

# Dental Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

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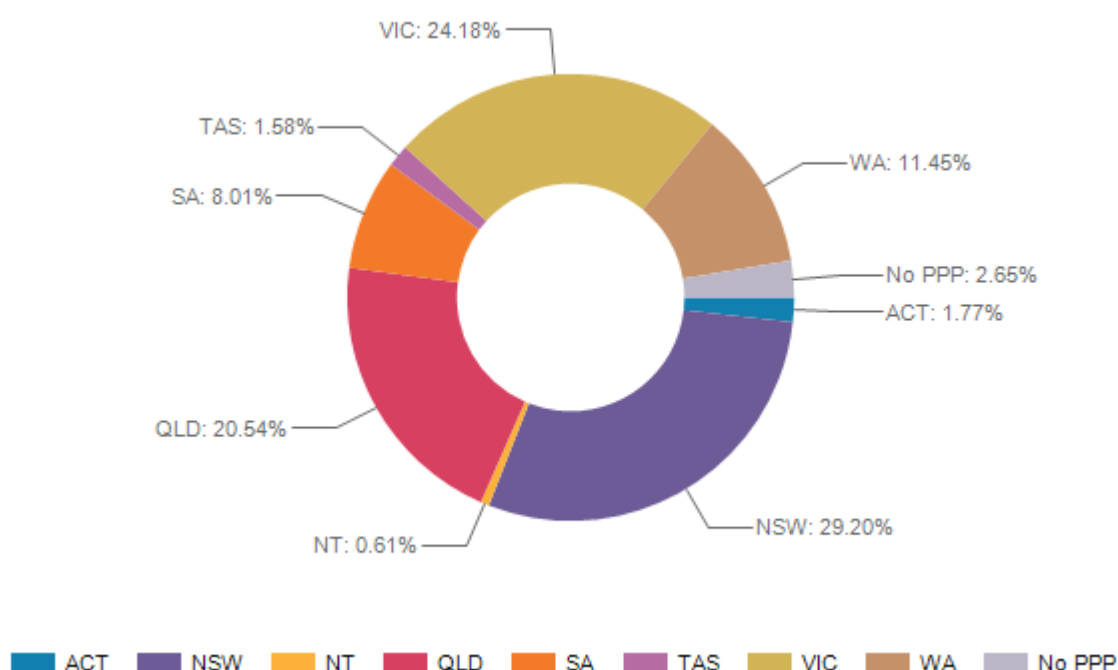
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory**

| Registration types         | Registration subtypes                        | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| General                    |                                              | 424        | 7,234        | 154        | 5,107        | 1,967        | 398        | 5,997        | 2,837        | 405        | 24,523        |
| General and Non-practising |                                              |            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 2             |
| General and Specialist     |                                              | 46         | 536          | 6          | 374          | 156          | 27         | 453          | 209          | 44         | 1,851         |
| Specialist                 |                                              | 1          | 16           |            | 9            | 4            | 1          | 14           | 10           | 12         | 67            |
| Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |            |              |            |              | 2            |            | 5            | 3            |            | 10            |
|                            | Public interest                              |            | 1            |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Teaching or research                         |            | 5            |            | 15           | 5            |            | 1            | 6            |            | 32            |
| Non-practising             |                                              | 19         | 284          | 10         | 175          | 82           | 12         | 217          | 102          | 271        | 1,172         |
| <b>Total</b>               |                                              | <b>490</b> | <b>8,076</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>5,681</b> | <b>2,216</b> | <b>438</b> | <b>6,688</b> | <b>3,167</b> | <b>732</b> | <b>27,658</b> |

**Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice**



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners

**Table 1.3 Dental practitioners who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by principal place of practice**

| PPP                                                 | ACT   | NSW   | NT    | QLD   | SA    | TAS   | VIC   | WA    | No PPP | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners | 3     | 42    | 2     | 54    | 16    | 4     | 14    | 18    | 2      | 155   |
| Percentage of all practitioners                     | 0.6 % | 0.5 % | 1.2 % | 1.0 % | 0.7 % | 0.9 % | 0.2 % | 0.6 % | 0.3 %  | 0.6 % |

