Each year RWAV conducts the GP Workforce and Skills Update and Medical Practice Update. The information we collect through surveys and our database illustrates a broad range of workforce data.

If you would like customised data for your local area please contact us: 03 9349 7800 or feedback@rwav.com.au

**GP WORKFORCE, SKILLS AND MEDICAL PRACTICE UPDATE**

59% of the workforce are male

41% are female

**AGE BREAKDOWN**

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Mean age: 49.1

61% of GPs surveyed work full-time

An average of 43.0 hours per week

49% are male

51% are female

39% of GPs surveyed work part-time

An average of 23.6 hours per week

Which equals an average of 35.5 hours worked per week per GP surveyed

Note: Total average hours for all GPs excludes on-call work. Australian Bureau of Statistics defines full-time as 35+ hours per week.

**GPs WHO REPORT REGULARLY PRACTICING PROCEDURAL SKILLS**

- Emergency Care: 56%
- Anesthetics: 7%
- Obstetrics (Normal Delivery): 6%
- Anesthesiology (General): 3%
- Surgery: 5%

**50% OF THOSE SURVEYED ARE AUSTRALIAN TRAIND DOCTORS**

AND AN EQUAL 50% ARE OVERSEAS TRAINED DOCTORS

50% of those surveyed are Australian trained doctors

66% of GPs are vocationally registered*

*Note: Data does not include GP Registrars.

Overseas trained doctors come from the following top 5 countries:

- India: 7.8%
- Pakistan: 5.2%
- UK: 5%
- Sri Lanka: 4.7%
- Bangladesh: 3.9%

**LENGTH OF TIME GPS PLAN TO REMAIN IN THEIR PROFESSION**

- <1 year: 2%
- 1-3 years: 6%
- 3-5 years: 11%
- 5-10 years: 16%
- 10+ years: 56%
- Unsure: 9%
### Rural and Regional GPs in PHN Regions

- **Inner Regional** (RA2): 134 GPs
- **Inner Regional** (RA3): 391 GPs
- **Remote** (RA4): 1,157 GPs

### Practices in Remoteness Areas

- **RA2 (Inner Regional)**: 328 practices
- **RA3 (Outer Regional)**: 82 practices
- **RA4 (Remote)**: 94 practices

### Home Visits by GPs

- **35%**

### Telephone Service Operated by Practice

- **31%**

### Extended Opening Hours

- **28%**

### Referral to a Hospital

- **27%**

### Referral to External Telephone Service

- **22%**

### No After-hours Services Provided

- **21%**

### Shared Roster with Other Practices

- **19%**

### Referral to After-hours Clinic

- **9%**

### After-hours Services

A proportion of practices operate multiple after-hours service models including extended hours, shared rosters, phone services and home visits.

### Rural & Regional Practices in Victoria

- **328** Group Practice
- **82** Solo Practice
- **94** Aboriginal Health Service
- **26** Community Health Service

### 88% of Practices Are Accredited

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