



Canada's Health Care Providers—2010 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations



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Canada's Health Care Providers—2010 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations 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 2010 reporting year, as well as regulatory information and counts for 2003, 2006 and 2010.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (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 northern territories, including Yukon. *Canada's Health Care Providers—2010 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations* focuses on the 10 provinces; data on the northern 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.

Canada

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Occupations, by Registration Status, 2010

| Registered: Represents all individuals who are registered with an organization. The count may include individuals in all registration categories (active, inactive, honorary, etc.). | 2010 | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Percentage Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1,128 | 1,294 | 1,533 | 36 | 78 | 19 | 4 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 6,614 | 7,318 | 7,967 | 20 | 33 | 66 | 1 | 23 |
| Dental Hygienists | 16,920 | 19,389 | 25,549 | 51 | 86 | 2 | 12 | 75 |
| Dietitians | 7,499 | 8,422 | 9,737 | 30 | 95 | 2 | 3 | 28 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | 1,141 | 1,375 | 1,516 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 4 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 6,980 | 7,886 | 9,631 | 38 | 75 | 25 | 0 | 28 |
| Social Workers‡ | 26,279 | 30,970 | 36,312 | 38 | 81 | 14 | 5 | 106 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 5,814 | 6,661 | 7,949 | 37 | 92 | 3 | 4 | 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. | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Percentage Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 18,258 | 18,925 | 20,005 | 10 | 29 | 67 | 4 | 58 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | 2,881 | 3,890 | 4,819 | 67 | 93 | 4 | 3 | 14 |
| Medical Physicists§ | 285 | 322 | 397 | 39 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 445 | 626 | 908 | 104 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 680 | 1,162 | 2,554 | NG | 95 | 5 | <1 | 7 |
| Optometrists | 3,821 | 4,141 | 4,841 | 28 | 45 | 44 | 12 | 14 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 59,454 | 62,307 | 69,699 | 17 | 36 | 64 | 0 | 203 |
| Psychologists | 14,220 | 15,751 | 16,247 | 14 | 67 | 28 | 4 | 47 |
| Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Percentage Unknown* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 63,138 | 67,300 | 81,224 | 29 | 92 | 7 | 0 | 237 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 19,092 | 19,873 | 19,634 | NC | 73 | 12 | 15 | 57 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 15,289 | 16,464 | 17,378 | NC | 81 | 19 | 0 | 51 |
| Occupational Therapists | 10,462 | 11,782 | 13,040 | NC | 91 | 8 | 1 | 38 |
| Pharmacists | 27,612 | 27,094 | 31,389 | NC | 43 | 29 | 29 | 92 |
| Physiotherapists | 15,715 | 16,108 | 16,885 | NC | 77 | 22 | 1 | 49 |
| Registered Nurses** | 241,415 | 253,819 | 268,512 | 11 | 94 | 6 | 0 | 783 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 5,108 | 5,051 | 5,174 | 1 | 78 | 22 | 0 | 49†† |

Notes

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

† Due to variation in regulatory requirements, interprofessional comparisons should be made with caution.

‡ Occupation was not regulated in all provinces. The Canada total for each occupation includes data from some provinces 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.

** Nurse practitioners are registered nurses (RNs); therefore, they are included in the RN counts.

†† 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.

NC: Data was not comparable due to a change in data source from 2003 to 2010.