## Registration divisions

**Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory**

| Division                                                                    | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Dental Hygienist                                                            | 39         | 361          | 12         | 210          | 341          | 17         | 222          | 263          | 21         | 1,486         |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                                     |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                                       | 6          | 54           | 4          | 102          | 47           | 4          | 90           | 49           | 1          | 357           |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist                           |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist |            |              |            |              | 1            |            |              |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist             |            | 31           |            | 17           | 13           | 2          | 35           | 12           |            | 110           |
| Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                                |            | 2            |            | 3            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 6             |
| Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist                                  |            | 22           |            | 4            | 4            | 1          | 6            | 9            |            | 46            |
| Dental Prosthetist                                                          | 11         | 407          | 4          | 336          | 66           | 44         | 360          | 78           | 4          | 1,310         |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                                     |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
| Dental Prosthetist and Dentist                                              |            |              |            |              |              |            | 3            |              |            | 3             |
| Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist                                |            | 1            | 1          | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 3             |
| Dental Therapist                                                            | 7          | 131          | 10         | 112          | 52           | 34         | 111          | 210          | 5          | 672           |
| Dental Therapist and Dentist                                                |            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 2             |
| Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist                                  |            | 1            |            |              | 1            |            |              | 6            |            | 8             |
| Dentist                                                                     | 379        | 6,171        | 118        | 4,318        | 1,372        | 301        | 5,043        | 2,211        | 664        | 20,577        |
| Dentist and Oral Health Therapist                                           |            | 5            |            | 8            | 2            |            | 6            |              |            | 21            |
| Oral Health Therapist                                                       | 48         | 890          | 21         | 567          | 317          | 35         | 808          | 329          | 37         | 3,052         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                | <b>490</b> | <b>8,076</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>5,681</b> | <b>2,216</b> | <b>438</b> | <b>6,688</b> | <b>3,167</b> | <b>732</b> | <b>27,658</b> |

## Registration type and divisions

**Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory**

| Registration types         | Division                                                                    | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| General                    | Dental Hygienist                                                            | 36         | 341          | 11         | 198          | 329          | 17         | 214          | 253          | 13         | 1,412         |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist                                     |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist                                       | 6          | 47           | 4          | 92           | 43           | 4          | 87           | 48           | 1          | 332           |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist                           |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist |            |              |            |              | 1            |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist             |            | 31           |            | 17           | 13           | 2          | 35           | 12           |            | 110           |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Dentist                                                |            | 2            |            | 2            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 5             |
|                            | Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist                                  |            | 22           |            | 4            | 4            | 1          | 6            | 9            |            | 46            |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist                                                          | 11         | 383          | 4          | 320          | 65           | 43         | 347          | 76           | 2          | 1,251         |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist                                     |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Dentist                                              |            |              |            |              |              |            | 3            |              |            | 3             |
|                            | Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist                                |            | 1            | 1          | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 3             |
|                            | Dental Therapist                                                            | 7          | 115          | 9          | 109          | 52           | 33         | 100          | 199          | 3          | 627           |
|                            | Dental Therapist and Dentist                                                |            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1            |              |            | 2             |
|                            | Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist                                  |            | 1            |            |              | 1            |            |              | 6            |            | 8             |
|                            | Dentist                                                                     | 318        | 5,410        | 106        | 3,804        | 1,151        | 264        | 4,406        | 1,917        | 355        | 17,731        |
|                            | Dentist and Oral Health Therapist                                           |            | 5            |            | 8            | 2            |            | 6            |              |            | 21            |
|                            | Oral Health Therapist                                                       | 46         | 876          | 19         | 549          | 306          | 34         | 789          | 317          | 31         | 2,967         |
| <b>Sub Total - General</b> |                                                                             | <b>424</b> | <b>7,234</b> | <b>154</b> | <b>5,107</b> | <b>1,967</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>5,997</b> | <b>2,837</b> | <b>405</b> | <b>24,523</b> |

