

Otolaryngology Profile

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Otolaryngology is concerned with the screening, diagnosis and management of medical and surgical disorders of the ear, the upper respiratory and upper alimentary systems, and related structures of the head and neck. It therefore includes the ear, nose and throat and most of the head and neck. With the exception of eye-related disorders (ophthalmology) and lesions of the brain (neurology and neurosurgery), otolaryngologists treat virtually all diseases and lesions above the shoulders. These specialists receive training in otology, rhinology, laryngology, allergy, head & neck surgery, facial surgery, plastic & reconstructive surgery, and bronchoesophagology.

Otolaryngologists must possess a sound knowledge in the general principles of medicine and surgery. During the course of training, the otolaryngology resident must acquire satisfactory knowledge of the principles common to all surgical practice.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Otolaryngology embraces some components of neurology, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, dermatology, respirology, pathology and oral surgery. It requires clinical competence and detailed knowledge of the scientific rationale for the medical and surgical management of otolaryngologic disorders in patients of all ages. This includes knowledge of the techniques of craniofacial surgery, neurotologic surgery, facial cosmetic surgery and reconstructive surgery of the head and neck.

Upon completion of medical school, it takes an additional 5 years of approved training that must include:

- 2 years of core training in surgery, in which up to 1 year must be spent in otolaryngology or related designated specialties. This initial period of postgraduate training allows the acquisition of knowledge, skills and attitudes underlying the basics to the practice of surgery in general and preparatory to further training in otolaryngology
- 3 years of RCPSC-approved resident training in otolaryngology, which may include 6 months in clinical or basic research.



GENERAL INFORMATION

For further details on training requirements please go to:

[Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada](#)

[Canadian Society of Otolaryngology](#)



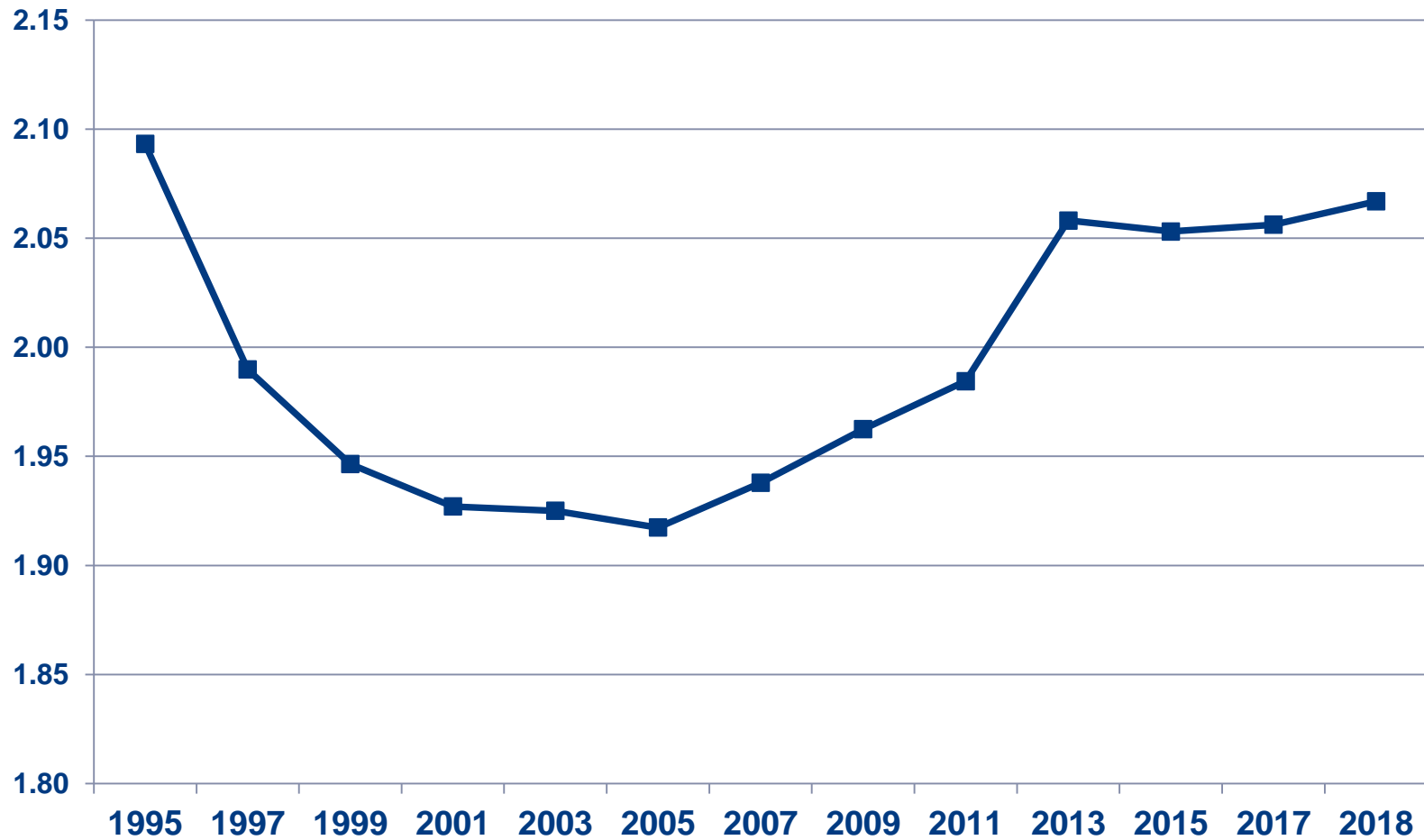
Total number & number/100,000 population by province, 2018

