



**General
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Registration Annual Report 2025

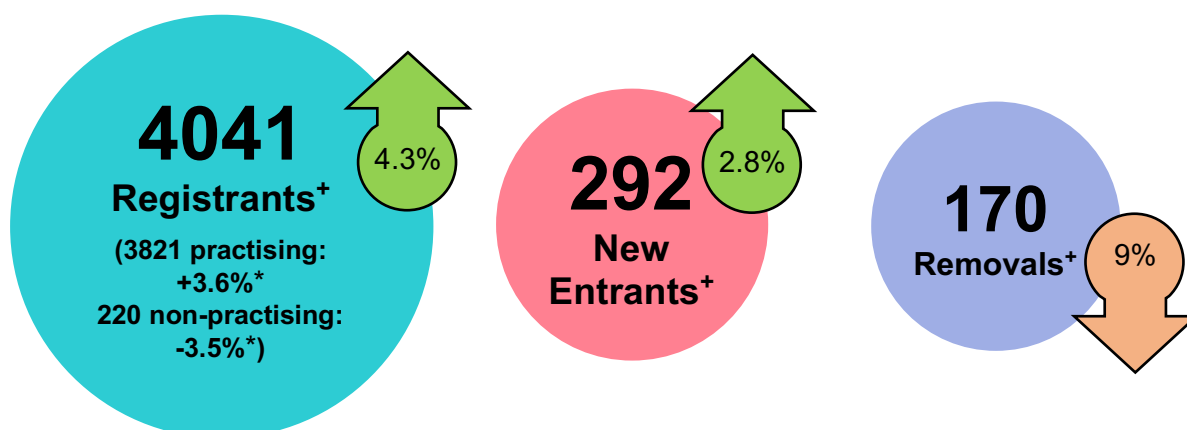
The Register in 2025

The 2025 Register Annual Report sets out key trends in registration and retention, including growth in practising members, new entrants to the profession and demographic insights. It provides an overview of developments within the chiropractic workforce and supports transparency regarding the composition and stability of the Register.

Register growth and new entrants

In 2025, the Register comprised 4,041 registrants, an increase of 166 (4.3%) compared to 2024. The number of practising registrants rose to 3,821, up 134 (3.6%) from the previous year, while non-practising registrants reduced slightly to 220.

During the year, 292 new registrants were added to the Register, a 2.8% increase on 2024, while removals decreased from 187 to 170 (9% reduction). Overall, new registrations continued to outpace removals, resulting in steady growth in the practising Register.



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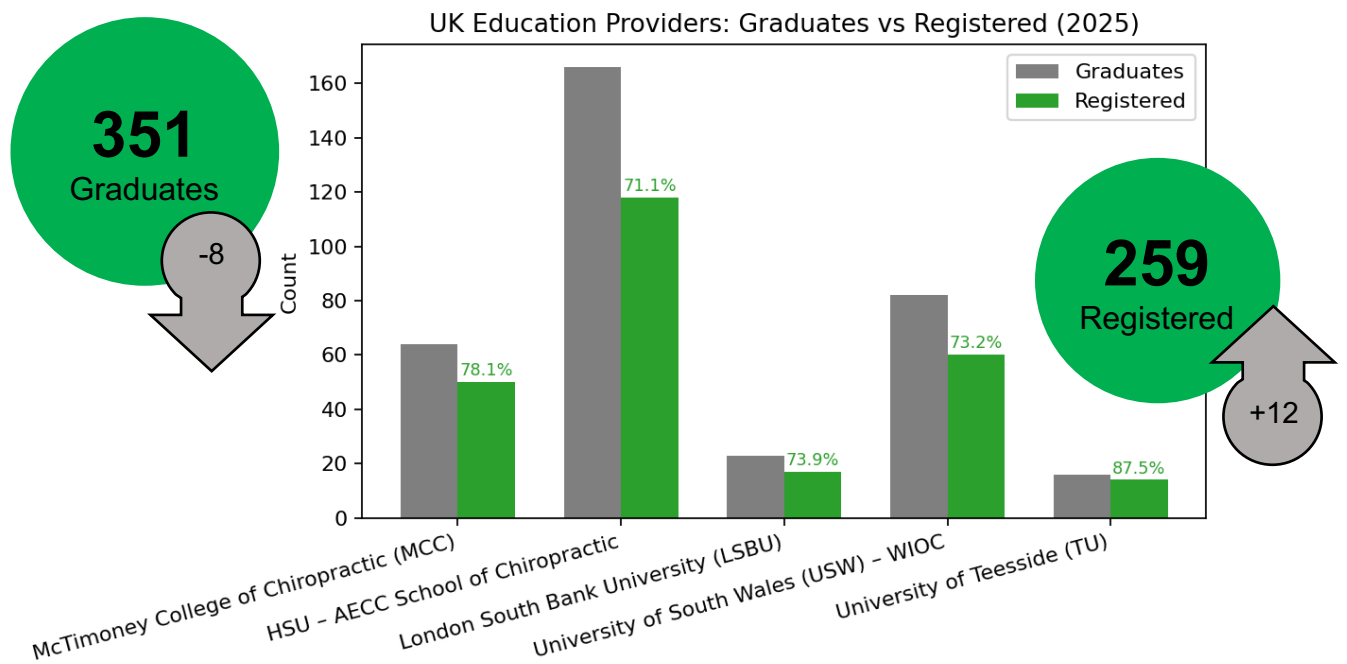
UK Graduate registration destinations

