

# ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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Hospital admission rates per 10,000 population, selected jurisdictions 1998/99:  
NW Territories 116.5 (highest), Saskatchewan 96.2, Alberta 81.1, British Columbia 76.7, Canada 62.0,  
Newfoundland 60.9, Ontario 52.2, Nova Scotia 51.3 (lowest)

Proportion of Canadians/Albertans aged 12 and over who rated their health as  
“very good” or “excellent” in 1996/97 and again in 1998/99:  
males, 80.7/84.2 [Alberta highest in country]; females, 79.0/80.5

Ratio of physicians to population in Alberta: ~1:579  
Average age of physicians in Alberta, 1997/2001: 45.7/46.3;  
family medicine practitioners, 44.8/45.9; specialists, 46.7/46.8

Number of GPs/specialists per 100,000 population, selected jurisdictions, 2001:  
Yukon 168/32 (highest for GPs), Newfoundland 112/65, British Columbia 108/89,  
Saskatchewan 93/60, Alberta 87/80, Northwest Territories 60/32

Average annual payment to Alberta family physicians, 2001: \$161,596  
to specialists (excluding pathologists and radiologists): \$212,126

Number of complaints handled by Alberta College of Physicians & Surgeons,  
1998: 771 (peak); 1999, 601; 2000, 660

Average weekly percentage rate of absenteeism for health reasons among healthcare workers/all other  
workers in Canada, 2000: 7.2/4.8. Average length of absence, days: 11.8/6.7

In the Fraser Institute’s 11th annual study *Waiting Your Turn: Hospital Waiting Lists in Canada*,  
number of times “transplant” appearing in document: 10  
of which, number reading as or referring to “cornea [or corneal] transplant” 10

Cost of a lifetime membership in the Yoga Association of Alberta: \$200  
Hours of course work required for Hatha yoga teacher training: 300  
Number of years initial certification is valid: 3

Percentage of Canadians 18 and older who sought alternative healthcare in 1998/99:  
Atlantic, 3–9; Ontario/Quebec, ~15; West, 21–25

Price of a deluxe BC Vapourizer, “designed to release the active ingredients of various  
herbs, without burning and producing tars and carbon monoxide”: \$89.95

