

7 Rural medical labour force

There were 7,972 medical practitioners in the rural medical workforce in 1995:

- 7,544 (94.6%) worked in a rural or remote area in their main job, and
- 428 (5.4%) worked in a metropolitan area in their main job and a rural or remote area in their second or third jobs.

The geographic classification is based on the *Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas Classification* of the Department of Health and Family Services.

The 7,544 medical practitioners who worked in a rural or remote area in their main job made up 15.4% of all medical practitioners. This contrasts with the overall population distribution of 29.3% living in rural and remote areas in 1995. Features of these medical practitioners included the following:

Geographic distribution

- 2,840 (37.6%) worked in a large rural centre; 1,873 (24.8%) worked in a small rural centre; 2,222 (29.5%) worked in other rural areas; and the remaining 609 (8.1%) worked in remote areas.
- In 1995, there were 142.4 practising medical practitioners per 100,000 population in rural and remote areas compared with 324.7 per 100,000 population in major urban centres. This provision varied across geographic region—261.0 per 100,000 population in large rural centres; 156.4 in small rural centres; 90.5 in other rural areas; and 109.4 in remote areas. It also varied across States and Territories, from a high of 206.8 in the Northern Territory to a low of 111.3 in Western Australia.
- In 1995, there were 87.5 primary care practitioners per 100,000 population (1 practitioner per 1,142 population) in rural and remote areas, compared to 128.6 primary care practitioners per 100,000 population (1 practitioner per 778 population) in major urban centres.

Sex

- 1,706 (22.6%) of medical practitioners in the rural medical workforce were female. This proportion was similar across the different geographic regions and across States and Territories, although relatively high in remote areas (29.1%) and in the Northern Territory (31.1%).

Occupation

- Most (61.5%) practitioners working mainly in rural and remote areas were employed in primary care; 24.6% were specialists; 7.7% were hospital non-specialists; 2.1% were specialists-in-training; and the remaining 4.1% were non-clinicians. In comparison, 43.0% of all medical practitioners were working in primary care; 31.2% were specialists; 10.8% were hospital non-specialists; 9.2% were specialists-in-training; and 5.8% were non-clinicians.
- The distribution of rural practitioners across occupation differed between males and females. Most males (59.0%) were employed in primary care and 29.1% were specialists; while 70.1% of females were employed in primary care, 12.8% were hospital non-specialists, and 9.4% were specialists.

Age

- The average age of medical practitioners employed in rural and remote areas was 45.4 years in 1995. This average age was lower in remote areas (41.4 years). This compares with an average age of 44.7 years for medical practitioners employed in major urban centres.

Work setting

- 76.6% of medical practitioners employed in rural and remote areas worked in private rooms; 17.6% worked in acute care hospitals; and the remaining 5.8% were employed in other work settings. This distribution varied across geographic regions—in other rural areas, 91.5% worked in private rooms, whereas in remote areas, 52.5% worked in private rooms, 25.2% worked in acute care hospitals and 11.8% worked in Aboriginal health services.

Hours worked

- Average hours worked by medical practitioners employed in rural and remote areas was 49.9 hours per week. This average was higher in remote areas (52.4 hours). Some 83.1% were working 35 hours or more per week.

Overseas graduates

- 22.2% of rural medical practitioners in 1995 had gained their initial qualification overseas—59.3% had qualified in the United Kingdom or Ireland, 16.7% qualified in Asia, 8.4% qualified in New Zealand, and the remaining 15.6% qualified in other countries. A greater proportion of rural practitioners working in remote areas had gained an initial qualification overseas (26.1%) and a greater proportion of these had gained an initial qualification from the United Kingdom or Ireland (66.0%).
- 98.8% of medical practitioners working in rural and remote areas were permanent residents of Australia in 1995.

Features of the 428 medical practitioners with a second or third job in a rural or remote area included the following:

- 88 (20.6%) worked in a large rural centre; 134 (31.3%) worked in a small rural centre; 168 (39.3%) worked in other rural areas; and 38 (8.9%) worked in remote areas.

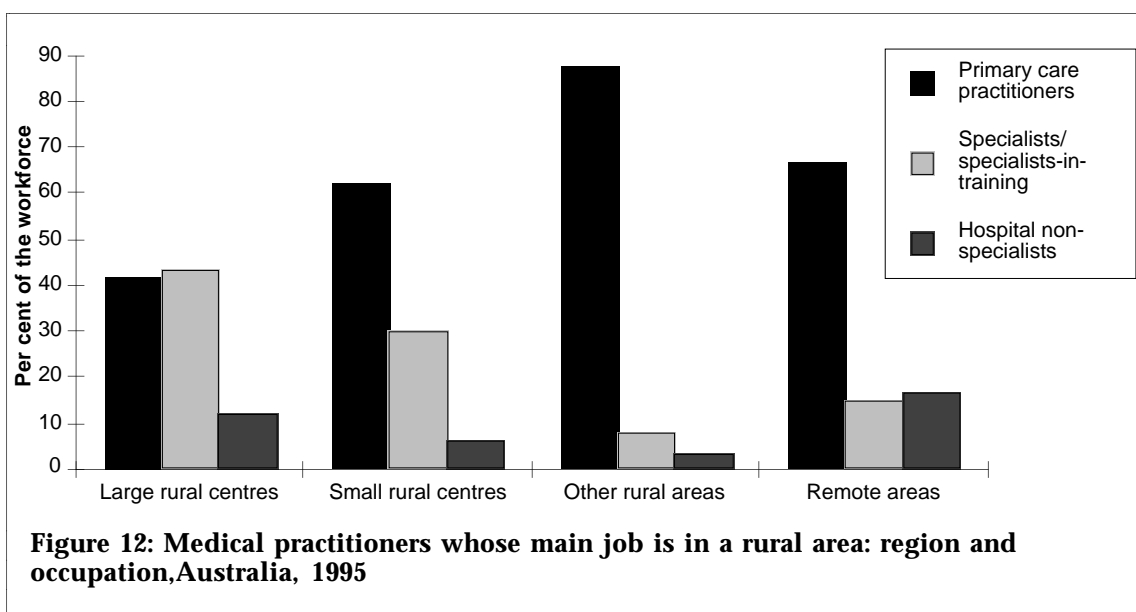


Table 64: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, sex and States and Territories, 1995

