

psychiatrists-in-training per 100,000 population, and there were 5.0, 3.5 and 2.5 FTE psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training per 100,000 population in inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote areas respectively. Little or no variation has been seen in this pattern since 1999.

Of the estimated 3,026 psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training in Australia in 2003, 1,972 (65.2%) were male and 1,054 (34.8%) were female (Table 7.2). Only 30.7% of FTE psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training were female, reflecting the difference in average weekly hours worked by males and females.

The average annual increase in FTE female psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training between 1999 and 2003 (3.4%) was greater than for males (2.0%) (Table 7.2). Between 1999 and 2003, the proportion of female FTE trainees rose from 42.0% to 51.2%.

In 2003 the majority of FTE psychiatrists in Australia were clinicians (1,964), compared with 208 non-clinicians. Most clinician and non-clinician FTE psychiatrists were males (74.7% and 78.8% respectively) (Table 7.2).

The main age group for FTE psychiatrists in 2003 was 45–54 years (32.7% for clinicians and 35.1% for non-clinicians), and the majority of FTE psychiatrists-in-training were aged under 35 years (56.0%) (Table 7.3). The proportion of FTE psychiatrists who were clinicians was between 88.9% and 98.4% across all age groups. There were 523 FTE psychiatrists working as clinicians in the 55–64 age group, and 214 FTE psychiatrists aged 65 and over.

In 2003 the jurisdiction with the highest number of FTE psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training per 100,000 population was the Northern Territory (21.4), followed by Victoria (17.9). Queensland had the lowest, with 10.2 per 100,000 population (Table 7.4).

### **Psychiatrists in private practice**

Based on Medicare Benefits Schedule fee income, the estimated number of full-time-equivalent private psychiatrists for 2004–05 was 1,024.7 (Table 7.5). The majority were located in major cities (932.0, or 91.0%). Victoria (7.0) was the jurisdiction with the highest number of full-time-equivalent private psychiatrists per 100,000 population.