

California Acupuncture Profession Trends

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Stakeholder Meetings

December 9, 2013, San Francisco, CA

December 16, 2013, Los Angeles, CA

California Approved Acupuncture Training Programs

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Acupuncture Training Programs

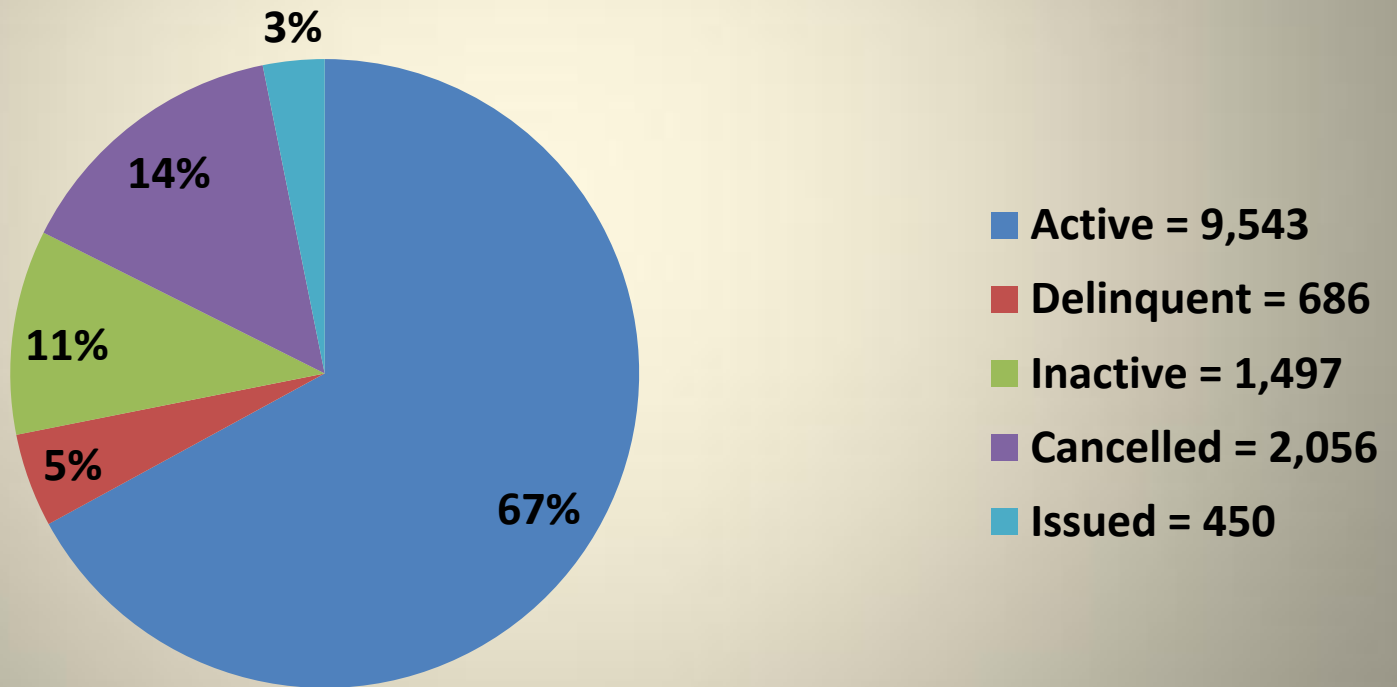
- 35 California Board Approved Acupuncture Training Programs
- 19 Training Programs in-state
- 16 Training Programs out-of-state

California Acupuncture Licensing Trends

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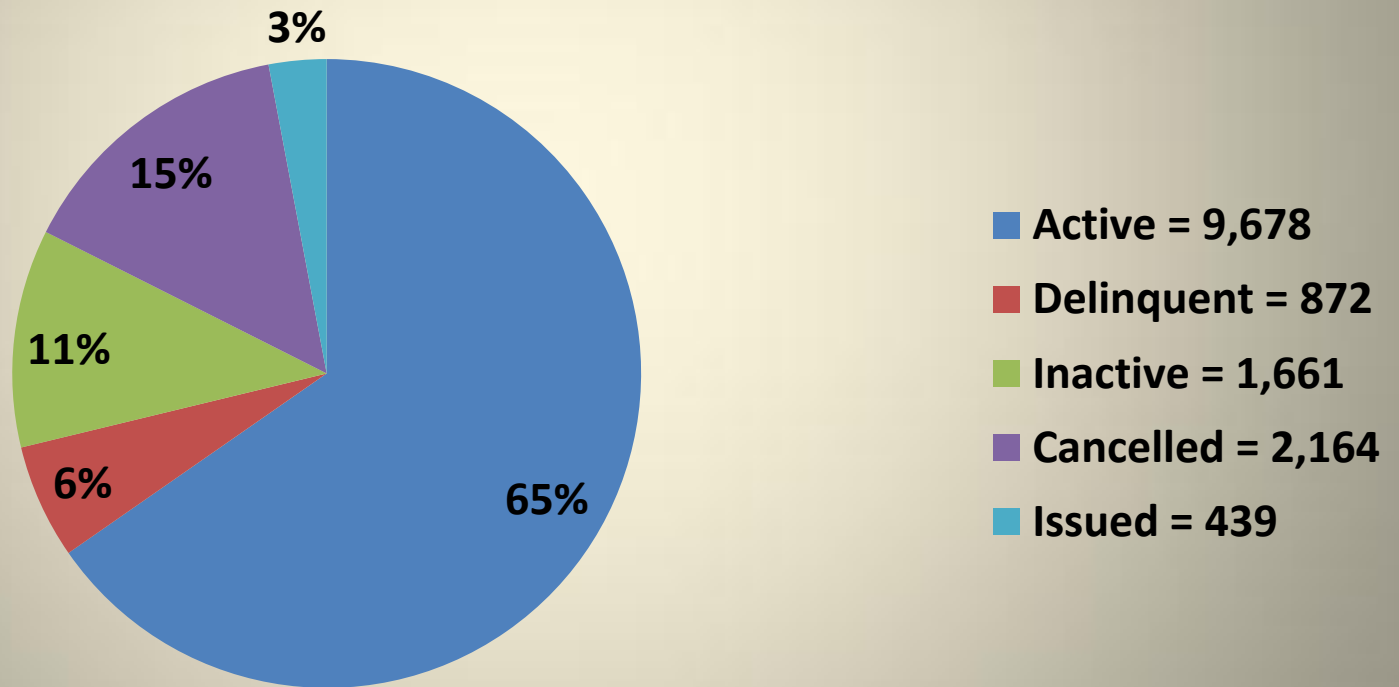
California Licensees 2009

