

Pharmacy now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance



34,726 registered pharmacists in Australia¹

642 pharmacists on the pandemic response sub-register

35,368 pharmacists in total

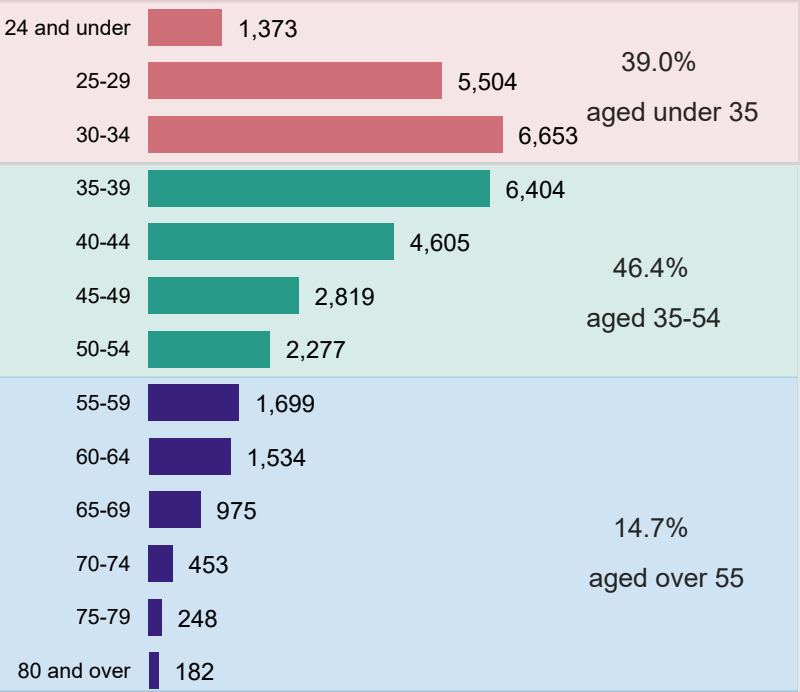
4.2% of regulated health practitioner workforce

129.0 pharmacists per 100,000 head of population

Registration type



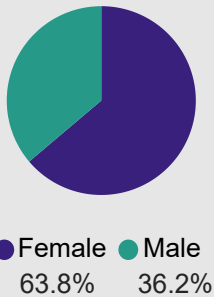
Age range at 2021/22



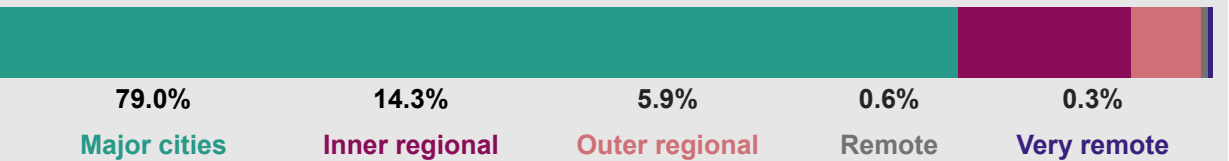
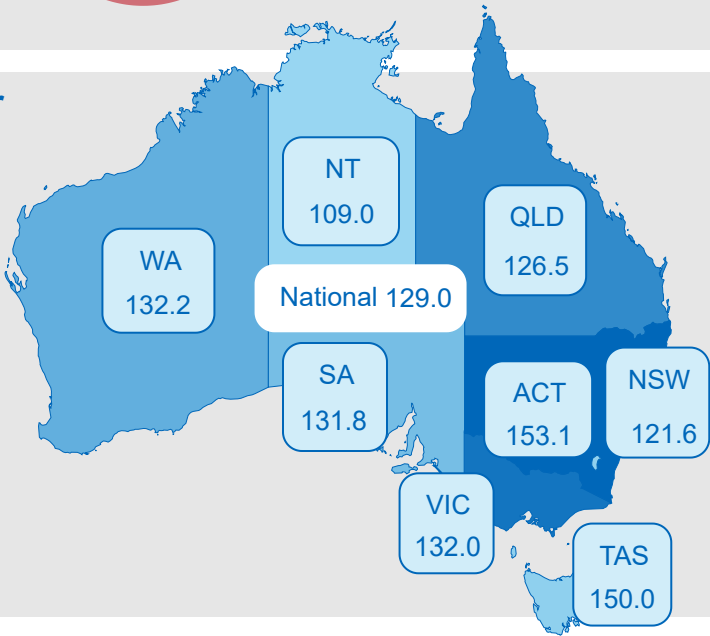
Average age (mean)

40.2 years

Gender



Pharmacists per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants



1. Excludes non-practising registrants and those on the pandemic sub-register, unless otherwise stated.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Registered pharmacists

31,108	34,726	▲
4.2%	4.2%	●
124.6	134.1	▲
Age		
44.7%	39.0%	▼
39.7%	46.4%	▲
15.6%	14.7%	▼
Gender		
62.4%	63.8%	▲
37.6%	36.2%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18	2021/22	
Trend down ▼	Trend stable ●	Trend up ▲

11.6% increase in registered pharmacists

Changes to registration categories

90.8%	90.5%	▼
0.1%	0.0%	▼
5.5%	5.6%	▲
3.6%	3.9%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

577	718	+24.4 % ▲
NSW		
9,443	10,210	+8.1 % ▲
NT		
253	277	+9.5 % ▲
QLD		
6,167	6,875	+11.5 % ▲
SA		
2,211	2,446	+10.6 % ▲
TAS		
741	879	+18.6 % ▲
VIC		
7,860	9,010	+14.6 % ▲
WA		
3,266	3,746	+14.7 % ▲

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

Major cities		
24,047	26,940	+12.0 % ▲
Inner regional		
4,303	4,865	+13.1 % ▲
Outer regional		
1,847	2,001	+8.3 % ▲
Remote		
162	189	+16.7 % ▲
Very remote		
109	114	+4.6 % ▲

1. Excludes practitioners who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice (PPP) recorded on the register - usually because they are residing overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.