

Consultations with health professionals in a two week period 1983

Type of health professional	Male	Female	Persons	Per Cent
Medical practitioner	1145.9	1525.7	2671.6	59.6
Dentist	347.4	407.2	754.7	16.8
Chemist	169.6	225.9	395.5	8.8
Chiropractor	86.6	96.3	182.9	4.1
Physiotherapist	73.7	68.0	141.7	3.2
Optician/optometrist	31.6	40.0	71.6	1.6
District, home or community nurse	24.5	38.9	63.4	1.4
Baby health nurse	8.5	9.6	8.1	0.4
School nurse	2.7	2.9	5.6	0.1
Naturopath	14.1	32.5	46.6	1.0
Acupuncturist	12.2	21.6	33.8	0.8
Chiropodist/podiatrist	8.6	21.4	29.9	0.7
Herbalist	5.8	14.1	19.8	0.4
Osteopath	9.7	8.9	18.6	0.4
Social worker/welfare officer	7.8	10.3	18.1	0.4
Psychologist	6.0	7.7	13.6	0.3
TOTALS	1954.7	2531.0	487.5	100.0

a. Some people consulted a health professional more than once in the two week period of the survey. Total persons consulting therefore exceed column totals.

Source: *Australian Bureau of Statistics (1986b) Cat No. 4311.0