In 2025, a total of 351 students graduated from GCC UK-approved programmes. Of these, 259 subsequently registered with the GCC. The overall number of students graduating was similar to 2024 (359) however compared to previous years an increase in the proportion of graduates then registering. While 259 of the 351 graduates progressed to registration during the reporting period, not all graduates necessarily enter practice immediately. A proportion may defer registration or register in the subsequent year. In some cases, graduates may pursue alternative career pathways or practise outside the UK. This pattern is broadly consistent with previous years and does not indicate a material shift in graduate progression was seen.

Health Sciences University (HSU) - AECC School of Chiropractic produced the largest cohort, with 166 graduates, of whom 118 registered. The University of South Wales graduated 82 students, with 60 progressing to registration. McTimoney College of Chiropractic saw 50 of its 64 graduates register, while London South Bank University recorded 17 registrations from 23 graduates.

The University of Teesside, graduating its second cohort in 2025, achieved the highest proportional registration rate, with 14 of 16 graduates registering. Overall, the data

demonstrates variation in registration rates across institutions, with the largest absolute numbers of new registrants coming from HSU and the University of South Wales.

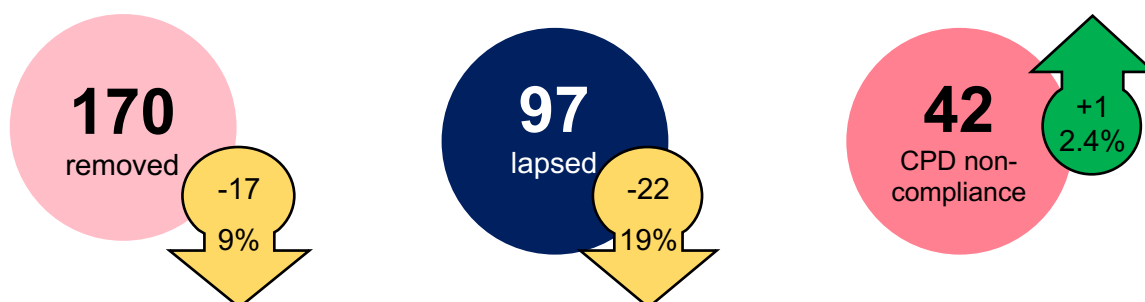


International Registration

In 2025, 23 new registrants qualified overseas, a reduction compared to 2024, driven primarily by a decline in applicants from the United States (three in 2025 compared to twelve in 2024). Numbers from South Africa remained stable, while no new Canadian-qualified registrants were recorded. Approximately half of overseas-qualified registrants trained in their country of nationality. Registrants often obtained their qualification in a different country.

| Nationality of registrant | Total joining register in 2025 | Country of Qualification |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| South African | 8 | South Africa |
| Australian | 4 | 3x Australia, 1x New Zealand |
| British | 4 | 1x Spain, 1x New Zealand, 1x South Africa, 1x Australia |
| French | 2 | 1x New Zealand 1x France |
| American | 2 | USA |
| New Zealander | 1 | New Zealand |
| Singaporean | 1 | Malaysia |
| Vietnamese | 1 | USA |

