

## Ahpra Osteopathy registration data (published March 2021)

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The registration data is presented here in two parts: growth and attrition. Note that the data sets were extracted in two different months, so that the number of osteopaths registered at the end of June 2020 is 2,753 (see Table 4 in 'registration growth' section), whereas the number of registered osteopaths on 1 October 2020 is 2,765 (see Tables 5 to 9 in 'registration attrition' section).

### Registration Growth

The growth data was taken over four periods (FY). In summary:

- Osteopathy is still the fastest growing profession after Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health during the 2016 – 2020 period.
- Osteopath numbers seem to be growing each year in all states and territories (except NT).
- Graduate not overseas application numbers driving most of the registrant growth

Table1: Applications for registration received (all types) by PPP

FY / PPP*	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP provided	Total
2016-17	3	30	23	4	2	183	7	6	258
2017-18	6	33	16	2	2	201	5	8	273
2018-19	1	39	15		5	214	1	5	280
2019-20	3	45	21	3	2	250	7	2	333

\*PPP state shown is the Principle Place of Practice provided by the applicant and recorded in the Ahpra system at the time of the receipt of the application for registration.

Table2: Applications for registration received (all types) by applicant type and PPP

FY/ PPP Applicant type	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP provided	Total
<b>2016-17</b>									
New overseas		2	3	2		1	2	1	<b>11</b>
Domestic grads	3	9	12	2	2	129			<b>157</b>
Other		19	8			53	5	5	<b>90</b>
<b>2017-18</b>									
New overseas		1	1			3	2		<b>7</b>
Domestic grads	4	18	6		2	154		5	<b>189</b>
Other	2	14	9	2		44	3	3	<b>77</b>
<b>2018-19</b>									
New overseas			1						<b>1</b>
Domestic grads	1	20	5		3	162	1	1	<b>193</b>
Other		19	9		2	52		4	<b>86</b>
<b>2019-20</b>									
New overseas		2	2			2	1		<b>7</b>
Domestic grads	2	25	14	2	2	203	4	1	<b>253</b>
Other	1	18	5	1		45	2	1	<b>73</b>

\*PPP state shown in the table above is the PPP provided by the applicant and recorded in Ahpra system at the time of the receipt of the application.

\*\*Other applicant category includes general to non-practising, fast track after renewal miss, re-registering after a gap, TTMR etc. types

Table3: Registrant numbers by PPP

Date/ PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
<b>June 2016</b>	34	572	3	190	37	42	1,109	62	45	<b>2,094</b>
<b>June 2017</b>	35	564	3	209	38	41	1,231	63	46	<b>2,230</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	38	582	3	216	36	45	1,358	63	48	<b>2,389</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	42	586	4	225	37	48	1,489	64	51	<b>2,546</b>
<b>June 2020</b>	46	607	6	240	43	50	1,640	70	51	<b>2,753</b>
<b>% change</b>	35%	6%	100%	26%	16%	19%	48%	13%	13%	31.5%

\*PPP State shown in the table above is the PPP as at the end of each relevant FYs

Table4: Registrant growth comparison (includes sub-register practitioners)

Profession	June 2016	June 2020	% change
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner	587	812	38%
Chinese Medicine Practitioner	4,762	4,921	3%
Chiropractor	5,167	5,777	12%
Dental Practitioner	21,741	24,406	12%
Medical Practitioner	107,179	125,641	17%
Medical Radiation Practitioner	15,303	18,243	19%
Midwife	4,122	6,309	7%
Nurse	346,387	415,433	18%
Nurse and Midwife	29,699	29,736	
Occupational Therapist	18,304	23,997	31.1%
Optometrist	5,142	6,043	18%
Osteopath	2,094	2,753	31.5%
Paramedicine		19,838	
Pharmacist	29,717	34,512	16%
Physiotherapist	28,855	37,113	29%
Podiatrist	4,655	5,608	20%
Psychologist	33,907	40,517	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>657,621</b>	<b>801,659</b>	<b>22%</b>

## Registration attrition

The following data was found by extracting the details of each osteopathy record held in Ahpra over 10 years.

The first table (Table 5) includes all the osteopaths whose registration transitioned from the state and territory boards at 1 July 2010.

In that 10 years, there was a grand total of 3138 osteopaths who have been registered/transitioned, of which 373 have become 'unregistered' (attrition). This column represents 12% overall becoming unregistered in the 10 years (between 1% and 2% each year).

The 'registered' column represents the current number of osteopaths registered as of 1 October 2020: 2,765. It includes practising and non-practising registration.

