

HEALTH SNAPSHOT 2019

GPS AND MEDICAL PRACTICES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

BACKGROUND

All results are from a survey of general practitioners conducted in rural and regional Victoria (MMM2-7) and in Geelong (MMM1) between the 15th of November and 15th of December 2019. The survey was conducted to understand GP workforce statistics and role data (e.g., advanced skills practiced, VMO rights). The survey was sent out to 2029 unique GPs and registrars, with a response rate of 18.88% (N = 383).

WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

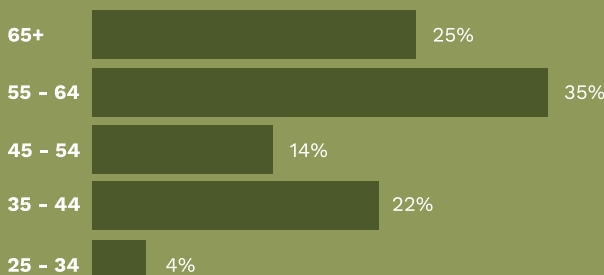
Male

59.9%

Female

40.1%

WHAT AGE ARE COUNTRY GPS?



The mean age of respondents was **55.2 years old**.

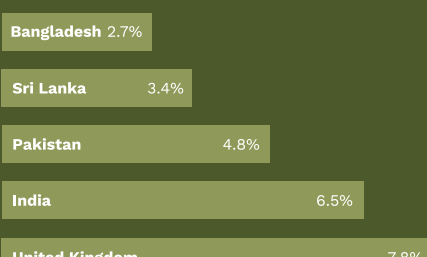
Australian Born

50.7%

Overseas Born

49.3%

THE TOP 5 MOST COMMON COUNTRIES OF BIRTH WERE:



HOURS SPENT IN GENERAL PRACTICE

**31.4
HOURS**

Mean hours spent in
general practice (n=364).

**18.1
HOURS**

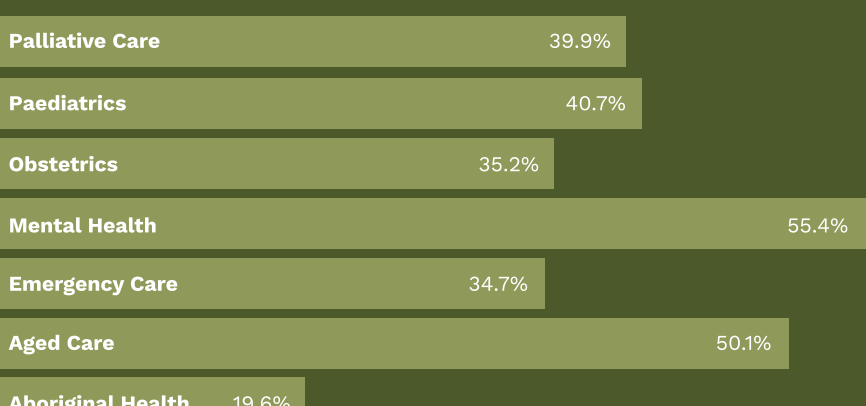
Typical mean hours
available on call per week
(n = 353)

**3.7
HOURS**

Mean **hours worked during
hours on call** (n = 343)

ADVANCED SKILLS

WHICH ADVANCED SKILLS DO YOU CURRENTLY PROVIDE AT YOUR MAIN PRACTICE?



VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER SERVICES

**44%
VMO**

43.9% (n=158) of GPs provide
**visiting medical officer
services to a local health
service or hospital**

Type of VMO rights

Admitting	91.1 %
Procedural	35.4%
Anaesthesia	
» General	18.4%
» Epidural/Spinal	17.7%
» Paediatric	13.9 %
Obstetrics	
» Normal delivery	18.4%
» Procedural LSCS	12.7%
» Procedural non LSCS	12%
Surgery	
» Orthopaedic	5.7%
» General	7.6%
Emergency	51.9 %
Population Health (ATOD or sexual health clinics)	5.7 %
Aboriginal Health	5.1 %

WORKFORCE INTENTIONS

HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU PLAN TO REMAIN IN YOUR CURRENT MAIN PRACTICE?

