FRAME Data Summary – 2024

This report summarises key characteristics of the dataset (410 total observations). Report generated: 13 May 2026. Some questions are not present due to being researcher inserts. This summary should be read in conjunction with the appropriate Survey instrument.

Gender

Category	n	%
Female	229	56.7%
Male	172	42.6%
Prefer not to say	3	0.7%
Total	**404**	**100.0%**

Age

Mean	SD	Min	Max	N
30.8	100.8	0.0	2024.0	394

Placement type

Category	n	%
Australian Fee-paying Place	9	2.2%
Bonded Medical Place (BMP)	120	29.9%
Commonwealth Supported (HECS) Place	258	64.3%
International Fee-paying Place	7	1.7%
Other	2	0.5%
State Bonded Place	5	1.2%
Total	**401**	**100.0%**

Length of medical course (years)

Category	n	%
4 years	259	64.0%
5 years	65	16.0%
6 years	81	20.0%
Total	**405**	**100.0%**

Current year of course

Category	n	%
3rd year	100	24.7%
4th year	185	45.7%
5th year	77	19.0%
6th year	43	10.6%
Total	**405**	**100.0%**

Repeated pre-clinical years

Category	n	%
No	391	96.5%
Yes	14	3.5%
Total	**405**	**100.0%**

Year first knew about rural placement allocation

Category	n	%
After commencing the clinical phase of medical school.	151	37.8%
Before the end of the pre-clinical phase of medical school.	169	42.2%
When I accepted my medical school position.	80	20.0%
Total	**400**	**100.0%**

Considers self to come from rural background

Category	n	%
No	211	52.8%
Yes	189	47.2%
Total	**400**	**100.0%**

Type of location lived longest

Category	n	%
MM1 Metropolitan e.g. Newcastle NSW, Geelong Vic, Gold Coast Qld, most capital cities.	187	46.9%
MM2 Regional centres (>50,000) e.g. Hobart Tas, Darwin NT, Ballarat Vic, Townsville Qld.	45	11.3%
MM3 Large rural towns (15-50,000) e.g. Wagga Wagga NSW, Busselton WA.	83	20.8%
MM4 Medium rural towns (5-15,000) Lithgow NSW, Port Augusta SA.	44	11.0%
MM5 Small rural towns (<5,000) e.g. Denmark WA, Misson Beach Qld.	30	7.5%
MM6/7 Remote or very remote communities e.g. Broome WA, Katherine NT.	10	2.5%
Total	**399**	**100.0%**

Lived outside major city 10+ years or 5 consecutively

Category	n	%
No	200	50.3%
Yes	198	49.7%
Total	**398**	**100.0%**

Immediate family member is a medical practitioner

Category	n	%
No	310	77.7%
Yes	89	22.3%
Total	**399**	**100.0%**

Identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Category	n	%
No	387	97.2%
Yes	11	2.8%
Total	**398**	**100.0%**

Already holds a health professional qualification

Category	n	%
No	338	84.5%
Yes	62	15.5%
Total	**400**	**100.0%**

First in family to attend university

Category	n	%
No	345	86.5%
Yes	54	13.5%
Total	**399**	**100.0%**

Culturally and linguistically diverse background

Category	n	%
No	287	71.8%
Yes	113	28.2%
Total	**400**	**100.0%**

Preference to attend RCS/Rural Program (ranking)

Category	n	%
High on my list	61	15.2%
Low on my list	17	4.2%
My first choice	277	69.2%
My last choice	8	2.0%
My mid-choice	37	9.2%
Total	**400**	**100.0%**

Part of rural end-to-end program (80%+ outside metro)

Category	n	%
No	327	82.0%
Yes	72	18.0%
Total	**399**	**100.0%**

Proportion of time spent rurally - pre-clinical years (%)

Mean	SD	Min	Max	N
28.7	39.7	0.0	100.0	172

SD = standard deviation.

Proportion of time spent rurally - clinical years to date (%)

Mean	SD	Min	Max	N
73.1	26.4	1.0	100.0	397

SD = standard deviation.

Proportion of time in single rural town - most recent year (%)

Mean	SD	Min	Max	N
87.4	22.1	0.0	100.0	391

SD = standard deviation.

