

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): BRITISH COLUMBIA 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	35.2%	1631	100.0%	4633	100.0%	Total	35.2%	1308	100.0%	3720	100.0%
Age Group						Age Group					
34 and under	38.7%	155	9.5%	401	8.7%	34 and under	18.8%	42	3.2%	224	6.0%
35 - 44	30.1%	427	26.2%	1420	30.7%	35 - 44	28.5%	264	20.2%	926	24.9%
45 - 54	34.2%	513	31.5%	1501	32.4%	45 - 54	31.4%	388	29.7%	1237	33.3%
55 - 64	37.0%	337	20.7%	912	19.7%	55 - 64	37.7%	346	26.5%	917	24.7%
65 and over	38.8%	116	7.1%	299	6.5%	65 and over	40.4%	156	11.9%	386	10.4%
Not known	na	na	na	100	2.2%	Not known	na	na	na	30	0.8%
No response	na	83	5.1%	na	na	No response	na	112	8.6%	na	na
		1631	100.0%	4633	100.0%			1308	100.0%	3720	100.0%
Sex						Sex					
Male	31.8%	990	60.7%	3118	67.3%	Male	31.7%	909	69.5%	2872	77.2%
Female	37.0%	560	34.3%	1515	32.7%	Female	33.3%	282	21.6%	848	22.8%
No response	na	81	5.0%	na	na	No response	na	117	8.9%	na	na
		1631	100.0%	4633	100.0%			1308	100.0%	3720	100.0%

na= not applicable

2004 NPS study results in British Columbia are considered accurate within +/- 1.8%, 19 times out of 20.