World Physiotherapy

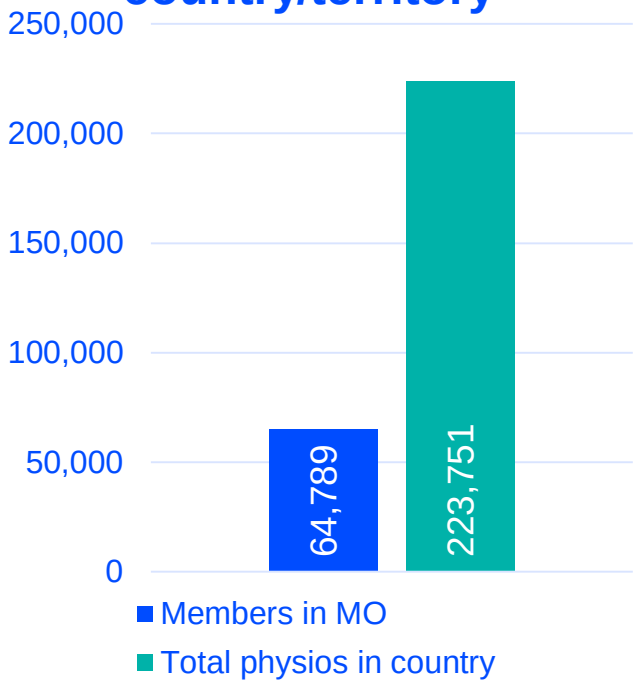
UNITED STATES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

2020

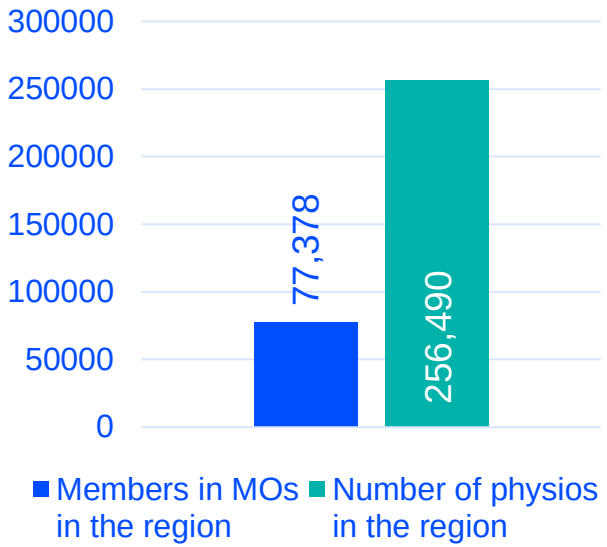
UNITED STATES | PHYSIOTHERAPIST NUMBERS

Physiotherapists in the country/territory



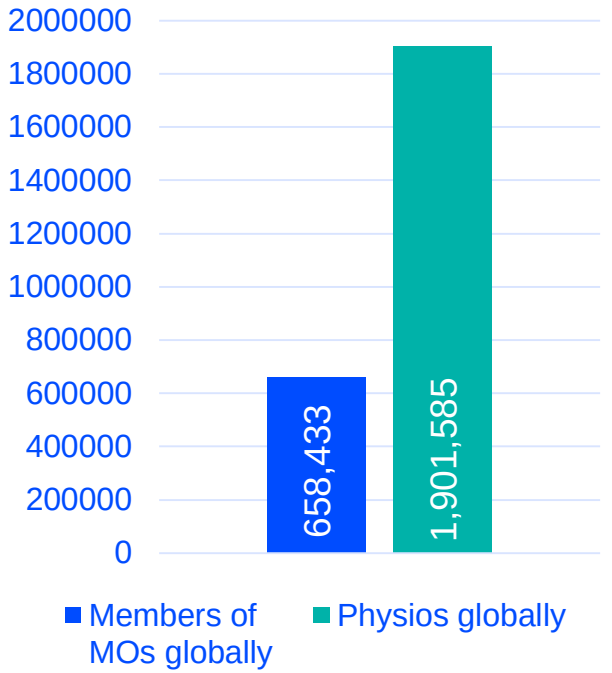
29% of physiotherapists in the country/territory are members of the American Physical Therapy Association

Physiotherapists in the North America Caribbean region of World Physiotherapy



30% of physiotherapists in the region are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation

