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Appropriate Patient Care

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Appropriate servicing in Chiropractic

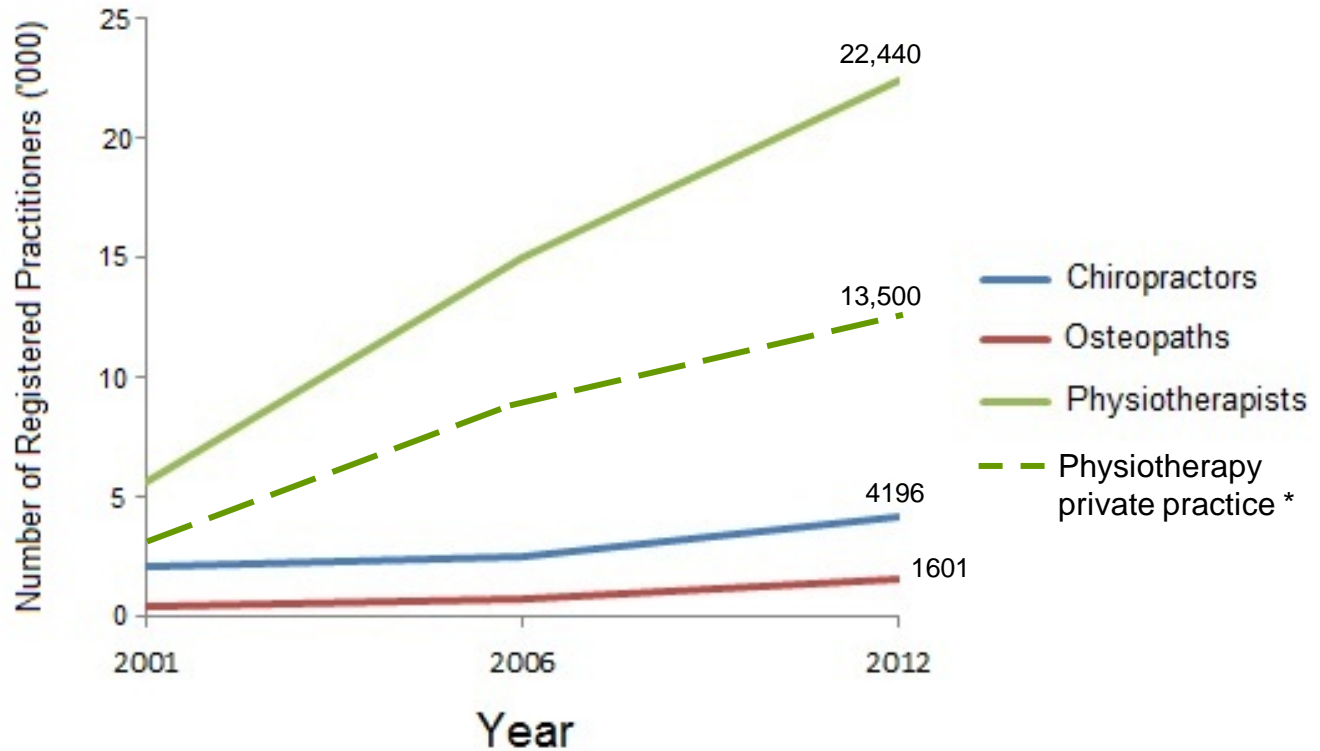
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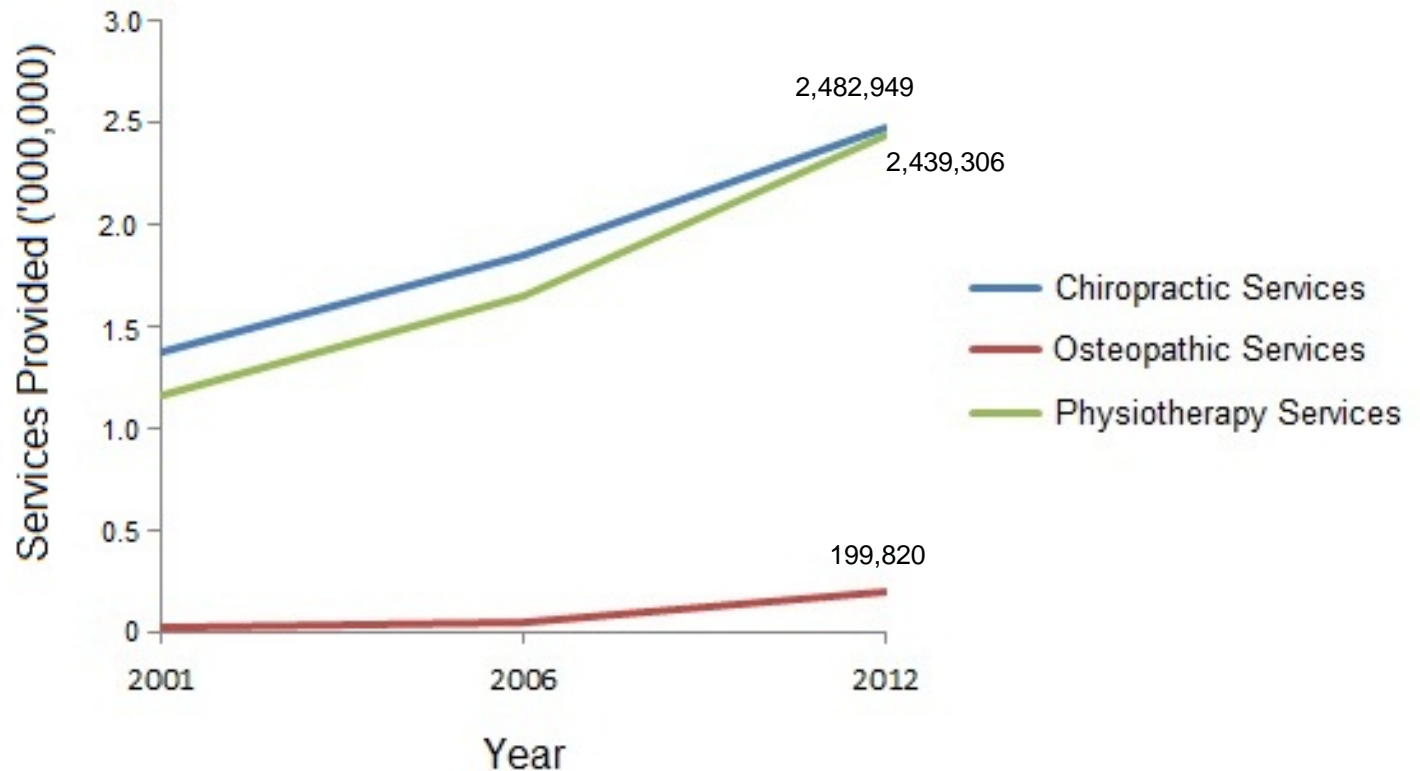
Number of Allied Health practitioners: 2001-2012



