

Earnings.—More than 98 p.c. of the earnings of privately practising physicians and surgeons in Canada were obtained from fees charged for individual items of professional service. As Table 19 shows, average gross earnings in 1965 from fees plus wages and salaries earned incidental to fee practice were \$32,799. This figure was 7 p.c. higher than in 1964 and 48 p.c. above the 1958 figure. The highest average gross earnings in 1965 were reported in Saskatchewan at \$37,474; in Ontario and Alberta they were above the national average. Average gross incomes in the remaining provinces ranged downward from \$32,037 in Manitoba to \$25,596 in Prince Edward Island. Generally, throughout the seven-year period 1959-65, highest average gross earnings have been most consistently reported in Ontario and the westernmost provinces.

The net returns to doctors, after deduction of the expenses of professional fee practice, reveal similar geographic patterns, as seen in Table 19. Net earnings for Canada as a whole averaged \$22,064 in 1965. The figure was 7.7 p.c. higher than in 1964 and 51 p.c. above the 1959 figure. The highest provincial average net income was reported by Ontario doctors at \$24,188 followed by Saskatchewan doctors at \$23,530. The lowest average net income was reported in Prince Edward Island.

19.—Average Gross and Net Professional Incomes of Physicians and Surgeons, by Province, 1959-65

Province or Territory	1959 ^r	1960 ^r	1961 ^r	1962 ^r	1963 ^r	1964 ^r	1965
GROSS PROFESSIONAL INCOMES ¹							
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland ²	24,669	28,583	27,184	24,809	27,903	30,630	31,620
Prince Edward Island.....	18,854	20,177	20,001	19,676	23,413	23,157	25,596
Nova Scotia.....	21,341	22,802	23,242	23,302	23,455	25,739	27,486
New Brunswick.....	18,918	22,523	24,220	23,978	26,376	27,802	29,622
Quebec.....	18,721	19,656	22,118	23,418	25,748	26,813	29,010
Ontario.....	24,153	25,534	27,206	27,779	30,641	33,201	35,752
Manitoba ³	27,567	25,767	29,072	29,003	28,769	29,103	32,037
Saskatchewan.....	23,699	27,102	27,103	23,238	35,657	36,484	37,474
Alberta.....	25,254	28,032	29,221	31,187	30,912	32,690	35,397
British Columbia.....	26,628	28,066	27,867	27,498	27,670	30,510	31,575
Yukon and Northwest Territories ⁴	19,915	19,398	20,083	20,081	22,007	16,495	27,812
Average for Canada.....	22,910	24,288	25,862	26,322	28,690	30,586	32,799
NET PROFESSIONAL INCOMES ⁵							
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland ²	16,776	19,902	18,640	18,042	19,455	21,523	23,028
Prince Edward Island.....	11,427	12,589	13,119	15,448	15,777	16,478	17,835
Nova Scotia.....	14,820	16,074	16,070	15,925	15,839	17,851	19,146
New Brunswick.....	12,372	15,535	16,288	16,418	17,701	19,255	20,251
Quebec.....	11,795	12,870	14,454	15,173	16,696	18,534	20,532
Ontario.....	15,605	16,754	17,682	18,306	20,492	22,247	24,188
Manitoba ³	15,442	16,000	15,829	16,742	18,178	18,720	19,681
Saskatchewan.....	15,096	15,955	15,843	14,619	21,625	23,879	23,530
Alberta.....	15,941	17,754	17,925	18,612	19,111	21,117	22,681
British Columbia.....	16,953	17,600	17,067	17,284	17,464	19,560	20,121
Yukon and Northwest Territories ⁴	16,271	14,908	15,504	16,368	16,480	13,601	15,731
Average for Canada.....	14,590	15,735	16,472	16,970	18,688	20,484	22,064

¹ Includes incidental wages and salaries. ² Excludes physicians employed on a salaried basis under the Cottage Hospital Medical Service and by subsidized voluntary prepayment plans. The estimated number of such excluded physicians in 1965 was 95. ³ Excludes some physicians employed on a salaried basis in private group-practice. The estimated number of such excluded physicians in 1965 was 57. ⁴ Data for the Yukon and Northwest Territories are posted for record only. ⁵ Includes net professional fees after deducting expenses of practice, and wages and salaries incidental to fee practice.