



Canada's Health Care Providers 2009 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations



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To help improve Canada's health system and the well-being of Canadians by being a leading source of unbiased, credible and comparable information that will enable health leaders to make better-informed decisions.

# Canada's Health Care Providers— 2009 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations

*Canada's Health Care Providers—2009 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations* provides comparable information on health care provider population trends for 10 provinces and nationwide, regarding 24 health occupations in Canada. It includes information on per capita population and gender breakdowns for the 2009 reporting year, as well as regulatory information and counts for 2002, 2005 and 2009.

CIHI attempts to collect data from each province and territory in Canada. In many cases, however, data providers combined data for Nunavut and the Northwest Territories or for all three of the country's territories. *Canada's Health Care Providers—2009 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations* focuses on the 10 provinces, while data on the territories is included in the nationwide totals.

More in-depth information on specific health occupations is available in our main publication, *Canada's Health Care Providers, 2000 to 2009: A Reference Guide*. Both publications are available on our website at [www.cihi.ca](http://www.cihi.ca).

# Canada

## Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Occupations, by Registration Status, 2009

Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.).	2009							
	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	% Female*	% Male*	% Unknown*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	848	1,241	1,460	NG	78	19	4	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	6,419	7,108	7,796	21	32	68	0	23
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	16,128	18,403	23,902	48	85	2	13	70
<b>Dietitians</b>	7,292	8,135	9,369	28	95	2	3	28
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	1,131	1,220	1,288	14	..	..	..	4
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	6,572	7,636	9,354	NC	75	25	<1	28
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	24,192	29,966	34,868	44	80	15	5	103
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	4,434	6,331	7,611	NG	92	4	4	22
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.	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	% Female*	% Male*	% Unknown*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	17,967	18,688	19,655	9	..	..	..	58
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	2,043	3,530	4,766	NG	74	3	24	14
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	267	313	403	51	29	71	0	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	413	520	826	NC	100	0	0	2
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	n/a	976	2,048	..	94	6	0	6
<b>Optometrists</b>	3,703	3,999	4,581	24	37	52	11	14
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	59,412	61,622	68,101	15	36	64	<1	201
<b>Psychologists</b>	13,575	14,715	16,156	19	65	28	7	48
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	% Female*	% Male*	% Unknown*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	60,127	64,953	76,944	28	93	7	0	227
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	18,259	20,103	19,238	NC	74	12	14	57
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	14,780	16,023	17,253	NC	81	19	<1	51
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	9,851	11,378	13,122	NC	92	8	<1	39
<b>Pharmacists</b>	26,346	29,471	30,553	NC	44	31	25	90
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	15,008	15,772	17,312	NC	78	22	0	51
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	230,957	251,242	266,341	15	94	6	0	785
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses</b>	5,137	4,964	5,214	1	77	23	0	50**

### Notes

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

† Due to the variation in regulatory requirements, interprofessional comparison should be interpreted with caution.

‡ Occupation was not regulated in all provinces. The Canada total for each occupation included some provincial data in which registration with a regulatory authority may not be a condition of practice.

§ Data was submitted to CIHI from an organization in which membership was voluntary.

\*\* Per-population data was based on the combined population of the four provinces in which the RPN profession was regulated: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

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NG: Percentage was not generated because Canada totals may not be representative due to unavailable data from one or more provinces.

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## Newfoundland and Labrador

### Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2009

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		2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.L. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	NR	17	16	18	6	1,460	1	72	28	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1992	46	49	56	22	7,796	1	43	57	11
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1969	82	92	129	57	23,902	1	94	6	25
<b>Dietitians</b>	1965	125	144	161	29	9,369	2	98	2	32
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	14	21	23	64	1,288	2	..	..	5
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	NR	64	74	127	98	9,354	1	75	25	25
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1994	976	1,062	1,326	36	34,868	4	87	13	260
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	NR	86	96	104	21	7,611	1	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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.L. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1893	155	167	177	14	19,655	1	..	..	35
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	29	40	96	231	4,766	2	93	3	19
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	3	3	6	100	403	1	50	50	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	NR	..	..	..	..	826	..	..	..	..
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	1997	n/a	66	94	..	2,048	5	87	13	18
<b>Optometrists</b>	1928	36	41	48	33	4,581	1	35	65	9
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1893	929	994	1,117	20	68,101	2	31	69	219
<b>Psychologists</b>	1988	221	197	193	-13	16,156	1	..	..	38
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.L. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1983	2,763	2,698	2,521	-9	76,944	3	88	12	494
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	NR	358	415	347	NC	19,238	2	..	..	68
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	NR	278	287	247	NC	17,253	1	75	25	48
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1987	141	129	154	NC	13,122	1	92	8	30
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1910	540	585	591	NC	30,553	2	52	48	116
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1970	192	198	194	NC	17,312	1	76	24	38
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1954	5,442	5,496	5,825	7	266,341	2	95	5	1,140

