

Although 1960 information on numbers of hospitals operating in Canada and their bed capacities was available at the time of the preparation of this Chapter, details for that year regarding movement of patients, patient-days, hospital facilities, and finances had not yet been compiled. Tables 10 to 12 give these data for the year 1959.

Table 10 shows the pattern of hospital utilization over the period 1955-59. The number of admissions to all hospitals increased by 19 p.c. during this period while the number of patient-days increased by 9.3 p.c., signifying greater utilization of hospital facilities but shorter average length of stay for in-patients. The number of patients in hospital per 100,000 population at the end of 1959 was 17 fewer than at the end of 1955. Admissions to public tuberculosis hospitals were 5.8 p.c. lower in 1959 than in 1958 and patient-days were down by 8.2 p.c. On the other hand, public mental hospitals experienced an increase in admissions of 9.6 p.c. although the increase in patient-days was only 0.4 p.c., denoting a shorter length of stay for patients in these hospitals.

10.—Movement of Patients and Patient-Days of Reporting Public, Private and Federal Hospitals, by Type, 1955-59

Type of Service and Item	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
General—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	781	796	820	833	846
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	96.7	97.0	98.4	98.2	98.9
Admissions!..... No.	2,394,777	2,548,389	2,675,400	2,764,214	2,844,352
Per 100,000 population..... "	15,255	15,847	16,128	16,214	16,307
Discharges and deaths..... "	2,392,900	2,547,715	2,673,034	2,760,932	2,840,916
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	54,181	55,836	58,359	62,561	64,836
Per 100,000 population..... "	345	347	352	367	372
Patient-days..... "	22,728,944	24,113,477	24,910,797	25,752,916	26,914,286
Chronic and Convalescent—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	46	46	51	63	66
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	88.5	86.8	85.0	82.9	88.0
Admissions!..... No.	10,821	10,323	10,297	10,941	11,710
Per 100,000 population..... "	69	64	62	64	67
Discharges and deaths..... "	10,577	9,748	9,980	10,902	11,303
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	6,939	7,402	7,898	9,131	9,895
Per 100,000 population..... "	44	46	48	54	57
Patient-days..... "	2,553,450	2,640,020	2,879,856	3,336,708	3,542,419
Maternity—					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	17	17	12	11	13
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	94.4	94.4	92.3	78.6	100.0
Admissions!..... No.	28,936	24,715	25,695	24,114	48,429
Per 100,000 population..... "	184	154	155	141	278
Discharges and deaths..... "	29,052	24,681	25,716	24,118	48,344
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	647	460	443	432	1,211
Per 100,000 population..... "	4	3	3	3	7
Patient-days..... "	230,582	186,001	189,290	174,652	327,938
Mental—²					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	70	71	72	71	69
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Admissions!..... No.	23,374	23,601	26,133	27,238	29,840
Per 100,000 population..... "	149	147	158	160	171
Discharges and deaths..... "	21,236	22,089	24,821	26,172	28,144
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	61,264	62,590	63,318	63,861	63,872
Per 100,000 population..... "	390	389	382	375	367
Patient-days..... "	22,824,487	23,269,402	23,393,648	23,942,562	24,049,237
Tuberculosis—³					
Hospitals reporting..... No.	55	55	54	51	50
Ratio of reporting to operating hospitals... p.c.	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Admissions!..... No.	13,445	14,075	15,075	13,352	12,571
Per 100,000 population..... "	86	88	91	78	72
Discharges and deaths..... "	16,565	16,855	18,160	15,674	13,777
Patients in hospital at Dec. 31..... "	11,432	10,928	9,657	8,371	7,276
Per 100,000 population..... "	73	68	58	49	42
Patient-days..... "	4,398,047	4,240,546	3,887,198	3,413,428	3,131,830