Total Licensees
N = 13,787



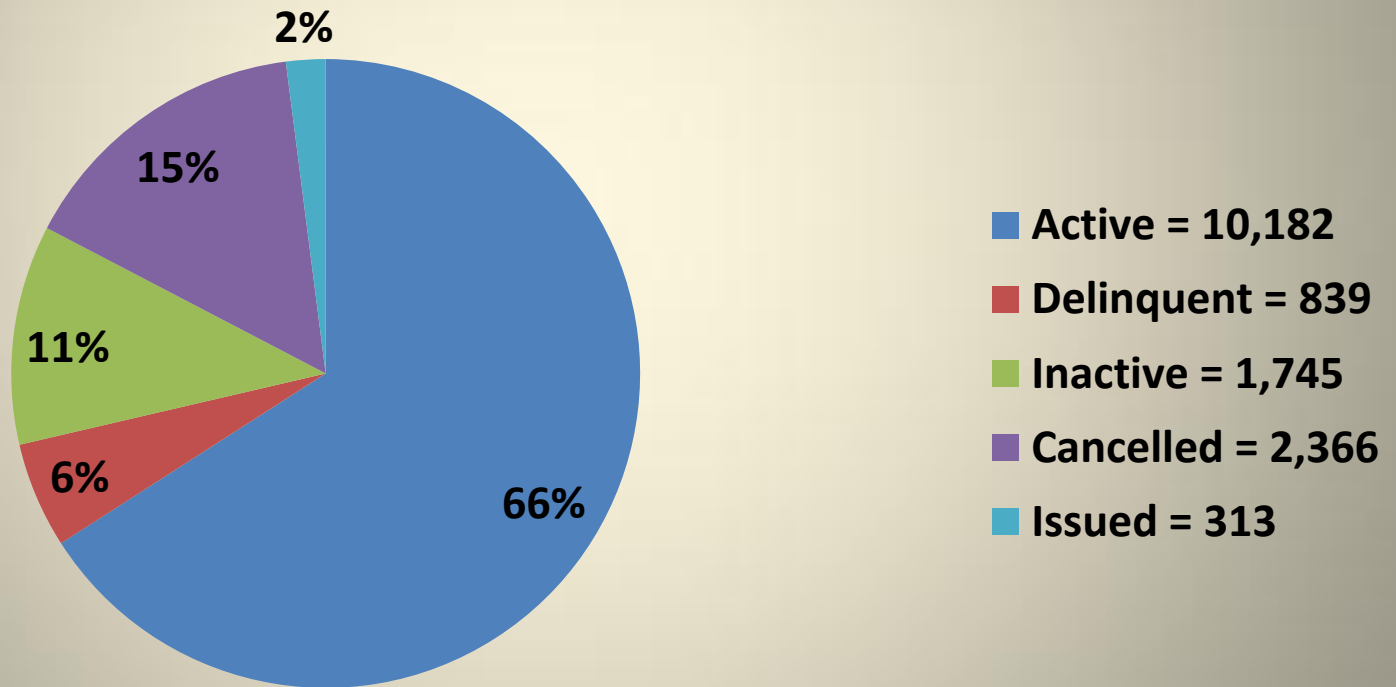
California Licensees 2010

Total Licensees
N = 14,375



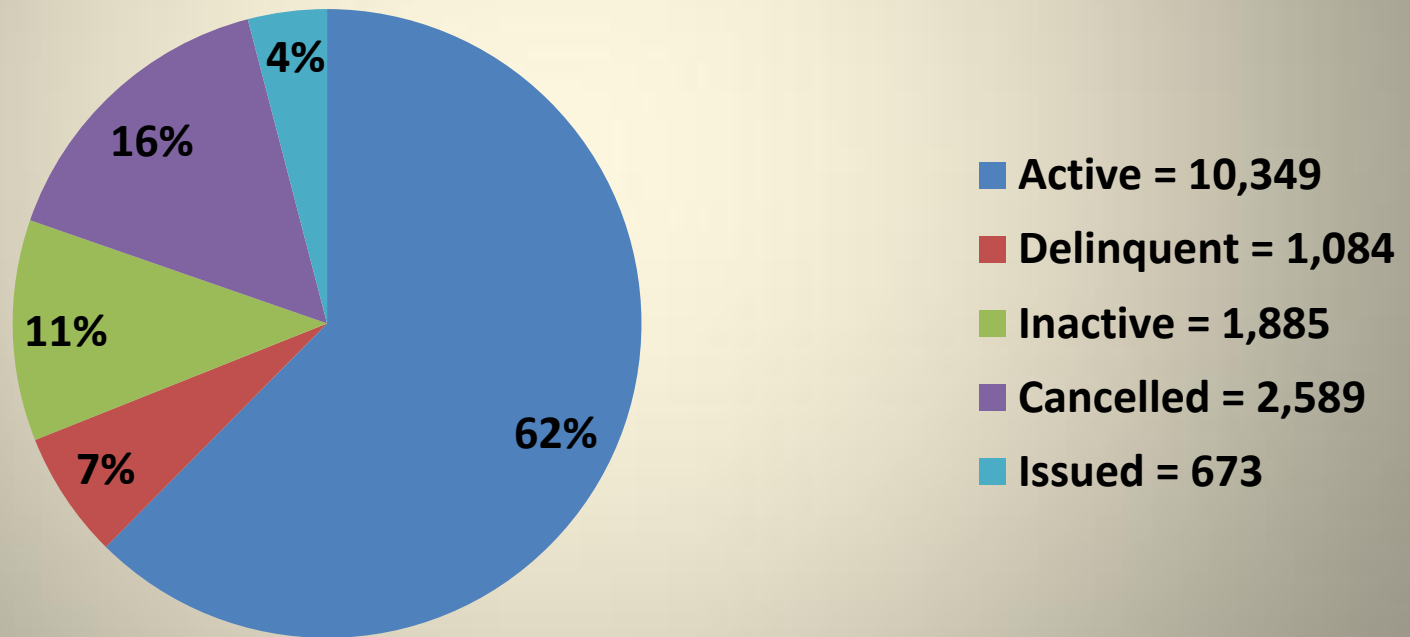
California Total Licensees 2011

Total Licensees
N = 15,132



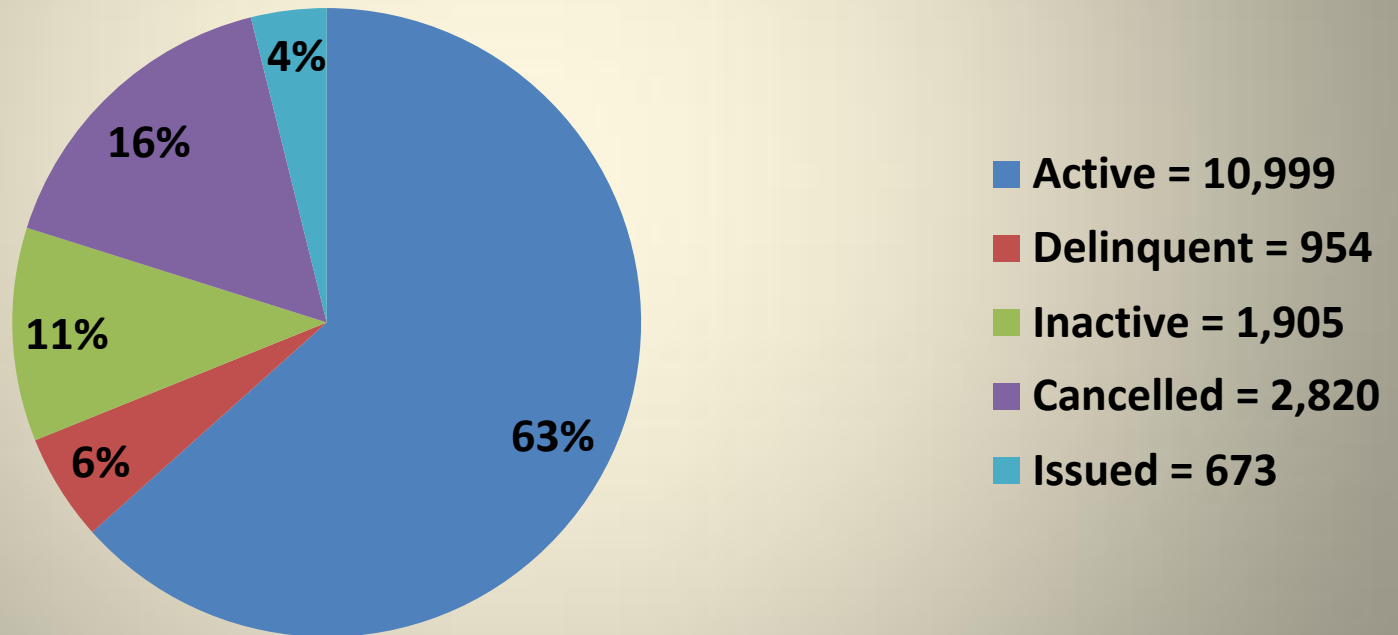
