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Canada's Health Care Providers— 2007 Provincial Profiles

Canada's Health Care Providers—2007 Provincial Profiles provides comparable information on health care provider population trends for 10 provinces and nationwide for 24 health occupations in Canada. It includes information on per capita population and gender breakdowns for the all-new 2007 reporting year, as well as regulatory information and counts for 1999, 2003 and 2007.

CIHI attempts to collect data from each province and territory in Canada. In many cases, however, data providers have combined Nunavut and Northwest Territories data, or data for all three northern territories including the Yukon. ***Canada's Health Care Providers—2007 Provincial Profiles*** focuses on the 10 provinces, while data on the northern territories are included in the nationwide totals.

More in-depth information on specific health occupations is available in our main publication, ***Canada's Health Care Providers, 1997 to 2006, A Reference Guide***. Both publications are available at on our web site at www.cihi.ca.

Canada

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | | | | | 2007 | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|
| | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | % Female* | % Male* | % Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | .. | 1,128 | 1,344 | .. | 77 | 20 | 4 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 5,342 | 6,614 | 7,434 | 39 | 30 | 70 | 0 | 22 |
| Dental Hygienists | 14,525 | 16,920 | 20,928 | 44 | 85 | 2 | 14 | 63 |
| Dietitians | 6,771 | 7,499 | 8,797 | 30 | 90 | 2 | 8 | 27 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | 915 | 1,141 | 1,420 | 55 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | 2,591 | 2,414 | 3,714 | 43 | .. | .. | .. | 11 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 6,258 | 6,980 | 8,168 | 31 | 74 | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Social Workers‡ | 16,409 | 26,279 | 32,043 | 95 | 71 | 14 | 15 | 97 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | .. | 5,814 | 6,989 | .. | 92 | 4 | 5 | 21 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | | | | | | | | |
| | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | % Female* | % Male* | % Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 16,899 | 18,259 | 19,201 | 14 | 0 | 0 | .. | 58 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 17,468 | 19,092 | 19,813 | 13 | 81 | 14 | 5 | 60 |
| Medical Physicists§ | 253 | 285 | 352 | 39 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 14,189 | 15,289 | 16,940 | 19 | 82 | 18 | 0 | 51 |
| Midwives‡ | 310 | 445 | 665 | 115 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Nurse Practitioners | .. | 725 | 1,395 | .. | 79 | 5 | 11 | 4 |
| Optometrists | 3,509 | 3,821 | 4,255 | 21 | 29 | 42 | 29 | 13 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 56,914 | 59,454 | 63,682 | 12 | 34 | 66 | 0 | 192 |
| Psychologists | 12,213 | 14,220 | 16,097 | 32 | 62 | 28 | 3 | 49 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | | | | | | | | |
| | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | % Female* | % Male* | % Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 72,983 | 63,138 | 69,709 | NC | 93 | 7 | 0 | 210 |
| Occupational Therapists | 8,389 | 10,462 | 12,296 | NC | 92 | 8 | 0 | 37 |
| Pharmacists | 23,985 | 27,612 | 28,433 | NC | 41 | 30 | 29 | 86 |
| Physiotherapists | 13,906 | 15,715 | 16,463 | NC | 79 | 21 | 0 | 50 |
| Registered Nurses | 228,534 | 241,415 | 257,961 | 13 | 94 | 6 | .. | 778 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 5,450 | 5,108 | 5,124 | NC | 78 | 22 | .. | 15 |

Notes

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Totals include territory data.

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NC: Data are not comparable.

* Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Sources

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Newfoundland and Labrador

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| | | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | N.L. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | NR | .. | 19 | 15 | .. | 1,344 | 1 | 73 | 27 | 3 |
| Chiropractors | 1992 | 33 | 48 | 50 | 52 | 7,434 | 1 | 44 | 56 | 10 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1969 | 69 | 80 | 107 | 55 | 20,928 | 1 | 93 | 7 | 21 |
| Dietitians | 1965 | 118 | 138 | 147 | 25 | 8,797 | 2 | 98 | 2 | 29 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 14 | 18 | 34 | 143 | 1,420 | 2 | .. | .. | 7 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 42 | 38 | 83 | 98 | 3,714 | 2 | .. | .. | 16 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 50 | 67 | 85 | 70 | 8,168 | 1 | 26 | 74 | 17 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1994 | 870 | 1,036 | 1,173 | 35 | 32,043 | 4 | 86 | 14 | 231 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | NR | .. | 90 | 98 | .. | 6,989 | 1 | 97 | 3 | 19 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | N.L. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1893 | 158 | 163 | 167 | 6 | 19,201 | 1 | .. | .. | 33 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | NR | 329 | 406 | 394 | 20 | 19,813 | 2 | 76 | 24 | 78 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 2 | 3 | 5 | 150 | 352 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 262 | 293 | 294 | 12 | 16,940 | 2 | 70 | 30 | 58 |
| Midwives‡ | NR | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 665 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 1997 | .. | 57 | 96 | .. | 1,395 | 7 | 89 | 11 | 19 |
| Optometrists | 1928 | 33 | 36 | 49 | 48 | 4,255 | 1 | 33 | 67 | 10 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1893 | 925 | 975 | 1,048 | 13 | 63,682 | 2 | 30 | 67 | 206 |
| Psychologists | 1988 | 186 | 203 | .. | .. | 16,097 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | N.L. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1983 | 2,859 | 2,719 | 2,598 | NC | 69,709 | 4 | 87 | 13 | 511 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1987 | 136 | 145 | 144 | NC | 12,296 | 1 | 92 | 8 | 28 |
| Pharmacists | 1910 | 534 | 572 | 592 | NC | 28,433 | 2 | 48 | 52 | 117 |
| Physiotherapists | 1970 | 187 | 200 | 193 | NC | 16,463 | 1 | 78 | 22 | 38 |
| Registered Nurses | 1954 | 5,264 | 5,430 | 5,574 | 6 | 257,961 | 2 | 95 | 5 | 1,097 |

Notes

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Total includes territory data.

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Prince Edward Island

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

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|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | P.E.I. as % of Total† | % Female† | % Male† | Per 100,000 Population‡ |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audiologists§ | 1973 | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | 1,344 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 2 |
| Chiropractors | 1962 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 29 | 7,434 | 0 | 33 | 67 | 6 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1974 | 38 | 68 | 70 | 84 | 20,928 | 0 | 100 | .. | 50 |
| Dietitians | 1994 | 50 | 61 | 56 | 12 | 8,797 | 1 | 96 | 4 | 40 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals** | NR | 4 | 8 | 6 | 50 | 1,420 | 0 | .. | .. | 4 |
| Health Information Management Professionals** | NR | 16 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 3,714 | 1 | .. | .. | 14 |
| Respiratory Therapists§ | NR | 14 | 14 | .. | .. | 8,168 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Social Workers§ | 1988 | 195 | 204 | 233 | 19 | 32,043 | 1 | 82 | 18 | 168 |
| Speech Language Pathologists§ | NR | .. | 17 | 27 | .. | 6,989 | 0 | 89 | 11 | 19 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | P.E.I. as % of Total† | % Female† | % Male† | Per 100,000 Population‡ |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dentists | 1891 | 57 | 61 | 64 | 12 | 19,201 | 0 | .. | .. | 46 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists§ | NR | 103 | 116 | 108 | 5 | 19,813 | 1 | 81 | 19 | 78 |
| Medical Physicians** | NR | 1 | 2 | 4 | 300 | 352 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists§ | NR | 68 | 68 | 83 | 22 | 16,940 | 0 | 89 | 11 | 60 |
| Midwives§ | NR | .. | .. | .. | .. | 665 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2006 | .. | .. | * | .. | 1,395 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Optometrists | 1922 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 38 | 4,255 | 0 | 44 | 56 | 13 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1871 | 180 | 195 | 218 | 21 | 63,682 | 0 | 26 | 74 | 157 |
| Psychologists | 1991 | 22 | 27 | 26 | 18 | 16,097 | 0 | 58 | 42 | 19 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | P.E.I. as % of Total† | % Female† | % Male† | Per 100,000 Population‡ |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1959 | 621 | 619 | 623 | NC | 69,709 | 1 | 91 | 9 | 448 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1976 | 30 | 34 | 39 | NC | 12,296 | 0 | .. | .. | 28 |
| Pharmacists | 1905 | 112 | 149 | 155 | NC | 28,433 | 1 | 64 | 36 | 111 |
| Physiotherapists | 1973 | 45 | 52 | 50 | NC | 16,463 | 0 | 86 | 14 | 36 |
| Registered Nurses | 1949 | 1,232 | 1,373 | 1,435 | 16 | 257,961 | 1 | 97 | 3 | 1,032 |