Would recommend RCS/Rural Program to other students

Category	n	%
Neutral	10	2.5%
Somewhat agree	65	16.5%
Somewhat disagree	7	1.8%
Strongly agree	302	76.8%
Strongly disagree	9	2.3%
Total	**393**	**100.0%**

Q15a - Felt well supported academically by RCS/Rural Program

Category	n	%
Neutral	19	4.9%
Somewhat Agree	79	20.2%
Somewhat Disagree	17	4.3%
Strongly Agree	271	69.3%
Strongly Disagree	5	1.3%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q15b - Felt well supported financially by RCS/Rural Program

Category	n	%
Neutral	66	17.1%
Somewhat Agree	95	24.6%
Somewhat Disagree	48	12.4%
Strongly Agree	134	34.7%
Strongly Disagree	43	11.1%
Total	**386**	**100.0%**

Q15c - Felt academically isolated during rural placement

Category	n	%
Neutral	34	8.7%
Somewhat Agree	89	22.8%
Somewhat Disagree	121	31.0%
Strongly Agree	33	8.5%
Strongly Disagree	113	29.0%
Total	**390**	**100.0%**

Q15d - RCS/Rural Program informed me of health and counselling services

Category	n	%
Neutral	54	14.0%
Somewhat Agree	136	35.2%
Somewhat Disagree	35	9.1%
Strongly Agree	152	39.4%
Strongly Disagree	9	2.3%
Total	**386**	**100.0%**

Q15e - Overall felt well supported by RCS/Rural Program

Category	n	%
Neutral	18	4.7%
Somewhat Agree	103	26.7%
Somewhat Disagree	11	2.8%
Strongly Agree	251	65.0%
Strongly Disagree	3	0.8%
Total	**386**	**100.0%**

Q15f - Placement impacted positively on wellbeing

Category	n	%
Neutral	21	5.5%
Somewhat Agree	99	25.8%
Somewhat Disagree	16	4.2%
Strongly Agree	236	61.6%
Strongly Disagree	11	2.9%
Total	**383**	**100.0%**

Q15g - Felt socially isolated during RCS/Rural Program placement

Category	n	%
Neutral	37	9.5%
Somewhat Agree	98	25.1%
Somewhat Disagree	97	24.8%
Strongly Agree	36	9.2%
Strongly Disagree	123	31.5%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q15h - Had opportunity to access a rurally based clinical mentor

Category	n	%
Neutral	42	11.0%
Somewhat Agree	92	24.0%
Somewhat Disagree	25	6.5%
Strongly Agree	211	55.1%
Strongly Disagree	13	3.4%
Total	**383**	**100.0%**

Q15i - Accommodation subsidy met my needs

Category	n	%
Neutral	19	5.7%
Somewhat Agree	63	18.9%
Somewhat Disagree	30	9.0%
Strongly Agree	174	52.1%
Strongly Disagree	48	14.4%
Total	**334**	**100.0%**

Q15j - Physical accommodation as supplied by RCS/Rural Program met my needs

Category	n	%
Neutral	23	7.3%
Somewhat Agree	44	14.0%
Somewhat Disagree	10	3.2%
Strongly Agree	209	66.3%
Strongly Disagree	29	9.2%
Total	**315**	**100.0%**

Q15k - Adequate support for research component of course

Category	n	%
Neutral	72	24.5%
Somewhat Agree	74	25.2%
Somewhat Disagree	52	17.7%
Strongly Agree	73	24.8%
Strongly Disagree	23	7.8%
Total	**294**	**100.0%**

Q16a - Satisfaction: teleconferencing of tutoring/learning

Category	n	%
Dissatisfied	90	25.9%
Highly Dissatisfied	17	4.9%
Highly Satisfied	46	13.3%
Satisfied	194	55.9%
Total	**347**	**100.0%**

Q16b - Satisfaction: online learning platforms

Category	n	%
Dissatisfied	86	25.9%
Highly Dissatisfied	14	4.2%
Highly Satisfied	33	9.9%
Satisfied	199	59.9%
Total	**332**	**100.0%**

Q16c - Satisfaction: self-directed learning

Category	n	%
Dissatisfied	37	10.8%
Highly Dissatisfied	4	1.2%
Highly Satisfied	61	17.8%
Satisfied	241	70.3%
Total	**343**	**100.0%**

Q17a - Mindfulness course provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	101	25.9%
Somewhat Agree	88	22.6%
Somewhat Disagree	83	21.3%
Strongly Agree	37	9.5%
Strongly Disagree	81	20.8%
Total	**390**	**100.0%**

Q17b - Formal wellbeing/resilience training provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	108	27.8%
Somewhat Agree	102	26.3%
Somewhat Disagree	79	20.4%
Strongly Agree	34	8.8%
Strongly Disagree	65	16.8%
Total	**388**	**100.0%**

