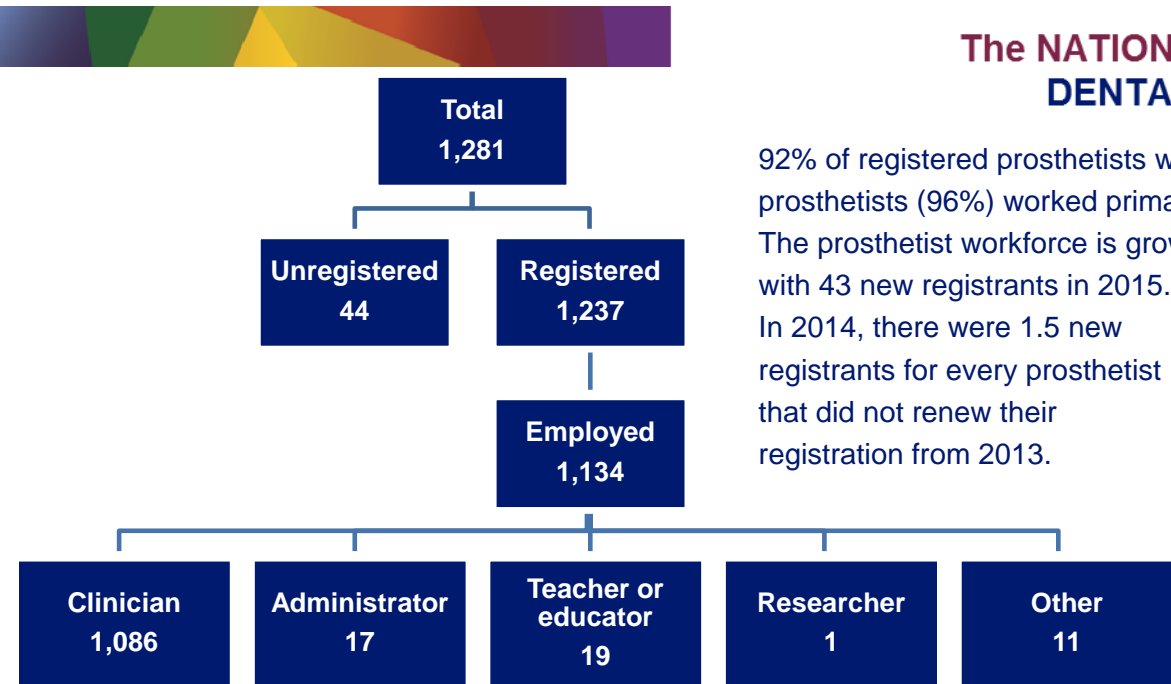
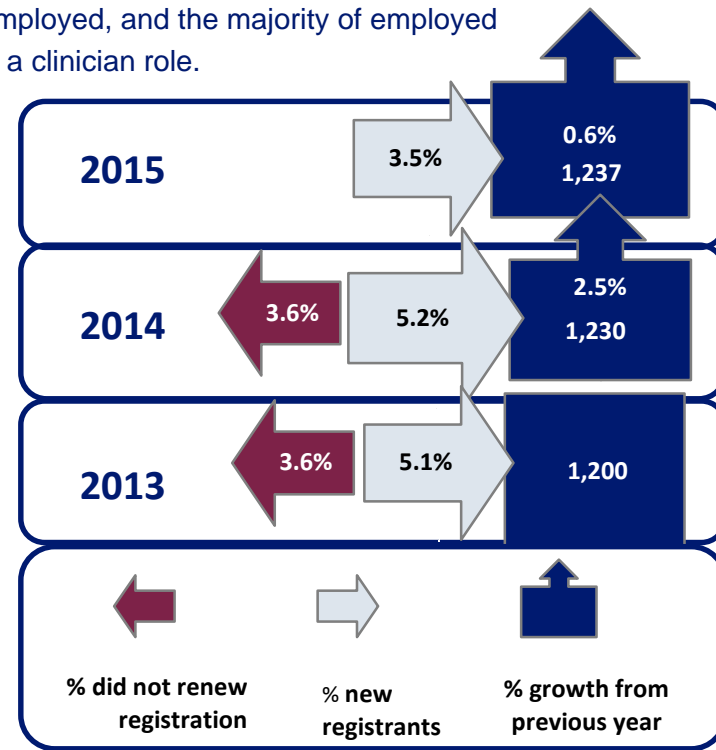


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92% of registered prosthetists were employed, and the majority of employed prosthetists (96%) worked primarily in a clinician role.

The prosthetist workforce is growing, with 43 new registrants in 2015. In 2014, there were 1.5 new registrants for every prosthetist that did not renew their registration from 2013.

