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In Colombia, 88% of physical therapists are female.

Globally, 66% of physical therapists are female.

In 3 countries at least 90% of physical therapists are female:
- Hungary
- Myanmar
- St Lucia

How many physical therapists are female in WCPT regions?

- 66% in North America Caribbean Region
- 70% in European Region
- 65% in Africa Region
- 74% in South America Region
- 49% in Asia Western Pacific Region
# Membership in Your Region

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of members</th>
<th>Number of physical therapists</th>
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<td>Chile</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Brazil</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Costa Rica</td>
<td>2,923</td>
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<td>Bolivia</td>
<td>1,459</td>
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<td>Mexico</td>
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<td>Uruguay</td>
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<td>Colombia</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Ecuador</td>
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<td>Peru</td>
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The Colombian Association of Physiotherapy is the third smallest member organisation in the South America Region of WCPT.
The Colombian Association of Physiotherapy has experienced a 20% increase in membership numbers in the past year.
This map shows the number of practising physical therapists per 10,000 of the population within the South America Region of WCPT.
ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES PER 5,000,000 POPULATION

4.3 entry-level education programmes in your country per 5 million population

8.5 is the average number of entry-level education programmes per 5 million population in the South America Region of WCPT
The data in this chart represents the percentage of member organisations in the region that formally recognise the specialties in the areas listed in the survey.
## How is physical therapy funded in your region?

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The data in this chart represents how physical therapy is funded in your region, for both public and private health sectors.
In your region 10% of respondents reported that physical therapy support personnel are in the workforce.

In your country physical therapy support personnel are not part of the workforce.

In your region 10% of respondents reported that physical therapists need to be a member of their national body to practice.

In your country physical therapists are not required to be a member of your organisation to practice.
58% can refer themselves to a physical therapist without a referral

62% have post professional degree programmes

48% recognise specialisation

31% publish a peer reviewed journal

69% provide a schedule of CPD on their website

81% have no law preventing private practice
The survey was sent to WCPT’s 120 member organisations, of which 105 responded, representing an 88% response rate.
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