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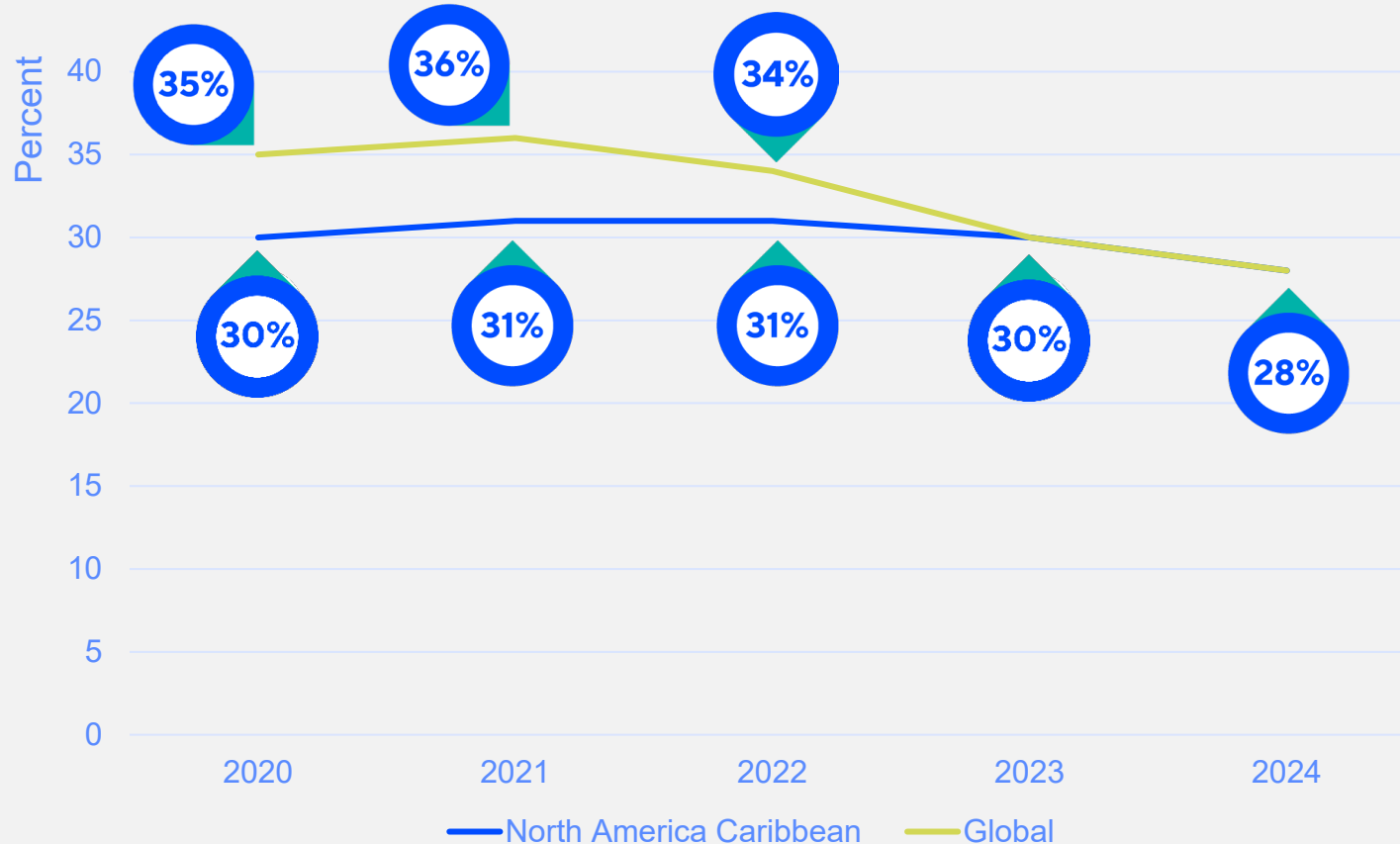
North America
Caribbean region

2024

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

MEMBERSHIP AND PHYSIOTHERAPY WORKFORCE IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN

Percentage of physiotherapists who are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation in the North America Caribbean region compared with total physiotherapy workforce



Since 2020, the percentage of physiotherapists who are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation in the North America Caribbean region compared with the total workforce has decreased by

2%

This decrease is because the total number of physiotherapists in the region has increased at a faster rate than those represented by World Physiotherapy member organisations.