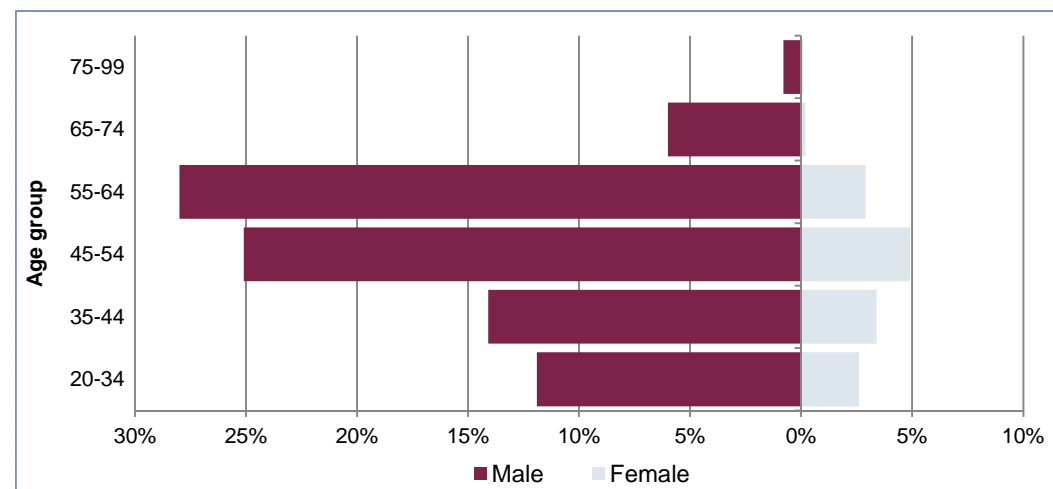


5 registered prosthetists are also registered in the Dental Hygienist division, and smaller numbers are also registered in the Dental Therapist and Dentist divisions.

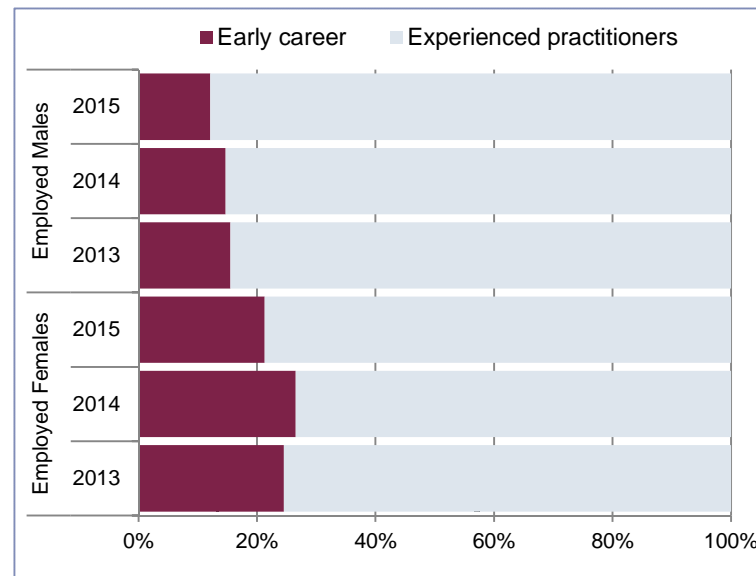
Male practitioners outnumbered female practitioners in all age groups.

The proportion of female prosthetists in the workforce has remained at 14% since 2013.

Employed practitioners: Gender (%) by Age Group



Employed Male and Female practitioners: Early Career (%) by Year



54% of Early Career prosthetists (registered 3 years or less) were aged 20-34 years.

In 2015, there were 79 Early Career prosthetists over 34 years of age.

88% of Early Career practitioners and 92% of Experienced practitioners were employed in the prosthetist workforce.

Early Career practitioners comprised 21% of female prosthetists, a reduction from 25% of the female workforce in 2013. The proportion of Early Career practitioners among male prosthetists decreased from 16% in 2013 to 12% in 2015.