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| Registration types                            | Division                                | ACT        | NSW          | NT         | QLD          | SA           | TAS        | VIC          | WA           | No PPP     | Total         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| General and Non-practising                    | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist   |            |              |            |              |              |            | 1            |              |            | 1             |
|                                               | Dental Hygienist and Dentist            |            |              |            | 1            |              |            |              |              |            | 1             |
|                                               | Dentist and Oral Health Therapist       |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 0             |
| <b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b> |                                         | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>2</b>      |
| General and Specialist                        | Dentist                                 | 46         | 536          | 6          | 374          | 156          | 27         | 453          | 209          | 44         | 1,851         |
| Specialist                                    | Dentist                                 | 1          | 16           |            | 9            | 4            | 1          | 14           | 10           | 12         | 67            |
| Limited                                       | Dentist                                 |            | 6            |            | 15           | 7            |            | 6            | 8            |            | 42            |
|                                               | Oral Health Therapist                   |            |              |            |              |              |            |              | 1            |            | 1             |
| <b>Sub Total - Limited</b>                    |                                         | <b>0</b>   | <b>6</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>15</b>    | <b>7</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>6</b>     | <b>9</b>     | <b>0</b>   | <b>43</b>     |
| Non-practising                                | Dental Hygienist                        | 3          | 20           | 1          | 12           | 12           |            | 8            | 10           | 8          | 74            |
|                                               | Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist |            |              |            |              |              |            |              |              |            | 0             |
|                                               | Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist   |            | 7            |            | 10           | 4            |            | 2            | 1            |            | 24            |
|                                               | Dental Prosthetist                      |            | 24           |            | 16           | 1            | 1          | 13           | 2            | 2          | 59            |
|                                               | Dental Therapist                        |            | 16           | 1          | 3            |              | 1          | 11           | 11           | 2          | 45            |
|                                               | Dentist                                 | 14         | 203          | 6          | 116          | 54           | 9          | 164          | 67           | 253        | 886           |
|                                               | Oral Health Therapist                   | 2          | 14           | 2          | 18           | 11           | 1          | 19           | 11           | 6          | 84            |
| <b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>             |                                         | <b>19</b>  | <b>284</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>175</b>   | <b>82</b>    | <b>12</b>  | <b>217</b>   | <b>102</b>   | <b>271</b> | <b>1,172</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |                                         | <b>490</b> | <b>8,076</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>5,681</b> | <b>2,216</b> | <b>438</b> | <b>6,688</b> | <b>3,167</b> | <b>732</b> | <b>27,658</b> |

## Dental specialities

**Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory**

| Speciality                                       | ACT       | NSW        | NT       | QLD        | SA         | TAS       | VIC        | WA         | No PPP    | Total        |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Dento-maxillofacial radiology                    |           | 2          |          | 7          |            |           | 1          | 6          | 1         | 17           |
| Endodontics                                      | 7         | 55         |          | 47         | 15         | 4         | 50         | 19         | 5         | 202          |
| Forensic odontology                              | 2         | 5          | 1        | 2          | 2          | 1         | 1          | 4          | 1         | 19           |
| Oral and maxillofacial pathology                 |           | 4          |          | 2          | 4          | 1         | 2          | 3          | 1         | 17           |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery                   | 6         | 61         | 2        | 61         | 19         | 4         | 59         | 21         | 8         | 241          |
| Oral medicine                                    | 1         | 10         |          | 5          |            |           | 14         | 10         | 2         | 42           |
| Oral surgery                                     |           | 44         |          | 8          |            | 1         | 7          | 2          | 4         | 66           |
| Orthodontics                                     | 14        | 193        | 3        | 124        | 55         | 9         | 156        | 71         | 17        | 642          |
| Paediatric dentistry                             | 4         | 46         |          | 29         | 16         | 1         | 47         | 25         | 4         | 172          |
| Periodontics                                     | 8         | 71         | 1        | 57         | 17         | 5         | 66         | 34         | 5         | 264          |
| Prosthodontics                                   | 5         | 67         |          | 42         | 27         | 1         | 56         | 25         | 8         | 231          |
| Public health dentistry<br>(Community dentistry) |           | 7          |          | 1          | 1          | 1         | 8          | 1          |           | 19           |
| Special needs dentistry                          |           | 7          |          | 6          | 5          |           | 8          | 1          | 1         | 28           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>47</b> | <b>572</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>391</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>475</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>1,960</b> |