Physiotherapists in the world



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.
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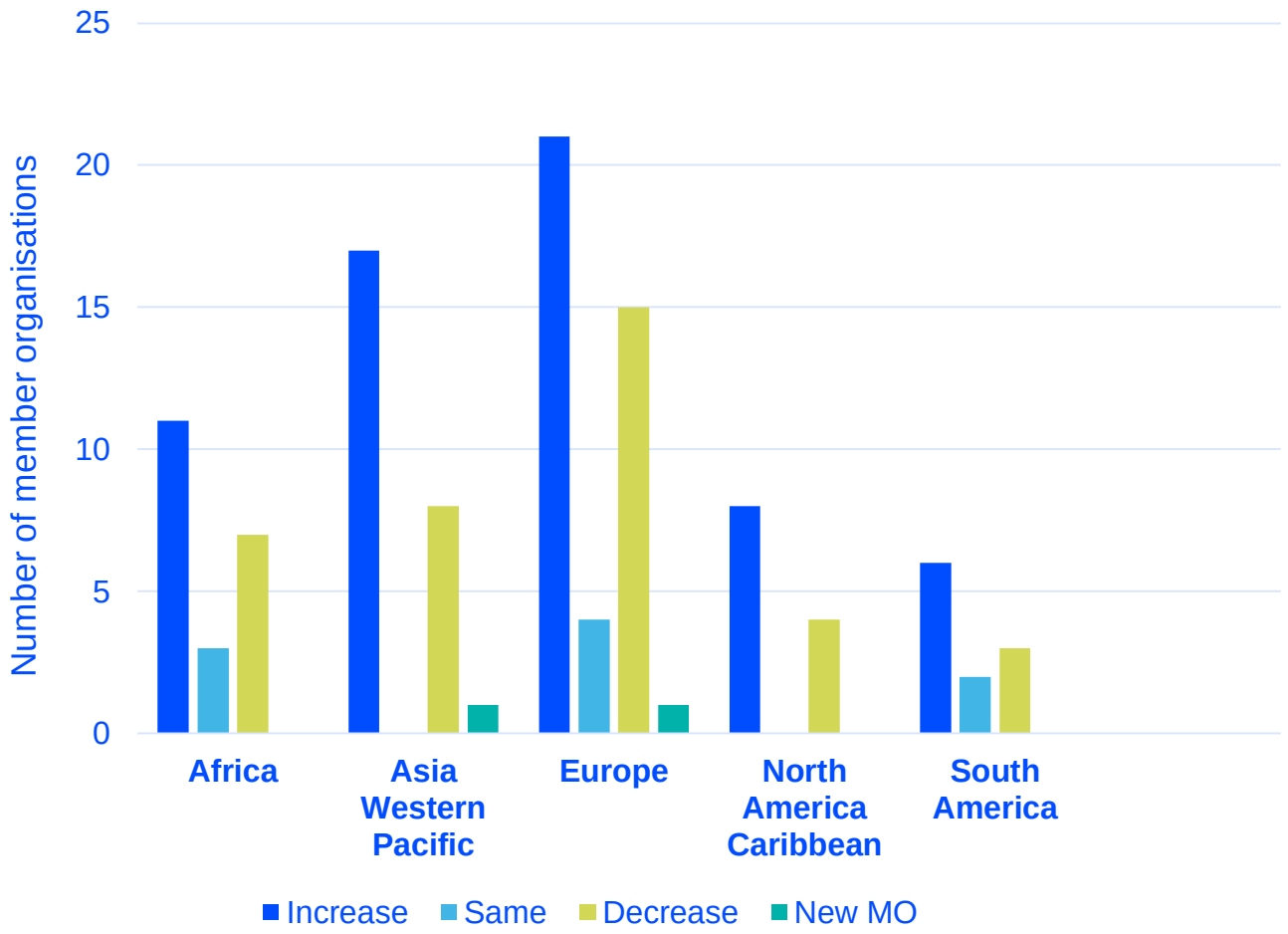
NAC | MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

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 **67%** of member organisations have **increased their membership**

Total membership of the North America Caribbean region has **decreased by 4,096 individual members**