Notes

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Total includes territory data.

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* Value suppressed in accordance with CIHI privacy policy; cell value from 1 to 4.

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Nova Scotia

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| | | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | N.S. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audiologists‡ | NR | .. | 51 | 62 | .. | 1,344 | 5 | 66 | 34 | 7 |
| Chiropractors | 1972 | 51 | 92 | 106 | 108 | 7,434 | 1 | 43 | 57 | 11 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1973 | 420 | 472 | 533 | 27 | 20,928 | 3 | 99 | 1 | 57 |
| Dietitians | 1998 | 380 | 405 | 474 | 25 | 8,797 | 5 | 99 | 1 | 51 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 58 | 51 | 59 | 2 | 1,420 | 4 | .. | .. | 6 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 173 | 142 | 163 | -6 | 3,714 | 4 | .. | .. | 17 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 176 | 150 | 257 | 46 | 8,168 | 3 | 74 | 26 | 27 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1994 | 1,392 | 1,524 | 1,547 | 11 | 32,043 | 5 | .. | .. | 165 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | NR | .. | 160 | 194 | .. | 6,989 | 3 | 98 | 2 | 21 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | N.S. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dentists | 1891 | 441 | 498 | 508 | 15 | 19,201 | 3 | .. | .. | 54 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 2004 | 754 | 904 | 980 | 30 | 19,813 | 5 | 85 | 15 | 105 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 8 | 11 | 11 | 38 | 352 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1958 | 507 | 528 | 545 | 7 | 16,940 | 3 | 84 | 16 | 58 |
| Midwives‡ | NR | .. | 8 | 14 | .. | 665 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 1 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | .. | 29 | 75 | .. | 1,395 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 77 | 82 | 93 | 21 | 4,255 | 2 | 39 | 61 | 10 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1828 | 1,868 | 1,958 | 2,137 | 14 | 63,682 | 3 | 33 | 65 | 228 |
| Psychologists | 1981 | 350 | 387 | 463 | 32 | 16,097 | 3 | .. | .. | 49 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | N.S. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1957 | 3,214 | 3,022 | 3,160 | NC | 69,709 | 5 | 95 | 5 | 338 |
| Occupational Therapists | REG | 219 | 276 | 326 | NC | 12,296 | 3 | 92 | 8 | 35 |
| Pharmacists | 1876 | 932 | 1,011 | 1,002 | NC | 28,433 | 4 | 69 | 31 | 107 |
| Physiotherapists | 1959 | 409 | 508 | 595 | NC | 16,463 | 4 | 79 | 21 | 64 |
| Registered Nurses | 1910 | 8,615 | 8,498 | 8,843 | 3 | 257,961 | 3 | 96 | 4 | 945 |