Q17c - Structured support activities provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	87	22.3%
Somewhat Agree	126	32.3%
Somewhat Disagree	60	15.4%
Strongly Agree	73	18.7%
Strongly Disagree	44	11.3%
Total	**390**	**100.0%**

Q17d - Informal/optional wellbeing activities provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	79	20.2%
Somewhat Agree	140	35.8%
Somewhat Disagree	55	14.1%
Strongly Agree	87	22.3%
Strongly Disagree	30	7.7%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q17e - Active role modelling of self-care provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	100	25.6%
Somewhat Agree	131	33.6%
Somewhat Disagree	55	14.1%
Strongly Agree	66	16.9%
Strongly Disagree	38	9.7%
Total	**390**	**100.0%**

Q17f - Other wellbeing opportunity provided

Category	n	%
Neutral	84	79.2%
Somewhat Agree	3	2.8%
Strongly Agree	13	12.3%
Strongly Disagree	6	5.7%
Total	**106**	**100.0%**

Q18 - Community activities other (text)

Category	n	%
Babysitting	1	4.0%
Body combat, park run	1	4.0%
Bodycombat, local park run	1	4.0%
Community Garden	1	4.0%
Didnâ€™t have time	1	4.0%
I had no time	1	4.0%
I was not able to do much as I have two young children, so no spare time!	1	4.0%
Nil	1	4.0%
None.	1	4.0%
Paid work	1	4.0%
Pottery	1	4.0%
Pub quiz nights	1	4.0%
Quiz nights	1	4.0%
Rodeos, local show	1	4.0%
School visits, community engagement	1	4.0%
Surf life saving, camp quality	1	4.0%
Trivia	1	4.0%
Volunteer at Charity Shop	1	4.0%
Work	1	4.0%
Work - local cafe/restaurant	1	4.0%
Work in the community	1	4.0%

Q19a - Felt like a real member of the community

Category	n	%
Neutral	52	13.3%
Somewhat Agree	162	41.4%
Somewhat Disagree	29	7.4%
Strongly Agree	136	34.8%
Strongly Disagree	12	3.1%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q19b - Understood health delivery in rural community

Category	n	%
Neutral	10	2.6%
Somewhat Agree	133	34.0%
Somewhat Disagree	1	0.3%
Strongly Agree	247	63.2%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q19c - Experience increased intention to practice rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	33	8.5%
Somewhat Agree	123	31.5%
Somewhat Disagree	20	5.1%
Strongly Agree	202	51.8%
Strongly Disagree	12	3.1%
Total	**390**	**100.0%**

Q19d - Was a contributing member of local healthcare team

Category	n	%
Neutral	33	8.4%
Somewhat Agree	163	41.7%
Somewhat Disagree	10	2.6%
Strongly Agree	185	47.3%
Total	**391**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM1 Metropolitan preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	185	50.5%
2.0	40	10.9%
3.0	51	13.9%
4.0	24	6.6%
5.0	12	3.3%
6.0	54	14.8%
Total	**366**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM1 Metropolitan preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	110	30.2%
2.0	58	15.9%
3.0	66	18.1%
4.0	44	12.1%
5.0	23	6.3%
6.0	63	17.3%
Total	**364**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM2 Regional centres preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	65	17.9%
2.0	202	55.6%
3.0	43	11.8%
4.0	17	4.7%
5.0	30	8.3%
6.0	6	1.7%
Total	**363**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM2 Regional centres preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	89	24.7%
2.0	116	32.1%
3.0	76	21.1%
4.0	29	8.0%
5.0	47	13.0%
6.0	4	1.1%
Total	**361**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM3 Large rural towns preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	60	16.6%
2.0	64	17.7%
3.0	203	56.1%
4.0	25	6.9%
5.0	6	1.7%
6.0	4	1.1%
Total	**362**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM3 Large rural towns preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	92	25.3%
2.0	91	25.0%
3.0	121	33.2%
4.0	33	9.1%
5.0	16	4.4%
6.0	11	3.0%
Total	**364**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM4 Medium rural towns preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	31	8.6%
2.0	26	7.2%
3.0	40	11.1%
4.0	242	67.0%
5.0	15	4.2%
6.0	7	1.9%
Total	**361**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM4 Medium rural towns preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	33	9.1%
2.0	52	14.4%
3.0	58	16.0%
4.0	179	49.4%
5.0	23	6.4%
6.0	17	4.7%
Total	**362**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM5 Small rural towns preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	14	3.9%
2.0	25	6.9%
3.0	14	3.9%
4.0	35	9.7%
5.0	261	72.3%
6.0	12	3.3%
Total	**361**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM5 Small rural towns preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	23	6.4%
2.0	30	8.3%
3.0	26	7.2%
4.0	39	10.8%
5.0	220	60.8%
6.0	24	6.6%
Total	**362**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM6/7 Remote/very remote preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	8	2.2%
2.0	12	3.3%
3.0	23	6.4%
4.0	14	3.9%
5.0	29	8.0%
6.0	275	76.2%
Total	**361**	**100.0%**

