

Table 5: Main employment setting of active chiropractors, by sex, 2008

| Main employer | Male | Female | Not Reported | Total |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Private practice (self employed) | 150 | 75 | 3 | 228 |
| Private practice (employed) | 38 | 11 | 0 | 49 |
| Other | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Employer not reported | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 196 | 91 | 4 | 291 |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 6 shows the main employment setting by worktype of the active respondents to the 2008 survey. Each chiropractor can specify more than one work type. This table shows that the 291 active chiropractors reported 685 worktypes. This is 2.4 worktypes per active chiropractor.

The most common combination of worktype and employment setting for chiropractors was general chiropractic in self-employed private practice.

Table 6: Worktype by main employment setting for active chiropractors, 2008

| Main employment setting | General chiropractic | Management | Study/research | Other | Not reported | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Private practice (self-employed) | 224 | 168 | 1 | 25 | 136 | 554 |
| Private practice (employed) | 46 | 27 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 108 |
| Other | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Not reported | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Total | 277 | 199 | 9 | 31 | 169 | 685 |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

The Ministry of Health would like to thank all the health care professionals who completed the 2008 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all health care professionals are encouraged to complete.

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Chiropractic Workforce

Summary Results from the 2008 Health Workforce Annual Survey

A health workforce survey was included with each invoice for Annual Practising Certificates (APC) sent to chiropractors in February 2008.

Of the 365 chiropractors who were sent an invoice, 291 (79.7 percent) indicated that they were working actively as chiropractors, eight (2.2 percent) responded to the 2008 survey but did not report that they were actively working and 66 (18.1 percent) did not respond to the survey.

The 291 actively working chiropractors represent 97.3 percent of survey respondents. It is not known if the APC holders who did not respond to the survey are working in this field.

The following statistics are based on the 291 active chiropractors.

Of those respondents, 67.4 percent were male, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of respondents was 43 years.

| Age group | Male | Female | Unknown | Total | % |
|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 20– | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1.0 |
| 25– | 12 | 8 | 0 | 20 | 6.9 |
| 30– | 24 | 27 | 2 | 53 | 18.2 |
| 35– | 23 | 13 | 0 | 36 | 12.4 |
| 40– | 25 | 14 | 1 | 40 | 13.7 |
| 45– | 28 | 15 | 0 | 43 | 14.8 |
| 50– | 23 | 7 | 0 | 30 | 10.3 |
| 55– | 23 | 3 | 0 | 26 | 8.9 |
| 60+ | 35 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 12.7 |
| Not reported | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | 196 | 91 | 4 | 291 | 100 |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

The majority (193) 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.

| Ethnicity | Number | % |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| NZ European | 193 | 66.3 |
| Other European | 43 | 14.8 |
| Māori | 12 | 4.1 |
| Chinese | 6 | 2.1 |
| Indian | 4 | 1.4 |
| Samoan | 2 | 0.7 |
| Other Pacific | 1 | 0.3 |
| South East Asian | 1 | 0.3 |
| Other | 27 | 9.3 |
| Not Reported | 2 | 0.7 |
| Total | 291 | 100.0 |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

One-hundred and nine chiropractors qualified in New Zealand. The next most common qualification country was United States of America (Table 3).

| Qualification country | Total | % |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
| New Zealand | 109 | 37.5 |
| USA | 87 | 29.9 |
| Australia | 64 | 22.0 |
| United Kingdom | 18 | 6.2 |
| Canada | 10 | 3.4 |
| South Africa | 1 | 0.3 |
| Not reported | 2 | 0.7 |
| Total | 291 | 100.0 |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 4 shows District Health Board (DHB) of employer, by average hours worked. Please note that, because the number of active practitioners in some DHBs is very low, the average figure must be treated with caution. Also, numbers greater than zero but less than five have been suppressed for privacy.

Of those DHBs with more than five respondents, the highest average hours worked per week were in Northland and MidCentral (45.3 hours). The lowest was in Nelson Marlborough (38.6 hours).

| District Health Board | Number | Average hours per week |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Northland | 7 | 45.3 |
| Waitemata | 29 | 41.9 |
| Auckland | 42 | 44.5 |
| Counties Manukau | 17 | 43.8 |
| Waikato | 11 | 42.5 |
| Lakes | 7 | 41.4 |
| Bay of Plenty | 15 | 39.5 |
| Tairāwhiti | * | 42.0 |
| Hawke's Bay | 13 | 38.8 |
| Taranaki | 5 | 46.4 |
| MidCentral | 6 | 45.3 |
| Whanganui | * | 0.0 |
| Capital & Coast | 21 | 42.7 |
| Hutt Valley | * | 41.3 |
| Wairarapa | * | 47.0 |
| Nelson Marlborough | 9 | 38.6 |
| West Coast | * | 66.5 |
| Canterbury | 24 | 43.8 |
| South Canterbury | * | 33.0 |
| Otago | 11 | 42.0 |
| Southland | * | 46.7 |
| Total full-time | 232 | 42.9 |
| Part-time | 51 | 202 |
| Hours not reported | 8 | - |
| Total | 291 | - |

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Note: Numbers greater than zero but less than five have been suppressed for privacy reasons

Table 5 shows that the majority of active chiropractors are self employed in private practice.