Brown & Swain (2012)

Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA): 2012
Australian Bureau of Statistics (2008): *Australian Social Trends – Complementary Therapies*
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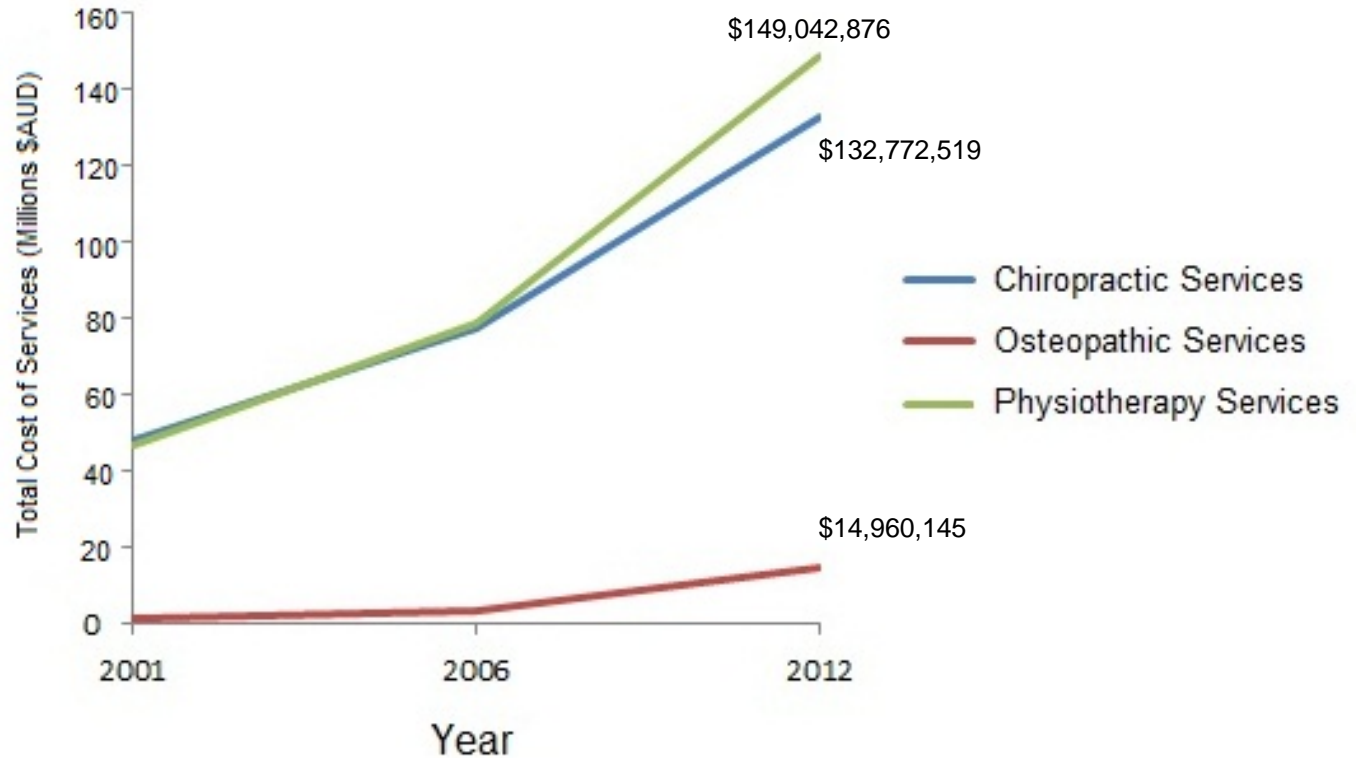