Q22 - MM6/7 Remote/very remote preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	19	5.2%
11.0	1	0.3%
2.0	21	5.8%
3.0	24	6.6%
4.0	33	9.1%
5.0	28	7.7%
6.0	235	64.9%
7.0	1	0.3%
Total	**362**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Rural Generalist preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	61	16.7%
2.0	58	15.9%
3.0	120	32.9%
4.0	124	34.0%
6.0	2	0.5%
Total	**365**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Rural Generalist preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	90	24.5%
2.0	123	33.5%
3.0	96	26.2%
4.0	56	15.3%
5.0	1	0.3%
6.0	1	0.3%
Total	**367**	**100.0%**

Q23 - General Practice preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	50	13.7%
2.0	70	19.1%
3.0	135	36.9%
4.0	110	30.1%
6.0	1	0.3%
Total	**366**	**100.0%**

Q23 - General Practice preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	27	7.4%
2.0	78	21.3%
3.0	130	35.4%
4.0	130	35.4%
5.0	1	0.3%
6.0	1	0.3%
Total	**367**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Specialist (broad scope) preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	164	44.7%
2.0	128	34.9%
3.0	63	17.2%
4.0	10	2.7%
5.0	1	0.3%
6.0	1	0.3%
Total	**367**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Specialist (broad scope) preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	173	46.9%
2.0	115	31.2%
3.0	72	19.5%
4.0	7	1.9%
6.0	2	0.5%
Total	**369**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Sub-specialist/other preference (upon entry)

Category	n	%
1.0	86	23.4%
2.0	112	30.4%
3.0	47	12.8%
4.0	117	31.8%
5.0	2	0.5%
6.0	4	1.1%
Total	**368**	**100.0%**

Q23 - Sub-specialist/other preference (currently)

Category	n	%
1.0	79	21.5%
2.0	54	14.7%
3.0	65	17.7%
4.0	166	45.1%
5.0	1	0.3%
6.0	3	0.8%
Total	**368**	**100.0%**

Q24a - Rural practice is too hard

Category	n	%
Neutral	60	15.8%
Somewhat Agree	44	11.6%
Somewhat Disagree	161	42.4%
Strongly Agree	6	1.6%
Strongly Disagree	109	28.7%
Total	**380**	**100.0%**

Q24b - Have necessary skills to practise rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	48	12.6%
Somewhat Agree	217	57.1%
Somewhat Disagree	19	5.0%
Strongly Agree	93	24.5%
Strongly Disagree	3	0.8%
Total	**380**	**100.0%**

Q24c - Anxious feeling about working rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	41	10.8%
Somewhat Agree	29	7.6%
Somewhat Disagree	130	34.2%
Strongly Agree	11	2.9%
Strongly Disagree	169	44.5%
Total	**380**	**100.0%**

Q24d - Strong positive feeling about working rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	51	13.4%
Somewhat Agree	151	39.7%
Somewhat Disagree	26	6.8%
Strongly Agree	141	37.1%
Strongly Disagree	11	2.9%
Total	**380**	**100.0%**

Q24e - Others tell me I should work rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	45	11.9%
Somewhat Agree	153	40.4%
Somewhat Disagree	17	4.5%
Strongly Agree	155	40.9%
Strongly Disagree	9	2.4%
Total	**379**	**100.0%**

Q24f - See people like me taking up rural clinical practice

Category	n	%
Neutral	56	14.7%
Somewhat Agree	147	38.7%
Somewhat Disagree	22	5.8%
Strongly Agree	136	35.8%
Strongly Disagree	19	5.0%
Total	**380**	**100.0%**

Q25a - Majority of placement spent in (location type)

Category	n	%
MM2 Regional centre (>50,000) e.g. Hobart Tas, Darwin NT, Ballarat Vic, Townsville Qld	42	11.1%
MM3 Large rural town (15-50,000) e.g. Wagga Wagga NSW, Busselton WA	184	48.5%
MM4 Medium rural town (5-15,000) Lithgow NSW, Port Augusta SA	86	22.7%
MM5 Small rural town (<5,000) e.g. Denmark WA, Mission Beach Qld	39	10.3%
MM6/7 Remote or very remote communities e.g. Broome WA, Katherine NT.	28	7.4%
Total	**379**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM1 Metropolitan

