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INTRODUCTION

The annual dentist labour force survey

Introduction

Each year, as part of the annual registration process for dentists in NSW, an Annual Labour Force Survey is sent to each dentist currently registered with the Dental Registration Board of New South Wales. This report provides an overview of information from the 2001 workforce survey.

The response rate to the survey was 86.2% in 2000, and 86.1% in 2001, showing a stable response rate overall. The continued support of the Dental Registration Board of New South Wales, professional organisations and dentists participating in the survey is appreciated.

Availability of survey information

The most recent summary of the Annual Survey data were produced in 2002, reporting on data collected in 2000. This profile reproduces the same data as for the previous year. Additional survey analysis data such as additional cross tabulations can be obtained by forwarding a written request to the contact address in the front of the publication. Contact should be made to clarify the information required and to determine if a fee may apply. A charging policy is available on request.

Strict procedures are followed to ensure the privacy of individual dentists who respond to the Survey. There is no access to identifying data, as individual names and addresses are not included by the Board on the data file. Survey information will not be made available in any format that enables the identification of individual respondents.

Methodology

Timing of the 2001 Survey

Information from the 2001 Annual Labour Force Survey relates to the 2001 registration renewal period. Renewal notices and surveys were forwarded in September 2001 to dentists registered with the Dental Registration Board of New South Wales at that time. The renewal fee was due by the early December in order for the dentist to be retained on the register, as non-financial dentists had their status altered on the data base by the end of December, 2001 and by Board consent in February, 2002. Survey respondents completed the survey with information about their usual working situation at that time. Information regarding the registration status of dentists was provided by the Board which related to the period from February 2001 to end January 2002.

Labour force Survey coverage

Information from the Annual Labour Force Survey does not cover all registered dentists in NSW. Only those registrants renewing their registration are forwarded a survey form. This excludes:

- **New registrants:** New registrants include new local graduates, interstate graduates and overseas trained dentists registering for the first time with the NSW Board who have had their qualifications recognised in NSW. These persons will normally not receive the labour force survey, but some new registrants may receive the survey form if they also renew in the same financial year.
- **Restorations:** Restorations are persons who have been restored to the register after a period in which they were not financial. These persons will not normally receive the annual survey. Some dentists are restorations because of late payment of the renewal fee and may have returned a survey form.

Some dentists are restorations due to late payment, and they are removed from the register and then reinstated on receipt of the payment of the renewal fee. This group have been defined as **technical restorations**. These dentists have usually completed a survey form, and therefore if they have provided survey data they have been included in the data analysis for this profile. This is a variation from previous years, where the definition of respondents was those dentists **renewing** their registration or enrolment who completed or part completed a survey form.

For compatibility with other 2000 and 2001 profiles prepared for health workforce groups registered in NSW, the definition of response has been applied to those respondents who completed the question on workforce status. In addition, it has been identified that a number of dentists have not completed the question on workforce status, but have completed the majority of the remainder of the survey form including the provision of a New South Wales postcode for work location, as well as other data such as hours worked. It was therefore decided for data completeness, to include both of those categories in the definition of respondents, as a workforce status could be derived.

The adoption of these changes in the approach to survey coverage, and definition of respondents, means that the data will now be compatible with definitions of the workforce used by the Australian Institute of Health & Welfare in preparing national profiles. However, it also means that the raw data on workforce size may show variation from years previous to 2000. This is also discussed in the Section on "Response Rate to Workforce Survey".

Figures have not been adjusted for non-response

Data in this publication have not been adjusted for unknown information (both survey non-response and registration data such as year of birth or sex). When interpreting the tables, consideration should be given to the impact of unknown data:

- The absence of data due to non-response results in an under-representation of the size of the labour force in individual tables.
- The labour force characteristics of non-respondents may differ from the characteristics of survey respondents (for example, respondents may be more likely than non-respondents to be in the labour force). Weighting the survey data according to non-response alone may result in an overestimation or under-estimation in some categories.
- The labour force characteristics of dentists who are not part of the survey target group (that is, new registrants and restorations) may differ from the characteristics of the survey population.

Calculating total unknown data for the survey

In determining the total unknown data for a particular question, consideration should be given to:

- **Unknown data for the question or questions comprising the table**, as indicated at the foot of each table. This may also include information that is unknown due to registration data (eg, year of birth) being unavailable from the Board.
- **Non-response to any filtering questions**. Data on second and third practice location/job will be affected by the lack of the explicit question “Do you work from other location(s), and if so how many?” The number of persons with second and third practice locations/jobs can be estimated from the highest response to any one question (Tables 3.10, n=719 for second practice location, Table 3.7 n=185 for third practice location) and can be used to estimate unknown data in relevant questions.
- **Non-response to the survey**. Survey response rates are presented in Table 1.1.

It should be noted that limitations in the survey data prevent a distinction between non-response and alternatives such as “no”, “other” or “zero”. Information regarding this is noted at the foot of the relevant tables.

Conventions used in this publication

Throughout this publication, figures within the tables may not add to the total shown where it has been necessary to round numbers. Percentages printed as 0.0 may denote less than 0.05%.

Italics are used to report unknown data.

- is used in place of zero (0).

Bold is used to indicate a total or subtotal.

— denotes not applicable.

n/a denotes data is not available.

Category of Dentist Registration

In 2001, there were 4,057 dentists financially registered with the Dental Registration Board of NSW, an increase of 39 compared to the numbers registered in 2000. Of these, 975 (22.8%) were female and 3,080 (76.0%) were male, with two registrants with unknown sex. Table 1.1 provides an overview of the number of dentists in each category of registration.

Table 1.1: Persons registered as Dentists in NSW, 2001

Category of registration	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total	Total
New registrants	62	70	47.0%	53.0%	132	100.0%		
"True" restorations	2	11	15.4%	84.6%	13	100.0%		
"Technical" restorations	1	4	20.0%	80.0%	5	100.0%		
Renewals	911	2,995	23.3%	76.6%	3,906	99.9%		
Deletions	32	144	18.2%	81.8%	176	100.0%		

Note: 1 The table includes information on dentists who were financial with the Board during 2001. Some dentists are included in more than one category during the twelve month period.
2 Two renewals had sex unknown, and therefore the total number of renewals was 3,908.

