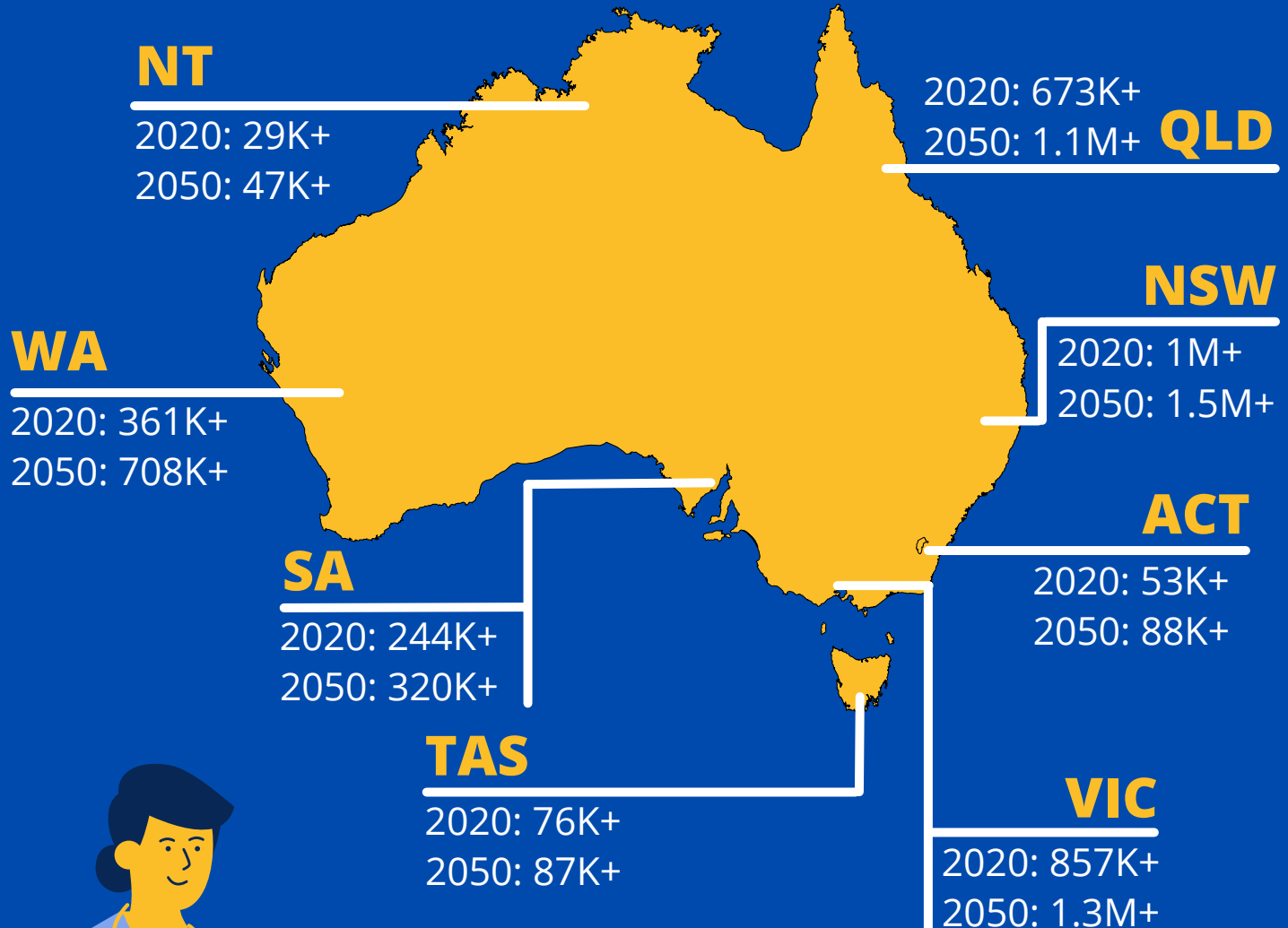


# Pain in Australia

3.4 million Australians lived with chronic pain in 2020.  
If no action is taken this number will rise to 5.2 million in 2050.



**Around one-fifth of all GP presentations in Australia involve chronic pain**



Medications are used in close to **70% of GP consultations** for chronic pain management.

Suicidal behaviour is **two-to-three times** more likely for people with chronic pain



**Only 1 out of 100 people living with chronic pain will receive multidisciplinary care**

The National Strategic Action Plan for Pain Management provides the blueprint and actions required to improve the lives of the 3.4 million Australians living with chronic pain.

## URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED



The roll-out of a pain specialist designed and led national GP training program: this would cost \$45million but save \$209 million in overdose-related costs.



Doubling access to multidisciplinary care: this would cost \$70 million a year but save the nation approximately \$271 million.



**\$22,500**  
Per person a year



**\$12.64 billion**  
health system costs



**\$49.74 billion**  
lost in productivity

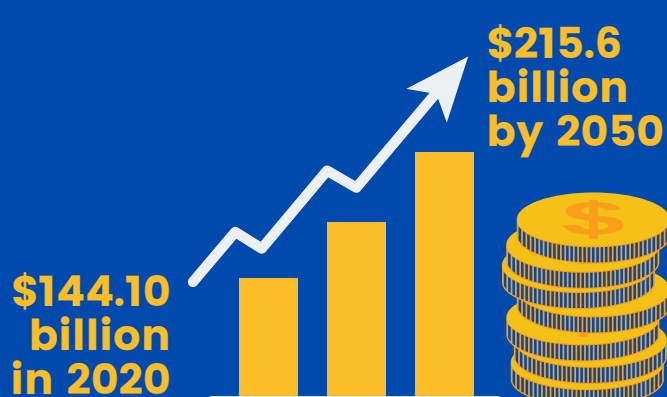


**\$13.09 billion**  
other financial costs



**\$68.63 billion**  
reduction in quality of life

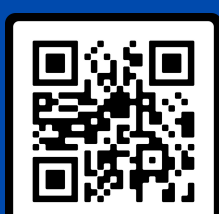
## Financial Cost of Pain in 2020



If no action is taken, the annual cost of chronic pain in Australia will rise from \$144.10 billion in 2020 to an estimated \$215.6 billion by 2050



Painaustralia's National Pain Services Directory is a valuable 'go to' tool for people living with chronic pain, GPs and other health professionals looking for a local pain specialist or clinic.



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