Community pharmacy
(SECTIONS **A**, **D**, **E**)

PHARMACISTS	53 789
MAINLAND FRANCE	52 337
Community pharmacy owners	24 913
Employed community pharmacists and community pharmacy managers	27 424
Employed community pharmacists	24 066
Interim employed community pharmacists	3 104
Locum pharmacy owners	56
Manager after death of the owner	29
Managers of social pharmacies and mining pharmacies	60
Employed community pharmacists of social pharmacies and mining pharmacies	109
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS	
Overseas pharmacists working in community pharmacies	1 452
Community pharmacy owners	694
Employed community pharmacists	758
COMMUNITY PHARMACIES	**20 757**
Mainland France	20 142
Overseas	615

Pharmaceutical wholesale distribution (SECTIONS **C**, **E**)

PHARMACISTS	1 255
MAINLAND FRANCE	1 206
Pharmacists in mainland France	1 206
Chief pharmaceutical officers	200
Interim chief pharmaceutical officers	188
Deputy chief pharmaceutical officers	488
Delegated pharmacists	294
Interim delegated pharmacists	36
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS	
Overseas wholesale pharmacists	49
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION ESTABLISHMENTS	**581**
Mainland France	545
Overseas	36

Healthcare facilities
(SECTIONS **H**, **E** – HOSPITAL PHARMACIES AND SIMILAR)

PHARMACISTS	7 963
MAINLAND FRANCE*	7 749
Pharmacists in public hospitals and healthcare centres	4 742
Hospital practitioners	2 561
Deputy hospitals practitioners (full-time specialists and generalists)	922
Attachés	389
Contract practitioners (full and part-time)	834
Regional hospital practitioners	36
Pharmacists in private hospitals and healthcare centres	2 266
Pharmacy managers (full-time)	654
Pharmacy managers (part-time)	602
Deputy pharmacists (full-time)	554
Deputy pharmacists (part-time)	456
Pharmacists engaged in various activities**	154
Pharmacists in charge of labile blood products	31
Pharmacists in family planning centres	8
Pharmacists in charge of hygiene	40
Pharmacists in Centers for Support, Care and Prevention in Addictology (CSAPA)	53
Other functions	22

* Including pharmacists working in fire and rescue services as well as radiopharmacists.

** Non-exhaustive list of functions.

OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS	
Overseas hospital pharmacists	214
HOSPITAL PHARMACIES	**2 297**
Mainland France	2 227
Overseas	70

Pharmaceutical industry
(SECTIONS **B**, **E**)

PHARMACISTS	4 084
MAINLAND FRANCE	4 081
Pharmacists in mainland France	4 081
Chief pharmaceutical officers	475
Interim chief pharmaceutical officers	361
Deputy chief pharmaceutical officers	3 045
Delegated pharmacists	156
Interim delegated pharmacists	44
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS	
Overseas pharmacists	3
INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS	**802**
Mainland France	796
Overseas	6

Clinical biology
(SECTIONS **G**, **E**)

PHARMACISTS	6 868
MAINLAND FRANCE	6 673
Pharmacists in mainland France	6 673
Clinical biology pharmacists, private sector and others structures	3 791
Clinical biology pharmacists, public sector	2 882
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS	
Overseas clinical biology pharmacists	195
CLINICAL BIOLOGY LABORATORY SITES	**5 013**
Mainland France	4 914
Overseas	99

Other pharmaceutical activities (SECTION **D**)

PHARMACISTS	1 072
Pharmacists responsible for dispensing gases for medical use	670
Expert pharmacists working in the national health insurance fund	207
Pharmacists attached to mobile care teams	86
Pharmacists working in other functions	109

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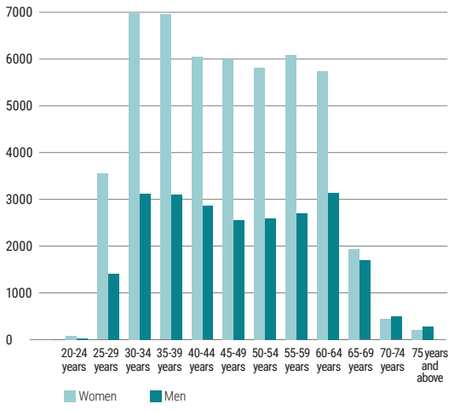
GENERAL DATA

	Number of male pharmacists by main section (individuals) in 2022	Men (%)	Number of female pharmacists by main section (individuals) in 2022	Women (%)	Number of pharmacists by main section (individuals) in 2022	Share (%)	Change since 2021	Number of registered pharmacists by main section in 2022	Share (%)	Change since 2021
Section A	10 999	44.1 %	13 914	55.9 %	24 913	33.8 %	-1.1 %	24 913	33.2 %	-1.1 %
Section B	1 422	35.2 %	2 596	64.6 %	4 018	5.4 %	+0.4 %	4 081	5.4 %	+0.4 %
Section C	298	46.2 %	347	53.8 %	645	0.9 %	-3.2 %	1 206	1.6 %	+1.1 %
Section D	5 819	20.6 %	22 373	79.4 %	28 192	38.2 %	+0.3 %	28 496	38.0 %	+0.3 %
Section E	803	42.0 %	1 110	58.0 %	1 913	2.6 %	-1.2 %	1 913	2.5 %	-1.2 %
Section G	2 648	39.7 %	4 019	60.3 %	6 667	9.0 %	-1.3 %	6 673	8.9 %	-1.3 %
Section H	1 961	26.3 %	5 486	73.7 %	7 447	10.1 %	+0.7 %	7 749	10 %	+0.8 %
TOTAL	**23 950**	**32.5 %**	**49 845**	**67.5 %**	**73 795**	**100 %**	**-0.3 %**	**75 031**	**100 %**	**-0.3 %**

