

Osteopathy now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022

Workforce at a glance



3,147 registered osteopaths in Australia¹

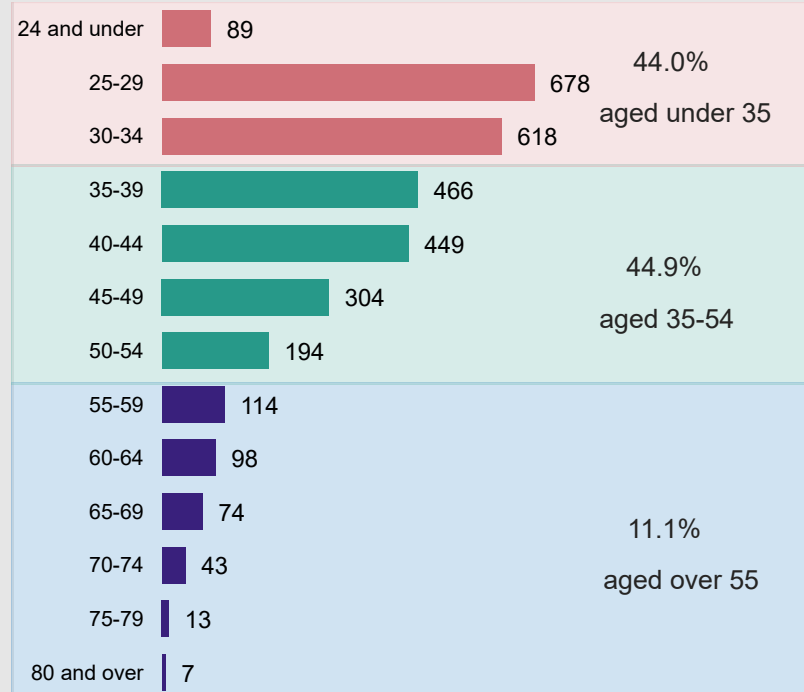
0.4% of regulated health practitioner workforce

11.6 osteopaths per 100,000 head of population

Registration type



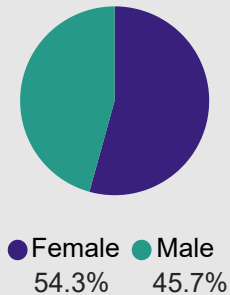
Age range at 2021/22



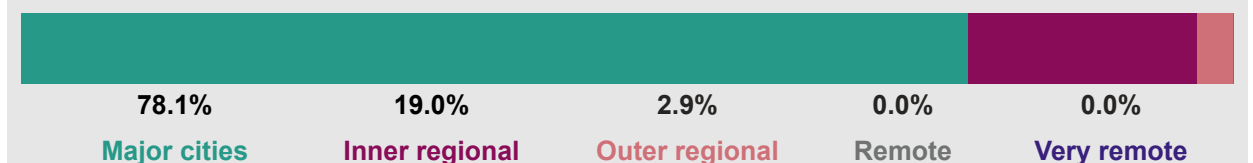
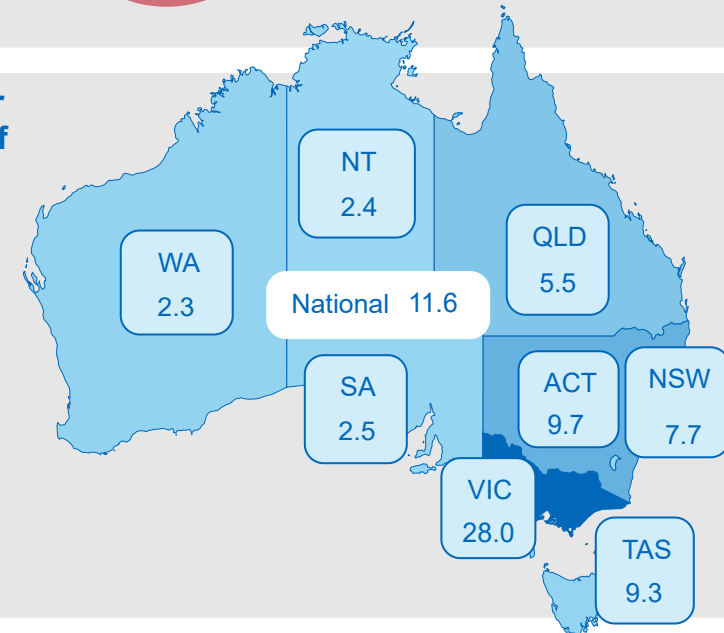
Average age (mean)

39.0 years

Gender



Osteopaths per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants



1. Excludes non-practising registrants and those on the pandemic sub-register, unless otherwise stated.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Registered osteopaths

2,389	3,147	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
0.3%	0.4%	▲
Osteopaths per 100,000 head of population ¹		
9.6	12.2	▲
Age		
Percentage of osteopaths under the age of 35		
41.4%	44.0%	▲
Percentage of osteopaths aged 35 to 54		
46.3%	44.9%	▼
Percentage of osteopaths aged 55 and over		
12.2%	11.1%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female osteopaths		
54.7%	54.3%	▼
Percentage of male osteopaths		
45.3%	45.7%	▲

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

31.7% increase in registered osteopaths

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
95.7%	95.4%	▼
Provisional registration		
0.3%	0.1%	▼
Non-practising registration		
4.0%	4.5%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

38	46	+21.1 % ▲
ACT		
582	651	+11.9 % ▲
NSW		
3	6	+100.0 % ▲
NT		
216	303	+40.3 % ▲
QLD		
36	48	+33.3 % ▲
SA		
45	54	+20.0 % ▲
TAS		
1,358	1,919	+41.3 % ▲
VIC		
63	66	+4.8 % ▲
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

1,886	2,414	+28.0 % ▲
Major cities		
379	586	+54.6 % ▲
Inner regional		
72	90	+25.0 % ▲
Outer regional		
2	1	-50.0 % ▼
Remote		

1. Excludes practitioners who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice (PPP) recorded on the register - usually because they are residing overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.