California Licensees 2012

Total Licensees
N = 15,907

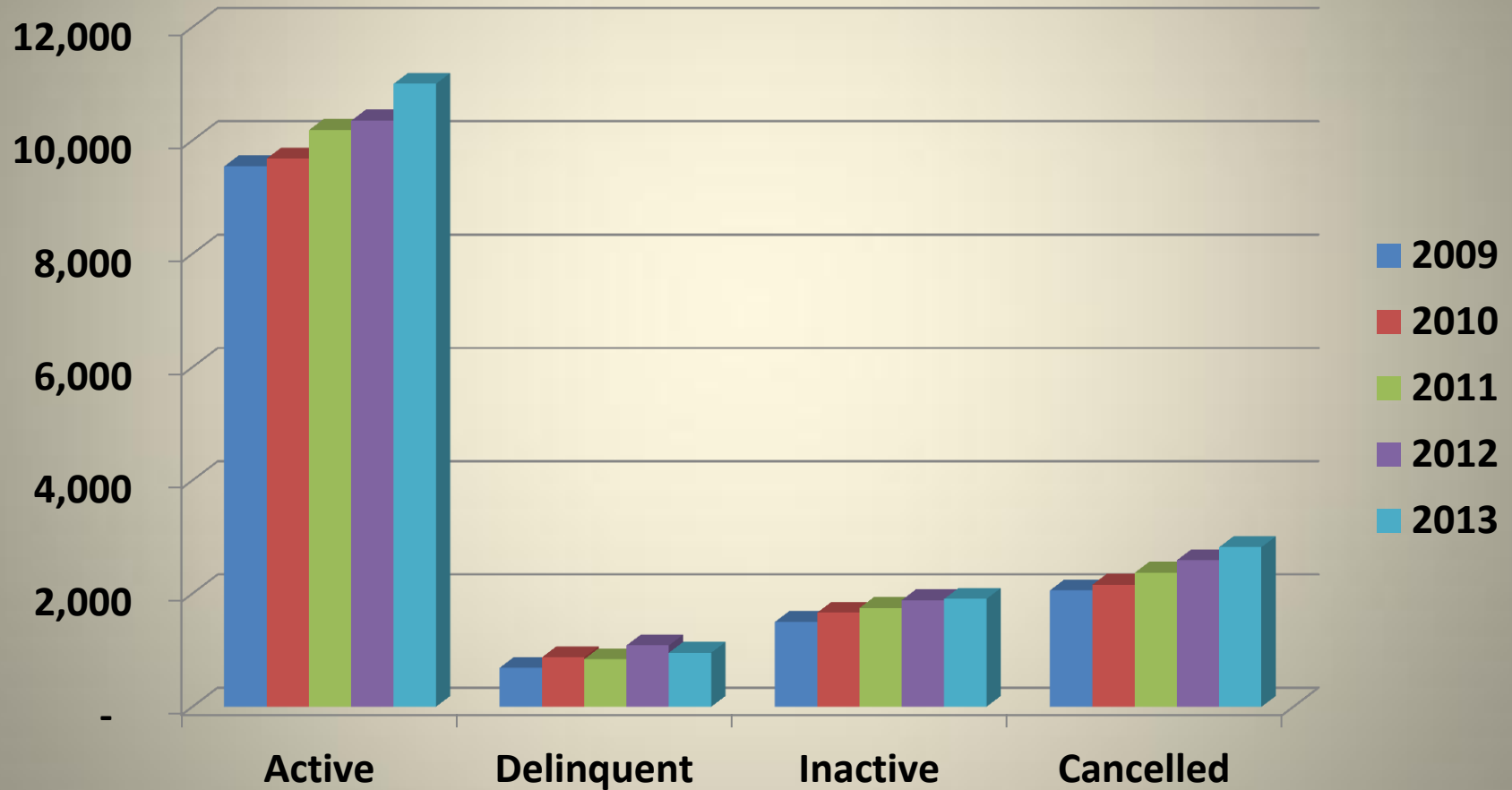


California Licensees 2013

Total Licensees
N = 16,678

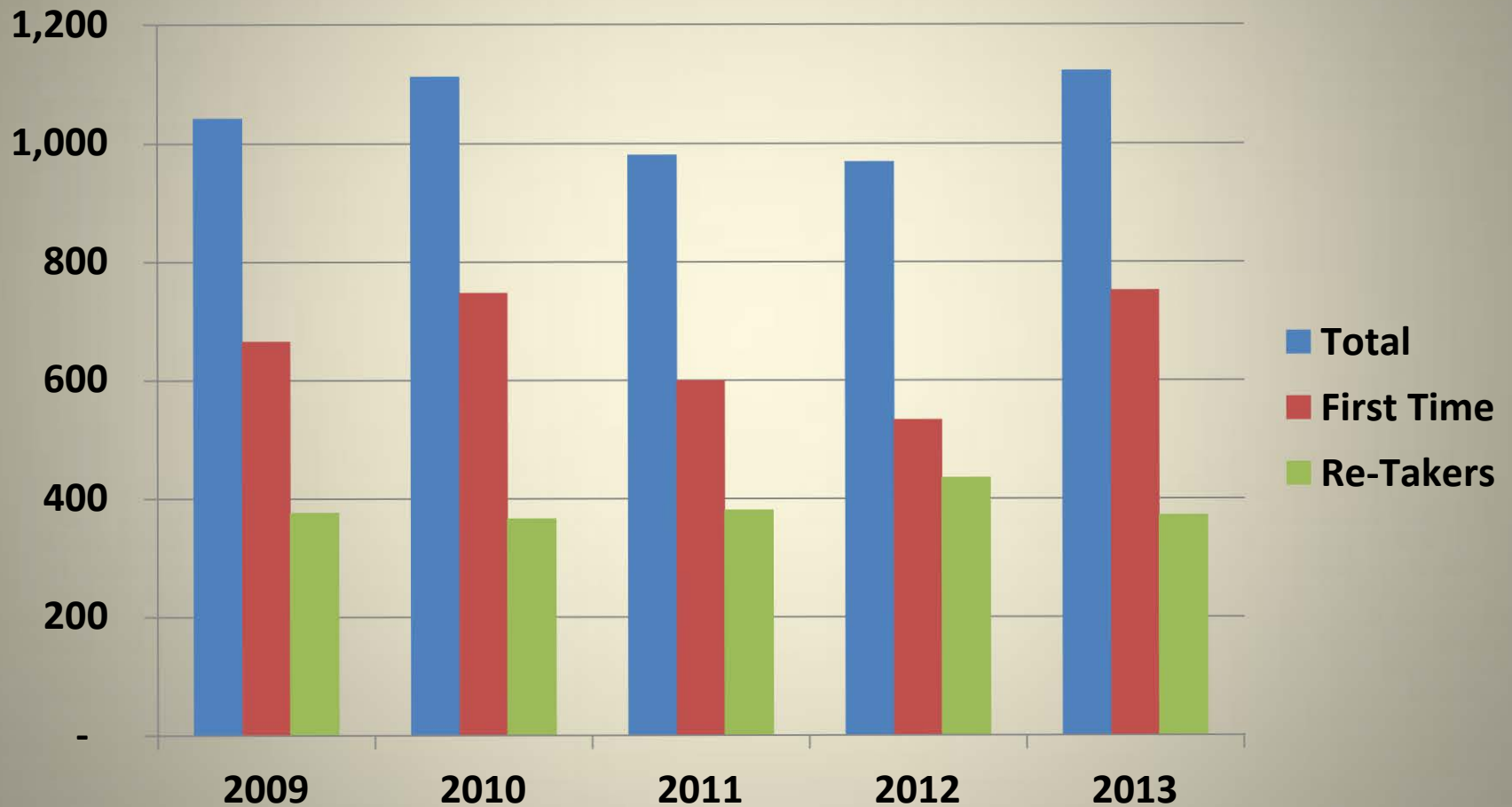


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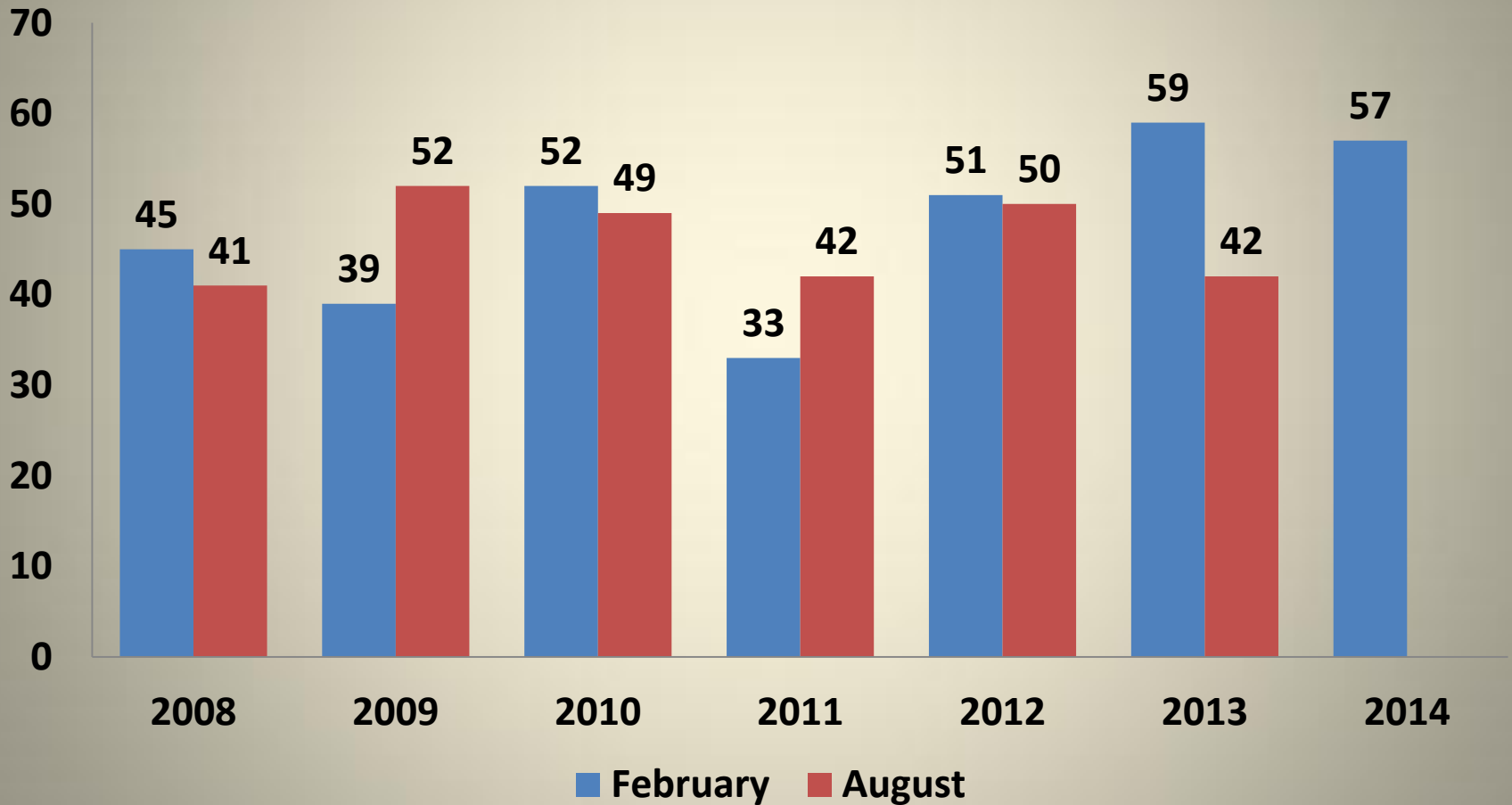