Region/occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Males										
Large rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	614	379	885	..	25	184	..	..	2,087	95.8
Primary care practitioner	229	138	354	..	14	81	..	..	816	37.5
Hospital non-specialist	43	33	92	..	0	9	..	..	177	8.1
Specialist	326	198	396	..	11	80	..	..	1,011	46.4
Specialist-in-training	16	10	43	..	0	14	..	..	83	3.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	23	27	36	..	0	5	..	..	91	4.2
Administrator	14	8	13	..	0	0	..	..	35	1.6
Teacher/educator	2	0	0	..	0	1	..	..	3	0.1
Researcher	0	2	0	..	0	0	..	..	2	0.1
Public health physician	1	2	9	..	0	1	..	..	13	0.6
Occupational health physician	0	0	3	..	0	1	..	..	4	0.2
Other	6	15	11	..	0	2	..	..	34	1.6
<i>Total</i>	637	406	921	..	25	189	..	..	2,178	100.0
Small rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	513	392	205	145	96	78	..	..	1,429	96.3
Primary care practitioner	313	197	141	83	77	44	..	..	855	57.6
Hospital non-specialist	33	21	21	0	0	4	..	..	79	5.3
Specialist	164	170	43	59	19	28	..	..	483	32.5
Specialist-in-training	3	4	0	3	0	2	..	..	12	0.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	23	22	4	2	4	0	..	..	55	3.7
Administrator	8	15	0	0	2	0	..	..	25	1.7
Teacher/educator	2	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	2	0.1
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	0	0.0
Public health physician	7	2	0	2	0	0	..	..	11	0.7
Occupational health	0	0	3	0	0	0	..	..	3	0.2
Other	6	5	1	0	2	0	..	..	14	0.9
<i>Total</i>	536	414	209	147	100	78	..	..	1,484	100.0
Other rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	550	409	271	112	239	98	0	5	1,684	96.6
Primary care practitioner	479	368	228	103	226	83	0	5	1,492	85.6
Hospital non-specialist	8	6	26	0	0	1	0	0	41	2.4
Specialist	58	35	17	9	13	14	0	0	146	8.4
Specialist-in-training	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	13	37	6	2	2	0	0	0	60	3.4
Administrator	6	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	30	1.7
Teacher/educator	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.3
Occupational health physician	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1
Other	3	13	1	0	2	0	0	0	19	1.1
<i>Total</i>	563	446	277	114	241	98	0	5	1,744	100.0
Remote areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	27	9	103	137	21	1	..	123	421	97.5
Primary care practitioner	26	9	69	103	18	1	..	53	279	64.6
Hospital non-specialist	1	0	23	13	0	0	..	31	68	15.7
Specialist	0	0	11	16	0	0	..	30	57	13.2
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	5	3	0	..	9	17	3.9
<i>Non-clinician</i>	1	2	1	0	0	0	..	7	11	2.5
Administrator	0	0	1	0	0	0	..	2	3	0.7
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	1	0	0	0	0	0	..	3	4	0.9
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Other	0	2	0	0	0	0	..	2	4	0.9
<i>Total</i>	28	11	104	137	21	1	..	130	432	100.0

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Table 64 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, sex and States and Territories, 1995

Region/occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Females										
Large rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	180	94	288	..	0	46	..	..	608	91.8
Primary care practitioner	106	56	145	..	0	36	..	..	343	51.8
Hospital non-specialist	34	19	86	..	0	5	..	..	144	21.8
Specialist	36	10	41	..	0	5	..	..	92	13.9
Specialist-in-training	4	9	16	..	0	0	..	..	29	4.4
<i>Non-clinician</i>	18	10	22	..	0	4	..	..	54	8.2
Administrator	7	5	7	..	0	0	..	..	19	2.9
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	..	0	0	..	..	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	..	0	0	..	..	0	0.0
Public health physician	5	2	8	..	0	1	..	..	16	2.4
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	..	0	2	..	..	2	0.3
Other	6	3	7	..	0	1	..	..	17	2.6
<i>Total</i>	198	104	310	..	0	50	..	..	662	100.0
Small rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	142	82	61	38	26	27	..	..	376	96.7
Primary care practitioner	112	64	52	22	25	18	..	..	293	75.3
Hospital non-specialist	11	8	8	0	0	4	..	..	31	8.0
Specialist	19	6	1	14	1	4	..	..	45	11.6
Specialist-in-training	0	4	0	2	0	1	..	..	7	1.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	6	2	3	0	2	0	..	..	13	3.3
Administrator	2	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	2	0.5
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	0	0.0
Researcher	1	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	1	0.3
Public health physician	3	0	1	0	0	0	..	..	4	1.0
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	0	0.0
Other	0	2	2	0	2	0	..	..	6	1.5
<i>Total</i>	148	84	64	38	28	27	..	..	389	100.0
Other rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	112	122	93	34	66	39	0	0	466	97.5
Primary care practitioner	106	112	84	34	66	36	0	0	438	91.6
Hospital non-specialist	1	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	14	2.9
Specialist	5	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	12	2.5
Specialist-in-training	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
<i>Non-clinician</i>	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	0	12	2.5
Administrator	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.4
Other	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	6	1.3
<i>Total</i>	112	124	97	34	72	39	0	0	478	100.0
Remote areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	5	3	45	47	8	1	..	55	164	92.7
Primary care practitioner	4	3	33	32	8	1	..	41	122	68.9
Hospital non-specialist	1	0	9	10	0	0	..	10	30	16.9
Specialist	0	0	3	5	0	0	..	4	12	6.8
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	0	0	0	5	2	0	..	6	13	7.3
Administrator	0	0	0	3	0	0	..	2	5	2.8
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	2	2	1.1
Public health physician	0	0	0	2	2	0	..	2	6	3.4
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
<i>Total</i>	5	3	45	52	10	1	..	61	177	100.0

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Table 64 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, sex and States and Territories, 1995