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, 2010

| 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 | | | | | 2010 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.L. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | NR | 19 | 15 | 22 | 16 | 1,533 | 1 | 77 | 23 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1992 | 48 | 48 | 58 | 21 | 7,967 | 1 | .. | .. | 11 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1969 | 80 | 92 | 154 | 93 | 25,549 | 1 | 94 | 6 | 30 |
| Dietitians | 1965 | 138 | 148 | 160 | 16 | 9,737 | 2 | 98 | 3 | 31 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 18 | 25 | 34 | 89 | 1,516 | 2 | .. | .. | 7 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 67 | 81 | 94 | 40 | 9,631 | 1 | 73 | 27 | 18 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1994 | 1,036 | 1,133 | 1,384 | 34 | 36,312 | 4 | 88 | 12 | 272 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | NR | 90 | 95 | 108 | 20 | 7,949 | 1 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.L. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1893 | 163 | 162 | 179 | 10 | 20,005 | 1 | 28 | 66 | 35 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 32 | 40 | 89 | 178 | 4,819 | 2 | 93 | 3 | 17 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 3 | 5 | 6 | 100 | 397 | 2 | 50 | 50 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | NR | 1 | 9 | .. | .. | 908 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 1997 | 55 | 89 | 96 | 75 | 2,554 | 4 | 89 | 11 | 19 |
| Optometrists | 1928 | 36 | 42 | 49 | 36 | 4,841 | 1 | 35 | 65 | 10 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1893 | 975 | 1,018 | 1,152 | 18 | 69,699 | 2 | 31 | 68 | 226 |
| Psychologists | 1988 | 203 | 194 | 208 | 2 | 16,247 | 1 | .. | .. | 41 |
| Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.L. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1983 | 2,719 | 2,639 | 2,495 | -8 | 81,224 | 3 | 88 | 12 | 490 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | NR | 406 | 414 | 482 | NC | 19,634 | 2 | .. | .. | 95 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 293 | 303 | 267 | NC | 17,378 | 2 | 76 | 24 | 52 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1987 | 145 | 140 | 163 | NC | 13,040 | 1 | 92 | 8 | 32 |
| Pharmacists | 1910 | 572 | 556 | 622 | NC | 31,389 | 2 | 53 | 47 | 122 |
| Physiotherapists | 1970 | 200 | 201 | 205 | NC | 16,885 | 1 | 77 | 23 | 40 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1954 | 5,430 | 5,515 | 6,013 | 11 | 268,512 | 2 | 95 | 5 | 1,181 |

Notes

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Prince Edward Island

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2010

| 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 | | | | | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | 2010 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Canada Total | | P.E.I. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Audiologists‡ | NR | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1,533 | <1 | 100 | 0 | 2 | |
| Chiropractors | 1962 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 7,967 | <1 | 13 | 88 | 6 | |
| Dental Hygienists | 1974 | 68 | 59 | 85 | 25 | 25,549 | <1 | 100 | 0 | 59 | |
| Dietitians | 1994 | 61 | 57 | 68 | 11 | 9,737 | 1 | 97 | 3 | 47 | |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 8 | 6 | 5 | -38 | 1,516 | <1 | .. | .. | 3 | |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 14 | 14 | .. | .. | 9,631 | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Social Workers‡ | 1988 | 204 | 225 | 269 | 32 | 36,312 | 1 | 83 | 17 | 187 | |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | NR | 17 | 26 | 32 | 88 | 7,949 | <1 | 91 | 9 | 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. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | P.E.I. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Dentists | 1891 | 61 | 63 | 73 | 20 | 20,005 | <1 | 27 | 64 | 51 | |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 20 | 15 | 20 | 0 | 4,819 | <1 | 100 | 0 | 14 | |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 2 | 4 | 5 | 150 | 397 | 1 | 40 | 60 | 3 | |
| Midwives‡ | NR | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 908 | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2006 | NA | NA | x | NA | 2,554 | x | x | x | x | |
| Optometrists | 1922 | 15 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 4,841 | <1 | 50 | 50 | 13 | |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1871 | 195 | 207 | 236 | 21 | 69,699 | <1 | 28 | 70 | 164 | |
| Psychologists | 1991 | 27 | 25 | 36 | 33 | 16,247 | <1 | 58 | 42 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | P.E.I. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1959 | 619 | 599 | 590 | -5 | 81,224 | 1 | 92 | 8 | 411 | |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | NR | 116 | 112 | 112 | NC | 19,634 | 1 | .. | .. | 78 | |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 68 | 75 | 88 | NC | 17,378 | 1 | 82 | 18 | 61 | |
| Occupational Therapists | 1976 | 34 | 35 | 45 | NC | 13,040 | <1 | x | x | 31 | |
| Pharmacists | 1905 | 149 | 141 | 169 | NC | 31,389 | 1 | 63 | 37 | 118 | |
| Physiotherapists | 1973 | 52 | 56 | 59 | NC | 16,885 | <1 | x | x | 41 | |
| Registered Nurses** | 1949 | 1,373 | 1,428 | 1,472 | 7 | 268,512 | 1 | 98 | 2 | 1,026 | |