Province/Territory	Physicians	Phys/100k pop'n
Newfoundland/Labrador	13	2.5
Prince Edward Island	3	2.0
Nova Scotia	26	2.7
New Brunswick	13	1.7
Quebec	238	2.8
Ontario	278	1.9
Manitoba	23	1.7
Saskatchewan	13	1.1
Alberta	59	1.4
British Columbia	97	2.0
Territories	1	0.8
CANADA	764	2.1

Source: 2018 CMA Masterfile



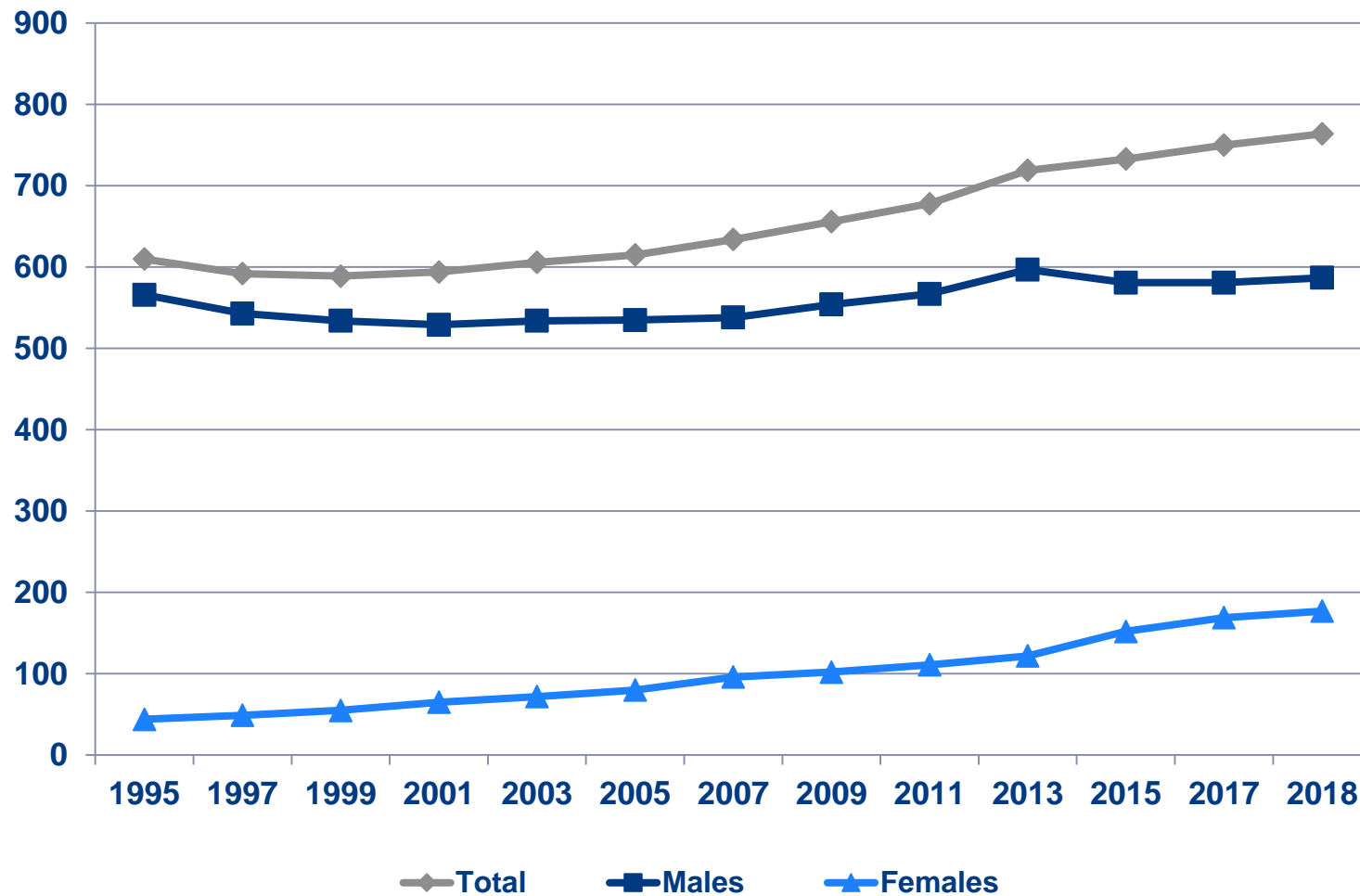
Number/100,000 population, 1995 to 2018



Source: 1995-2018 CMA Masterfiles



Number by gender & year, 1995 to 2018

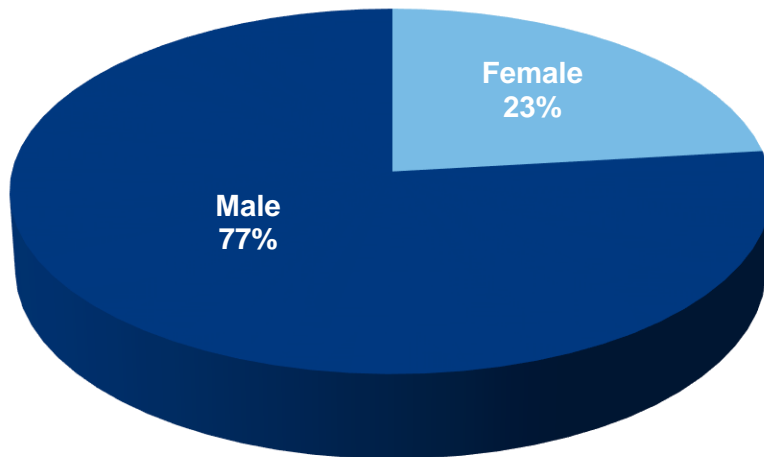


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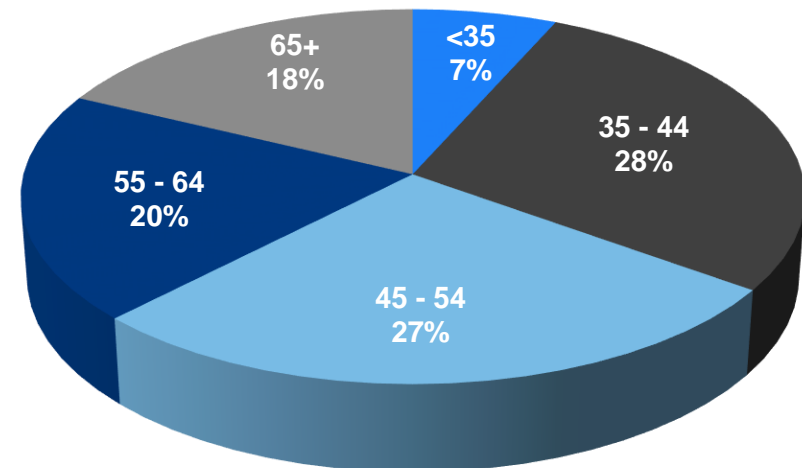


