

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

Main employer	Male	Female	Not reported	Total
DHB	100	269	3	372
Private practice (self employed)	88	183	3	274
Group Special Education	31	80	0	111
University/polytechnic	26	49	1	76
Private practice (employed)	24	51	0	75
Dept of Corrections	27	42	1	70
Non-government organisation (eg, community organisation)	22	36	1	59
Child, Youth & Family	7	12	1	20
Other government departments	5	13	0	18
Commercial/industrial organisation	1	9	0	10
PHO	2	8	0	10
NZ Defence Force	3	5	0	8
Other	9	15	0	24
Not reported	18	66	2	86
Total	363	838	12	1213

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 6 shows the main employment setting by work type of the active respondents to the 2008 survey. Each psychologist can specify more than one work type. This table shows that the 1213 active psychologists reported 2470 worktypes. This is 2.0 worktypes per active psychologist.

The most common combination of worktype and employment setting was clinical psychology in a 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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Table 6: Work type by main employment setting of active psychologists, 2008

Main employment setting	Clinical psychology	Supervision/consultation	Educational psychology	Management	Counselling	Teaching	Research	Neuropsychology	Psychotherapy	Court report writing	Industrial/organisational psychology	Forensic	Study	Rehabilitation	Health	Disabilities	Community psychology	Additions	Other	Not reported	Total
Private practice (self-employed)	173	108	29	27	64	24	20	25	34	38	31	10	23	26	11	5	9	6	23	5	691
DHB	321	79	7	29	15	21	24	44	19	7	1	16	17	9	13	10	2	7	10	4	655
University / polytechnic	25	25	3	13	6	43	43	7	4	0	2	0	5	2	3	2	1	1	6	0	191
Private practice (employed)	43	24	9	7	14	5	3	2	9	6	6	3	2	10	4	4	3	4	5	2	165
Group Special Education	5	15	101	15	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	5	4	0	3	1	163
Dept of Corrections	43	25	0	12	0	4	7	0	5	15	0	27	2	5	0	0	1	0	6	0	152
Non-governmental organisation (eg community organisation)	26	16	4	18	19	6	6	2	5	2	1	6	2	3	1	7	4	6	5	1	140
Child, Youth & Family	13	7	1	4	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	39
Other government	1	2	5	2	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	28
NZ Defence Force	0	3	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	21
Commercial/industrial	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	20
PHO	9	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Other	3	7	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	38
Not reported	34	14	13	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	12	1	4	2	2	3	2	0	2	26	147
Total	699	329	176	143	138	115	114	87	85	78	76	70	61	59	40	39	26	25	69	41	2470

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008. Note: 1. Employer descriptions consulting firm and consultant to public sector employer were grouped into the other category for employer description. 2. Worktypes kaupapa Māori and sports were grouped into the other category for worktype setting.



Psychology 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 psychologists in February 2008.

Of the 1787 psychologists who were sent an invoice, 1213 (67.9 percent) indicated that they were working actively as psychologists, five (0.3 percent) responded to the 2008 survey but did not report that they were actively working and 569 (31.8 percent) did not respond to the survey.

The 1213 actively working psychologists represent 99.6 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 1213 active psychologists.

Of those respondents, 69.1 percent were female, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of respondents was 48 years.

Table 1: Age and sex of active psychologists, 2008

Age group	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	%
25-	6	40	0	46	3.8
30-	18	96	1	115	9.5
35-	31	129	1	161	13.3
40-	45	111	1	157	12.9
45-	49	130	0	179	14.8
50-	58	114	1	173	14.3
55-	83	108	2	193	15.9
60+	66	98	3	167	13.8
Not reported	7	12	3	22	1.8
Total	363	838	12	1213	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

The majority (811) of the active psychologists 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 psychologists qualified in New Zealand. The next most common qualification country was South Africa (table 3).

Table 2: Prioritised ethnicity of active psychologists, 2008

Ethnicity	Total	%
NZ European	811	66.9
Māori	47	3.9
Other European	219	18.1
Indian	23	1.9
Other Asian	8	0.7
Chinese	6	0.5
Samoan	5	0.4
South East Asian	3	0.2
Tongan	3	0.2
Cook Island Maori	1	0.1
Other Pacific	1	0.1
Other	57	4.7
Not reported	29	2.4
Total	1213	100.0

Source: Ministry of Health, 2008

Table 3: Qualification country of active psychologists, 2008

Qualification Country	Total	%
New Zealand	921	75.9
South Africa	73	6.0
UK	56	4.6
USA	37	3.1
Other European	33	2.7
Australia	25	2.1
Canada	11	0.9
India	11	0.9
Other	4	0.3
Not reported	42	3.5
Total	1213	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.

Table 4: District Health Board of employer, by average hours worked, 2008

District Health Board	Number	Average hours per week
Northland	19	38.2
Waitemata	67	40.7
Auckland	190	42.0
Counties Manukau	37	39.6
Waikato	82	40.5
Lakes	21	39.8
Bay of Plenty	40	45.8
Tairāwhiti	8	40.6
Hawke's Bay	27	40.0
Taranaki	17	41.1
MidCentral	35	40.8
Whanganui	6	36.3
Capital & Coast	101	41.1
Hutt Valley	26	40.7
Wairarapa	*	38.0
Nelson Marlborough	19	39.3
West Coast	*	45.0
Canterbury	115	40.6
South Canterbury	*	41.0
Otago	51	42.7
Southland	15	39.0
Not reported	22	42.0
Total full-time	908	41.1
Part-time	270	18.6
Hours not reported	35	-
Total	1213	-

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 Bay of Plenty (45.8 hours). The lowest was in Whanganui (36.3 hours).

Table 5 shows that the most common main employment setting for active psychologists was in DHBs followed by self-employed private practice.