



Physicians' Day

A snapshot of physicians in Canada and the impact they have on patient care.

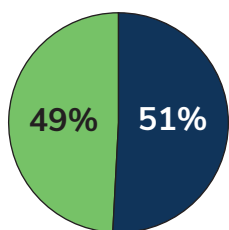
In 2021, there were **93,998 physicians** in Canada - or 246 physicians per 100,000 population.¹

Canada ranks 26th of 36 developed countries in ratio of physicians per capita.²

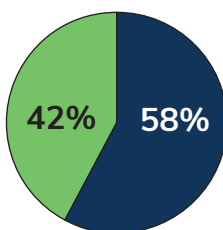


Canadian physician demographics³

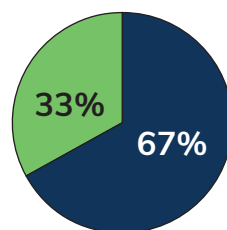
Family Medicine




Medical Specialists



Surgical Specialists




 Female  Male




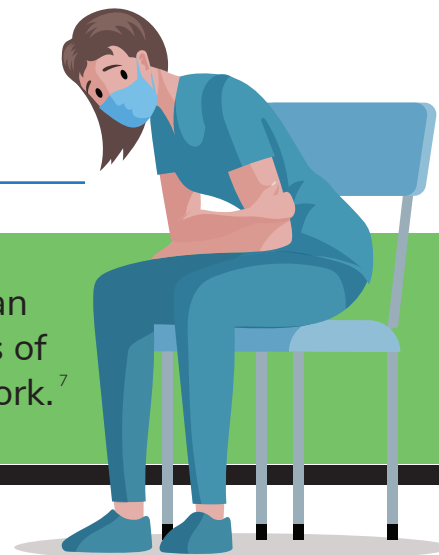
Family practitioners see an average of **117 patients per week**, while specialists see an average of **66 patients per week**.⁴

Canadian physicians work an average of 49.4 hours per week, however 70% of Canadian physicians report working more than 50 hours per week, with some working over 60 hours per week.⁵



Nationally, doctors spend an estimated **18.5 million hours** each year on needless administrative activity – the equivalent of **55.6 million** patient visits.⁶

The pandemic took a toll on physicians. By November 2021, more than half of physicians and medical learners (53%) experienced high levels of burnout. Nearly half (46%) were considering reducing their clinical work.⁷



Canadian physicians are committed to lifelong learning, with an average of 30 hours per year spent on continuing medical education (CME) activities to stay current on the latest medical advancements!⁸

1) CIHI, 2) OECD, 3) CIHI, 4) CMA, 5) CMA, 6) Canadian Federation of Independent Business report, 7) CMA, 8) MDBriefCase

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