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## Prince Edward Island

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		2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	P.E.I. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists†</b>	NR	3	4	3	0	1,460	<1	100	0	2
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1962	8	8	8	0	7,796	<1	25	75	6
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1974	44	58	80	82	23,902	<1	100	0	57
<b>Dietitians</b>	1994	59	63	64	8	9,369	1	95	5	45
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	8	8	6	-25	1,288	<1	..	..	4
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	NR	14	16	..	..	9,354	..	..	..	..
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1988	198	198	242	22	34,868	1	82	18	171
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	NR	16	25	35	119	7,611	<1	91	9	25
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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	P.E.I. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1891	62	62	69	11	19,655	<1	..	..	49
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	14	16	19	36	4,766	<1	100	0	13
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	1	4	4	300	403	1	50	50	3
<b>Midwives‡</b>	NR	1	..	..	..	826	..	..	..	..
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2006	n/a	n/a	x	..	2,048	x	x	x	x
<b>Optometrists</b>	1922	14	18	18	29	4,581	<1	44	56	13
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1871	191	199	233	22	68,101	<1	27	72	165
<b>Psychologists</b>	1991	28	27	32	14	16,156	<1	56	44	23
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	P.E.I. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1959	593	606	665	12	76,944	1	91	9	471
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	NR	96	109	107	NC	19,238	1	..	..	76
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	NR	70	72	83	NC	17,253	<1	87	13	59
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1976	38	33	44	NC	13,122	<1	91	9	31
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1905	138	160	161	NC	30,553	1	63	37	114
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1973	53	49	54	NC	17,312	<1	83	17	38
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1949	1,293	1,443	1,406	9	266,341	1	98	2	996

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		2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.S. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	NR	..	53	61	..	1,460	4	64	36	6
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1972	82	98	114	39	7,796	1	43	57	12
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1973	459	511	616	34	23,902	3	98	2	65
<b>Dietitians</b>	1998	390	436	480	23	9,369	5	99	1	51
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	56	62	48	-14	1,288	4	..	..	5
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	2007	154	141	254	NC	9,354	3	74	26	27
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1994	1,496	1,531	1,705	14	34,868	5	..	..	181
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	NR	..	171	202	..	7,611	3	99	1	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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.S. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1891	468	499	541	16	19,655	3	..	..	58
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	128	129	157	23	4,766	3	94	2	17
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	8	10	11	38	403	3	21	79	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	2009	2	10	9	NC	826	1	100	0	1
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2002	n/a	41	88	..	2,048	4	x	x	9
<b>Optometrists</b>	1921	78	86	101	29	4,581	2	40	60	11
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1828	1,943	2,039	2,174	12	68,101	3	35	65	231
<b>Psychologists</b>	1981	414	414	503	21	16,156	3	..	..	53
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	N.S. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1957	2,950	3,127	3,357	14	76,944	4	95	5	357
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	2004	821	947	921	NC	19,238	5	86	14	98
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1967	517	522	514	NC	17,253	3	84	16	55
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1972	255	309	381	NC	13,122	3	93	7	40
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1876	988	1,065	1,098	NC	30,553	4	69	31	117
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1959	485	529	562	NC	17,312	3	80	20	60
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1910	8,419	8,733	8,929	6	266,341	3	96	4	949

