



# World Physiotherapy

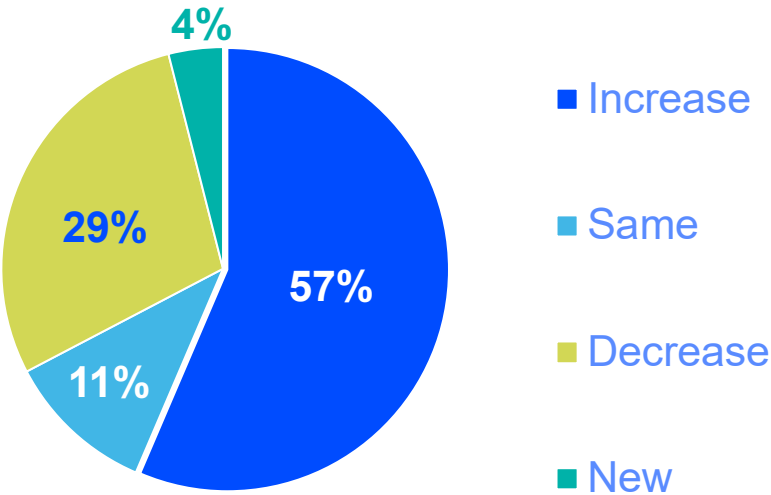
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**ASIA  
WESTERN  
PACIFIC**

**ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
CENSUS**

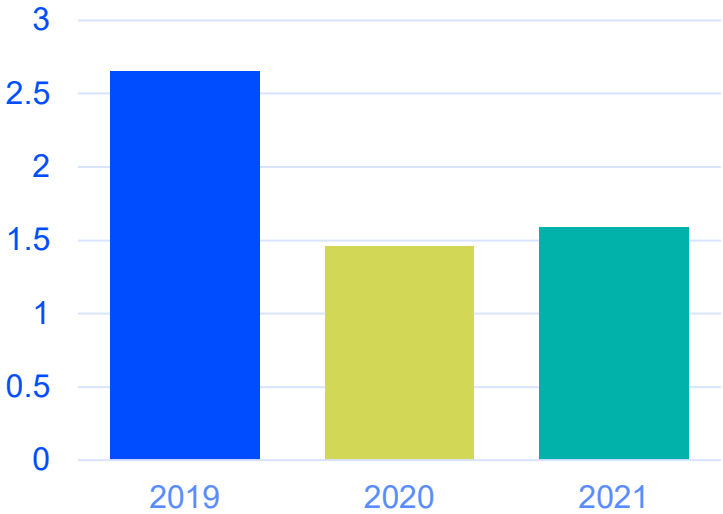
**2021**

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



The Asia Western Pacific region has the **second lowest ratio** of physiotherapy workforce per population across all five regions

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN ASIA WESTERN PACIFIC REGION



57%

of member organisations in the region have **increased** their membership during the last year



1.59

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the World Physiotherapy **Asia Western Pacific region** in 2021