UNITED STATES | GENDER

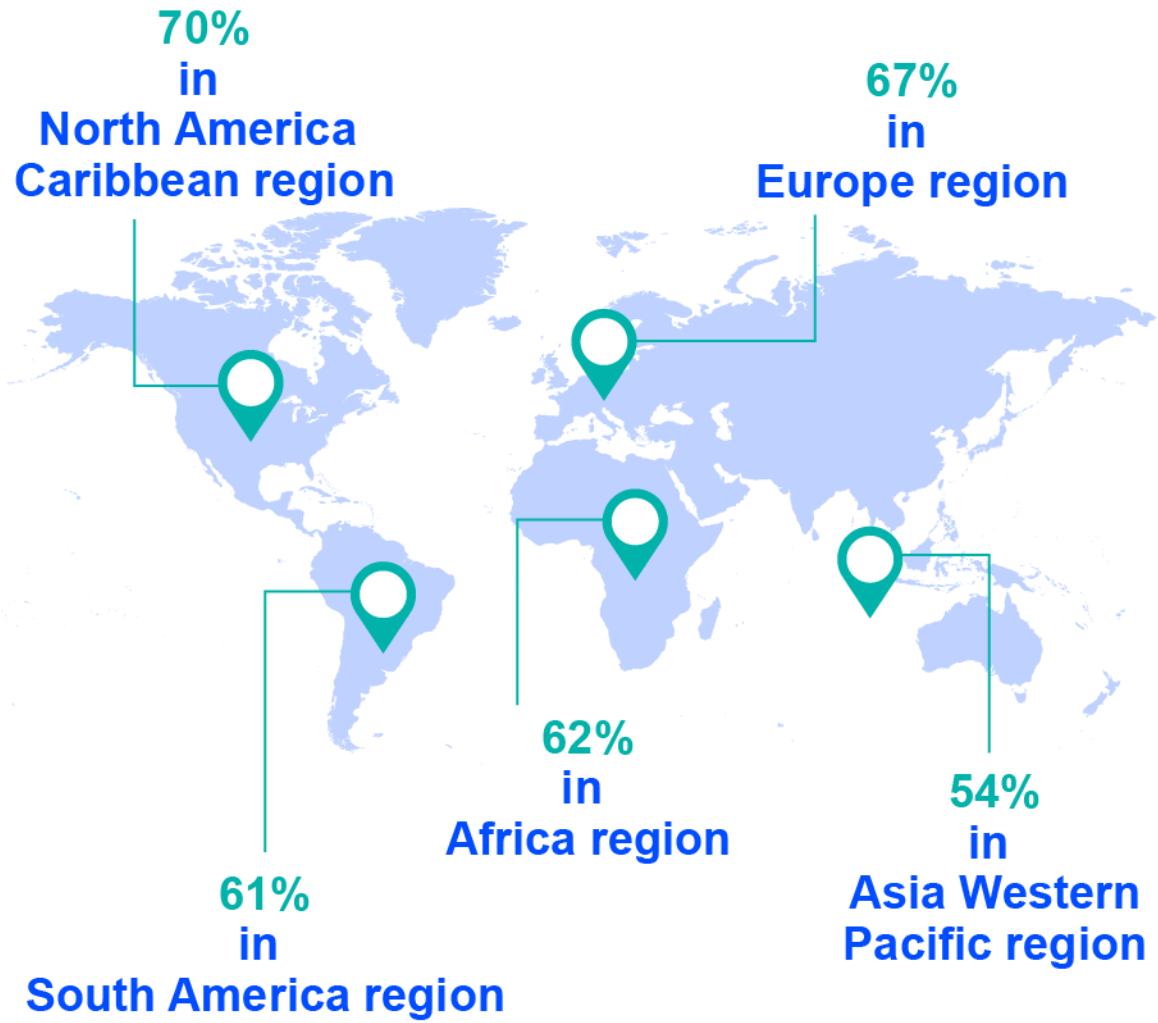
70% of physiotherapists in United States are female

63% of physiotherapists globally are female

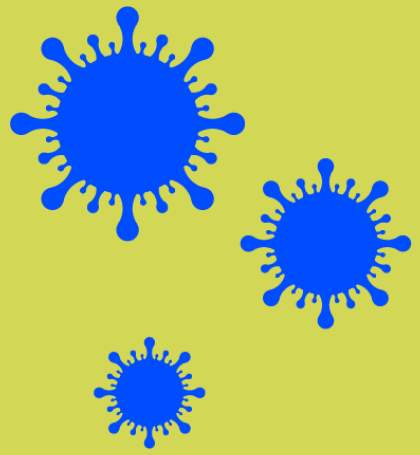
The **3 countries** with the highest % of **female** physiotherapists in your region

- Barbados
- Guyana
- St Lucia

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY REGIONS



NAC | COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN YOUR REGION

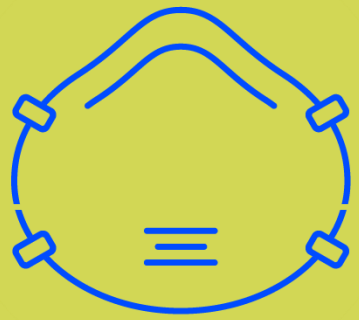


75%

of member organisations in the North America Caribbean region have carried out **advocacy** on behalf of their members during the COVID-19 pandemic

100%

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



50%

of countries in the North America Caribbean region reported challenges for physiotherapists **accessing PPE**

NAC | COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN YOUR REGION

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What actions did member organisations in your region take to support their members during the COVID-19 pandemic?