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Nova Scotia

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|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Canada Total | | N.S. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Audiologists‡ | NR | 51 | 58 | 62 | 22 | 1,533 | 4 | 68 | 32 | 7 | |
| Chiropractors | 1972 | 92 | 103 | 117 | 27 | 7,967 | 1 | 43 | 57 | 12 | |
| Dental Hygienists | 1973 | 472 | 521 | 647 | 37 | 25,549 | 3 | 98 | 2 | 69 | |
| Dietitians | 1998 | 405 | 436 | 476 | 18 | 9,737 | 5 | 99 | 1 | 50 | |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 51 | 57 | 46 | -10 | 1,516 | 3 | .. | .. | 5 | |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 2007 | 150 | 132 | 265 | 77 | 9,631 | 3 | 73 | 27 | 28 | |
| Social Workers‡ | 1994 | 1,524 | 1,544 | 1,776 | 17 | 36,312 | 5 | .. | .. | 188 | |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | NR | 160 | 174 | 203 | 27 | 7,949 | 3 | 99 | 1 | 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. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.S. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Dentists | 1891 | 498 | 511 | 524 | 5 | 20,005 | 3 | 33 | 66 | 56 | |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 124 | 135 | 160 | 29 | 4,819 | 3 | 96 | 2 | 17 | |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 11 | 10 | 10 | -9 | 397 | 3 | 0 | 100 | 1 | |
| Midwives‡ | 2009 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 908 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 1 | |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | 25 | 62 | 108 | 332 | 2,554 | 4 | x | x | 11 | |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 82 | 92 | 107 | 30 | 4,841 | 2 | 42 | 58 | 11 | |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1828 | 1,958 | 2,049 | 2,126 | 9 | 69,699 | 3 | 34 | 65 | 225 | |
| Psychologists | 1981 | 387 | 439 | 495 | 28 | 16,247 | 3 | .. | .. | 52 | |
| Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.S. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† | |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1957 | 3,022 | 3,174 | 3,530 | 17 | 81,224 | 4 | 95 | 5 | 374 | |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 2004 | 904 | 934 | 936 | NC | 19,634 | 5 | 85 | 15 | 99 | |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1967 | 528 | 551 | 492 | NC | 17,378 | 3 | 85 | 15 | 52 | |
| Occupational Therapists | 1972 | 276 | 317 | 391 | NC | 13,040 | 3 | 93 | 7 | 41 | |
| Pharmacists | 1876 | 1,011 | 788 | 1,155 | NC | 31,389 | 4 | 71 | 29 | 122 | |
| Physiotherapists | 1959 | 508 | 532 | 542 | NC | 16,885 | 3 | 78 | 22 | 57 | |
| Registered Nurses** | 1910 | 8,498 | 8,790 | 9,173 | 8 | 268,512 | 3 | 96 | 4 | 972 | |

