

Two important factors should be taken into account for an effective interpretation of the information shown in Table 2. Firstly, it should be noted that bed capacity expresses the number of beds for which the hospital was designed. It is calculated on the basis of a standard floor area per bed and varies in the different provinces. The use of this figure may eliminate over-crowding as a disturbing factor in certain kinds of statistical studies. Secondly, the bed complement only, i.e., the number of beds actually set up, is shown in these tables for tuberculosis sanatoria. For mental institutions and other hospitals bed capacity is shown; the bed complement for these institutions is available in specialized publications and may be compared with bed-capacity figures to obtain a measure of over-crowding in such hospitals.

The fact that many institutions also provide care of a kind different from the classification in which they have been placed should be taken into account. A major distortion that may occur in the interpretation of these figures is illustrated in Tables 1 and 10. Table 1 gives the number of units in public hospitals that are reserved for tubercular patients; Table 10 shows the bed complement of these units.

1.—Hospitals Reporting, classified by Types and by Provinces, 1950

Type of Institution	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Population (1950 estimate. 000's omitted)....	351	96	638	512	3,969	4,471	768	833	913	1,137	24	13,712
Public Hospitals—												
Acute Diseases— ¹												
General.....	—	6	41	30	79	153	55	145	94	73	8	684
Special.....	—	—	4	1	22	16	3	3	5	3	—	57
Totals, Acute Diseases	—	6	45	31	101	169	58	148	99	76	8	741
Chronic diseases ²	—	—	—	2	6	10	1	—	—	3 ³	—	22
Mental institutions ⁴	1	1	18	1	10	18	4	4	5	4	—	66
Tuberculosis sanatoria	1	1	5	5	19	16	7	3	5	11	1	74
Units in other hospitals	3	—	8	1	11	3	2	2	—	6	5	41
Totals, Public Hospitals⁵.....	2	8	68	39	136	213	70	155	109	94	9	903
Federal Hospitals—												
Department of Veterans Affairs.....	—	—	1	2	5	9	2	2	3	4	—	28
Department of National Health and Welfare....	—	—	3	2	1	4	5	1	5	5	—	26
Department of National Defence.....	1	1	4	—	2	9	4	—	2	4	1	28
Totals, Federal Hospitals.....	1	1	8	4	8	22	11	3	10	13	1	82
Private Hospitals.....	—	—	7	4	85	46	5	16	12	48	2	225
Totals, All Hospitals..	3	9	83	47	229	281	86	174	131	155	12	1,210

¹ Excluding incurable (chronic diseases), mental and tuberculosis institutions.

² Excluding units in general hospitals.

³ Three units of Provincial Infirmary.

⁴ Includes three private institutions—one in Ontario, one in Quebec and one in British Columbia (not otherwise listed in this table).

⁵ Excluding tuberculosis units.