

Chinese medicine now

A snapshot as at 30 June 2022



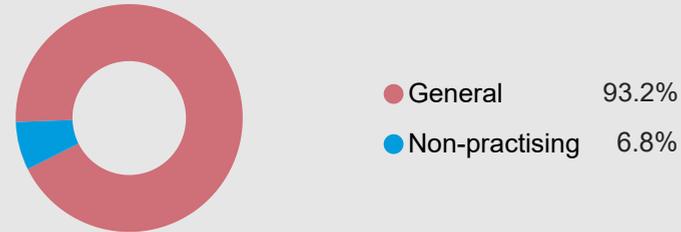
Workforce at a glance

4,839 registered Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia¹

0.6% of regulated health practitioner workforce

17.4 Chinese medicine practitioners per 100,000 head of population

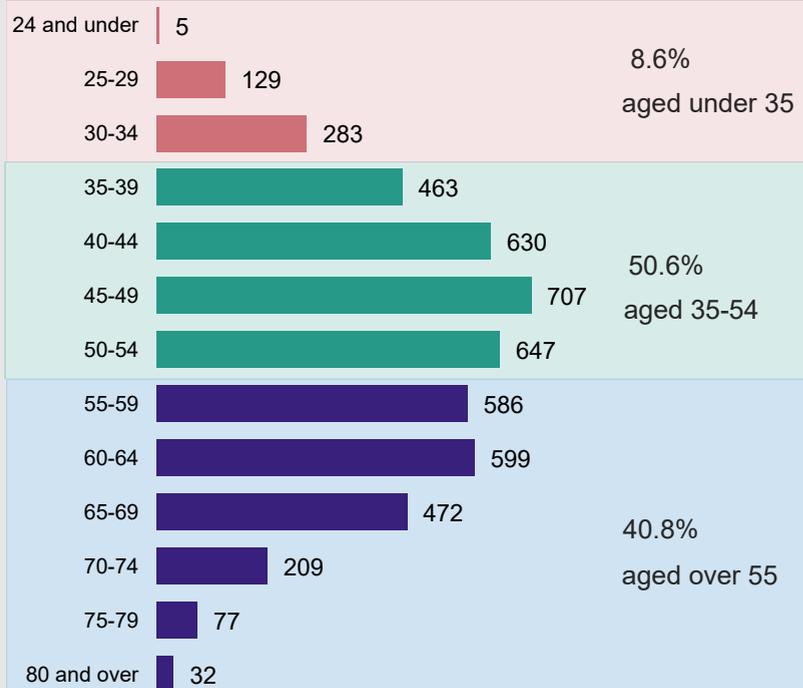
Registration types



Divisions

98.1%	Acupuncturist	38.9%	in one division
64.6%	Chinese herbal medicine practitioner	43.0%	in two divisions
24.0%	Chinese herbal dispenser	18.1%	in three divisions

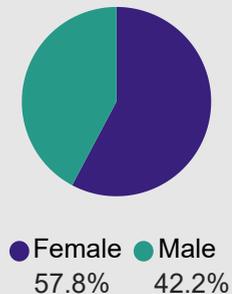
Age range at 2021/22



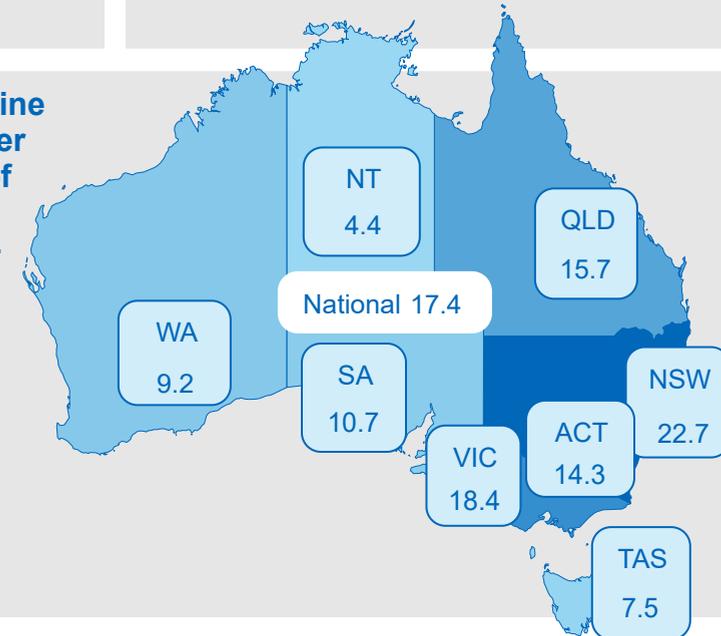
Average age (mean)

51.4 years

Gender



Chinese medicine practitioners 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 Chinese medicine practitioners

4,882	4,839	▼
Percentage of regulated health practitioner workforce		
0.7%	0.6%	▼
Practitioners per 100,000 head of population ¹		
19.6	18.7	▼
Age		
Percentage of practitioners under the age of 35		
11.6%	8.6%	▼
Percentage of practitioners aged 35 to 54		
51.7%	50.6%	▼
Percentage of practitioners aged 55 and over		
36.7%	40.8%	▲
Gender		
Percentage of female practitioners		
55.8%	57.8%	▲
Percentage of male practitioners		
44.2%	42.2%	▼

Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Table key

2017/18

2021/22

Trend down ▼

Trend stable ●

Trend up ▲

-0.9%

decrease in registered practitioners

Changes to registration categories

General registration		
94.1%	93.2%	▼
Non-practising registration		
5.8%	6.8%	▲

1. Includes non-practising practitioners.

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Five year trend from 2017/18 to 2021/22

Changes to workforce across states and territories¹

66	67	+1.5 % ▲
ACT		
1,992	1,941	-2.6 % ▼
NSW		
13	12	-7.7 % ▼
NT		
880	885	+0.6 % ▲
QLD		
186	203	+9.1 % ▲
SA		
36	46	+27.8 % ▲
TAS		
1,312	1,297	-1.1 % ▼
VIC		
265	267	+0.8 % ▲
WA		

Changes to workforce across remoteness areas¹

4,162	4,122	-1.0 % ▼
Major cities		
458	467	+2.0 % ▲
Inner regional		
119	113	-5.0 % ▼
Outer regional		
8	10	+25.0 % ▲
Remote		
3	4	+33.3 % ▲
Very 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.