Region/occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Persons										
Large rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	794	473	1,173	..	25	230	..	..	2,695	94.9
Primary care practitioner	335	194	499	..	14	117	..	..	1,159	40.8
Hospital non-specialist	77	52	178	..	0	14	..	..	321	11.3
Specialist	362	208	437	..	11	85	..	..	1,103	38.8
Specialist-in-training	20	19	59	..	0	14	..	..	112	3.9
<i>Non-clinician</i>	41	37	58	..	0	9	..	..	145	5.1
Administrator	21	13	20	..	0	0	..	..	54	1.9
Teacher/educator	2	0	0	..	0	1	..	..	3	0.1
Researcher	0	2	0	..	0	0	..	..	2	0.1
Public health physician	6	4	17	..	0	2	..	..	29	1.0
Occupational health physician	0	0	3	..	0	3	..	..	6	0.2
Other	12	18	18	..	0	3	..	..	51	1.8
<i>Total</i>	835	510	1,231	..	25	239	..	..	2,840	100.0
Small rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	655	474	266	183	122	105	..	..	1,805	96.4
Primary care practitioner	425	261	193	105	102	62	..	..	1,148	61.3
Hospital non-specialist	44	29	29	0	0	8	..	..	110	5.9
Specialist	183	176	44	73	20	32	..	..	528	28.2
Specialist-in-training	3	8	0	5	0	3	..	..	19	1.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	29	24	7	2	6	0	..	..	68	3.6
Administrator	10	15	0	0	2	0	..	..	27	1.4
Teacher/educator	2	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	2	0.1
Researcher	1	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	1	0.1
Public health physician	10	2	1	2	0	0	..	..	15	0.8
Occupational health physician	0	0	3	0	0	0	..	..	3	0.2
Other	6	7	3	0	4	0	..	..	20	1.1
<i>Total</i>	684	498	273	185	128	105	..	..	1,873	100.0
Other rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	662	531	364	146	305	137	0	5	2,150	96.8
Primary care practitioner	585	480	312	137	292	119	0	5	1,930	86.9
Hospital non-specialist	9	10	35	0	0	1	0	0	55	2.5
Specialist	63	39	17	9	13	17	0	0	158	7.1
Specialist-in-training	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	13	39	10	2	8	0	0	0	72	3.2
Administrator	6	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	1.4
Teacher/educator	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.4
Occupational health physician	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0.2
Other	3	13	3	0	6	0	0	0	25	1.1
<i>Total</i>	675	570	374	148	313	137	0	5	2,222	100.0
Remote areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	32	12	148	184	29	2	..	178	585	96.1
Primary care practitioner	30	12	102	135	26	2	..	94	401	65.8
Hospital non-specialist	2	0	32	23	0	0	..	41	98	16.1
Specialist	0	0	14	21	0	0	..	34	69	11.3
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	5	3	0	..	9	17	2.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	1	2	1	5	2	0	..	13	24	3.9
Administrator	0	0	1	3	0	0	..	4	8	1.3
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	2	2	0.3
Public health physician	1	0	0	2	2	0	..	5	10	1.6
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0	0.0
Other	0	2	0	0	0	0	..	2	4	0.7
<i>Total</i>	33	14	149	189	31	2	..	191	609	100.0

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Table 64 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, sex and States and Territories, 1995

Region/occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Males										
All rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	1,704	1,189	1,464	394	381	361	0	128	5,621	96.3
Primary care practitioner	1,047	712	792	289	335	209	0	58	3,442	59.0
Hospital non-specialist	85	60	162	13	0	14	0	31	365	6.3
Specialist	548	403	467	84	43	122	0	30	1,697	29.1
Specialist-in-training	24	14	43	8	3	16	0	9	117	2.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	60	88	47	4	6	5	0	7	217	3.7
Administrator	28	45	16	0	2	0	0	2	93	1.6
Teacher/educator	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0.1
Researcher	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
Public health physician	10	6	10	4	0	1	0	3	34	0.6
Occupational health physician	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	9	0.2
Other	15	35	13	0	4	2	0	2	71	1.2
Total	1,764	1,277	1,511	398	387	366	0	135	5,838	100.0
Females										
All rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	439	301	487	119	100	113	0	55	1,614	94.6
Primary care practitioner	328	235	314	88	99	91	0	41	1,196	70.1
Hospital non-specialist	47	31	112	10	0	9	0	10	219	12.8
Specialist	60	20	45	19	1	12	0	4	161	9.4
Specialist-in-training	4	15	16	2	0	1	0	0	38	2.2
<i>Non-clinician</i>	24	14	29	5	10	4	0	6	92	5.4
Administrator	9	7	7	3	0	0	0	2	28	1.6
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0.2
Public health physician	8	2	11	2	2	1	0	2	28	1.6
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0.2
Other	6	5	11	0	6	1	0	0	29	1.7
Total	463	315	516	124	110	117	0	61	1,706	100.0
Persons										
All rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	2,143	1,490	1,951	513	481	474	0	183	7,235	95.9
Primary care practitioner	1,375	947	1,106	377	434	300	0	99	4,638	61.5
Hospital non-specialist	132	91	274	23	0	23	0	41	584	7.7
Specialist	608	423	512	103	44	134	0	34	1,858	24.6
Specialist-in-training	28	29	59	10	3	17	0	9	155	2.1
<i>Non-clinician</i>	84	102	76	9	16	9	0	13	309	4.1
Administrator	37	52	23	3	2	0	0	4	121	1.6
Teacher/educator	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0.1
Researcher	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0.1
Public health physician	18	8	21	6	2	2	0	5	62	0.8
Occupational health physician	0	0	8	0	2	3	0	0	13	0.2
Other	21	40	24	0	10	3	0	2	100	1.3
Total	2,227	1,592	2,027	522	497	483	0	196	7,544	100.0

Table 65: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area per 100,000 population: region, occupation and States and Territories, 1995

Occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
Large rural centres									
<i>Clinician</i>	258.3	215.5	259.8	..	103.2	268.2	..	..	247.6
Primary care practitioner	109.0	88.4	110.5	..	57.8	136.4	..	..	106.5
Hospital non-specialist	25.0	23.7	39.4	..	0.0	16.3	..	..	29.5
Specialist	117.7	94.8	96.8	..	45.4	99.1	..	..	92.1
Specialist-in-training	6.5	8.7	13.1	..	0.0	16.3	..	..	10.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	13.3	16.9	12.8	..	0.0	10.5	..	..	13.3
Administrator	6.8	5.9	4.4	..	0.0	0.0	..	..	5.0
Teacher/educator	0.7	0.0	0.0	..	0.0	1.2	..	..	0.3
Researcher	0.0	0.9	0.0	..	0.0	0.0	..	..	0.2
Public health physician	2.0	1.8	3.8	..	0.0	2.3	..	..	2.7
Occupational health	0.0	0.0	0.7	..	0.0	3.5	..	..	0.6
Other	3.9	8.2	4.0	..	0.0	3.5	..	..	4.7
<i>Total</i>	271.6	232.4	272.7	..	103.2	278.7	..	..	261.0
Small rural centres									
<i>Clinician</i>	138.8	176.8	138.3	144.9	151.6	180.0	..	..	150.7
Primary care practitioner	90.0	97.4	100.4	83.1	126.8	106.3	..	..	95.9
Hospital non-specialist	9.3	10.8	15.1	0.0	0.0	13.7	..	..	9.2
Specialist	38.8	65.6	22.9	57.8	24.9	54.8	..	..	44.1
Specialist-in-training	0.6	3.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	5.1	..	..	1.6
<i>Non-clinician</i>	6.1	9.0	3.6	1.6	7.5	0.0	..	..	5.7
Administrator	2.1	5.6	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	..	..	2.3
Teacher/educator	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	0.2
Researcher	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	0.1
Public health physician	2.1	0.7	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	..	..	1.3
Occupational health	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	..	0.3
Other	1.3	2.6	1.6	0.0	5.0	0.0	..	..	1.7
<i>Total</i>	144.9	185.8	142.0	146.4	159.1	180.0	..	..	156.4
Other rural areas									
<i>Clinician</i>	91.7	84.1	69.0	86.5	116.8	104.2	0.0	37.7	87.5
Primary care practitioner	81.1	76.0	59.2	81.2	111.8	90.5	0.0	37.7	78.6
Hospital non-specialist	1.2	1.6	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.2
Specialist	8.7	6.2	3.2	5.3	5.0	12.9	0.0	0.0	6.4
Specialist-in-training	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	1.8	6.2	1.9	1.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Administrator	0.8	3.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Teacher/educator	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Researcher	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public health physician	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Occupational health	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Other	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
<i>Total</i>	93.5	90.2	70.9	87.7	119.9	104.2	0.0	37.7	90.5
Remote areas									
<i>Clinician</i>	55.4	98.9	73.5	105.7	106.8	72.6	..	218.3	105.1
Primary care practitioner	51.9	98.9	50.7	77.6	95.7	72.6	..	115.3	72.0
Hospital non-specialist	3.5	0.0	15.9	13.2	0.0	0.0	..	50.3	17.6
Specialist	0.0	0.0	7.0	12.1	0.0	0.0	..	41.7	12.4
Specialist-in-training	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	11.0	0.0	..	11.0	3.1
<i>Non-clinician</i>	1.7	16.5	0.5	2.9	7.4	0.0	..	15.9	4.3
Administrator	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	..	4.9	1.4
Teacher/educator	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	0.0	0.0
Researcher	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	2.5	0.4
Public health physician	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.1	7.4	0.0	..	6.1	1.8
Occupational health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..	2.5	0.7
<i>Total</i>	57.1	115.4	74.0	108.6	114.1	72.6	..	234.3	109.4

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Table 65 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area per 100,000 population: region, occupation and States and Territories, 1995

Occupation of main job	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
All rural areas									
<i>Clinician</i>	137.5	131.7	142.2	109.3	122.4	170.3	0.0	193.0	136.6
Primary care practitioner	88.2	83.7	80.6	80.4	110.4	107.8	0.0	104.4	87.5
Hospital non-specialist	8.5	8.0	20.0	4.9	0.0	8.3	0.0	43.2	11.0
Specialist	39.0	37.4	37.3	22.0	11.2	48.1	0.0	35.9	35.1
Specialist-in-training	1.8	2.6	4.3	2.1	0.8	6.1	0.0	9.5	2.9
<i>Non-clinician</i>	5.4	9.0	5.5	1.9	4.1	3.2	0.0	13.7	5.8
Administrator	2.4	4.6	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	4.2	2.3
Teacher/educator	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Researcher	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.1
Public health physician	1.2	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	5.3	1.2
Occupational health	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Other	1.3	3.5	1.7	0.0	2.5	1.1	0.0	2.1	1.9
Total	142.9	140.7	147.7	111.3	126.5	173.5	0.0	206.8	142.4