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New Brunswick

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|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | N.B. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1987 | 43 | 46 | 56 | 30 | 1,533 | 4 | 71 | 29 | 7 |
| Chiropractors | 1958 | 60 | 56 | 60 | 0 | 7,967 | 1 | 33 | 67 | 8 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1950 | 269 | 291 | 410 | 52 | 25,549 | 2 | 99 | 1 | 54 |
| Dietitians | 1988 | 306 | 324 | 337 | 10 | 9,737 | 3 | 99 | 1 | 45 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 42 | 51 | 56 | 33 | 1,516 | 4 | .. | .. | 7 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 2009 | 167 | 224 | 388 | 132 | 9,631 | 4 | 77 | 23 | 52 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1989 | 1,367 | 1,487 | 1,620 | 19 | 36,312 | 4 | 83 | 17 | 215 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 1987 | 157 | 179 | 208 | 32 | 7,949 | 3 | 93 | 7 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.B. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1890 | 272 | 289 | 319 | 17 | 20,005 | 2 | 30 | 67 | 42 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 94 | 101 | 124 | 32 | 4,819 | 3 | 94 | 1 | 16 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 7 | 9 | 10 | 43 | 397 | 3 | 18 | 82 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 2010 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 908 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | 6 | 25 | 70 | 1,067 | 2,554 | 3 | x | x | 9 |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 99 | 102 | 113 | 14 | 4,841 | 2 | 50 | 50 | 15 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1816 | 1,224 | 1,325 | 1,546 | 26 | 69,699 | 2 | 35 | 64 | 205 |
| Psychologists | 1967 | 304 | 336 | 358 | 18 | 16,247 | 2 | 68 | 32 | 48 |
| Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | N.B. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1960 | 2,429 | 2,646 | 2,802 | 15 | 81,224 | 3 | 89 | 11 | 372 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1992 | 654 | 639 | 642 | NC | 19,634 | 3 | 88 | 12 | 85 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1958 | 473 | 502 | 556 | NC | 17,378 | 3 | 86 | 14 | 74 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1997 | 228 | 242 | 318 | NC | 13,040 | 2 | 92 | 8 | 42 |
| Pharmacists | 1884 | 602 | 648 | 721 | NC | 31,389 | 2 | 67 | 33 | 96 |
| Physiotherapists | 1960 | 436 | 435 | 460 | NC | 16,885 | 3 | 78 | 22 | 61 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1916 | 7,186 | 7,680 | 8,102 | 13 | 268,512 | 3 | 95 | 5 | 1,076 |

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|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | Que. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1964 | 208 | 271 | 345 | 66 | 1,533 | 23 | 88 | 12 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1974 | 1,071 | 1,174 | 1,224 | 14 | 7,967 | 15 | 40 | 60 | 15 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1975 | 3,788 | 4,367 | 5,242 | 38 | 25,549 | 21 | 98 | 2 | 66 |
| Dietitians | 1956 | 1,968 | 2,357 | 2,686 | 36 | 9,737 | 28 | 97 | 3 | 34 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 7 | 8 | 12 | 71 | 1,516 | 1 | .. | .. | <1 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1985 | 2,807 | 3,171 | 3,663 | 30 | 9,631 | 38 | 85 | 15 | 46 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1960 | 5,189 | 6,811 | 7,946 | 53 | 36,312 | 22 | 86 | 14 | 100 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 1964 | 1,112 | 1,478 | 1,870 | 68 | 7,949 | 24 | 97 | 3 | 24 |
| 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Que. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1869 | 4,055 | 4,120 | 4,179 | 3 | 20,005 | 21 | 38 | 61 | 53 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 804 | 959 | 1,085 | 35 | 4,819 | 23 | 95 | 5 | 14 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 43 | 47 | 61 | 42 | 397 | 15 | 22 | 78 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 1999 | 61 | 91 | 148 | 143 | 908 | 16 | 100 | 0 | 2 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2003 | NA | x | 64 | NA | 2,554 | 3 | 89 | 11 | 1 |
| Optometrists | 1909 | 1,181 | 1,286 | 1,310 | 11 | 4,841 | 27 | 64 | 36 | 16 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1848 | 15,518 | 16,533 | 17,797 | 15 | 69,699 | 26 | 42 | 58 | 224 |
| Psychologists | 1962 | 7,554 | 8,013 | 7,436 | -2 | 16,247 | 46 | 74 | 26 | 94 |
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| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1974 | 14,831 | 17,104 | 20,244 | 36 | 81,224 | 25 | 91 | 9 | 255 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1973 | 2,931 | 4,139 | 4,213 | NC | 19,634 | 21 | 87 | 13 | 53 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1973 | 3,928 | 4,251 | 4,610 | NC | 17,378 | 27 | 84 | 16 | 58 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1973 | 2,877 | 3,653 | 3,790 | NC | 13,040 | 29 | 92 | 8 | 48 |
| Pharmacists | 1875 | 6,323 | 7,057 | 7,635 | 21 | 31,389 | 24 | .. | .. | 96 |
| Physiotherapists | 1973 | 3,435 | 3,673 | 3,793 | NC | 16,885 | 22 | 78 | 22 | 48 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1946 | 62,494 | 64,014 | 66,333 | 6 | 268,512 | 25 | 90 | 10 | 835 |

