

Results of ASMS salary survey of Senior Medical and Dental Officers

July 2023

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Senior medical and dental officer salary survey 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Association of Salaried Medical Specialists (ASMS) has been recording the salaries of specialists and medical and dental officers working at the former District Health Boards (DHBs) throughout the country since 1993. Information is requested from Te Whatu Ora Districts about the number of senior medical and dental staff on each step of the salary scale on 1 July 2022, whether they are ASMS members or not. The salary steps are those derived from the 2017-2020 ASMS DHB Multi-Employer Collective Agreement (MECA). This survey reports on the current salary scales of the MECA that came into effect on 6 April 2022. The figures represent the number of people on each salary step rather than full-time equivalents (FTE) and do not take account or hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week, availability allowances or any other salary enhancements.

In addition to recording numbers of senior medical and dental staff per salary step, the survey requests a breakdown of these numbers by gender. This provides an insight into the gender composition of senior medical and dental staff by District, as well as allowing ASMS to track changes in this regard since the data became available more than 10 years ago.

Finally, the survey requests information on the superannuation schemes currently used by senior medical and dental staff. There are three categories in this section; the number receiving an employer contribution under the Government Superannuation Fund (GSF) or the National Provident Fund (NPF) which closed to new members in 1992, the number receiving a contribution under the DHB MECA Clause 17.2 and those who receive an employer contribution in some other way.

Not all Districts returned the data requested in 2022. This has affected the overall results, and these Districts are excluded from the analysis. The Districts which did not return data for 2022 are Toi Te Hauora Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral and Capital and Coast.

KEY FINDINGS

On 1 July 2022, the national health agencies Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand, and Te Aka Whai Ora, the Māori Health Authority were officially launched, replacing the 20 DHBs. This report will refer to Te Whatu Ora Districts, which follow the same boundaries as the DHBs.

On 1 July 2022, there were 4722 specialists and 458 medical and dental officers employed across the 17 Districts eligible for inclusion in the analysis, with a total senior medical and dental workforce of 5180 across these areas. These figures represent a 0.76 per cent increase in specialist numbers and an 8.2 per cent decrease in medical and dental officer numbers compared with the previous year. Compared with 2021, these results are affected by the incomplete data set. Furthermore, ASMS has noted in previous surveys that figures are likely to be an overestimation, possibly capturing individuals who are employed across multiple Districts.

Of the total workforce, 2725 (57.7 per cent) specialists were male and 1997 (42.3 per cent) were female. This represents an increase in the number of male specialists of 6.7 per cent and an increase in the number of female specialists of 14.7 per cent compared with 2021.

For medical and dental officers, 222 (48.5 per cent) were male and 236 (51.5 per cent) were female. This represents an increase in the number of male medical and dental officers of 5.9 per cent and an increase in the number of female medical and dental officers of 14.7 per cent compared with 2021.

The figures report an increase in the average specialist salary of 3.9 per cent to \$225,454, and an increase in the average medical and dental officer salary of 8.5 per cent to \$175,155 compared with the previous year. The highest average salary for specialists was recorded at Wairarapa (\$235,337 n=27), and the lowest this year at Waitaha Canterbury (\$219,992 n=674). The lowest average salary for medical officers was again at Te Toka Tumai Auckland (\$151,021 n=126).

In 2022, 37.8 per cent (n=1786) of all specialists were on the top step of the salary scale compared with 35 per cent (n=1852) in 2020. In terms of the gender composition of the top step, 29.7 per cent (n=530) were female and 70.3 per cent (n=1256) were male. For medical and dental officers, 36.7 per cent (n=168) were on the top step, comprised of 44.6 per cent (n=75) females and 55.6 per cent (n=93) males. For both specialists and medical and dental officers, the majority were on the top step, with the second largest grouping of specialists being on Step 11 (474 individuals).

For Medical and Dental Officers, the second-largest grouping was on step 1 (103 individuals). This is comprised of 43.7 per cent males and 56.3 per cent females. In the SMO scale, there are 117 people on Step 1 (59 per cent female and 41 per cent male).

RESULTS

Table 1 presents the distribution of specialists by Te Whatu Ora District. Te Toka Tumai Auckland remains the largest employer of specialists, followed by Waitaha Canterbury and Counties Manukau. Wairarapa and West Coast DHBs continue to have the lowest number of specialists in the country, both having fewer than 40 specialists.