10

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

4

member organisations facilitated access to **personal protective equipment** for physiotherapists

2

member organisations arranged **other support** for their members

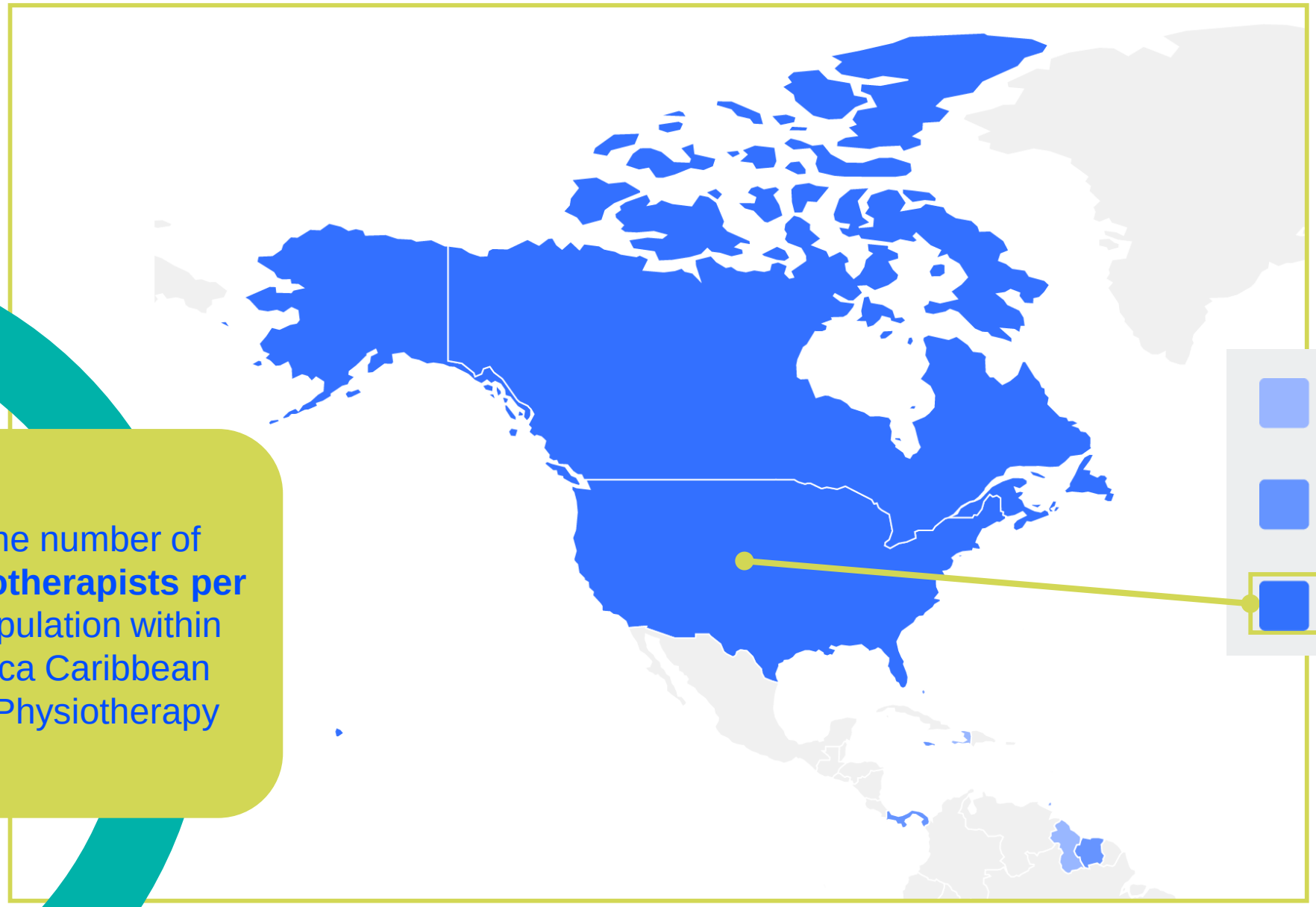
17%

of national **conferences** in the North America Caribbean region were **cancelled or postponed** due to the COVID-19 pandemic