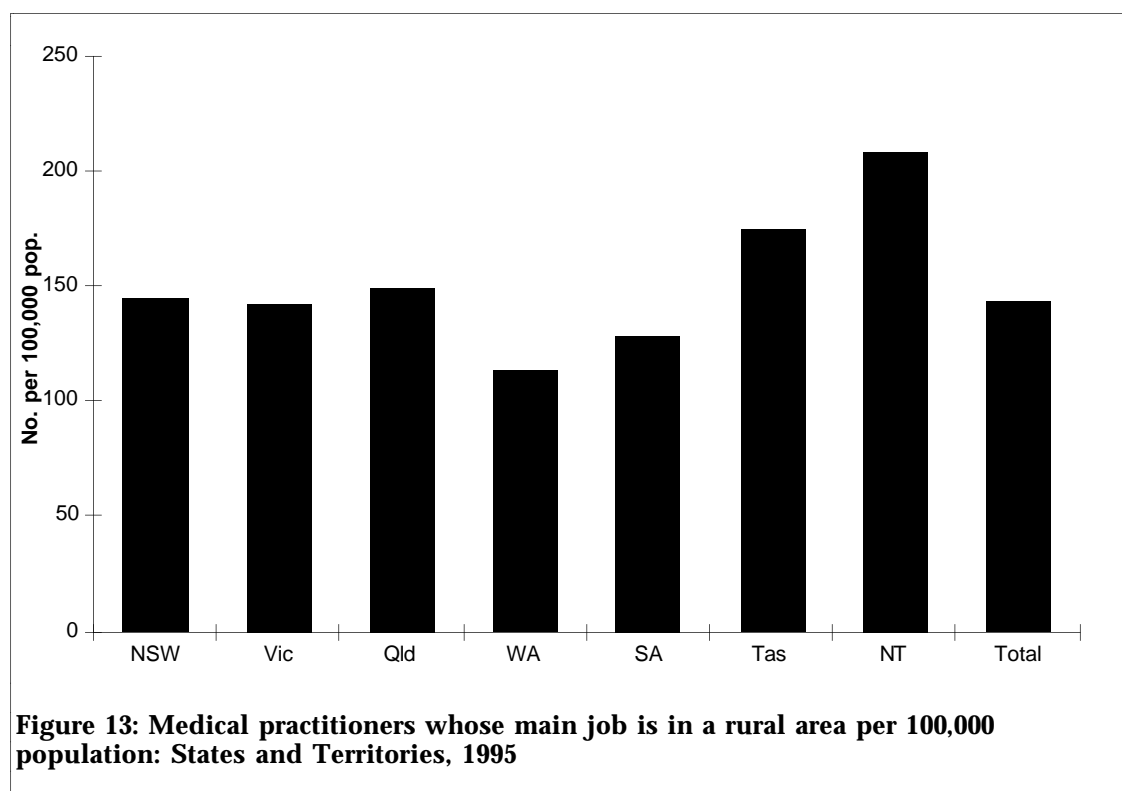


Table 66: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, age and States and Territories, 1995

Region of main job/ age (years)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Large rural centres										
<25	0	8	28	..	0	0	..	..	36	1.3
25-34	141	82	284	..	0	49	..	..	557	19.6
35-44	275	198	399	..	5	84	..	..	961	33.9
45-54	231	133	295	..	9	52	..	..	720	25.4
55-64	109	49	134	..	11	28	..	..	331	11.6
65-74	61	40	72	..	0	25	..	..	198	7.0
75+	18	0	18	..	0	0	..	..	36	1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>835</i>	<i>510</i>	<i>1,231</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>2,840</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Small rural centres										
<25	0	0	2	0	0	0	..	..	2	0.1
25-34	100	77	65	28	30	14	..	..	313	16.8
35-44	238	192	79	71	45	28	..	..	654	35.0
45-54	180	136	56	37	34	18	..	..	461	24.7
55-64	93	52	30	30	15	35	..	..	255	13.6
65-74	58	27	28	15	3	6	..	..	137	7.3
75+	16	13	13	3	0	4	..	..	48	2.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>684</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>1,873</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Other rural										
<25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
25-34	80	127	100	19	77	18	0	0	420	18.9
35-44	244	201	140	80	118	57	0	2	842	37.9
45-54	166	110	70	27	60	28	0	2	462	20.8
55-64	101	69	34	17	31	20	0	2	273	12.3
65-74	72	54	30	2	18	8	0	0	184	8.3
75+	15	9	0	3	8	6	0	0	41	1.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2,222</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Remote areas										
<25	0	0	3	0	0	0	..	0	3	0.6
25-34	9	2	50	66	5	0	..	62	194	31.9
35-44	10	4	47	81	11	1	..	56	211	34.7
45-54	7	3	26	23	6	1	..	38	105	17.2
55-64	4	4	15	15	5	0	..	28	71	11.8
65-74	3	0	7	0	3	0	..	5	18	2.9
75+	0	0	3	3	0	0	..	0	5	0.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>609</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Total										
<25	0	8	33	0	0	0	0	0	41	0.5
25-34	330	288	499	113	111	81	0	62	1,485	19.7
35-44	767	596	665	232	179	171	0	58	2,669	35.4
45-54	584	382	447	88	109	99	0	40	1,748	23.2
55-64	307	174	213	63	61	83	0	30	930	12.3
65-74	193	121	136	17	25	39	0	5	537	7.1
75+	49	22	34	9	8	10	0	0	131	1.7
Total	2,227	1,592	2,027	522	497	483	0	196	7,544	100.0

Table 67: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, work setting and States and Territories, 1995

Region/work setting of main job	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Large rural centres									
Private rooms	592	356	782	..	21	177	..	1,926	67.8
Acute care hospital	208	128	389	..	3	45	..	773	27.2
Residential	0	6	0	..	1	0	..	8	0.3
Aboriginal health service	1	2	6	..	0	0	..	9	0.3
Non-residential facility	13	14	32	..	0	8	..	67	2.3
Educational	2	2	2	..	0	6	..	12	0.4
Defence forces	6	2	0	..	0	0	..	8	0.3
Other	12	2	21	..	0	3	..	38	1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>835</i>	<i>510</i>	<i>1,231</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>2,840</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Small rural centres									
Private rooms	539	404	228	145	108	76	..	1,500	80.1
Acute care hospital	112	75	40	23	12	20	..	282	15.0
Residential	0	1	0	0	0	0	..	1	0.1
Aboriginal health service	4	1	0	2	3	0	..	10	0.5
Non-residential facility	11	6	4	8	3	8	..	40	2.1
Educational	0	4	0	0	0	0	..	4	0.2
Defence forces	5	0	0	0	0	0	..	5	0.2
Other	14	6	0	8	2	2	..	31	1.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>684</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>1,873</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Other rural areas									
Private rooms	627	528	317	138	303	116	0	2,034	91.5
Acute care hospital	30	19	47	2	5	19	0	123	5.5
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Aboriginal health service	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	8	0.3
Non-residential facility	9	17	6	6	5	0	0	43	1.9
Educational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Defence forces	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.1
Other	3	5	0	2	0	1	0	12	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,222</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Remote areas									
Private rooms	25	14	97	100	22	0	..	320	52.5
Acute care hospital	3	0	44	37	2	0	..	153	25.2
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0.0
Aboriginal health service	1	0	3	26	7	0	..	35	11.8
Non-residential facility	1	0	3	10	0	2	..	34	5.7
Educational	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0	0.0
Defence forces	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	2	0.3
Other	2	0	1	16	0	0	..	8	4.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>100.0</i>
Total									
Private rooms	1,783	1,302	1,424	383	454	369	0	5,780	76.6
Acute care hospital	354	221	521	63	22	85	0	1,331	17.6
Residential	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	9	0.1
Aboriginal health service	10	3	12	28	10	0	0	98	1.3
Non-residential facility	34	37	45	23	9	17	0	184	2.4
Educational	2	6	2	0	0	6	0	16	0.2
Defence forces	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	17	0.2
Other	32	12	23	25	2	6	0	108	1.4
Total	2,227	1,592	2,027	522	497	483	0	7,544	100.0

Table 68: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, age and sex, Australia, 1995

