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More members work part-time as largest salary survey results come in

Compiled by Survey Matters

One of the key findings of the ASA's most comprehensive salary survey to date is that more members are working part-time than ever before. In a 6% drop from the 2017 survey, less than 50% of members work full-time. In 2017, 52% of members were employed full-time, but in 2019 that dropped to 46%.

Flexible work arrangements, family commitments in a predominantly female workforce, and life-style choices among older members could be factors contributing to this change.

Average number of scans per day



General sonographers

Public | 12.8
Private | 15.3



Cardiac sonographers

Public | 7.7
Private | 10.3

The survey attracted 1,197 responses from members, up from 793 in 2017, which itself sets a new record.

As with previous surveys, a report synopsis that covers the key statistics around salary, workplace satisfaction, employee benefits and CPD will be available to members, but in the interim, other valuable data on the splits between public and private practice, and general versus cardiac sonographers are below.

Average time allocation per scan (min)



General sonographers ~29.1

Public | 30.5
Private | 28.7



Cardiac sonographers ~42.9

Public | 49.1
Private | 38.9

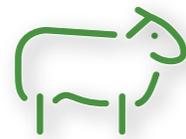
Location



63%
city-based

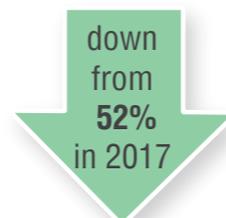


31%
regional town



6%
rural / remote

Role



People who work full-time | 49% in 2014, 52% in 2017 and down to 46% in 2019

Distribution by geography | 63% city/metro, 31% regional town, 6% rural/remote

Satisfaction



Time allocation | Over 7 out of 10 reported that they were satisfied with their time allocation per scan

Gender



79% female | almost no change since last survey

Sector



Split between private and public practice | remains similar to 2017 (69% work in private practice and 28% in public), in 2019 72% worked in private practice and 25% in public. In both years the remainder worked in either education or other.

Average salary



The average hourly rate | for sonographers across the industry, regardless of experience, is \$62 per hour.