33%

of countries in the North America Caribbean region had to **cancel or postpone continuous professional development (CPD)** activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic

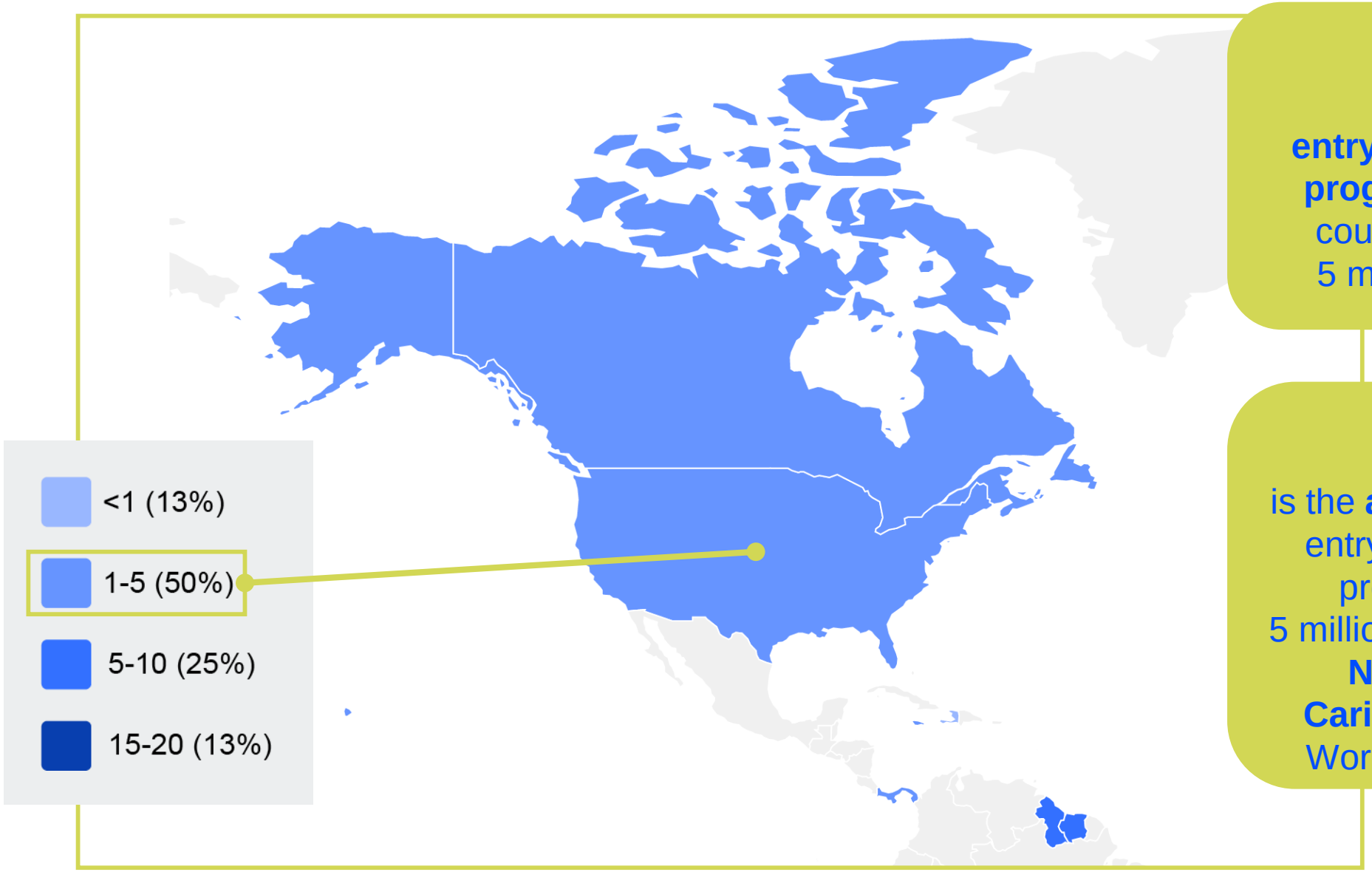
NAC | IN YOUR REGION



Map showing the number of **practising physiotherapists per 10,000** of the population within the North America Caribbean region of World Physiotherapy

