

Chiropractors

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

At a glance

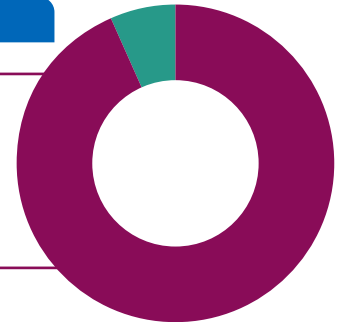


5,777 registered chiropractors in Australia

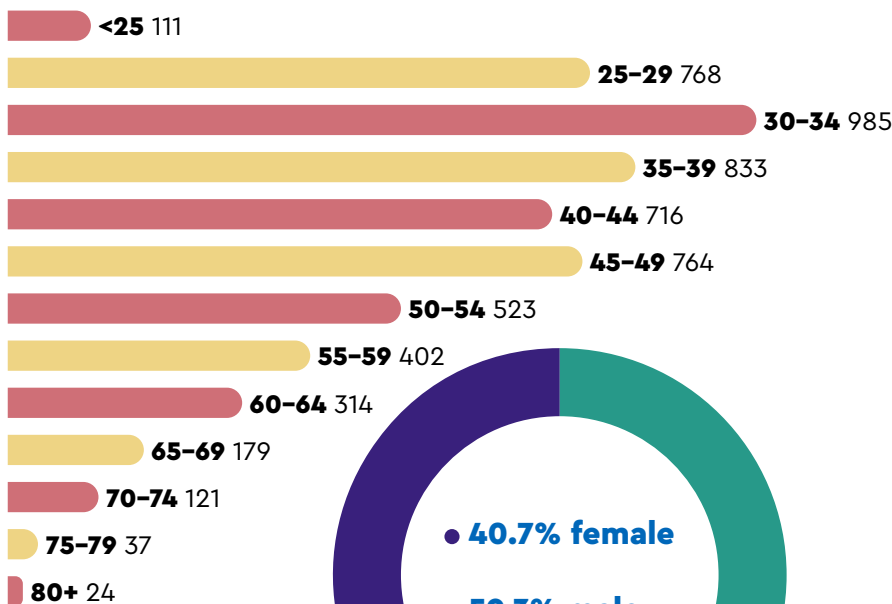
- **0.8%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **21** chiropractors per 100,000 head of population¹

● **93.6%** general registration

● **6.4%** non-practising registration



Age breakdown at 2019/2020



32.3% under the age of 35

49.1% in the age group of 35-54

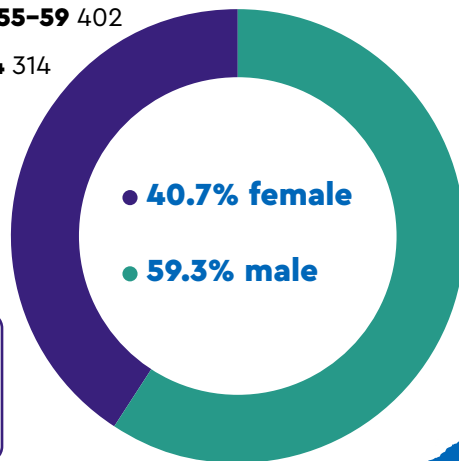
18.6% aged 55 or over

Average age is **43 years**

0.4% chiropractors identified as **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander**²

Rate of chiropractors per 100,000 head of population¹

84.3% have initial qualifications from Australia¹



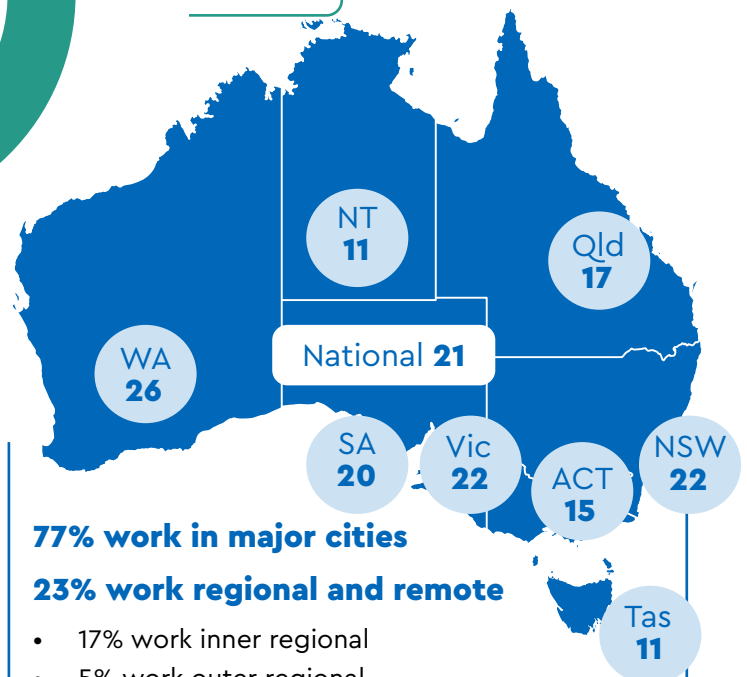
9.8% work 50 hours or more per week

47.9% work 35 or more hours per week

52.1% work less than 35 hours per week

16.9% work less than 20 hours per week

0.8% of employed chiropractors work no clinical hours²



77% work in major cities

23% work regional and remote

- 17% work inner regional
- 5% work outer regional
- 1% work remote and very remote

¹ Excluding non-practising chiropractors.

² Source: National Health Workforce Data Set (NHWDS).

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Trends: 5 years to 2019/20



12% increase in registered chiropractors

33% increase in student registration

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered chiropractors	5,167	5,777	↑
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	0.8%	0.7%	↓
Percentage of chiropractors in Australia's population	0.02%	0.02%	→
Percentage of chiropractors under the age of 35	33.3%	32.3%	↓
Percentage of chiropractors aged 35 to 54	48.8%	49.1%	↑
Percentage of chiropractors over the age of 55	17.9%	18.6%	↑
Percentage of male chiropractors	61.5%	59.3%	↓
Percentage of female chiropractors	38.5%	40.7%	↑

Changes to chiropractic workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	67	68	1.5% ↑
NSW	1736	1886	8.6% ↑
NT	23	30	30.4% ↑
Qld	818	921	12.6% ↑
SA	373	371	0.5% ↓
Tas	57	62	8.8% ↑
Vic	1328	1543	16.2% ↑
WA	602	706	17.3% ↑

Changes to registration categories

- General registration decreased from 94.3% to **93.6% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration increased from 5.7% to **6.4% of registrants**

Changes to chiropractic workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	3,837	4,282	11.6% ↑
Inner regional	840	967	15.1% ↑
Outer regional	281	287	2.1% ↑
Remote	29	32	10.3% ↑
Very remote	15	17	13.3% ↑