

Primary Care Workforce Profile															
Number of Comprehensive Primary Care	le Weekly Available	Year	Chiropodists	Dieticians	Midwives	NPs	OTs	Optometrists	Pharmacists	PTs	Psychologists	RNs	RPNs	RTs	SLPs
Physicians	ag( s. /	2016	13	15	0	0	0	0	498	142	0	1,322	1,793	0	0
2016 25	Average Hours Av	2017	48	8	0	0	2	28	684	164	0	1,076	1,734	0	0
2017 22	A H	2018	19	9	0	0	0	32	239	62	0	1,142	1,914	0	0



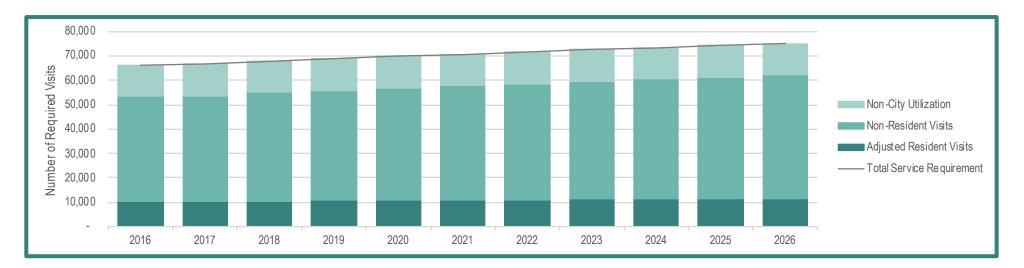


Examine the Sources of Service Requirements at a Neighbourhood Level

# Total Service Requirements =

- 1 Resident Visits: Number of resident visits expected to be accessed in their neighbourhood of residence based on baseline spatial patterns of utilization
  - 2 Non-Resident Visits: Number of non-resident visits expected to be accessed in the neighbourhood based on baseline spatial patterns of utilization

3 - Non-City Utilization: Number of visits expected to be utilized by non-city residents in the neighbourhood based on baseline spatial patterns of utilization

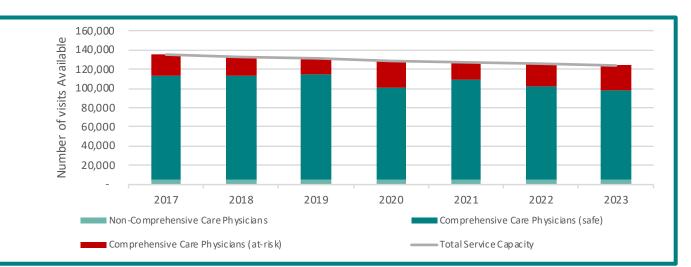


	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Number of Residents	28,144	28,545	28,946	29,348	29,749	30,150	30,551	30,952	31,354	31,755	32,156
Resident Visits	106,774	107,179	109,818	111,340	112,862	114,384	115,906	117,428	118,950	120,473	121,995
Proportion of Care Accessed						9.6%					
Within Home Neighbourhood						9.070					
Resident Visits Adjusted for	10,250	10,289	10,543	10,689	10,835	10,981	11,127	11,273	11,419	11,565	11,711
Spatial Patterns of Utilization	10,200	10,203	10,040	10,003	10,000	10,301	11,121	11,275	11,413	11,000	11,711
Non-Resident Visits	43,112	43,346	44,609	45,357	46,106	46,855	47,603	48,352	49,100	49,849	50,598
Non-City Utilization	12,883										
Total Service Requirement	66,245	66,518	68,034	68,929	69,824	70,719	71,613	72,508	73,403	74,297	75,192





Examine the Sources of Service Capacity at a Neighbourhood Level						
Total Service Capacity =						
Comprehensive Care Physicians' Safe Service Capacity: Estimated number of services provided by comprehensive care physicians who are not expected to be at risk of exit from the workforce						
Comprehensive Care Physicians' At-Risk Service Capacity: Estimated number of services provided by comprehensive care physicians who are considered to be at risk of exit from the workforce						
Service Capacity Generated by Non-Comprehensive Care Physicians: Estimated number of services provided by non-comprehensive care physicians						