California Acupuncture Licensing Exam

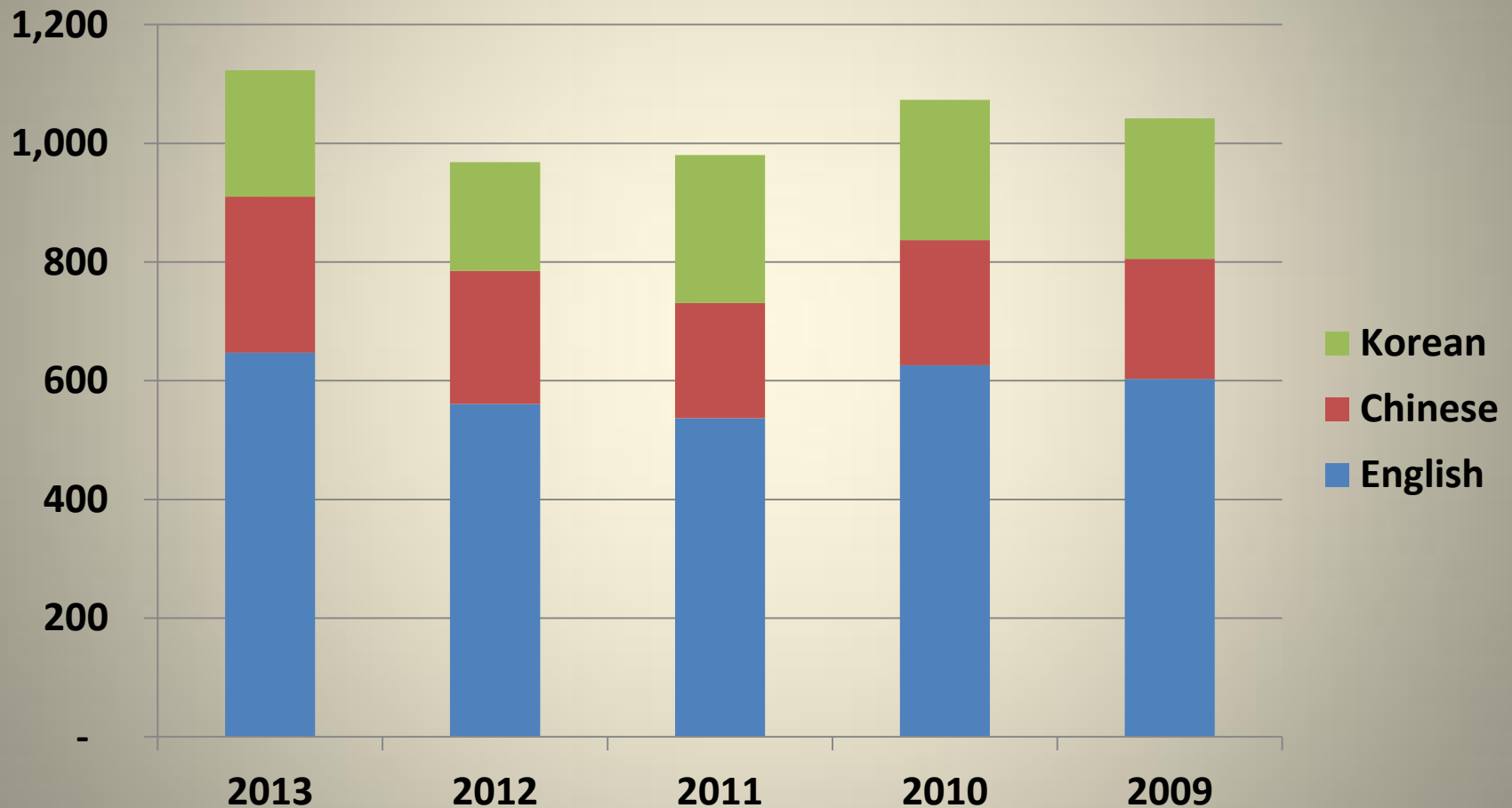
CALE Test Takers 2009-2013



CALE Foreign Test Takers

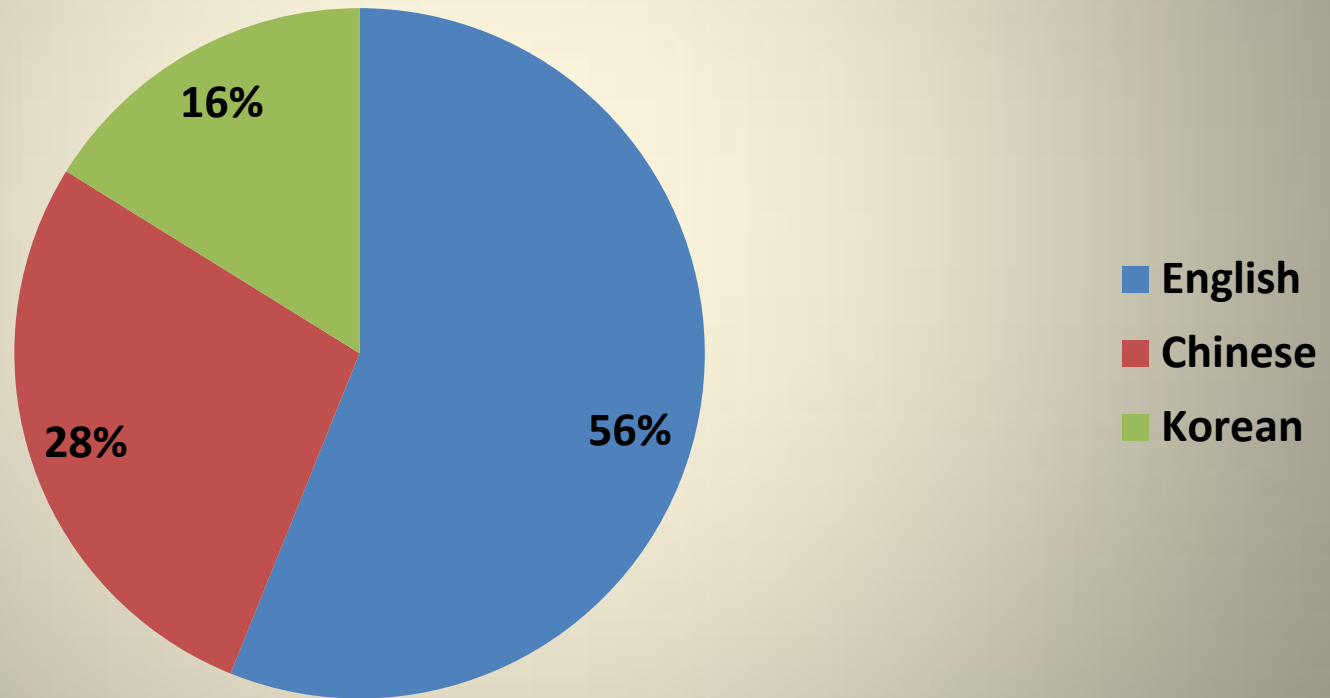


CALE Test Takers by Language 2009-2013