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Ontario

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2010

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|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | Ont. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1994 | 462 | 511 | 591 | 28 | 1,533 | 39 | 80 | 20 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1925 | 3,302 | 3,626 | 4,062 | 23 | 7,967 | 51 | 36 | 64 | 31 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1951 | 7,500 | 8,870 | 11,998 | 60 | 25,549 | 47 | 98 | 2 | 90 |
| Dietitians | 1994 | 2,488 | 2,691 | 3,180 | 28 | 9,737 | 33 | 98 | 2 | 24 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 494 | 581 | 619 | 25 | 1,516 | 41 | .. | .. | 5 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1991 | 2,083 | 2,374 | 2,858 | 37 | 9,631 | 30 | 71 | 29 | 22 |
| Social Workers‡ | 2000 | 9,092 | 10,450 | 12,628 | 39 | 36,312 | 35 | 84 | 16 | 95 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 1994 | 2,215 | 2,487 | 2,822 | 27 | 7,949 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Ont. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1867 | 7,679 | 7,943 | 8,472 | 10 | 20,005 | 42 | 29 | 68 | 64 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 1,013 | 1,280 | 1,698 | 68 | 4,819 | 35 | 91 | 5 | 13 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 133 | 149 | 181 | 36 | 397 | 46 | 27 | 73 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 1994 | 239 | 329 | 471 | 97 | 908 | 52 | 100 | 0 | 4 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 1997 | 516 | 668 | 1,518 | 194 | 2,554 | 59 | 96 | 4 | 11 |
| Optometrists | 1919 | 1,366 | 1,505 | 1,879 | 38 | 4,841 | 39 | 47 | 53 | 14 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1795 | 21,738 | 22,141 | 25,044 | 15 | 69,699 | 36 | 35 | 65 | 189 |
| Psychologists | 1960 | 2,569 | 3,056 | 3,367 | 31 | 16,247 | 21 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Ont. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1947 | 25,730 | 25,084 | 30,423 | 18 | 81,224 | 37 | 93 | 7 | 229 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1994 | 7,215 | 7,069 | 6,819 | NC | 19,634 | 35 | 82 | 18 | 51 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1980 | 5,616 | 6,082 | 6,338 | NC | 17,378 | 36 | 79 | 21 | 48 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1993 | 3,803 | 3,880 | 4,337 | NC | 13,040 | 33 | 93 | 7 | 33 |
| Pharmacists | 1871 | 9,817 | 9,309 | 10,564 | NC | 31,389 | 34 | 58 | 42 | 80 |
| Physiotherapists | 1953 | 5,921 | 5,603 | 5,597 | NC | 16,885 | 33 | 78 | 22 | 42 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1922 | 85,187 | 90,061 | 95,185 | 12 | 268,512 | 35 | 95 | 5 | 717 |