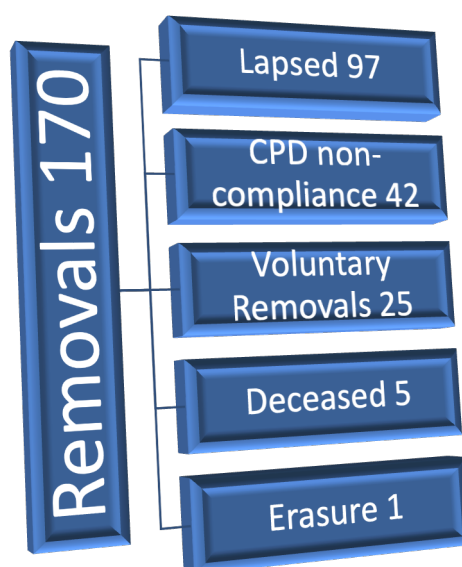
Register Leavers and Non-Practising Trends in 2025



Departures from the Register in 2025

In 2025, 170 chiropractors left the Register, a reduction of 17 compared to 2024 (a 9% decrease). The majority of departures were due to non-renewal, with 97 registrants not completing the retention process, representing a 19% reduction from the previous year. Removals relating to CPD non-compliance remained consistent at 42 cases.

In addition, there were 25 voluntary removals, that is informing us they wished to leave the register rather than via the routes above. Five registrants were recorded as deceased, with an erasure following disciplinary proceedings. Although departures occurred across a range of categories, new registrations continued to outpace removals, resulting in overall growth of the Register during the year.



Non-Practising Registrants and CPD Compliance

In 2025, 220 registrants maintained non-practising status. The GCC continues to encourage individuals who are not practising to consider voluntary removal, with restoration available should they return to practise.

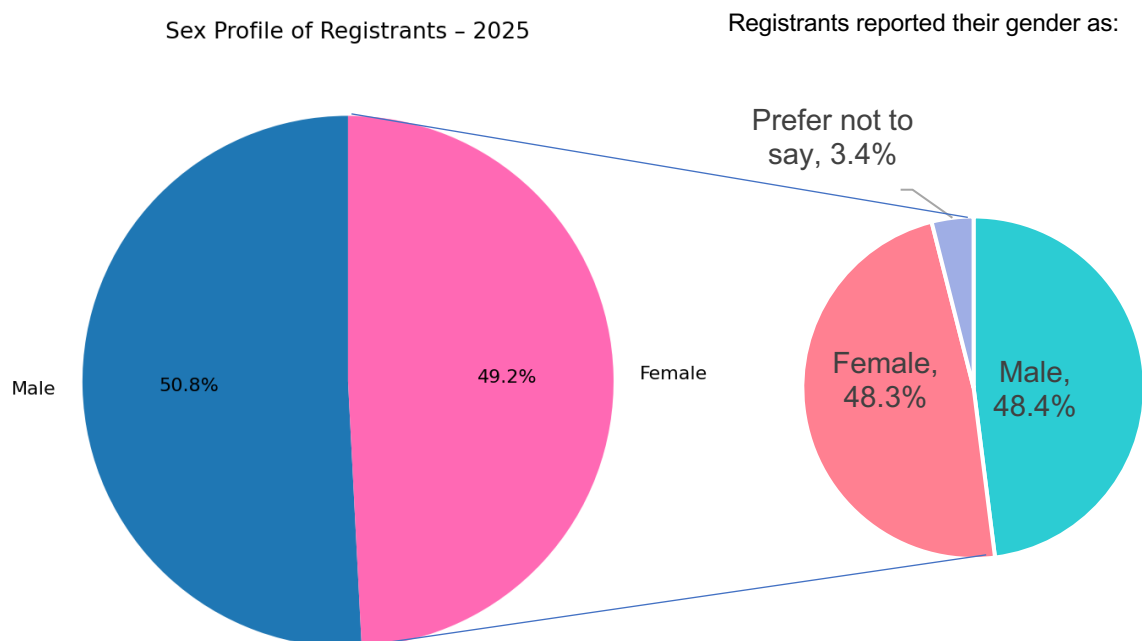
Of the 42 removals for CPD non-compliance during the year, 23 related to non-practising registrants. Only two of these individuals subsequently restored to the Register. These

figures highlight the importance of continued engagement and clear communication from the GCC to registrants regarding ongoing CPD requirements, irrespective of practising status.

