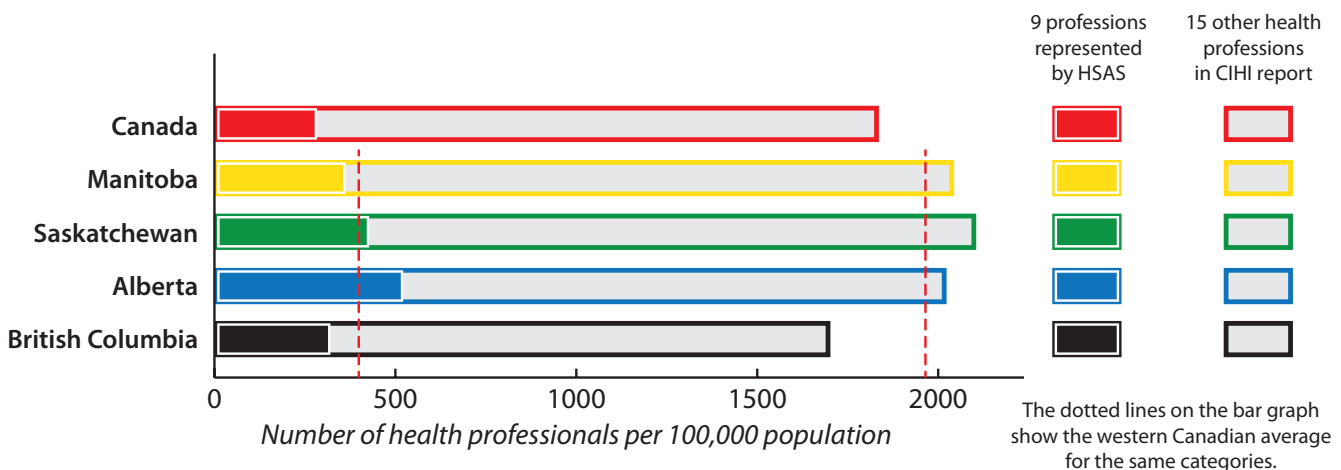


Comparison of Health Professions to Population

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) recently released the report *Canada's Health Providers – 2008 Provincial Profiles: A Look at 24 Health Occupations*, illustrating the ratio of the number of health professionals per 100,000 of the population, nationally and by each province. A summary of the nine professions represented by Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan (HSAS) in Saskatchewan, compared to the national ratio, and compared to the other western Canadian provinces is as follows:

Profession	Canada	MB	SK	AB	BC	Western Canadian Average
Audiologists	4	5	3	4	4	4
Dieticians	N/A	29	28	26	23	26.5
Respiratory Therapists	26	21	12	34	13	20
Social Workers	N/A	57	118	159	51	96.25
Speech Language Pathologists	22	28	25	30	19	25.5
Psychologists	47	17	45	67	24	38.25
Occupational Therapists	38	40	24	41	34	34.75
Pharmacists	88	103	112	99	86	100
Physiotherapists	51	55	53	54	59	55.25
Sub total	276	355	420	514	313	400.5
Other 15 professions*	1546	1675	1671	1495	1375	1554
Total per 100,000 population	1822	2030	2091	2009	1688	1954.5



Work distribution by health care team members may vary between provinces but the overall numbers, (as of 2008) would indicate that the Saskatchewan ratio of health professionals per 100,000 of the population, is the highest in western Canada, and well above the national average. Since 2008, the number of employees represented by HSAS in Saskatchewan has increased by over 8%.

* The other 15 professions reported by CIHI include chiropractors, dental hygienists, environmental public health professionals, health information management professionals, dentists, medical physicists, midwives, nurse practitioners, optometrists, physicians (excluding residents), licensed practical nurses, medical laboratory technologists, medical radiation technologists, registered nurses, and registered psychiatric nurses.

Note: Numbers effective 2008