Percentage by gender & age, 2018

Gender



Age Group

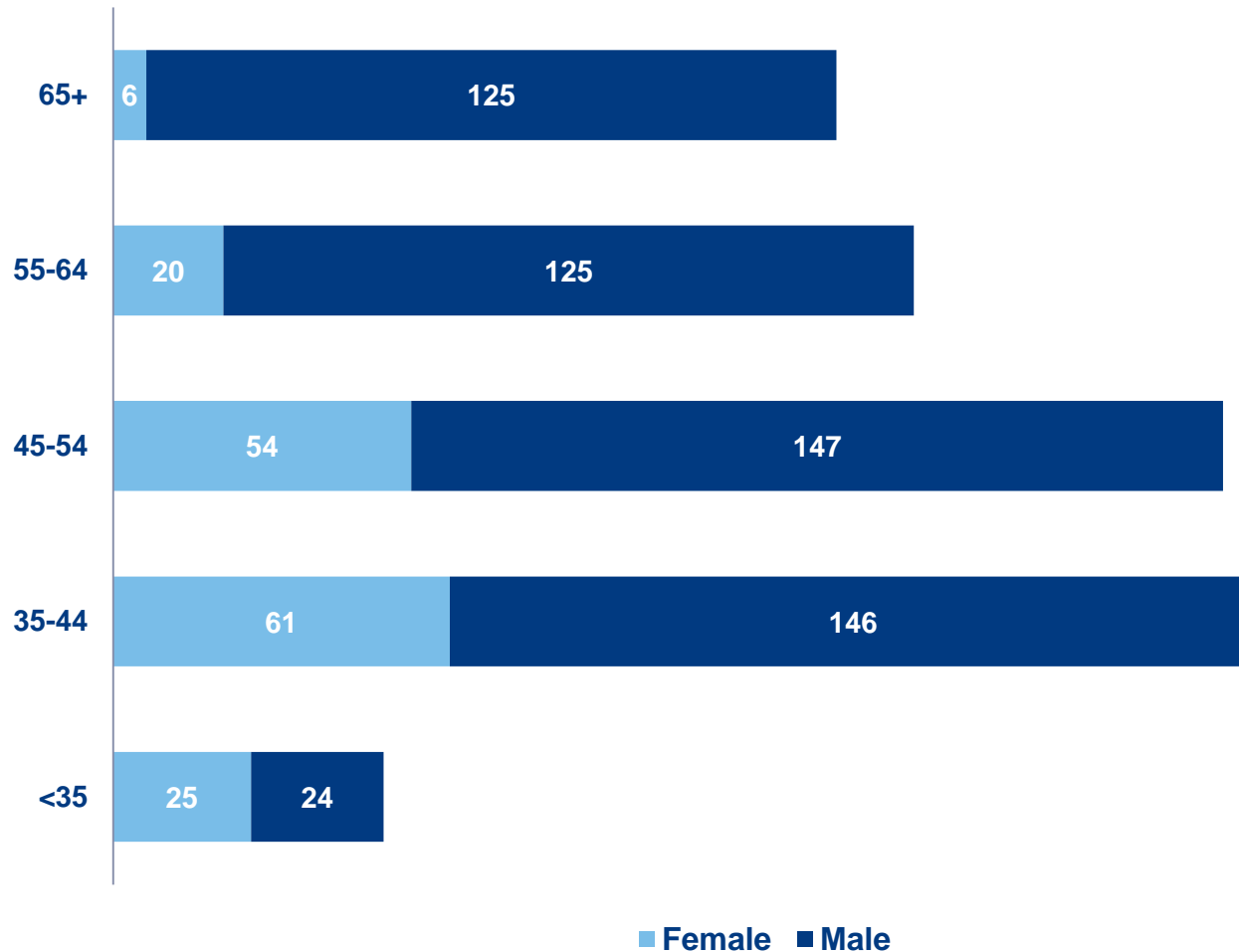


Excludes those where gender or age is unknown.

