



Subsection 3.—Numbers of Physicians and Earnings of Those in Private Practice

There were an estimated 23,700 active civilian physicians in Canada (exclusive of those in the Yukon and Northwest Territories) at Dec. 31, 1965, or one physician for every 833 persons of the population. Table 18 gives the provincial distribution and population/physician ratios as estimated for 1965, and shows also the historical trends for Canada since 1901. British Columbia continues to have the most favourable provincial ratio of physicians to population, followed by Ontario and Quebec.

18.—Active Civilian Physicians and Population per Physician, 1901-65, and by Province, 1965 (Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

Year	Active Civilian Physicians		Province	Active Civilian Physicians	
	Number	Population per Physician		Number	Population per Physician
Census Data—					
1901.....	5,475	972	Newfoundland.....	315	1,590
1911.....	7,411	970	Prince Edward Island.....	90	1,200
1921.....	8,706	1,008	Nova Scotia.....	875	867
1931.....	10,020	1,034	New Brunswick.....	530	1,181
1941.....	10,723	1,072	Quebec.....	6,965	820
Register of Physicians—¹					
1951.....	14,163	989	Ontario.....	8,815	775
1954.....	15,651	977	Manitoba.....	1,100	872
1959.....	19,300	906	Saskatchewan.....	990	963
1962.....	21,011	881	Alberta.....	1,570	927
1965.....	23,700	833	British Columbia.....	2,450	750
			All Provinces.....	23,700	833

¹ Department of National Health and Welfare register.