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New Brunswick

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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audiologists‡ | 1987 | .. | 43 | 49 | .. | 1,344 | 4 | 71 | 29 | 7 |
| Chiropractors | 1958 | 46 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 7,434 | 1 | 35 | 65 | 8 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1950 | 240 | 269 | 330 | 38 | 20,928 | 2 | .. | .. | 44 |
| Dietitians | 1988 | 259 | 306 | 327 | 26 | 8,797 | 4 | 98 | 2 | 44 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 37 | 42 | 51 | 38 | 1,420 | 4 | .. | .. | 7 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 99 | 101 | 123 | 24 | 3,714 | 3 | .. | .. | 16 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 177 | 167 | 152 | -14 | 8,168 | 2 | 69 | 30 | 20 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1989 | 1,238 | 1,367 | 1,510 | 22 | 32,043 | 5 | 82 | 18 | 201 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | 1987 | .. | 157 | 188 | .. | 6,989 | 3 | 93 | 7 | 25 |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dentists | 1890 | 260 | 272 | 287 | 10 | 19,201 | 1 | .. | .. | 38 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1992 | 623 | 654 | 659 | 6 | 19,813 | 3 | 90 | 10 | 88 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 6 | 7 | 8 | 33 | 352 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1958 | 458 | 473 | 542 | 18 | 16,940 | 3 | 86 | 14 | 72 |
| Midwives‡ | NR | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 665 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | .. | 6 | 29 | .. | 1,395 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 4 |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 92 | 99 | 106 | 15 | 4,255 | 2 | 46 | 54 | 14 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1816 | 1,162 | 1,224 | 1,388 | 19 | 63,682 | 2 | 32 | 66 | 185 |
| Psychologists | 1967 | 186 | 304 | 324 | 74 | 16,097 | 2 | 64 | 36 | 43 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | N.B. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1960 | 2,656 | 2,429 | 2,734 | NC | 69,709 | 4 | 89 | 11 | 364 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1997 | 198 | 228 | 269 | NC | 12,296 | 2 | 94 | 6 | 36 |
| Pharmacists | 1884 | 564 | 602 | 668 | NC | 28,433 | 2 | 66 | 34 | 89 |
| Physiotherapists | 1960 | 361 | 436 | 434 | NC | 16,463 | 3 | 81 | 19 | 58 |
| Registered Nurses | 1916 | 7,580 | 7,186 | 7,726 | 2 | 257,961 | 3 | 96 | 4 | 1,028 |

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Quebec

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| Audiologists§ | 1964 | .. | 208 | 292 | .. | 1,344 | 22 | 86 | 14 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1974 | 956 | 1,071 | 1,159 | 21 | 7,434 | 16 | 38 | 62 | 15 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1975 | 3,565 | 3,788 | 4,687 | 31 | 20,928 | 22 | 98 | 2 | 61 |
| Dietitians | 1974 | 1,856 | 1,968 | 2,379 | 28 | 8,797 | 27 | 97 | 3 | 31 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals** | NR | 6 | 7 | 0 | -100 | 1,420 | 0 | .. | .. | 0 |
| Health Information Management Professionals** | NR | 28 | 22 | 25 | -11 | 3,714 | 1 | .. | .. | 0 |
| Respiratory Therapists§ | 1985 | 2,534 | 2,807 | 3,308 | 31 | 8,168 | 40 | 85 | 15 | 43 |
| Social Workers§ | 1958 | 4,564 | 5,189 | 7,211 | 58 | 32,043 | 23 | 85 | 15 | 93 |
| Speech Language Pathologists§ | 1964 | .. | 1,112 | 1,584 | .. | 6,989 | 23 | 97 | 3 | 20 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Que. as % of Total† | % Female† | % Male† | Per 100,000 Population‡ |
| Dentists | 1869 | 3,922 | 4,055 | 4,190 | 7 | 19,201 | 22 | .. | .. | 54 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists§ | 1973 | 2,694 | 2,931 | 4,211 | 56 | 19,813 | 21 | 88 | 12 | 54 |
| Medical Physicians** | NR | 43 | 43 | 60 | 40 | 352 | 17 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists§ | 1973 | 3,604 | 3,928 | 4,448 | 23 | 16,940 | 26 | 85 | 15 | 58 |
| Midwives§ | 1999 | 55 | 61 | 92 | 67 | 665 | 14 | 100 | 0 | 1 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2003 | .. | .. | * | .. | 1,395 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Optometrists | 1909 | 1,186 | 1,181 | 1,236 | 4 | 4,255 | 29 | .. | .. | 16 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1848 | 15,582 | 15,518 | 16,782 | 8 | 63,682 | 26 | 39 | 61 | 217 |
| Psychologists | 1962 | 5,898 | 7,554 | 8,046 | 36 | 16,097 | 50 | 72 | 28 | 104 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Que. as % of Total† | % Female† | % Male† | Per 100,000 Population‡ |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1974 | 16,405 | 14,831 | 17,492 | NC | 69,709 | 25 | 92 | 8 | 226 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1973 | 2,348 | 2,877 | 3,789 | NC | 12,296 | 31 | 93 | 7 | 49 |
| Pharmacists | 1875 | 5,457 | 6,323 | 6,937 | NC | 28,433 | 24 | .. | .. | 90 |
| Physiotherapists | 1973 | 2,995 | 3,435 | 3,653 | NC | 16,463 | 22 | 78 | 22 | 47 |
| Registered Nurses | 1946 | 57,980 | 62,494 | 64,955 | 12 | 257,961 | 25 | 91 | 9 | 840 |