Number of Comprehensive Primary Care Physicians			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
		Comprehensive Care Physicians' Safe Service Capacity	108,809	108,950	109,091	96,472	104,388	97,576	93,531
2016	25	Comprehensive Care Physicians' At-Risk Service Capacity	21,466	19,286	17,106	27,686	17,731	22,634	25,375
		Non-Comprehensive Care Physicians' Service Capacity	4,841						
2017	22	Total Service Capacity	135,116	133,077	131,038	128,999	126,960	125,051	123,747

Allied Health Professionals Average Weekly Hours Available							
Profession		2017	2018				
Chiropodists	13	48	19				
Dieticians	15	8	9				
Midwives	0	0	0				
NPs	0	0	0				
OTs	0	2	0				
Optometrists	0	28	32				
Phamacists	498	684	239				
PTs	142	164	62				
Psychologists	0	0	0				
RNs	1,322	1,076	1,142				
RPNs	1,793	1,734	1,914				
RTs	0	0	0				
SLPs	0	0	0				

# **Toronto Region Primary Care Workforce Planning Toolkit**

# **Technical Notes – Neighbourhood & Subregion Packages**

# **Project Description**

The Toronto Region Primary Care Workforce Planning Toolkit is a fit-for-purpose toolkit to support integrated primary care workforce planning in the Toronto Region. The toolkit is the result of a collaboration between the Health Analytics team at Ontario Health Toronto and consultants from the Canadian Health Workforce Network. A partnership with the City of Toronto, as well as extensive consultation with stakeholders, decision-makers, leaders, and frontline workers in Toronto, informed the development of the toolkit.

The toolkit provides a body of evidence around the current (and projected future) states of population health needs and primary care service provision at a neighbourhood level within the City of Toronto. The goal of the toolkit is to support evidence-based decision-making, particularly with regards to deployment of the primary care workforce and other health system resources. The toolkit looks at population needs and workforce capacity at the neighbourhood, sub-region, and whole city levels. It takes into account variations in population needs, workforce service capacity, and existing assets, and also addresses challenges specific to Toronto, such as patient mobility, anticipated rapid population growth, and physician retirement.

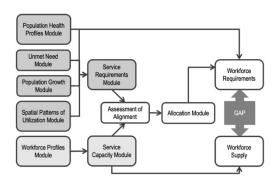
## Methodology

The toolkit is composed of a series of modules that assemble information about primary care in the City of Toronto:

- The **Population Health Profiles Module** captures characteristics of the population that impact the need for primary care services.
- The **Population Growth Module** captures neighbourhood-level population growth projections generated by the City of Toronto, allowing us to adjust service requirements to account for anticipated population growth.
- The **Spatial Patterns of Utilization Module** captures a snapshot of primary care utilization patterns and allows us to adjust service requirements to account for patients' care-seeking behaviours.
- The **Unmet Need Module** captures information related to neighbourhood-level unmet healthcare need, which can contribute to an adjustment of service requirements.
- The **Service Requirements Module** estimates primary care service requirements using the CIHI Population Grouping Methodology.
- The **Workforce Profiles Module** captures information about the primary care workforce including physicians and chiropodists, dieticians, midwives, nurse practitioners, optometrists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, psychologists, physiotherapists, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, respiratory therapists, and speech-language pathologists practicing in each neighbourhood.
- The Service Capacity Module estimates the capacity of the workforce to provide primary care services.

Outputs from these modules are synthesized and summarized in the three static dashboards – Neighbourhood Profiles, Service Requirements, and Service Capacity – that are included in the neighbourhood and subregion packages.

