

Employer description	Male	Female	Total
Private practice (self employed)	34	82	116
Private practice (employed)	8	25	33
Hospital and health service/DHB	4	7	11
University/ Polytechnic	4	1	5
Private practice or rest home	0	2	2
Other	1	0	1
Not reported	1	5	6
Total	52	122	174

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Employment description	Diabetes podiatry	General podiatry	Management	Sports medicine	Study/research	Teaching	Technical representative	Other	Not reported	Total
Private practice (self employed)	50	110	40	62	20	4	1	26	1	314
Private practice (employed)	20	29	6	23	8	3	1	9	1	100
Hospital and health service/DHB	11	4	5	0	2	3	0	1	0	26
University/ Polytechnic	1	2	2	3	1	3	0	0	0	12
Private practice or rest home	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Not reported	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	11
Total	83	150	54	89	32	13	2	38	5	466

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 5 shows that the majority of active podiatrists are employed in private practice (self employed).

Table 6 shows the main employment setting by work type of the active respondents to the 2008 survey. Each podiatrist can specify more than one work type. This table shows that the 174 active podiatrists reported 466 worktypes. This is 2.7 worktypes per active podiatrist.

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

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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Podiatrists 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 podiatrists in February 2008.

Of the 260 podiatrists who were sent an invoice, 174 (66.9 percent) indicated that they were working actively as podiatrists, 9 (3.5 percent) responded to the 2008 survey but did not report that they were actively working and 77 (29.6 percent) did not respond to the survey.

The 174 actively working podiatrists represent 95.1 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 174 active podiatrists.

Of those respondents, 70.1 percent were female, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of respondents was 43 years.

Age group	Male	Female	Total	%
20–	2	9	11	6.3
25–	4	6	10	5.7
30–	8	9	17	9.8
35–	7	18	25	14.4
40–	8	25	33	19.0
45–	6	19	25	14.4
50–	6	16	22	12.6
55–	3	10	13	7.5
60+	4	8	12	6.9
Not reported	4	2	6	3.4
Total	52	122	174	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

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

Ethnic Description	Total	%
NZ European	121	69.5
Māori	4	2.3
Other European	28	16.1
Chinese	4	2.3
Indian	2	1.1
Other Asian	2	1.1
South East Asian	1	0.6
Other	8	4.6
Not reported	4	2.3
Total	174	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

The majority of podiatrists qualified in New Zealand. The next most common qualification country was the United Kingdom (table 3).

Ethnic Description	Total	%
New Zealand	143	82.2
UK	21	12.1
South Africa	3	1.7
Australia	3	1.7
USA	2	1.1
Canada	1	0.6
Not Reported	1	0.6
Total	174	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 reasons.

District Health Board	Number	Avg hrs pw (f/t)
Northland	*	30.0
Waitemata	15	43.3
Auckland	19	44.0
Counties Manukau	5	42.8
Waikato	5	39.0
Lakes	*	34.0
Bay of Plenty	6	41.0
Tairāwhiti	*	30.0
Hawke's Bay	*	43.5
Taranaki	*	38.3
MidCentral	*	37.5
Whanganui	*	40.0
Capital & Coast	14	42.1
Hutt Valley	6	40.8
Wairarapa	*	45.0
Nelson Marlborough	*	50.5
Canterbury	16	44.8
South Canterbury	*	41.5
Otago	*	41.3
Southland	*	38.3
DHB Not Reported	*	48.0
Total full time	115	42.4
Part time	50	19.2
Hours not reported	9	-
Total	174	-

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

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

Of those DHBs with more than five respondents, the highest average hours worked per week was in Canterbury (44.8 hours). The lowest was in Hutt Valley (40.8 hours).