Source: 2018 CMA Masterfile



Number by gender & age, 2018

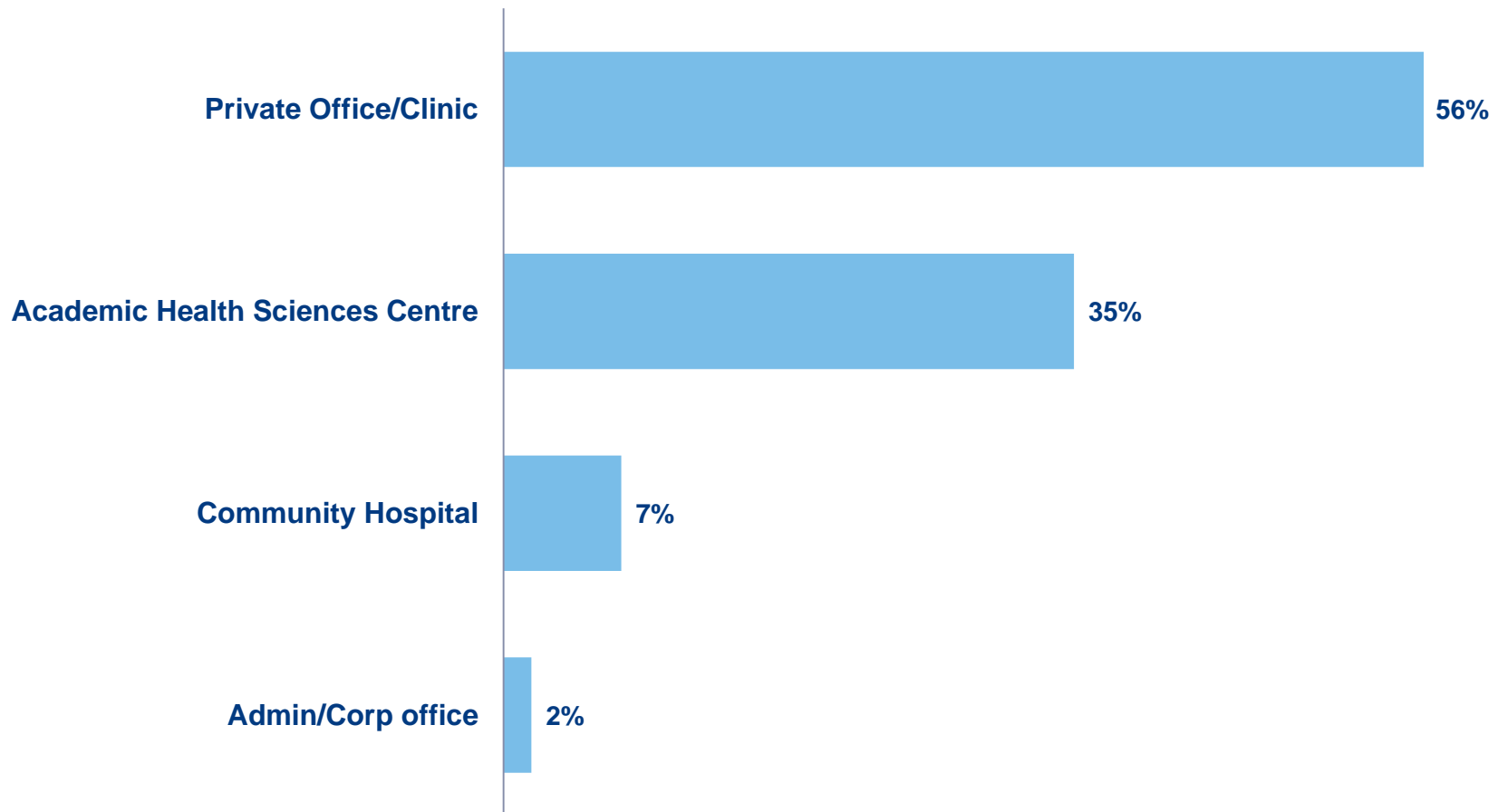


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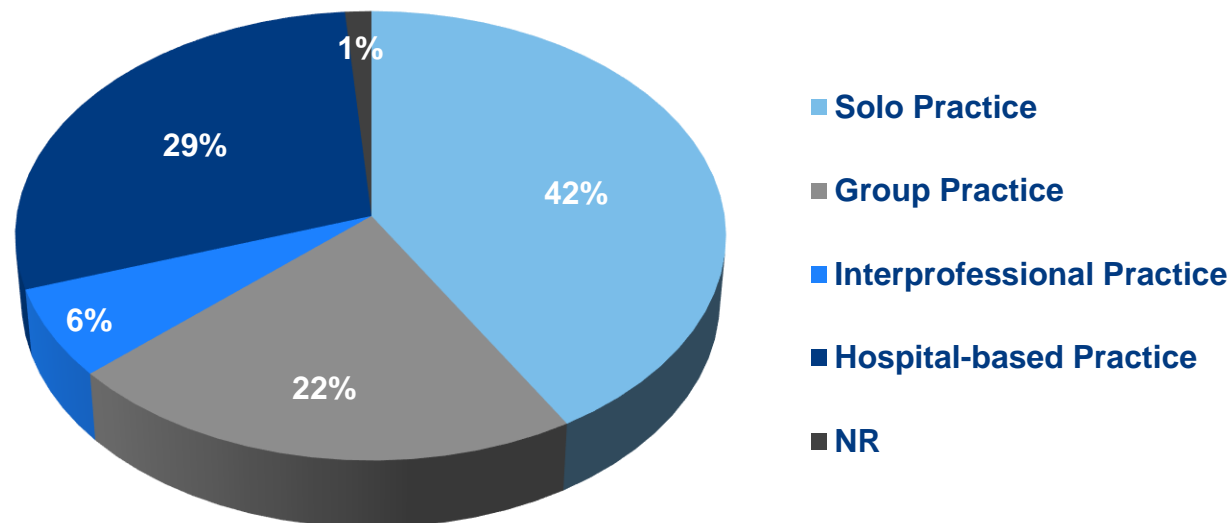


