Ontario Health Coalition Fast Facts

2015

Hospital Beds Per Population – Provincial Comparisons

Ontario has cut more public hospital beds than any other province. Ontario now ranks at the bottom of the country in the number of hospital beds per person. The difference is significant. Ontario has 2.3 hospital beds per 1000 people. The average of the rest of the provinces is 3.5 beds per 1000. That is a shortfall of more than 1 hospital bed for every thousand people. Ontario had 13.7 million people in 2013-14. Thus, we are short many thousands of hospital beds. In fact, Ontario has cut 18,500 hospital beds since 1990.

Hospital Beds Per 1000 (population) By Province 2013-14	
Newfoundland & Labrador	4.6
New Brunswick	3.8
Saskatchewan	3.6
Nova Scotia	3.4
Manitoba	3.3
PEI	3.3
British Columbia	3
Alberta	2.8
Ontario	2.3
Average other provinces	3.5

Calculated from: Canadian Institute for Health Information, *Data Table: Hospital Beds Staffed and in Operation 2013-14*. Population statistics from Canadian Institute for Health Information, *National Health Expenditures Database 2015*.