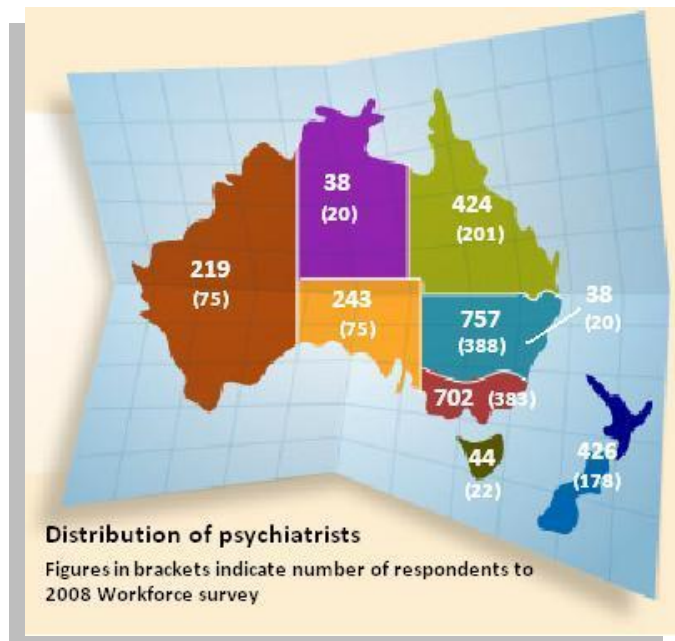


Survey of the psychiatry workforce in Australia and New Zealand in 2008*

WHERE?

- 87% of respondents were from Australia (1228) with the remaining 13% from New Zealand (178)
- 62.7% of Australian respondents were from either NSW or Victoria
- 16% of Australian respondents indicated they spent time practising in rural areas
- Most New Zealand respondents were in the North Island



WHO?

- Around a third of respondents were women
- 35% of respondents were young psychiatrists under the age of 50 years
- 62% of respondents were mature psychiatrists over the age of 50 years
- 30% of respondents were over the age of 60 years and could potentially retire in the next five years
- Over one quarter of Australian respondents indicated they planned to change their practice in the next five years

WHAT?

- Engaging in professional activities in both the public and private sectors was common for Australian respondents
- General adult psychiatry has the highest proportion of engagement in both Australia and New Zealand
- A higher percentage of respondents were engaged in psychotherapy in Australian than in New Zealand

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Location

A higher percentage of Australian respondents indicated that they spent time practising in rural areas than in 2005

Hours of Practice

New Zealand psychiatrists were working longer in 2008. In 2005 an average working week of 35 hours was reported; this increased in 2008 to 47 hours per week

Retirement Intentions

4% less psychiatrists in Australia indicated an intention to retire within the next five years. In 2005 14% had retirement intentions and only 10% in 2008. There is a similar pattern in New Zealand (2005: 7%, 2008: 5%)

* Data source:

An online survey of Fellows and Affiliates of the RANZCP was conducted in December 2008:
2546 surveys were sent to Australian Fellows with a response rate of 48% (1228 completed surveys)
405 surveys were sent to New Zealand Fellows with a response rate of 45% (178 completed surveys)