



A snapshot of the Australian dermatologist workforce in 2023

There are **645 dermatologists*** to meet the skin health needs of nearly **27 million Australians.**



There is a **significant shortage of dermatologists** to meet demand. **People living in regional and rural/remote Australia** face particular **challenges in accessing the skin health and dermatology care** they need.

645
Fellows*

54%
Female Fellows

51 years
Average age of Fellows

27%
Fellows aged ≥60

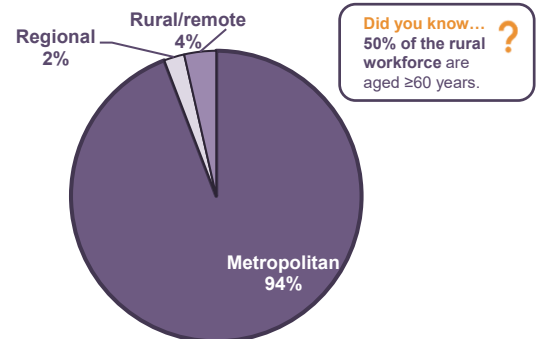


Figure 1. Primary practice location of Fellows (n = 618)**

To increase the number of dermatologists, there needs to be **federal, state and territory government investment to increase the number of dermatology training positions.**

110
Active trainees[^]

63%
Female trainees

101.5
Training positions^{^^}

80%
Training positions in public hospitals

* Dermatologists are medical specialists in conditions of the skin, hair and nails. Fellows of the College (FACD) are specialist doctors who have successfully completed the ACD dermatology training program or have trained overseas and meet the standards required by ACD. FACD are recognised by the Medical Board of Australia as medical specialists in dermatology.

** Rural workforce data as of October 2022. This does not include visiting and outreach services provided by Fellows.

[^] Trainees, including International Medical Graduates (IMGs) enrolled in ACD's four-year training program.

^{^^} Training positions exclude private practice-funded IMG positions.