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<b>Audiologists‡</b>	1987	39	47	52	33	1,460	4	69	31	7
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1958	58	63	59	2	7,796	1	34	66	8
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1950	246	288	390	59	23,902	2	98	2	52
<b>Dietitians</b>	1988	278	318	328	18	9,369	4	99	1	44
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	48	43	51	6	1,288	4	..	..	7
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	2009	168	221	395	NC	9,354	4	75	25	53
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1989	1,348	1,463	1,595	18	34,868	5	83	17	212
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	1987	152	173	198	30	7,611	3	94	6	26
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<b>Dentists</b>	1890	270	298	308	14	19,655	2	..	..	41
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	91	101	118	30	4,766	2	95	1	16
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	5	10	10	100	403	2	18	82	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	2010	..	n/a	n/a	n/a	826	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2002	n/a	21	56	..	2,048	3	x	x	7
<b>Optometrists</b>	1921	94	98	113	20	4,581	2	50	50	15
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1816	1,185	1,295	1,460	23	68,101	2	35	65	194
<b>Psychologists</b>	1967	265	265	388	46	16,156	2	..	..	52
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<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1960	2,333	2,633	2,729	17	76,944	4	89	11	364
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	1992	650	654	638	NC	19,238	3	89	11	85
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1958	475	501	508	NC	17,253	3	86	14	68
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1997	201	245	301	NC	13,122	2	93	7	40
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1884	551	625	688	NC	30,553	2	67	33	92
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1960	397	428	447	NC	17,312	3	80	20	60
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1916	7,364	7,526	7,866	7	266,341	3	96	4	1,048

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<b>Audiologists‡</b>	1964	203	239	328	62	1,460	22	88	12	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1974	1,053	1,112	1,198	14	7,796	15	39	61	15
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>		3,691	4,145	4,968	35	23,902	21	98	2	63
<b>Dietitians</b>	1956	1,968	2,266	2,497	27	9,369	27	97	3	32
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	7	9	9	29	1,288	1	..	..	<1
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	1985	2,651	3,047	3,532	33	9,354	38	85	15	45
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1960	4,748	6,424	7,607	60	34,868	22	86	14	97
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	1964	1,015	1,318	1,747	72	7,611	23	97	3	22
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<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	..	926	976	..	4,766	20	..	..	12
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	43	49	57	33	403	14	24	76	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	1999	61	84	139	128	826	17	100	0	2
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2003	n/a	n/a	39	..	2,048	2	85	15	<1
<b>Optometrists</b>	1909	1,198	1,249	1,238	3	4,581	27	37	63	16
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1848	15,800	16,354	17,430	10	68,101	26	41	59	221
<b>Psychologists</b>	1962	6,455	7,523	7,433	15	16,156	46	73	27	94
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Que. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1974	14,560	16,293	19,184	32	76,944	25	91	9	244
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	1973	2,860	3,972	4,197	NC	19,238	22	87	13	53
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1973	3,714	4,128	4,762	NC	17,253	28	84	16	61
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1973	2,749	3,288	4,109	49	13,122	31	93	7	52
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1875	6,238	6,790	7,441	19	30,553	24	..	..	95
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1973	3,304	3,677	3,758	NC	17,312	22	78	22	48
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1946	59,193	63,827	66,055	12	266,341	25	90	10	839

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## Ontario

### Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2009

						2009				
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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Ont. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	1994	426	497	573	35	1,460	39	80	20	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1925	3,108	3,528	3,960	27	7,796	51	34	66	30
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1951	7,101	8,262	11,114	57	23,902	46	98	2	85
<b>Dietitians</b>	1994	2,316	2,629	3,043	31	9,369	32	98	2	23
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	521	517	504	-3	1,288	39	..	..	4
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	1991	1,923	2,290	2,764	44	9,354	30	71	29	21
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	2000	7,980	10,189	12,036	51	34,868	35	84	16	92
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	1994	2,051	2,385	2,729	33	7,611	36	96	4	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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Ont. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1867	7,543	7,905	8,260	10	19,655	42	..	..	63
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	965	1,210	1,701	76	4,766	36	91	5	13
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	121	147	191	58	403	47	27	73	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	1994	219	266	441	101	826	53	100	0	3
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	1997	n/a	613	1,158	..	2,048	57	95	5	9
<b>Optometrists</b>	1919	1,258	1,386	1,774	41	4,581	39	46	54	14
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1795	21,735	22,237	24,515	13	68,101	36	34	66	187
<b>Psychologists</b>	1960	2,740	2,990	3,263	19	16,156	20	66	34	25
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Ont. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1947	23,827	24,458	28,804	21	76,944	37	94	6	219
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	1994	6,934	7,217	6,765	NC	19,238	35	82	18	52
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1980	5,476	5,939	6,154	NC	17,253	36	79	21	47
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1993	3,540	4,002	4,204	NC	13,122	32	93	7	32
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1871	9,023	10,395	10,423	NC	30,553	34	57	43	79
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1953	5,520	5,314	6,391	NC	17,312	37	79	21	49
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1922	78,737	89,429	94,296	20	266,341	35	95	5	718

