

Health Care Providers Employed in Direct Care per 100,000 Population, by Type of Provider and Jurisdiction

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Short/Other Names	Health Care Provider Density, Canada
Description	Health care providers working in direct care per 100,000 population by type of provider, jurisdiction and Canada A measure of access to health care providers
Interpretation	A low or high ratio may be desirable; interpretations should be evaluated alongside other relevant data (e.g., population need, models of care, mix of health care providers).
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Efficient allocation of resources
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Geographic Coverage	All provinces/territories
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	National, Province/Territory, Region
Indicator Results	https://www.cihi.ca/en/health-workforce

Identifying Information

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Indicator Description and Calculation	
Description	Health care providers working in direct care per 100,000 population by type of provider, jurisdiction and Canada Calculated by dividing the number of health care providers employed in the profession and working in direct care by population estimates and multiplying by 100,000
Calculation: Description	$(\text{Number of health care providers employed in the profession and working in direct care} \div \text{Population estimate}) \times 100,000$
	Unit of Analysis: Service provider
Calculation: Geographic Assignment	Place of service
Calculation: Type of Measurement	Rate - Rate per 100,000
Calculation: Adjustment Applied	None
Calculation: Method of Adjustment	Not applicable
Denominator	<p>Description: Total population in Canada or in a Canadian province/territory</p> <p>Inclusions: Canadian or provincial/territorial population estimates from Statistics Canada</p> <p>Description: Number of health care providers employed in the profession and working in direct care</p> <p>Inclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active registered health care providers employed in the profession and working in direct care.
Numerator	<p>Additional inclusion criteria vary by type of provider.</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care providers not employed in the profession. • Health care providers employed in education, research and administration. • Inactive registrants or health care providers who did not register in a province or territory. <p>Additional exclusion criteria vary by type of provider.</p>

Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks

Based on [World Health Organization \(WHO\) National Health Workforce Accounts](#) indicator 1-02: Density of Active Health

Rationale	Workers per 1,000 Population, by Cadre, this indicator provides health worker density and distribution information. It supports the assessment of health services available and resources deployed and facilitates health human resources planning. A measure of access to health care providers
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HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Efficient allocation of resources
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Targets/Benchmarks	WHO: Health worker density and distribution World Health Organization. <i>National Health Workforce Accounts: A Handbook</i> . 2016.
References	World Health Organization. <i>Global Strategy on Health Resources for Health: Workforce 2030</i> . 2016.
Availability of Data Sources and Results	
Data Sources	HWDB Type of Year:
Available Data Years	First Available Year: 2008 Last Available Year: 2017
Geographic Coverage	All provinces/territories
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	National, Province/Territory, Region
Result Updates	
Update Frequency	Varies by type of provider Web Tool:
Indicator Results	Health workforce data tables URL: https://www.cihi.ca/en/health-workforce
Updates	Not applicable
Quality Statement	CIHI uses the unit of analysis "per 100,000 population," which is different from the WHO's "density per 1,000 population." Caution should be used when comparing results across countries.
Caveats and Limitations	Statistics reported may differ from those reported by other organizations due to differences in data collection and reporting methodologies. Issues of under- and/or over-coverage may vary by type of provider. Population estimates may change over time.
Trending Issues	Vary by type of provider. Please note that the available data years, geographic coverage, reporting level/disaggregation and update frequency vary by type of provider.
Comments	"Available data year" can refer to data year (for nurses) or to reporting year (for occupational therapists, physiotherapists and pharmacists).