

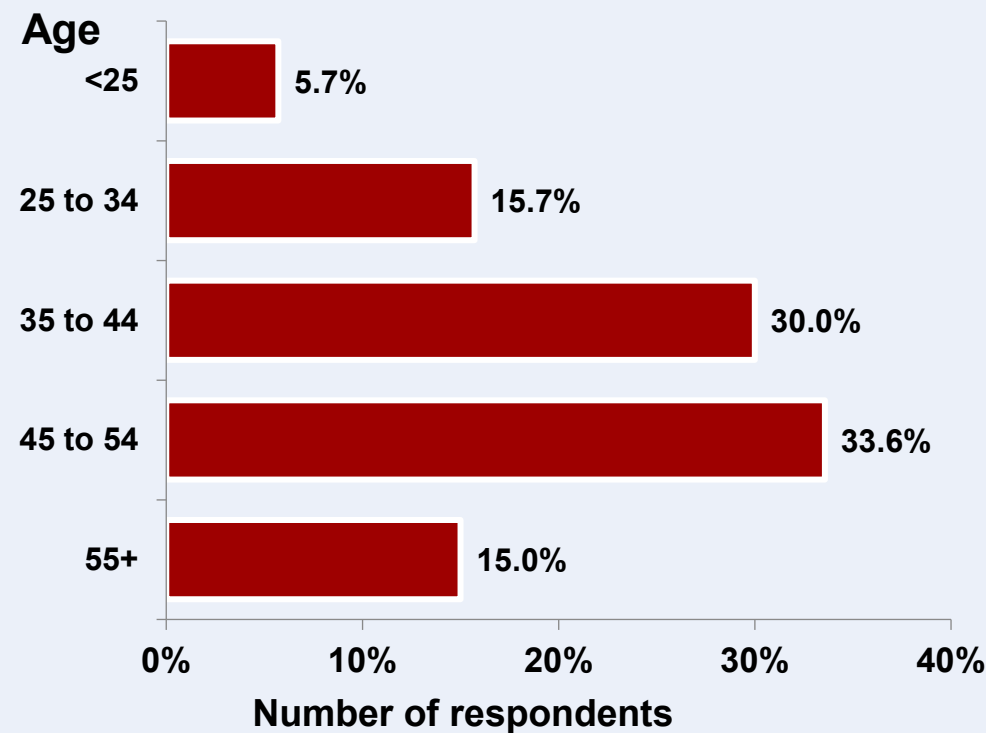
The Northern Ireland Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacy Support Staff Survey 2025

Completed online by 140 respondents across a 12-week period in 2025/26 and intended to support and inform work to establish Pharmacy Technicians as a regulated healthcare profession in Northern Ireland.

Respondents

25% Male; 74% female; 1% prefer not to say

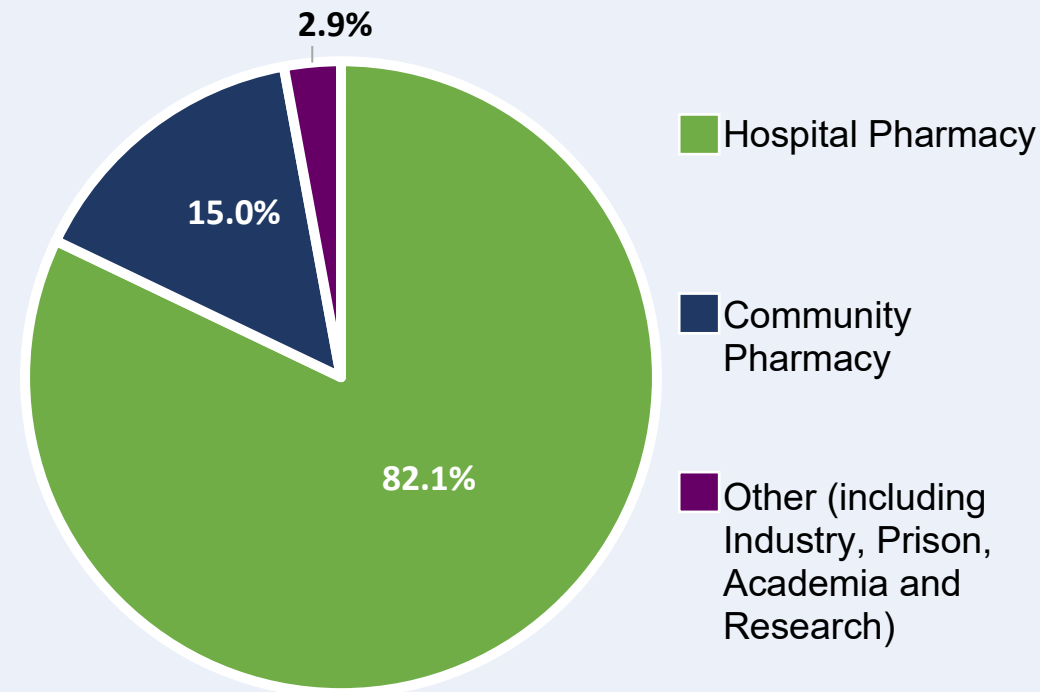
79% Full time; 21% Part time



- 34.6% of Pharmacy Technician respondents chose 'BTEC level 3 national certificate in science (pharmaceutical)' as their highest level of pharmacy qualification.
- 56.3% of Pharmacy Technician respondents chose 'Accredited accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme' as their highest level of pharmacy experience.
- 85.0% of respondents had 5 or more years of workplace experience.
- 47.1% of respondents had worked in their current sector for 10+ years.
- Study time and financial support were selected by over two thirds of respondents as employer support they would need to gain registration or other pharmacy qualifications.

Pharmacy Sectors

The pharmacy sectors selected by respondents as their main area of practice:



Registration

- Payment of annual fees (76.4%), support from employers (60.0%) and time required (55.0%) were the **issues of most concern** in relation to registration.
- Most respondents agreed that five possible opportunities presented to them would be available from being registered.

Opportunities from being registered

% of respondents

Recognition of your role as a registered professional	78.6%
Development of career pathways	68.6%
Access to training and professional development	67.1%
Being able to contribute to enhanced pharmacy services	62.1%
Being responsible and accountable for your own accurate and safe practice	61.4%
Other	17.9%

- 94.3% of respondents were likely or highly likely to be working in NI in one years' time and 85.0% were likely or highly likely to be working in their current sector in one years' time.