

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023



873 registered practitioners in Australia¹

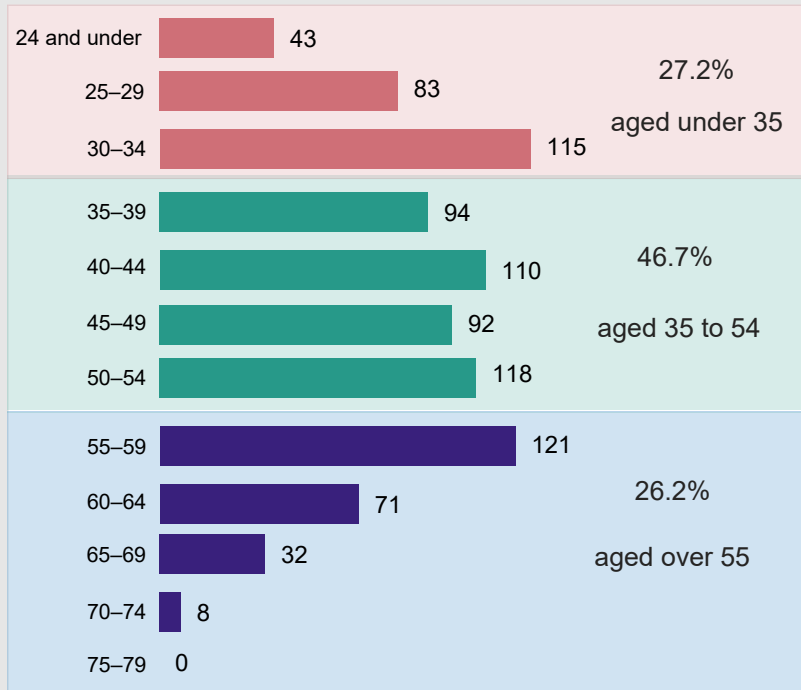
0.1% of regulated health practitioner workforce

3.3 practitioners per 100,000 head of population²

Registration types



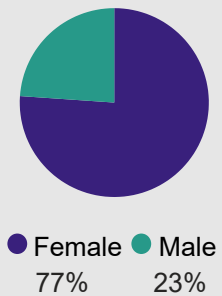
Age range at 2022/23



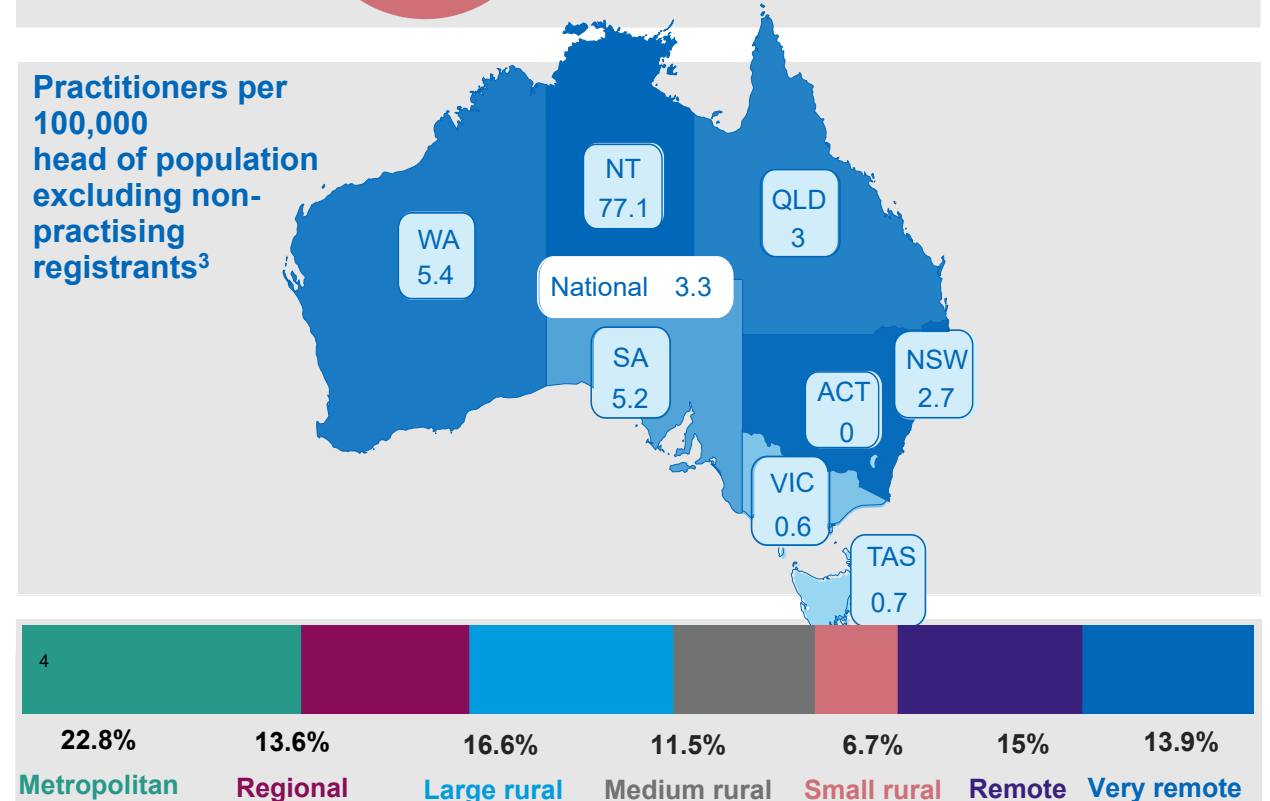
Average age

45 years

Gender



Practitioners 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 did not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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

Registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners⁵

690	887	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
0.1%	0.1%	●
Practitioners per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
2.7	3.4	▲
Age		
Percentage of practitioners under the age of 35		
22.5%	27.2%	▲
Percentage of practitioners aged 35 to 54		
51%	46.7%	▼
Percentage of practitioners aged 55 and over		
26.5%	26.2%	●
Gender		
Percentage of female practitioners		
77%	77%	●
Percentage of male practitioners		
23%	23%	●

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

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

28.6% increase in registered practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
99.7%	98.4%	▼
Non-practising registration		
0.3%	1.6%	▲

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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

Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

3	0	-100% ▼
	ACT	
133	227	+70.7% ▲
	NSW	
223	196	-12.1% ▼
	NT	
123	163	+32.5% ▲
	QLD	
54	96	+77.8% ▲
	SA	
3	4	+33.3% ▲
	TAS	
21	44	+109.5% ▲
	VIC	
130	157	+20.8% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

99	188	+89.9% ▲
	Metropolitan	
91	112	+23.1% ▲
	Regional	
100	137	+37% ▲
	Large rural	
53	95	+79.2% ▲
	Medium rural	
36	55	+52.8% ▲
	Small rural	
117	124	+6% ▲
	Remote	
114	115	0.9% ●
	Very remote	

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

8. See above.