MEMBERSHIP AND PHYSIOTHERAPY WORKFORCE IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN



46%



of AMC respondents in the North America Caribbean region **increased** their **membership** in 2024

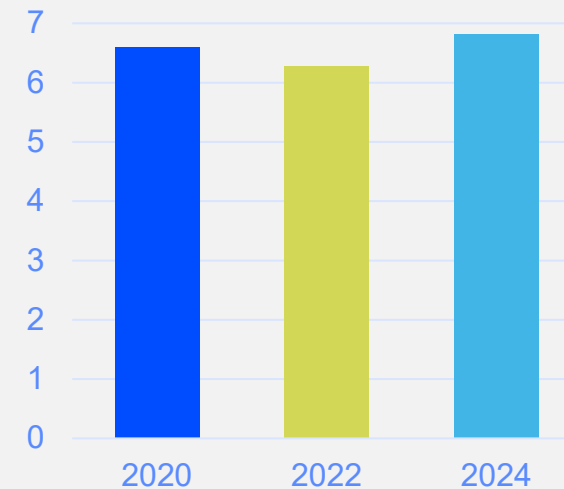


28%



of **physiotherapists** in the North America Caribbean region are **members** of their member organisation

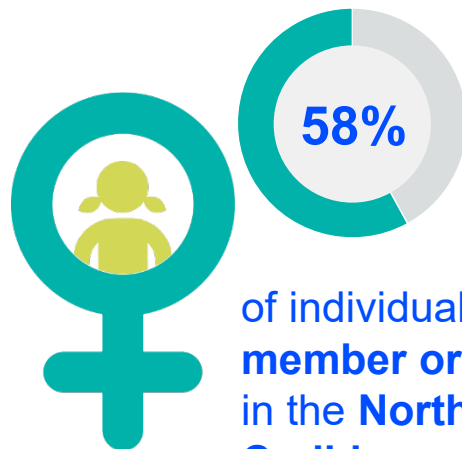
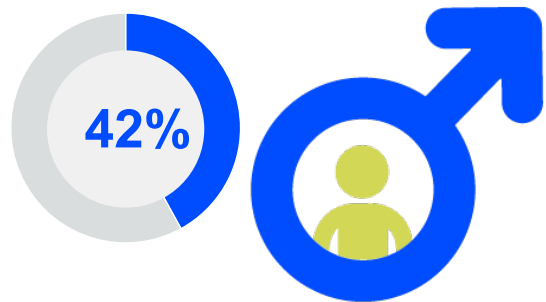
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN THE REGION



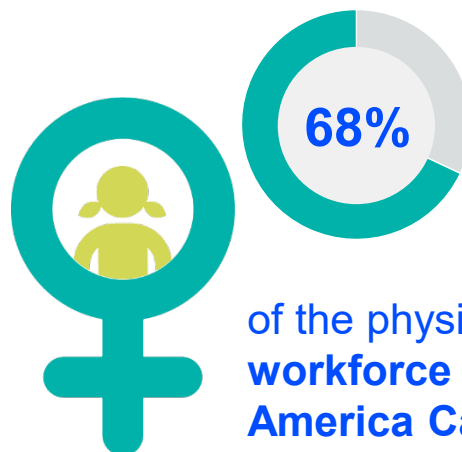
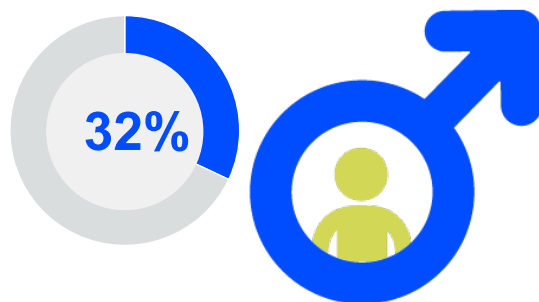
6.82

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **North America Caribbean region** in 2024.