Number of services provided by profession: 2001 - 2012



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Private Health Insurance Administration Council: Tables PHIAC A (2001, 2006, 2012)

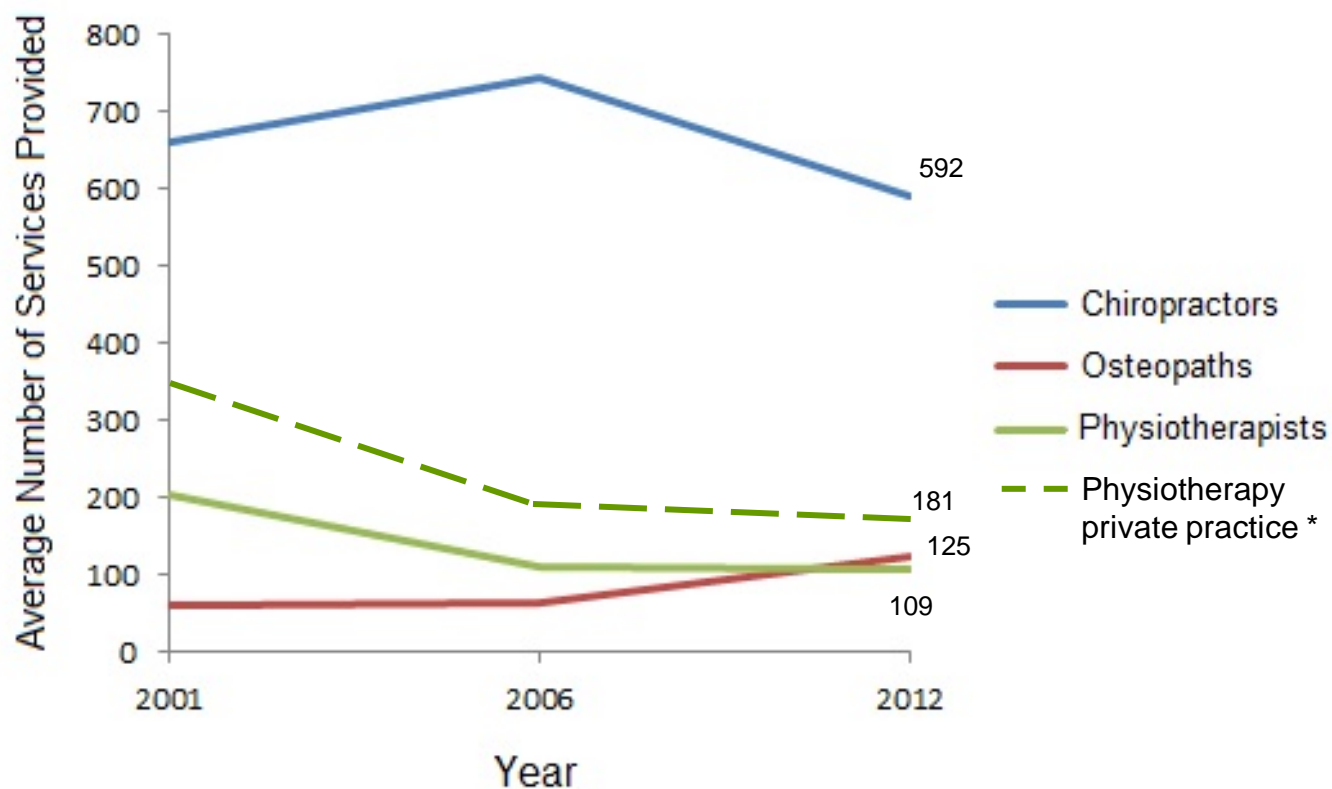
Total cost of services by profession: 2001 - 2012



