 50.5% ▲

Percentage of occupational therapists aged 35 to 54

41.7% 40.8% ●

Percentage of occupational therapists aged 55 and over

9.3% 8.7% ●

Gender

Percentage of female occupational therapists

90.8% 89.5% ▼

Percentage of male occupational therapists

9.2% 10.5% ▲

Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

32.7% increase in registered occupational therapists

Changes to registration categories

General registration

96.8% 96.3% ●

Limited registration

0.4% 0.7% ●

Non-practising registration

2.9% 3% ●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

386	ACT 497	+28.8% ▲
6,245	NSW 7,978	+27.8% ▲
189	NT 241	+27.5% ▲
4,423	QLD 6,088	+37.6% ▲
1,739	SA 2,363	+35.9% ▲
314	TAS 429	+36.6% ▲
5,715	VIC 7,620	+33.3% ▲
3,059	WA 4,049	+32.4% ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

16,871	Metropolitan 22,565	+33.8% ▲
2,023	Regional 2,748	+35.8% ▲
1,435	Large rural 1,773	+23.6% ▲
598	Medium rural 760	+27.1% ▲
583	Small rural 760	+30.4% ▲
154	Remote 208	+35.1% ▲
53	Very remote 58	+9.4% ▲

7. Excludes practitioners who do not have a PPP in Australia recorded on the public register. These practitioners usually reside overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

8. See above.