Registered practitioners: Gender by Workforce Status



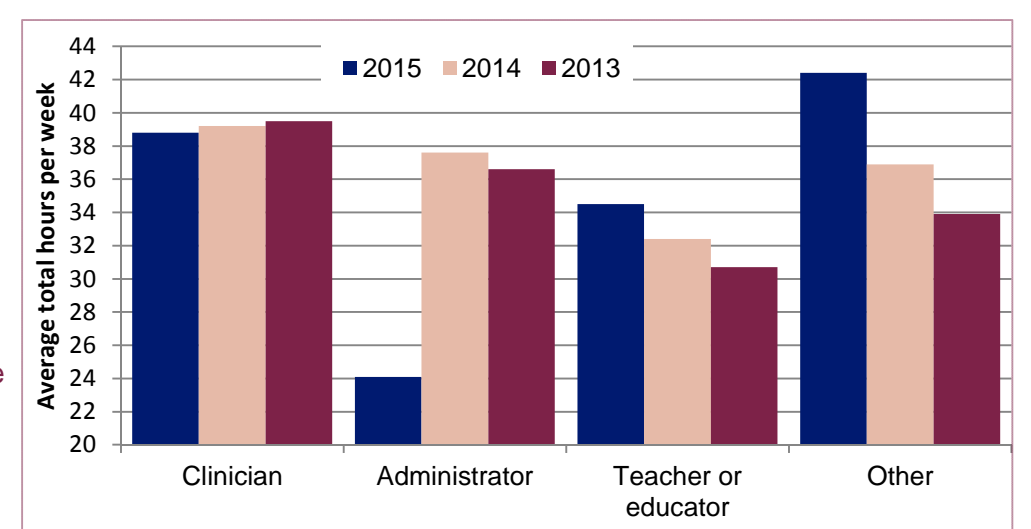
HOURS WORKED

In 2015, clinician prosthetists worked 38.8 hours per week on average. This is a decrease of 0.7 hours per week since 2013.

The small number of Administrators (17) worked the shortest average hours per week (24.1).

Clinician prosthetists spent an average of 29.4 hours per week performing clinical duties, while non-clinicians spent an average of 13.2 hours per week on clinical work.

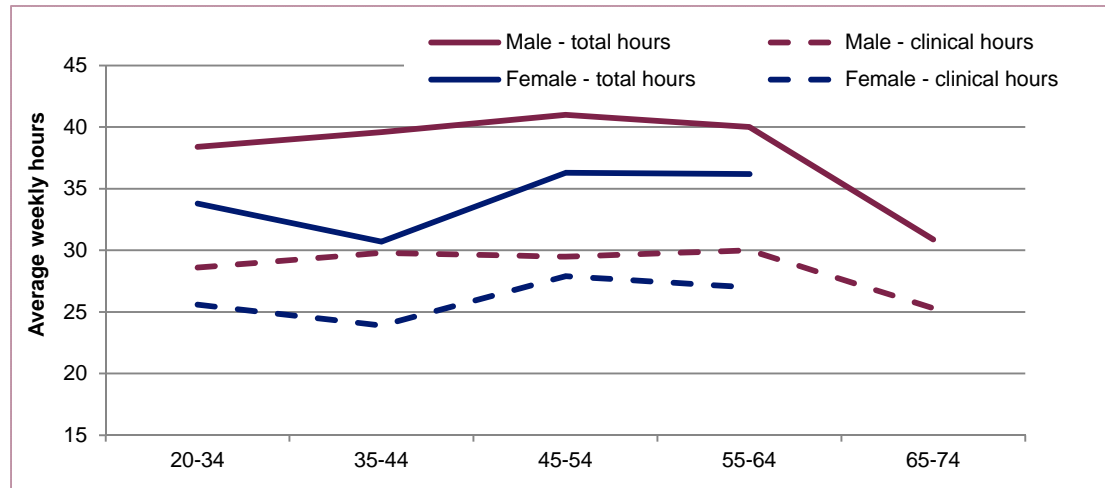
Employed practitioners: Average weekly hours by Job Role and Year



- 49 Average age
- 38.5 Average weekly hours
- 14 % female
- 67 % born in Australia
- 0.4 % Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 96 % with Australian/NZ qualifications
- 13 % Registered 3 years or less (Early Career)
- 72 % in major cities

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Employed practitioners: Average Weekly Hours by Age Group and Gender