Table 1: Ranked numbers of specialists employed by Te Whatu Ora District¹ on July 1, 2022

		per cent change in numbers cf
Te Whatu Ora District	2022	2021
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	1042	1.8per cent
Waitaha Canterbury	674	2per cent
Counties Manukau	551	-2per cent
Waitematā	517	1per cent
Waikato	453	1per cent
Southern	342	1per cent
Te Tai Tokerau Northland	187	3per cent
Te Matau a Māui Hawkes Bay	177	4per cent
Hutt Valley	160	-4per cent
Nelson-Marlborough	150	4per cent
Taranaki	136	1per cent
Lakes	105	-2per cent
South Canterbury	59	-11per cent
Tairāwhiti	56	-3per cent
Whanganui	49	-6per cent
Te Tai o Poutini West Coast	37	9per cent
Wairarapa	27	8per cent
	4722	0.76per cent

^{1.} Excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast, who did not provide data for 2022.

Table 2 presents the distribution of medical and dental officers by Te Whatu Ora District. Auckland, Waitematā and Counties Manukau have the largest numbers of medical and dental officers with Wairarapa and Tairāwhiti having the lowest number.

Table 2: Ranked numbers of medical and dental officers employed by Te Whatu Ora Districts¹ on July 1 2022

Te Whatu Ora District	2022	change in numbers cf 2021 (%)
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	126	-2%
Waitematā	82	11%
Counties Manukau	53	-28%
Waitaha Canterbury	48	9%
Waikato	40	-42%
Te Tai Tokerau Northland	24	-27%
Southern	17	0%
Nelson-Marlborough	16	23%
Taranaki	15	25%
Te Matau a Māui Hawkes Bay	9	-0%
Te Tai o Poutini West Coast	10	25%
Hutt Valley	6	50%
Lakes	5	67%
South Canterbury	4	-33%
Whanganui	2	-33%
Wairarapa	1	-50%
Tairāwhiti	0	-100%
Total	543	-8.2%

^{1.} This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast, who did not provide data for 2022.

Figure 1 shows how total numbers of both specialists and medical and dental officers have changed over the past 16 years, with the trend lines displaying the year-on-year percentage change in these total numbers across all Districts.

2022 saw a 0.76 per cent increase in the number of specialists. While this is a much more modest increase than that reported in previous years (6 per cent was reported in 2021), there are several factors influencing this result.

The incomplete data provided for 2022 is likely to have had the greatest influence, though as noted in previous salary surveys, there is likely double counting of SMOs occurring, particularly if some doctors are employed at more than one District. It is important that these figures are treated with caution as there is no way of discerning whether this happens. Moreover, given the figures are headcount and not FTE, the purported increases over recent years does not necessarily signal a sudden increase in the supply of doctors or an increased workforce in real terms.

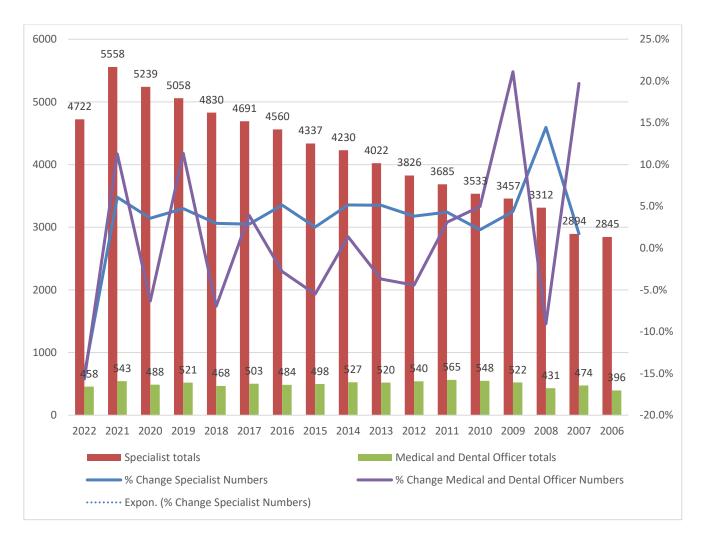


Figure 1: Total numbers of specialists and medical and dental officers employed by Te Whatu Ora Districts¹ 2006-2022 and percentage change in numbers

1. This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Figure 2 shows trends in average full-time equivalent specialist and medical and dental officer salaries over the past ten years, with the percentage change in average salary from 2012.

