Table 6 shows the main employment setting by work type of the active respondents to the 2008 census. Each occupational therapist can specify more than one work type. This table shows that the 1892 active occupational therapists reported 3382 worktypes. This is 1.8 worktypes per active occupational therapists.

The most common combination of work type and employment setting for occupational therapists was as a therapist in a DHB hospital or health service.

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

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All 1892 occupational therapists completed the health workforce census as part of the on-line registration process for their Annual Practising Certificates (APC) in July 2008.

Of those respondents, 92.2 percent were female, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of occupational therapists was 39 years.

The majority (62.7 percent) of the active occupational therapists 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.

Most (72.6 percent) occupational therapists qualified in New Zealand. The next most common qualification country was the United Kingdom (see Table 3).

The highest average hours worked per week was as a Therapist (27.2 hours). The lowest was as a cultural consultant (3 hours).

Table 5 shows that the majority of active occupational therapists work for District Health Boards (DHB).