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# Manitoba

## Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2009

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					% Change 2002–2009	2009				
		2002	2005	2009	Canada Total		Man. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†	
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	1961	43	58	55	28	1,460	4	..	..	4	
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1945	247	267	250	1	7,796	3	21	79	20	
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1952	591	603	649	10	23,902	3	98	2	53	
<b>Dietitians</b>	1982	300	337	402	34	9,369	4	98	2	33	
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	53	57	66	25	1,288	5	..	..	5	
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	1981	200	244	254	27	9,354	3	61	39	21	
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	2009	530	591	723	36	34,868	2	84	16	59	
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	1961	268	290	340	27	7,611	4	..	..	28	
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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Man. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†	
<b>Dentists</b>	1883	565	581	635	12	19,655	3	..	..	52	
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	84	77	157	87	4,766	3	95	1	13	
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	15	14	22	47	403	5	21	79	2	
<b>Midwives‡</b>	2000	26	30	42	62	826	5	100	0	3	
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2005	n/a	x	x	..	2,048	x	x	x	x	
<b>Optometrists</b>	1909	89	95	118	33	4,581	3	36	64	10	
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1871	2,077	2,111	2,238	8	68,101	3	32	68	182	
<b>Psychologists</b>	1966	160	166	219	37	16,156	1	56	44	18	
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Man. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†	
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1946	2,250	2,590	2,651	18	76,944	3	95	5	216	
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	2007	952	1,013	1,001	NC	19,238	5	85	15	81	
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	NR	592	613	684	NC	17,253	4	80	20	56	
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1971	428	456	508	NC	13,122	4	86	7	41	
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1878	1,086	1,155	1,233	NC	30,553	4	48	40	100	
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1956	552	613	693	NC	17,312	4	77	23	56	
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1913	9,942	10,811	11,153	12	266,341	4	94	6	907	
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses</b>	1960	967	952	949	-2	5,214	18	78	22	77	

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## Saskatchewan

### Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2009

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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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Sask. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	1992	..	30	35	..	1,460	2	91	9	3
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1943	183	184	180	-2	7,796	2	27	73	17
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1950	307	347	468	52	23,902	2	97	3	45
<b>Dietitians</b>	1958	229	251	300	31	9,369	3	..	..	29
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	58	64	100	72	1,288	8	..	..	10
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	2008	99	97	157	59	9,354	2	62	37	15
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	1995	1,050	1,161	1,255	20	34,868	4	83	17	121
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	1992	..	240	278	..	7,611	4	96	4	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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Sask. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1906	348	364	383	10	19,655	2	..	..	37
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	188	226	312	66	4,766	7	94	2	30
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	10	9	12	20	403	3	14	86	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	2008	5	10	7	NC	826	1	100	0	1
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2003	n/a	74	115	..	2,048	6	95	5	11
<b>Optometrists</b>	1911	107	117	134	25	4,581	3	34	66	13
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1885	1,564	1,545	1,703	9	68,101	3	30	68	164
<b>Psychologists</b>	1997	387	418	464	20	16,156	3	69	31	45
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Sask. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1956	2,011	2,194	2,629	31	76,944	3	97	3	253
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	1996	962	984	864	NC	19,238	4	93	7	83
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1994	451	453	557	NC	17,253	3	79	21	54
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1971	202	217	255	NC	13,122	2	88	12	25
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1911	1,080	1,177	1,189	NC	30,553	4	63	37	115
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1945	516	534	530	NC	17,312	3	80	20	51
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1967	8,257	8,549	9,117	10	266,341	3	95	5	878
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses</b>	1948	930	933	866	-7	5,214	17	85	15	83

