

Contact with medical doctors, by age group and sex, household population aged 12 and over, Canada, 2003

Contact with medical doctors	Total		Contact with medical doctors in past 12 months		No contact with medical doctors in past 12 months		Contact with medical doctors, not stated	
	Number		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
2003								
Total, 12 years and over	26,578,125		21,264,175	80.0	5,154,007	19.4	159,943	0.6
Males	13,090,299		9,723,409	74.3	3,316,415	25.3	50,474	0.4
Females	13,487,826		11,540,765	85.6	1,837,592	13.6	109,469	0.8
12-19 years	3,316,567		2,399,906	72.4	874,772	26.4	41,889	1.3
Males	1,700,772		1,173,814	69.0	508,705	29.9	18,254	1.1
Females	1,615,795		1,226,093	75.9	366,067	22.7	23,636	1.5
12-14 years	1,275,076		875,960	68.7	370,061	29.0	29,055	2.3
Males	664,241		457,787	68.9	193,337	29.1	13,117 ^E	2.0 ^E
Females	610,835		418,174	68.5	176,723	28.9	15,938	2.6
15-19 years	2,041,491		1,523,946	74.6	504,711	24.7	12,834 ^E	0.6 ^E
Males	1,036,531		716,027	69.1	315,367	30.4	5,137 ^E	0.5 ^E
Females	1,004,960		807,919	80.4	189,344	18.8	7,697 ^E	0.8 ^E
20-34 years	6,317,776		4,829,572	76.4	1,466,797	23.2	21,408	0.3
Males	3,166,496		2,091,513	66.1	1,067,689	33.7	7,294 ^E	0.2 ^E
Females	3,151,281		2,738,059	86.9	399,108	12.7	14,114 ^E	0.4 ^E
20-24 years	2,166,912		1,655,164	76.4	504,090	23.3	7,658 ^E	0.4 ^E
Males	1,111,860		735,214	66.1	373,787	33.6	F	F
Females	1,055,052		919,950	87.2	130,303	12.4	F	F
25-34 years	4,150,865		3,174,408	76.5	962,707	23.2	13,750 ^E	0.3 ^E
Males	2,054,636		1,356,299	66.0	693,902	33.8	4,435 ^E	0.2 ^E
Females	2,096,229		1,818,109	86.7	268,805	12.8	9,315 ^E	0.4 ^E
35-44 years	5,296,597		4,140,156	78.2	1,134,735	21.4	21,706 ^E	0.4 ^E
Males	2,671,810		1,917,934	71.8	748,160	28.0	5,716 ^E	0.2 ^E
Females	2,624,787		2,222,223	84.7	386,574	14.7	15,990 ^E	0.6 ^E
45-64 years	7,862,039		6,508,165	82.8	1,313,808	16.7	40,066	0.5
Males	3,891,595		3,065,388	78.8	815,633	21.0	10,574 ^E	0.3 ^E
Females	3,970,443		3,442,777	86.7	498,175	12.5	29,492 ^E	0.7 ^E
45-54 years	4,571,406		3,691,107	80.7	861,151	18.8	19,149 ^E	0.4 ^E
Males	2,240,920		1,696,620	75.7	537,196	24.0	7,104 ^E	0.3 ^E
Females	2,330,486		1,994,487	85.6	323,955	13.9	12,044 ^E	0.5 ^E
55-64 years	3,290,633		2,817,058	85.6	452,657	13.8	20,917 ^E	0.6 ^E
Males	1,650,676		1,368,768	82.9	278,438	16.9	3,470 ^E	0.2 ^E
Females	1,639,957		1,448,290	88.3	174,220	10.6	17,448 ^E	1.1 ^E
65 years and over	3,785,145		3,386,375	89.5	363,896	9.6	34,874	0.9
Males	1,659,626		1,474,762	88.9	176,227	10.6	8,637	0.5
Females	2,125,520		1,911,614	89.9	187,668	8.8	26,238	1.2
65-74 years	2,182,159		1,940,479	88.9	227,019	10.4	14,661	0.7
Males	1,030,238		904,111	87.8	122,492	11.9	3,634 ^E	0.4 ^E
Females	1,151,922		1,036,368	90.0	104,527	9.1	11,027 ^E	1.0 ^E
75 years and over	1,602,986		1,445,896	90.2	136,876	8.5	20,214	1.3
Males	629,388		570,650	90.7	53,736	8.5	5,002 ^E	0.8 ^E
Females	973,598		875,246	89.9	83,141	8.5	15,211	1.6

1. Data source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey, 2003
2. Population aged 12 and over who have consulted with a medical doctor/pediatrician in the past 12 months.
3. Medical doctors include family or general practitioners as well as specialists such as surgeons, allergists, orthopaedists, gynaecologists, or psychiatrists. For population aged 18 and under, includes pediatricians.
4. Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
5. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified by an (E) and should be interpreted with caution.
6. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) greater than 33.3% were suppressed (F) due to extreme sampling variability.
7. "Health regions" are defined by the provincial ministries of health. These are legislated administrative areas in all provinces except Nova Scotia. In Nova Scotia, the Ministry of Health uses statistical "zones" rather than its legislated administrative areas; the zones are aggregations of the nine district health authorities.
8. For complete Canadian coverage, each of the northern territories also represents a health region.
9. The health regions presented in this table are based on boundaries and names in effect as of June 2003.
10. A "peer group" is a grouping of health regions that have similar social and economic characteristics. The nine peer groups are identified by the letters A through I, which are appended to the health region 4-digit code.
11. In Ontario, Public health units (PHU) administer health promotion and disease prevention programs, and District health councils (DHC) are advisory, health planning organizations.

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12. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, health regions are referred to as Health Authorities (HA) or Regional Health Authorities (RHA).
13. To avoid data suppression, northern regions in Manitoba have been grouped with neighbouring regions, as follows: Churchill Regional Health Authority (4690) is combined with Burntwood Regional Health Authority (4680) and referred to as "Burntwood/Churchill (4685)".
14. To avoid data suppression, northern regions in Saskatchewan have been grouped with neighbouring regions, as follows: Athabasca Health Authority (4713) is combined with Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority (4711) and Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority (4712) and referred to as "Mamawetan/Keewatin/Athabasca (4714)".
15. The following standard symbols are used in Statistics Canada publications: (..) for figures not available for a specific reference period and (...) for figures not applicable.
16. CANSIM table number 01050261.