NAC | ENTRY-LEVEL PROGRAMMES

NUMBER OF ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PER 5,000,000 POPULATION



3.9

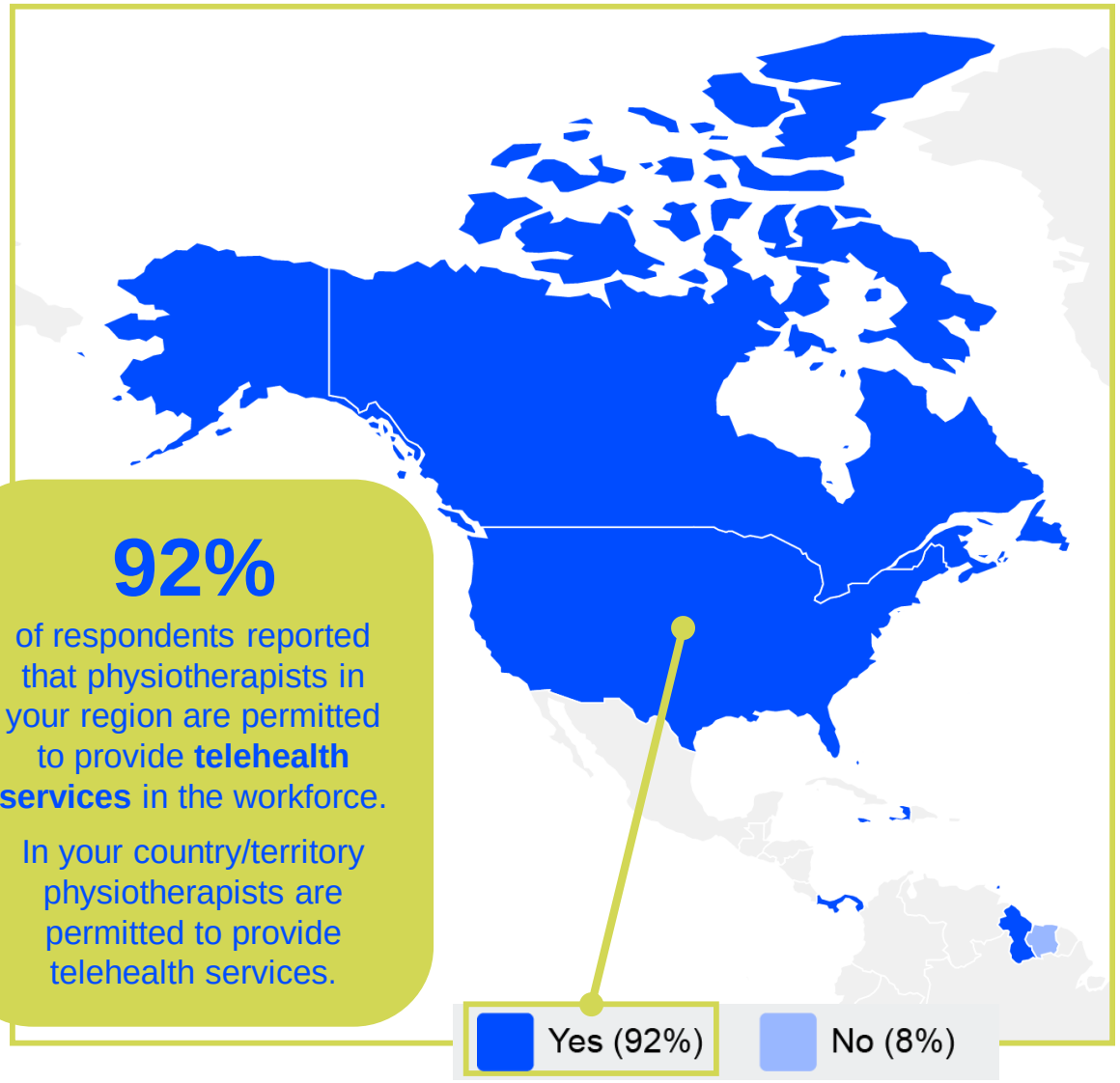
entry-level education programmes in your country/territory per 5 million population

3.6

is the **average** number of entry-level education programmes per 5 million population in the **North America Caribbean region** of World Physiotherapy

