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The New Zealand Health Information Service (NZHIS) would like to thank all the psychologists who completed the 2006 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all psychologists are encouraged to complete. Final summary results from the 2006 Health Workforce Annual Survey will be released via the Selected Health Professional Workforce in New Zealand 2006 publication, scheduled to be released later in 2007. If you have any comments or require further survey results please contact:
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Psychology Workforce

Summary Results from the 2006 Health Workforce Annual Survey

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Table 4: Worktype by main employment setting for active Psychologists, 2006

Work type by Employer	DHB	Private practice (self employed)	Private Practice (employed)	University/polytechnic	Group Special Education	Child, Youth & Family service	Department of Corrections	Other government departments	Commercial/Industrial organisation	Non-government organisation (eg community organisation)	Consultant to public sector employer	Pro bono/volunteer	Other	Work type not reported	Total
Clinical Psychology	250	173	26	31	8	2	34	0	0	19	1	1	5	57	607
Educational psychology	2	32	2	3	87	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	4	35	173
Industrial/organisational	2	34	7	2	0	0	0	6	11	2	0	0	1	11	76
Rehabilitation	9	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	48
Counselling	12	84	12	9	5	0	1	3	0	10	1	0	7	22	166
Teaching	13	25	3	43	3	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	2	10	106
Study	13	25	0	11	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	8	66
Research	11	22	4	39	4	0	5	6	1	6	0	0	0	10	108
Management	23	18	4	18	16	0	10	5	3	18	1	0	4	12	132
Court report writing	1	27	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	42
Kaipapa Maori	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	10
Health	13	8	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	10	39
Forensic	11	14	2	1	0	0	22	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	57
Sports	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Child, Youth & Family	8	19	6	1	2	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	7	52
Neuropsychology	24	27	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	72
Addictions	4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	20
Disabilities	4	11	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	1	5	38
Community psychology	1	8	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	19
Other	5	16	1	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	37
Employer not reported	54	86	9	17	16	2	14	10	1	18	0	0	7	23	257
Total	463	667	97	191	159	9	91	42	16	101	5	2	40	247	2130

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006



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There are 2000 psychologists who were sent an invoice for their annual practicing certificates (APC) in 2006. A health workforce survey was included with each invoice sent out in February 2006.

These statistics are based on the 1154 active (working) psychologists who responded to the health workforce survey. This is a response rate of 57.7 percent. A further 1.0 percent responded to the 2006 survey but did not report they were actively working. It is not known if the APC holders who did not respond to the survey (41.3 percent) are working as psychologists or not.

Of the active psychologist workforce who reported their sex, 69.4 percent were female, 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 (who reported their employment setting) are either self-employed in private practice (29.1 percent) or work for District Health Boards (DHBs) (29.5 percent).

Table 4 (overleaf) shows the main employment setting by work type of the 1154 active psychologists who responded to the 2006 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.

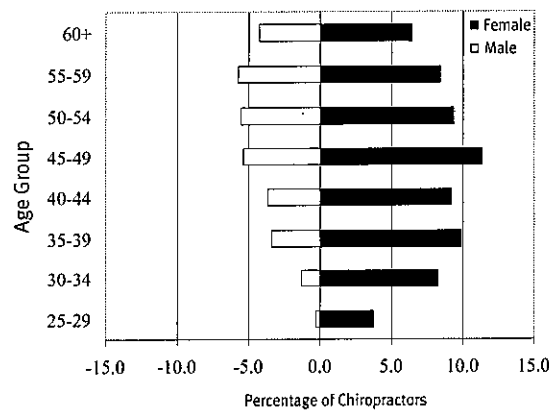
Table 1: Age and sex of active Psychologists, 2006

Sex	Age group									Total
	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60+	Not reported	
Male	3	15	39	42	62	64	66	49	6	346
Female	43	95	114	106	131	108	97	74	16	784
Not reported	0	0	1	4	2	6	2	4	5	24
Total	46	110	154	152	195	178	165	127	27	1154

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of active Psychologists, 2006

(Note that respondents who did not report their sex have been excluded)



Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Table 2: Prioritised ethnicity of active Psychologists, 2006

	Number	Percentage
NZ European	854	74.0
Other European	183	15.9
Maori	34	2.9
Indian	16	1.4
Chinese	7	0.6
Other Asian	7	0.6
Samoan	2	0.2
Tongan	1	0.1
Other	44	3.8
Not reported	6	0.5
Total	1154	100.0

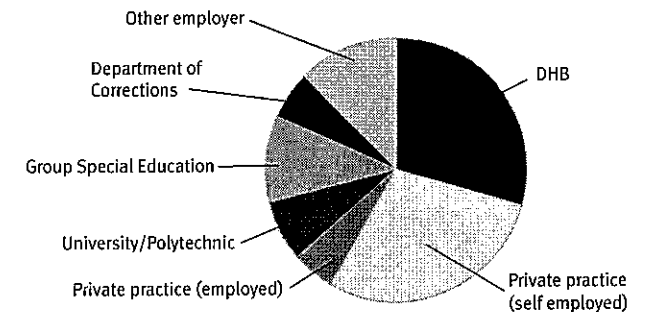
Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Table 3: Main employment setting of active Psychologists, by sex, 2006

Employment setting	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	
				Number	%
DHB	78	202	4	284	24.6
Private practice (self employed)	84	189	7	280	24.3
Private practice (employed)	10	39	0	49	4.2
University/polytechnic	28	45	0	73	6.3
Group Special Education	31	67	3	101	8.8
Child, Youth & Family	0	7	0	7	0.6
Department of Corrections	24	30	2	56	4.9
Other Government Departments	6	15	0	21	1.8
Commercial/industrial organisation	5	6	1	12	1.0
Non-government organisation (eg community organisation)	13	33	1	47	4.1
Consultant to public sector employer	0	4	0	4	0.3
Pro bono/Volunteer	1	1	0	2	0.2
Other	9	17	0	26	2.3
Employer not reported	45	88	59	192	16.6
Total	334	743	77	1154	100.0

Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006

Figure 2: Main employment setting of active Psychologists, 2006



Source: New Zealand Health Information Service 2006