

Table 6 shows the main employment setting by work type of the active respondents to the 2008 survey.

Table 6: Work type by main employment setting for active midwives, 2008

Main employer	Case load - Claiming as Lead Maternity Carer under section 88	Case load - Paid by DHB employer	Case load - Paid by other	Core facility - Primary	Core facility - Secondary	Core facility - Secondary/Tertiary	Administration, management - Employed by DHB	Administration, management - Employed by other	Midwifery education - Tertiary	Midwifery education - DHB	Midwife undertaking research	Other Midwifery	Not reported	Total
Public maternity service (DHB)	17	160	4	238	414	391	39	3	0	21	6	10	16	1319
Self employed - Claiming section 88 fee	639	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	656
Private maternity hospital	7	2	25	81	3	2	0	4	0	0	1	4	1	130
Educational institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	2	0	35
Subcontracted to a Lead Maternity Carer	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	20
Midwifery agency	2	0	2	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	16
Māori maternity service provider	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Government agency	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Other	2	1	9	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	5	2	0	29
Not reported	87	23	11	14	29	24	2	0	3	1	1	8	53	256
<b>Total</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2471</b>

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Note: The highlighted cells show which work types account for the majority reported within the two most common employment settings

The most common combination of work type by employment setting for midwives were self employed claiming as a LMC under Section 88. The next most common was working in a core secondary facility employed by a DHB maternity service.

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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## Midwifery 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 midwives in February 2008.

Of the 2712 midwives who were sent an invoice, 2471 (91.1 percent) indicated that they were working actively as midwives, 195 (7.2 percent) responded to the 2008 survey but did not report that they were actively working and 46 (1.7 percent) did not respond to the survey.

The 2471 actively working midwives represent 92.7 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 2471 active midwives.

Of those respondents, 99.0 percent were female, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of respondents was 47 years.

**Table 1: Age and sex of active midwives, 2008**

Age group	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	%
20–	0	9	0	9	1.1
25–	0	93	0	93	9.6
30–	0	170	0	170	12.5
35–	1	284	0	285	17.7
40–	4	413	1	418	15.1
45–	3	473	0	476	12.9
50–	2	403	1	406	14.0
55–	2	278	0	280	10.7
60+	1	266	1	268	5.2
Not reported	0	57	9	66	1.1
Total	13	2446	12	2471	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

The majority (56.7 percent) of the active midwives identified themselves as belonging to the New Zealand European ethnic group (Table 2). This has been a consistent feature of this profession over previous years.

The majority (63.3 percent) of midwives work between 25 to 50 hours per week, with the highest proportion working between 33 and 40 hours (see Table 3).

**Table 2: Ethnicity of active midwives 2008**

Ethnicity	Total	%
NZ European	1402	56.7
Other European - British & Irish	415	16.8
Māori	166	6.7
Other European	119	4.8
Chinese	47	1.9
Pacific peoples	45	1.8
Other European - Dutch	30	1.2
Other European - German	23	0.9
Indian	22	0.9
African	18	0.7
Asian	15	0.6
Other European - Australian	14	0.6
Other	42	1.7
Not reported	113	4.6
Total	2471	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

**Table 3: Hours per week worked by active midwives, 2008**

Total hours	Number	%
1–8	64	2.6
9–16	142	5.7
17–24	279	11.3
25–32	442	17.9
33–40	682	27.6
41–50	440	17.8
51–59	192	7.8
60+	128	5.2
Not reported	102	4.1
Total	2471	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 4 shows District Health Board (DHB) of employer, by regions worked. Midwives were able to specify more than one work region. This table shows that 28.0 percent of midwives worked in more than one region.

The highest proportion of active midwives worked in Canterbury DHB (11.7 percent) and Waitemata (11.1 percent). The lowest was in West Coast (0.7 percent).

Table 5 shows that the majority of active midwives are employed by DHBs (53.4 percent).

**Table 4: District Health Board of employer, by regions worked, 2008**

DHB description	Region			Number	%
	Main	Second	Third		
Northland	80	16	5	101	3.2
Waitemata	256	80	16	352	11.1
Auckland	300	24	9	333	10.5
Counties Manukau	212	49	13	274	8.7
Waikato	215	61	20	296	9.4
Lakes	57	12	0	69	2.2
Bay of Plenty	96	28	3	127	4.0
Tairāwhiti	26	3	0	29	0.9
Hawke's Bay	78	47	14	139	4.4
Taranaki	46	11	5	62	2.0
MidCentral	89	24	8	121	3.8
Whanganui	36	5	2	43	1.4
Capital & Coast	170	40	7	217	6.9
Hutt Valley	73	25	5	103	3.3
Wairarapa	24	5	6	35	1.1
Nelson Marlborough	85	19	1	105	3.3
West Coast	15	3	3	21	0.7
Canterbury	289	62	20	371	11.7
South Canterbury	25	10	6	41	1.3
Otago	109	12	0	121	3.8
Southland	44	12	2	58	1.8
Not reported	146	0	0	146	4.6
Total	2471	548	145	3164	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

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

Main employment setting	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	%
Public maternity service (DHB)	7	1310	2	1319	53.4
Self employed - Claiming section 88 fee	5	650	1	656	26.5
Private maternity hospital	0	130	0	130	5.3
Educational institution	0	35	0	35	1.4
Subcontracted to a Lead Maternity Carer	0	20	0	20	0.8
Midwifery agency	0	16	0	16	0.6
Māori maternity service provider	0	6	0	6	0.2
Government agency	0	4	0	4	0.2
Other	0	29	0	29	1.2
Not reported	1	246	9	256	10.4
Total	13	2446	12	2471	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008