## Endorsements

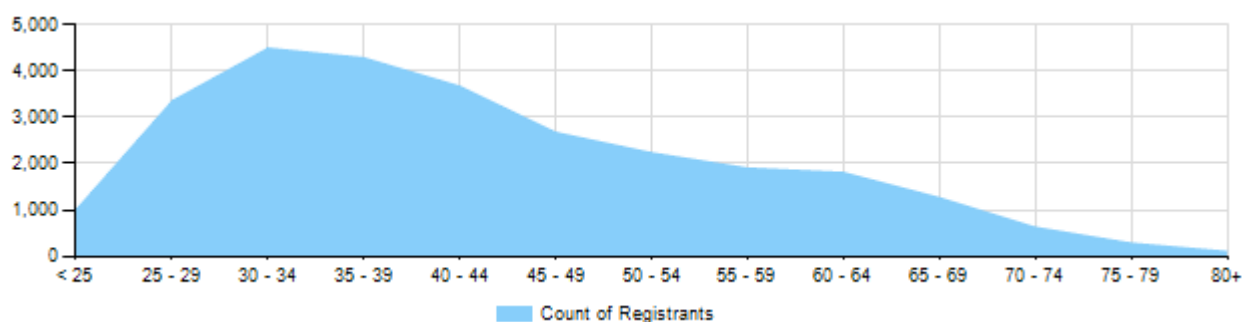
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

| Endorsement                           | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|--------|-------|
| Area of Practice - Conscious sedation | 5   | 44  |    | 18  | 2  | 2   | 4   | 12 | 1      | 88    |



## Age group

**Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group**



**Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group**

| Age group    | General       | General and Non-practising | General and Specialist | Specialist | Limited                                      |                 |                      | Non-practising | Total         |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
|              |               |                            |                        |            | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Public interest | Teaching or research |                |               |
| < 25         | 998           |                            |                        |            |                                              |                 |                      | 7              | 1,005         |
| 25 - 29      | 3,272         |                            | 9                      |            | 1                                            |                 |                      | 73             | 3,355         |
| 30 - 34      | 4,216         |                            | 125                    | 4          | 3                                            | 1               | 3                    | 142            | 4,494         |
| 35 - 39      | 3,896         | 1                          | 229                    | 11         | 3                                            |                 | 4                    | 140            | 4,284         |
| 40 - 44      | 3,202         | 1                          | 328                    | 23         | 2                                            |                 | 7                    | 105            | 3,668         |
| 45 - 49      | 2,303         |                            | 269                    | 13         | 1                                            |                 | 5                    | 80             | 2,671         |
| 50 - 54      | 1,935         |                            | 205                    | 7          |                                              |                 | 7                    | 76             | 2,230         |
| 55 - 59      | 1,607         |                            | 183                    | 8          |                                              |                 | 4                    | 97             | 1,899         |
| 60 - 64      | 1,456         |                            | 210                    |            |                                              |                 | 1                    | 136            | 1,803         |
| 65 - 69      | 980           |                            | 152                    | 1          |                                              |                 |                      | 125            | 1,258         |
| 70 - 74      | 407           |                            | 91                     |            |                                              |                 | 1                    | 120            | 619           |
| 75 - 79      | 195           |                            | 33                     |            |                                              |                 |                      | 48             | 276           |
| 80+          | 56            |                            | 17                     |            |                                              |                 |                      | 23             | 96            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>24,523</b> | <b>2</b>                   | <b>1,851</b>           | <b>67</b>  | <b>10</b>                                    | <b>1</b>        | <b>32</b>            | <b>1,172</b>   | <b>27,658</b> |