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Manitoba

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|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | Man. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1961 | 43 | 59 | 56 | 30 | 1,533 | 4 | .. | .. | 5 |
| Chiropractors | 1945 | 236 | 245 | 257 | 9 | 7,967 | 3 | 21 | 79 | 21 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1952 | 584 | 570 | 667 | 14 | 25,549 | 3 | 97 | 3 | 54 |
| Dietitians | 1982 | 320 | 375 | 393 | 23 | 9,737 | 4 | 99 | 1 | 32 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 62 | 61 | 73 | 18 | 1,516 | 5 | .. | .. | 6 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 1981 | 233 | 212 | 292 | 25 | 9,631 | 3 | 64 | 36 | 23 |
| Social Workers‡ | 2009 | 525 | 515 | 851 | 62 | 36,312 | 2 | 84 | 16 | 68 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 1961 | 362 | 299 | 350 | -3 | 7,949 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Man. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1883 | 571 | 586 | 640 | 12 | 20,005 | 3 | 25 | 71 | 51 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 71 | 157 | 157 | 121 | 4,819 | 3 | 94 | 2 | 13 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 15 | 14 | 23 | 53 | 397 | 6 | 23 | 77 | 2 |
| Midwives‡ | 2000 | 37 | 32 | 46 | 24 | 908 | 5 | 100 | 0 | 4 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2005 | NA | x | x | NA | 2,554 | x | x | x | x |
| Optometrists | 1909 | 91 | 105 | 129 | 42 | 4,841 | 3 | 39 | 61 | 10 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1871 | 2,063 | 2,125 | 2,311 | 12 | 69,699 | 3 | 32 | 68 | 186 |
| Psychologists | 1966 | 163 | 178 | 248 | 52 | 16,247 | 2 | 63 | 37 | 20 |
| Employed active registered: Represents personnel who are registered/licensed with an organization and currently working in the specified health profession. | First Year of Regulation | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Man. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1946 | 2,417 | 2,652 | 2,732 | 13 | 81,224 | 3 | 94 | 6 | 220 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 2007 | 1,010 | 985 | 1,009 | NC | 19,634 | 5 | 86 | 14 | 81 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 603 | 628 | 671 | NC | 17,378 | 4 | 81 | 19 | 54 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1971 | 433 | 454 | 534 | NC | 13,040 | 4 | 86 | 7 | 43 |
| Pharmacists | 1878 | 1,092 | 1,152 | 1,330 | NC | 31,389 | 4 | .. | .. | 107 |
| Physiotherapists | 1956 | 578 | 594 | 719 | NC | 16,885 | 4 | 77 | 23 | 58 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1913 | 10,034 | 10,902 | 11,630 | 16 | 268,512 | 4 | 93 | 7 | 935 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1960 | 955 | 956 | 949 | -1 | 5,174 | 18 | 78 | 22 | 76 |

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Saskatchewan

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2010

| | | | | | | 2010 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Sask. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 1992 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 3 | 1,533 | 2 | 88 | 12 | 3 |
| Chiropractors | 1943 | 182 | 184 | 188 | 3 | 7,967 | 2 | 27 | 73 | 18 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1950 | 334 | 355 | 506 | 51 | 25,549 | 2 | 98 | 2 | 48 |
| Dietitians | 1958 | 242 | 262 | 300 | 24 | 9,737 | 3 | .. | .. | 29 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 63 | 80 | 101 | 60 | 1,516 | 7 | .. | .. | 10 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | 2008 | 97 | 116 | 186 | 92 | 9,631 | 2 | 69 | 31 | 18 |
| Social Workers‡ | 1995 | 1,004 | 1,118 | 1,322 | 32 | 36,312 | 4 | 86 | 14 | 126 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 1992 | 213 | 234 | 294 | 38 | 7,949 | 4 | 95 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Sask. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1906 | 378 | 368 | 394 | 4 | 20,005 | 2 | 28 | 71 | 37 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 189 | 254 | 327 | 73 | 4,819 | 7 | 94 | 3 | 31 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 10 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 397 | 3 | 15 | 85 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 2008 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 80 | 908 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 1 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2003 | NA | 88 | 123 | NA | 2,554 | 5 | 95 | 5 | 12 |
| Optometrists | 1911 | 108 | 117 | 136 | 26 | 4,841 | 3 | 35 | 65 | 13 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1885 | 1,526 | 1,571 | 1,778 | 17 | 69,699 | 3 | 31 | 68 | 169 |
| Psychologists | 1997 | 374 | 431 | 471 | 26 | 16,247 | 3 | 70 | 30 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Sask. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1956 | 2,056 | 2,224 | 2,723 | 32 | 81,224 | 3 | 96 | 4 | 259 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | 1996 | 938 | 977 | 874 | NC | 19,634 | 4 | 93 | 7 | 83 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | 1994 | 445 | 479 | 468 | NC | 17,378 | 3 | 80 | 20 | 44 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1971 | 211 | 231 | 271 | NC | 13,040 | 2 | 87 | 13 | 26 |
| Pharmacists | 1911 | 1,142 | 1,027 | 1,245 | NC | 31,389 | 4 | 64 | 36 | 118 |
| Physiotherapists | 1945 | 530 | 551 | 578 | NC | 16,885 | 3 | 80 | 20 | 55 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1967 | 8,503 | 8,480 | 9,538 | 12 | 268,512 | 4 | 95 | 5 | 907 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1948 | 939 | 900 | 837 | -11 | 5,174 | 16 | 84 | 16 | 80 |

