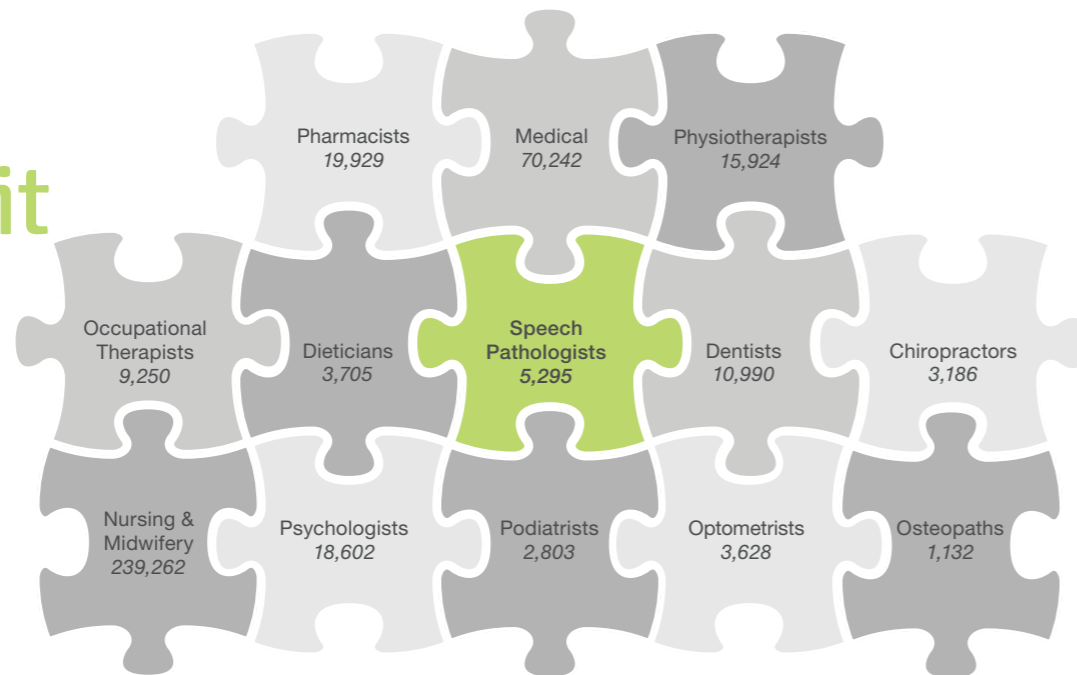


A snapshot of Australia's speechies

LATE IN 2014, Health Workforce Australia (HWA) produced a publication that brought together available information from various sources about the speech pathology workforce in Australia. Speech Pathology Australia worked closely with HWA and provided significant information about our membership numbers to assist in developing this publication. This is a graphical presentation of some of the key information that was included – full publication information and data sources can be found at <http://www.hwa.gov.au/publication/speech-pathologists-focus-0>

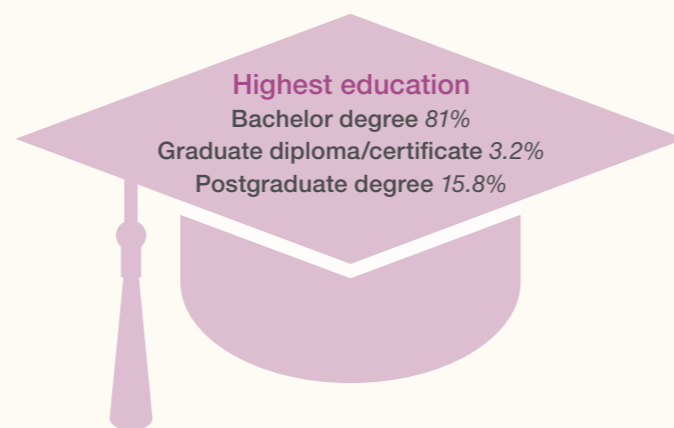
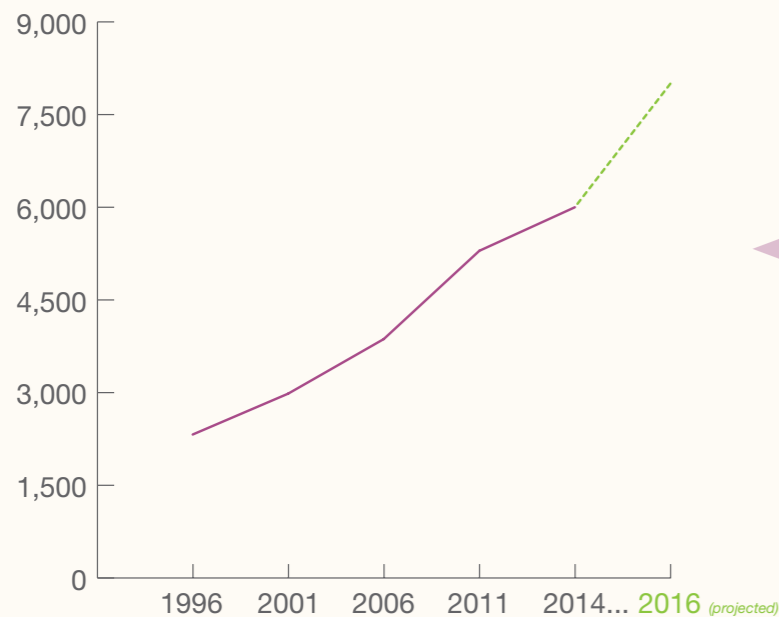
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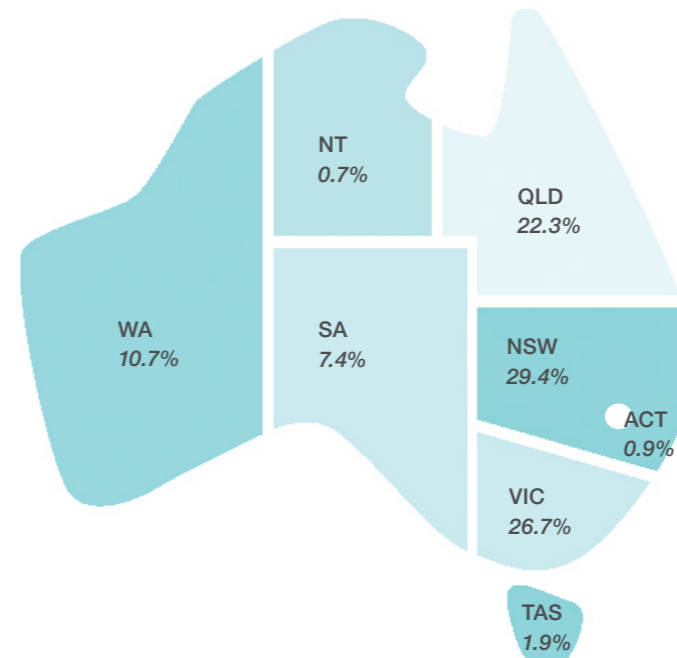