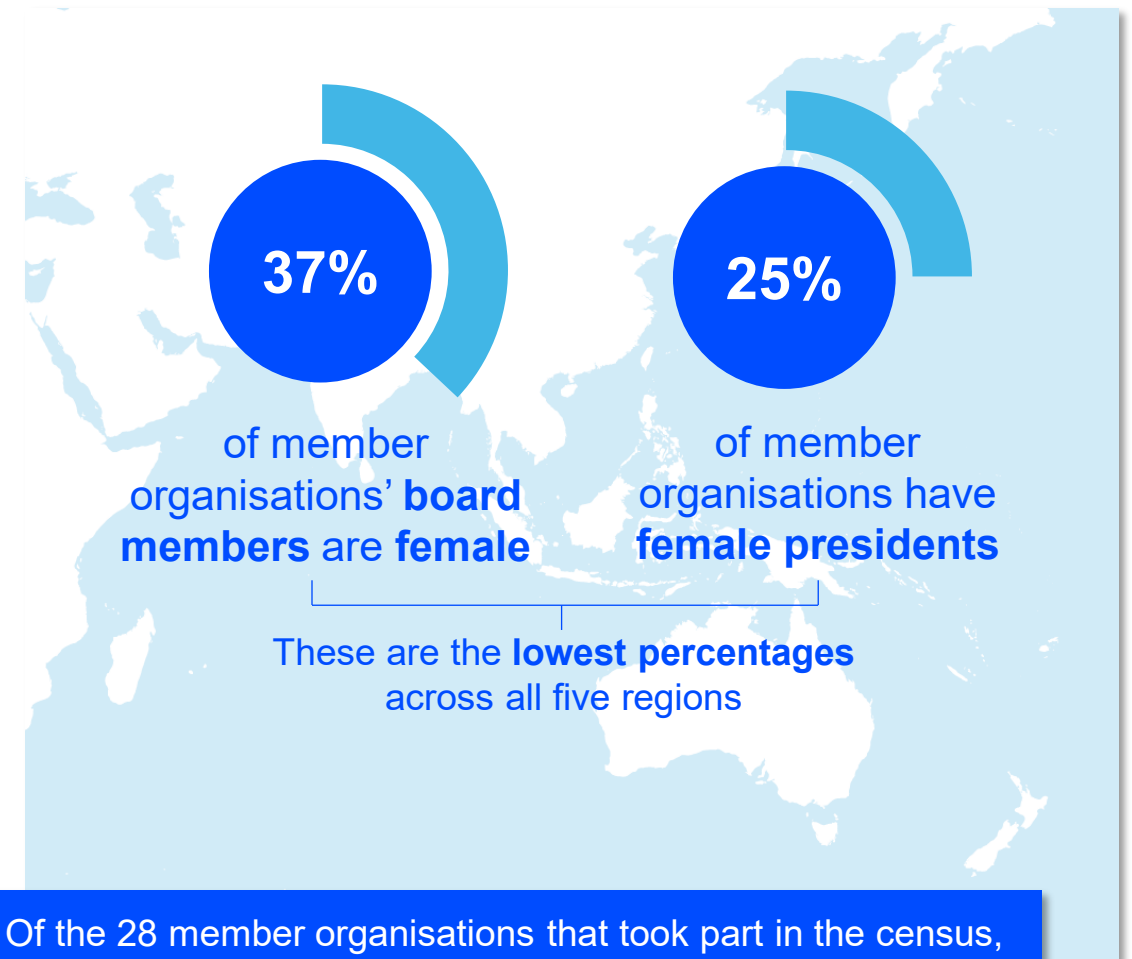


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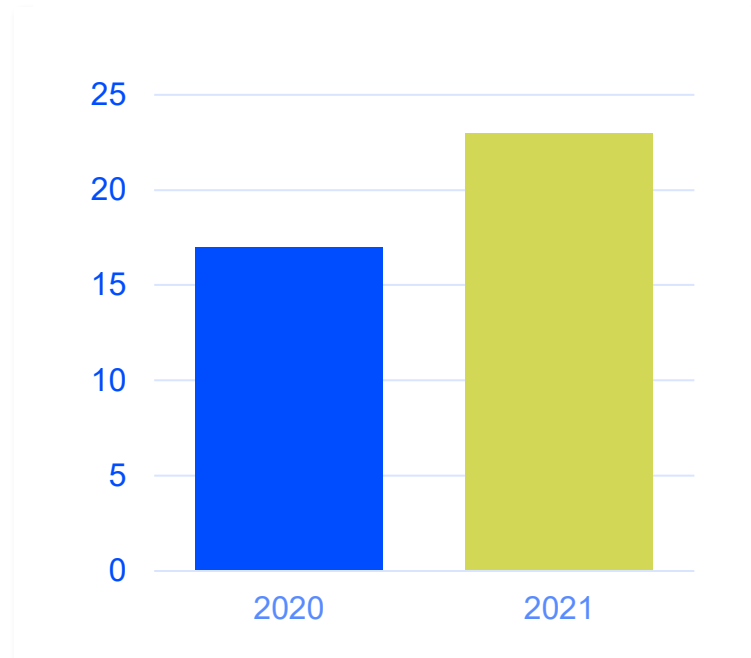
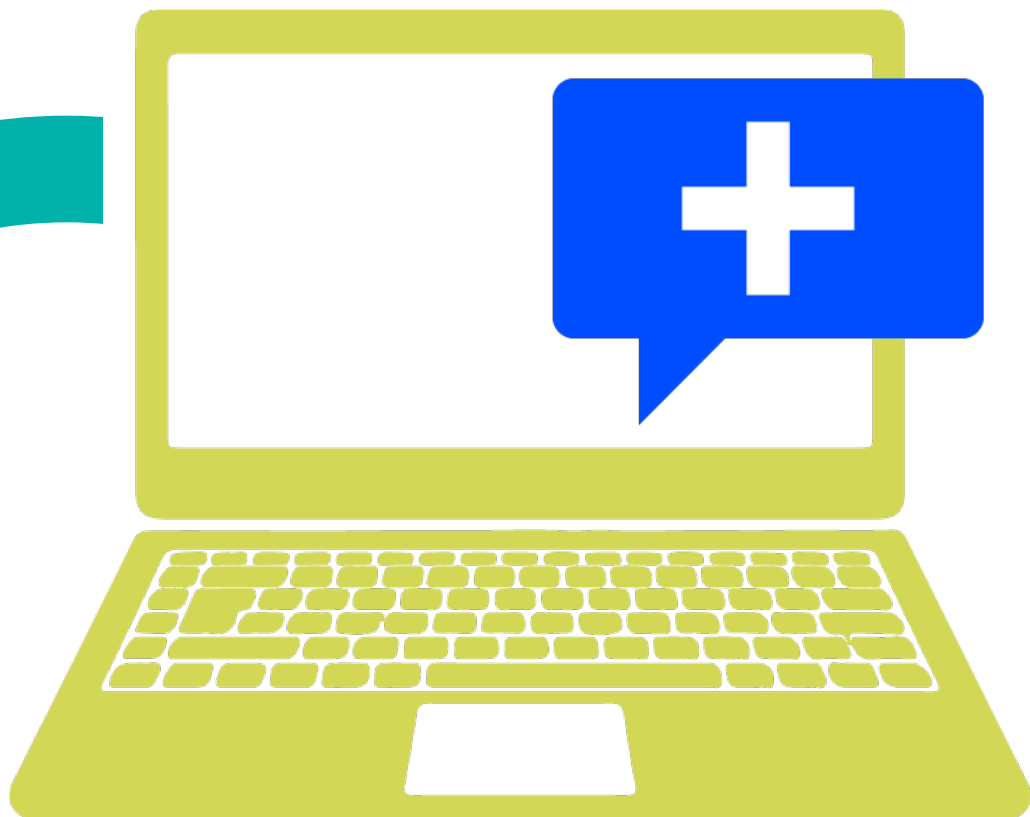
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## BOARD MEMBERS



Of the 28 member organisations that took part in the census, six reported a higher percentage of female board members than the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory.

## NUMBER OF COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES IN THE REGION WHERE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ARE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES



**82%**

of countries/territories allow  
**physiotherapists to  
provide telehealth services**

**19%**

**increase** since 2020 in  
number of  
countries/territories where  
**physiotherapists can  
provide telehealth services**

## COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN THE ASIA WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