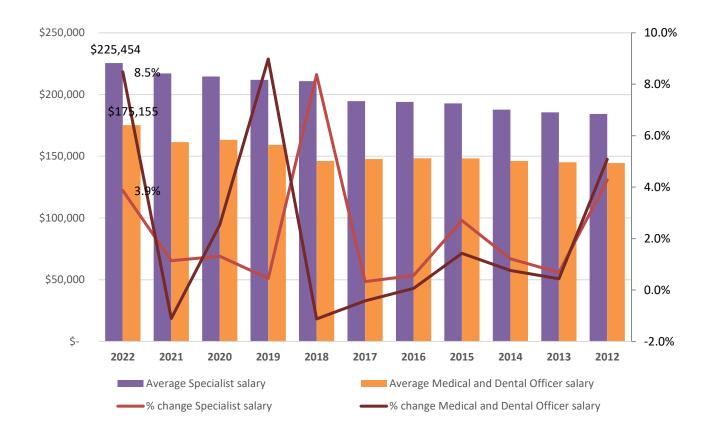


Figure 2: Summary of national average full time equivalent salaries for specialists and medical and dental officers and percentage change 2011-2022¹

This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Table 3 presents the ranked average salaries of specialists by Te Whatu Ora District. Table 4 presents the same figures for medical and dental officers. Both tables exclude Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast.

Table 3: Ranked average specialist salary by Te Whatu Ora District 2022

Te Whatu Ora District	Total average salary	Specialists per DHB
Wairarapa	\$235,337	25
Whanganui	\$234,582	49
Tairāwhiti	\$231,977	56
Nelson-Marlborough	\$228,962	150
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	\$226,175	1042
Southern	\$225,172	342
Te Tai o Poutini West Coast	\$224,595	37
Waitematā	\$224,820	517
Counties Manukau	\$224,325	551
Lakes	\$224,252	105
Te Matau a Māui Hawkes Bay	\$223,796	177
Te Tai Tokerau Northland	\$223,733	187
Waikato	\$222,536	453
Taranaki	\$221,122	136
South Canterbury	\$220,757	59
Hutt Valley	\$220,558	160
Canterbury	\$219,992	674

^{*}This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Table 4: Ranked average medical and dental officer salary per Te Whatu Ora District 2022¹²

Te Whatu Ora District	Total average salary	Medical and dental officers per District
Wairarapa	\$195,800	1
Whanganui	\$187,004	2
Nelson-Marlborough	\$184,489	16
Te Tai o Poutini West Coast	\$182,493	10
Lakes	\$179,993	5
South Canterbury	\$178,218	4
Te Tai Tokerau Northland	\$178,027	24
Southern	\$176,825	17
Waikato	\$174,326	40
Counties Manukau	\$171,158	53
Taranaki	\$170,993	3
Te Matua ā Maui Hawkes Bay	\$170,167	9
Waitematā	\$168,726	82
Canterbury	\$166,636	44
Southern	\$166,606	3
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	\$151,021	126

- 1. Tairāwhiti has no Medical or Dental Officers.
- 2. This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Table 5 and 6 present a detailed breakdown of where specialists and medical and dental officers are placed on their respective salary scales according to gender and how this varies by District. The final rows present the gender totals, national totals and the percentage of females and males on each of the salary steps.

Table 5: Numbers of specialists on each salary step by gender and Te Whatu Ora District¹ 2022

