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The New Zealand Health Information Service (NZHIS) would like to thank all the chiropractors who completed the 2006 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all chiropractors are encouraged to complete. Final summary results from the 2006 Health Workforce Annual Survey will be released via the Selected Health Professional Workforce in New Zealand 2006 publication, scheduled to be released later in 2007. If you have any comments or require further survey results please contact:

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Chiropractic Workforce

Summary Results from the 2006 Health Workforce Annual Survey



There were 350 chiropractors who were sent an invoice for their Annual Practising Certificates (APCs) in 2006. A health workforce survey was included with each invoice sent out in February 2006.

These statistics are based on the 240 active (working) chiropractors who responded to the health workforce survey. This is a response rate of 68.6 percent. A further 0.9 percent responded to the 2006 survey but did not report they were actively working. It is not known if the APC holders who did not respond to the survey (30.6 percent) are working as chiropractors or not.

Of the active chiropractor workforce who reported their sex, 68.9 percent were male, as illustrated in Figure 1 (and Table 1).

The majority of the active chiropractors identified themselves as belonging to the New Zealand European ethnic group (see Table 2). This has been a consistent feature of this profession over previous years.

Table 3 illustrates the main employment of both male and female active chiropractors. Figure 2 shows that the majority (84.2 percent) of active chiropractors who reported their employment setting are self employed in a private practice.

Table 4 shows the main employment setting by work type of the 240 active chiropractors who responded to the 2006 survey. Each chiropractor can specify more than one work type, and this table shows that many chiropractors work in more than one field within their main employment setting.

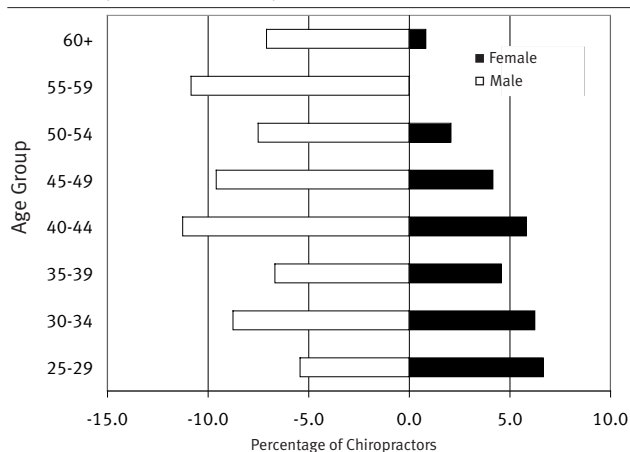
Table 1: Age and sex of active Chiropractors, 2006

Sex	Age group										Total
	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60+	Not reported	
Female	1	16	15	11	14	10	5	0	2	0	74
Male	0	13	21	16	27	23	18	26	17	3	164
Not Reported	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1	29	36	28	41	34	23	26	19	3	240

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of active Chiropractors, 2006

(Note that respondents who did not report their sex have been excluded)



Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Table 3: Main employment setting of active Chiropractors, by sex, 2006

Employment setting	Male	Female	Not Reported	Total	
				Number	%
Private practice (self employed)	128	58	1	187	77.9
Private practice (employed)	18	7	1	26	10.8
Other	5	4	0	9	3.8
Employer not reported	4	3	11	18	7.5
Total	155	72	13	240	100.0

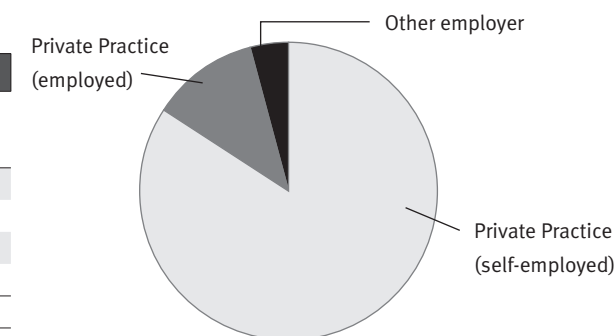
Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Table 2: Prioritised ethnicity of active Chiropractors, 2006

	Number	Percentage
NZ European	166	69.2
Other European	31	12.9
Maori	4	1.7
Chinese	4	1.7
Indian	3	1.3
Samoan	2	0.8
Other Pacific	1	0.4
South East Asian	1	0.4
Other	25	10.4
Not Reported	3	1.3
Total	240	100.0

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Figure 2: Main employment setting for active Chiropractors, 2006



Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Table 4: Worktype by main employment setting for active Chiropractors, 2006

Employer by work type	General chiropractic	Study/research	Management	Other	Work type not reported	Total
Private practice (self-employed)	184	99	133	21	3	440
Private practice (employed)	26	15	14	3	0	58
Other	5	8	3	2	0	18
Employer not reported	3	2	3	2	1	11
Total	218	124	153	28	4	527

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006