

2.—Number of Beds and Cribs in Hospitals Listed in Hospital Insurance Agreements, with Rate per 1,000 Population, by Province, as at Dec. 31, 1961

Province or Territory	No. of Hospitals Reporting	Beds and Cribs	
		Number	Rate ¹
Newfoundland.....	42	1,982	4.3
Prince Edward Island.....	9	651	6.2
Nova Scotia.....	48	4,138	5.6
New Brunswick.....	40	3,709	6.2
Quebec.....	281	32,338	6.1
Ontario.....	331	41,389	6.6
Manitoba.....	100	6,685	7.3
Saskatchewan.....	160	7,578	8.2
Alberta.....	162	11,382	8.5
British Columbia.....	111	10,710	6.6
Yukon Territory.....	3	157	10.7
Northwest Territories.....	22	327	14.2
Canada.....	1,309	121,046	6.6

¹ Per 1,000 population; based on 1961 Census.

3.—Total Patient-Days and Insured Patient-Days in Hospitals Listed in Hospital Insurance Agreements, with Rates per 1,000 Total and Insured Population, by Province, 1961

Province or Territory	Total Patient-Days during Year			Insured Patient-Days during Year		
	Hospitals Reporting	Days	Rate ¹	Hospitals Reporting	Days	Rate ²
	No.	No.		No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	42	583,741	1,275.0	42	536,918	1,145.2
Prince Edward Island.....	9	167,883	1,604.6	9	149,805	1,733.2
Nova Scotia.....	48	1,179,471	1,600.4	48	1,051,424	1,478.8
New Brunswick.....	40	1,123,129	1,878.3	40	976,537	1,616.8
Quebec.....	282	9,441,574	1,795.2	235	8,077,091	1,552.6
Ontario.....	331	12,582,407	2,017.7	329	11,141,030	1,887.8
Manitoba.....	100	1,857,661	2,015.5	100	1,613,598	1,786.0
Saskatchewan.....	160	2,129,339	2,301.6	160	1,997,712	2,246.9
Alberta.....	162	3,216,073	2,414.6	162	2,944,358	2,244.0
British Columbia.....	108	3,245,998	1,992.5	108	2,707,098	1,665.1
Yukon Territory.....	3	29,993	2,050.4	3	24,871	1,776.5
Northwest Territories.....	22	41,998	1,826.2	22	27,402	1,222.4
Canada.....	1,307	35,599,317	1,951.9	1,258	31,247,844	1,761.3

¹ Per 1,000 total population; based on 1961 Census.
number of insured persons under provincial plans, 1961.

² Per 1,000 insured population; based on annual average

The total cost of operating budget review hospitals in Canada in 1961, including items of expense not covered under the hospital insurance program, was \$695,600,000. This total included \$448,500,000 for salaries and wages, \$22,100,000 for medical supplies, \$29,900,000 for drugs, \$44,200,000 for food, \$95,800,000 for other departmental supplies and expenses, and \$55,100,000 for other expenses consisting mainly of interest payments and depreciation allowances. Table 4 gives various classifications of these expenditures.

The per patient-day cost of salaries and wages ranged among the provinces from a low of \$10.24 for Prince Edward Island to a high of \$16.22 for British Columbia, the average for Canada being \$14.84. Since raw food cost includes food supplied to staff, in-patients and visitors, the differences in such costs per patient-day probably reflect variations in the proportion of hospital staff taking meals at the hospitals rather than variations in the cost of food per meal served.

The total per capita operating cost of hospitals in Canada was \$38.14, ranging among the ten provinces from \$22.94 in Newfoundland to \$43.30 in Saskatchewan. The variations in total per capita expenses are very large, partly because of the variation in the number of hospital days of care provided per thousand persons in each province.