

# HEALTH CARE IN CANADA



The health care system in Canada, known as Medicare, is publicly funded. Health care services are available to all Canadian residents. The roles and responsibilities for these services are shared between provincial and territorial governments and the federal government.

## RANK OF HEALTH SYSTEMS, BY COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO THE WHO



## A CHECK-UP ON CANADA'S HEALTH



Total fertility rate (average number of children per woman) (2013)	1.59
Current smokers (2014)	18.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) (2013)	4.9
Has a doctor (2014)	85.1%
Heavy drinkers (2014)	17.9%
High blood pressure (2014)	17.7%
Overweight or obese adults (2014)	54.0%
Overweight or obese youth (12-17) (2014)	23.1%

## 10 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN CANADA IN 2013



1. Malignant neoplasms (cancer)
2. Diseases of heart (heart disease)
3. Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)
4. Chronic lower respiratory diseases
5. Accidents (unintentional injuries)
6. Diabetes mellitus (diabetes)
7. Influenza and pneumonia
8. Alzheimer's disease
9. Intentional self-harm (suicide)
10. Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (kidney disease)

## HEALTHIEST REGIONS

- 1 York Region (ON)
- 2 North Shore/Coast Garibaldi (BC)
- 3 City of Richmond (BC)
- 4 Halton Region (ON)
- 5 Région de la Chaudière-Appalaches (QC)
- 6 City of Calgary (AB)
- 7 City of Toronto (ON)
- 8 Frasier North (BC)
- 9 Peel Region (ON)
- 10 City of Vancouver (BC)

## UNHEALTHIEST REGIONS

- 1 Prince Albert Parkland Region (SK)
- 2 Région de la Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine (QC)
- 3 Timiskaming (ON)
- 4 Porcupine (Timmins) Health Unit (ON)
- 5 Campbellton Area (NB)
- 6 Région de la Côte-Nord (QC)
- 7 Eastern Ontario Health Unit (ON)
- 8 Région du Nord-du-Québec (QC)
- 9 Prairie North Region (SK)
- 10 Région de Lanaudière (QC)

## RATED HOSPITALS

1. St. Joseph's Health Care London – ON
2. Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital – ON
3. Chaleur Regional Hospital – NB
4. Victoria General Hospital – MB
5. Saskatoon City Hospital – SK
6. Grace Hospital – MB
7. Sturgeon Community Hospital – AB
8. High River General Hospital – AB
9. Lamont Health Care Centre – AB
10. Banff - Mineral Springs Hospital, Covenant Health – AB



## ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICE IS PROBLEMATIC.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL, CANADIANS WAIT A LOT:

### Specialist care

Waited too long for an appointment	51%
Difficulty getting an appointment	43%
Waited too long to see a doctor (in-office waiting)	17%

### Non-emergency surgery

Waited too long for surgery	60%
Difficulty getting an appointment with a surgeon	31%
Still waiting for surgery	14%

### Selected diagnostic tests

Waited too long for an appointment	53%
Difficulty getting an appointment	26%
Waited too long to see a doctor (in-office waiting)	22%

### First-contact services

Difficulty contacting a nurse or physician	40%
Waited too long to speak to someone	36%
Did not get adequate information or advice	29%

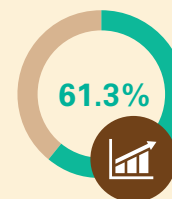
### Routine or on-going care

Difficulty getting an appointment	48%
Waited too long to get an appointment	38%
Difficulty contacting a physician	23%

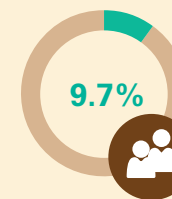
### Immediate care (minor health problem)

Waited too long to see a doctor (in-office waiting)	49%
Difficulty getting an appointment	31%
Waited too long to get an appointment	26%

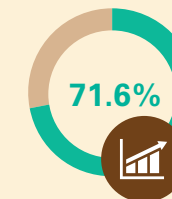
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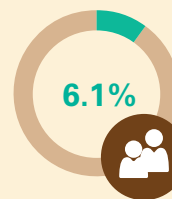
...Rated their health, as fair or poor



... Rated their mental health, as very good or excellent

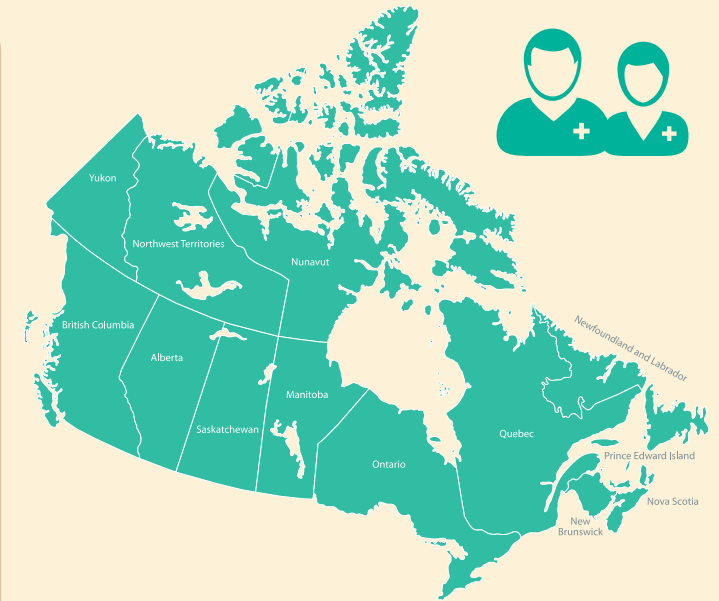


... Rated their mental health, as fair or poor



Sources: Statistics Canada, The 10 and 3, CBC, Seiu Healthcare, The Conference Board of Canada

## RANKING PROVINCIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS



### Spends healthcare dollars more efficiently

1. Quebec
2. Ontario
3. New Brunswick
4. Nova Scotia
5. British Columbia

### Shortest wait times

1. Ontario
2. Quebec
3. Alberta

### Doctor shortage

1. Quebec
2. New Brunswick
3. PEI
4. Ontario

### Ranking of healthiest Canadian population

1. British Columbia
2. Ontario
3. Quebec
4. Prince Edward Island
5. Alberta
6. New Brunswick
7. Nova Scotia
8. Manitoba
9. Saskatchewan
10. Newfoundland and Labrador
11. Yukon
12. North West Territory
13. Nunavut

## WELL-BEING

Almost one quarter of Canadians live under stress...