Care should be taken when interpreting this data as some individual dentists are included in more than one of the categories during the twelve month period.

Response rate to Labour Force Annual Survey

The response rate to the 2001 Dentist Labour Force Annual Survey was 86.1 per cent, a similar level to the 1999 response rate of 86.2 per cent. The response rate over the three year period shows a very stable rate overall, despite the change in definition of renewals and inclusion of responses where work status can be derived for 2000 and 2001.

Table 1.2: Response Rate to Dentist Annual Labour Force Survey, 1999, 2000 and 2001

	No.		Rate		No.		Rate		No.		Rate	
	1999		2000		2001		2001		2001		2001	
Formal response rate												
<i>Survey respondents</i> ¹ who were <i>renewals</i> ²	3,280	3,327			3,369							
<i>Total renewals</i> ²	3,777	3,860	86.8%	86.2%	3,913	86.1%						

Notes: 1. A "survey respondent" is defined as a renewal or technical registration who provides information to the question on work status, or whose work status can be derived from other data. With these adjustments, there were 45 dentists who did not return a survey form, and 499 survey forms with work status question unanswered and no capacity to derive the work status from a NSW postcode for place of work.
2. A renewal is defined to include a person who paid their registration fee on time, or who was a renewal but was late in paying the renewal fee, and was therefore taken off the roll and then restored (ie technical restoration). There were 5 technical restorations in the 2001 data set.

Determining the response rate to the survey is complicated by the relationship between the survey and the renewal process. While new registrants and restorations do not generally receive the survey, some may if they also receive a renewal notice within the twelve month survey period. Additionally, some persons sent renewal notices do not renew their registration and therefore do not return surveys.

All survey responses from financially registered dentists are presented in Tables 1.3 and 1.4. Tables 3.1 to 3.27 describe the working renewals cohort only.

Work Status

Table 1.3: Work status of Dentist Labourforce Survey respondents¹, NSW, in 2001

Work Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	%	%
	Female		Male		Total		Excludes N/R ²	Female
Working in dentistry								
Only in NSW	616	68.5%	2,022	68.1%	2,638	68.2%	78.3%	23.4%
Mainly in NSW, but also in other states	13	1.4%	49	1.7%	62	1.6%	1.8%	21.0%
Mainly in other states, but also in NSW	5	0.6%	48	1.6%	53	1.4%	1.6%	9.4%
Only in states other than NSW	22	2.4%	87	2.9%	109	2.8%	3.2%	20.2%
Overseas	50	5.6%	185	6.2%	235	6.1%	7.0%	21.3%
Not Working in dentistry								
Not working and not looking for work	56	6.2%	148	5.0%	204	5.3%	6.1%	27.5%
Currently not working, but looking for work	9	1.0%	14	0.5%	23	0.6%	0.7%	39.1%
Working, not in dentistry	11	1.2%	32	1.1%	43	1.1%	1.3%	25.6%
Work Status Unknown								
Non-response to survey	117	13.0%	382	12.9%	499	12.9%		23.4%
Total	899	100.0%	2,967	100.0%	3,866	100.0%	100.0%	23.3%

Notes:

1. There were 3,866 forms from dentists renewing their registration, of whom 499 did not reply to the question on working status, and did not provide a NSW postcode for place of work (see Note 1 to Table 1.2).
There were two respondents with sex unknown. Therefore 3,367 dentists provided data on working status and sex.
2. Percentages are recalculated to determine the proportion of respondents by work status, excluding non-response to survey.

There were 2,700 working renewal survey respondents in 2001 (excluding two respondents with sex unknown). Working renewals are those respondents who:

- Were financially registered and renewed their registration in 2001 or were technical restorations as their renewal lapsed until they became financial again
- Returned a labour force survey indicating their work status or provided sufficient data for a status of working in NSW to be derived; and
- Indicated that their work status was one of the following two categories:
 - Working in dentistry only in NSW
 - Working in dentistry mainly in NSW, but also in other states (see Table 1.3)

Dentists seeking work

Table 1.4: Seeking work in Dentistry in NSW, 2001

Nature of work sought	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Total	Total	Female	
Looking for work in dentistry								
- either full time or part time	2	5	7	22.2%	29.2%	28.6%		
- full time	1	3	4	11.1%	16.7%	25.0%		
- part time	6	7	13	66.7%	54.2%	46.2%		
Total	9	15	24	100.0%	100.0%	37.5%		
Non-response (but seeking work in dentistry):	2	0	2	18.2%	0.0%	7.7%		

Note: Table includes only those survey respondents in Table 1.3 who indicated that they were not currently working but looking for work, or currently working but not in dentistry AND who were looking for work in dentistry (n=26)

Table 1.4 shows that there were 26 respondents who were looking for work in dentistry, of the total of 66 survey respondents who were either currently not working and looking for work or currently working in other than dentistry.

Estimating Workforce Size

The 1999 Profile of the Medical Workforce in NSW (NSW Health Department, 1999) estimated the size of the medical workforce in New South Wales, using the following approach:

- Assume the proportion of survey respondents working in NSW represents the proportion of all renewals working in NSW (80.1% for dentists in 2001)
- Assume 90% of new registrants are working in NSW
- Assume 80% of other registrants are working in NSW (excluding deletions)

When applied to the dentist data, this results in an estimated 3,138 working renewals, 119 working new registrants, and 10 working registrants in other categories, with a total estimated workforce size of 3,267 dentists. This approach assumes that the non respondents to the survey have the same work status profile as respondents.

Estimating Full-Time Equivalent Workforce (FTE)

The numbers of hours worked by dentists on average per week for all jobs together (see Table 3.23) can be converted to full-time equivalents (FTEs) which becomes a measure of the productive workforce. This is shown in Table 3.15, where the total hours worked by dentists in each age and hours worked group are divided by 35 to calculate the FTE workforce. Thirty five hours is used as the measure of full time work based on labour force definitions developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. A ratio of FTEs to the total headcount workforce can then be calculated, to determine the relative productivity of the workforce.

