



2019

Osteopaths



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Workforce

Figure 1: Osteopaths: Workforce status, 2019

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Quick facts for Osteopaths



Between 2015 and 2019, the total number of Osteopaths with general registration increased by 30.8% from 2,061 to 2,696 (a compound annual growth rate of 6.9%). The number of employed Osteopaths ('workforce') increased 31.0% from 1,833 to 2,401 over the same period (a compound annual growth rate of 7.0%).

The number of employed Osteopaths who worked as clinicians increased 30.7% from 1,766 to 2,309 over the same period (a compound annual growth rate of 6.9%). Clinicians are Osteopaths who indicated that the principal role of their main job was clinician (including managers and supervisors also providing clinical services). Non-clinicians are Osteopaths who indicated that the principal role of their main job was administrator (including managers not providing clinical services), teacher, educator, research or other.

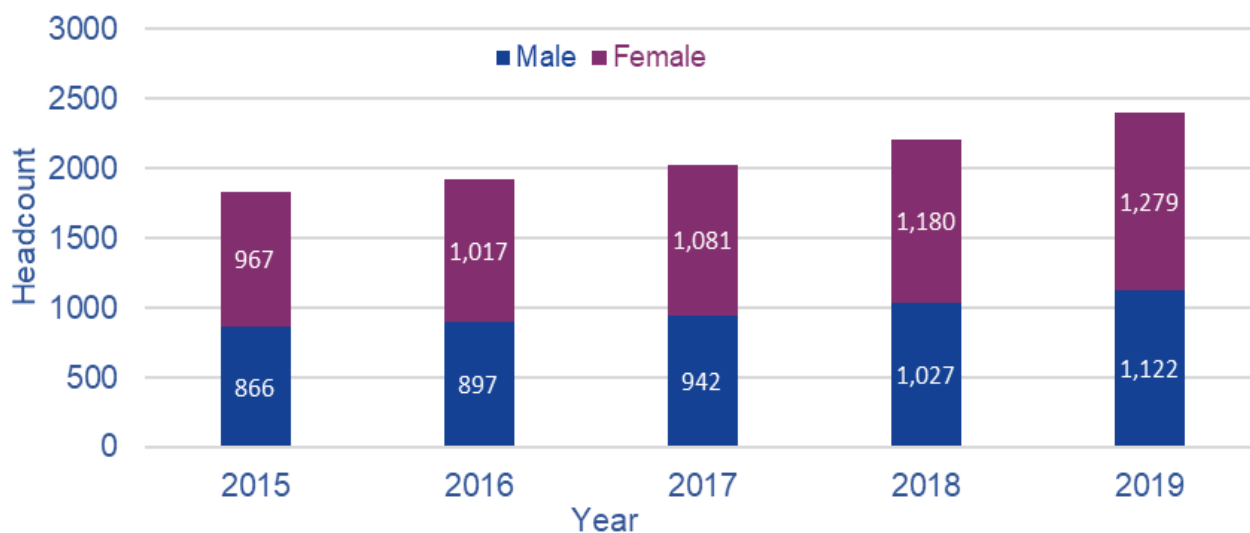
The following analysis of the Osteopathy 'workforce' is drawn from the number of the Osteopaths with general registration who were employed (2,401 in 2019 as indicated by blue shading in figure 1) unless otherwise stated.

Table 1: Osteopaths, 2015 – 2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Annual growth
Registered	2,061	2,172	2,304	2,465	2,696	6.9%
Employed	1,833	1,914	2,023	2,207	2,401	7.0%
Clinicians	1,766	1,847	1,957	2,135	2,309	6.9%