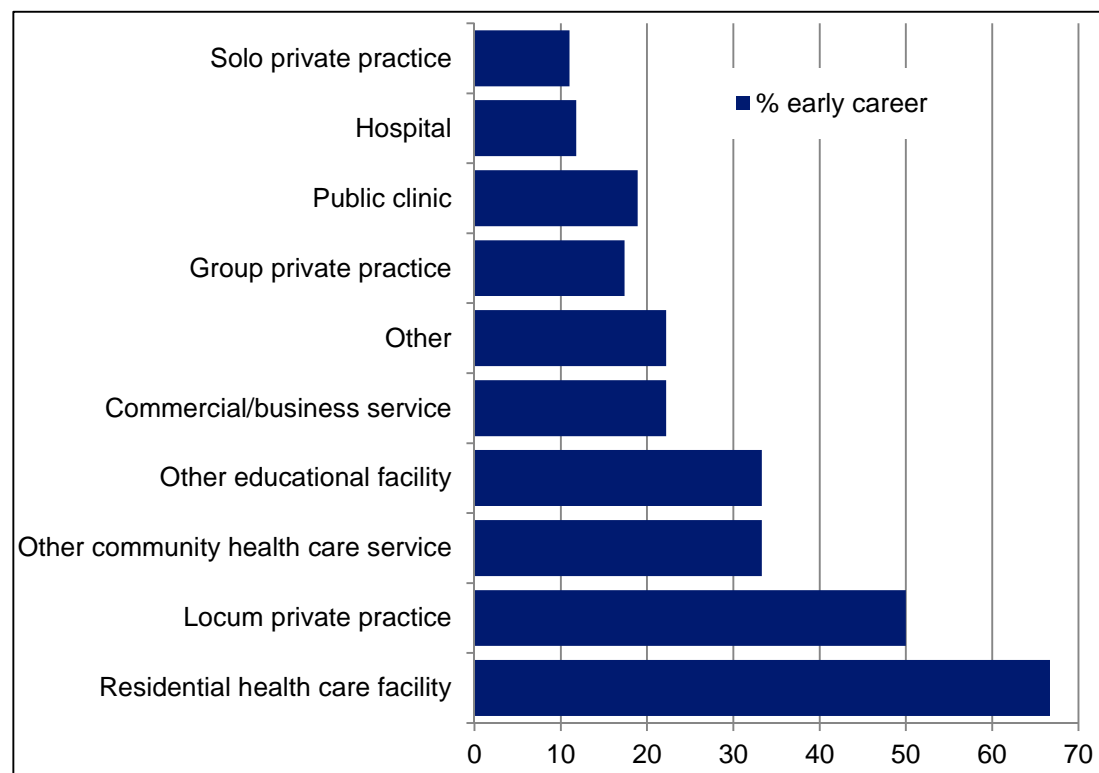
Male practitioners worked 39.2 total hours per week on average, while female practitioners worked 34.3 total hours. Male practitioners in the 45-54 years age group worked the most hours, at 41 total hours per week on average, and 29.5 clinical hours.

Excluding the very small number of female practitioners (<5) in the 65-74 years group, female practitioners in the 45-54 age group worked the most total hours (36.3) and the most clinical hours (27.9)

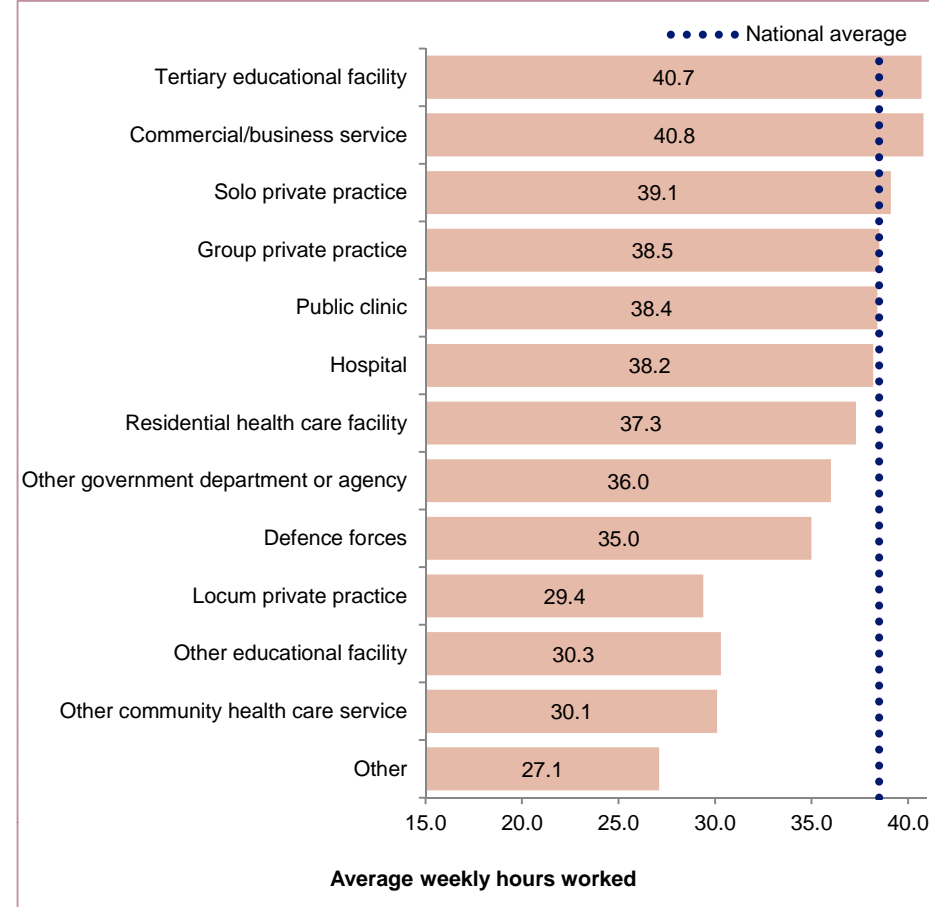
Early Career practitioners worked fewer total hours per week on average (33.6 hours) than Experienced practitioners (39.3 hours), and also worked fewer clinical hours per week (25.2 hours) than Experienced practitioners (29.3 hours).