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Alberta

Number of Health Personnel in Selected Health Professions, by Registration Status, 2010

| 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | 2010 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | Alta. as Percentage of Total [†] | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Audiologists[‡] | 2002 | 115 | 121 | 147 | 28 | 1,533 | 10 | 78 | 22 | 4 |
| Chiropractors | 1923 | 794 | 874 | 921 | 16 | 7,967 | 12 | 26 | 74 | 25 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1990 | 1,745 | 1,965 | 2,609 | 50 | 25,549 | 10 | 97 | 3 | 70 |
| Dietitians | 2000 | 725 | 816 | 996 | 37 | 9,737 | 10 | 98 | 2 | 27 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals[§] | NR | 161 | 228 | 306 | 90 | 1,516 | 20 | .. | .. | 8 |
| Respiratory Therapists[‡] | 1988 | 870 | 1,021 | 1,207 | 39 | 9,631 | 13 | 69 | 30 | 32 |
| Social Workers[‡] | 2003 | 4,817 | 5,749 | 6,079 | 26 | 36,312 | 17 | 86 | 14 | 162 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists[‡] | 2002 | 846 | 936 | 1,133 | 34 | 7,949 | 14 | 98 | 2 | 30 |
| 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Alta. as Percentage of Total [†] | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Dentists | 1906 | 1,760 | 1,890 | 2,051 | 17 | 20,005 | 10 | 24 | 69 | 55 |
| Health Information Management Professionals[§] | NR | 227 | 481 | 642 | 183 | 4,819 | 13 | 95 | 1 | 17 |
| Medical Physicists[§] | NR | 27 | 33 | 42 | 56 | 397 | 11 | 24 | 76 | 1 |
| Midwives[‡] | 1994 | 18 | 29 | 43 | 139 | 908 | 5 | 100 | 0 | 1 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2002 | 73 | 158 | 284 | 289 | 2,554 | 11 | 93 | 7 | 8 |
| Optometrists | 1920 | 360 | 423 | 534 | 48 | 4,841 | 11 | 42 | 58 | 14 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1885 | 5,801 | 6,574 | 7,882 | 36 | 69,699 | 11 | 34 | 66 | 211 |
| Psychologists | 1960 | 1,650 | 1,945 | 2,477 | 50 | 16,247 | 15 | 72 | 28 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | Alta. as Percentage of Total [†] | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population [†] |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1986 | 4,766 | 5,614 | 7,301 | 53 | 81,224 | 9 | 94 | 6 | 195 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists[‡] | 2002 | 2,207 | 2,224 | 2,251 | NC | 19,634 | 11 | 89 | 11 | 60 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists[‡] | 1986 | 1,584 | 1,723 | 1,792 | NC | 17,378 | 10 | 83 | 17 | 48 |
| Occupational Therapists | 1990 | 1,126 | 1,403 | 1,485 | NC | 13,040 | 11 | 91 | 9 | 40 |
| Pharmacists | 1911 | 3,185 | 3,197 | 3,837 | NC | 31,389 | 12 | 63 | 37 | 103 |
| Physiotherapists | 1985 | 1,712 | 1,995 | 2,091 | NC | 16,885 | 12 | 77 | 23 | 56 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1916 | 24,037 | 26,752 | 28,681 | 19 | 268,512 | 11 | 95 | 5 | 766 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1955 | 1,128 | 1,144 | 1,147 | 2 | 5,174 | 22 | 75 | 25 | 31 |