GENDER AND LEADERSHIP IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN



of individual members in **member organisations** in the **North America Caribbean region** are **female**



of the physiotherapy **workforce** in the **North America Caribbean region** is **female**

BOARD MEMBERS



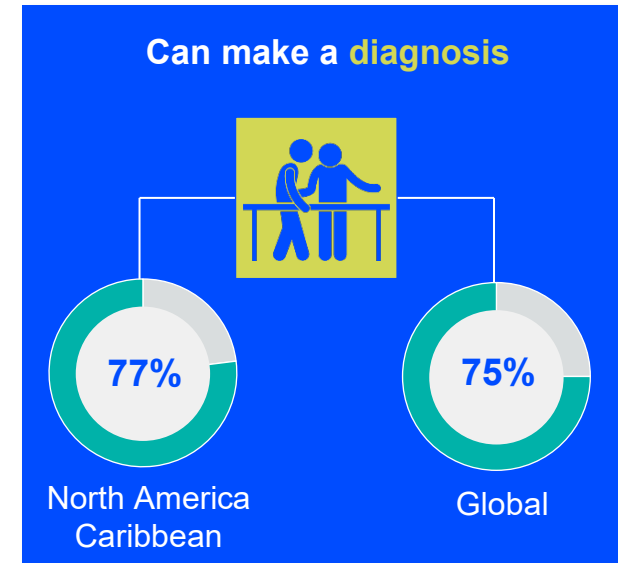
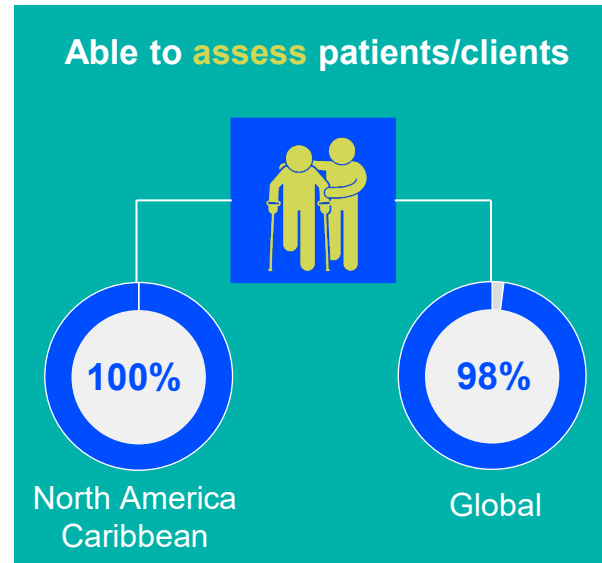
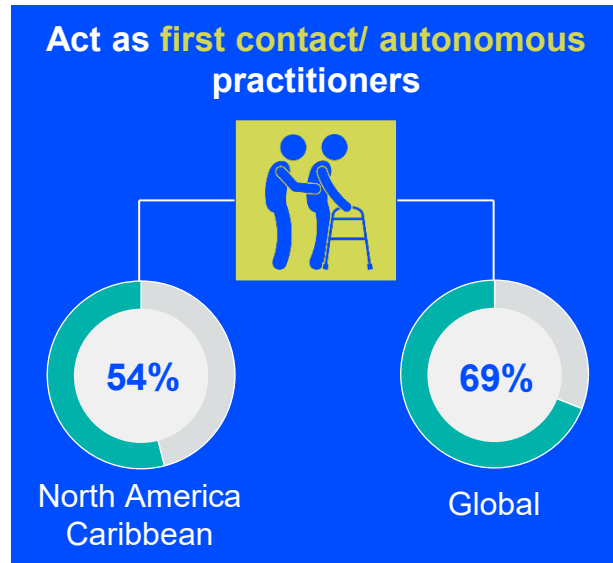
68% of member organisations' **board members** in the region are **female**