Te Whatu Ora District		15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Te Tai Tokerau	Males	45	8	3	1	8	8	4	6	6	4	2	3	3	2	2
Northland	Females	28	3	2	2	7	3	4	1	4	5	5	4	2	6	6
	TOTAL	73	11	5	3	15	11	8	7	10	9	7	7	5	8	8
Waitemata	Males	144	7	8	6	28	10	13	14	24	7	9	7	11	9	4
	Females	62	7	12	8	26	15	8	13	8	10	10	14	14	6	3
	TOTAL	206	14	20	14	54	25	21	27	32	17	19	21	25	15	7
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	Males	275	17	13	18	51	31	21	22	20	18	18	19	9	10	7
	Females	152	21	22	22	53	26	31	19	21	25	27	21	24	18	11
	TOTAL	427	38	35	40	104	57	52	41	41	43	45	40	33	28	18
Counties Manukau	Males	139	9	14	11	30	17	10	11	4	13	9	13	7	10	3
	Females	61	9	12	10	39	18	16	12	11	9	12	7	11	15	9
	TOTAL	200	18	26	21	69	35	26	23	15	22	21	20	18	25	12
Waikato	Males	114	17	11	11	31	10	12	13	17	12	16	11	12	6	3
	Females	31	10	12	8	19	7	6	4	9	9	11	8	8	8	7
	TOTAL	145	27	23	19	50	17	18	17	26	21	27	19	20	14	10
Lakes	Males	31	3	1	3	7	3	3	2	0	3	1	3	3	0	1
	Females	11	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	5	5	3	3	0	0
	TOTAL	42	3	2	4	8	6	6	5	2	8	6	6	6	0	1
Tairawhiti	Males	19	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0
	Females	7	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
	TOTAL	26	5	4	6	1	0	0	0	5	1	4	2	1	1	0
Taranaki	Males	30	8	3	1	11	3	4	2	3	5	3	2	2	4	0
	Females	11	2	3	4	4	2	3	1	2	4	5	3	5	3	3
	TOTAL	41	10	6	5	15	5	7	3	5	9	8	5	7	7	3
Te Matua ā Maui	Males	48	5	3	6	10	5	2	3	6	4	2	5	5	3	2
Hawkes Bay	Females	13	5	4	3	7	3	4	7	3	8	5	1	1	1	3
	TOTAL	61	10	7	9	17	8	6	10	9	12	7	6	6	4	5
Whanganui	Males	23	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Females	5	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
	TOTAL	28	1	0	2	4	4	3	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
Wairarapa	Males	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Females	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
	TOTAL	16	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Hutt Valley	Males	38	4	2	3	5	3	4	7	5	5	4	6	3	0	4
	Females	20	5	1	0	4	2	3	3	4	5	5	3	4	5	3
	TOTAL	58	9	3	3	9	5	7	10	9	10	9	9	7	5	7
Nelson-Marlborough	Males	47	6	6	0	10	7	1	4	0	3	0	2	2	3	0
	Females	15	2	6	2	9	0	4	2	6	3	2	3	3	0	2
	TOTAL	62	8	12	2	19	7	5	6	6	6	2	5	5	3	2
Te Tai o Poutini	Males	10	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
West Coast	Females	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0
	TOTAL	17	1	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	1
Waitaha Canterbury	Males	161	9	15	14	35	20	25	18	9	15	12	7	16	15	18
	Females	65	6	3	16	40	8	14	14	14	14	20	23	18	13	17
	TOTAL	226	15	18	30	75	28	39	32	23	29	32	30	34	28	35
South Canterbury	Males	18	1	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1
	Females	5	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	3	3	1	2	2	0
	TOTAL	23	1	2	1	3	1	6	3	0	4	5	2	4	3	1
Southern	Males	98	9	4	7	17	13	6	8	6	13	8	4	3	5	2
	Females	37	6	3	7	12	11	11	3	9	9	9	8	4	5	5
	TOTAL	135	15	7	14	29	24	17	11	15	22	17	12	7	10	7
Gender Totals	Males	1,256	109	87	89	248	135	109	110	103	105	91	87	80	68	48
	Females	530	79	84	86	226	102	116	86	100	110	121	101	102	85	69
	National Total	1,786	188	171	175	474	237	225	196	203	215	212	188	182	153	117

^{1.} This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Table 6: Numbers of medical and dental officers on each salary step by gender and Te Whatu Ora District¹ 2022