This information is a starting point for local stakeholders wishing to better understand the primary care landscape in their communities. Interpretation of these outputs should consider the local context (factors related to both the community and the local workforce). Engagement and consultation with local stakeholders and frontline healthcare providers are essential parts of the planning process.



# Definitions

**Sub-Regions:** Smaller geographic planning regions within Ontario Regions, developed to help better understand and address patient and population needs at the local level. There are 5 central and 6 peripheral sub-regions in the City of Toronto. One sub-region overlaps with a neighbouring Region and only the part of this sub-region located in Toronto has been included in these analyses. More information about sub-regions is available at http://www.torontocentrallhin.on.ca/forhsps/subregions.aspx.

**Neighbourhoods:** The 140 City of Toronto neighbourhoods were built by the Social Development, Finance & Administration department at the City of Toronto using Statistics Canada Census Tracts. More information about neighbourhoods is available at <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/data-research-maps/neighbourhoods-communities/neighbourhood-profiles/">https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/data-research-maps/neighbourhoods-communities/neighbourhood-profiles/</a>.

**Comprehensive care physician:** Primary care physicians who provide comprehensive care according to the algorithm developed at ICES (<u>https://www.cmajopen.ca/content/5/4/E856</u>).

**Non-comprehensive care physician:** Primary care physicians who practice less than 44 days per year or who otherwise do not meet the criteria to be characterized as providing comprehensive primary care according to the algorithm developed at ICES (<u>https://www.cmajopen.ca/content/5/4/E856</u>).

Individual-level Service Requirements: Predicted number of visits to a primary care physician based on clinical and demographic profiles generated by the CIHI Population Grouping Methodology (<u>https://www.cihi.ca/sites/default/files/document/infosheet\_popgroupmethod\_en\_web\_0.pdf</u>).

**Neighbourhood-level Service Requirements**: Neighbourhood-level service requirements are a function of the number of visits to a primary care physician required by neighbourhood residents and by residents of other neighbourhoods in the City, adjusted for spatial patterns of utilization, along with the number of visits required by patients from outside the City of Toronto and an estimate of unmet need.

**Total Service Capacity:** Neighbourhood-level service capacity is a function of the estimated number of visits provided by comprehensive care physicians who are not expected to exit the workforce, plus the estimated number of visits provided by comprehensive care physicians who are considered to be at risk of retirement, plus the estimated number of visits provided by non-comprehensive care physicians.

**Physician Service Capacity:** Physician service capacity is estimated on an individual level (based on the total number of visits provided in 2017 (from IPDB)) with adjustment for age-based changes in workload (from <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6516703/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6516703/</a>) and aggregated to the neighbourhood level.

At-risk Service Capacity: Visits associated with physicians whose age-based risk of retirement is at least 20%.

**Allied Health Provider:** Allied health providers include Chiropodists, Dieticians, Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Optometrists, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, Psychologists, Physiotherapists, Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists.

**Primary Care Activities:** Activities relating directly to primary care include General Service Provision, Continuing Care, Comprehensive Primary Care, Chronic Disease Prevention and Management, Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction, Primary Maternity Care, Geriatric Care, Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, and Palliative Care.

Average Weekly Hours Available: The average weekly hours of direct professional services in activities identified as relating directly to primary care, estimated based on past hours worked. Note that this estimate represents normal hours of service that the workforce undertook, not "potential" or "extra" available hours. These are descriptive estimates, not projections, and may not represent future workforce service capacity.

# Sources of Data

- **Population Health Profiles:** Ontario Community Health Profiles Partnership (OCHPP)
- Ontario Marginalization Index: OCHPP
- Population Growth: City of Toronto Planning Department
- Unmet Need: OCHPP
- Spatial Patterns of Utilization: Utilization Matrix generated using data from ICES through an AHRQ request
- Service Requirements: CIHI Population Grouping Methodology outputs provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health
- Primary Care Workforce Profile & Service Capacity (Physicians): ICES Physician Database (IPDB) accessed through OCHPP
- Primary Care Workforce Profile & Service Capacity (Other Health Professionals): Health Professions Database (HPDB) outputs provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health

## Assumptions

Service requirements are estimated assuming a Medium population growth scenario and a 10-year horizon.