Language Demographics of CALE 2008 Occupational Analysis

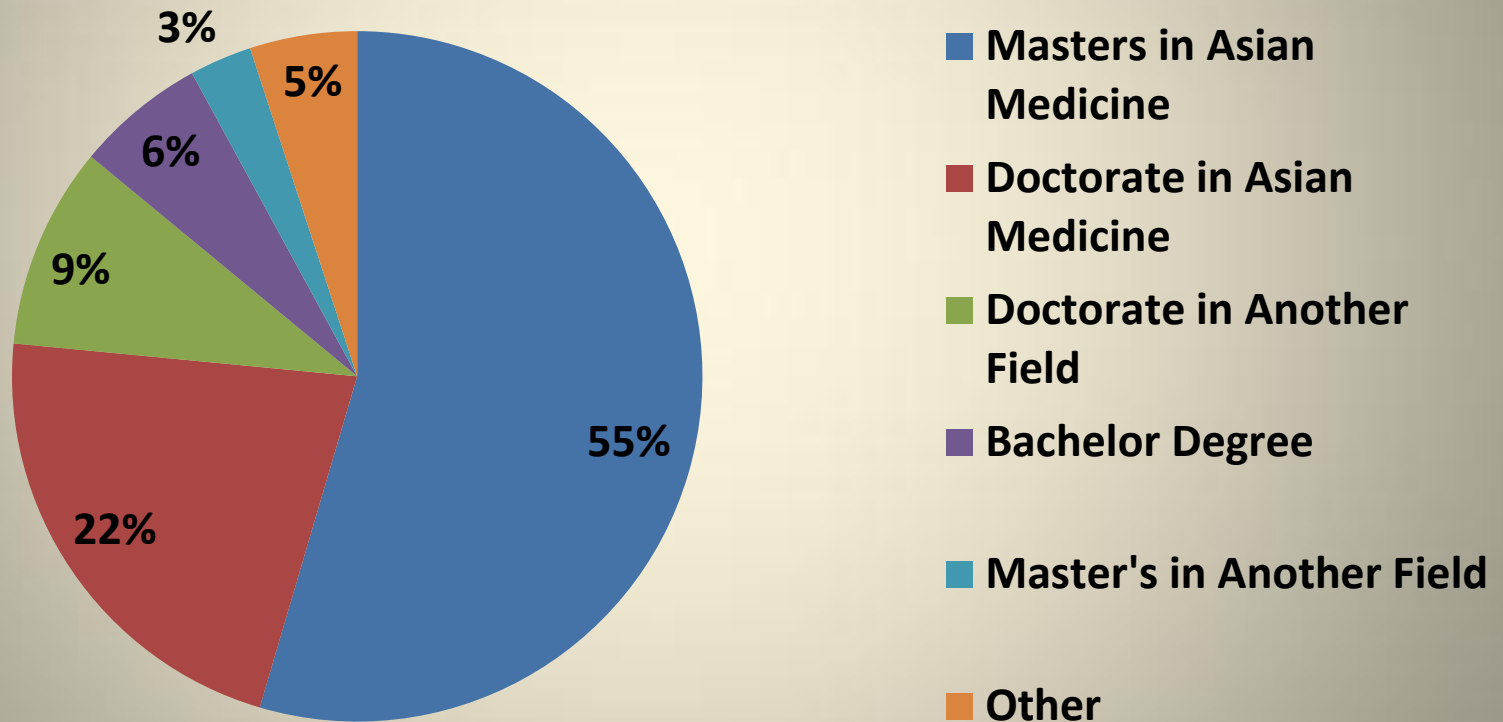
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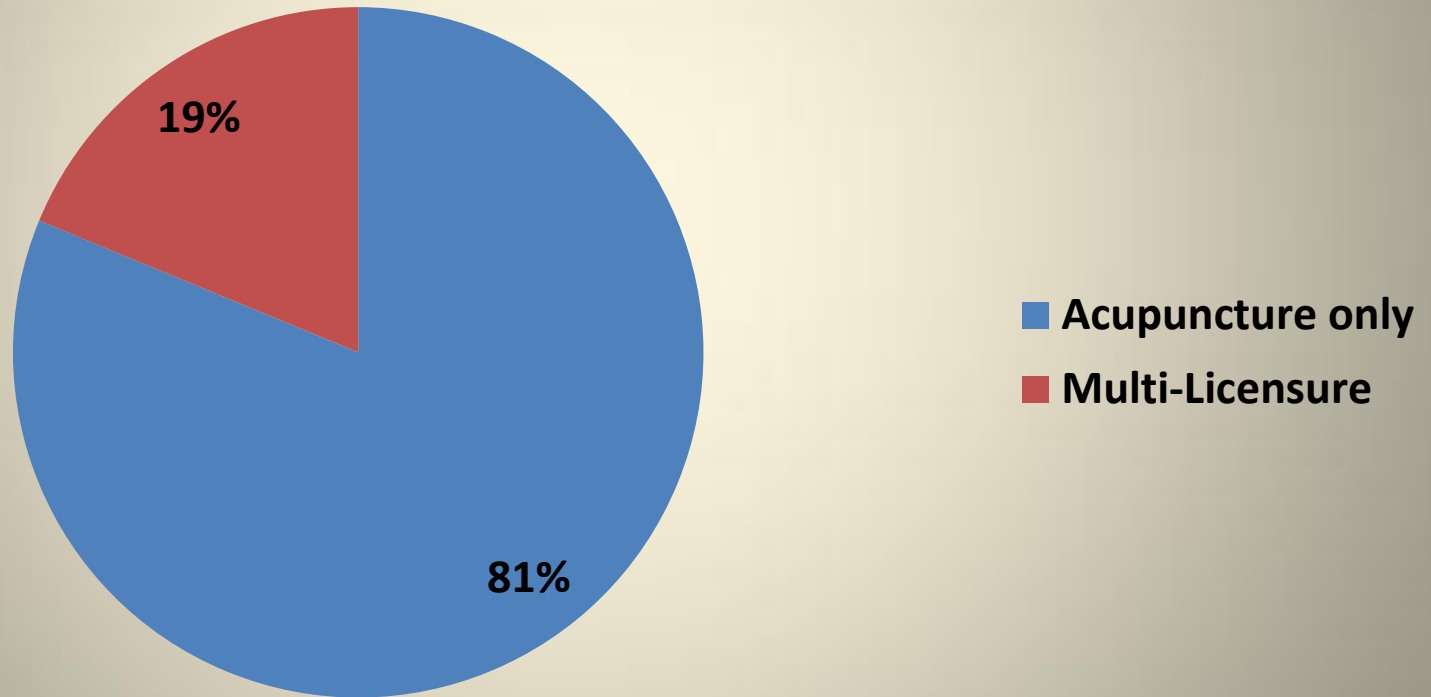
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Educational Background



