

Table 2 Distribution of all types of health workers according to province in Afghanistan in 2021

Province	All types of health workers						Doctors, nurses, and midwives						Volunteers			
	F	%	M	%	Total	Male/ female ratio	Midwives (N)		Nurses (N)		Doctors (N)		Total (N)	N/10 000 population	CHWs (N)	
	(N)		(N)				F	M	F	M	F	M			F	M
Badakhshan	493	5.6	760	4.7	1253	1.5	153	0	44	145	27	44	413	4.0	—	—
Badghis	165	1.9	308	1.9	473	1.9	63	2	19	59	3	20	166	3.1	311	311
Baghlan	536	6.1	646	4.0	1182	1.2	203	6	31	114	16	66	436	4.4	753	707
Balkh	723	8.2	1162	7.1	1885	1.6	169	1	80	268	27	77	622	4.2	1171	629
Bamyan	321	3.6	439	2.7	760	1.4	94	0	36	77	14	25	246	5.1	—	—
Daikundi	265	3.0	409	2.5	674	1.5	83	0	33	77	10	37	240	4.7	356	416
Farah	272	3.1	540	3.3	812	2.0	94	0	35	96	4	64	293	5.3	—	—
Faryab	333	3.8	583	3.6	916	1.8	96	4	37	62	32	87	318	2.9	606	472
Ghazni	437	5.0	896	5.5	1333	2.1	158	0	55	137	13	99	462	3.5	804	840
Ghor	265	3.0	456	2.8	721	1.7	97	0	21	88	2	21	229	3.0	492	463
Helmand	210	2.4	567	3.5	777	2.7	89	4	13	102	9	39	256	1.8	289	518
Herat	519	5.9	644	3.9	1163	1.2	148	3	51	129	24	48	403	1.9	1169	1153
Jawzjan	220	2.5	305	1.9	525	1.4	63	0	24	62	7	29	185	3.1	364	338
Kabul	246	2.8	393	2.4	639	1.6	65	2	26	30	16	22	161	0.3	447	456
Kandahar	271	3.1	524	3.2	795	1.9	90	0	21	78	9	39	237	1.7	—	—
Khost	170	1.9	416	2.5	586	2.4	63	1	23	58	13	40	198	3.2	349	349
Kunar	119	1.3	258	1.6	377	2.2	46	3	11	43	5	26	134	2.7	206	210
Kunduz	341	3.9	387	2.4	728	1.1	96	0	26	78	10	10	220	2.0	511	512
Laghman	228	2.6	446	2.7	674	2.0	76	2	34	63	10	74	259	5.3	385	411
Logar	226	2.6	504	3.1	730	2.2	86	0	32	70	8	62	258	6.0	201	193
Nangarhar	642	7.3	1686	10.3	2328	2.6	212	0	100	247	31	265	855	5.1	1097	1126
Nimruz	125	1.4	234	1.4	359	1.9	28	1	28	27	6	33	121	6.8	—	—
Nuristan	103	1.2	308	1.9	411	3.0	45	3	14	47	1	24	134	8.3	135	198
Paktika	163	1.8	520	3.2	683	3.2	77	0	23	72	5	57	234	3.1	228	228
Paktiya	146	1.7	459	2.8	605	3.1	68	2	26	63	6	59	224	3.7	336	301
Samangan	156	1.8	260	1.6	416	1.7	59	1	20	57	5	16	158	3.7	187	183
Sar-e-Pul	253	2.9	411	2.5	664	1.6	86	0	22	87	6	40	241	4.0	363	339
Takhar	330	3.7	505	3.1	835	1.5	114	4	32	107	10	33	300	2.8	523	526
Urozgan	149	1.7	404	2.5	553	2.7	61	4	13	76	4	30	188	4.4	469	469
Wardak	311	3.5	644	3.9	955	2.1	107	0	33	112	18	74	344	5.3	350	—
Zabul	86	1.0	270	1.7	356	3.1	52	0	6	47	0	16	121	3.2	71	291
Grand Total	8824	100.0	16344	100.0	25168	1.9	2941	43	968	2778	350	1576	8658	2.9	12 173	11 639

199 health workers in Kapisa, Paraghir, and Parawan Provinces working in COVID-19 projects were excluded. Data were missing for another 139. Estimated population in 2019–2020 (Afghanistan Central Statistics Office): 30 725 560. CHW = community health worker; F = female; M = male.