Reasons for Removals

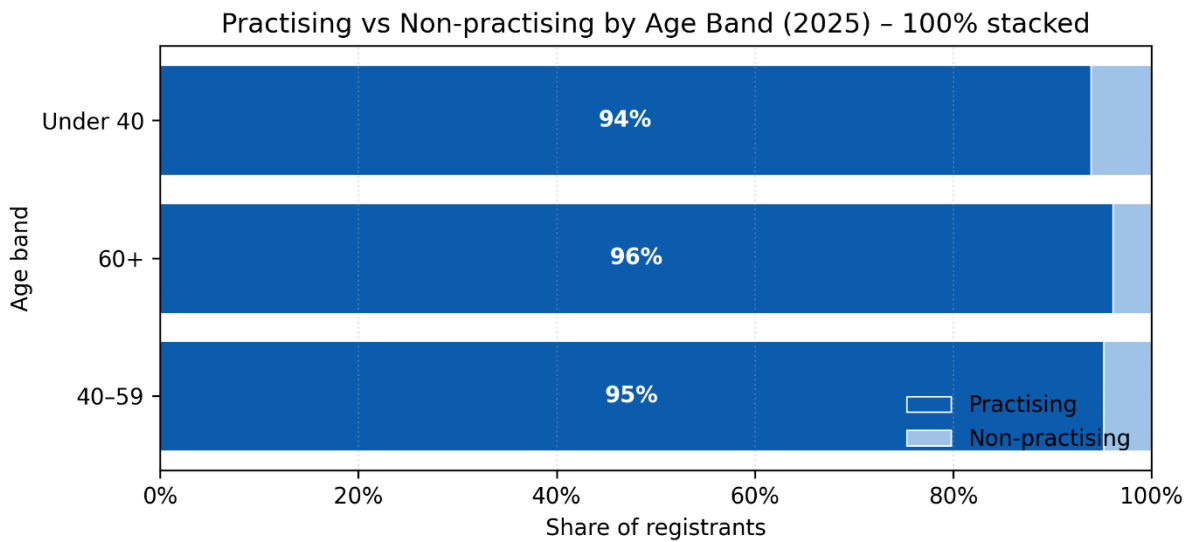
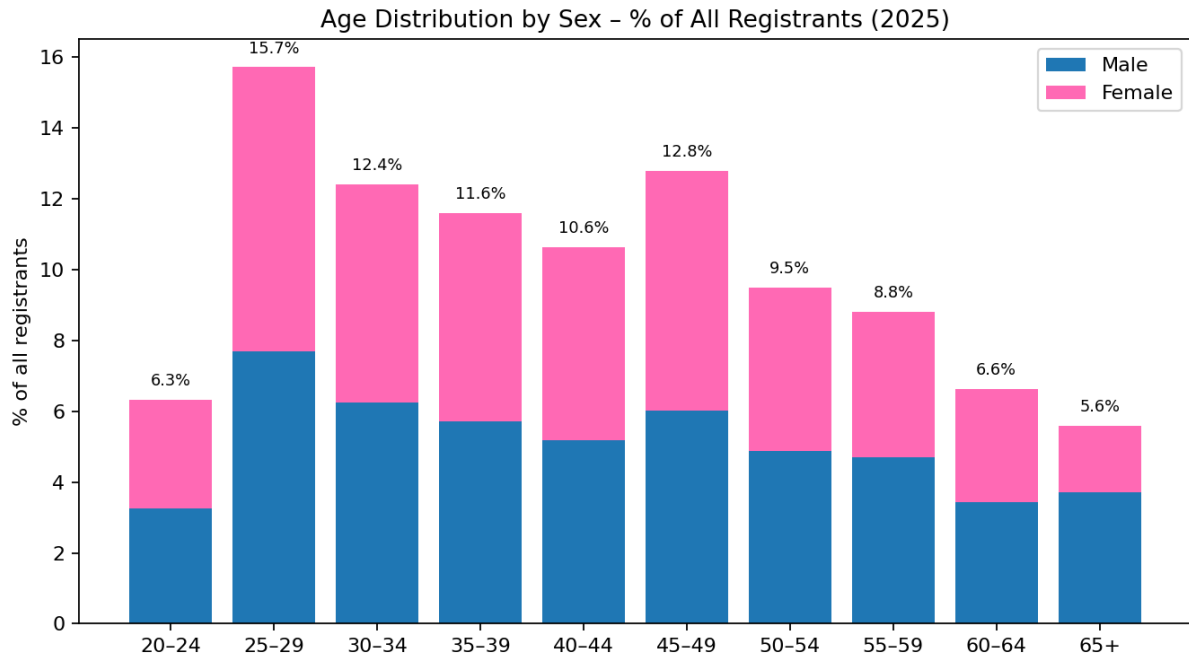
The principal reasons for removal during the year were administrative and compliance-related, with disciplinary removals remaining rare. The data indicates that regulatory and administrative factors continue to be the primary drivers of registrant removals. A higher proportion of these removals were observed among younger registrants.