Category	n	%
No	234	65.4%
Yes	122	34.1%
Yes,No	2	0.6%
Total	**358**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM2 Regional centres

Category	n	%
No	242	70.1%
Yes	100	29.0%
Yes,No	3	0.9%
Total	**345**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM3 Large rural towns

Category	n	%
No	183	53.5%
Yes	158	46.2%
Yes,No	1	0.3%
Total	**342**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM4 Medium rural towns

Category	n	%
No	215	63.0%
Yes	125	36.7%
Yes,No	1	0.3%
Total	**341**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM5 Small rural towns

Category	n	%
No	246	72.6%
Yes	91	26.8%
Yes,No	2	0.6%
Total	**339**	**100.0%**

Q25b - 4+ weeks in MM6/7 Remote/very remote

Category	n	%
No	270	79.2%
Yes	71	20.8%
Total	**341**	**100.0%**

Q25b - Did not move during RCS/Rural Program placement

Category	n	%
No	222	74.0%
Yes	76	25.3%
Yes,No	2	0.7%
Total	**300**	**100.0%**

Q26a - Received formal tuition on rural career options

Category	n	%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	51	13.7%
Somewhat Agree	130	34.9%
Somewhat Disagree	64	17.2%
Strongly Agree	101	27.1%
Strongly Disagree	27	7.2%
Total	**373**	**100.0%**

Q26b - Received informal info on rural career options

Category	n	%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16	4.3%
Somewhat Agree	164	44.1%
Somewhat Disagree	4	1.1%
Strongly Agree	188	50.5%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**

Q26c - Worked with junior doctors training for rural practice

Category	n	%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18	4.8%
Somewhat Agree	102	27.4%
Somewhat Disagree	21	5.6%
Strongly Agree	218	58.6%
Strongly Disagree	13	3.5%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**

Q26d - Wished for more rural career training info this year

Category	n	%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	110	29.6%
Somewhat Agree	74	19.9%
Somewhat Disagree	100	27.0%
Strongly Agree	39	10.5%
Strongly Disagree	48	12.9%
Total	**371**	**100.0%**

Q28a - Was a member of student rural health club

Category	n	%
No	217	57.7%
Yes	159	42.3%
Total	**376**	**100.0%**

Q28b - Rural health club gave positive/realistic expectations

Category	n	%
Neutral	48	30.6%
Somewhat Agree	52	33.1%
Somewhat Disagree	9	5.7%
Strongly Agree	45	28.7%
Strongly Disagree	3	1.9%
Total	**157**	**100.0%**

Q28b - Rural health club increased intentions to practise rurally

Category	n	%
Neutral	42	26.8%
Somewhat Agree	59	37.6%
Somewhat Disagree	15	9.6%
Strongly Agree	39	24.8%
Strongly Disagree	2	1.3%
Total	**157**	**100.0%**

Q30a - RCS/Rural Program educated me adequately about ATSI culture

Category	n	%
Neutral	56	15.1%
Somewhat Agree	157	42.2%
Somewhat Disagree	37	9.9%
Strongly Agree	104	28.0%
Strongly Disagree	18	4.8%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**

Q30b - RCS/Rural Program made me want to engage further with ATSI culture and health

Category	n	%
Neutral	88	23.7%
Somewhat Agree	125	33.7%
Somewhat Disagree	28	7.5%
Strongly Agree	116	31.3%
Strongly Disagree	14	3.8%
Total	**371**	**100.0%**

Q30c - RCS/Rural Program gave insight into ATSI social determinants / closing the gap

Category	n	%
Neutral	35	9.4%
Somewhat Agree	149	40.1%
Somewhat Disagree	19	5.1%
Strongly Agree	160	43.0%
Strongly Disagree	9	2.4%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**

Q30d - More comfortable communicating with ATSI people

Category	n	%
Neutral	65	17.5%
Somewhat Agree	137	36.8%
Somewhat Disagree	37	9.9%
Strongly Agree	124	33.3%
Strongly Disagree	9	2.4%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**

Q31 - RCS/Rural Program prepared me for roles and responsibilities of a junior doctor

Category	n	%
Neutral	25	6.7%
Somewhat Agree	114	30.6%
Somewhat Disagree	3	0.8%
Strongly Agree	230	61.8%
Total	**372**	**100.0%**