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Ontario

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| | | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | Ont. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1994 | .. | 462 | 542 | .. | 1,344 | 40 | 80 | 20 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1925 | 2,550 | 3,302 | 3,729 | 46 | 7,434 | 50 | 31 | 69 | 29 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1951 | 6,322 | 7,500 | 9,658 | 53 | 20,928 | 46 | 98 | 2 | 75 |
| Dietitians | 1994 | 2,153 | 2,488 | 2,834 | 32 | 8,797 | 32 | 98 | 2 | 22 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 355 | 494 | 592 | 67 | 1,420 | 42 | .. | .. | 5 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 1,131 | 1,150 | 1,653 | 46 | 3,714 | 45 | .. | .. | 13 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1991 | 1,812 | 2,083 | 2,516 | 39 | 8,168 | 31 | 71 | 29 | 20 |
| Social Workers‡ | 2000 | 3,250 | 9,092 | 10,612 | 227 | 32,043 | 33 | 83 | 17 | 83 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | 1994 | .. | 2,215 | 2,580 | .. | 6,989 | 37 | 96 | 4 | 20 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | Ont. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1867 | 6,911 | 7,679 | 8,051 | 16 | 19,201 | 42 | .. | .. | 63 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1994 | 7,166 | 7,215 | 7,128 | -1 | 19,813 | 36 | 82 | 18 | 55 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 117 | 133 | 153 | 31 | 352 | 43 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1980 | 5,263 | 5,616 | 6,199 | 18 | 16,940 | 37 | 80 | 20 | 48 |
| Midwives‡ | 1994 | 165 | 239 | 372 | 125 | 665 | 56 | 100 | 0 | 3 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 1997 | .. | 552 | 764 | .. | 1,395 | 55 | 95 | 5 | 6 |
| Optometrists | 1919 | 1,130 | 1,366 | 1,605 | 42 | 4,255 | 38 | 43 | 57 | 12 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1795 | 20,701 | 21,738 | 22,592 | 9 | 63,682 | 35 | 33 | 67 | 176 |
| Psychologists | 1960 | 2,501 | 2,569 | 3,120 | 25 | 16,097 | 19 | 63 | 37 | 24 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | Ont. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1947 | 33,141 | 25,730 | 26,126 | NC | 69,709 | 37 | 94 | 6 | 203 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1993 | 2,997 | 3,803 | 4,087 | NC | 12,296 | 33 | 94 | 6 | 32 |
| Pharmacists | 1871 | 8,238 | 9,817 | 9,779 | NC | 28,433 | 34 | 56 | 44 | 76 |
| Physiotherapists | 1953 | 5,087 | 5,921 | 6,058 | NC | 16,463 | 37 | 80 | 20 | 47 |
| Registered Nurses | 1922 | 78,197 | 85,187 | 90,978 | 16 | 257,961 | 35 | 95 | 5 | 707 |