Region/occupation of main	Age (years)					Total	%
	<35	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
Males							
Large rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	340	689	587	273	200	2,087	95.8
Primary care practitioner	86	310	207	104	109	816	37.5
Hospital non-specialist	131	25	12	5	5	177	8.1
Specialist	55	340	367	164	86	1,011	46.4
Specialist-in-training	67	14	1	0	0	83	3.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	6	23	26	17	20	91	4.2
Administrator	2	11	11	6	4	35	1.6
Teacher/educator	0	0	1	0	2	3	0.2
Researcher	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.1
Public health physician	5	1	4	2	1	13	0.6
Occupational health	0	0	1	3	0	4	0.2
Other	0	8	9	6	13	34	1.6
<i>Total</i>	346	711	614	290	220	2,178	100.0
Small rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	181	469	396	214	165	1,429	96.3
Primary care practitioner	122	310	208	111	104	855	57.6
Hospital non-specialist	35	21	11	10	2	79	5.3
Specialist	18	135	176	93	59	483	32.5
Specialist-in-training	6	3	1	0	0	12	0.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	2	15	14	11	12	55	3.7
Administrator	0	7	7	5	5	25	1.7
Teacher/educator	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.1
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	2	5	3	1	0	11	0.7
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.2
Other	0	1	4	5	4	14	1.0
<i>Total</i>	183	485	410	225	177	1,484	100.0
Other rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	255	618	389	237	189	1,684	96.6
Primary care practitioner	231	578	332	185	167	1,492	85.6
Hospital non-specialist	18	17	4	3	0	41	2.4
Specialist	2	21	52	49	22	146	8.4
Specialist-in-training	3	1	0	0	0	5	0.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	16	16	11	6	12	60	3.4
Administrator	11	6	3	6	3	30	1.7
Teacher/educator	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	1	0	2	0	4	6	0.3
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.1
Other	0	10	6	0	4	19	1.1
<i>Total</i>	270	634	400	243	201	1,744	100.0
Remote areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	114	141	89	59	20	421	97.4
Primary care practitioner	64	110	63	28	14	279	64.5
Hospital non-specialist	33	14	14	6	3	68	15.7
Specialist	2	15	12	25	3	57	13.3
Specialist-in-training	15	2	0	0	0	17	3.8
<i>Non-clinician</i>	3	5	3	0	0	11	2.6
Administrator	0	2	1	0	0	3	0.8
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	3	1	0	0	0	4	1.0
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	2	2	0	0	4	0.8
<i>Total</i>	117	146	92	59	20	432	100.0

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Table 68 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, age and sex, 1995

Region/occupation of main	Age (years)					Total	%
	<35	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
Females							
Large rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	234	234	95	35	9	608	91.8
Primary care practitioner	87	165	61	23	7	343	51.8
Hospital non-specialist	112	19	9	3	0	144	21.7
Specialist	11	46	23	9	2	92	13.9
Specialist-in-training	24	4	1	0	0	29	4.4
<i>Non-clinician</i>	14	16	12	6	6	54	8.2
Administrator	3	7	2	3	4	19	2.9
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	5	3	4	2	2	16	2.4
Occupational health	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
Other	4	6	5	2	0	17	2.6
<i>Total</i>	248	250	107	41	15	662	100.0
Small rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	132	162	48	29	7	376	96.8
Primary care practitioner	93	139	34	23	6	293	75.3
Hospital non-specialist	25	5	1	0	0	31	8.0
Specialist	10	16	12	6	1	45	11.6
Specialist-in-training	4	2	1	0	0	7	1.9
<i>Non-clinician</i>	0	7	3	1	2	13	3.6
Administrator	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.6
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.3
Public health physician	0	3	1	0	0	4	1.1
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	3	0	0	2	6	1.5
<i>Total</i>	132	169	51	30	9	389	100.4
Other rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	141	208	61	30	26	466	97.6
Primary care practitioner	129	204	56	25	24	438	91.7
Hospital non-specialist	10	3	2	0	0	14	2.9
Specialist	0	1	4	5	2	12	2.5
Specialist-in-training	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
<i>Non-clinician</i>	9	0	2	0	0	12	2.3
Administrator	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
Occupational health	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.3
Other	5	0	0	0	0	6	1.3
<i>Total</i>	150	208	63	30	26	478	99.9
Remote areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	77	62	10	13	3	164	92.6
Primary care practitioner	61	44	8	7	3	122	69.0
Hospital non-specialist	14	13	2	2	0	30	17.0
Specialist	2	5	0	4	0	12	6.6
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	4	4	4	0	0	13	7.4
Administrator	0	3	2	0	0	5	2.8
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	2	0	0	2	1.1
Public health physician	4	2	0	0	0	6	3.4
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<i>Total</i>	81	66	13	13	3	177	100.0

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Table 68 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, age and sex, 1995

Region/occupation of main	Age (years)					Total	%
	<35	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
Persons							
Large rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	573	923	682	308	209	2,695	94.9
Primary care practitioner	173	476	268	127	116	1,159	40.8
Hospital non-specialist	243	44	21	8	5	321	11.3
Specialist	66	386	390	173	88	1,103	38.8
Specialist-in-training	92	17	3	0	0	112	3.9
<i>Non-clinician</i>	21	39	38	22	25	145	5.1
Administrator	5	18	14	9	8	54	1.9
Teacher/educator	0	0	1	0	2	3	0.1
Researcher	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.1
Public health physician	10	4	9	3	3	29	1.0
Occupational health	2	0	1	3	0	6	0.2
Other	4	14	14	7	13	51	1.8
<i>Total</i>	594	961	720	331	234	2,840	100.0
Small rural centres							
<i>Clinician</i>	314	631	444	243	172	1,805	96.4
Primary care practitioner	215	449	242	134	110	1,148	61.3
Hospital non-specialist	60	26	12	10	2	110	5.9
Specialist	28	151	188	99	60	528	28.2
Specialist-in-training	11	5	2	0	0	19	1.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	2	23	17	12	13	68	3.6
Administrator	0	9	7	6	5	27	1.4
Teacher/educator	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.1
Researcher	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1
Public health physician	2	8	4	1	0	15	0.8
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.2
Other	0	5	4	5	5	19	1.0
<i>Total</i>	315	654	461	255	185	1,873	100.0
Other rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	396	826	450	266	215	2,150	96.8
Primary care practitioner	361	782	388	210	191	1,930	86.9
Hospital non-specialist	27	20	6	3	0	55	2.5
Specialist	2	23	56	54	24	158	7.1
Specialist-in-training	6	1	0	0	0	7	0.3
<i>Non-clinician</i>	25	16	12	6	12	72	3.2
Administrator	13	6	3	6	3	32	1.4
Teacher/educator	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.1
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	3	0	2	0	4	8	0.4
Occupational health	0	0	2	0	2	4	0.2
Other	5	10	6	0	4	25	1.1
<i>Total</i>	420	842	462	272	227	2,222	100.0
Remote areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	191	203	99	72	23	585	96.0
Primary care practitioner	125	154	71	35	17	401	65.8
Hospital non-specialist	47	27	16	8	3	98	16.1
Specialist	4	21	12	29	3	69	11.3
Specialist-in-training	15	2	0	0	0	17	2.7
<i>Non-clinician</i>	7	9	6	0	0	24	3.8
Administrator	0	5	3	0	0	8	1.3
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.3
Public health physician	7	3	0	0	0	10	1.6
Occupational health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	2	2	0	0	4	0.6
<i>Total</i>	198	213	105	72	23	609	99.9

