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. 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 67% of member organisations have increased their membership.

Total membership of the North America Caribbean region has decreased by 4,096 individual members.
The 3 countries with the highest % of female physiotherapists in your region:

- Barbados
- Guyana
- St Lucia

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY REGIONS:

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

70% of physiotherapists in United States are female

63% of physiotherapists globally are female
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.
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.
Map showing the number of practising physiotherapists per 10,000 of the population within the North America Caribbean region of World Physiotherapy.
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
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.

Yes (92%)  No (8%)  

Yes (25%)  Private only (25%)  No (50%)
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
The survey was sent to World Physiotherapy’s 122 member organisations, of which 111 responded, representing a 91% response rate.
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• The data in this report is based on responses to annual surveys sent to World Physiotherapy’s member organisations.

• In 2020 the annual survey was sent to 122 member organisations and 111 responded. The census date was 30 June 2020.

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• If you have any questions or concerns, or want to make changes to your country’s data, please contact membershipcensus@world.physio.