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Highlights

There were an estimated 1.98 million practising physicians across the EU in 2023.

In 2023, more than half of all physicians in Bulgaria were aged 55 years or over.

In 2023, more than 70% of physicians in Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Lithuania were women.

The number of graduating medical doctors per 100 000 inhabitants rose between 2012 and 2022 in nearly all EU

Healthcare personnel

For [dentists](#) and [pharmacists](#), Eurostat collects data for 3 concepts

- ‘practising’ – health care professionals providing services directly to patients
- ‘professionally active’ – ‘practising’ professionals plus health care professionals for whom their medical education is a prerequisite for the execution of their job
- ‘licensed’ – health care professionals who are registered and entitled to practice as health care professionals

In this article, preference is given to the concept of ‘practising’ health care professionals. For some EU countries, data are not available for this concept and therefore data are presented for 1 of the alternative concepts instead: footnotes indicate these exceptions in each table and figure.

Table 1 provides an overview for 2023 of the number of practising dentists and pharmacists, and physiotherapists. Based on the sum of available data (see Table 1 for more details of the coverage and on concepts used by different EU countries), there were more than 365 000 practising dentists and over 422 000 practising pharmacists in the countries, while there were an estimated 651 000 physiotherapists across the EU. As such, the combined number of practising dentists, pharmacists, and physiotherapists