Table 5: Registration attrition summary by jurisdiction

Practitioners who registered with AHPRA by current status and PPP			
PPP	Registered	Unregistered	Grand Total
ACT	44	7	51
NSW	609	119	728
NT	6	2	8
QLD	242	43	285
SA	42	13	55
TAS	50	4	54
VIC	1653	139	1792
WA	70	9	79
No PPP	49	37	86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>3138</b>

The following Tables 6 to 9 dig a bit deeper into the profile of attrition to look at:

- years that attrition occurred in each jurisdiction – note the similar numbers in Vic and NSW (table 6)
- attrition of between 1% and 2% of registered osteopaths each year (table 6)
- the number of years a person held registration before they became unregistered and left the register of practitioners. (table 7) – early years in Victoria and later years in NSW
- age – number and percentage (Table 8)
- gender – number and percentage (Table 9)

Table 6: Registration attrition over 10 years by jurisdiction

Practitioners who are no longer registered with AHPRA by PPP and year they gave up the registration												
PPP	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
ACT		1	1	2	1	1			1			7
NSW	8	7	14	10	8	6	12	11	22	12	9	119
NT				1					1			2
QLD	3	4	6	5	3	2	9	1	1	3	6	43
SA			1	2		4		1	2	3		13
TAS								4				4
VIC		4	12	9	13	6	10	10	20	25	30	139
WA		1	1		1	1		1		1	3	9
No PPP	2	15	1	1		5	2	3	3	2	3	37
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>

Table 7: Number of years registered prior to leaving register by jurisdiction

Practitioners who are no longer registered with AHPRA by PPP and number of years registration held										
PPP	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	Grand Total
ACT	2	2	1			1	1			7
NSW	15	13	14	4	1	12	32	27	1	119
NT	1		1							2
QLD	15	10	5	5	2	1	4	1		43
SA	2	8	3							13
TAS	2	2								4
VIC	40	50	29	8	3	6	2	1		139
WA	2	1	1	2	1		2			9
No PPP	11	15	5	2	1	3				37
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>373</b>

Table 8 Age at which became unregistered and by percentage

Practitioners who are currently registered and no longer registered with AHPRA by Age group at the time of leaving registration							
Age	Registered	Unregistered	Grand total	Age	% Registered	% Unregistered	
21-25	215	5	220	21-25	98%	2%	100%
26-30	583	67	650	26-30	90%	10%	100%
31-35	480	74	554	31-35	87%	13%	100%
36-40	455	43	498	36-40	91%	9%	100%
41-45	371	26	397	41-45	93%	7%	100%
46-50	229	19	248	46-50	92%	8%	100%
51-55	136	16	152	51-55	89%	11%	100%
56-60	101	11	112	56-60	90%	10%	100%
61-65	93	35	128	61-65	73%	27%	100%
66-70	61	34	95	66-70	64%	36%	100%
71-75	24	23	47	71-75	51%	49%	100%
76-80	11	10	21	76-80	52%	48%	100%
81-85	3	7	10	81-85	30%	70%	100%
86-90	3	2	5	86-90	60%	40%	100%
96-100		1	1	96-100	0%	100%	100%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>3138</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 9 Gender and PPP of unregistered and by percentage

Practitioners who are currently registered and who are no longer registered with AHPRA by gender and PPP								
PPP	Registered	Unregistered	Grand Total		PPP	Registered	Unregistered	Grand Total
<b>Female</b>	<b>1499</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1658</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100%</b>
ACT	19	3	22		ACT	86%	14%	100%
NSW	283	33	316		NSW	90%	10%	100%
NT	3	1	4		NT	75%	25%	100%
QLD	109	21	130		QLD	84%	16%	100%
SA	24	5	29		SA	83%	17%	100%
TAS	28	2	30		TAS	93%	7%	100%
VIC	966	74	1040		VIC	93%	7%	100%
WA	40	3	43		WA	93%	7%	100%
NULL	27	17	44		NULL	61%	39%	100%
<b>Male</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1480</b>		<b>Male</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>100%</b>
ACT	25	4	29		ACT	86%	14%	100%
NSW	326	86	412		NSW	79%	21%	100%
NT	3	1	4		NT	75%	25%	100%
QLD	133	22	155		QLD	86%	14%	100%
SA	18	8	26		SA	69%	31%	100%
TAS	22	2	24		TAS	92%	8%	100%
VIC	687	65	752		VIC	91%	9%	100%
WA	30	6	36		WA	83%	17%	100%
NULL	22	20	42		NULL	52%	48%	100%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>3138</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>100%</b>