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# Alberta

## Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2009

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					2009				
		2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Alta. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Audiologists‡</b>	2002	115	125	138	20	1,460	9	79	21	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1923	773	845	911	18	7,796	12	25	75	25
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1990	1,602	1,843	2,360	47	23,902	10	97	3	64
<b>Dietitians</b>	2000	713	754	973	36	9,369	10	98	2	26
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals§</b>	NR	147	185	280	90	1,288	22	..	..	8
<b>Respiratory Therapists‡</b>	1988	895	982	1,258	41	9,354	13	70	30	34
<b>Social Workers‡</b>	2003	4,367	5,490	5,991	37	34,868	17	85	15	161
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists‡</b>	2002	831	921	1,091	31	7,611	14	97	3	29
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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Alta. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Dentists</b>	1906	1,732	1,819	1,976	14	19,655	10	..	..	53
<b>Health Information Management Professionals§</b>	NR	226	453	693	207	4,766	15	95	2	19
<b>Medical Physicists§</b>	NR	26	31	44	69	403	11	22	78	1
<b>Midwives‡</b>	1994	24	19	37	54	826	4	100	0	1
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2002	n/a	131	256	..	2,048	13	92	8	7
<b>Optometrists</b>	1920	339	384	493	45	4,581	11	40	60	13
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1885	5,637	6,219	7,554	34	68,101	11	34	66	204
<b>Psychologists</b>	1960	1,892	1,693	2,497	32	16,156	15	71	29	67
Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession.	First Year of Regulation	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	Alta. as % of Total†	% Female*	% Male*	Per 100,000 Population†
<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1986	4,435	5,313	6,669	50	76,944	9	95	5	180
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists‡</b>	2002	2,149	2,267	2,223	NC	19,238	12	89	11	60
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists‡</b>	1986	1,528	1,665	1,747	NC	17,253	10	83	17	47
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	1990	1,000	1,242	1,523	NC	13,122	12	91	9	41
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1911	3,086	3,504	3,712	NC	30,553	12	63	37	100
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1985	1,634	1,924	1,997	NC	17,312	12	77	23	54
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1916	23,377	26,355	29,405	26	266,341	11	95	5	792
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses</b>	1955	1,081	1,125	1,202	11	5,214	23	75	25	32

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## British Columbia

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		2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	B.C. as % of Total <sup>†</sup>	% Female <sup>*</sup>	% Male <sup>*</sup>	Per 100,000 Population <sup>†</sup>
<b>Audiologists<sup>‡</sup></b>	2010	..	167	194	..	1,460	13	79	21	4
<b>Chiropractors</b>	1934	853	946	1,053	23	7,796	14	26	74	23
<b>Dental Hygienists</b>	1952	1,974	2,224	3,080	56	23,902	13	..	..	69
<b>Dietitians</b>	2004	900	916	1,097	22	9,369	12	97	3	24
<b>Environmental Public Health Professionals<sup>§</sup></b>	NR	204	241	194	-5	1,288	15	..	..	4
<b>Respiratory Therapists<sup>‡</sup></b>	NR	401	523	613	53	9,354	7	58	42	14
<b>Social Workers<sup>‡</sup></b>	2008	1,383	1,732	2,289	66	34,868	7	81	18	51
<b>Speech–Language Pathologists<sup>‡</sup></b>	2010	..	696	863	..	7,611	11	96	4	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	2002	2005	2009	% Change 2002–2009	Canada Total	B.C. as % of Total <sup>†</sup>	% Female <sup>*</sup>	% Male <sup>*</sup>	Per 100,000 Population <sup>†</sup>
<b>Dentists</b>	1886	2,721	2,857	2,993	10	19,655	15	..	..	67
<b>Health Information Management Professionals<sup>§</sup></b>	NR	295	330	514	74	4,766	11	93	3	11
<b>Medical Physicists<sup>§</sup></b>	NR	35	36	46	31	403	11	32	68	1
<b>Midwives<sup>‡</sup></b>	1998	69	94	146	112	826	18	100	0	3
<b>Nurse Practitioners</b>	2005	n/a	x	127	..	2,048	6	94	6	3
<b>Optometrists</b>	1921	485	521	539	11	4,581	12	..	..	12
<b>Physicians (Excluding Residents)</b>	1867	8,243	8,507	9,548	16	68,101	14	33	67	212
<b>Psychologists</b>	1977	939	933	1,065	13	16,156	7	58	42	24
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<b>Licensed Practical Nurses</b>	1988	4,262	4,884	7,577	78	76,944	10	91	9	169
<b>Medical Laboratory Technologists<sup>‡</sup></b>	NR	2,437	2,482	2,126	NC	19,238	11	..	..	47
<b>Medical Radiation Technologists<sup>‡</sup></b>	NR	1,679	1,818	1,983	NC	17,253	11	78	22	44
<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	2000	1,275	1,434	1,614	NC	13,122	12	89	11	36
<b>Pharmacists</b>	1891	3,544	3,941	3,938	NC	30,553	13	57	43	88
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	1946	2,355	2,506	2,651	NC	17,312	15	76	24	59
<b>Registered Nurses</b>	1918	27,901	27,814	30,900	11	266,341	12	94	6	688
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses</b>	1951	2,159	1,954	2,197	2	5,214	42	76	24	49

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NC: Data was not comparable due to a change in data source from 2002 to 2009.

NR: Not regulated as of 2010.

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