At 14% of the overall workforce, Early Career practitioners comprised 19% of prosthetists working in Public Clinic settings.

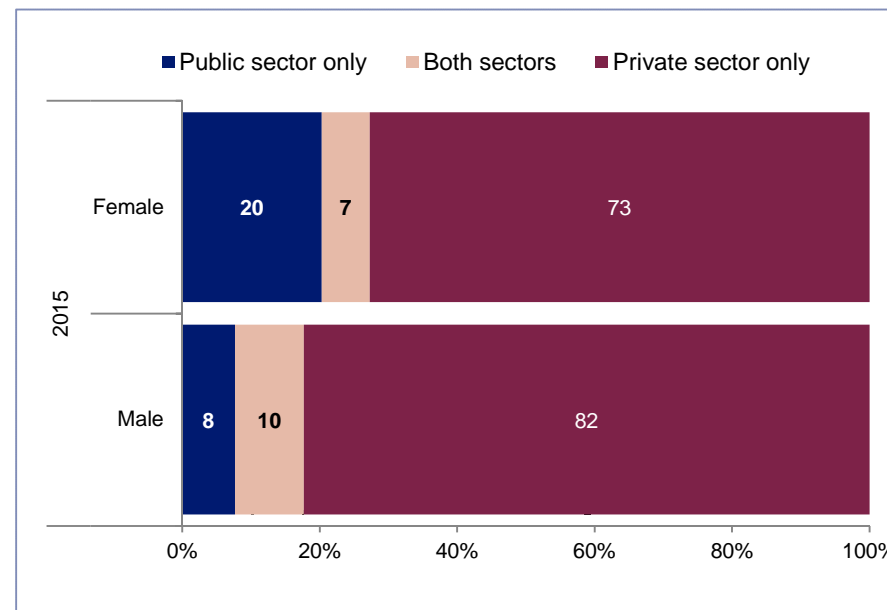
Employed practitioners: Early Career practitioners (%) in selected Job Settings



Employed practitioners: Average Weekly Hours by Job Setting



Clinicians: Male and Female (%) by Sector



Since 2013, the proportion of clinicians working only in the private sector decreased in Inner Regional areas from 80% to 74%, and remained relatively unchanged in other areas.

SETTING AND SECTOR

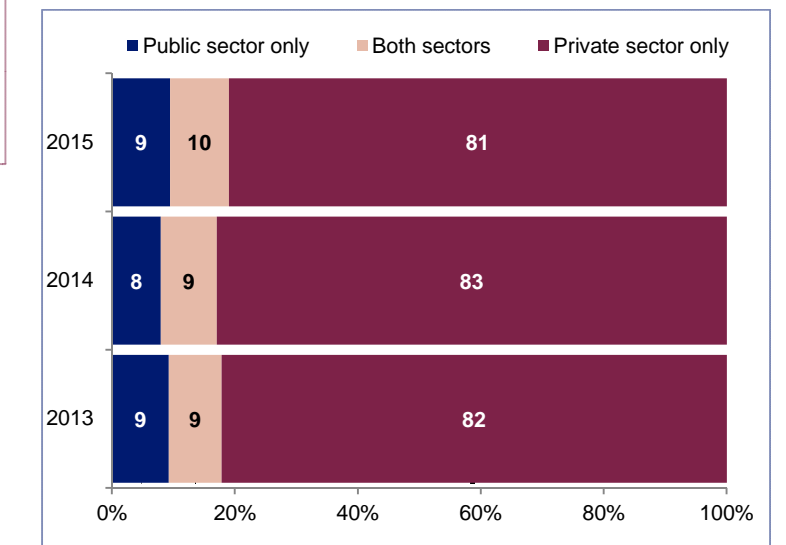
70% of employed prosthetists worked in Solo private practice, and 16.8% worked in Group private practice.

5% of employed practitioners worked in a Hospital setting, 3% in a Public Clinic, and the remaining 6% of the workforce (68 prosthetists) worked across a range of public and private sector settings.