Table 3.15 has not been adjusted to the estimated size of the workforce accounting for non response. The full-time equivalent dentist workforce is 2,972.9, which when divided by the number of dentists recording hours (n=2,534) results in an FTE ratio of 1.1732. Therefore dentists are on average 17.3% more productive than a 35 hour per week participant in the labour force. The FTE ratio of 1.1732 applied to the estimated workforce size of 3,267 headcount results in an estimated FTE workforce of 3,832.8 FTE dentists in the workforce in NSW in 2001.

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DENTISTS WORKING IN NSW

This section documents the number and characteristics of dentists working in NSW in 2001.

- From 1998 to 2001, the NSW dentist labour force is estimated to have grown from a headcount of 3,197 to 3,267 (after adjusting for non response, see Section 1, p.5, "Estimating Labour force Size"). This represents an increase of 2.2% over the three years, or a growth of 0.7% per annum on average. This estimate assumes that non-respondents to the survey participated at the same rate in the labour force as respondents.
- Labour force participation rates for dentists in NSW were at similar levels between 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 (80.5%, 80.3%, 80.0% and 80.2% respectively).
- Male dentists are 76.7% of the total labour force, while the proportion of women in the dentist labour force is 23.3%, with a greater proportion of females in younger age groups. Some 56.5% of the female labour force were aged under 40, while only 28.7% of males were under forty years in 2001. However, men are greater in numbers in all age groups except for the group 24 years and younger, varying from 98.4% of all dentists in the 70 to 74 age group, to the lowest proportion of 40.5% for those under 25 years.
- Just over one third or 35.3% of the labour force are aged under forty years, 31.6% are aged 40 to 49 years, 20.2% are aged 50 to 59 years, and 13.0% of the labour force are 60 years and older. This indicates a middle aged labour force overall, with the modal age range being 40 to 44 years and 45 to 49 years (ie the age range with the greatest number of working dentists).
- Some 5.3% of dentists working in NSW are also registered interstate, with the highest proportion being registered in Queensland (2.5% of the total workforce), followed by Victoria (1.8%).
- Of the 2,700 dentists in the labour force, some 719 identified that they worked in a second practice location (26.6% of the labour force), while some 185 identified that they worked in a third practice location (6.9%) (see comments, page 3, non-response to filtering questions)
- Some 87.0% of the labour force are working in a general practice in their main practice, with 9.8% in a registered specialist practice. Only 1.1% were working in administration, 1.1% in teaching/education, 0.3% in research, and 0.7% in other positions. This varies with the second practice, with 71.0% in a general practice, 20.8% in a registered specialist practice, 0.6% working in administration, 5.3% in teaching/education, 0.6% in research, and 1.8% in other positions. For the third practice, 48.6% were in a general practice, 37.3% in a registered specialist practice, 1.6% in administration, 8.6% in teaching/education, 1.1% in research, and 2.7% in other positions.

- Some 266 dentists or 9.9% of the total labour force indicated an area of registered specialist practice (NOTE: "Registered specialist practice" is the practice of a dentist who is recognised by the Dental Board of New South Wales as a specialist practitioner in one special branch of dentistry.) The largest group worked in orthodontics (48.1% of the respondents to this question), followed by prosthodontics (13.2%) and oral & maxillofacial surgery (10.5%).
- The overwhelming majority of the labour force are in private practice (84.3%) in their main practice, with 12.7% of the total labour force working in the public sector, 1.1% in tertiary education, 0.4% in industry and 1.4% in other jobs. Some 36.9% were in solo private practice, with another 15.1% in solo practice with assistants. Some 12.3% were in an associateship, 9.1% in a partnership, and 10.1% in an assistant role. The major area of employment in the public sector was dental hospital (4.5% of the total labour force) followed by other hospitals (3.2%). The private sector participation rate was lower with the second practice, with 78.4% working in the private sector, and 15.3% in the public sector; including other hospitals (3.8%), and the dental hospital (3.6%). Tertiary education accounted for 4.5% of the labour force in a second job. For the third practice, some 69.6% of dentists were working in a private practice, 21.2% in public practice and 6.5% in tertiary education.
- The proportion of self-employed dentists changes from 72.9% for the main practice, to 59.5% to the second practice, to 50.3% for the third practice.
- Some 51.3% of dentists reported working part time (hours worked less than 35 hours per week) **in direct patient care in their main practice location.** Women were more likely to work part time than men (65.3% of women compared with 47.0% of men). Virtually all respondents worked less than 35 hours per week in direct patient care in their second and third practice locations. The direct patient care hours were added together across the three practice locations to give total direct patient care hours (Table 3.19). Some 37.2% of dentists reported working part time in direct patient care in terms of total hours worked. Women were still more likely to work part time than men (53.6% of women compared with 32.0% of men).
- Some 36.4% of dentists reported working part time (hours worked less than 35 hours per week) in terms of **total hours worked in their main practice location.** Women were more likely to work part time than men (49.8% of women compared with 32.3% of men). Virtually all respondents worked less than 35 hours per week in total in their second and third practice locations. The total hours were added together across the three practice locations to give total hours usually worked per week (Table 3.23). **Some 21.7% of dentists reported working part time in terms of total hours worked across all practice locations.** Women were still more likely to work part time than men (36.7% of women compared with 17.3% of men).
- The full time equivalent dentist labour force (FTE labour force) consists of an estimated 2,939.7 FTE (see Table 3.15) from the 2,487 dentists who provided data on their hours worked (Table 3.23). Therefore the ratio of the FTE labour force of 1.1820 compared to total numbers indicates that dentists work on average 18% more than a participant in the general labour force working 35 hours a week. This is due to the larger number of dentists who work 35 hours or greater contributing more to the productive labour force. Women were 591.8 FTE (20.1% of the FTE labour force) and men 2,347.9 (79.9%).
- In 2001, the main practice location for 85.4% of dentists was in Metropolitan Area Health Services, with 73.5% in Metropolitan Sydney and 11.9% in other major Metropolitan areas. South Eastern Sydney was the main job location for 25.2% of dentists with Northern Sydney having 19.5%. Rural Area Health services were the main job location for 14.5% of dentists, with Northern Rivers having the highest proportion in a rural area at 3.4%. The distribution showed a similar proportion of dentists in Metropolitan Area Health Services in their second practice location (85.9%), although the proportion was lower for a third practice location (83.4%). Women were more likely than men to work in Metropolitan Area Health Service locations in their main practice (89.2% of women, 84.9% of men) and very few female dentists worked in rural areas in a second and third practice.