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Manitoba

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| | | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Man. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1961 | .. | 43 | 51 | .. | 1,344 | 4 | .. | .. | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1945 | 192 | 236 | 245 | 28 | 7,434 | 3 | 20 | 80 | 21 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1952 | 550 | 584 | 612 | 11 | 20,928 | 3 | 96 | 2 | 51 |
| Dietitians | 1982 | 268 | 320 | 407 | 52 | 8,797 | 5 | .. | .. | 34 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 58 | 62 | 74 | 28 | 1,420 | 5 | .. | .. | 6 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 110 | 87 | 156 | 42 | 3,714 | 4 | .. | .. | 13 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1981 | 200 | 233 | 234 | 17 | 8,168 | 3 | 64 | 36 | 20 |
| Social Workers‡ | NR | 487 | 525 | 547 | 12 | 32,043 | 2 | 80 | 20 | 46 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | 1961 | .. | 362 | 325 | .. | 6,989 | 5 | .. | .. | 27 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Man. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1883 | 553 | 571 | 591 | 7 | 19,201 | 3 | .. | .. | 50 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 2007 | 938 | 1,010 | 864 | -8 | 19,813 | 4 | 87 | 13 | 72 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 13 | 15 | 21 | 62 | 352 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 595 | 603 | 647 | 9 | 16,940 | 4 | 79 | 21 | 54 |
| Midwives‡ | 2000 | 7 | 37 | 33 | 371 | 665 | 5 | 100 | 0 | 3 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2005 | .. | .. | 32 | .. | 1,395 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Optometrists | 1909 | 83 | 91 | 115 | 39 | 4,255 | 3 | 34 | 66 | 10 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1871 | 2,049 | 2,063 | 2,117 | 3 | 63,682 | 3 | 30 | 69 | 177 |
| Psychologists | 1966 | 149 | 163 | 201 | 35 | 16,097 | 1 | 54 | 46 | 17 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Man. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1946 | 2,483 | 2,417 | 2,671 | NC | 69,709 | 4 | 95 | 5 | 224 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1971 | 357 | 433 | 463 | NC | 12,296 | 4 | 89 | 9 | 39 |
| Pharmacists | 1878 | 940 | 1,092 | 1,205 | NC | 28,433 | 4 | .. | .. | 101 |
| Physiotherapists | 1956 | 479 | 578 | 665 | NC | 16,463 | 4 | 78 | 22 | 56 |
| Registered Nurses | 1913 | 10,193 | 10,034 | 10,825 | 6 | 257,961 | 4 | 94 | 6 | 907 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1960 | 1,034 | 955 | 952 | NC | 5,124 | 19 | 77 | 23 | 80 |