Percentage by main work setting, 2017





Percentage by practice organization, 2017





Hours worked per week (excluding on-call), 2017

Activity	Hours worked per week
Direct patient care without teaching component	25.4
Direct patient care with teaching component	9.8
Teaching without patient care	1.6
Indirect patient care	5.7
Health facility committees	0.6
Administration	1.1
Research	1.4
Managing practice	2.4
Continued professional development	2.2
Other	0.4
TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK	50.6



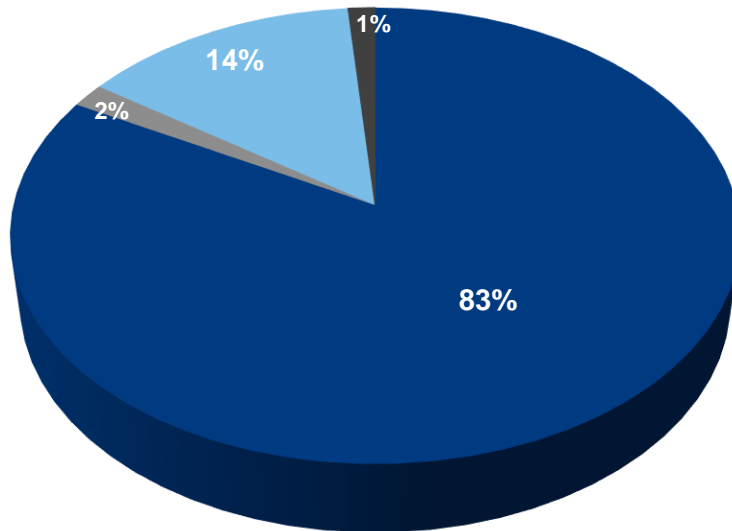
On-call duty hours per month, 2017

- 77% provide on-call services
- On-call hours = 151 hours/month
- On-call hours spent in direct patient care = 26 hours/month



Percentage by remuneration method

Primary payment method¹ in 2017



- 90% + fee-for-service
- 90% + salary
- 90% + other*
- Blended
- NR

* Other includes capitation, sessional, contract and other methods

Average gross fee-for-service payment per physician for Otolaryngology in 2015/16 (those earning at least \$60,000) = \$446,658²

Average percent overhead reported by Otolaryngologists in 2017 = 32%³

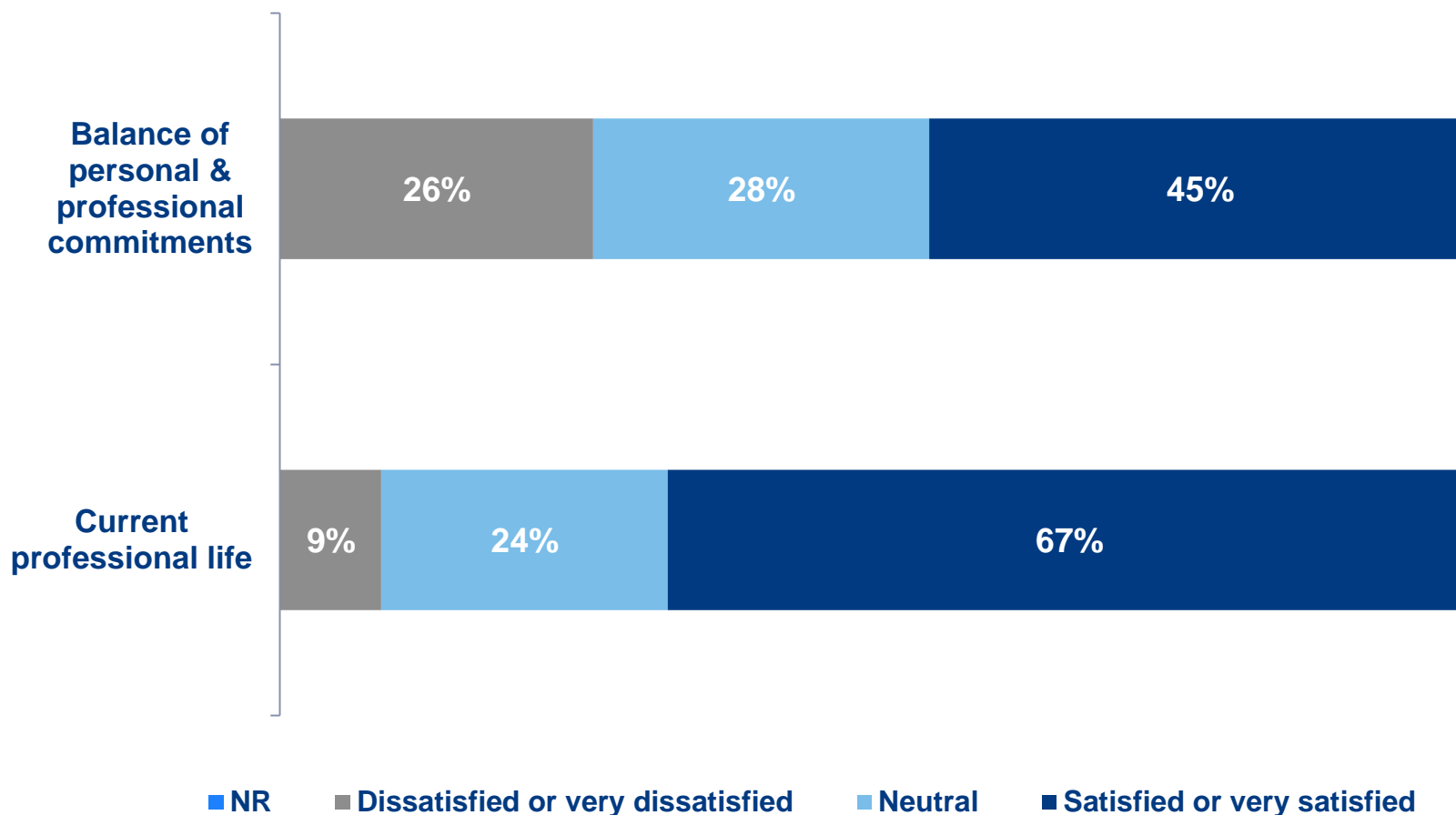
¹ 2017 CMA Workforce Survey. Canadian Medical Association

