

National Physician Survey 2004: Results for Family Physicians.

Q24a: Where did you complete your medical training?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
School of most recent undergrad	Memorial University of Newfoundland	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%
	Dalhousie University	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%
	Université de Laval	4.7%	8.0%	6.2%
	Université de Sherbrooke	4.3%	1.9%	3.2%
	Université de Montreal	6.4%	8.2%	7.2%
	McGill University	4.2%	2.0%	3.2%
	University of Ottawa	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
	Queen's University	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
	University of Toronto	13.5%	10.2%	12.0%
	McMaster University	6.0%	1.5%	4.0%
	University of Western Ontario	6.6%	3.9%	5.4%
	University of Manitoba	3.7%	2.4%	3.1%
	University of Saskatchewan	2.9%	2.1%	2.6%
	University of Alberta	6.3%	3.8%	5.2%
	University of Calgary	3.7%	1.1%	2.5%
	University of British Columbia	5.9%	5.4%	5.7%
	Canadian grad; school not given	.3%	.2%	.3%
	Sub-Total Canadian Schools	85.6%	61.9%	74.9%
	United States	.7%	1.1%	.9%
	UK	2.3%	9.5%	5.5%
	Central America & Caribbean	.1%	.7%	.4%
	Western Europe	.3%	1.4%	.8%
	Central Europe	.5%	2.4%	1.3%
	Eastern Europe	.1%	.3%	.2%
	Africa (excluding South Africa)	.6%	2.1%	1.3%
	South Africa	2.2%	6.8%	4.3%
	Middle East	.3%	.6%	.4%
	Asia	1.3%	4.6%	2.8%
	Australia & New Zealand	.2%	.7%	.4%
	South America	.1%	.6%	.4%
	Sub-Total non-Canadian schools	8.7%	31.0%	18.8%
	Not stated	5.7%	7.2%	6.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Year of undergraduate graduation (decades)	1940s	.0%	.1%	.1%
	1950s	1.0%	4.1%	2.4%
	1960s	4.2%	15.5%	9.3%
	1970s	17.6%	33.7%	24.9%
	1980s	28.6%	29.3%	28.9%
	1990s	36.5%	9.7%	24.4%
	2000s	6.1%	.6%	3.6%
	NR	6.0%	7.1%	6.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q25a: Marital Status

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Marital status	Single, separated, divorced or widowed	13.4%	13.7%	13.5%
	Married, living with partner	83.3%	83.0%	83.1%
	NR	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q25B: Occupation of spouse or partner.

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=5042	Non-CCFP n=4137	Total n=9179
		%	%	%
Spouse/partner is a physician or other health care provider	physician	20.9%	15.7%	18.5%
	other health care provider	18.1%	21.7%	19.7%
	neither	57.5%	58.5%	58.0%
	NR	3.4%	4.2%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q26A: Do you have children or other dependents for whom you personally provide care/supervision?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Children/dependents requiring personal care/supervision	No	32.4%	35.9%	34.0%
	Yes	63.7%	60.0%	62.1%
	NR	3.9%	4.0%	3.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q26B: If yes, do you have major responsibility for the care of these individuals?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=3858	Non-CCFP n=2993	Total n=6851
		%	%	%
Major responsibility for care	Yes	79.3%	77.3%	78.4%
	No	18.0%	20.0%	18.9%
	NR	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q26C: Age of youngest child

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=3628	Non-CCFP n=2759	Total n=6387
		%	%	%
Age of youngest child grouped (from M26C)	up to 5 years old	41.2%	17.1%	30.8%
	between 5 and 10	22.4%	21.3%	21.9%
	older than 10	36.4%	61.5%	47.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q27a: Of all the areas in medicine, what led you to select your current career?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Reason for current career choice	intellectual stimulation/challenge	77.7%	70.6%	74.5%
	doctor-patient relationship	74.7%	65.8%	70.7%
	workload flexibility and/or predictability	51.1%	37.3%	44.9%
	influence of a mentor	21.3%	18.8%	20.1%
	influence of family	22.4%	24.5%	23.3%
	prestige	13.0%	14.4%	13.6%
	earning potential	28.9%	29.1%	29.0%
	research opportunities	5.0%	5.8%	5.3%
	teaching opportunities	18.6%	8.5%	14.0%
	ability to pursue non-work related interests	24.5%	16.8%	21.0%
	availability of training opportunities	9.8%	10.4%	10.1%
	other	10.1%	10.7%	10.4%
	No response	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%

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Q27B: Indicate the one most important factor that led to career selection.

