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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 23 March 2022 for information about the health workforce. Specifically, you asked:

"... I am wondering if you can help me determine what level of privatization there is of medical specialties or direct me to someone in the MoH who can provide this information. I expect that the MoH, as the entity conducting system-wide oversight, has this information at its fingertips."

Please find attached in table 1 data about the New Zealand medical workforce fulltime equivalents (FTE) by speciality and employer type which has been sourced from the registration and workforce survey data of the Medical Council of New Zealand. The analysis is based on doctors with a stated workplace specialty and a valid annual practising certificate as of 21 January 2022. Speciality and FTE information was not available for about 7.6 per cent of doctors with valid practising certificates. Most of these doctors are graduates holding provisional licences and they have not been included in this table.

While not subject to the Act, the Medical Council may be able to provide additional information about the medical workforce. The Council can be contacted at: www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/contact-us.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

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Table 1

Medical workforce FTE by workplace specialty and employer type

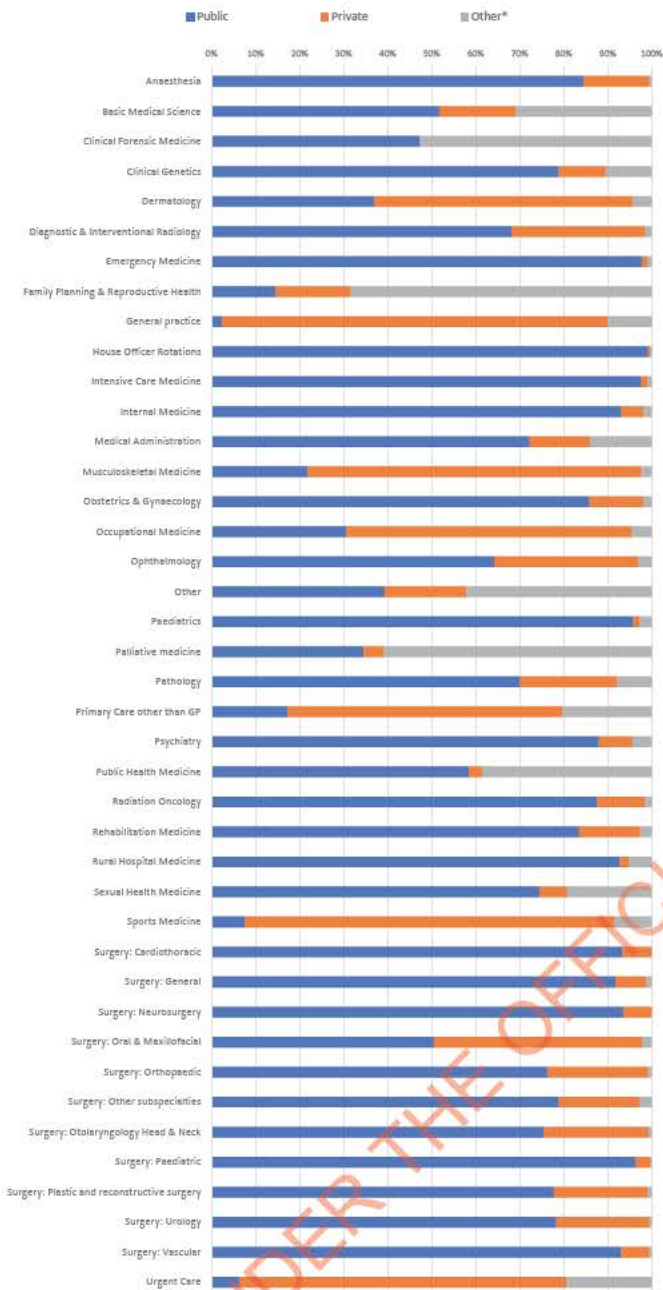


Table: Medical workforce FTE by workplace specialty and employer type

Workplace specialty	Employer type		FTE
	Public	Private	Other*
Anaesthesia	1158.3	207.4	6.0
Basic Medical Science	33.4	11.3	19.9
Clinical Forensic Medicine	2.9	0.0	3.2
Clinical Genetics	11.4	1.6	1.5
Dermatology	35.8	56.8	4.0
Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology	455.7	202.9	10.1
Emergency Medicine	896.5	11.5	8.6
Family Planning & Reproductive Health	2.8	3.4	13.4
General practice	97.6	3561.7	40.2
House Officer Rotations	1223.4	6.6	2.8
Intensive Care Medicine	286.6	4.8	2.4
Internal Medicine	2628.4	146.1	48.7
Medical Administration	79.0	14.9	15.3
Musculoskeletal Medicine	6.8	4	0.7
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	671.9	96.1	14.2
Occupational Medicine	2.7	50.1	3.5
Ophthalmology	18.2	94.8	9.1
Other	148.1	70.4	158.6
Paediatrics	839.0	13.7	22.9
Palliative medicine	39.6	5.3	69.6
Pathology	208.0	65.6	22.9
Primary Care other than GP	21.3	76.8	24.9
Psychiatry	958.2	83.2	46.9
Public Health Medicine	140.2	7.2	92.2
Radiation Oncology	99.6	12.4	1.6
Rehabilitation Medicine	35.2	5.9	1.1
Rural Hospital Medicine	110.6	2.4	6.1
Sexual Health Medicine	20.9	1.8	5.4
Sports Medicine	3.7	40.9	4.2
Surgery: Cardiothoracic	94.0	6.6	0.0
Surgery: General	703.9	54.5	8.4
Surgery: Neurosurgery	81.3	5.6	0.0
Surgery: Oral & Maxillofacial	24.0	22.5	1.0
Surgery: Orthopaedic	623.1	186.4	5.9
Surgery: Other subspecialties	122.1	28.3	4.3
Surgery: Otolaryngology Head & Neck	161.8	51.0	1.5
Surgery: Paediatric	49.6	1.8	0.1
Surgery: Plastic and reconstructive surgery	145.1	39.7	1.6
Surgery: Urology	127.8	34.5	0.8
Surgery: Vascular	94.1	6.5	0.5
Urgent Care	14.1	165.2	43.2

* Employer type 'Other' includes doctors with employer type flagged as other: professional body or university/polytechnic