Source: NHWDS Osteopaths, 2015-2019

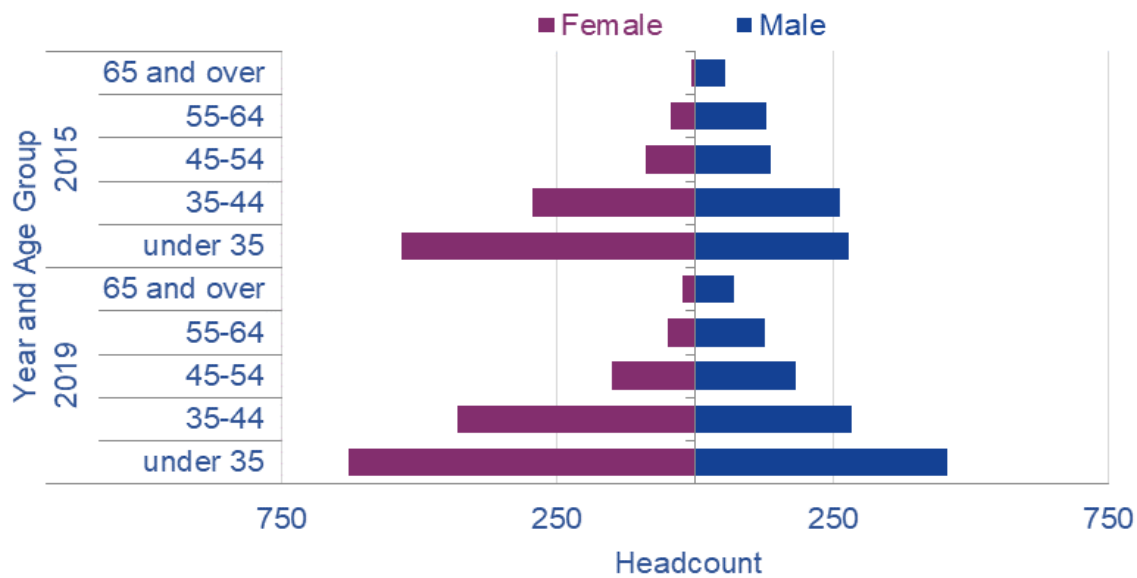
Figure 2: Gender distribution, 2015 - 2019



Source: NHWDS Osteopaths, 2015 – 2019



Figure 3: Age and gender distribution, 2015 and 2019



Source: NHWDS Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019

Table 2: Replacement rate, 2015 – 2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New entrants	124	153	162	229	251
Exits	42	53	51	77	55
Replacement rate	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	4.6

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 - 2019

Table 3: Average hours per week, 2015 – 2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clinical hours*	30.0	29.7	29.4	29.1	28.8
Non-clinical hours^	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7
Total hours	33.7	33.7	33.3	32.9	32.5

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 - 2019

Due to rounding figures may not sum to the expected total

* Clinical hours are the reported weekly hours worked in clinical roles (including managers and supervisors also providing clinical services)

^ Non-clinical hours are the reported weekly hours worked in non-clinical roles (including teacher, researcher, administrator or other)

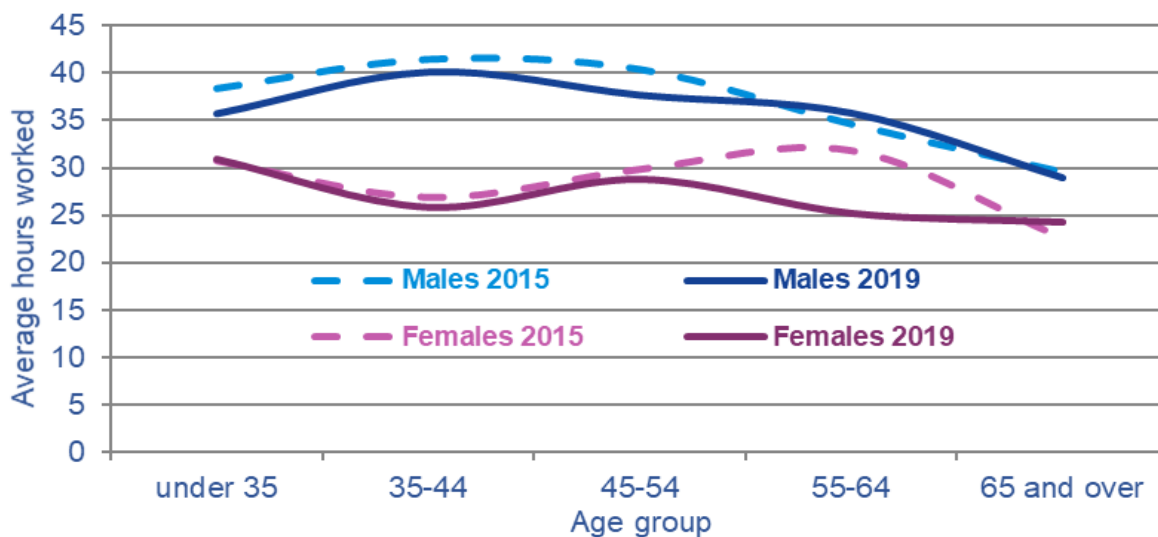


Table 4: Clinical full time equivalent (FTE) by sector, 2015 and 2019

Sector	2015		2019	
	Clinical FTE	%	Clinical FTE	%
Private sector	1,388.6	96.0%	1,775.7	97.7%
Public sector	57.8	4.0%	41.8	2.3%
Total	1,446.3	100%	1,817.4	100%