Te Whatu Ora District		14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Totals
T. T. 'T. I	Males	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	14
Te Tai Tokerau	Females	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Northland	TOTAL	13	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	24
Waitemata	Males	15	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	14	43
	Females	19	0	2	0	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	5	39
	TOTAL	34	1	5	0	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	4	2	19	82
Te Toka Tumai	Males	14	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	10	18	51
Auckland	Females	13	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	4	3	2	8	36	75
	TOTAL	27	3	2	0	4	2	2	0	3	4	4	3	18	54	126
	Males	14	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	25
Counties Manukau	Females	7	1	0	3	3	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	28
	TOTAL	21	1	1	5	3	2	0	3	6	1	0	0	0	10	53
Waikato	Males	10	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	26
	Females	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	14
	TOTAL	13	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	3	5	1	0	0	2	40
Lakes	Males	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Females	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Tairawhiti	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taranaki	Males	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
	Females	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9
	TOTAL	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	15
Te Matua ā Maui	Males	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Hawkes Bay	Females	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
	TOTAL	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9
Whanganui	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Females	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wairarapa	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Females	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hutt Valley	Males	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
,	Females	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
	TOTAL	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
Nelson-Marlborough	Males	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Females	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
	TOTAL	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	16
Te Tai o Poutini	Males	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
West Coast	Females	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	TOTAL	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	10
Waitaha Canterbury	Males	8	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	4	20
,	Females	9	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	6	28
	TOTAL	17	0	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	0	2	10	48
South Canterbury	Males	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
,	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Southern	Males	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	10
	Females	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	7
	TOTAL	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	17
Gender Totals	Males	93	6	8	5	8	11	3	5	7	8	9	3	11	45	222
Cenaci rotais	Females	75	3	7	7	14	10	7	6	18	10	4	5	12	58	236
	National Total	168	9	15	12	22	21	10	11	25	18	13	8	23	103	458
	ואמנוטוומו וטנמו	109	9	12	12	22		10	111	25	19	13	0		102	438

^{1.} This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast

Figures 3 and 4 show the proportion of the workforce on the top step of the salary scale over the past 15 years including the proportion of women and men sitting on the top step over the same time frame.

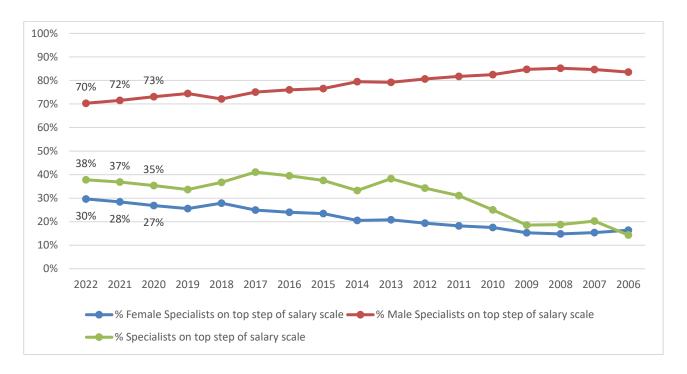


Figure 3: Proportion of specialists and by gender on the top step of the salary scale from 2006-2022

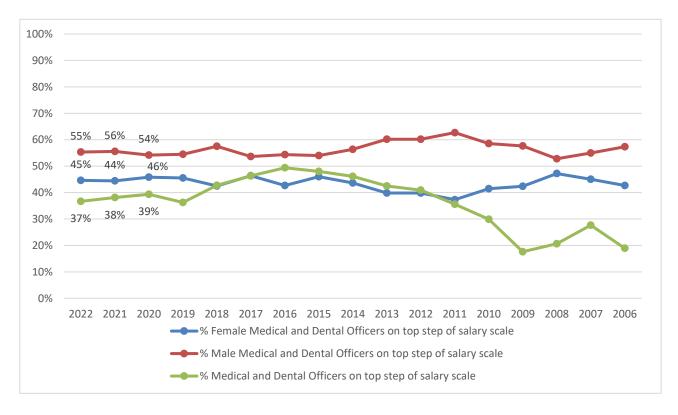


Figure 4: Proportion of medical and dental officers and by gender on the top step of the salary scale from 2006-2022

Figures 5 and 6 show the total numbers of specialists and medical and dental officers over the past 16 years including how these numbers are split according to gender. Figure 5 suggests that the numbers of women specialists are growing and that the proportionate gender balance of the specialist workforce is gradually evening out. For medical and dental officers, the numbers are relatively static and the male/female ratios proportionately more even than in the specialist workforce (Figure 6).