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LABOURFORCE TABLES

Table 3.1 Age and sex distribution of dentists working in NSW, 2001

Age group	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
20-24	22	15	3.8%	0.8%	37	1.5%		59.5%	
25-29	98	134	16.8%	7.1%	232	9.4%		42.2%	
30-34	122	179	20.9%	9.4%	301	12.1%		40.5%	
35-39	88	216	15.0%	11.4%	304	12.3%		28.9%	
40-44	98	293	16.8%	15.5%	391	15.8%		25.1%	
45-49	84	309	14.4%	16.3%	393	15.8%		21.4%	
50-54	38	264	6.5%	13.9%	302	12.2%		12.6%	
55-59	16	182	2.7%	9.6%	198	8.0%		8.1%	
60-64	11	125	1.9%	6.6%	136	5.5%		8.1%	
65-69	6	89	1.0%	4.7%	95	3.8%		6.3%	
70-74	1	60	0.2%	3.2%	61	2.5%		1.6%	
75+	1	29	0.2%	1.5%	30	1.2%		3.3%	
Total	585	1,895	100.0%	100.0%	2,480	100.0%		23.6%	
<i>Unknown</i>	44	176	7.0%	8.5%	220	8.1%			

Note: 1. There were 2 dentists working in NSW with no sex recorded not shown above; they are excluded from all reported tables

Table 3.2: Present place of residence of dentists working in NSW, 2001

Age group	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
New South Wales	604	1,991	98.1%	98.5%	2,595	98.4%		23.3%	
Australia (not NSW)	11	29	1.8%	1.4%	40	1.5%		27.5%	
Overseas	1	1	0.2%	0.0%	2	0.1%		50.0%	
Total	616	2,021	100.0%	100.0%	2,637	100.0%		23.4%	
<i>Non response</i>	13	50	2.1%	2.4%	63	2.3%			

Table 3.3: Resident status of dentists working in NSW, 2001

Residential Status	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
Australian Citizen	561	1926	89.6%	93.4%	2487	92.5%		22.6%	
Not an Australian Citizen									
Permanent resident	60	132	9.6%	6.4%	192	7.1%		31.3%	
Not permanent resident	5	5	0.8%	0.2%	10	0.4%		50.0%	
Not stated	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%		0.0%	
Total	626	2063	100.0%	100.0%	2689	100.0%		23.3%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	3	8	0.5%	0.4%	11	0.4%			

Table 3.4: Dentists working in NSW with registration to work as a dentist in other states of Australia, 2001

	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
Registered interstate	36	106	5.8%	5.2%	142	5.3%		25.4%	
Not registered interstate	589	1950	94.2%	94.8%	2539	94.7%		23.2%	
Total	625	2056	100.0%	100.0%	2681	100.0%		23.3%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	4	15	0.6%	0.7%	19	0.7%			
Registered in Victoria	7	40	28.0%	30.5%	47	30.1%		14.9%	
Registered in Queensland	13	55	52.0%	42.0%	68	43.6%		19.1%	
Registered in Western Australia	1	3	4.0%	2.3%	4	2.6%		25.0%	
Registered in South Australia	2	4	8.0%	3.1%	6	3.8%		33.3%	
Registered in Tasmania	1	7	4.0%	5.3%	8	5.1%		12.5%	
Registered in Northern Territory	-	2	0.0%	1.5%	2	1.3%		0.0%	
Registered in ACT	1	20	4.0%	15.3%	21	13.5%		4.8%	
Total	25	131	100.0%	100.0%	156	100.0%		16.0%	

Note: Dentists may be registered in more than one State

Table 3.5: Area of work in dentistry, main practice - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Area of work - 1st practice	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
General practice	552	1,707	91.2%	85.7%	2,259	87.0%		24.4%	
Registered specialist practice	34	220	5.6%	11.0%	254	9.8%		13.4%	
Administration	7	21	1.2%	1.1%	28	1.1%		25.0%	
Teaching/ Education	7	22	1.2%	1.1%	29	1.1%		24.1%	
Research	1	6	0.2%	0.3%	7	0.3%		14.3%	
Other	4	15	0.7%	0.8%	19	0.7%		21.1%	
Total	605	1,991	100.0%	100.0%	2,596	100.0%		23.3%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	24	80	3.8%	3.9%	104	3.9%			

Table 3.6: Area of work in dentistry, second practice - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Area of work - 2nd practice	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
General practice	132	377	84.1%	67.3%	509	71.0%		25.9%	
Registered specialist practice	11	138	7.0%	24.6%	149	20.8%		7.4%	
Administration	-	4	0.0%	0.7%	4	0.6%		0.0%	
Teaching/ Education	8	30	5.1%	5.4%	38	5.3%		21.1%	
Research	2	2	1.3%	0.4%	4	0.6%		50.0%	
Other	4	9	2.5%	1.6%	13	1.8%		30.8%	
Total	157	560	100.0%	100.0%	717	100.0%		21.9%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	472	1511	75.0%	73.0%	1983	73.4%			

