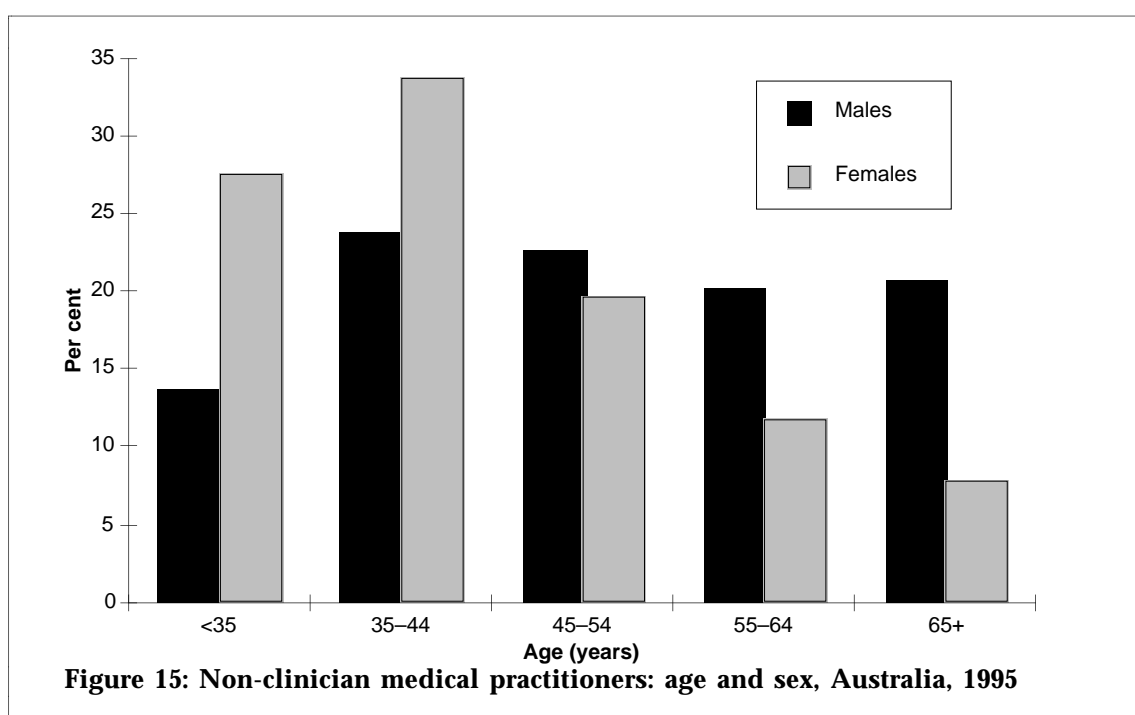


## 10 Non-clinician medical practitioners

These are medical practitioners employed in medicine who are not involved in the diagnosis or treatment of individual patients. In 1995 there were 2,831 non-clinician practitioners—5.8% of all medical practitioners. Features of these practitioners included the following:

- 1,941 (68.6%) were male and 889 (31.4%) were female.
- 26.7% of non-clinicians worked as administrators; 16.8% as public health physicians; 10.5% as researchers; 8.6% as occupational health physicians; 6.3% as teachers; and the remaining 31.1% worked in other non-clinician occupations.
- The age distribution of non-clinicians differed between males and females. For males, 13.5% were younger than 35 years of age, 46.0% were aged 35–54 years, and 40.5% were aged 55 years and over. For females, the distribution was 27.4%, 53.1% and 19.5% respectively.
- Age distribution also differed across occupation. Teachers/educators were concentrated in the older age groups with only 7.9% aged less than 35 years and 43.8% aged 55 years and over; while for public health physicians, 32.8% were aged less than 35 years and 21.6% were aged 55 years and over.
- 22.8% of non-clinicians worked from private rooms, 65.5% from a publicly operated work setting and the remaining 11.7% from a privately operated work setting. Of those who worked in the public sector, 45.3% were employed in acute care hospitals, 26.1% in government departments, 15.0% in educational institutions, and the remaining 13.6% in other publicly operated health care facilities.
- 23.6% of non-clinicians working from private rooms were female, as were 34.8% of those working in a publicly operated work setting and 27.6% of those working in a privately operated work setting.



**Table 81: Non-clinician medical practitioners: occupation, age and sex, Australia, 1995**

Occupation	Age (years)							Total
	<25	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64	65–74	75+	
<b>Males</b>								
Administrator	0	57	151	159	96	48	8	520
Teacher/educator	0	9	31	25	38	22	2	127
Researcher	0	32	64	30	43	18	12	197
Public health physician	4	80	74	56	47	23	5	288
Occupational health physician	0	16	45	60	43	30	10	205
Other	4	61	92	105	121	155	67	604
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,941</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Administrator	0	44	100	46	28	16	2	235
Teacher/educator	0	6	17	13	10	7	0	52
Researcher	0	31	40	15	6	6	0	99
Public health physician	9	63	50	38	21	7	0	188
Occupational health physician	0	8	20	9	2	0	0	39
Other	11	73	73	52	37	21	10	277
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Administrator	0	101	252	205	124	64	10	756
Teacher/educator	0	14	49	37	47	29	2	178
Researcher	0	63	103	44	49	24	12	296
Public health physician	14	142	124	94	68	30	5	476
Occupational health physician	0	23	65	70	46	30	10	244
Other	15	134	165	157	157	176	77	881
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,831</b>
<b>(per cent—persons)</b>								
Administrator	0.0	13.4	33.3	27.1	16.4	8.5	1.3	100.0
Teacher/educator	0.0	7.9	27.3	21.0	26.6	16.2	1.0	100.0
Researcher	0.0	21.2	35.0	15.0	16.7	8.3	3.9	100.0
Public health physician	2.8	29.9	26.0	19.7	14.3	6.2	1.0	100.0
Occupational health physician	0.0	9.6	26.8	28.5	18.7	12.4	4.1	100.0
Other	1.7	15.2	18.7	17.8	17.9	20.0	8.7	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>