REGISTRATIONS BY AGE GROUP 2012-2017-2022

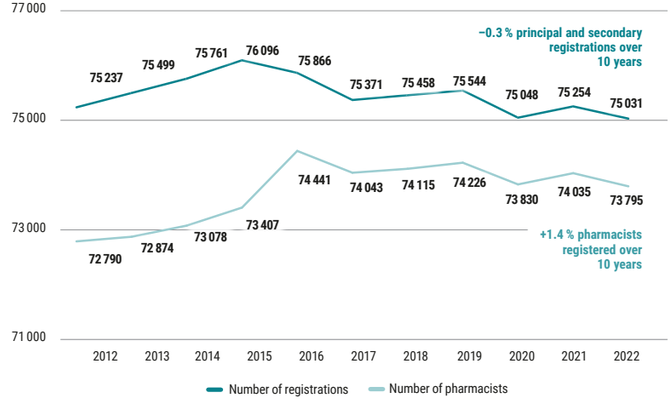
Source: CNOP, data processing by EY. — Scope: All pharmacists registered at the French Chamber of Pharmacists (72 790 pharmacists in 2012 ; 74 043 pharmacists in 2017 ; 73 795 pharmacists in 2022)

AGE AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION



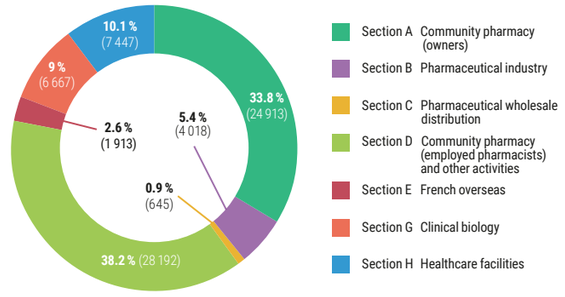
Source: CNOP, data processing by EY. — Scope: All of the 73 795 pharmacists registered at the French Chamber of Pharmacists in 2022.

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AND PHARMACISTS REGISTERED AT THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF PHARMACISTS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS



Source: CNOP, data processing by EY. — Scope: Evolution of the number of pharmacists registered at the French Chamber of Pharmacists and the number of principal and secondary registrations over the ten past years. — Note: The chart has been created with an actualized database of the ten past years. The figures can slightly vary from previous editions.

DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACISTS BY SECTION (INDIVIDUALS)



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MAIN TRENDS FOR PHARMACY DEMOGRAPHICS IN 2022

On January 1st 2023, there were 73 795 pharmacists registered with the French Chamber of Pharmacists, a decrease of 0.3% compared to January 1st 2022. This number has increased by 1.4% over the last ten years.

The average age has remained stable over the last ten years, while the median age of pharmacists registered with the Chamber has dropped by 2 years, from 48 to 46 years.

Because of career extension, the share of pharmacists aged 60 and over has risen from 12% in 2012 to 19% in 2022. Conversely, in 2022, those under 35 represent 21%, which is 2 percentage points more than in 2012 (19%). Likewise, those under 50 represent 58% in 2022, up from 55% in 2012. Thus, over ten years, there has been a flattening of the age curve from 30 years onwards and a lengthening of careers.

The highest average ages are those of pharmacy owners (49.6 years) and clinical biology pharmacists (49.5 years). It is in sections B and D that pharmacists are the youngest (respectively 42.1 years and 44.6 years).

The population of pharmacists is predominantly female (68%), and especially in sections D (79%) and H (74%). In comparison, the highest proportion of men is found among wholesale distribution pharmacists (46%) and community pharmacy owners (44%).

The feminization of the profession continues with an increase in female staff (+2.9%) and a decrease in male staff (-1.6%). Overall, the share of women within the profession has risen from 67% in 2012 to 68% in 2022.

SECTION A

Community pharmacy owners

The number of registrations in section A continued to decrease in 2022 (-1.1% compared to 2021, -10% compared to 2012). This decline is linked to the restructuring of the pharmacy network, for which the consolidation of community pharmacies continues. The number of community pharmacies per 100 000 inhabitants has thus gone from 34 in 2012 to 30 in 2022, a decrease of 12%.

SECTION B

Industrial pharmacists

The numbers of industrial pharmacists are once again increasing in 2022, with 4 081 registrations, an increase of 0.2% over one year. The number of industrial establishments is up by 3.1% to reach 796, as is the number of pharmaceutical companies with a 1.5% increase.

SECTION C

Wholesale distribution pharmacists

The number of pharmacists in section C continues to grow in 2022, reaching 1 206 registrations (an increase of 1.1% over one year). Similarly, the number of wholesale distribution establishments accelerates its growth (+2.3%) after a continuous decline from 2012 to 2020.

SECTION D

Employed community pharmacists and other practitioners

In 2022, the number of pharmacists in section D increased consecutively from 2021 (+0.3%). It is also worth noting that the number of interim community pharmacists continues to rise: +5.4% between 2021 and 2022, following a 9% increase between 2020 and 2021.

SECTION E

Pharmacists in overseas departments

The number of overseas pharmacists decreased in 2022 (-1.2% compared to 2021) for the first time in ten years. This slight decrease in pharmacists is mainly due to the reduction in the number of employed community pharmacists (-11 registered pharmacists).

SECTION G

Clinical biology pharmacists

The decline in registrations in section G continues (-1.3% in 2022 compared to 2021). Similarly, the number of structures slightly increases (4 914 clinical biology laboratory sites, an increase of +3.2% compared to 2021).

SECTION H

Hospital pharmacists

The number of pharmacists continues to increase (+0.8% in 2022), while the number of Hospital Pharmacy Units (PUI) decreases (-2.1%), both in the public sector (-1.7%) and in the private sector (-2.3%).