Table 3.7: Area of work in dentistry, third practice - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Area of work - 3rd practice	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total		
General practice	24	66	66.7%	44.3%	90	48.6%		26.7%	
Registered specialist practice	6	63	16.7%	42.3%	69	37.3%		8.7%	
Administration	0	3	0.0%	2.0%	3	1.6%		0.0%	
Teaching/ Education	3	13	8.3%	8.7%	16	8.6%		18.8%	
Research	2	0	5.6%	0.0%	2	1.1%		100.0%	
Other	1	4	2.8%	2.7%	5	2.7%		0.0%	
Total	36	149	100.0%	100.0%	185	100.0%		19.5%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	593	1922	94.3%	92.8%	2515	93.1%			

Table 3.8: Area of Registered specialist practice, dentists working in NSW, 2001

Area of registered specialist practice	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Orthodontics	16	112	43.2%	48.9%	128	18	48.1%	6.8%	12.5%
Oral surgery	2	16	5.4%	7.0%	18	2	6.8%	1.0%	11.1%
Oral & maxillofacial surgery	2	26	5.4%	11.4%	28	2	10.5%	0.7%	0.0%
Periodontics	3	20	8.1%	8.7%	23	3	8.6%	1.3%	13.0%
Endodontics	5	14	13.5%	6.1%	19	5	7.1%	2.6%	26.3%
Prosthodontics	6	29	16.2%	12.7%	35	6	13.2%	1.7%	17.1%
Paediatric dentistry	1	8	2.7%	3.5%	9	1	3.4%	1.1%	11.1%
Other	2	4	5.4%	1.7%	6	2	2.3%	0.7%	33.3%
Total	37	229	100.0%	100.0%	266	100	100.0%	100.0%	13.9%
<i>Non-response:</i>	592	1842	94.1%	88.9%	2434	105	90.1%	3.9%	

Table 3.9: Type of practice, main practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Type of practice, main practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Private practice:									
Solo	118	840	19.6%	42.1%	958	79	36.9%	15.1%	12.3%
Solo with assistants	79	312	13.1%	15.6%	391	60	15.1%	8.8%	20.2%
Partnership	60	175	10.0%	8.8%	235	68	9.1%	12.6%	25.5%
Associateship	68	251	11.3%	12.6%	319	126	12.3%	10.1%	21.3%
Assistant	126	136	21.0%	6.8%	262	5	10.1%	0.8%	48.1%
Locum	5	15	0.8%	0.8%	20		0.8%		25.0%
Public practice:									
Dental Hospital	50	67	8.3%	3.4%	117	30	4.5%	2.7%	42.7%
Other Hospital	30	54	5.0%	2.7%	84	1	3.2%	0.1%	35.7%
School dental service	1	2	0.2%	0.1%	3	27	0.1%	2.7%	33.3%
Health centre	27	54	4.5%	2.7%	81	7	3.1%	1.0%	33.3%
Defence forces	7	20	1.2%	1.0%	27	7	1.0%	0.8%	25.9%
Other public	7	15	1.2%	0.8%	22	7	0.8%	1.1%	31.8%
Tertiary education	7	22	1.2%	1.1%	29	4	1.1%	0.3%	24.1%
Industry	4	6	0.7%	0.3%	10	12	0.4%	1.3%	40.0%
Other	12	25	2.0%	1.3%	37		1.4%		32.4%
Total	601	1,994	100.0%	100.0%	2,595	100	100.0%	100.0%	23.2%
<i>Non-response:</i>	28	77	4.5%	3.7%	105		3.9%		

Table 3.10: Type of practice, second practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Type of practice, 2nd practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female		Male		Total				
Private practice:									
Solo	14	9.2%	151	26.7%	165	22.9%			8.5%
Solo with assistants	9	5.9%	57	10.1%	66	9.2%			13.6%
Partnership	12	7.8%	70	12.4%	82	11.4%			14.6%
Associateship	18	11.8%	90	15.9%	108	15.0%			16.7%
Assistant	56	36.6%	72	12.7%	128	17.8%			43.8%
Locum	5	3.3%	10	1.8%	15	2.1%			33.3%
Public practice:									
Dental Hospital	9	5.9%	17	3.0%	26	3.6%			34.6%
Other Hospital	4	2.6%	23	4.1%	27	3.8%			14.8%
School dental service	3	2.0%	5	0.9%	8	1.1%			37.5%
Health centre	5	3.3%	19	3.4%	24	3.3%			20.8%
Defence forces	3	2.0%	9	1.6%	12	1.7%			25.0%
Other public	4	2.6%	9	1.6%	13	1.8%			30.8%
Tertiary education	7	4.6%	25	4.4%	32	4.5%			21.9%
Industry	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%			0.0%
Other	4	2.6%	9	1.6%	13	1.8%			30.8%
Total	153	100.0%	566	100.0%	719	100.0%			21.3%
<i>Non-response:</i>	476	75.7%	1505	72.7%	1,981	73.4%			

Table 3.11: Type of practice, third practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Type of practice, 3rd practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent Female
	Female		Male		Total				
Private practice:									
Solo	3	8.8%	36	24.0%	39	21.2%			7.7%
Solo with assistants	1	2.9%	6	4.0%	7	3.8%			14.3%
Partnership	1	2.9%	15	10.0%	16	8.7%			6.3%
Associateship	4	11.8%	26	17.3%	30	16.3%			13.3%
Assistant	12	35.3%	18	12.0%	30	16.3%			40.0%
Locum	1	2.9%	5	3.3%	6	3.3%			16.7%
Public practice:									
Dental Hospital	3	8.8%	6	4.0%	9	4.9%			0.0%
Other Hospital	2	5.9%	10	6.7%	12	6.5%			0.0%
School dental service	1	2.9%	1	0.7%	2	1.1%			50.0%
Health centre	-	0.0%	7	4.7%	7	3.8%			0.0%
Defence forces	2	5.9%	2	1.3%	4	2.2%			50.0%
Other public	1	2.9%	4	2.7%	5	2.7%			20.0%
Tertiary education	1	2.9%	11	7.3%	12	6.5%			8.3%
Industry	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%			0.0%
Other	2	5.9%	3	2.0%	5	2.7%			40.0%
Total	34	100.0%	150	100.0%	184	100.0%			18.5%
<i>Non-response:</i>	595	94.6%	1,921	92.8%	2,516	93.2%			