California Acupuncture Profession 2008 Occupational Analysis

Multi-Licensure

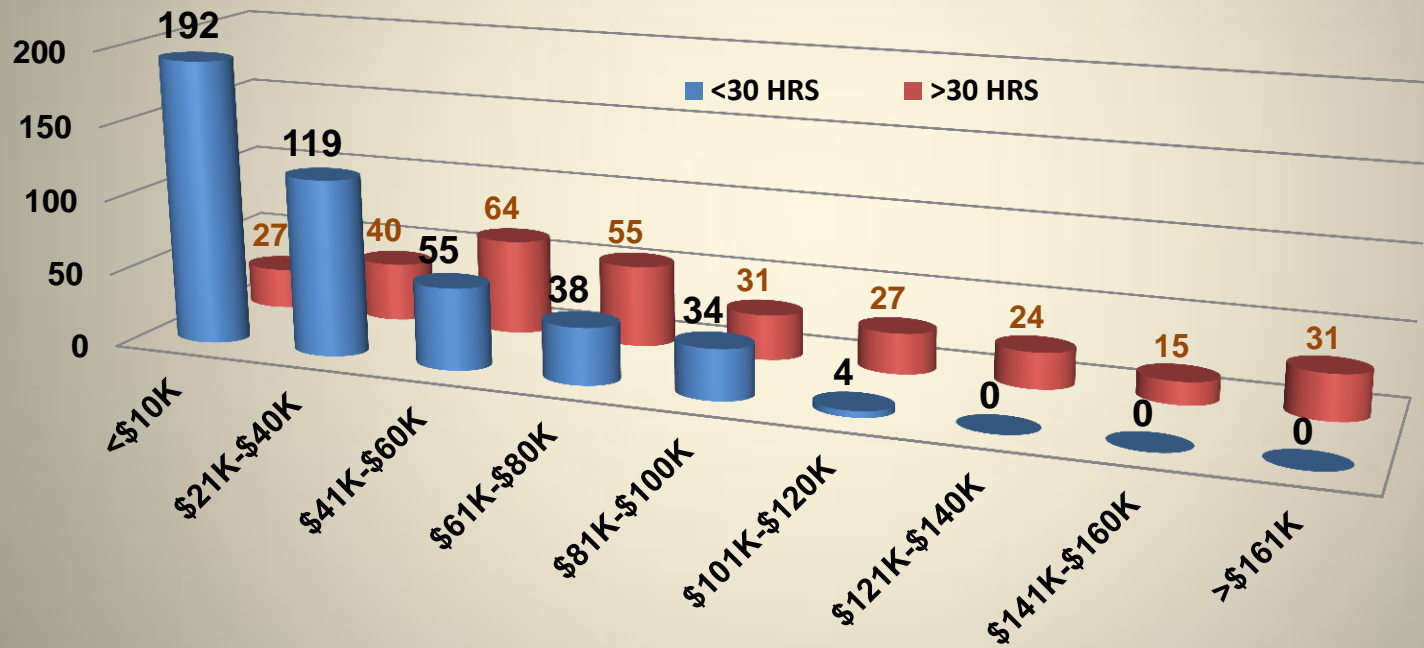


Acupuncture Workforce Trends

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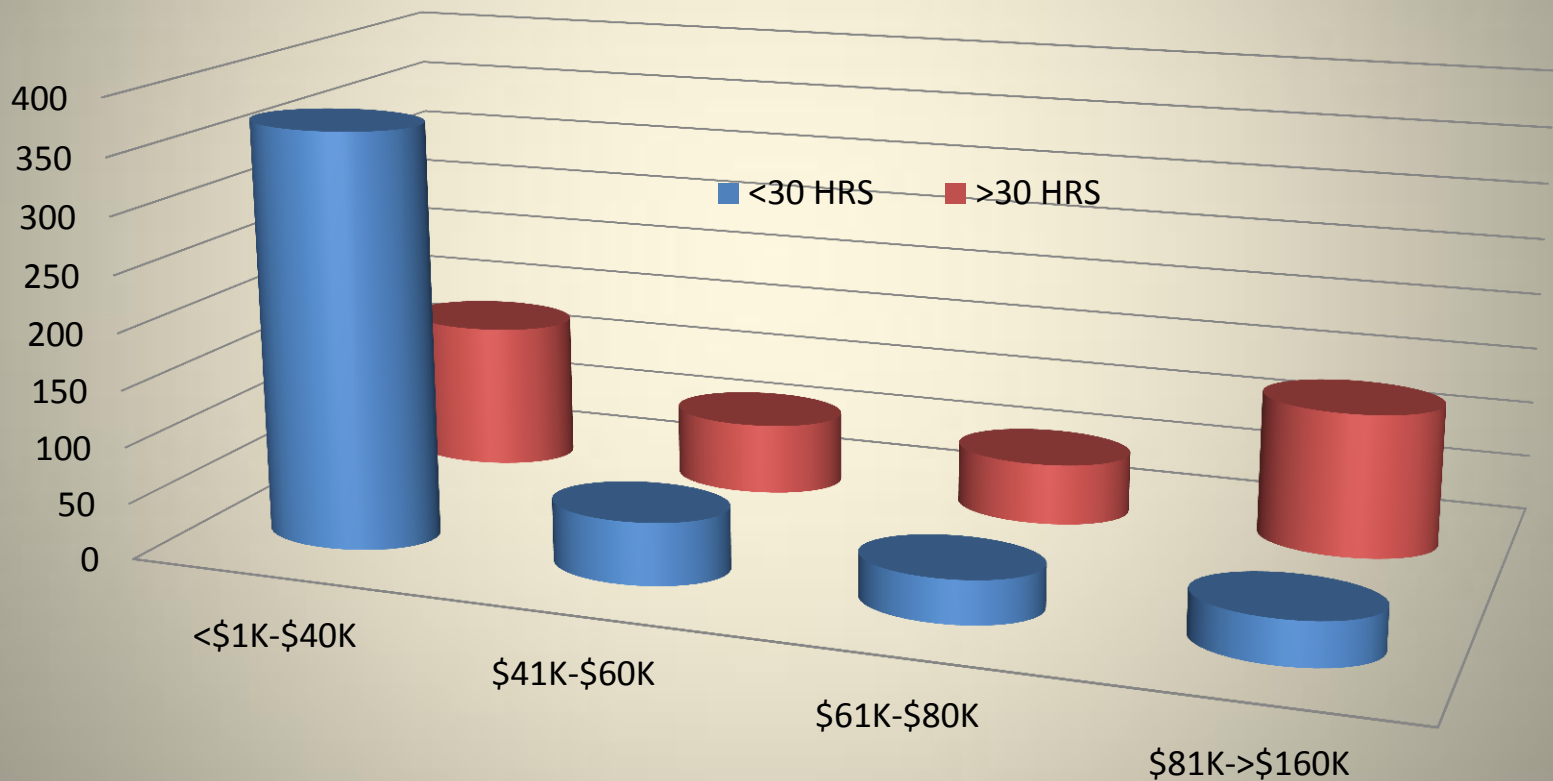
National Acupuncture Workforce: Income by Time Worked