62% of the 13 member organisations in the region have **female presidents**

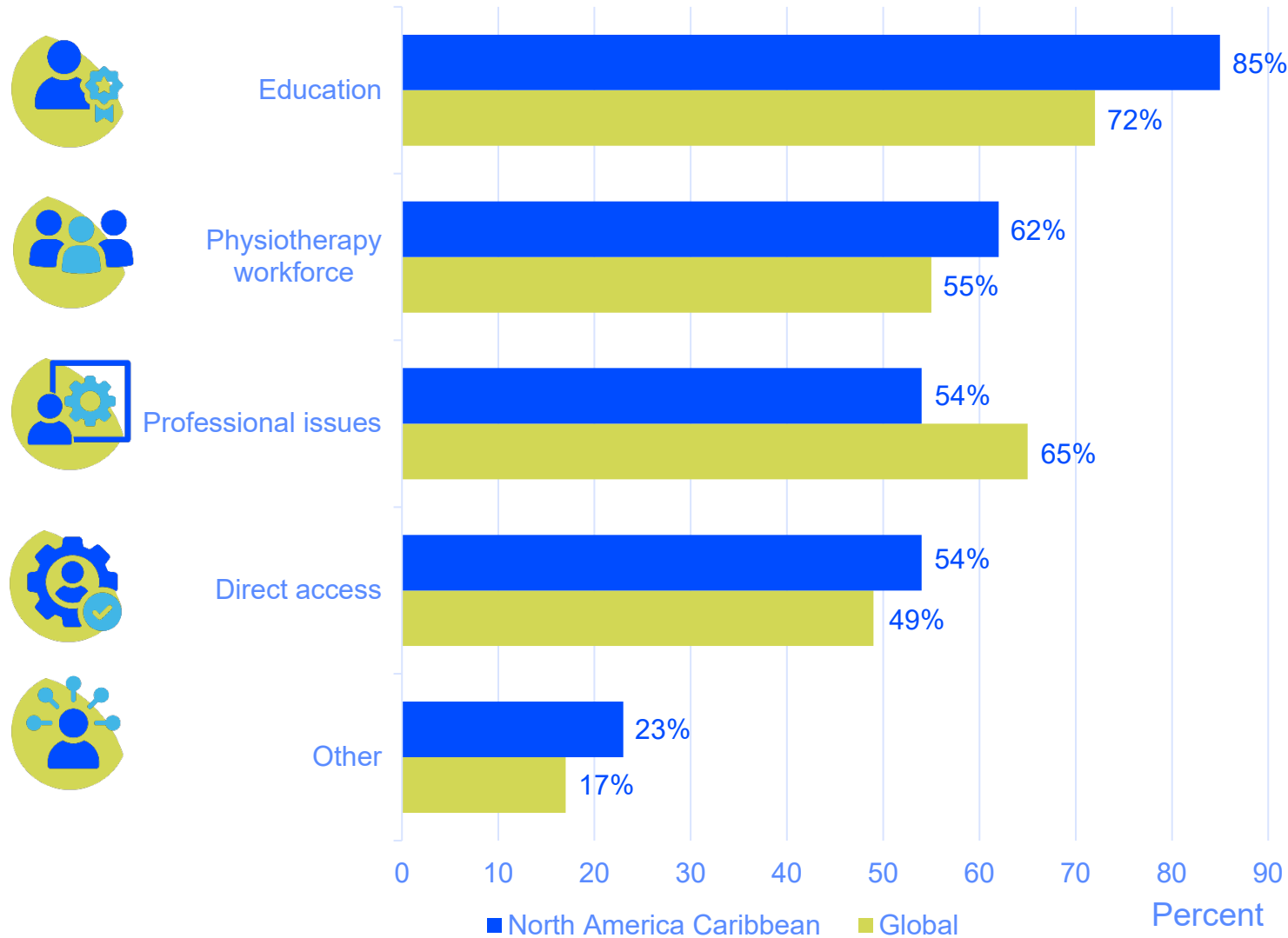
Of the 13 member organisations in the region, **23%** reported a **similar percentage of female board members** to the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory

PERMITTED PRACTICE IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN



ADVOCACY PRIORITIES IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN

Advocacy priorities* for the North America Caribbean region compared with global priorities



85%

of member organisations in the North America Caribbean region stated that **education** was an **advocacy priority** in 2024