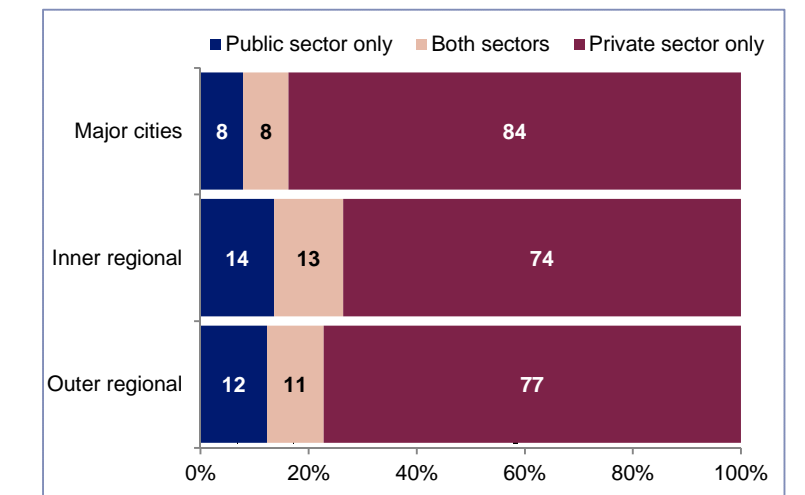
In 2015, 19% of clinician prosthetists worked all or some clinical hours in the public sector.

Female clinicians were more likely to work in the public sector, with 27% working some clinical hours in the public sector in 2015, compared to 18% of male clinicians.

Clinicians (%) by Sector and Year



Clinicians (%) by Sector and Remoteness Areas

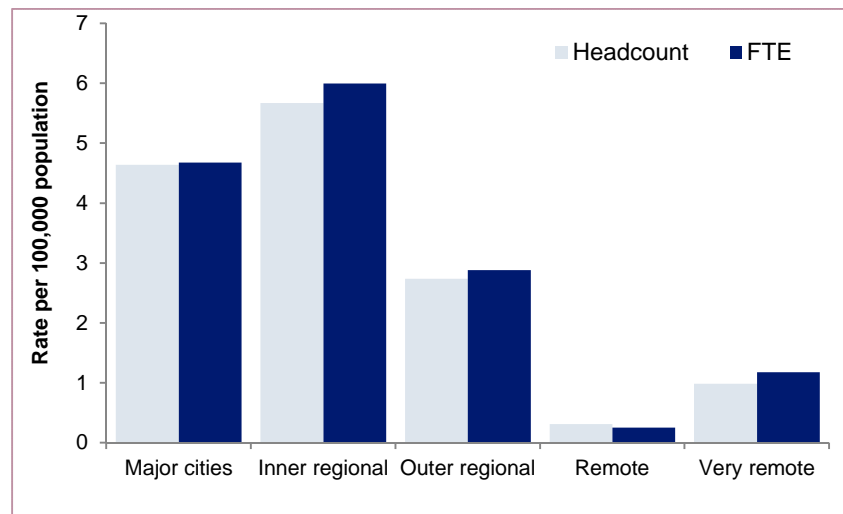


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LOCATION

Numbers of full-time equivalent (FTE) clinicians per 100,000 population varied across remoteness areas, from <1 FTE clinicians in Remote and 1 FTE in Very Remote locations, to 6 FTE in Inner Regional areas. FTE numbers exceeded Headcounts in most locations, indicating that clinicians in most areas are likely to work more than 38 hours per week.

Clinicians: Headcount and FTE by Remoteness Area

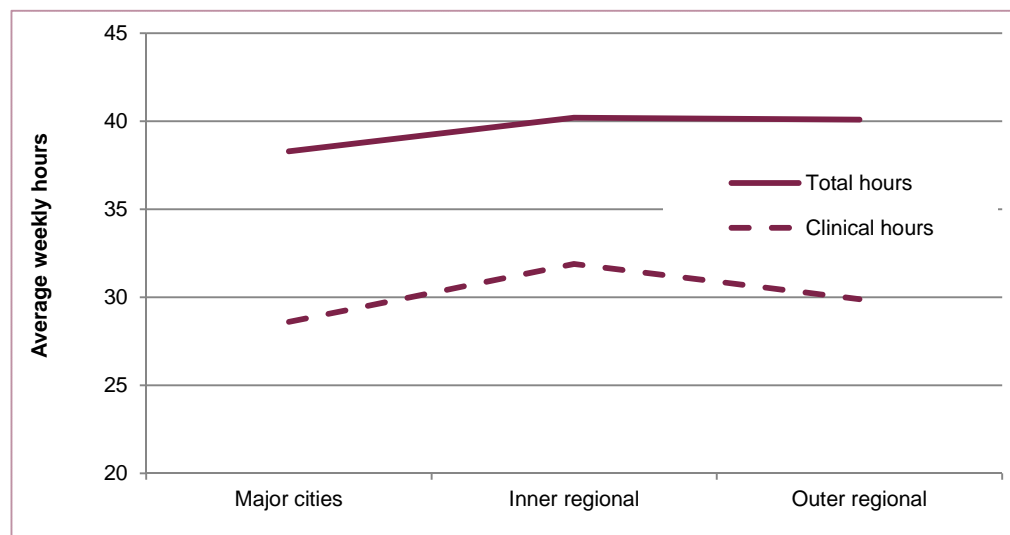


Average total hours for clinicians were highest in ACT (43.4) and Qld (40.5) and lowest in NT at 34.7 hours.