Demographic profile of the register population



The largest age cohort on the Register is 25–29, indicating strong early-career representation within the profession. Registrant numbers decline progressively beyond the age of 50, with a more pronounced reduction among female registrants.

Sex data collection was enhanced in 2023 through the introduction of opt-out options and clearer definitions, improving the consistency and reliability of reporting. Non-practising registrants continue to represent a small proportion of the Register across all age groups



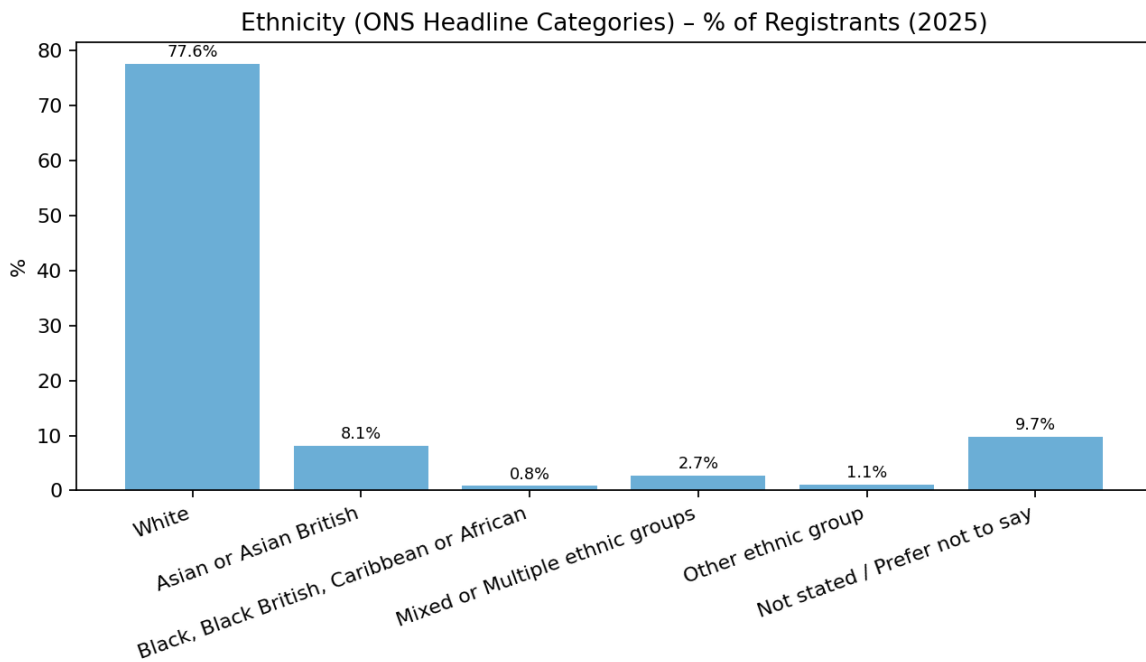
Ethnicity and Other Protected Characteristics

In 2025, 12.7% of registrants identified as being from a minority ethnic background, while 9.7% chose not to disclose their ethnicity. The proportions relating to religion and sexual orientation broadly align with national census data. Disability declarations remain low, with a slight increase compared to 2023.

