

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): ALBERTA DEMOGRAPHICS

Source of Data:

TOTAL POPULATION – The 2004 National Physician Survey (NPS) was carried out as a self-reported survey, sent to all licensed physicians in Canada. [Note: all 2nd year medical residents and all medical students in Canada were surveyed as well and these results will be reported separately at a later time]. The NPS mail and email list was generated from the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Masterfile. The CMA Masterfile includes all physicians in Canada holding a medical license and is compiled and updated on a daily basis with information received from provincial licensing bodies, associations, The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) membership listings, and individual physicians.

PROVINCE – Extracted from the mailing list (CMA Masterfile) for both NPS Respondents and Total Population columns.

AGE GROUP – The NPS questionnaire asked: *Your year of birth: 19__* . NPS Respondents 'Age' was derived by subtracting year of birth from 2004. Age extracted from CMA Masterfile for Total Population. 'Age Groups' created by database software.

SEX – The NPS questionnaire asked: *Sex: _ male _ female* (this was used for NPS Respondents). Population 'Sex' information was extracted from CMA Masterfile for Total Population.

Physician Demographics by Age Group, Sex:

Family Physicians						Specialists					
	Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population			Response Rate	NPS Respondents		Total Population	
	%	n	Col%	N	Col%		%	n	Col%	N	Col%
Total	38.9%	1174	100.0%	3021	100.0%	Total	39.8%	1027	100.0%	2582	100.0%
Age Group						Age Group					
34 and under	37.7%	174	14.8%	462	15.3%	34 and under	21.8%	60	5.8%	275	10.7%
35 - 44	34.8%	317	27.0%	910	30.1%	35 - 44	34.5%	255	24.8%	740	28.7%
45 - 54	39.2%	387	33.0%	988	32.7%	45 - 54	38.2%	355	34.6%	929	36.0%
55 - 64	38.9%	181	15.4%	465	15.4%	55 - 64	46.2%	201	19.6%	435	16.9%
65 and over	31.4%	55	4.7%	175	5.8%	65 and over	41.4%	82	8.0%	198	7.7%
Not known	na	na	na	21	0.7%	Not known	na	na	na	5	0.2%
No response	na	60	5.1%		na	No response	na	74	7.2%	na	na
		1174	100.0%	3021	100.0%			1027	100.0%	2582	100.0%
Sex						Sex					
Male	33.8%	665	56.6%	1965	65.0%	Male	36.6%	715	69.6%	1956	75.8%
Female	43.5%	459	39.1%	1056	35.0%	Female	38.2%	239	23.3%	626	24.2%
No response	na	50	4.3%	na	na	No response	na	73	7.1%	na	na
		1174	100.0%	3021	100.0%			1027	100.0%	2582	100.0%

na= not applicable

2004 NPS study results in Alberta are considered accurate within +/- 2.1%, 19 times out of 20.