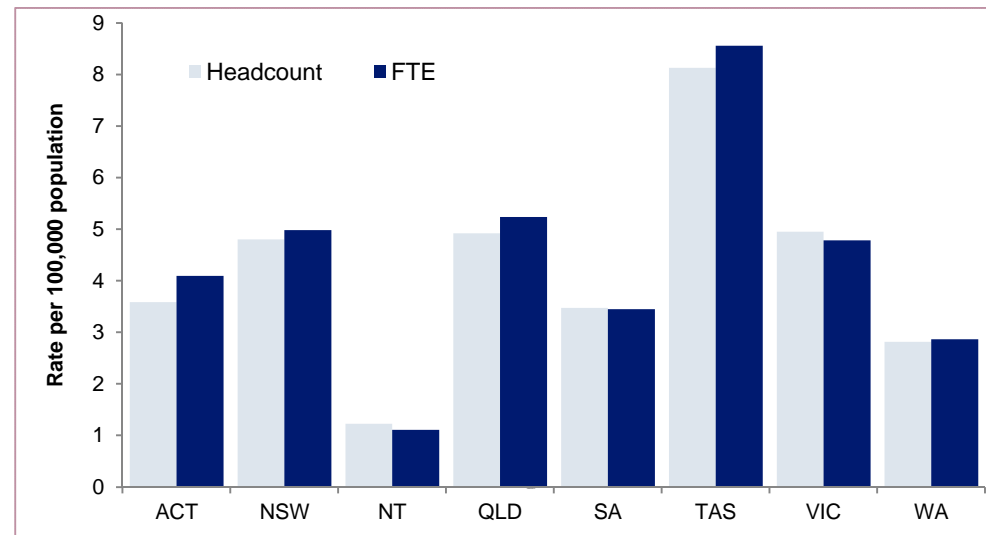
Clinicians' average total hours ranged from 38.3 hours per week in Major Cities to 40.2 hours in Inner Regional areas (excluding average hours for the <5 practitioners in Remote and Very Remote areas).

Clinicians' average clinical hours followed a similar pattern across Major Cities and regional areas. Clinical hours peaked at 31.9 hours per week on average for clinicians in Inner Regional areas.

Clinicians: Average Weekly Hours by Remoteness Area

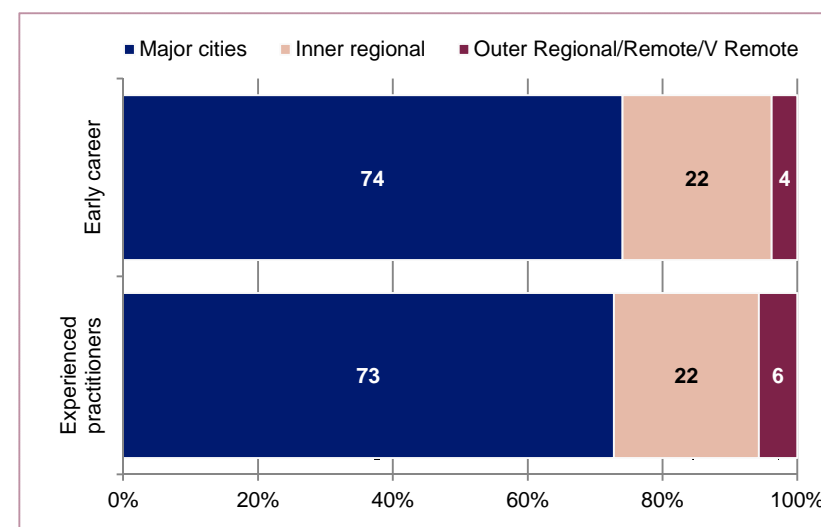


Clinicians: Headcount and FTE by State / Territory



The distribution of the workforce across states and territories ranged from 9 FTE clinicians per 100,000 population in Tasmania, to 1 FTE in the NT. FTE numbers have remained static across all states and territories since 2013.