NAC | PRACTICE IN YOUR REGION

ARE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

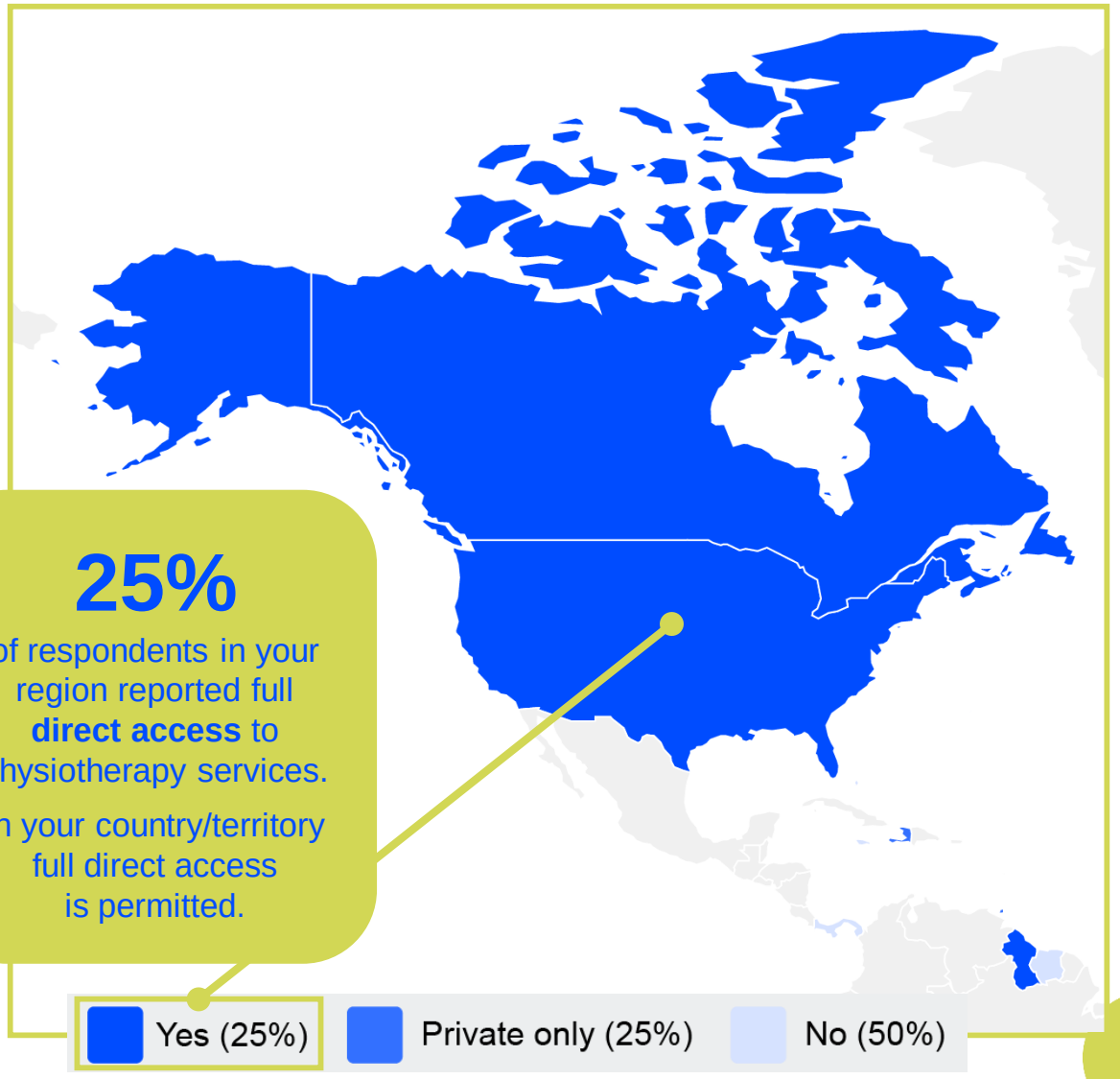


92%

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?