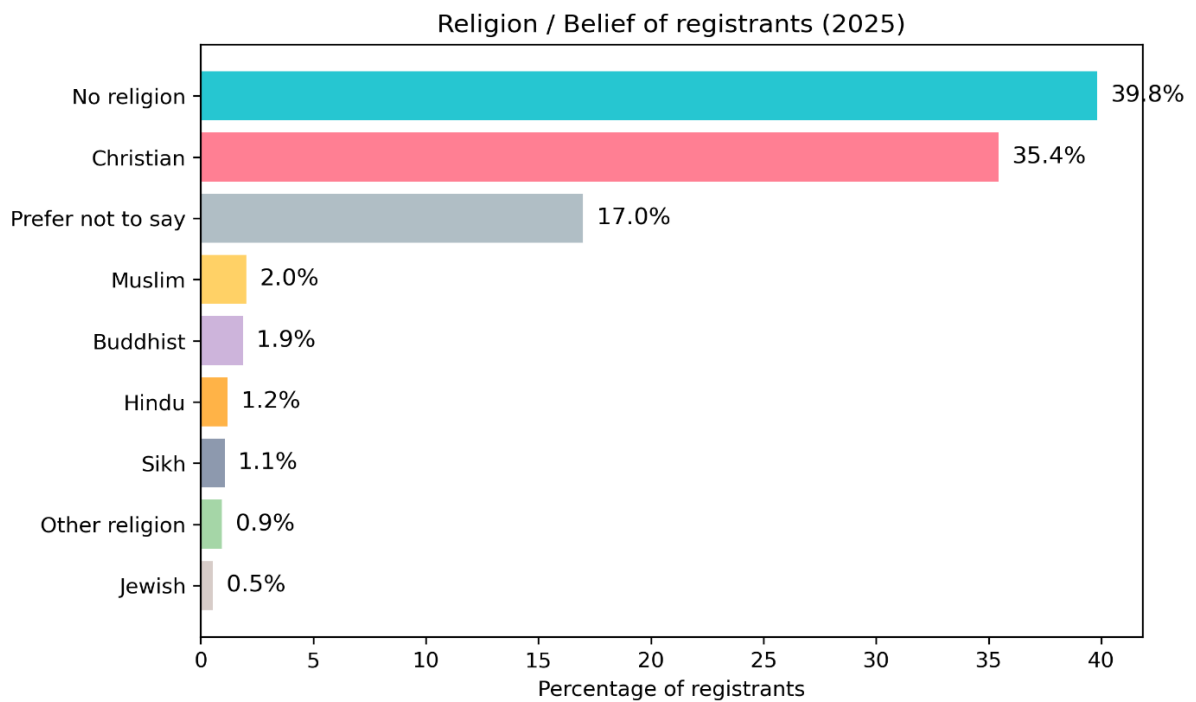
Since 2020, the demographic profile of the Register has remained broadly stable, with gradual and incremental change rather than significant structural shifts. Minority ethnic representation has increased modestly over this period, while disclosure rates across several protected characteristics have improved. Overall, there is no evidence of material demographic change between 2020 and 2025, although reporting consistency have strengthened in recent years.

Data relating to religion, sexual orientation and disability is included for completeness and monitoring purposes.

