

Table 1. A description of Canada’s public dental health care system

	Public delivery		Types of care	
	Direct	Indirect	Preventive	Clinical
Federal Government finance care for:				
- Military personnel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
- Those with state recognised indigenous status	No		No	
- Veterans				
- Federal prisons				
- Refugees				
Provinces/Territories finance care for:				
- Surgical-dental services requiring hospitalisation or associated with a congenital anomaly or medical need	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes
- Social assistance recipients and their dependents	No		Yes	
- Targeted child and adult populations (e.g., low-income families)	Yes		No	
- Targeted disabled and institutionalised populations (e.g., those in long-term care)				
- Provincial prisons				
Health Regions/Municipalities/Units finance care for:				
- Social assistance recipients and their dependents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
- Targeted child and adult populations (e.g., low-income families)				
- Targeted disabled and institutionalised populations (e.g., those in long-term care)				
Non Governmental Organisations				
- Universities and social welfare groups deliver care to a variety of marginalised populations through their clinics, either with state financing or through the billing of state associated dental plans	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes

Table 2. Summary of provincial and territorial programming in Canada, 2005

	Surgical-dental services	Social assistance services	Children's services	Senior's services	Disability services	Municipal services		NGO services	
						Treatment	Preventive	University	Community
BC	X	X				X	X	X	X
AB	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
SK	X	X				X	X	X	
MB	X	X				X	X	X	X
ON	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
QC	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
NB	X	X					X		
NS	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
PEI	X	X	X			X	X		
NFLD/LA	X	X	X						
NU	X	X		X		X	X	X	
NWT	X	X		X		X	X	X	
YK	X	X	X	X		X	X		

Table 3. Dental public health service populations

	Total population ^a	Children <5 years ^a	Children 5-14 years ^a	Young adults 15-19 years ^a	Adults >65 years ^a	Persons covered by social assistance 1995 ^b	Persons covered by social assistance 2003 ^b	Children <19 living in poverty ^c	Institutionalised elderly ^d	Persons with severe to very severe developmental disabilities ^e	
										0-4 years	>15 years
BC	3,907,740	205,650	500,420	270,280	533,085	374,300	180,700	182,577	f	f	f
AB	2,974,805	186,435	431,155	222,965	308,410	113,200	57,800	132,806			
SK	978,935	60,940	84,615	78,315	147,560	82,200	53,200	53,110			
MB	1,119,585	70,670	163,045	80,425	156,415	85,200	59,900	67,540			
ON	11,410,050	671,250	1,561,500	769,420	1,472,180	1,344,600	673,900	594,428			
QC	7,237,480	375,765	915,820	462,070	959,810	802,200	544,200	366,512			
NB	729,500	37,690	92,410	50,665	126,210	67,400	49,300	36,515			
NS	908,005	47,455	117,565	61,750	126,565	104,000	58,300	48,076			
PEI	135,290	7,550	19,080	10,230	18,580	12,400	7,000	5,346			
NF/LA	512,930	24,820	63,950	39,455	166,055	71,300	51,200	29,875			
NU	26,745	3,355	3,575	2,520	610	12,000	7,100	f			
NWT	37,360	3,005	7,105	2,955	1,635		1,900				
YK	28,675	1,695	4,345	2,290	1,725	2,100	1,100				
Canada	30,007,095	1,696,280	4,029,255	2,053,325	3,888,550	3,070,900	1,745,600	1,524,657			

^a Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada. Catalogue number 95F0300XCB2001006, 2002.

^b Statistics Canada, Canadian Economic Observer, Catalogue no 11-010, 2004.

^c National Council on Welfare, Child poverty profile, 1998, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, ISBN 0-662-30954-5, 2001.

^d Statistics Canada. Health Reports, 1995; 7(3); number 82-003.

^e Statistics Canada, Profile of Disability in Canada, Catalogue number 89-557-XIE, 2001.

^f Not reported

Table 4. Dental public health human resources in Canada in full-time equivalents, 2005

	Dental public health specialist	Dentists in community practice	Allied dental public health human resources			
			Dental therapist	Dental hygienist	Dental assistant	Other
BC	1	0.6		35.2	23.9	
AB	0.63	4.8		35.21	40.46	12.73
SK		0.31	70.4		9.5	
MB		1.8		2	6	
ON	13.69	45.1		116.7	140.47	122.39
QC	29			229.7		
NB						
NS		0.3		18.6		
PEI		3.2		5.4	13.4	1
NF/LA	0.4	6.4		1	7.32	2
NU			8			3
NWT			11.5			
YK			8			2
Federal	2	6	60	8		4
Total	50.72	68.51	157.9	451.81	241.05	147.12

Table 5. Dental public health expenditures in Canada, 2005 (\$000)

	Targeted dental public health expenditures	Targeted treatment expenditures for the socially marginalised	Canada Health Act expenditures	Total publicly financed dental care expenditures
BC	3,500	40,270	9,000 ^a	52,770
AB	6,100 ^a	40,000 ^a	2,404	48,504
SK	2,468	7,088	1,499	11,055
MB	1,800 ^a	4,300	750	6,850
ON	33,000 ^a	65,500 ^a	9,200	107,700
QC	45,529	47,710	5,966	99,205
NB	50	2,980	189	3,219
NS	7,655	4,000 ^a	1,707	13,362
PEI	2,600	250	91	2,941
NF/LA	4,700		419	5,119
NU	1,400			1,400
NWT	1,067	348 ^a		1,415
YK	375	221 ^a	25	621
Subtotal	110,244	212,667	31,250	354,161
Federal	225,000			225,000
Total				579,161

^a Estimate

Table 6. Federal public dental health care expenditures in Canada, 2005 (\$000)

Federal organisation	Current expenditures
Department of National Defence	19,400
Veterans Affairs Canada	19,300
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	9,100
Correctional Services Canada	2,800
Citizenship and Immigration Canada	1,000
Health Canada	173,400
Total Federal	225,000