

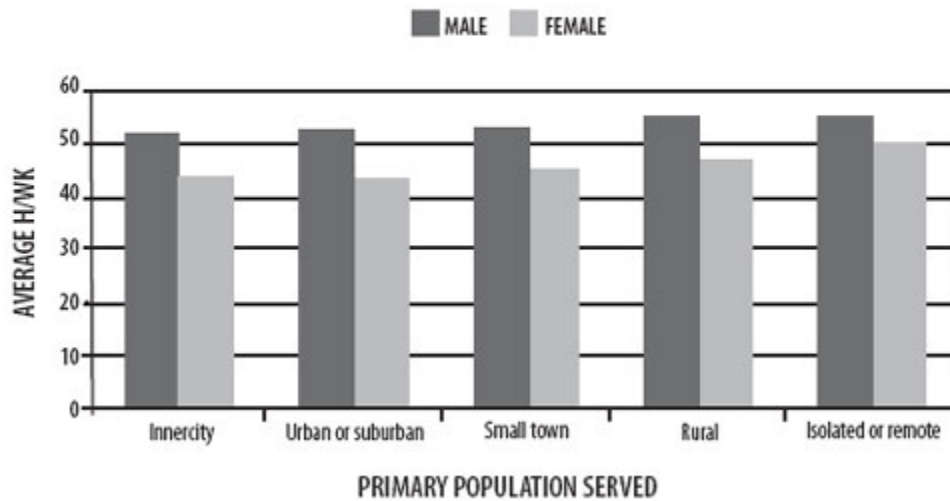
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Work hours

Canadian family physicians work, on average, 49 hours weekly excluding on-call duty. Most of this time (70%) is spent seeing patients; the remainder is spent on academic, administrative, and other professional activities. Most family physicians (70%) also serve on call. Among these 70%, 15% do 240 or more hours of call service per month. Family physicians' work hours vary significantly by sex and by the type of communities physicians serve (**Figure 1**).

Figure 1. Weekly work hours (excluding on-call duty) of family physicians by sex and primary population served



The 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) is a unique collaborative project of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. National-level estimates based on the 2004 NPS results are considered accurate within $\pm 0.7\%$, 19 times out of 20. Detailed national and regional analyses of results of the 2004 NPS are available on the NPS website: www.nps-snm.ca.

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