Australia Physiotherapist Numbers

- **Physiotherapists in the country/territory**
  - Members in MO: 19,031
  - Total physios in country: 35,611

- **Physiotherapists in the Asia Western Pacific region of World Physiotherapy**
  - Members in MOs: 219,744
  - Number of physios in the region: 383,795

- **Physiotherapists in the world**
  - Members of MOs globally: 658,433
  - Physios globally: 1,901,585

53% of physiotherapists in the country/territory are members of the Australian Physiotherapy Association.

57% of physiotherapists in the region are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.

35% of physiotherapists in the world are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.

The data in this page includes data from all of World Physiotherapy’s 122 member organisations. Some data has also been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
Number of new member organisations and member organisations which have increased, decreased or kept the same membership in each World Physiotherapy region.

In your region 65% of member organisations have increased their membership.

Total membership of the Asia Western Pacific region has increased by 49,575 individual members.
The 3 countries with the highest % of female physiotherapists in your region:

- Kuwait
- Mongolia
- Myanmar

65% of physiotherapists in Australia are female.

63% of physiotherapists globally are female.

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY REGIONS:

- 70% in North America Caribbean region
- 67% in Europe region
- 62% in Africa region
- 54% in Asia Western Pacific region

61% in South America region

63% of physiotherapists globally are female.
73% of member organisations in the Asia Western Pacific region have carried out advocacy on behalf of their members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

85% of countries/territories in the region had to stop clinical practice at some point during the pandemic.

42% of countries in the Asia Western Pacific region reported challenges for physiotherapists accessing PPE.
What actions did member organisations in your region take to support their members during the COVID-19 pandemic?

21 member organisations offered COVID-19 specific online education or training

14 member organisations facilitated access to personal protective equipment for physiotherapists

7 member organisations arranged other support for their members

73% of national conferences in the Asia Western Pacific region were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

54% of countries in the Asia Western Pacific region had to cancel or postpone continuous professional development (CPD) activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic
Map showing the number of practising physiotherapists per 10,000 of the population within the Asia Western Pacific region of World Physiotherapy.
9 entry-level education programmes in your country/territory per 5 million population in the Asia Western Pacific region of World Physiotherapy.

2.1 is the average number of entry-level education programmes per 5 million population.
ARE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

65% of respondents reported that physiotherapists in your region are permitted to provide telehealth services in the workforce.

In your country/territory physiotherapists are permitted to provide telehealth services.

CAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN YOUR COUNTRY/TERRITORY TREAT PEOPLE WITHOUT A REFERRAL FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR?

38% of respondents in your region reported full direct access to physiotherapy services.

In your country/territory full direct access is permitted.
74% recognise special interest groups

16% of countries a physiotherapist has to be a member of our MO to practice

79% provide CPD for their members

71% have postgraduate education

58% have support personnel to work with physiotherapists

48% have access to PhD programmes
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WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES RESPONDED:

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