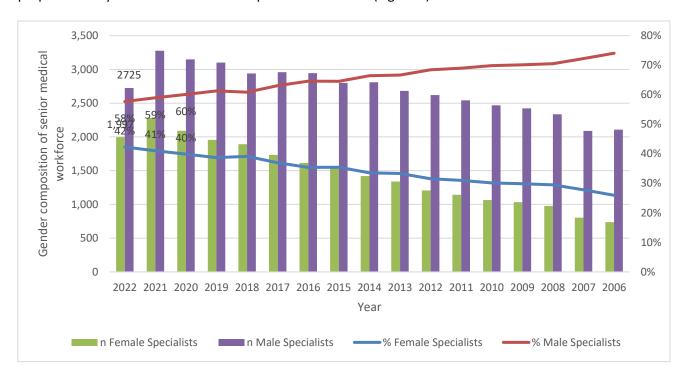


Figure 5: Total number and proportion of specialists by gender 2006-2022

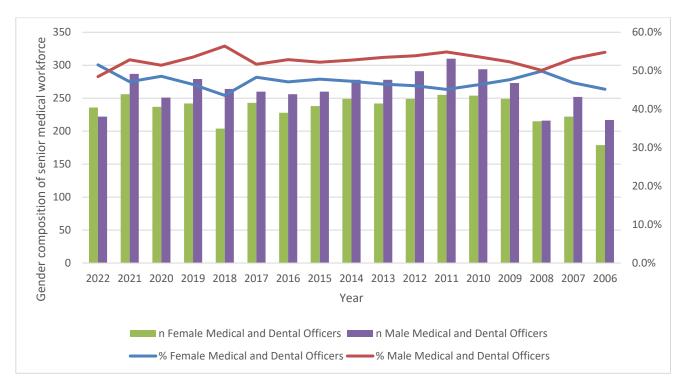


Figure 6: Total number and proportion of medical and dental officers by gender 2006-2022

The final table presents the various superannuation arrangements by DHB. The NPF Defined Benefit, NPF Defined Contribution and GSF schemes have been amalgamated in the summary.

In 2022, the survey asked Districts to differentiate individuals receiving Employer Contributions up to 5.99 per cent, and those receiving 6 per cent or higher. When separated out, the numbers receiving less than 5.99 per cent employer contribution is less than a third (28.8 per cent) of all specialists and medical/dental officers.

The number and proportion of specialists with NPF and GSF schemes continues to trend downwards, dropping 35 per cent between 2021 and 2022, and now representing fewer than 2 per cent of all specialists.

2022 marks the first survey year where no 'Other' superannuation arrangements were noted any of the Districts providing data, though as with previous years there was confusion regarding how to allocate superannuation agreements. For example, Te Tai Tokerau Northland reported 303 individuals receiving employer contributions to superannuation schemes, yet is recorded as having 211 specialists and medical/dental officers. This issue is being followed up at the time of writing. 8.3 per cent (n=398) of the total number of specialist and senior medical and dental officers do not appear to be receiving an employer contribution to their superannuation.

Table 7: Combined specialist and medical/dental officer superannuation arrangements per Te Whatu Ora District¹² 2022

Te Whatu Ora District	GSF & NPF	Receiving Employer Contribution under CEA (<5.9%) (n)	Receiving Employer Contribution under CEA (6.0% +) (n)	Other	Total	Total @ district	?Not receiving
Te Tai Tokerau Northland	1	194	108	0	303	211	-92
Waitematā	9	98	453	0	560	599	39
Te Toka Tumai Auckland	22	460	625	0	1077	1168	91
Counties Manukau	17	117	196	0	611	639	274
Waikato	7	98	388	0	493	493	0
Lakes	3	17	83	0	103	110	7
Tairāwhiti	0	4	45	0	49	56	7
Taranaki	2	29	109	0	140	151	11
Hawke's Bay	3	106	67	0	176	186	10
Whanganui	1	0	31	0	31	51	20
Wairarapa	0	4	21	0	25	27	2
Hutt Valley	2	34	131	0	167	166	-1
Nelson-Marlborough	4	19	127	0	150	166	16
West Coast	0	16	31	0	47	47	0
Canterbury	12	150	560	0	722	722	0
South Canterbury	2	38	15	0	55	3663	7
Southern	7	25	322	0	354	359	5
Total - 2022	91	1379	3312	0	4782	5180	398
Total – 2021	140	5437		70	5557	6101	554
Total - 2020	185	4245		34	4464	5727	
Total - 2019	166	5424		30	5620	5579	

- 1. Note: some employees have two schemes, with a total subsidy of up to 6 per cent, which is permitted under the MECA.
- 2. This excludes Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty, Te Pai Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua MidCentral, and Capital and Coast