

2005 Health Manpower Survey on Chiropractors

Key Findings

- The chiropractors covered in the 2005 HMS were chiropractors registered with the Chiropractors Council of Hong Kong under the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance (Chapter 428) as at the Survey reference date - 31.8.2005.
- The number of chiropractors covered in the 2005 HMS was 84.
- Of the 84 registered chiropractors covered, 63 had responded to the Survey, giving an overall response rate of 75.0%. As at 31.8.2005, 59 of the responding chiropractors were economically active*[†] (active) while four reported to be economically inactive*[‡] (inactive) in the local chiropractic profession (*See Chart*).
- Of the 59 active chiropractors, 56 were practising in the local chiropractic profession and three were seeking jobs during the 30 days before the Survey.
- The survey findings presented below were based on the 56 responding chiropractors who were practising in the local chiropractic profession as at 31.8.2005. As some questionnaires contained missing information, percentages presented below may not add up to 100%.
 - (i) Among the 56 active chiropractors enumerated, 43 (76.8%) were male and 13 (23.2%) were female, giving an overall sex ratio of 331 (males per 100 females). The median age of the 56 active chiropractors enumerated was 39.0 years old.
 - (ii) One active chiropractor did not indicate the sector of the main job[§]. Distribution by sector of the main job showed that the remaining 55 active chiropractors enumerated were working in the private sector. Among them, majority were in solo practice (67.9%) and 30.4% were in group practice.
 - (iii) The median number of hours of work (excluding meal breaks) per week of the 56 active chiropractors enumerated was 40.0 hours. Five (8.9%) chiropractors were required to undertake on-call duty in their posts, and their median number of hours of on-call duty (excluding normal duty) per week amounted to 10.0 hours.
 - (iv) All the 56 active chiropractors spent most of their working time on service in chiropractic.
- The four inactive chiropractors reported practising overseas / in the Mainland (*See Chart*).

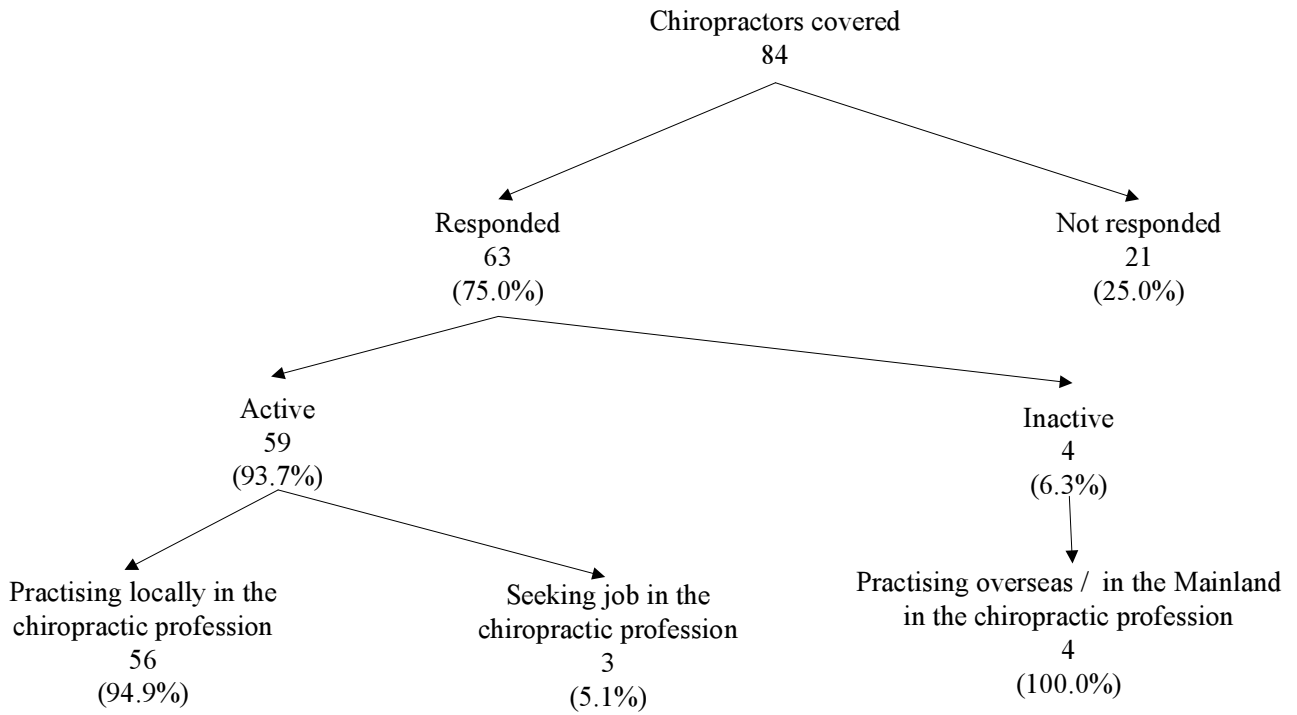
* In the Survey, the criteria used in defining economically active and inactive followed those recommended by the International Labour Organization, which are also being used by the Census and Statistics Department in Hong Kong.

† “Economically active” chiropractors comprised all “employed” and “unemployed” chiropractors. The “employed” chiropractors referred to those chiropractors practising in the chiropractic profession in Hong Kong during the survey period, while the “unemployed” chiropractors referred to those chiropractors who (a) were not practising in the chiropractic profession during the survey period; (b) had sought work in the chiropractic profession during the 30 days before the Survey; and (c) had been available for work during the seven days before the Survey.

‡ “Economically inactive” chiropractors comprised the chiropractors who were not practising in the chiropractic profession in Hong Kong during the Survey period, but excluding those who had been on leave during the survey period and who were “unemployed”.

§ Main job refers to the job in which the chiropractors had spent most of their working time.

Activity Status of Chiropractors Covered



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