

Osteopathy workforce

SNAPSHOT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

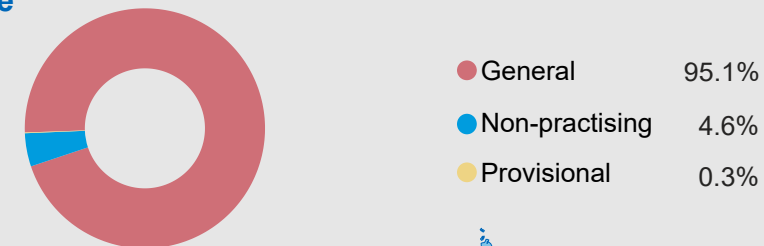


3,172 registered osteopaths in Australia¹

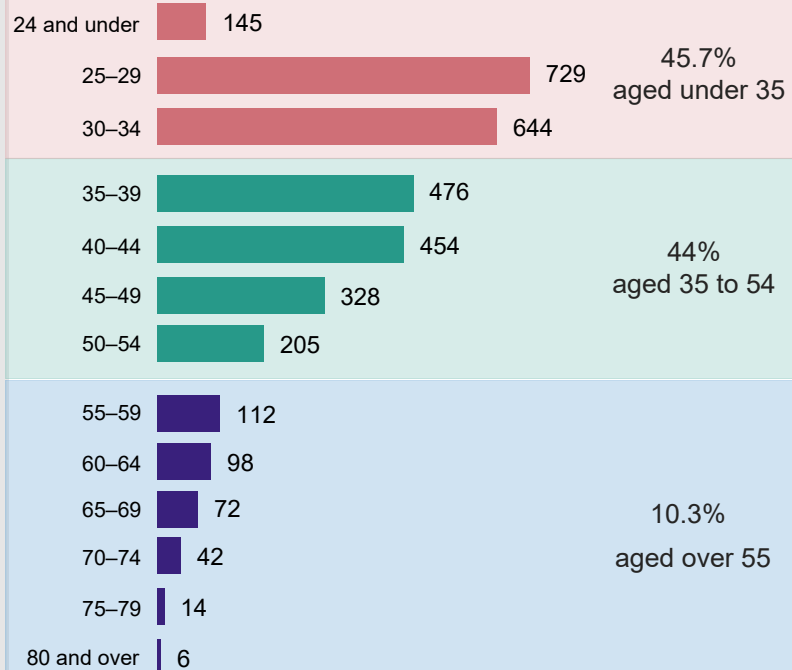
0.4% of regulated health practitioner workforce

12 osteopaths per 100,000 head of population²

Registration type



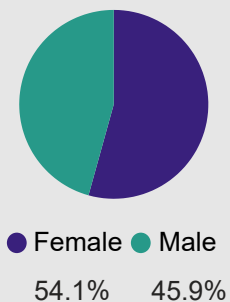
Age range at 2022/23



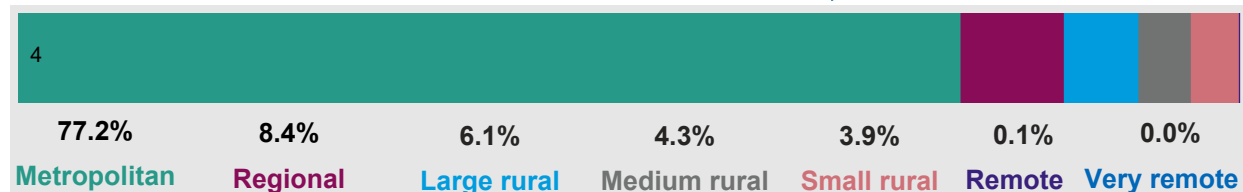
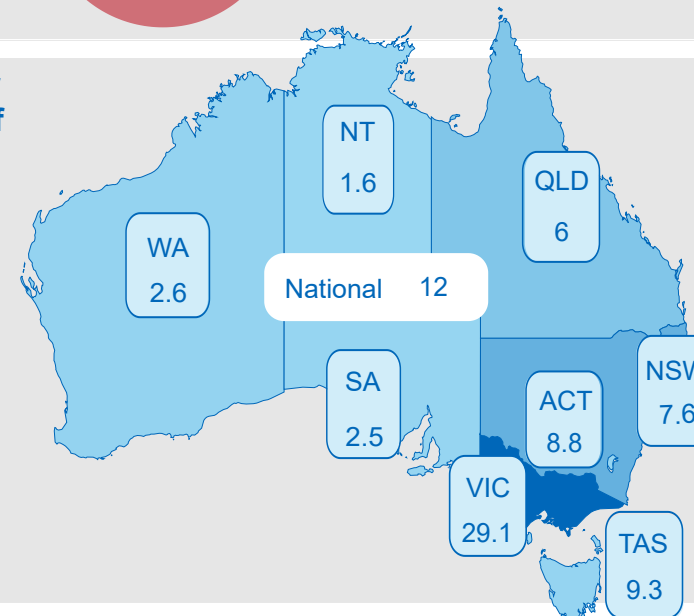
Average age

39.1 years

Gender



Osteopaths 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 above.
 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 osteopaths⁵

2,546	3,325	▲
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
0.3%	0.4%	▲
Osteopaths per 100,000 head of population ⁶		
10.1	12.6	▲
Age		
Percentage of osteopaths under the age of 35		
41.3%	45.7%	▲
Percentage of osteopaths aged 35 to 54		
46.6%	44.0%	▼
Percentage of osteopaths aged 55 and over		
12.1%	10.3%	▼
Gender		
Percentage of female osteopaths		
54.7%	54.1%	●
Percentage of male osteopaths		
45.3%	45.9%	●

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

2018/19

2022/23

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

30.6% increase in registered osteopaths

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
96.1%	95.1%	●
Provisional registration		
0.1%	0.3%	●
Non-practising registration		
3.8%	4.5%	●

5. Includes non-practising practitioners.

6. See above.

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Changes to workforce across states and territories⁷

42	45	+7% ▲
	ACT	
586	659	+12.8% ▲
	NSW	
4	4	0% ●
	NT	
225	333	+48% ▲
	QLD	
37	47	+27% ▲
	SA	
48	54	+12.5% ▲
	TAS	
1,489	2,058	+38.2% ▲
	VIC	
64	75	+17.2% ▲
	WA	

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas⁸

1,970	2,516	+27.7% ▲
	Metropolitan	
185	274	+48.1% ▲
	Regional	
147	198	+34.7% ▲
	Large rural	
95	141	+48.4% ▲
	Medium rural	
82	126	+53.7% ▲
	Small rural	
1	2	+100% ▲
	Remote	
0	1	+100% ▲
	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 above.