Clinicians: Remoteness Area by Career Status

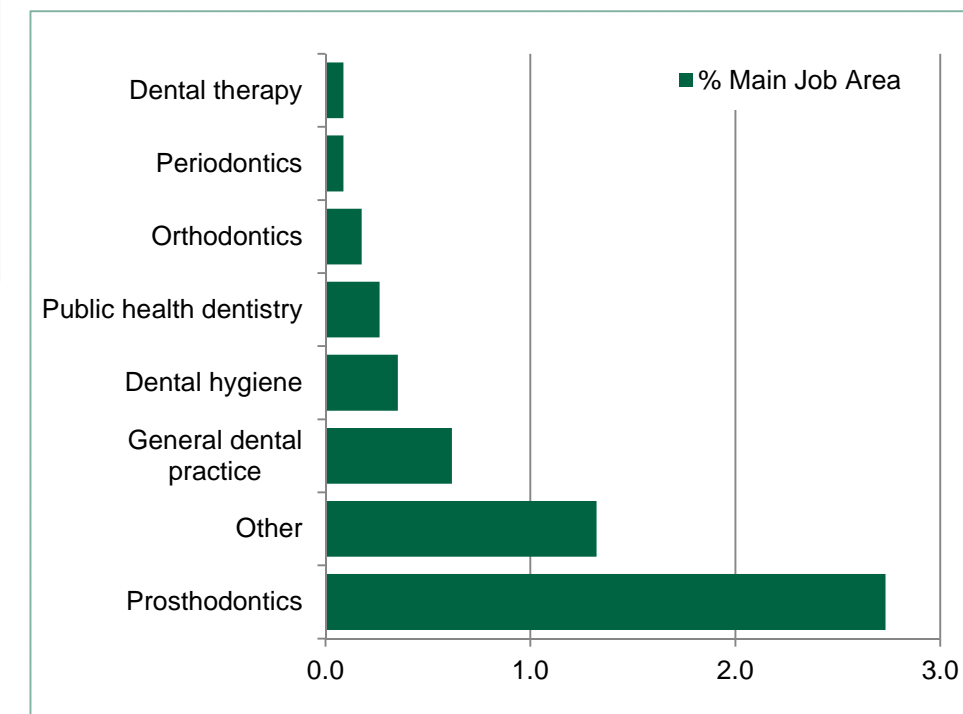


Early Career and Experienced clinicians were similar in distribution across remoteness areas.

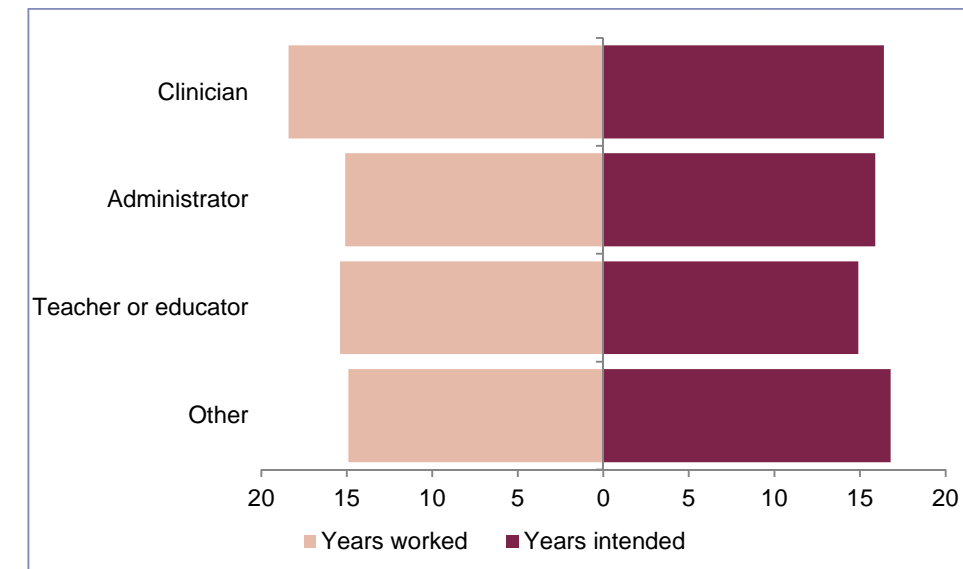
JOB AREA

94% of prosthetists reported 'Dental prosthetics' as the principal area of their job as a dental practitioner. The remaining job areas as shown in the graph were reported by 3% or fewer practitioners.

Employed practitioners (%) in selected Job Areas



Employed practitioners: Career Length by Job Role



Overall, prosthetists reported an intended career length of 34.5 years. Clinicians reported an average work history of 18.4 years, and had the longest career intentions at 34.8 years. Teachers and educators had the shortest intended careers at 30.3 years.