We assume linear residential development and population growth between the base year and the horizon year.

In our baseline scenario, we assume that new residents of a neighbourhood will have a similar profile and service requirements to those currently residing within the neighbourhood.

We adjust for population mobility using a snapshot of spatial patterns of utilization observed in FY 2017/18.

We assume that providers' age-based changes in workload and retirement probabilities will be consistent with those observed in comprehensive primary care physicians practicing in Ontario between 1992 and 2013 (from <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6516703/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6516703/</a>).

## Limitations

Neighbourhood geographies are not specifically designed for primary care health workforce planning.

Some neighbourhoods are split between subregions. In these cases, neighbourhoods have been assigned to a single subregion as follows:

Neighbourhood Name (Number)	Split Between Sub-Regions	Assigned To
Kingsview Village-The Westway (6)	North Etobicoke Malton West Woodbridge &	North Etobicoke Malton
	North York West	West Woodbridge
Willowridge-Martingrove-Richview (7)	North Etobicoke Malton West Woodbridge &	North Etobicoke Malton
	North York West	West Woodbridge
Islington-City Centre West (14)	South Etobicoke & West Toronto	South Etobicoke
Victoria Village (43)	North York Central & East Toronto	East Toronto
Leaside-Bennington (56)	North Toronto & Mid-East Toronto	North Toronto
South Riverdale (70)	Mid-East Toronto & East Toronto	East Toronto
Waterfront Communities-The Island	Mid-West Toronto & Mid-East Toronto	Mid-East Toronto
(77)		
Yonge-St.Clair (97)	Mid-West Toronto & North Toronto	North Toronto
Clairlea-Birchmount (120)	East Toronto & Scarborough South	East Toronto
Birchcliffe-Cliffside (122)	East Toronto & Scarborough South	East Toronto

Sub-Region boundaries do not equate to Ontario Health Team (OHT) boundaries, but are used as a proxy to show the approximate catchment area served by OHTs.

Unmet need is currently not accounted for in the estimate of Service Requirements. A process to define quantitative estimates of unmet need through engagement with local stakeholders is in development for operationalization during the next phase of planning.

Estimates of service capacity for physicians are in *visits*, while estimates of service capacity for allied health providers are in *hours per week*.

The information in the HPDB was provided on an "as-is" basis. The data were originally obtained by the Ministry of Health directly from health regulatory Colleges. The Ministry therefore cannot and does not warrant or represent that the information is accurate, complete, reliable or current.

Spatial patterns of utilization and the primary care workforce are not independent; there is an interaction and observed patterns can change over time. For more information about the neighbourhood- and sub-region-level spatial patterns of utilization methodology, results, and visualizations, please contact Ontario Health Toronto.

Due to the data lags associated with the use of administrative data for planning, the most recent year of data input into this planning exercise is for FY 2018/19 and trends that have since emerged are not reflected in our analysis.

Our workforce model projects forward current capacity available within the system and does not model the impact of entry of new health care providers into the workforce. The neighbourhood-level gaps between service capacity and service requirements illustrated in our outputs can be used to identify neighbourhoods where additional resources are required to meet primary care needs.

## Abbreviations

ACSC – Ambulatory Care Sensitive Condition AHRQ – Applied Health Research Question CIHI – Canadian Institute for Health Information COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease ED – Emergency Department FY – Fiscal Year NP - Nurse Practitioner OCHPP - Ontario Community Health Profiles Partnership **OHT – Ontario Health Teams** OT – Occupational Therapist PEM – Patient Enrolment Model PT – Physiotherapist RN – Registered Nurse **RPN – Registered Practical Nurse** RT – Respiratory Therapist SLP – Speech & Language Pathologist

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