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Most important factor that led to current career choice; from Q27a	a. Intellectual stimulation/challenge	30.3%	30.0%	30.1%
	b. Doctor-patient relationship	31.6%	30.6%	31.1%
	c. Workload flexibility and/or predictability	13.6%	8.8%	11.4%
	d. Influence of a mentor	2.7%	3.9%	3.2%
	e. Influence of family	4.6%	5.9%	5.2%
	f. Prestige	.5%	1.3%	.9%
	g. Earning potential	1.4%	2.2%	1.8%
	h. Research opportunities	.2%	.7%	.4%
	i. Teaching opportunities	.5%	.3%	.4%
	j. Ability to pursue non-work related interests	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
	k. Availability of training opportunities	.7%	1.0%	.8%
	l. Other	6.4%	7.2%	6.8%
	Not Answered	5.3%	6.7%	5.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Q28: When did you decide on your current field of medical practice

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
When current field of medical practice was decided upon	Before medical school	14.6%	18.5%	16.4%
	During medical school but prior to clerkship	19.4%	15.8%	17.8%
	During clerkship	33.3%	19.5%	27.1%
	During residency	13.1%	12.4%	12.8%
	After a period of time in practice	15.0%	27.0%	20.4%
	Other	1.4%	2.8%	2.0%
	NR	3.2%	3.9%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q29B: Indicate the main reason(s) you selected your current practice location.

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Main reason(s) for selecting current practice location	availability of medical support system/ resources	17.6%	16.1%	16.9%
	family reasons/ spousal influence	57.4%	40.8%	49.9%
	liked the area	42.5%	40.2%	41.5%
	opportunity for affiliation with a universtiy	9.9%	6.2%	8.3%
	community needs were a good match with my career interests	21.5%	20.0%	20.8%
	practice opportunity was available	33.3%	41.8%	37.1%
	religious/social/cultural reasons	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
	financial recruitment/retention incentives	5.7%	4.3%	5.1%
	other (non-financial) recruitment/ retention incentives	1.3%	1.9%	1.6%
	other	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
	No response	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%

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Q29D: Select the ONE statement which best describes the environment in which you grew up prior to university.

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Childhood environment prior to university	Exclusively/predominantly rural	10.8%	10.7%	10.8%
	Exclusively/predominantly small town	20.8%	21.7%	21.2%
	Exclusively/predominantly urban	56.8%	52.4%	54.8%
	Mixture of environments	8.3%	11.5%	9.7%
	NR	3.3%	3.8%	3.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q29E: In which province(s)/territory(ies) did you grow up prior to university?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Province(s) or territory(ies) in which physician grew up prior to university	grew up in British Columbia	8.4%	6.7%	7.7%
	grew up in Alberta	10.4%	5.0%	7.9%
	grew up in Saskatchewan	4.1%	2.9%	3.6%
	grew up in Manitoba	5.0%	3.2%	4.2%
	grew up in Ontario	36.1%	20.5%	29.1%
	grew up in Quebec	22.3%	22.3%	22.3%
	grew up in New Brunswick	3.7%	2.4%	3.1%
	grew up in Nova Scotia	3.6%	3.2%	3.4%
	grew up in Prince Edward Island	.7%	.5%	.6%
	grew up in Newfoundland & Labrador	2.0%	1.6%	1.8%
	grew up in North West Territories	.1%	.1%	.1%
	grew up in Yukon	.1%	.1%	.1%
	grew up in Nunavut	.0%	.1%	.0%
	grew up outside of Canada	14.7%	37.0%	24.8%
No response	3.4%	4.0%	3.7%	

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Q30: What languages do you speak with your patients?

		Family Physicians		
		CCFP n=6056	Non-CCFP n=4985	Total n=11041
		%	%	%
Languages spoken with patients	English	90.3%	86.4%	88.5%
	French	30.3%	30.3%	30.3%
	Other	14.5%	20.1%	17.1%
	No response	3.1%	3.5%	3.3%

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