



Fact Sheet: Ontario's Doctor Shortage

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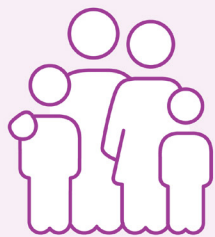
At least 1 million Ontarians do not have regular access to primary care.

- The shortage is especially acute in northern and rural areas
- There is a shortage of 100 family doctors and 130 specialists in northern Ontario alone

Ontario's doctor shortage has existed for decades, although the population grows in size and age each year.

- Ontario has 2.32 physicians for every 1,000 people
- Compared to other countries, Canada ranks 23rd out of 32 OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in doctor-to-population ratio
- The proportion of Ontario seniors is projected to increase to 22.2 per cent or 20 million people by 2046.

Ontario's doctor shortage and growing population adds stress on health care



More than
1 million
Ontarians
do not have a
family doctor

For northern Ontario, it's worse
100 family doctors short | 130 specialists short

Ontario's population is growing and aging



Growth in proportion of
population 65 and over

2020 **17.6%**

2046 **22.2%**

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Care Experience Survey, 2019; Ontario Physician Human Resources Data Centre; Ontario Ministry of Finance Population Projections, Reference Scenario