The data in this page includes data from all of World Physiotherapy’s 127 member organisations. Some data has also been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.

*The decreases are due to changes in the number of individual members in the Indian Association of Physiotherapists from 2021-2022, and the resignation of the Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists, with effect from 1 January 2023.
16.03 practising physiotherapists per 10,000 population in Australia in 2023

1.56 is the average number of practising physiotherapists per 10,000 population in the World Physiotherapy Asia Western Pacific region in 2023
Australia |

GENDER

Country/Territory

60% of physiotherapists in Australian Physiotherapy Association are female

64% of physiotherapists in Australia are female

Asia Western Pacific Region

48% of physiotherapists in member organisations in the Asia Western Pacific region are female

53% of physiotherapists in the Asia Western Pacific region are female

Globally

58% of the individual members of World Physiotherapy member organisations are female

63% of the global physiotherapy workforce is female
NUMBER OF ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PER 5,000,000 POPULATION

9.82
entry level education programmes in Australia per 5 million population in 2023

1.77
is the average number of entry level education programmes per 5 million population in the World Physiotherapy Asia Western Pacific region in 2023

Bachelor’s degree
is the minimum qualification required to practice in Australia
Have special interest groups which are recognised by World Physiotherapy

- Asia Western Pacific: 47%
- Australia: 54%
- Global: 73%

Provide CPD for members

- Asia Western Pacific: 80%
- Australia: 78%
- Global: 78%

There are support personnel who work with physiotherapists

- Asia Western Pacific: 73%
- Australia: 59%
- Global: 59%

Membership is required to practice

- Asia Western Pacific: 20%
- Australia: 17%
- Global: 20%

Have postgraduate programmes

- Asia Western Pacific: 83%
- Australia: 76%
- Global: 76%

Have access to PhD programmes

- Asia Western Pacific: 43%
- Australia: Yes
- Global: 46%
Responses to the annual membership census were received from World Physiotherapy member organisations in these countries/territories in 2023.
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• The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census (AMC) sent to World Physiotherapy’s member organisations.

• The AMC was sent to 127 member organisations, of which 119 responded, representing a 93.7% response rate. In the Asia Western Pacific region 30 out of 31 member organisations submitted their AMC data, this represents a 96.8% engagement rate in the region. This is consistent with previous years’ response rates and demonstrates strong engagement between World Physiotherapy and its member organisations. The census date was 30 June 2023.

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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.

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