44%

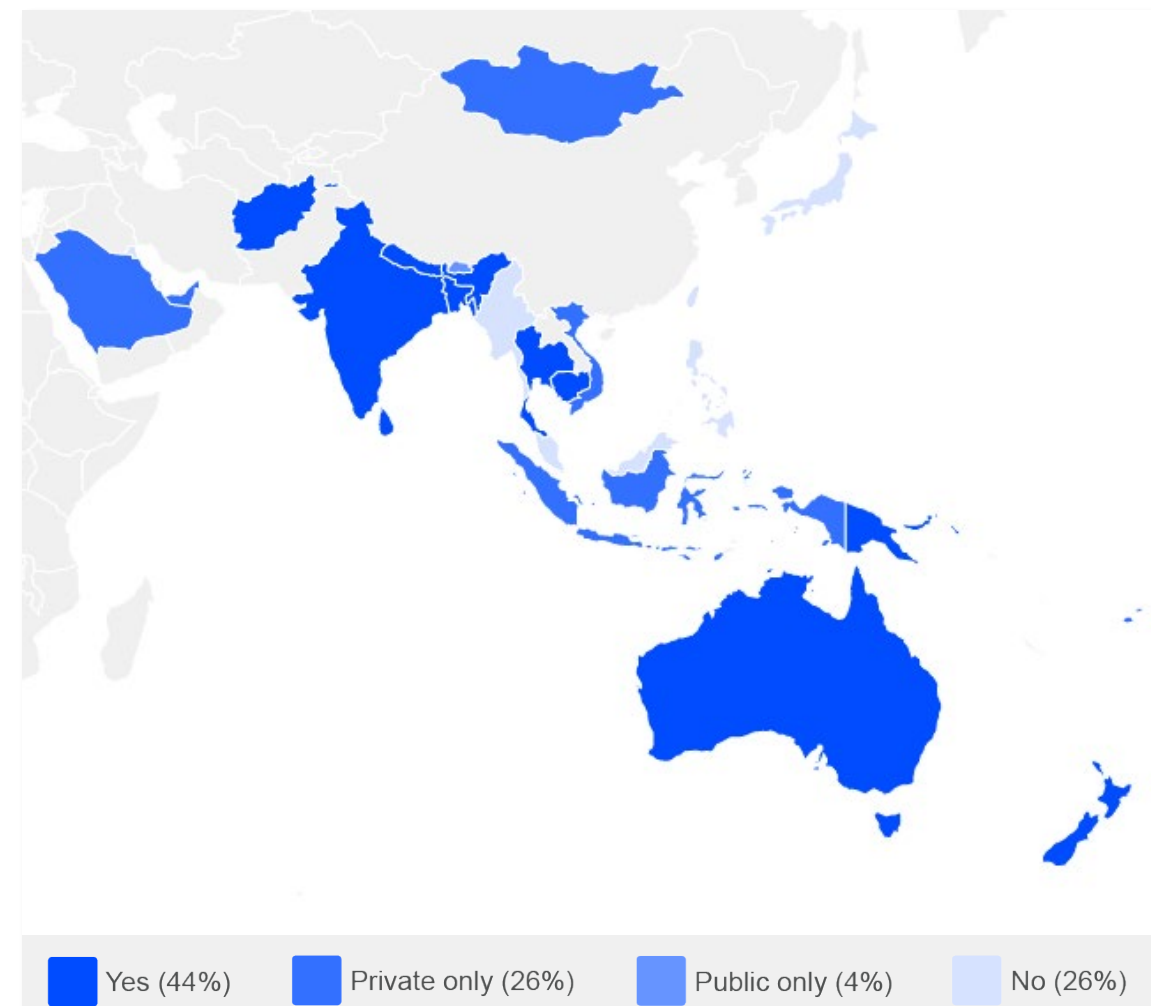
of countries/territories in the Asia Western Pacific region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services, an increase of 14% since 2019.

26%

reported that direct access is only allowed for **private physiotherapy** services.

26%

reported that direct access is **not allowed**.



## VIETNAM PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

Vietnam Physical Therapy Association has **increased its membership by 136%** during the last year. The association **became a World Physiotherapy member organisation** in January 2021 and developed a number of strategies to increase engagement, including:

- inviting international **experts to deliver online CPD courses** and providing interpretation for all courses
- ensuring individual members knew about the bursary programme to **attend World Physiotherapy Congress 2021 online** and encouraging people to apply
- promoting the **benefits to individual members**, and potential members, of **membership of World Physiotherapy**
- contacting **physiotherapy students** and encouraging them to become individual **members on graduation** and take part in different activities within universities, ministry of health, or hospitals
- making **regular posts on social media** about individual members to create a **sense of belonging** and **raise the profile of the association** and individual members



| Asia Western Pacific region |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Afghanistan                 | Saudi Arabia         |
| Australia                   | Singapore            |
| Bahrain                     | Sri Lanka            |
| Bangladesh                  | Taiwan               |
| Bhutan                      | Thailand             |
| Cambodia                    | United Arab Emirates |
| Fiji                        | Vietnam              |
| Hong Kong                   |                      |
| India                       |                      |
| Indonesia                   |                      |
| Japan                       |                      |
| Korea (Republic of)         |                      |
| Kuwait                      |                      |
| Macau                       |                      |
| Malaysia                    |                      |
| Mongolia                    |                      |
| Myanmar                     |                      |
| Nepal                       |                      |
| New Zealand                 |                      |
| Papua New Guinea            |                      |
| Philippines                 |                      |

**93%**  
of member organisations  
(28 out of 30) in the  
region submitted data  
for the 2021 census

## DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census sent to World Physiotherapy's member organisations.
- In 2021 the annual membership census was sent to 125 member organisations, of which 117 responded, representing a 94% response rate. The census date was 30 June 2021.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
- If you have any questions or concerns, or want to make changes to your country's data, please contact [membershipcensus@world.physio](mailto:membershipcensus@world.physio).