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|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | Canada Total | B.C. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Audiologists‡ | 2010 | 148 | 170 | 214 | 45 | 1,533 | 14 | 76 | 24 | 5 |
| Chiropractors | 1934 | 812 | 994 | 1,065 | 31 | 7,967 | 13 | 28 | 72 | 23 |
| Dental Hygienists | 1952 | 2,054 | 2,264 | 3,176 | 55 | 25,549 | 12 | .. | .. | 70 |
| Dietitians | 2004 | 825 | 956 | 1,114 | 35 | 9,737 | 11 | 97 | 3 | 24 |
| Environmental Public Health Professionals§ | NR | 219 | 264 | 255 | 16 | 1,516 | 17 | .. | .. | 6 |
| Respiratory Therapists‡ | NR | 488 | 537 | 678 | 39 | 9,631 | 7 | 58 | 42 | 15 |
| Social Workers‡ | 2008 | 1,521 | 1,938 | 2,340 | 54 | 36,312 | 6 | 82 | 18 | 51 |
| Speech–Language Pathologists‡ | 2010 | 625 | 737 | 902 | 44 | 7,949 | 11 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | B.C. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Dentists | 1886 | 2,755 | 2,873 | 3,015 | 9 | 20,005 | 15 | 24 | 69 | 66 |
| Health Information Management Professionals§ | NR | 290 | 447 | 500 | 72 | 4,819 | 10 | 92 | 4 | 11 |
| Medical Physicists§ | NR | 34 | 39 | 47 | 38 | 397 | 12 | 35 | 65 | 1 |
| Midwives‡ | 1998 | 73 | 102 | 170 | 133 | 908 | 19 | 100 | 0 | 4 |
| Nurse Practitioners | 2005 | NA | 35 | 133 | NA | 2,554 | 5 | 95 | 5 | 3 |
| Optometrists | 1921 | 479 | 444 | 560 | 17 | 4,841 | 12 | .. | .. | 12 |
| Physicians (Excluding Residents) | 1867 | 8,348 | 8,635 | 9,708 | 16 | 69,699 | 14 | 34 | 66 | 213 |
| Psychologists | 1977 | 904 | 1,029 | 1,059 | 17 | 16,247 | 7 | 60 | 40 | 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 | 2003 | 2006 | 2010 | Percentage Change 2003–2010 | Canada Total | B.C. as Percentage of Total† | Percentage Female* | Percentage Male* | Per 100,000 Population† |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 1988 | 4,391 | 5,412 | 8,235 | 88 | 81,224 | 10 | 91 | 9 | 181 |
| Medical Laboratory Technologists‡ | NR | 2,665 | 2,341 | 2,245 | NC | 19,634 | 11 | .. | .. | 49 |
| Medical Radiation Technologists‡ | NR | 1,725 | 1,870 | 2,078 | NC | 17,378 | 12 | 79 | 21 | 46 |
| Occupational Therapists | 2000 | 1,309 | 1,407 | 1,676 | NC | 13,040 | 13 | 89 | 11 | 37 |
| Pharmacists | 1891 | 3,672 | 3,151 | 4,040 | NC | 31,389 | 13 | 57 | 43 | 89 |
| Physiotherapists | 1946 | 2,343 | 2,468 | 2,809 | NC | 16,885 | 17 | 75 | 25 | 62 |
| Registered Nurses** | 1918 | 27,711 | 28,840 | 30,919 | 12 | 268,512 | 12 | 93 | 7 | 679 |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurses | 1951 | 2,086 | 2,051 | 2,241 | 7 | 5,174 | 43 | 76 | 24 | 49 |

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