Figure 1: LAc Income Distribution by Deciles: NCCAOM 2010



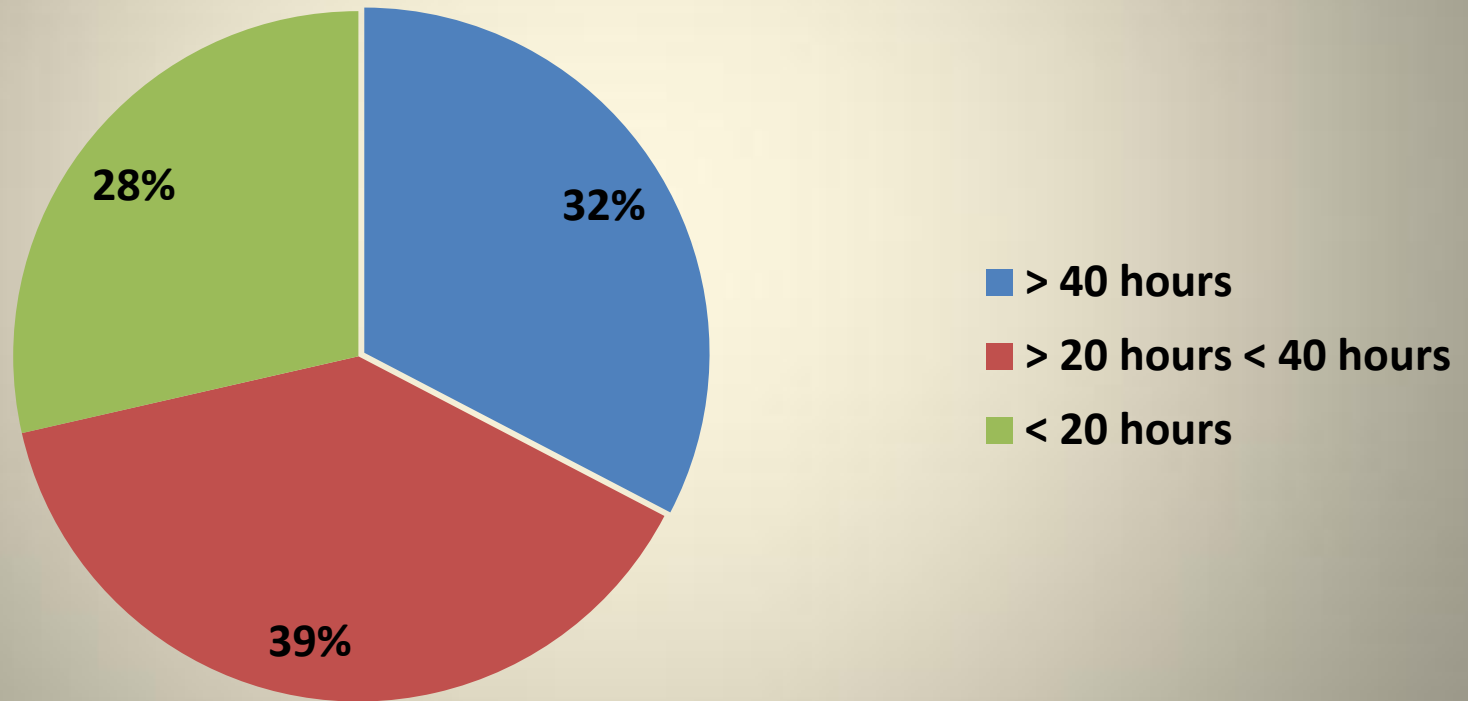
National Acupuncture Workforce: Income by Time Worked