Table 3.12: Work pattern, main practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Work pattern, main practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent female
	Female	Male	Total		Total				
Self-employed	310	52.1%	1572	79.2%	1882	72.9%		16.5%	
Salaried, private sector	158	26.6%	195	9.8%	353	13.7%		44.8%	
Salaried, public sector	111	18.7%	192	9.7%	303	11.7%		36.6%	
Other	16	2.7%	26	1.3%	42	1.6%		38.1%	
Total	595	100.0%	1,985	100.0%	2,580	100.0%		23.1%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	34	5.4%	86	4.2%	120	4.4%			

Table 3.13: Work pattern, second practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Work pattern, 2nd practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent female
	Female	Male	Total		Total				
Self-employed	57	37.7%	369	65.3%	426	59.5%		13.4%	
Salaried, private sector	61	40.4%	87	15.4%	148	20.7%		41.2%	
Salaried, public sector	23	15.2%	83	14.7%	106	14.8%		21.7%	
Other	10	6.6%	26	4.6%	36	5.0%		27.8%	
Total	151	100.0%	565	100.0%	716	100.0%		21.1%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	478	76.0%	1506	72.7%	1984	73.5%			

Table 3.14: Work pattern, third practice location - dentists working in NSW, 2001

Work pattern, 3rd practice location	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent female
	Female	Male	Total		Total				
Self-employed	9	26.5%	81	55.9%	90	50.3%		10.0%	
Salaried, private sector	12	35.3%	24	16.6%	36	20.1%		33.3%	
Salaried, public sector	7	20.6%	31	21.4%	38	21.2%		18.4%	
Other	6	17.6%	9	6.2%	15	8.4%		40.0%	
Total	34	100.0%	145	100.0%	179	100.0%		19.0%	
<i>Non-response:</i>	595	94.6%	1926	93.0%	2521	93.4%			

Table 3.15: Estimated full-time equivalent dentists in workforce using average hours worked per week in total

FTE by hours worked per week	No.		%		No.		%		Per cent female
	Female	Male	Total		Total				
1-9	4.3	0.7%	7.3	0.3%	11.6	0.4%		37.2%	
10-19	18.7	3.1%	20.5	0.9%	39.2	1.3%		47.6%	
20-29	63.2	10.3%	66.2	2.8%	129.4	4.4%		48.8%	
30-34	53.3	8.7%	133.9	5.7%	187.1	6.3%		28.5%	
35-39	114.6	18.7%	270.4	11.5%	385.0	13.0%		29.8%	
40-44	157.8	25.8%	600.8	25.4%	758.6	25.5%		20.8%	
45-49	79.2	13.0%	453.4	19.2%	532.6	17.9%		14.9%	
50-59	66.7	10.9%	468.5	19.8%	535.1	18.0%		12.5%	
60-69	28.3	4.6%	219.8	9.3%	248.0	8.3%		11.4%	
70+	25.5	4.2%	120.7	5.1%	146.3	4.9%		17.5%	
Total	611.5	100.0%	2361.4	100.0%	2972.9	100.0%		20.6%	
<i>No hours reported</i>	35	5.8%	131	6.6%	166	6.4%			

Notes: 1. Table 3.15 calculates the full-time equivalent (FTE) workforce assuming that 1 FTE works a 35 hour week. The total hours worked per week by the dentist numbers in Table 3.23 are divided by 35 to calculate the FTE numbers.

Table 3.16: Hours usually worked per week in direct patient care in dentistry - main practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	39	6.7%	65	3.4%	104	4.2%	37.5%
10-19	93	16.0%	149	7.9%	242	9.8%	38.4%
20-29	160	27.5%	352	18.6%	512	20.7%	31.3%
30-34	88	15.1%	323	17.1%	411	16.6%	21.4%
35-39	96	16.5%	385	20.4%	481	19.5%	20.0%
40-44	81	13.9%	392	20.7%	473	19.1%	17.1%
45-49	14	2.4%	114	6.0%	128	5.2%	10.9%
50-59	7	1.2%	89	4.7%	96	3.9%	7.3%
60-69	2	0.3%	18	1.0%	20	0.8%	10.0%
>70	1	0.2%	4	0.2%	5	0.2%	20.0%
Total	581	100.0%	1891	100.0%	2472	100.0%	23.5%
<i>No hours reported</i>	48	7.6%	180	8.7%	228	8.4%	

Table 3.17: Hours usually worked per week in direct patient care in dentistry - second practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	66	45.5%	233	45.3%	299	45.4%	22.1%
10-19	61	42.1%	207	40.3%	268	40.7%	22.8%
20-29	17	11.7%	58	11.3%	75	11.4%	22.7%
30-34	1	0.7%	11	2.1%	12	1.8%	8.3%
35-39	-	0.0%	2	0.4%	2	0.3%	0.0%
40-44	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
45-49	-	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0.0%
50-59	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
60-69	-	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0.0%
>70	-	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0.0%
Total	145	100.0%	514	100.0%	659	100.0%	22.0%
<i>No hours reported</i>	484	76.9%	1557	75.2%	2,041	75.6%	

Table 3.18: Hours usually worked per week in direct patient care in dentistry - third practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	26	81.3%	108	85.0%	134	84.3%	19.4%
10-19	5	15.6%	17	13.4%	22	13.8%	22.7%
20-29	1	3.1%	1	0.8%	2	1.3%	50.0%
30-34	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
35-39	-	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	0.6%	0.0%
40-44	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
45-49	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
50-59	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
60-69	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
>70	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	32	100.0%	127	100.0%	159	100.0%	20.1%
<i>No hours reported</i>	597	94.9%	1944	93.9%	2541	94.1%	

Table 3.19: Hours usually worked per week in direct patient care in dentistry -all practice locations