* Member organisations were able to select more than one advocacy priority

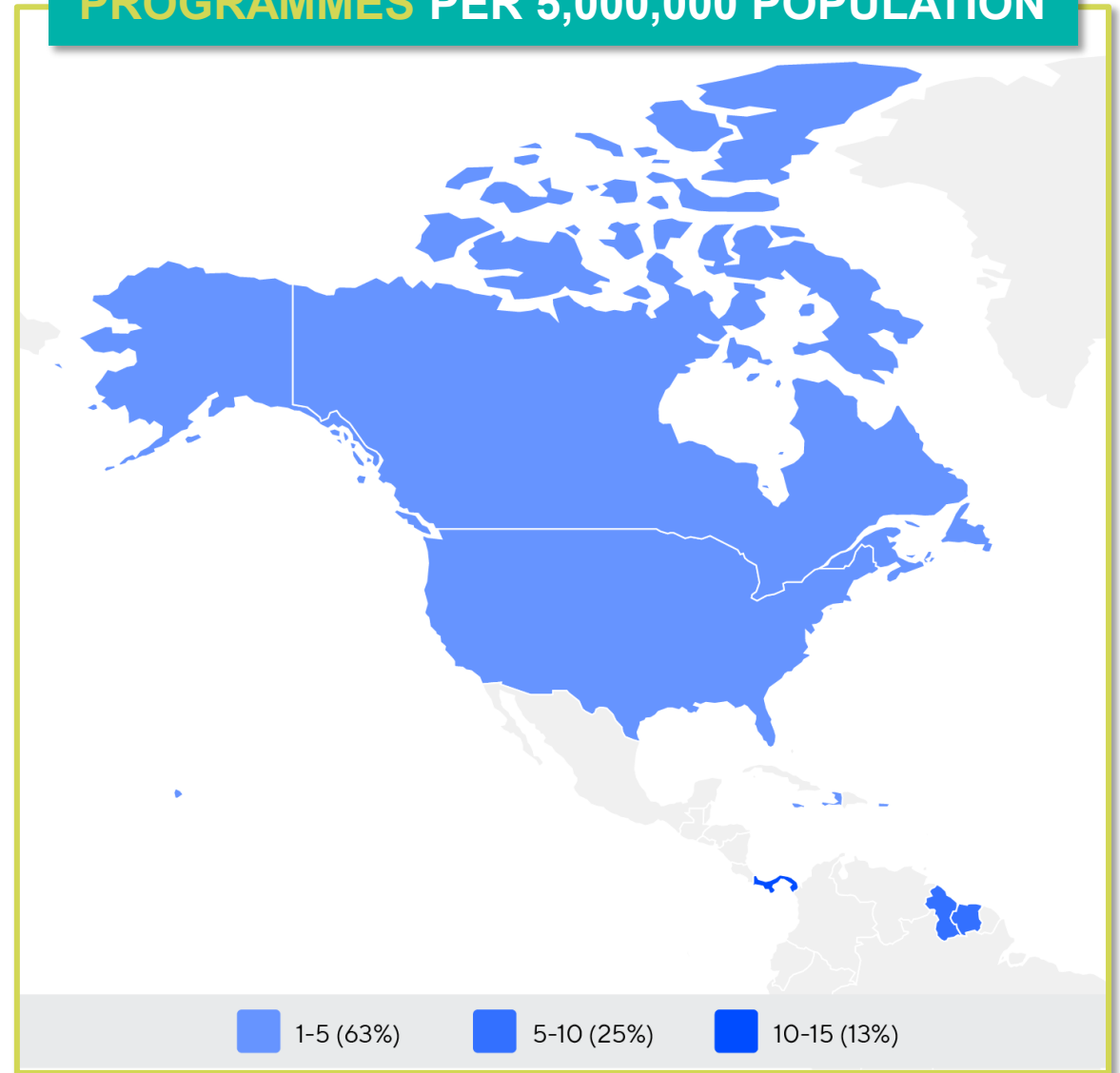
ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN

4.26

is the average number of entry level education programmes per 5 million population in the **North America Caribbean region** in 2024

