

Chinese medicine workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 June 2023

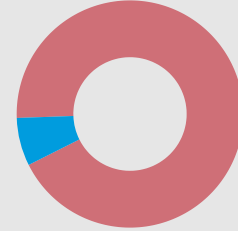


4,492 registered Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia¹

0.6% of regulated health practitioner workforce

17 Chinese medicine practitioners per 100,000 head of population²

Registration types

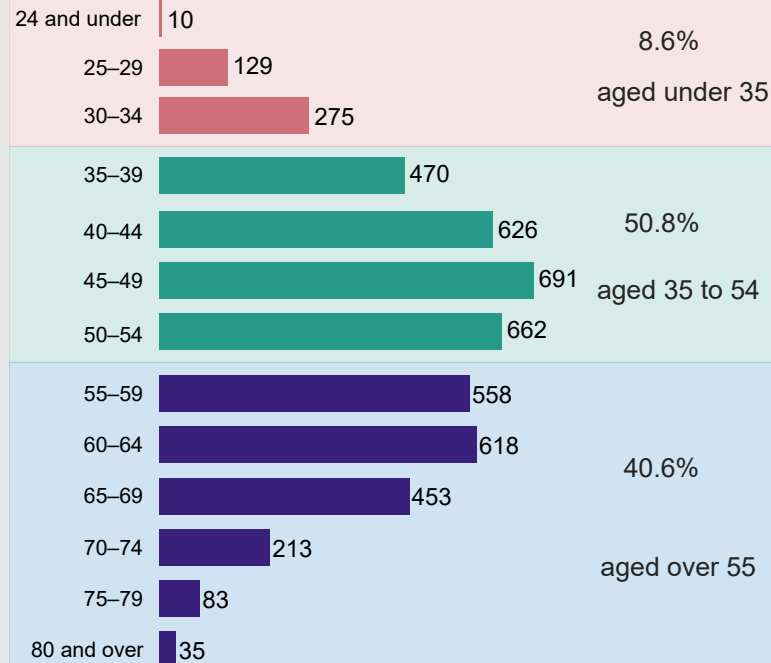


● General 93.1%
● Non-practising 6.9%

Divisions

98.2%	acupuncturist	36.2%	in one division
64.6%	Chinese herbal medicine practitioner	39.5%	in two divisions
25.4%	Chinese herbal dispenser	24.3%	in three divisions

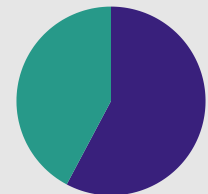
Age range at 2022/23



Average age

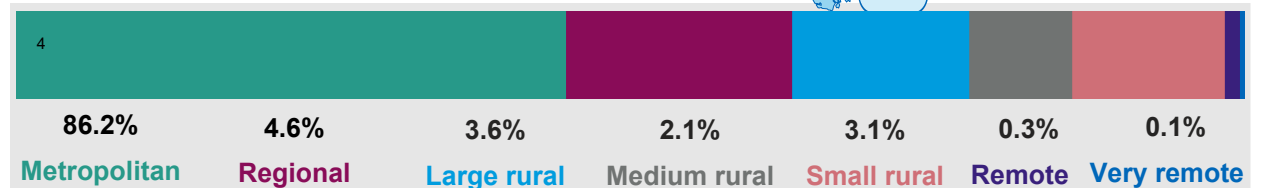
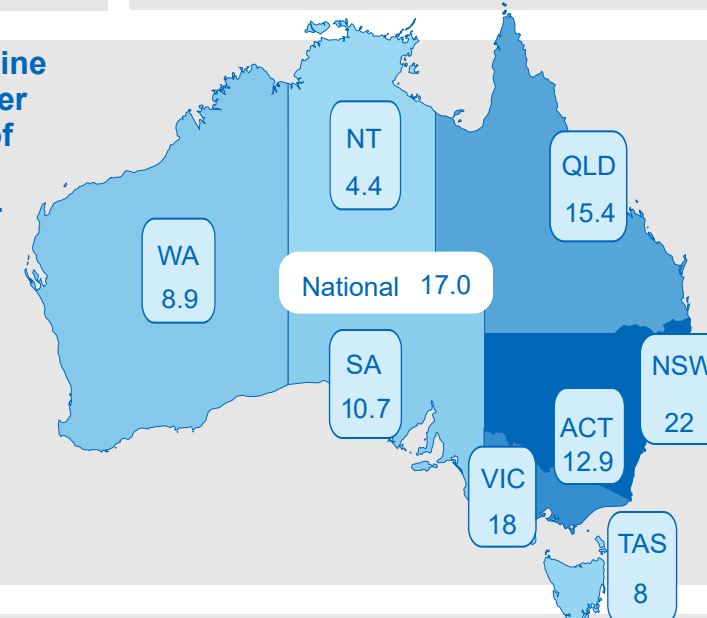
52 years

Gender



● Female 58.4%
● Male 41.6%

Chinese medicine practitioners per 100,000 head of population excluding non-practising registrants³



1. Excludes non-practising registrants, unless otherwise stated.

2. Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics population data as at March 2023.

3. See Footnote 2.

4. Remoteness data excludes practitioners who did not provide a valid postcode for principal place of practice (PPP).

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FIVE-YEAR TREND FROM 2018/19 TO 2022/23

Registered Chinese medicine practitioners⁵

4,892 4,823 ▼

Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce

0.7% 0.6% ●

Practitioners per 100,000 head of population⁶

19.5 18.2 ▼

Age

Percentage of practitioners under the age of 35

11% 8.6% ▼

Percentage of practitioners aged 35 to 54

51% 50.8% ●

Percentage of practitioners aged 55 and over

38% 40.6% ▲

Gender

Percentage of female practitioners

56.4% 58.4% ▲

Percentage of male practitioners

43.6% 41.6% ▼

Five-year trend from 2018/19 to 2022/23

Table key

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

-1.4% decrease in registered practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration

94% 93.1% ●

Non-practising registration

6% 6.9% ●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See Footnote 5.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

69	61	-11.6% ▼
	ACT	
2,003	1,920	-4.1% ▼
	NSW	
9	13	-44.4% ▲
	NT	
888	890	0.2% ●
	QLD	
186	206	+10.8% ▲
	SA	
39	46	+17.9% ▲
	TAS	
1,311	1,308	-0.2% ▼
	VIC	
253	265	+4.7% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

4,112	4,038	-1.8% ▼
	Metropolitan	
207	214	+3.4% ▲
	Regional	
184	170	-7.6% ▼
	Large rural	
93	99	+6.5% ▲
	Medium rural	
134	147	+9.7% ▲
	Small rural	
10	13	+30% ▲
	Remote	
1	3	+300% ▲
	Very remote	

7. Excludes practitioners who do not have a PPP in Australia recorded on the public register. These practitioners usually reside overseas or have not provided a valid PPP.

8. See Footnote 7.