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	30	5.2%	42	2.2%	72	2.9%	41.7%
10-19	59	10.1%	76	4.0%	135	5.5%	43.7%
20-29	132	22.7%	181	9.6%	313	12.7%	42.2%
30-34	91	15.6%	306	16.2%	397	16.1%	22.9%
35-39	112	19.2%	449	23.7%	561	22.7%	20.0%
40-44	116	19.9%	504	26.7%	620	25.1%	18.7%
45-49	22	3.8%	165	8.7%	187	7.6%	11.8%
50-59	16	2.7%	131	6.9%	147	5.9%	10.9%
60-69	3	0.5%	27	1.4%	30	1.2%	10.0%
>70	1	0.2%	10	0.5%	11	0.4%	9.1%
Total	582	100.0%	1,891	100.0%	2,473	100.0%	23.5%
<i>No hours reported</i>	47	7.5%	180	8.7%	227	8.4%	

Table 3.20: Total hours usually worked per week in dentistry - main practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	31	5.2%	50	2.6%	81	3.2%	38.3%
10-19	72	12.1%	96	4.9%	168	6.6%	42.9%
20-29	132	22.2%	268	13.8%	400	15.8%	33.0%
30-34	61	10.3%	213	11.0%	274	10.8%	22.3%
35-39	101	17.0%	256	13.2%	357	14.1%	28.3%
40-44	107	18.0%	449	23.1%	556	21.9%	19.2%
45-49	45	7.6%	266	13.7%	311	12.3%	14.5%
50-59	29	4.9%	214	11.0%	243	9.6%	11.9%
60-69	9	1.5%	99	5.1%	108	4.3%	8.3%
>70	7	1.2%	29	1.5%	36	1.4%	19.4%
Total	594	100.0%	1,940	100.0%	2,534	100.0%	23.4%
<i>No hours reported</i>	35	5.6%	131	6.3%	166	6.1%	

Table 3.21: Total hours usually worked per week in dentistry - second practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	65	42.8%	213	39.5%	278	40.2%	23.4%
10-19	57	37.5%	197	36.5%	254	36.8%	22.4%
20-29	27	17.8%	97	18.0%	124	17.9%	21.8%
30-34	2	1.3%	15	2.8%	17	2.5%	11.8%
35-39	-	0.0%	8	0.0%	8	0.0%	0.0%
40-44	1	0.7%	5	0.9%	6	0.9%	16.7%
45-49	-	0.0%	2	0.4%	2	0.3%	0.0%
50-59	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
60-69	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%
>70	-	0.0%	2	0.4%	2	0.3%	0.0%
Total	152	100.0%	539	100.0%	691	100.0%	22.0%
<i>No hours reported</i>	477	75.8%	1532	74.0%	2,009	74.4%	

Table 3.22: Total hours usually worked per week in dentistry - third practice location

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	27	77.1%	105	78.9%	132	78.6%	20.5%
10-19	7	20.0%	22	16.5%	29	17.3%	24.1%
20-29	-	0.0%	2	1.5%	2	1.2%	0.0%
30-34	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
35-39	1	2.9%	2	1.5%	3	1.8%	33.3%
40-44	-	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	0.6%	0.0%
45-49	-	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	0.6%	0.0%
50-59	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
60-69	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
>70	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	35	100.0%	133	100.0%	168	100.0%	20.8%
<i>No hours reported</i>	594	94.4%	1938	93.6%	2532	93.8%	

Table 3.23: Total hours usually worked per week in dentistry - all practice locations

Hours per week	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent female
1-9	23	3.9%	39	2.0%	62	2.4%	37.1%
10-19	43	7.2%	49	2.5%	92	3.6%	46.7%
20-29	93	15.7%	98	5.1%	191	7.5%	48.7%
30-34	59	9.9%	149	7.7%	208	8.2%	28.4%
35-39	110	18.5%	258	13.3%	368	14.5%	29.9%
40-44	136	22.9%	514	26.5%	650	25.7%	20.9%
45-49	60	10.1%	344	17.7%	404	15.9%	14.9%
50-59	45	7.6%	315	16.2%	360	14.2%	12.5%
60-69	16	2.7%	126	6.5%	142	5.6%	11.3%
>70	9	1.5%	48	2.5%	57	2.2%	15.8%
Total	594	100.0%	1,940	100.0%	2,534	100.0%	23.4%
<i>No hours reported</i>	35	5.8%	131	6.6%	166	6.4%	

Table 3.24: Home location of dentists working in NSW, by Area Health Service

Home location	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent Female	
Health Service								
Central Coast	8	1.4%	41	2.2%	49	2.0%	16.3%	
Central Sydney	77	13.8%	178	9.4%	255	10.4%	30.2%	
Hunter	31	5.6%	102	5.4%	133	5.4%	23.3%	
Illawarra	9	1.6%	66	3.5%	75	3.1%	12.0%	
Northern Sydney	174	31.2%	533	28.2%	707	28.9%	24.6%	
South Eastern Sydney	95	17.1%	406	21.5%	501	20.5%	19.0%	
South Western Sydney	36	6.5%	115	6.1%	151	6.2%	23.8%	
Wentworth	12	2.2%	46	2.4%	58	2.4%	20.7%	
Western Sydney	55	9.9%	116	6.1%	171	7.0%	32.2%	
Total Metropolitan Areas	497	89.2%	1,603	84.9%	2100	85.9%	23.7%	
Far West	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	20.0%	
Greater Murray	14	0.0%	43	0.0%	57	0.0%	24.6%	
Macquarie	2	0.4%	12	0.6%	14	0.6%	14.3%	
Mid North Coast	12	2.2%	56	3.0%	68	2.8%	17.6%	
Mid Western	6	1.1%	31	1.6%	37	1.5%	16.2%	
New England	4	0.7%	35	1.9%	39	1.6%	10.3%	
Northern Rivers	8	1.4%	64	3.4%	72	2.9%	11.1%	
Southern	9	1.6%	30	1.6%	39	1.6%	23.1%	
Total Rural Health Services	56	10.1%	275	14.6%	331	13.5%	16.9%	
Interstate	4	0.7%	11	0.6%	15	0.6%	26.7%	
Total	557	100.0%	1889	100.0%	2446	100.0%	22.8%	
<i>Non response:</i>	72	11.4%	182	9%	254	9.4%		