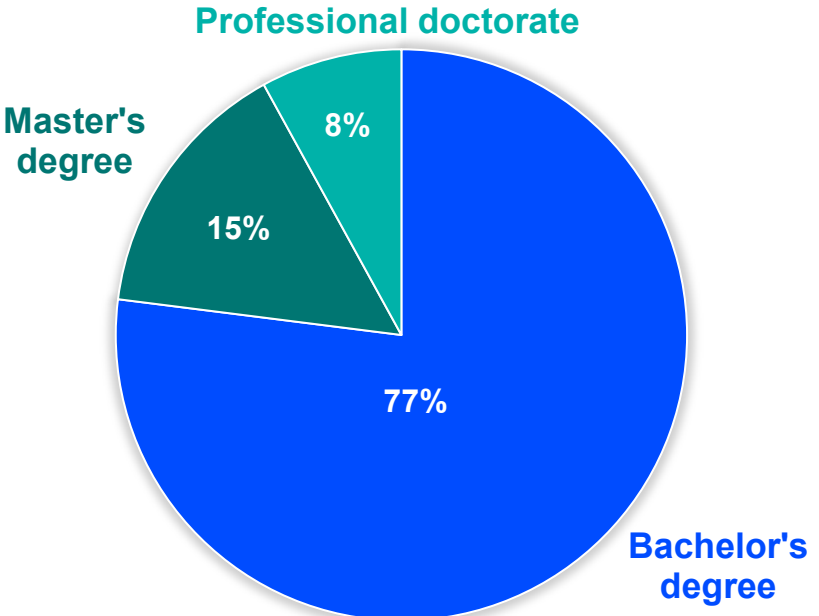


NUMBER OF ENTRY LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PER 5,000,000 POPULATION

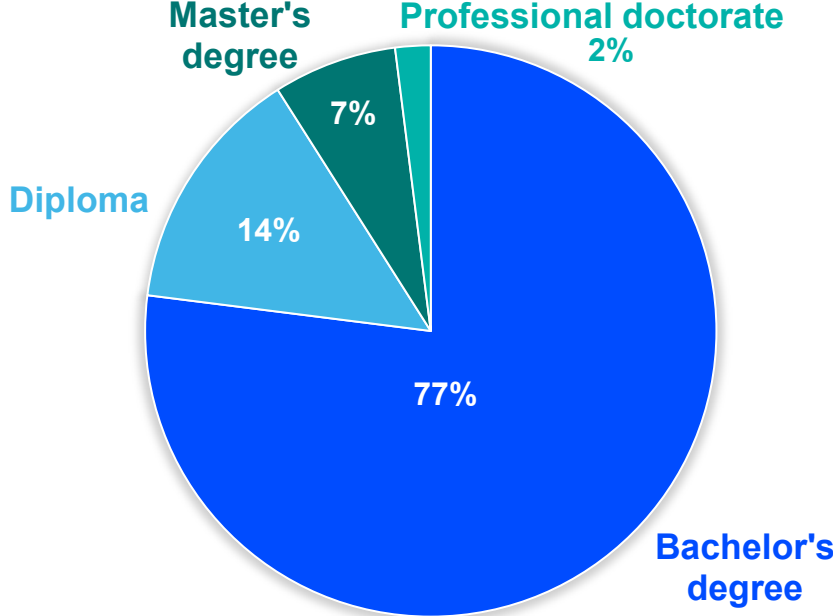


MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE GLOBALLY



Bachelor's degree

is the minimum qualification most commonly required to practice in countries/territories in the North America Caribbean region

MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED LIMITATIONS TO DIRECT ACCESS IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN



62%

Setting (eg outpatient, private practice, school setting, prevention and wellness, etc)



23%

Population/health condition (eg musculoskeletal, non-complex, etc)



31%

Time (eg medical referral required if treatment is needed beyond 30 or 60 days)



46%

Training (eg certification, academic training, or CPD to demonstrate skill necessary to treat patients without referral from a medical doctor)



