

2004 National Physician Survey (NPS): NOVA SCOTIA 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	38.1%	416	100.0%	1093	100.0%	Total	40.1%	375	100.0%	934	100.0%
Age Group						Age Group					
34 and under	29.7%	35	8.4%	118	10.8%	34 and under	19.7%	13	3.5%	66	7.1%
35 - 44	35.3%	115	27.6%	326	29.8%	35 - 44	34.2%	93	24.8%	272	29.1%
45 - 54	38.7%	129	31.0%	333	30.5%	45 - 54	38.7%	120	32.0%	310	33.2%
55 - 64	45.6%	89	21.4%	195	17.8%	55 - 64	47.7%	94	25.1%	197	21.1%
65 and over	38.0%	27	6.5%	71	6.5%	65 and over	48.1%	37	9.9%	77	8.2%
Not known	na	na	na	50	4.6%	Not known	na	na	na	12	1.3%
No response	na	21	5.1%	na	na	No response	na	18	4.8%	na	na
		416	100.0%	1093	100.0%			375	100.0%	934	100.0%
Sex						Sex					
Male	36.0%	248	59.6%	689	63.0%	Male	37.3%	262	69.9%	703	75.3%
Female	37.6%	152	36.5%	404	37.0%	Female	41.1%	95	25.3%	231	24.7%
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na= not applicable

2004 NPS study results in Nova Scotia are considered accurate within +/- 3.5%, 19 times out of 20.