

Psychology Workforce

Summary results from the 2005 Health Workforce Annual Survey

The New Zealand Health Information Service (NZHIS) would like to thank all the psychologists who completed the 2005 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all psychologists are encouraged to complete.

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Employer by work type	Clinical Psychology	Educational psychology	Industrial/organisational	Rehabilitation	Counselling	Teaching	Study	Research	Management	Court report writing	Kaupapa Māori	Health	Forensic	Sports	Child, Youth & Family	Neuropsychology	Addictions	Disabilities	Community psychology	Other	Employer not reported	Total
DHB	245	65	22	7	8	12	9	12	20	3	2	6	11	0	0	25	5	4	5	2	399	
Private practice (self-employed)	140	23	2	1	1	15	4	13	18	37	1	5	13	4	16	21	4	4	20	1	479	
Private practice (employed)	31	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	8	0	2	1	1	9	4	1	1	4	0	113	
University/polytechnic	43	16	1	1	1	5	0	1	15	4	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	10	0	209	
Group Special Education	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	
Child, Youth & Family Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Department of Corrections	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	
Other government departments	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	
Commercial/Industrial organisation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	
Non-government organisation (eg community organisation)	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	
Consultant to public sector employer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Pro bono / volunteer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	2	5	4	0	3	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	
Work type not reported	34	5	2	3	3	10	6	7	4	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	117	
Total	569	176	85	48	129	105	39	113	110	60	9	18	48	7	51	65	16	24	69	7	1765	

Table 4: Work type by main employment setting for active registered psychologists, 2005

There are 1507 psychologists who were sent an invoice for their annual practising certificates (APC) in 2005. A health workforce survey was included with each invoice sent out in January 2005.

These statistics are based on the 1017 active (working) psychologists who responded to the health workforce survey. This represents 67.4 percent of those invoiced. A further 2.4 percent responded to the 2005 survey but did not report that they were actively working. It is not known if the APC holders who did not respond to the survey (30.2 percent) are working as psychologists or not.

The active psychologists workforce is predominately female (65.3 percent), as illustrated in Figure 1 (and Table 1).

The majority 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 3 illustrates the main employment of both male and female active psychologists. Figure 2 shows that the majority of active psychologists are either self-employed in a private practice (23.3 percent) or work for District Health Boards (DHBs) (27.2 percent).

Table 4 (overleaf) shows the main employment setting by work type of the 1017 active psychologists who responded to the 2005 survey. Each psychologist can specify more than one work type, and this table shows that many psychologists work in more than one field within their main employment setting.

Table 1: Age and sex of active registered psychologists, 2005

Sex	Age group											Total
	<20	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60+	Not reported	
Male	0	0	2	19	35	37	54	56	69	38	5	315
Female	3	0	24	84	89	91	116	99	86	61	11	664
Not reported	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	7	2	8	10	38
Total	3	0	27	104	126	131	174	162	157	107	26	1017

Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of active psychologists, 2005 (Note that respondents who did not report their sex have been excluded.)

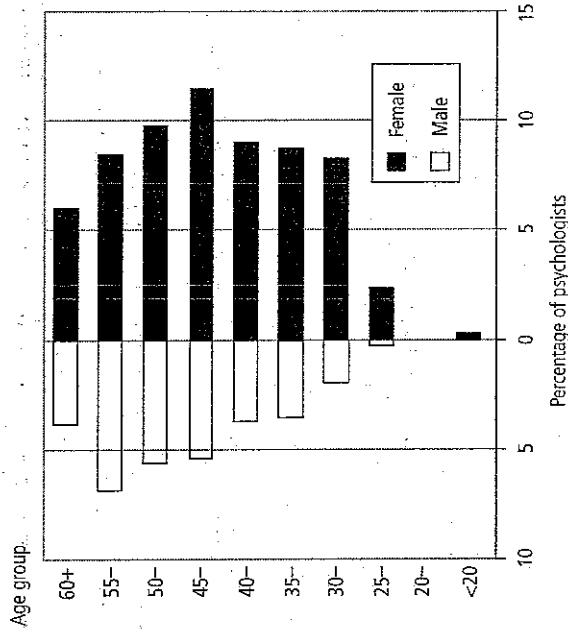


Figure 2: Main employment setting of active psychologists, 2005

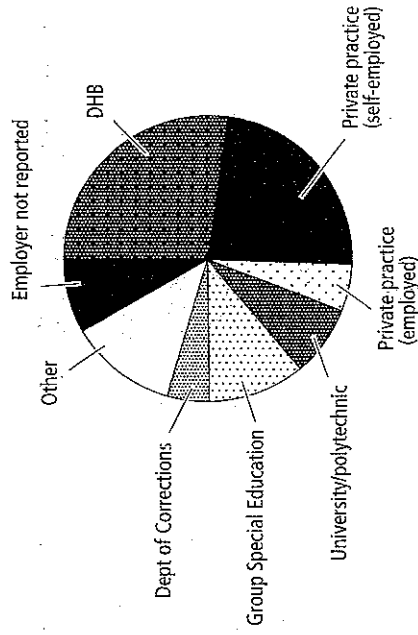


Table 3: Main employment setting of active psychologists, by sex, 2005 (Note: percentages do not add up to 100 because of rounding errors)

Employment setting	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	
				No.	%
DHB	77	193	7	277	27.2
Private practice (self-employed)	70	152	15	237	23.3
Private practice (employed)	17	37	1	55	5.4
University / polytechnic	27	50	4	81	8.0
Group Special Education	34	74	2	110	10.8
Child, Youth & Family Service	3	9	0	12	1.2
Department of Corrections	24	23	1	48	4.7
Other government depts	5	17	1	23	2.3
Commercial/industrial organisation	9	14	0	23	2.3
Non-government organisation (eg, community organisation)	15	25	2	42	4.1
Consultant to public sector employer	4	3	0	7	0.7
Pro bono / volunteer	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other	5	12	1	18	1.8
Employer not reported	25	55	4	84	8.3
Total	315	664	38	1017	100.0

Table 2: Prioritised ethnicity of active psychologists, 2005

Ethnic group	Number	Percentage
NZ European	718	70.6
Other European	198	19.5
Māori	39	3.8
Fijian	1	0.1
South East Asian	2	0.2
Chinese	4	0.4
Indian	12	1.2
Other Asian	4	0.4
Other	0	0.0
Not reported	39	3.8
Total	1017	100.0