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Average number of consultations per practitioner by profession: 2001-2012



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Case examples



Case 1: 62 year old male

- Presenting symptoms (years)
 - Headaches
 - Shoulder pain
 - Neck pain
 - Twisted posture
- Diagnosis
 - Subluxations throughout spine
 - Hunched posture, incredibly inflexible
- Areas treated
 - Spine
 - Elbows/shoulders/knees/ankles/feet
- Goals of care
 - Correct spine to within normal limits



Case 1: Management

- 117 treatments over 17 month period
 - 46 treatments in initial 4 months
 - 36 treatments in 3 months
 - 35 treatments in 3 months
- No reported improvements in:
 - Headaches
 - Shoulder pain
 - Neck pain
- Reported improvements:
 - Taller
 - Increased breathing
 - Changes on X-Ray

Case 2: 37 year old female

- Presenting symptoms
 - Neck/shoulder tension (12 years)
 - Lower back pain (4 years)
 - Headaches (regularly)
- Diagnosis
 - Subluxation of C4, T3, T8, L5 & SI
 - Poor posture
- Goals of care
 - Increase spinal ROM
 - Increase posture(?)



Case 2: Management

- 209 treatments over 3 year period
 - 68 in 2006
 - 77 in 2007
 - 64 in 2008
- No reported changes in:
 - Neck/ shoulder tension
 - Low back pain
 - Headaches
- No yellow flags
- Uncomplicated musculoskeletal condition

Case 3: 4½ year old male

- Presenting symptoms
 - Stiff upper back after falling over
 - Difficulty turning head
- Diagnosis
 - T4 subluxation with swelling
- Goals of care
 - Restore range of motion (ROM)
 - Reduce inflammation locally



Case 3: Management

- 24 treatments over 4½ months
- Expected date of discharge:
 - “Not relevant, children keep falling over so I keep an eye on them”

Case 4: 1 year old male

- Presenting symptoms
 - Sick with a cold
 - Runny nose, congested, malaise
- Goals of care
 - Increase health levels
 - Increase spinal range of motion (ROM)
- Goals achieved to date
 - Increase health levels
 - Increase spinal ROM

Case 4: Management

- 25 treatments over 3 month period
- No mention of how practitioner assessed initial spinal ROM
- No mention of how practitioner assessed the change in spinal ROM
- No mention of how practitioner assessed initial health levels
- No mention of how practitioner assessed change in health levels

Thank you