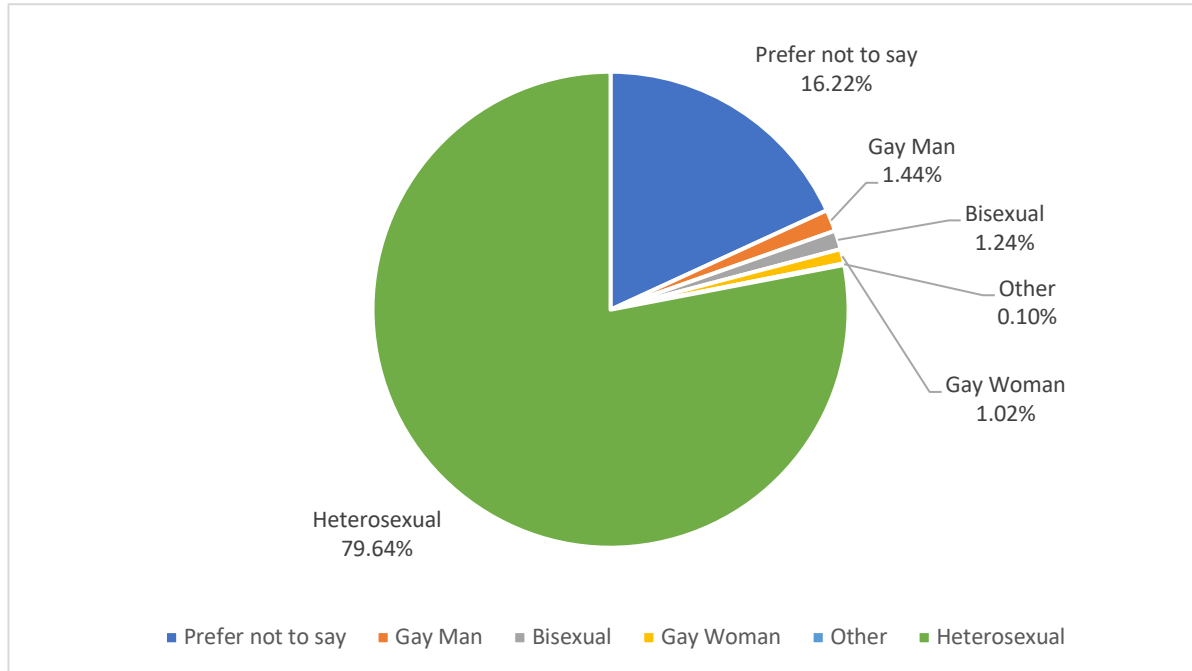
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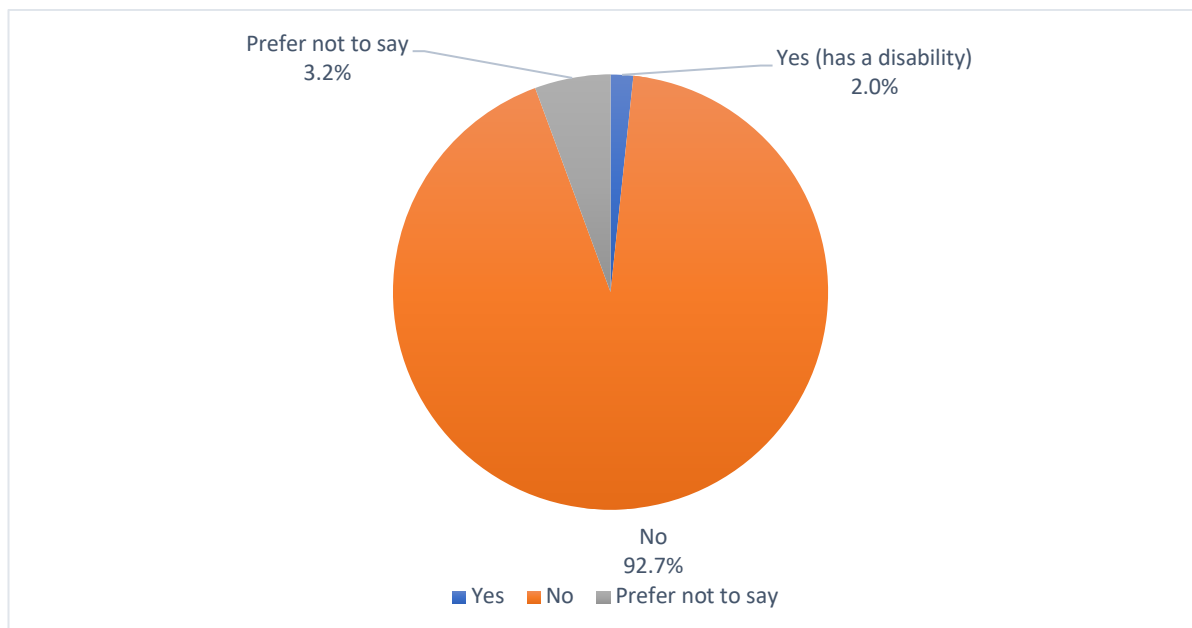
Religion/Beliefs



Sexual Orientation



Disability Data



Continuing Professional Development

The CPD cycle and annual audit process remain key regulatory controls. During 2025, 42 registrants were removed for CPD non-compliance. While this represents a small proportion of the overall Register, it demonstrates the GCC's active oversight of ongoing professional standards.

Most registrants continue to meet CPD requirements, supporting confidence in ongoing competence. Opportunities remain to enhance visibility of CPD performance reporting in future annual reports.

Public Access to the Register

The online “Find a Chiropractor” function remains the primary public interface with the Register. Data provided by the Communications team indicates sustained public engagement, with 143,005 searches conducted during 2025. This reflects the ongoing importance of the Register as a public assurance mechanism and reinforces the need for accuracy, timeliness and data integrity. Detailed data on public usage will be incorporated into future reports to provide enhanced visibility of public engagement with the Register.

Conclusion

The Register continues to grow in a controlled and sustainable manner, with new registrations outpacing removals and a stable demographic profile.

The development of strengthened quality assurance processes and enhanced cross-functional alignment will further reinforce the integrity and reliability of the Register.

The Register exists to provide assurance to the public that those listed are appropriately qualified, meet the required standards and remain fit to practise. The data presented in this report supports Council’s oversight of that core statutory function.