How many of us?

Our profession has been growing over the past two decades with a steep increase in the number of practising speech pathologists in the past five years. With an increase in courses (currently 15 universities offer 24 speech pathology programs across 19 locations in Australia) our profession is expected to continue to grow from 700 up to 1,300 new graduates each year.



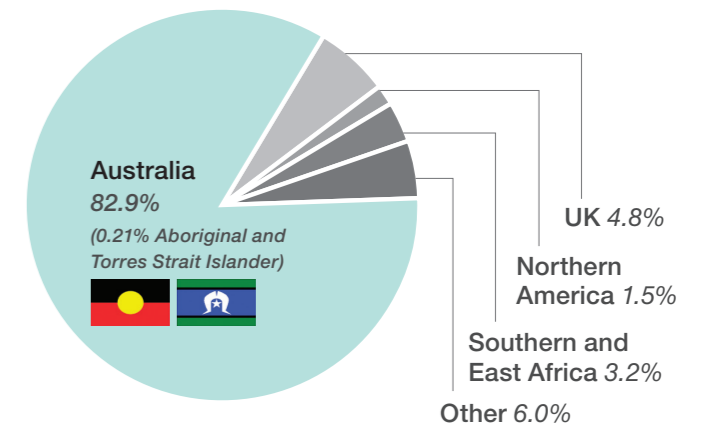
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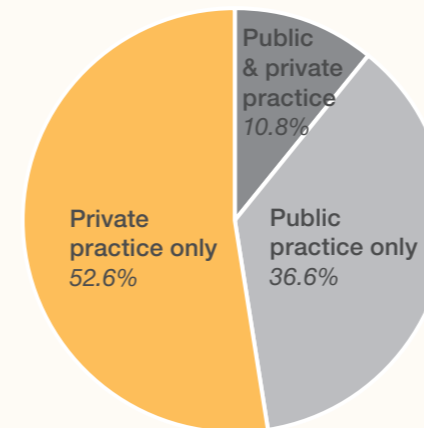
Remoteness

Major cities 76.6%
Inner Regional Areas 15.9%
Outer Regional Areas 6.5%
Remote 1.0%

Where do we come from?

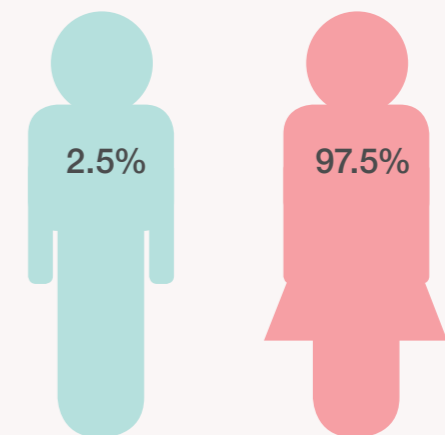


Where do we work?



We are seeing a shift in where speech pathologists work towards an increasingly large private sector.

Who are we?



Average hours worked in a week for male SPs 37.0

Average hours worked in a week for female SPs 30.2

Age
Average age of practicing speech pathologists 37 years old

A typical Australian speech pathologist is:

- female
- working part time (about four days a week)
- in her late 30s
- Bachelor's degree educated
- living and working in a major city area
- Australian born
- working in private practice.