

National Statistics 2023

The following is a compilation of the registered/licensed pharmacists, registered/licensed pharmacy technicians and licensed/accredited pharmacies in Canada as of January 1, 2023:



48,134

Total registered/
licensed pharmacists



44,779

Total registered/
licensed pharmacists
in active practice



10,502

Total pharmacy
technicians
registered/licensed
to practise



12,008*

Total licensed/
accredited
pharmacies**

**Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut and Quebec do not license pharmacies; figures are captured in this data for information purposes only.*

**Total licensed/accredited pharmacies

Community pharmacies	11,554
In-patient hospital pharmacies (if licensed/accredited by regulatory authority)	394
Other (if licensed/accredited by regulatory authority)	60

Provincial and Territorial Statistics – PHARMACISTS

As of January 1, 2023

Jurisdiction	Pharmacists practising in community	Pharmacists practising in hospital	Pharmacists practising in other settings	Total registered/licensed pharmacists in active practice	Total registered/licensed pharmacists
Alberta	4,137	867	N/A	6,136	6,136
British Columbia	4,260	1,177	1,327	6,764	6,764
Manitoba	1,170	358	30	1,558	1,594
New Brunswick	694	188	35	917	949
Newfoundland and Labrador	578	131	35	744	744
Northwest Territories	66	8	N/A	74	74
Nova Scotia	1,137	214	89	1,440	1,474
Nunavut	7	2	1	10	53
Ontario	12,558	2,906	1,532	15,817	17,861
Prince Edward Island	157	40	14	230	230
Quebec	7,329	1,921	135	9,385	10,271
Saskatchewan	1,201	240	208	1,649	1,929
Yukon	45	7	3	55	55
CANADA	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,779	48,134
Canadian Forces*	83	0	34	117	117

*Note: Pharmacists within the Canadian Forces are licensed provincially and therefore their statistics are already included in the jurisdiction where they hold their licence. These figures do not alter the total number of pharmacists practising in Canada. This data is posted for information only.

Provincial and Territorial Statistics – PHARMACY TECHNICIANS*

As of January 1, 2023

Jurisdiction	Pharmacy technicians practising in community	Pharmacy technicians practising in hospital	Pharmacy technicians practising in other settings	Total pharmacy technicians registered/licensed to practise
Alberta	780	769	N/A	1,827
British Columbia	445	1,079	231	1,755
Manitoba	N/A	N/A	N/A	228**
New Brunswick	139	107	7	253
Newfoundland and Labrador	106	153	2	261
Northwest Territories	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nova Scotia	160	85	3	248
Nunavut	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ontario	2,294	3,384	313	5,688
Prince Edward Island	31	35	13	79
Quebec	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Saskatchewan	133	169	82	391
Yukon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANADA	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,502
Canadian Forces	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Pharmacy technicians are not regulated in all Canadian jurisdictions at this time. This data reflects the number of pharmacy technicians who are regulated by a pharmacy regulatory authority.

**Pharmacy technicians in Manitoba are regulated by the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba and are “listed” as a regulated pharmacy technician but not registered/licensed. For this reason, their number is not reflected in the total number of registered/licensed pharmacy technicians in Canada even though a listed pharmacy technician in Manitoba meets all qualifications as a registered/licensed pharmacy technician in any other jurisdiction. This number is provided for information purposes only.

Provincial and Territorial Statistics – PHARMACIES

As of January 1, 2023

Jurisdiction	Community pharmacies	In-patient hospital pharmacies, if licensed/accredited by regulatory authority	Other, if licensed/ accredited by regulatory authority	Total licensed/ accredited pharmacies
Alberta	1,631	N/A	30	1,661
British Columbia	1,458	89	11	1,558
Manitoba	457	34	0	491
New Brunswick	234	13	1	248
Newfoundland and Labrador	207	16	0	223
Northwest Territories*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nova Scotia	314	0	1	315
Nunavut*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ontario	4,868	238	11	5,117
Prince Edward Island	50	0	0	50
Quebec*	1,917	4	0	1,921
Saskatchewan	418	N/A	6	424
Yukon*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANADA	11,554	394	60	12,008
Canadian Forces**	26	0	0	0

*Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut and Quebec do not license pharmacies. While figures provided for Quebec are for information only, they are included in the total number of pharmacies in Canada.

**Note: Pharmacies within the Canadian Forces are licensed federally (not provincially) therefore the statistics are not part of the cumulative total included in the above table. These figures do not alter the total number of pharmacies in Canada. This data is posted for information only.