

Osteopaths

A snapshot as at 30 June 2020

At a glance



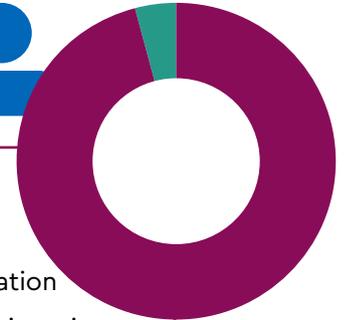
2,753 registered osteopaths in Australia

- **0.4%** of the regulated health practitioner workforce
- **10** osteopaths per 100,000 head of population¹

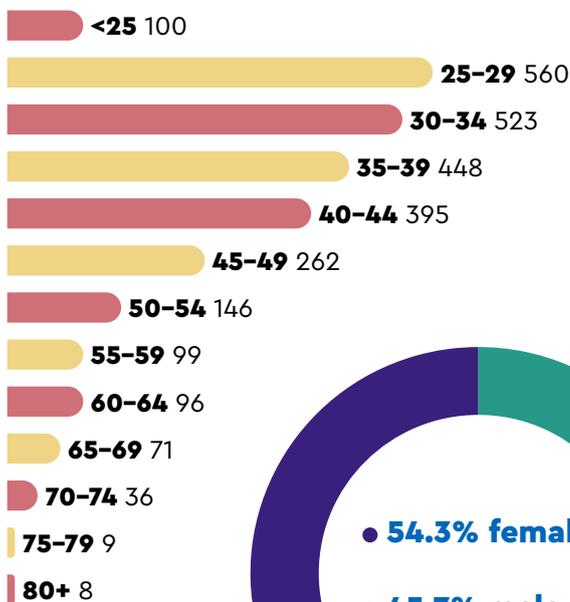
● **95.9%** general registration

● **0.1%** provisional registration

● **4.0%** non-practising registration



Age breakdown at 2019/2020



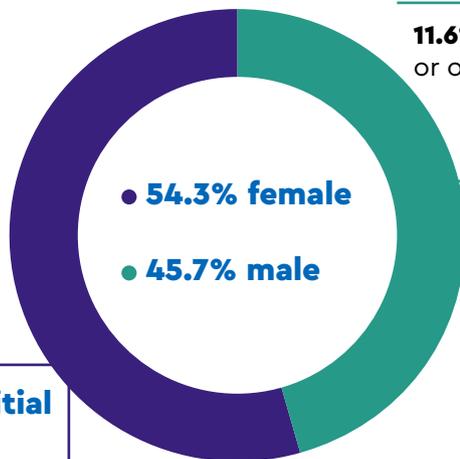
43.0% under the age of 35

45.4% in the age group of 35-54

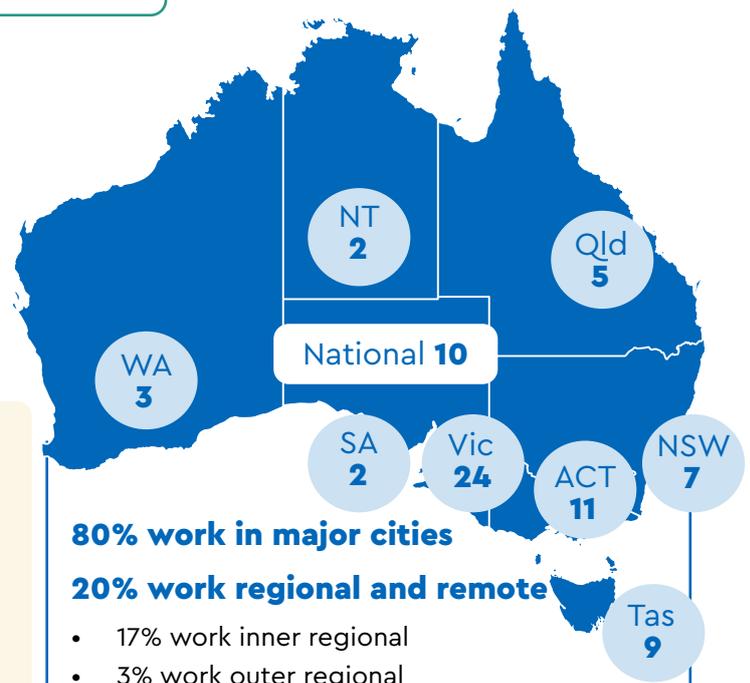
11.6% aged 55 or over

0.6% osteopaths identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander²

Average age is **39 years**



Rate of osteopaths per 100,000 head of population¹



83.6% have initial qualifications from Australia²

8.6% work 50 hours or more per week

50.3% work 35 or more hours per week

49.7% work less than 35 hours per week

17.9% work less than 20 hours per week

1.1% of employed osteopaths work no clinical hours²

80% work in major cities

20% work regional and remote

• 17% work inner regional

• 3% work outer regional

¹ Excluding non-practising osteopaths.

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

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Trends: 5 years to 2019/20



31.5% increase in registered osteopaths

7.2% increase in registered students

	2015/16	2019/20	Trend
Registered osteopaths	2,094	2,753	↑
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce	0.3%	0.4%	↑
Percentage of osteopaths in Australia's population	0.01%	0.01%	→
Percentage of osteopaths under the age of 35	41.2%	43.0%	↑
Percentage of osteopaths aged 35 to 54	45.1%	45.4%	↑
Percentage of osteopaths over the age of 55	13.8%	11.6%	↓
Percentage of male osteopaths	45.7%	45.7%	→
Percentage of female osteopaths	54.3%	54.3%	→

Changes to osteopathy workforce across states and territories

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
ACT	34	46	35.3% ↑
NSW	572	607	6.1% ↑
NT	3	6	100.0% ↑
Qld	190	240	26.3% ↑
SA	37	43	16.2% ↑
Tas	42	50	19.0% ↑
Vic	1,109	1,640	47.9% ↑
WA	62	70	12.9% ↑

Changes to registration categories

- General registration decreased from 96.5% to **95.9% of registrants**
- Provisional registration decreased from 0.4% to **0.1% of registrants**
- Non-practising registration increased from 3.2% to **4.0% of registrants**

Changes to osteopathy workforce across Australia

	2015/16	2019/20	% change
Major cities	1,666	2,151	29.1% ↑
Inner regional	323	471	45.8% ↑
Outer regional	58	77	32.8% ↑
Remote	1	1	0.0% →