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Saskatchewan

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

| | | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Sask. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1992 | .. | 33 | 30 | .. | 1,344 | 2 | 90 | 10 | 3 |
| Chiropractors | 1943 | 155 | 182 | 176 | 14 | 7,434 | 2 | 24 | 76 | 17 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1950 | 267 | 334 | 378 | 42 | 20,928 | 2 | 98 | 2 | 38 |
| Dietitians | 1958 | 206 | 242 | 276 | 34 | 8,797 | 3 | .. | .. | 27 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 32 | 63 | 76 | 138 | 1,420 | 5 | .. | .. | 8 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 259 | 221 | 312 | 20 | 3,714 | 8 | .. | .. | 31 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 95 | 97 | 128 | 35 | 8,168 | 2 | 53 | 46 | 13 |
| Social Workers‡ | NR | 923 | 1,004 | 1,166 | 26 | 32,043 | 4 | .. | .. | 116 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | 1992 | .. | 213 | 231 | .. | 6,989 | 3 | 94 | 6 | 23 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Sask. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1906 | 349 | 378 | 378 | 8 | 19,201 | 2 | .. | .. | 38 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1996 | 954 | 938 | 963 | 1 | 19,813 | 5 | .. | .. | 96 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 11 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 352 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1983 | 420 | 445 | 486 | 16 | 16,940 | 3 | 79 | 21 | 48 |
| Midwives‡ | 2007 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | 665 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2003 | .. | .. | 100 | .. | 1,395 | 7 | 95 | 5 | 10 |
| Optometrists | 1911 | 111 | 108 | 120 | 8 | 4,255 | 3 | 33 | 67 | 12 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1885 | 1,568 | 1,526 | 1,644 | 5 | 63,682 | 3 | 28 | 70 | 163 |
| Psychologists | 1997 | 73 | 374 | 445 | 510 | 16,097 | 3 | 68 | 32 | 44 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Sask. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1956 | 2,154 | 2,056 | 2,381 | NC | 69,709 | 3 | 97 | 3 | 237 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1971 | 184 | 211 | 211 | NC | 12,296 | 2 | 88 | 12 | 21 |
| Pharmacists | 1911 | 1,100 | 1,142 | 1,142 | NC | 28,433 | 4 | 62 | 38 | 113 |
| Physiotherapists | 1945 | 504 | 530 | 522 | NC | 16,463 | 3 | 80 | 20 | 52 |
| Registered Nurses | 1967 | 8,553 | 8,503 | 8,669 | 1 | 257,961 | 3 | 96 | 4 | 861 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1948 | 1,089 | 939 | 880 | NC | 5,124 | 17 | 85 | 15 | 87 |

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Alberta

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

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|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Alta. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 2002 | .. | 115 | 113 | .. | 1,344 | 8 | 79 | 21 | 3 |
| Chiropractors | 1923 | 620 | 794 | 896 | 45 | 7,434 | 12 | 23 | 77 | 26 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1990 | 1,251 | 1,745 | 2,017 | 61 | 20,928 | 10 | 98 | 2 | 58 |
| Dietitians | 2000 | 635 | 725 | 900 | 42 | 8,797 | 10 | 98 | 2 | 26 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 136 | 161 | 256 | 88 | 1,420 | 18 | .. | .. | 7 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 324 | 279 | 660 | 104 | 3,714 | 18 | .. | .. | 19 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1988 | 812 | 870 | 1,020 | 26 | 8,168 | 12 | 66 | 31 | 29 |
| Social Workers‡ | 2003 | 2,090 | 4,817 | 5,863 | 181 | 32,043 | 18 | 85 | 15 | 168 |
| Speech Language Pathologists‡ | 2002 | .. | 846 | 956 | .. | 6,989 | 14 | 97 | 3 | 27 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/ licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Alta. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1906 | 1,588 | 1,760 | 1,915 | 21 | 19,201 | 10 | .. | .. | 55 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 2002 | 1,450 | 2,207 | 2,234 | 54 | 19,813 | 11 | 89 | 11 | 64 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 27 | 27 | 40 | 48 | 352 | 11 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1980 | 1,383 | 1,584 | 1,706 | 23 | 16,940 | 10 | 84 | 16 | 49 |
| Midwives‡ | 1998 | 23 | 18 | .. | .. | 665 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | .. | 76 | 185 | .. | 1,395 | 13 | 92 | 8 | 5 |
| Optometrists | 1920 | 303 | 360 | 440 | 45 | 4,255 | 10 | 36 | 64 | 13 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1885 | 4,962 | 5,801 | 6,891 | 39 | 63,682 | 11 | 32 | 67 | 197 |
| Psychologists | 1960 | 1,768 | 1,650 | 2,313 | 31 | 16,097 | 14 | 68 | 32 | 66 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | Alta. as % of Total† | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1986 | 4,186 | 4,766 | 5,986 | NC | 69,709 | 9 | 96 | 4 | 171 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1990 | 787 | 1,126 | 1,447 | NC | 12,296 | 12 | 91 | 9 | 41 |
| Pharmacists | 1911 | 2,816 | 3,185 | 3,444 | NC | 28,433 | 12 | 63 | 37 | 98 |
| Physiotherapists | 1985 | 1,510 | 1,712 | 1,868 | NC | 16,463 | 11 | 78 | 22 | 53 |
| Registered Nurses | 1916 | 22,044 | 24,037 | 27,527 | 25 | 257,961 | 11 | 96 | 4 | 787 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1955 | 1,148 | 1,128 | 1,158 | NC | 5,124 | 23 | 74 | 26 | 33 |

