Health Worker Density Across the Tonga Region

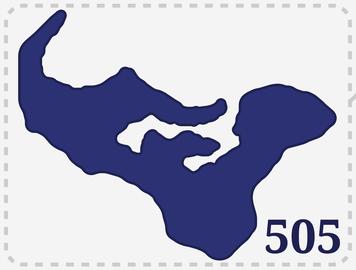
The following visualizations display health workers across the Tonga regions (2010 - 2021). This data is taken from Pacific Data's database and compared to density measurements across the Western Pacific in 2022, as recorded by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Total Health Workers across Tonga Regions

Islands are enlarged and ordered by total health workers. "Dentists" are grouped in "Other Health Staff"

The following are totals taken from 2021. As one might expect, the largest concentration of Health Workers is within Tongatapu, the main island and site of the capital of Tonga.

399	Nursing & Midwifery Professionals
144	Other Health Staff (Dentists included)
59	Medical Doctors
5	Pharmacists



Tongatapu

- **Nurses:** 306
- **Other Health Staff:** 128
- **Medical Doctors:** 49
- **Midwifery Staff:** 17
- **Pharmacist:** 5

Vava'u

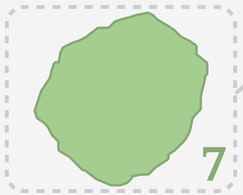
- **Nurses:** 44
- **Other Health Staff:** 7
- **Medical Doctors:** 6
- **Midwifery Staff:** 2

'Eua

- **Nurses:** 15
- **Other Health Staff:** 5
- **Medical Doctors:** 2
- **Midwifery Staff:** 2

Ha'apai

- **Nurses:** 8
- **Medical Doctors:** 2
- **Other Health Staff:** 2



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- **Nurses:** 5
- **Other Health Staff:** 2

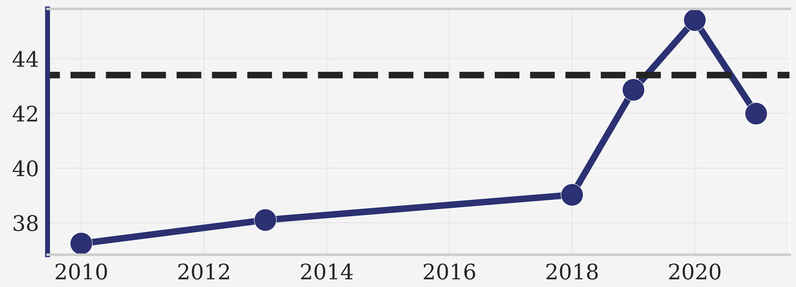
Health Worker Density across Tonga

Unit is "per 10,000 population." Dashed line represents WHO density across the Western Pacific

Tonga's density of Nursing and Midwifery Professionals is most comparable to the Western Pacific region, while all others are relatively far below. Recent years indicate slight growth within the past decade.

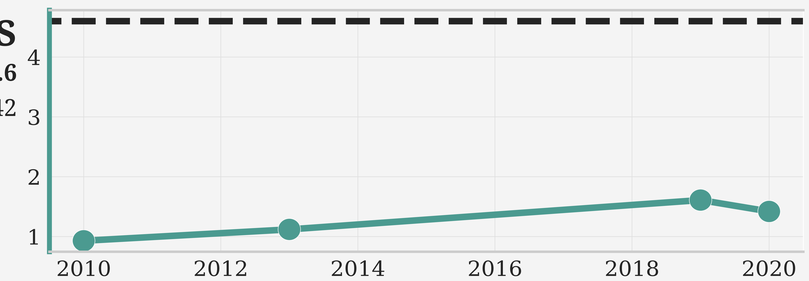
Nursing & Midwifery Professionals

Western Pacific (2022): 43.4
Tonga (2021): 41.99



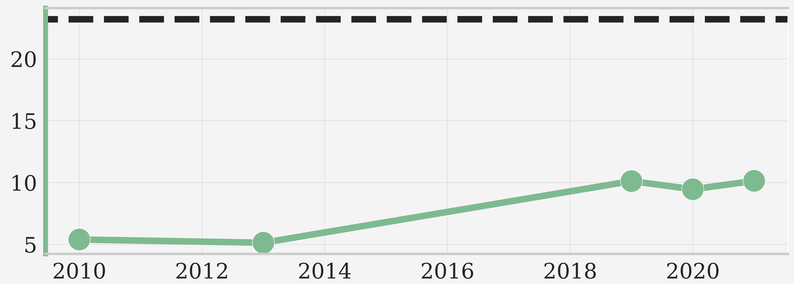
Dentists

Western Pacific (2022): 4.6
Tonga (2020): 1.42



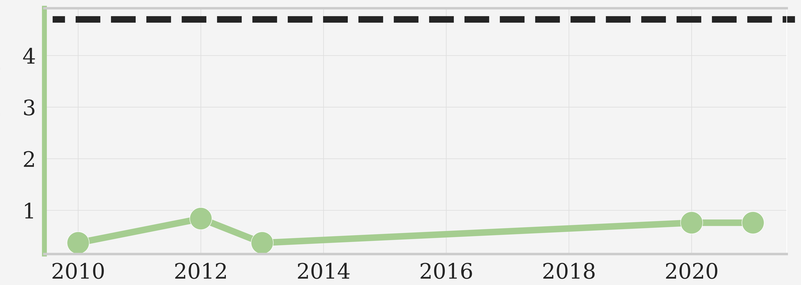
Medical Doctors

Western Pacific (2022): 23.2
Tonga (2021): 10.14



Pharmacists

Western Pacific (2022): 4.7
Tonga (2021): 0.76



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2021 Micro Data for Health Facilities in Tonga: https://stats.pacificdata.org
Latest Health Worker Density: https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators

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