

There are 2950 physiotherapists who were sent an invoice for their Annual Practising Certificates (APCs) in 2004. A health workforce survey was supplied to those physiotherapist sent an invoice in February 2004.

These statistics are based on the 1471 active (working) physiotherapists who responded to the health workforce survey. This represents 53.1 percent of the 2004 APC holders. A further 6.7 percent responded to the 2004 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 (40.1 percent) are working as physiotherapists or not.

The active physiotherapists workforce is predominately female (81.2 percent), as illustrated in Figure 1 (and Table 1). The majority of the active physiotherapists 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 physiotherapists. Figure 2 shows that the majority of active physiotherapists are self-employed in a private practice (32.4 percent). A further 26.6 percent work for District Health Boards (DHBs)

Table 4 (overleaf) shows the main employment setting by work type of the 1471 active physiotherapists who responded to the 2004 survey. Each physiotherapist can specify more than one work type, and this table shows that many physiotherapists work in more than one field within their main employment setting.

Table 1: Age and sex of active physiotherapists, 2004

Sex	Age group										Not reported	Total
	20-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60+			
Male	12	33	39	45	35	45	15	8	13	8	8	253
Female	41	156	164	169	171	202	105	81	89	16	16	1194
Not reported	0	2	3	3	7	2	1	1	0	5	5	24
Total	53	191	206	217	213	249	121	90	102	29	29	1471

Note: because of rounding, the percentages do not add to 100.

Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of active physiotherapists, 2004
(Note that respondents who did not report their sex have been excluded.)

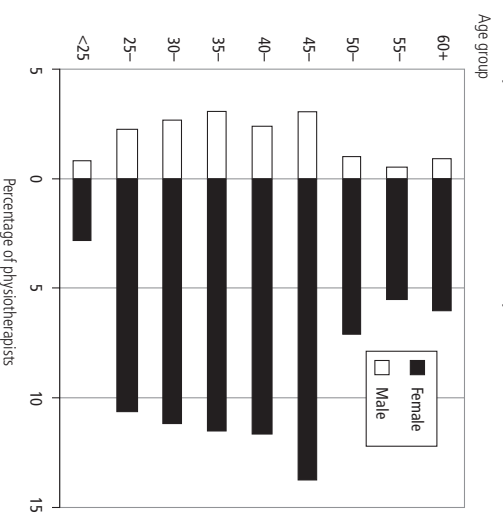


Table 2: Prioritised ethnicity of active physiotherapists, 2004

Ethnic group	Number	Percentage
NZ European	1066	72.5
Other European	234	15.9
Māori	44	3.0
Samoan	4	0.3
Cook Island Māori	1	0.1
Tongan	1	0.1
Fijian	1	0.1
Other Pacific	2	0.1
Chinese	15	1.0
Indian	10	0.7
South East Asian	6	0.4
Other Asian	5	0.3
Other	50	3.4
Not reported	32	2.2
Total	1471	100.0

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Figure 2: Main employment setting for active physiotherapists, 2004

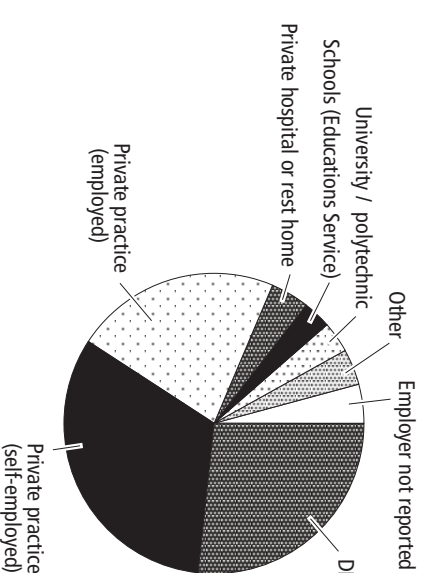


Table 4: Work type by main employment setting for active physiotherapists, 2004

Employer by work type	Musculoskeletal inpatient	Musculoskeletal outpatient	Sports physiotherapy	Care of elderly	Mental health	Paediatric neurology	Adult neurology	Other paediatric	Med/surg cardiorespiratory	Community/domiciliary	Specialist Education Service	Women's health/obstetrics	Continuing care	Occupational health	Teaching	Study/research	Management	Other	Work type not reported	Total
DHB	37	87	4	61	11	42	88	21	58	66	2	40	3	5	7	7	54	66	3	662
Private practice (self-employed)	38	336	247	50	8	24	40	12	10	37	6	24	6	50	37	48	205	59	5	1242
Private practice (employed)	29	210	155	21	0	5	14	7	8	10	3	8	1	21	21	18	38	23	2	594
Private hospital or rest home	17	7	2	43	0	0	7	0	8	0	0	0	1	4	6	2	4	0	0	101
University / polytechnic	2	11	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	37	24	5	1	0	87
Schools (Education Service)	0	0	2	0	0	21	1	10	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	58
Government dept / Crown agency	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	12
Commercial/industrial organisation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	7
Voluntary agency	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Other	2	4	3	1	0	2	5	4	1	4	0	1	0	5	1	1	3	12	2	51
Employer not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	55	62
Total	127	656	414	178	19	96	158	55	86	119	35	73	11	90	109	102	312	174	67	2881



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The New Zealand Health Information Service (NZHIS) would like to thank all the physiotherapists who completed the 2004 workforce questionnaire. This is an annual survey which all physiotherapists are encouraged to complete.

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