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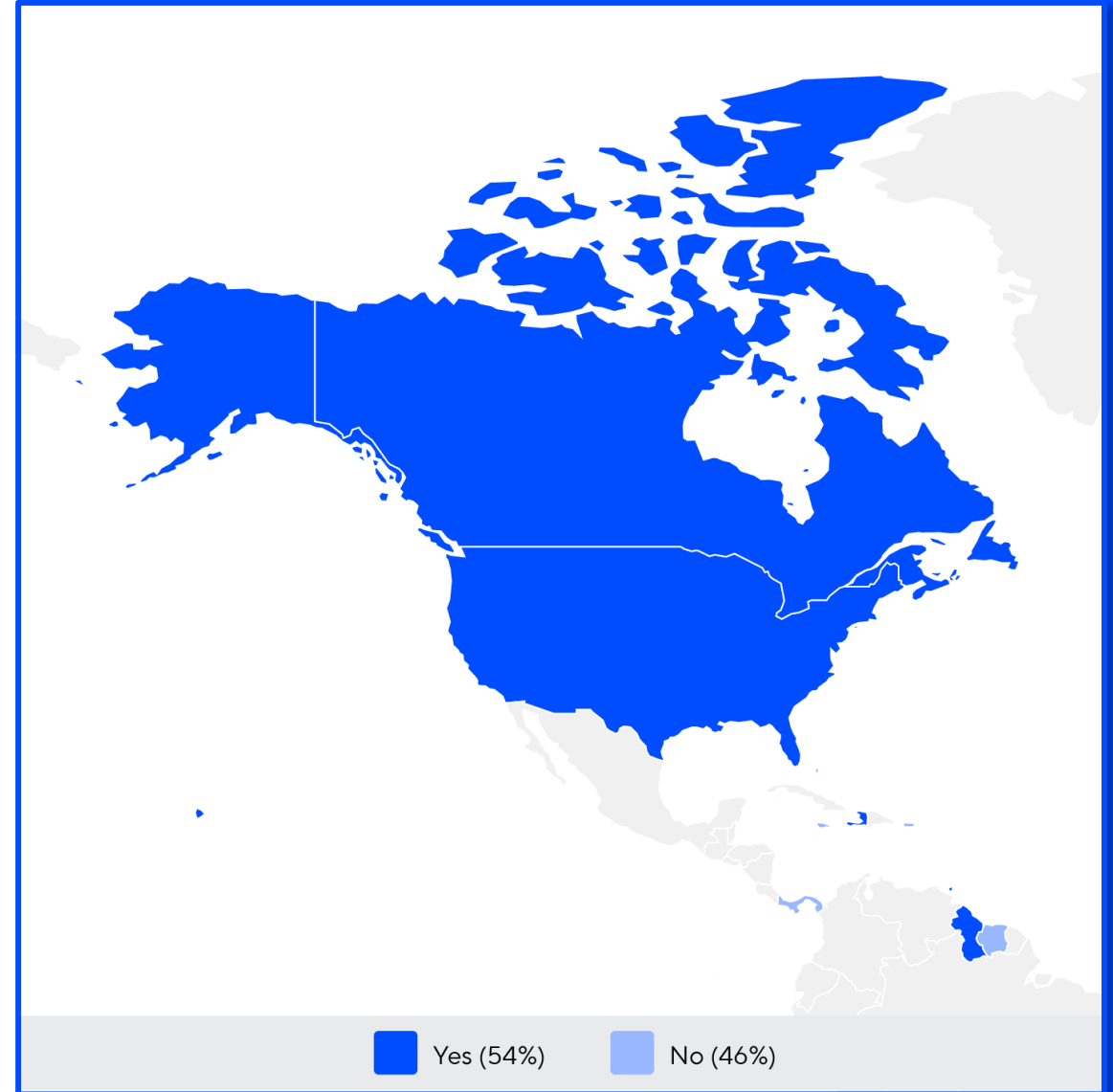
Payment (eg certain payers will not pay for services delivered via direct access)



31%

Other

DIRECT ACCESS IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN



CASE STUDY GUYANA: EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

In 2024 the Guyana Physiotherapy Association undertook a number of education activities to help its members update their continuing professional development (CPD). This included CPD courses in musculoskeletal physiotherapy and mental health.

The education committee spearheaded these activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Health - Disability and Rehabilitation Services, which helped subsidise costs.

The association liaised with institutions and facilitators to organise and manage the logistics for each in-person course and provide reading material in advance.

On successful completion of the courses, members received certificates confirming international accreditation and were able to use the techniques learned on the courses to provide treatment for people in Guyana.



ENGAGEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN

North America Caribbean region respondents

Bahamas

Barbados

Bermuda

Canada

Guyana

Haiti

Jamaica

Panama

Puerto Rico

St Lucia

Suriname

Trinidad and Tobago

United States

100%

of member organisations (all 13) in the North America Caribbean region submitted data for the annual membership census in 2024

DISCLAIMER

- 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 125 member organisations, of which 120 responded, representing a 96% response rate. 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 2024.
- 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 the data for your country/territory, please contact membershipcensus@world.physio.