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Table 68 (continued): Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region, occupation, age and sex, 1995

Region/occupation of main job	Age (years)					Total	%
	<35	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+		
Males							
All rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	889	1,917	1,461	782	574	5,621	96.3
Primary care practitioner	503	1,308	810	428	394	3,442	59.0
Hospital non-specialist	217	77	41	24	9	365	6.3
Specialist	77	511	607	331	170	1,697	29.1
Specialist-in-training	92	20	3	0	0	117	2.0
<i>Non-clinician</i>	27	59	54	34	43	217	3.7
Administrator	13	27	23	17	11	93	1.6
Teacher/educator	3	2	1	0	2	8	0.1
Researcher	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.0
Public health physician	11	8	9	3	5	34	0.6
Occupational health	0	0	1	3	5	9	0.2
Other	0	21	20	11	21	71	1.2
<i>Total</i>	916	1,976	1,516	816	617	5,838	100.0
Females							
All rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	584	666	214	106	45	1,614	94.6
Primary care practitioner	370	552	160	77	40	1,196	70.1
Hospital non-specialist	161	40	13	5	0	219	12.8
Specialist	23	69	39	24	5	161	9.4
Specialist-in-training	31	6	2	0	0	38	2.2
<i>Non-clinician</i>	27	27	19	7	7	92	5.4
Administrator	5	10	4	4	4	28	1.6
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Researcher	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.2
Public health physician	11	7	6	2	2	28	1.6
Occupational health	2	0	2	0	0	4	0.2
Other	9	10	5	2	2	29	1.7
<i>Total</i>	612	693	234	114	52	1,706	100.0
Persons							
All rural areas							
<i>Clinician</i>	1,474	2,583	1,675	889	619	7,235	95.9
Primary care practitioner	874	1,860	970	505	434	4,638	61.5
Hospital non-specialist	377	117	55	29	9	584	7.7
Specialist	99	580	646	355	176	1,858	24.6
Specialist-in-training	123	25	5	0	0	155	2.1
<i>Non-clinician</i>	54	86	74	41	50	309	4.1
Administrator	18	37	27	21	15	121	1.6
Teacher/educator	3	2	1	0	2	8	0.1
Researcher	0	2	3	0	0	5	0.1
Public health physician	22	15	15	5	6	62	0.8
Occupational health	2	0	3	3	5	13	0.2
Other	9	30	25	12	22	100	1.3
Total	1,527	2,669	1,749	929	669	7,544	100.0

Table 69: Medical practitioners whose main job is in a rural area: region and selected characteristics, Australia, 1995

Selected characteristics	Region of main job				Total	%
	Large rural centre	Small rural centre	Other rural area	Remote area		
Sex						
Male	2,178	1,484	1,744	432	5,838	77.4
Female	662	389	478	177	1,706	22.6
% female	23.3	20.8	21.5	29.1	22.6	..
Age (years)						
Average age	45.0	46.5	46.0	41.4	45.4	..
<35	594	315	420	198	1,527	20.2
35-44	961	654	842	213	2,669	35.4
45-54	720	461	462	105	1,749	23.2
55-64	331	255	272	72	929	12.3
65+	234	185	227	23	669	8.9
% aged 65+	8.2	9.9	10.2	3.8	8.9	..
Hours worked per week						
Average hours worked	49.7	49.6	50.0	52.4	49.9	..
<20	191	146	169	34	541	7.2
20-34	261	192	244	39	736	9.8
35-49	714	500	510	157	1,881	24.9
50-64	1,230	677	866	254	3,027	40.1
65-79	321	236	278	76	910	12.1
80+	123	121	155	49	449	6.0
% employed full-time	84.1	81.9	81.4	88.1	83.1	..
Work setting						
Private rooms	1,926	1,500	2,034	320	5,780	76.6
Acute care hospital	773	282	123	153	1,331	17.6
Residential	8	1	0	0	9	0.1
Aboriginal health service	9	10	8	72	98	1.3
Non-residential facility	67	40	43	34	184	2.4
Educational institution	12	4	0	0	16	0.2
Defence forces	8	5	3	2	17	0.2
Other	38	31	12	28	108	1.4
Country of initial						
Australia	2,270	1,399	1,752	450	5,871	77.8
New Zealand	70	39	17	14	140	1.9
United Kingdom/Ireland	333	266	289	105	993	13.2
Asia	79	88	89	24	280	3.7
Other countries	88	82	74	16	260	3.4
Residency status						
Australian citizen/permanent	2,806	1,853	2,206	586	7,452	98.8
Not a permanent resident	34	20	16	23	92	1.2
Rural medical practitioners per 100,000 population	261.0	156.4	90.5	109.4	142.4	..
Total	2,840	1,873	2,222	609	7,544	100.0

Table 70: Metropolitan medical practitioners with a second or third job in a rural area: region, occupation and States and Territories, 1995