Table 3.25: Work location of dentists working in NSW, by Area Health Service - main practice

Work location - main practice	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent Female	
Health Service								
Central Coast	12	2.0%	60	3.1%	72	2.8%	16.7%	
Central Sydney	51	8.6%	159	8.2%	210	8.3%	24.3%	
Hunter	33	5.6%	99	5.1%	132	5.2%	25.0%	
Illawarra	13	2.2%	85	4.4%	98	3.9%	13.3%	
Northern Sydney	134	22.7%	362	18.6%	496	19.5%	27.0%	
South Eastern Sydney	148	25.1%	491	25.2%	639	25.2%	23.2%	
South Western Sydney	53	9.0%	155	8.0%	208	8.2%	25.5%	
Wentworth	21	3.6%	66	3.4%	87	3.4%	24.1%	
Western Sydney	61	10.3%	164	8.4%	225	8.9%	27.1%	
Total Metropolitan Areas	526	89.2%	1,641	84.2%	2167	85.4%	24.3%	
Far West	-	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	0.0%	0.0%	
Greater Murray	17	2.9%	46	2.4%	63	2.5%	27.0%	
Macquarie	2	0.3%	15	0.8%	17	0.7%	11.8%	
Mid North Coast	11	1.9%	55	2.8%	66	2.6%	16.7%	
Mid Western	6	1.0%	34	1.7%	40	1.6%	15.0%	
New England	4	0.7%	41	2.1%	45	1.8%	8.9%	
Northern Rivers	12	2.0%	74	3.8%	86	3.4%	14.0%	
Southern	12	2.0%	34	1.7%	46	1.8%	26.1%	
Total Rural Health Services	64	10.8%	304	15.6%	368	14.5%	17.4%	
Interstate	-	0.0%	3	0.2%	3	0.1%	0.0%	
Total	590	100.0%	1948	100.0%	2538	100.0%	23.2%	
<i>Non response:</i>	39	6.2%	123	5.9%	162	6.0%		

Table 3.26: Work location of dentists working in NSW, by Area Health Service-second practice

Work location -2nd practice	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent Female	
Health Service								
Central Coast	2	1.5%	25	5.0%	27	4.2%	7.4%	
Central Sydney	19	13.9%	44	8.8%	63	9.9%	30.2%	
Hunter	9	6.6%	41	8.2%	50	7.8%	18.0%	
Illawarra	3	2.2%	30	6.0%	33	5.2%	9.1%	
Northern Sydney	28	20.4%	67	13.3%	95	14.9%	29.5%	
South Eastern Sydney	27	19.7%	104	20.7%	131	20.5%	20.6%	
South Western Sydney	14	10.2%	50	10.0%	64	10.0%	21.9%	
Wentworth	5	3.6%	14	2.8%	19	3.0%	26.3%	
Western Sydney	17	12.4%	50	10.0%	67	10.5%	25.4%	
Total Metropolitan Areas	124	90.5%	425	84.7%	549	85.9%	22.6%	
Far West	-	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.2%	0.0%	
Greater Murray	-	0.0%	9	1.8%	9	1.4%	0.0%	
Macquarie	1	0.7%	6	1.2%	7	1.1%	14.3%	
Mid North Coast	3	2.2%	18	3.6%	21	3.3%	14.3%	
Mid Western	2	1.5%	11	2.2%	13	2.0%	15.4%	
New England	1	0.7%	8	1.6%	9	1.4%	11.1%	
Northern Rivers	1	0.7%	10	2.0%	11	1.7%	9.1%	
Southern	1	0.7%	6	1.2%	7	1.1%	14.3%	
Total Rural Health Services	9	6.6%	69	13.7%	78	12.2%	11.5%	
Interstate	4	2.9%	8	1.6%	12	1.9%	33.3%	
Total	137	100.0%	502	100.0%	639	100.0%	21.4%	
<i>Non response:</i>	492	78.2%	1569	75.8%	2061	76.3%		

Table 3.27: Work location of dentists working in NSW, by Area Health Service-third practice

Work location -3rd practice	No.		%		No.		%	
	Female		Male		Total		Per cent Female	
Health Service								
Central Coast	1	2.9%	4	2.8%	5	2.9%	20.0%	
Central Sydney	3	8.8%	10	7.1%	13	7.4%	23.1%	
Hunter	2	5.9%	15	10.6%	17	9.7%	11.8%	
Illawarra	1	2.9%	11	7.8%	12	6.9%	8.3%	
Northern Sydney	3	8.8%	16	11.3%	19	10.9%	15.8%	
South Eastern Sydney	14	41.2%	19	13.5%	33	18.9%	42.4%	
South Western Sydney	1	2.9%	15	10.6%	16	9.1%	6.3%	
Wentworth	1	2.9%	7	5.0%	8	4.6%	12.5%	
Western Sydney	7	20.6%	16	11.3%	23	13.1%	30.4%	
Total Metropolitan Areas	33	97.1%	113	80.1%	146	83.4%	22.6%	
Far West	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	
Greater Murray	-	0.0%	6	4.3%	6	3.4%	0.0%	
Macquarie	-	0.0%	1	0.7%	1	0.6%	0.0%	
Mid North Coast	-	0.0%	4	2.8%	4	2.3%	0.0%	
Mid Western	-	0.0%	3	2.1%	3	1.7%	0.0%	
New England	-	0.0%	4	2.8%	4	2.3%	0.0%	
Northern Rivers	-	0.0%	1	0.7%	1	0.6%	0.0%	
Southern	1	2.9%	5	3.5%	6	3.4%	16.7%	
Total Rural Health Services	1	2.9%	24	17.0%	25	14.3%	4.0%	
Interstate	-	0.0%	4	2.8%	4	2.3%	0.0%	
Total	34	100.0%	141	100.0%	175	100.0%	19.4%	
<i>Non response:</i>	595	94.6%	1930	93.2%	2525	93.5%		