

Of those regions with more than five respondents, the highest average hours worked per week was in the West Coast (43.5 hours). The lowest was in Whanganui (35.5 hours).

Table 5 shows that the majority of active psychologists are employed in a District Health Board setting.

Table 5: Main employment setting of active psychologists, by sex, 2009

Employer description	Female	Male	Not known	Total
DHB	260	94	7	361
Private practice (self-employed)	209	98	4	311
Group special education	65	25	2	92
University/polytechnic	57	22	1	80
Department of Corrections	45	24	1	70
Non-governmental organisation (eg, community organisation)	44	19	0	63
Private practice (employed)	42	16	0	58
Other government departments	17	6	0	23
New Zealand Defence Force	8	8	1	17
PHO	13	3	1	17
Child, Youth and Family	12	2	1	15
Commercial/industrial organisation	10	2	0	12
Consulting firm	8	2	0	10
Consultant to public sector employer	6	1	0	7
Iwi health provider	1	2	0	3
Pro bono/volunteer	0	1	0	1
Other	5	4	1	10
Not reported	43	23	9	75
Total	845	352	28	1225

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Table 6 shows the main employment setting by work type of the active respondents to the 2009 survey. Each psychologist can specify more than one work type. This table shows that the 1225 active psychologists reported 2318 work types. This is 1.9 work types per active psychologist.

Table 6: Work type by main employment setting for active psychologists, 2009

Work type	Private practice (self-employed)	Hospital and health service/DHB	University/polytechnic	Non-governmental organisation	Department of Corrections	Group Special Education	Private practice (employed)	New Zealand Defence Force	Other government departments	PHO	Child, Youth and Family	Commercial/industrial organisation	Consulting firm	Consultant to public sector employer	Iwi health provider	Other	Not reported	Total
Addictions	9	3	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	23
Child, Youth and Family	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clinical psychology	198	301	29	25	39	3	28	1	2	11	11	0	0	0	3	2	17	670
Community psychology	2	2	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Counselling	63	7	7	10	1	3	11	3	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	121
Court report writing	40	6	0	5	10	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	74
Disabilities	9	8	1	7	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	35
Educational psychology	30	3	4	3	0	81	6	2	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	12	155
Forensic Health	17	17	0	5	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	65
Health	5	14	1	3	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
Industrial/organisational psychology	28	1	5	2	1	0	5	17	1	0	0	8	7	1	0	1	10	87
Kaupapa Māori	2	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Management	26	24	14	21	9	9	4	2	4	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	7	130
Neuropsychology	22	31	1	3	2	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	75
Psychotherapy	36	15	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	71
Rehabilitation	27	9	1	3	4	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	58
Research	20	23	34	9	4	2	4	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	115
Sports	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Study	28	14	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	73
Supervision/consultation	110	68	17	22	20	12	17	2	3	6	2	1	2	4	1	3	14	304
Teaching	24	20	37	4	5	0	5	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	110
Other	19	9	5	3	6	5	4	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	69
Not reported	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Total	723	579	172	145	135	129	124	57	35	32	23	15	12	7	5	19	106	2318

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Psychologist Workforce

Summary Results from the 2009 Health Workforce Annual Survey

The Ministry of Health would like to thank all the health care professionals who completed the 2009 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all health care professionals are encouraged to complete.

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A health workforce survey was included with each invoice for Annual Practising Certificates (APC) sent to psychologists in February 2009.

Of the 1876 psychologists who were sent an invoice, 1225 (65.3 percent) indicated that they were working actively as psychologists, 57 (three percent) responded to the 2009 survey but did not report that they were actively working and 594 (31.7 percent) did not respond to the survey.

The 1225 actively working psychologists represent 95.6 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 1225 active psychologists.

Of those respondents, 70.6 percent were female, as illustrated in Table 1. The median age of respondents was 48 years.

Table 1: Age and sex of active psychologists, 2009

Age group	Female	Male	Not reported	Total	Percentage
20–24	1	0	0	1	0.1
25–29	36	5	0	41	3.3
30–34	89	18	1	108	8.8
35–39	133	28	0	161	13.1
40–44	119	39	3	161	13.1
45–49	125	61	1	187	15.3
50–54	126	56	3	185	15.1
55–59	107	67	3	177	14.4
60+	92	73	3	168	13.7
Not reported	17	5	14	36	2.9
Total	845	352	28	1225	100.0

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The majority (760) 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.

Table 2: Ethnicity of active psychologists, 2009

Ethnicity description	Total	Percentage
New Zealand European	760	62.0
New Zealand Māori	65	5.3
Other European	270	22.0
African	19	1.6
Indian	18	1.5
Other Asian	7	0.6
Chinese	6	0.5
Samoan	4	0.3
South-East Asian	4	0.3
Tongan	2	0.2
Other	55	4.5
Not reported	15	1.2
Total	1225	100.0

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Most psychologists qualified in New Zealand. The next most common country of qualification was South Africa (Table 3).

Table 3: Qualification country of active psychologists, 2009

Qualification country	Total	Percentage
New Zealand	907	74.0
South Africa	83	6.8
United Kingdom	72	5.9
USA	43	3.5
Australia	33	2.7
Canada	10	0.8
India	9	0.7
Germany	8	0.7
Netherlands	4	0.3
Zimbabwe	3	0.2
Belgium	2	0.2
Serbia	2	0.2
Other	16	1.3
Not reported	33	2.7
Total	1225	100.0

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Table 4 shows District Health Board (DHB) region of employer, by average hours worked. Please note that, because the number of active practitioners in some regions is very low, the average figure must be treated with caution.

Table 4: District Health Board region of employer, by average hours worked, 2009

District Health Board	Number	Average hours per week
Northland	15	39.8
Waitemata	74	40.1
Auckland	178	41.3
Counties Manukau	48	39.6
Waikato	97	41.0
Lakes	20	41.1
Bay of Plenty	38	41.0
Tairāwhiti	10	40.3
Hawke's Bay	26	43.3
Taranaki	15	39.6
MidCentral	33	41.3
Whanganui	6	35.5
Capital & Coast	99	40.8
Hutt Valley	30	41.4
Wairarapa	*	37.7
Nelson Marlborough	22	38.3
West Coast	6	43.5
Canterbury	118	40.6
South Canterbury	*	54.0
Otago	48	41.0
Southland	11	40.9
Multiple locations	*	35.7
Not reported	8	40.0
Total full-time	909	40.8
Part-time	279	19.4
Hours not reported	37	–
Total	1225	–

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

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