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British Columbia

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2007

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|---|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | B.C. as % of Total [†] | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Audiologists [‡] | NR | .. | 148 | 183 | .. | 1,344 | 14 | 77 | 23 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1934 | 721 | 812 | 997 | 38 | 7,434 | 13 | 25 | 75 | 23 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1952 | 1,777 | 2,054 | 2,496 | 40 | 20,928 | 12 | .. | .. | 57 |
| Dietitians | 2004 | 846 | 825 | 973 | 15 | 8,797 | 11 | 97 | 3 | 22 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals [§] | NR | 205 | 219 | 260 | 27 | 1,420 | 18 | .. | .. | 6 |
| Health Information Management Professionals [§] | NR | 388 | 338 | 502 | 29 | 3,714 | 14 | .. | .. | 11 |
| Respiratory Therapists [‡] | NR | 384 | 488 | 468 | 22 | 8,168 | 6 | 56 | 37 | 11 |
| Social Workers [‡] | REG | 1,277 | 1,521 | 2,085 | 63 | 32,043 | 7 | .. | .. | 47 |
| Speech Language Pathologists [‡] | NR | .. | 625 | 785 | .. | 6,989 | 11 | 96 | 4 | 18 |
| Active Registered: Represents all registered/licensed individuals who are legally able to work under the title of the specified health profession. Individuals may or may not be currently employed in the profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | B.C. as % of Total [†] | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Dentists | 1886 | 2,586 | 2,755 | 2,918 | 13 | 19,201 | 15 | .. | .. | 66 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists [‡] | NR | 2,409 | 2,665 | 2,225 | -8 | 19,813 | 11 | 87 | 13 | 50 |
| Medical Physicists [§] | NR | 25 | 34 | 39 | 56 | 352 | 11 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists [‡] | NR | 1,629 | 1,725 | 1,969 | 21 | 16,940 | 12 | 79 | 21 | 45 |
| Midwives [‡] | 1998 | 53 | 73 | 148 | 179 | 665 | 22 | 100 | 0 | 3 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2005 | .. | .. | 52 | .. | 1,395 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 476 | 479 | 468 | -2 | 4,255 | 11 | 42 | 58 | 11 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1867 | 7,812 | 8,348 | 8,735 | 12 | 63,682 | 14 | 31 | 69 | 198 |
| Psychologists | 1977 | 1,035 | 904 | 1,059 | 2 | 16,097 | 7 | 58 | 42 | 24 |
| Employed Active Registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | % Change 1999 to 2007 | Total | B.C. as % of Total [†] | % Female* | % Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1988 | 5,092 | 4,391 | 5,791 | NC | 69,709 | 8 | 90 | 10 | 131 |
| Occupational Therapists | 2000 | 1,114 | 1,309 | 1,502 | NC | 12,296 | 12 | 89 | 11 | 34 |
| Pharmacists | 1891 | 3,223 | 3,672 | 3,435 | NC | 28,433 | 12 | 55 | 45 | 78 |
| Physiotherapists | 1946 | 2,329 | 2,343 | 2,395 | NC | 16,463 | 15 | 77 | 23 | 54 |
| Registered Nurses | 1918 | 27,911 | 27,711 | 30,059 | 8 | 257,961 | 12 | 95 | 5 | 681 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1951 | 2,179 | 2,086 | 2,134 | NC | 5,124 | 42 | 76 | 24 | 48 |

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