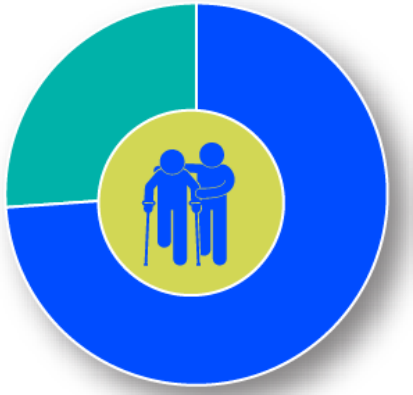
25%

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

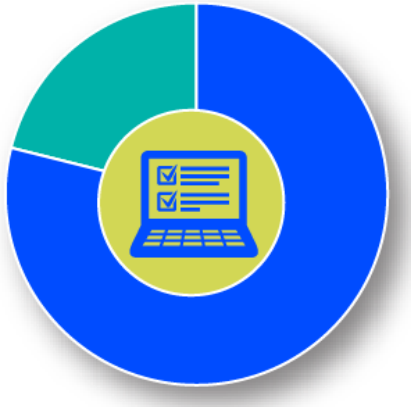
In your country/territory full direct access is permitted.

GLOBAL | A PICTURE OF THE PROFESSION

74% recognise special interest groups

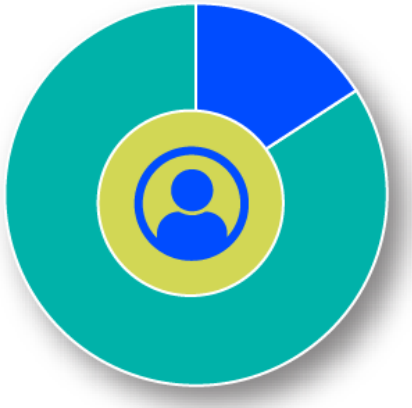


79% provide CPD for their members

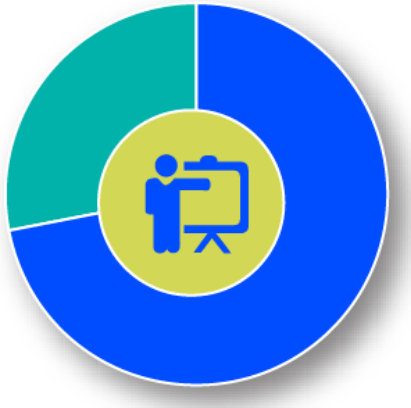


58% have support personnel to work with physiotherapists

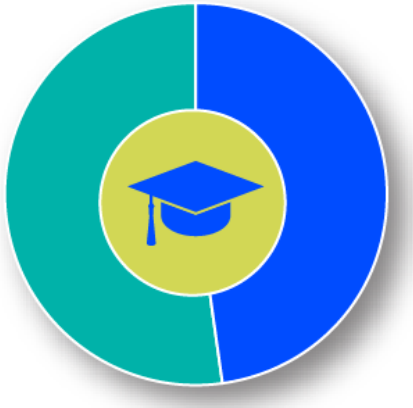
16% of countries a physiotherapist has to be a member of our MO to practice



71% have postgraduate education



48% have access to PhD programmes



GLOBAL | RESPONSE TO SURVEY

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WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES RESPONDED:

Africa Region	Asia Western Pacific Region		European Region		North America Caribbean Region	South America Region
Benin	Afghanistan	Singapore	Albania	Latvia	Bahamas	Argentina
Cameroon	Australia	Sri Lanka	Austria	Lebanon	Barbados	Bolivia
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Bangladesh	Taiwan	Belgium	Liechtenstein	Bermuda	Brazil
Ethiopia	Bhutan	Thailand	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania	Canada	Chile
Eswatini	Cambodia	United Arab Emirates	Bulgaria	Luxembourg	Guyana	Colombia
Ghana	Fiji		Cyprus	Malta	Haiti	Costa Rica
Ivory Coast	Hong Kong		Czech Republic	Montenegro	Jamaica	Ecuador
Kenya	India		Denmark	Netherlands	Panama	Mexico
Madagascar	Indonesia		Estonia	Norway	St Lucia	Peru
Malawi	Japan		France	Poland	Suriname	Uruguay
Mali	Korea (South)		Finland	Portugal	Trinidad and Tobago	Venezuela
Morocco	Kuwait		Georgia	Romania	United States	
Namibia	Macau		Germany	Slovakia		
Niger	Malaysia		Greece	Slovenia		
Nigeria	Mongolia		Hungary	Spain		
Rwanda	Myanmar		Iceland	Sweden		
Senegal	Nepal		Ireland	Switzerland		
South Africa	New Zealand		Israel	Turkey		
Togo	Papua New Guinea		Italy	Ukraine		
Uganda	Philippines		Jordan	United Kingdom		
Zimbabwe	Saudi Arabia		Kosovo			

The survey was sent to World Physiotherapy's 122 member organisations, of which 111 responded, representing a 91% response rate.

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