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019
Includes Osteopaths who reported working hours in public and / or private sectors in their clinical roles
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Full time equivalent (FTE) based on 38 hours per week

Figure 4: Average hours per week by gender and age group, 2015 and 2019



Source: NHWDS Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019

Table 5: Principal role, 2015 and 2019

Principal role	2015		2019	
	Headcount	%	Headcount	%
Clinician	1,766	96.3%	2,309	96.2%
Administrator	19	1.0%	28	1.2%
Teacher or educator	27	1.5%	38	1.6%
Researcher	4	0.2%	4	0.2%
Other	17	0.9%	22	0.9%
Total	1,833	100%	2,401	100%

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019



Table 6: Principal work setting, 2015 and 2019

Principal work setting	2015		2019	
	Headcount	Avg. hours	Headcount	Avg. hours
Group private practice	1,248	33.9	1,596	33.1
Solo private practice	541	33.1	624	31.5
Medical centre	-	-	72	25.6
Educational facility	20	41.1	37	34.6
Residential aged care facility	NP	26.3	26	36.2
Other	7	36.0	17	24.1
Locum private practice	6	33.2	15	30.7
Other residential health care facility	NP	20.0	5	35.6
Commercial/business service	4	40.0	4	31.5
Remaining work setting	NP	18.7	5	34.8
Total	1,833	33.7	2,401	32.5

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019

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Table 7: Initial qualification country, 2015 and 2019

Country	2015		2019	
	Headcount	%	Headcount	%
Australia	1,544	84.2%	2,007	83.6%
Overseas	185	10.1%	198	8.2%
Unknown / not stated	104	5.7%	196	8.2%
Total	1,833	100%	2,401	100%

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2015 and 2019



Table 8: Years worked and years intended to remain in the workforce by principal role, 2019

Principal role	Average years worked	Average years intended to work
Clinician	11.7	20.8
Administrator	14.2	14.6
Teacher or educator	19.1	17.0
Researcher	13.0	25.3
Other	4.0	21.4
Total	11.8	20.7

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2019

Table 9: Distribution by State/Territory, 2019

State/Territory	Headcount	Full time equivalent (FTE)	Average weekly hours	Population	FTE per 100,000 population
New South Wales	540	468.5	33.0	8,089,817	5.8
Victoria	1,441	1,209.4	31.9	6,596,039	18.3
Queensland	224	203.0	34.4	5,094,510	4.0
South Australia	41	34.4	31.9	1,751,963	2.0
Western Australia	63	53.1	32.6	2,621,509	2.0
Tasmania	47	40.9	33.0	534,457	7.6
Australia Capital Territory	40	37.3	35.4	426,704	8.7
Northern Territory	4	1.6	15.0	245,929	0.6
Unknown / not stated	1	0.9	35.0	-	-
Australia	2,401	2,049.0	32.5	25,365,571	8.1

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2019

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Full time equivalent (FTE) based on 38 hours per week



Table 10: Distribution by Modified Monash Model (MMM), 2019

Modified Monash	Headcount	Full time equivalent	Average weekly hours	Population	FTE per 100,000 population
MM1 - Metropolitan	1,904	1,634.3	32.7	18,320,373	8.9
MM2 - Regional centres	186	156.8	32.0	2,245,754	7.0
MM3 - Large rural towns	146	120.4	31.3	1,587,466	7.6
MM4 - Medium rural towns	80	68.7	32.6	968,583	7.1
MM5 - Small rural towns	81	65.7	30.8	1,748,340	3.8
MM6 - Remote communities	NP	0.2	8.0	281,794	0.1
MM7 - Very remote communities	NP	2.1	40.0	212,587	1.0
Unknown / not stated	NP	0.9	35.0	-	-
Australia	2,401	2,049.0	32.5	25,365,571	8.1

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2019

Full time equivalent (FTE) based on 38 hours per week

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/modified-monash-model-fact-sheet>

Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2019

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ABS estimated resident population (unpublished)

Table 11: Telehealth practitioners by Modified Monash (MMM), 2019

Modified Monash Model	Percentage
MM1 - Metropolitan	79.7%
MM2 - Regional centres	5.8%
MM3 - Large rural towns	5.8%
MM4 - Medium rural towns	4.3%
MM5 - Small rural towns	2.9%
MM6 - Remote communities	-
MM7 - Very remote communities	1.4%

Source: NHWDS, Osteopaths, 2019

MMM breakdown for tele-health refers to the location of the Osteopaths not the location of the person receiving the service

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