² National Physician Database, 2015/16, CIHI

³ 2017 CMA Workforce Survey. Canadian Medical Association

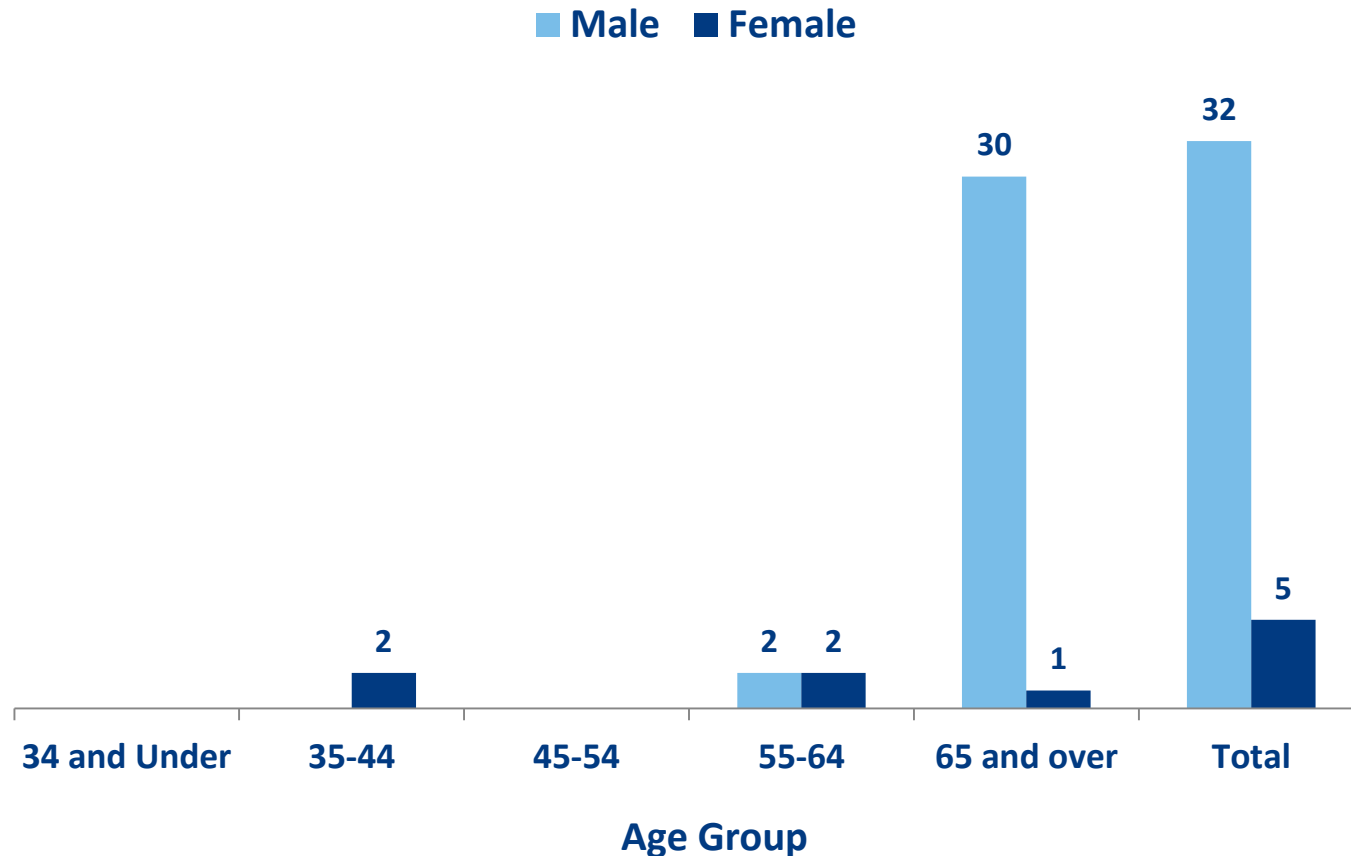


Professional & work-life balance satisfaction, 2017





Number of retirees during the three year period of 2014-2016

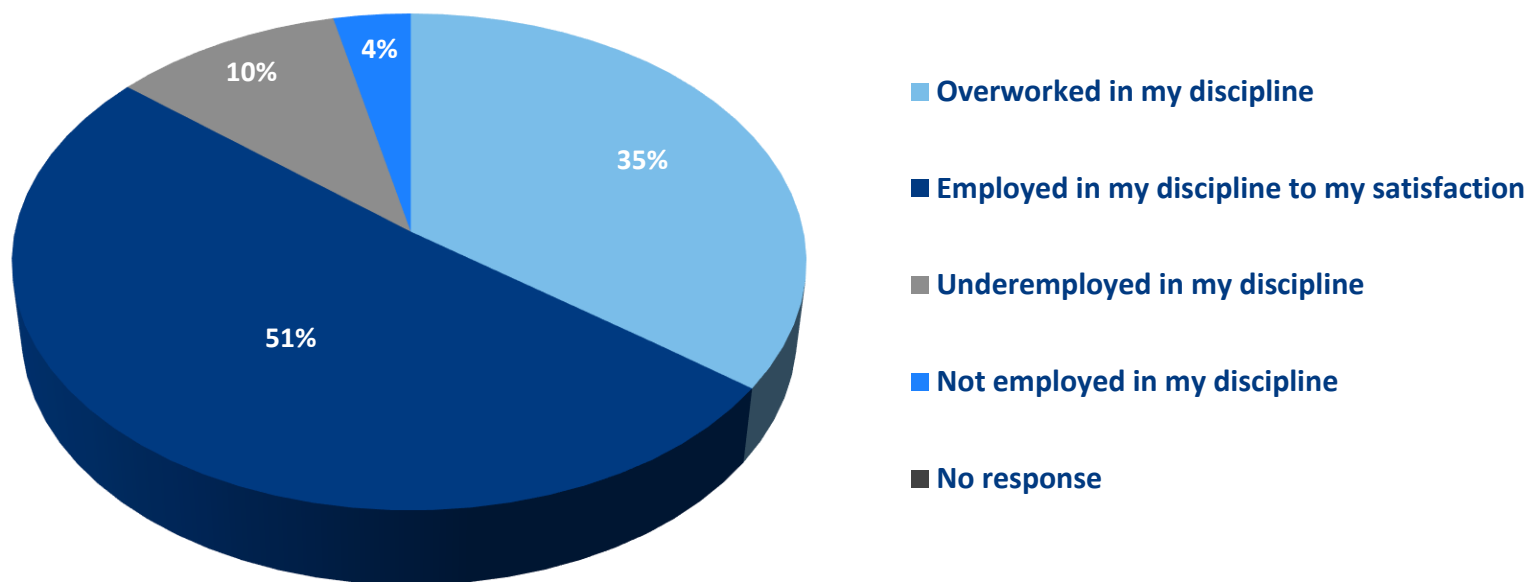


Source: CMA Masterfile – year over year comparisons

Note: “Retired” is based on giving up licence and therefore excludes those who have retired from clinical practice but are still licensed; those younger than 45 may include physicians who have temporarily given up their licence but return to practice at a later date.



Employment situation, 2017





Links to additional resources

- [Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada](#)
- [Canadian Institute for Health Information](#)
- [Canadian Medical Association's Physician Data Centre](#)
- [Canadian Post-MD Education Registry \(CAPER\)](#)
- [College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)
- [National Physician Survey \(2004-2014\)](#)
- [Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada](#)