## Gender

**Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender**

| Gender                                  | Registration types         | Registration subtypes                        | ACT | NSW   | NT  | QLD   | SA    | TAS | VIC   | WA    | No PPP | Total  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Female                                  | General                    |                                              | 281 | 3,908 | 100 | 2,850 | 1,269 | 210 | 3,525 | 1,798 | 231    | 14,172 |
|                                         | General and Non-practising |                                              |     |       |     | 1     |       |     | 1     |       |        | 2      |
|                                         | General and Specialist     |                                              | 13  | 155   | 1   | 105   | 52    | 8   | 160   | 79    | 12     | 585    |
|                                         | Specialist                 |                                              | 1   | 7     |     | 3     | 1     |     | 9     | 4     | 5      | 30     |
|                                         | Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |     |       |     |       | 1     |     | 2     | 1     |        | 4      |
|                                         |                            | Public interest                              |     | 1     |     |       |       |     |       |       |        | 1      |
|                                         |                            | Teaching or research                         |     |       |     | 4     | 2     |     | 1     | 1     |        | 8      |
|                                         | Non-practising             |                                              | 13  | 147   | 5   | 94    | 49    | 4   | 110   | 58    | 139    | 619    |
| Total Female                            |                            |                                              | 308 | 4,218 | 106 | 3,057 | 1,374 | 222 | 3,808 | 1,941 | 387    | 15,421 |
| Male                                    | General                    |                                              | 143 | 3,325 | 54  | 2,257 | 698   | 188 | 2,472 | 1,039 | 174    | 10,350 |
|                                         | General and Specialist     |                                              | 33  | 381   | 5   | 269   | 104   | 19  | 293   | 130   | 32     | 1,266  |
|                                         | Specialist                 |                                              |     | 9     |     | 6     | 3     | 1   | 5     | 6     | 7      | 37     |
|                                         | Limited                    | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |     |       |     |       | 1     |     | 3     | 2     |        | 6      |
|                                         |                            | Teaching or research                         |     | 5     |     | 11    | 2     |     |       | 5     |        | 23     |
|                                         | Non-practising             |                                              | 6   | 137   | 5   | 81    | 33    | 8   | 107   | 44    | 132    | 553    |
| Total Male                              |                            |                                              | 182 | 3,857 | 64  | 2,624 | 841   | 216 | 2,880 | 1,226 | 345    | 12,235 |
| Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate | General                    |                                              |     | 1     |     |       |       |     |       |       |        | 1      |
|                                         | Limited                    | Teaching or research                         |     |       |     |       | 1     |     |       |       |        | 1      |
| Total                                   |                            |                                              | 490 | 8,076 | 170 | 5,681 | 2,216 | 438 | 6,688 | 3,167 | 732    | 27,658 |

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

| Gender                                  | ACT   | NSW   | NT    | QLD   | SA    | TAS   | VIC   | WA    | No PPP | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Female                                  | 62.9% | 52.2% | 62.4% | 53.8% | 62.0% | 50.7% | 56.9% | 61.3% | 52.9%  | 55.8% |
| Male                                    | 37.1% | 47.8% | 37.6% | 46.2% | 38.0% | 49.3% | 43.1% | 38.7% | 47.1%  | 44.2% |
| Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate |       | <0.1% |       |       | <0.1% |       |       |       |        | <0.1% |