Figure 3: LAc Income Distribution by Quartiles: NCCAOM 2008



California Workforce: Average Hours Worked

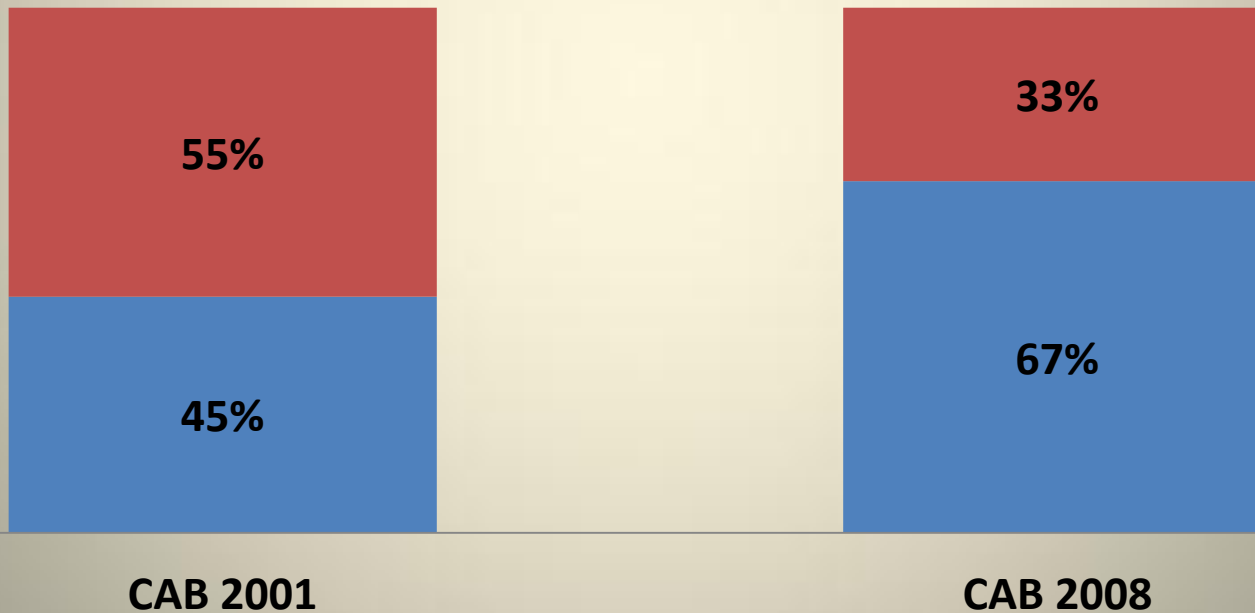
Average Hours Worked



California Acupuncture Workforce Trends 2001, 2008

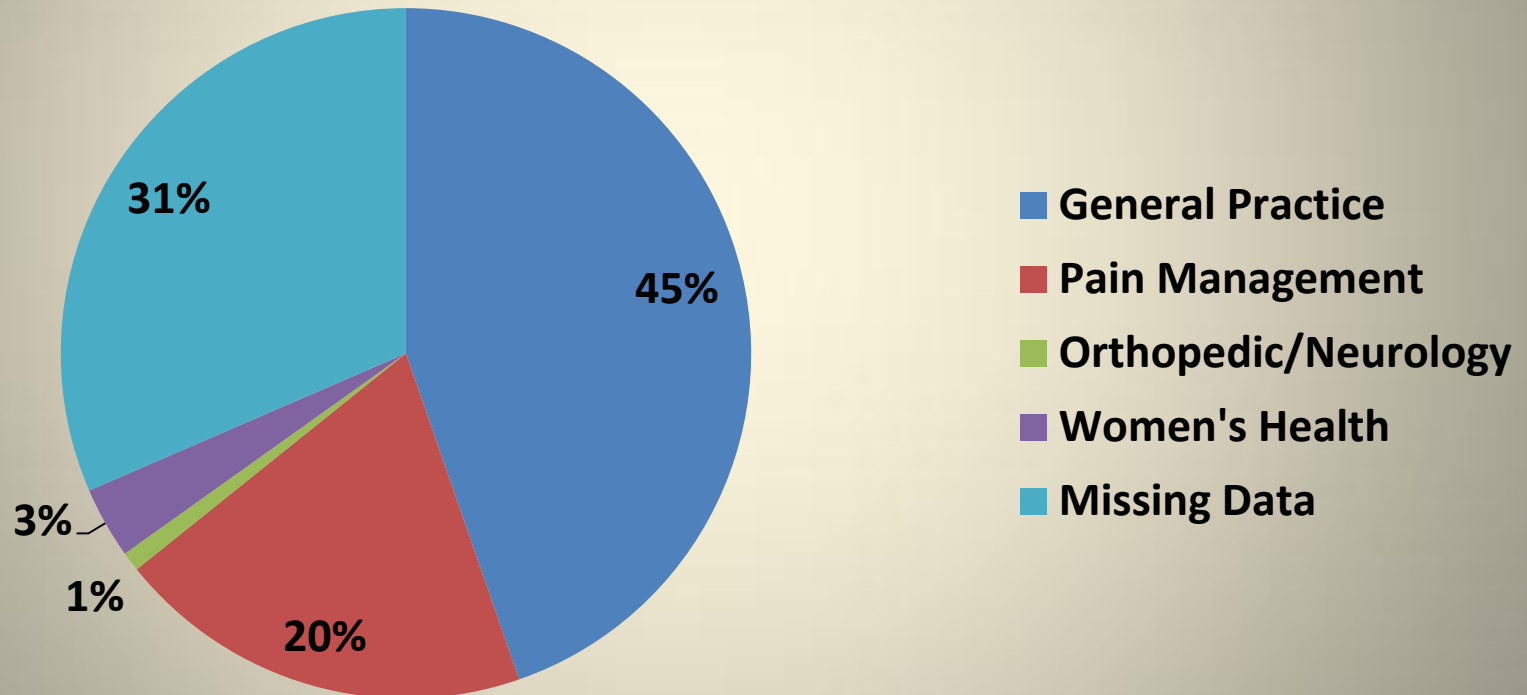
CAB Occupational Analysis Workforce Trends

■ < 30 hours ■ > 30 hours



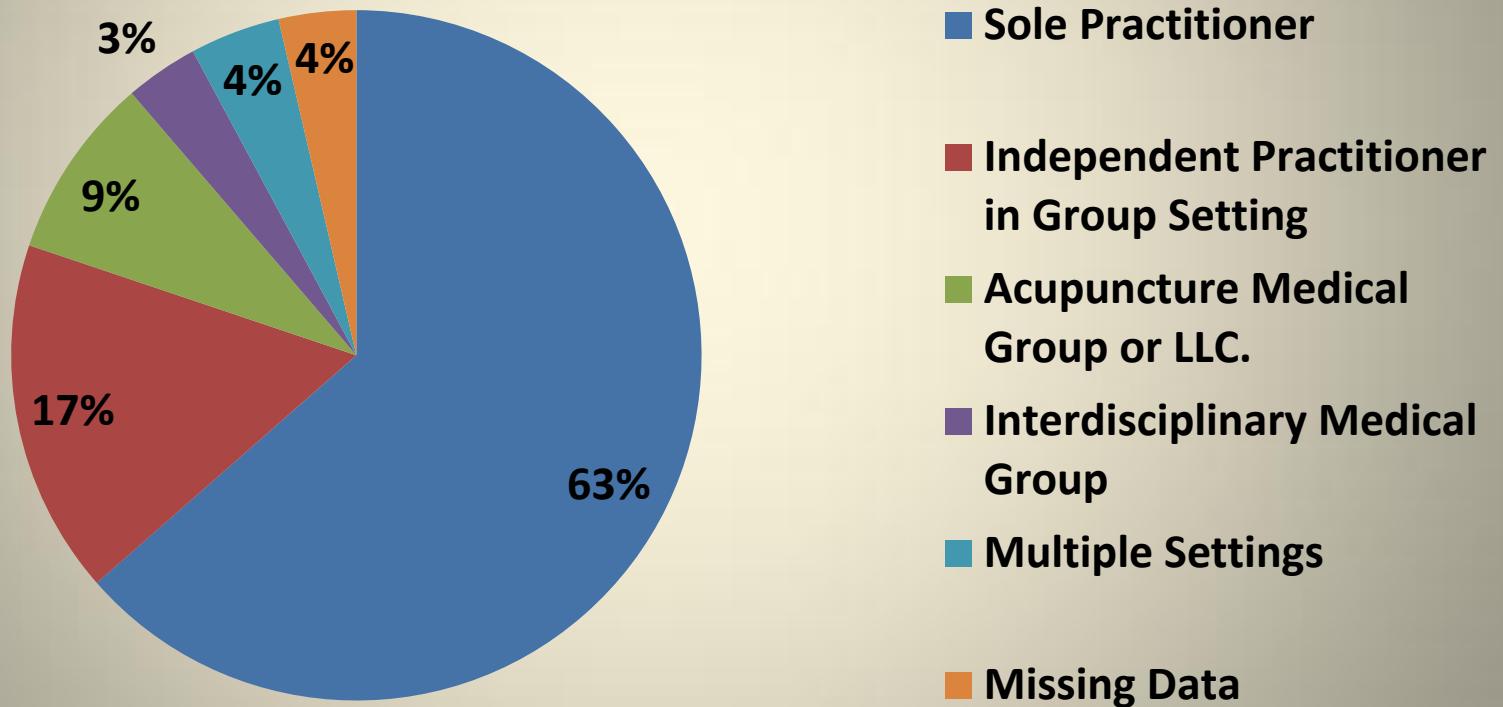
California Acupuncture Profession 2008 Occupational Analysis

Primary Focus of Practice



California Acupuncture Profession 2008 Occupational Analysis

Primary Work Setting



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Quick Facts

- One-third of all Licensed Acupuncturists are in California.
- 20%-25% of all Licensed Acupuncturists are Asian.
- 40% of all Asian Licensed Acupuncturists are in California.
- Average gross income is approximately \$50,000.
- Average debt is approximately \$45,000.

Acupuncture Quick Facts (cont.)

- 50% of acupuncturists work less than 30 hours per week.
- 50% of acupuncturists earn less than \$50,000 (gross).
- 90% of acupuncturists work independently.

2008 California Occupational Analysis

Demographics

- 63% sole practitioners
- 46% licensed 0-5 years
- 38% worked 21-39 hours per week
- 44% general practice focus
- 89% English proficiency
- 81% speak English fluently
- 70% have patients whose primary language is English
- 76% felt training program prepared them

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