Region(a)/occupation (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total	%
Large rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	36	21	7	0	4	0	4	0	71	80.2
Primary care practitioner	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6.5
Hospital non-specialist	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	11.4
Specialist	25	15	7	0	4	0	2	0	52	59.4
Specialist-in-training	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.9
<i>Non clinician</i>	3	10	3	2	0	0	0	0	18	19.8
Administrator	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	4.4
Teacher/educator	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.9
Researcher	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
Public health physician	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.6
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7.0
<i>Total</i>	39	30	10	2	4	0	4	0	88	100.0
Small rural centres										
<i>Clinician</i>	42	46	2	7	11	8	5	0	121	90.2
Primary care practitioner	10	10	2	0	6	0	0	0	28	20.7
Hospital non-specialist	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	9	6.9
Specialist	30	35	0	7	6	0	5	0	84	62.6
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<i>Non clinician</i>	5	4	1	0	2	0	1	0	13	9.8
Administrator	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	5.8
Teacher/educator	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.8
Researcher	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
Public health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.7
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.1
<i>Total</i>	47	50	3	7	13	8	6	0	134	100.0
Other rural areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	41	58	13	8	23	3	8	0	154	91.4
Primary care practitioner	14	18	13	8	7	3	2	0	66	39.4
Hospital non-specialist	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	7.0
Specialist	19	30	0	0	15	0	6	0	70	41.3
Specialist-in-training	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.8
<i>Non clinician</i>	1	10	0	0	3	0	1	0	14	8.6
Administrator	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	6	3.5
Teacher/educator	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.8
Researcher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Public health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Occupational health physician	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.2
Other	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.8
<i>Total</i>	41	68	13	8	25	3	9	0	168	100.0
Remote areas										
<i>Clinician</i>	6	0	2	6	7	0	0	8	29	75.0
Primary care practitioner	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	16.8
Hospital non-specialist	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	11.5
Specialist	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	3	13	33.9
Specialist-in-training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	12.7
<i>Non clinician</i>	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	10	25.0
Administrator	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	8.7
Teacher/educator	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.4
Researcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Public health physician	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6.0
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5.9
<i>Total</i>	8	0	4	6	9	0	0	10	38	100.0

(a) If a medical practitioner has a second and third job in a rural area, region is for second job.

(b) For clinicians working in a rural area, occupation refers to their main job as a clinician and not necessarily to all their occupations within a rural area. For example, a medical practitioner in a rural area may be a primary care practitioner in their main job but also work as a non-specialist at the local hospital. For non-clinicians, occupation refers to their principal job in a rural area.

Table 71: Total rural labour force: region and occupation, Australia, 1995

Region(a)/occupation (b)	Region of main job			Region of main job		
	Rural area	Major urban area	Total	Rural area	Major urban area	Total
	(number)			(per cent)		
Large rural centres						
<i>Clinician</i>	2,695	71	2,766	94.9	80.2	94.5
Primary care practitioner	1,159	6	1,165	40.8	6.5	39.8
Hospital non-specialist	321	10	331	11.3	11.4	11.3
Specialist	1,103	52	1,155	38.8	59.4	39.5
Specialist-in-training	112	3	115	3.9	2.9	3.9
<i>Non clinician</i>	145	18	163	5.1	19.8	5.5
Administrator	54	4	58	1.9	4.4	2.0
Teacher/educator	3	3	6	0.1	3.9	0.2
Researcher	2	3	5	0.1	3.0	0.2
Public health physician	29	1	30	1.0	1.6	1.0
Occupational health physician	6	0	6	0.2	0.0	0.2
Other	51	6	57	1.8	7.0	2.0
<i>Total</i>	2,840	88	2,928	100.0	100.0	100.0
Small rural centres						
<i>Clinician</i>	1,805	121	1,926	96.4	90.2	96.0
Primary care practitioner	1,148	28	1,176	61.3	20.7	58.6
Hospital non-specialist	110	9	119	5.9	6.9	5.9
Specialist	528	84	612	28.2	62.6	30.5
Specialist in training	19	0	19	1.0	0.0	0.9
<i>Non clinician</i>	68	13	81	3.6	9.8	4.0
Administrator	27	8	35	1.4	5.8	1.7
Teacher/educator	2	2	4	0.1	1.8	0.2
Researcher	1	1	2	0.1	0.4	0.1
Public health physician	15	0	15	0.8	0.0	0.7
Occupational health physician	3	1	4	0.2	0.7	0.2
Other	20	1	21	1.1	1.1	1.1
<i>Total</i>	1,873	134	2,007	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other rural areas						
<i>Clinician</i>	2,150	154	2,304	96.8	91.4	96.4
Primary care practitioner	1,930	66	1,996	86.9	39.4	83.5
Hospital non-specialist	55	12	67	2.5	7.0	2.8
Specialist	158	70	228	7.1	41.3	9.5
Specialist in training	7	6	13	0.3	3.8	0.6
<i>Non clinician</i>	72	14	86	3.2	8.6	3.6
Administrator	32	6	38	1.4	3.5	1.6
Teacher/educator	3	1	4	0.1	0.8	0.2
Researcher	0	1	1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Public health physician	8	0	8	0.4	0.0	0.3
Occupational health physician	4	4	8	0.2	2.2	0.3
Other	25	3	28	1.1	1.8	1.2
<i>Total</i>	2,222	168	2,390	100.0	100.0	100.0
Remote areas						
<i>Clinician</i>	585	29	614	96.1	75.0	94.8
Primary care practitioner	401	6	407	65.8	16.8	63.0
Hospital non-specialist	98	4	102	16.1	11.5	15.8
Specialist	69	13	82	11.3	33.9	12.7
Specialist in training	17	5	22	2.8	12.7	3.4
<i>Non clinician</i>	24	10	34	3.9	25.0	5.2
Administrator	8	3	11	1.3	8.7	1.8
Teacher/educator	0	2	2	0.0	4.4	0.3
Researcher	2	0	2	0.3	0.0	0.3
Public health physician	10	2	12	1.6	6.0	1.9
Occupational health physician	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4	2	6	0.7	5.9	1.0
<i>Total</i>	609	38	647	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Region of main job in a rural area.

(b) For clinicians working in a rural area, occupation refers to their main job as a clinician and not necessarily to all their occupations within a rural area. For example, a medical practitioner in a rural area may be a primary care practitioner in their main job but also work as a non-specialist at the local hospital. For non-clinicians, occupation refers to their principal job in a rural area.