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B 1. Number Of Doctors and Registered Nurses, Per 1,000 Population, Newfoundland and Labrador, 1949 to 1968

Source: D.B.S. **Estimated Population of Canada by Province at June 1, 1969**, 91-201, (table 1); Doctors, supplied by Newfoundland Medical Board; Registered Nurses from the **Annual Reports of the Newfoundland Department of Health**, section titled **Report of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland, 1954 to 1968**.

Definitions and Explanations:

Doctors:

All medical practitioners within the Province are required by law to register with the Newfoundland Medical Board. The figures shown represent the Medical Boards estimate of the average annual number of active resident medical practitioners for the representative calendar year. These estimates have been adjusted for net migration.

Registered Nurses:

All Registered Nurses active within the Province, whether full or part time, are required to register with the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland. The figures shown represent the total number of nurses registered in the representative calendar year who were classed as active at the time of registration. Because of migration and adjustments during the year for activity and inactivity this figure does not necessarily represent the average annual number of nurses active in the Province within a year.

B- 2. Selected Statistics Of Operating Hospitals, Newfoundland and Labrador, 1953 to 1968

Source: Data for the years 1953 to 1967 from D.B.S. **Hospital Statistics, Volume I, Hospital Beds, 1967**, 83-210, (table 14), p. 53; 1968 from D.B.S. **Hospital Statistics Preliminary Annual Report, 1968**, 83-217, pp. 7 and 9, (tables 1 and 2).

Definitions and Explanations:

Operating Hospital:

An operating hospital is defined by D.B.S. as an institution which is operated for the medical, surgical and/or obstetrical care of in-patients, and which is licensed or approved as a hospital by the federal and/or provincial government, or by a municipality duly authorized under the laws of the province. Specifically included are institutions primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis, mental disease and mental defect.

Rated Bed Capacity:

Rated bed capacity is defined as the number of beds and cribs or of bassinets for newborn, that the hospital (or unit of the hospital) is designed to accommodate as at December 31 of the reporting year.

Admission:

An admission is defined as the formal acceptance and reception of a person as an in-patient (including infants born alive in the hospital).

In-patient:

An in-patient is defined as a patient who is duly admitted to the hospital and to whom a bed, crib or bassinet has been allocated. (This category includes stillbirths as well as patients attending a day or night centre attached to the hospital).

B- 3. Number Of Operating Hospitals, Newfoundland and Labrador, By Type and Rated Bed Capacity, 1967 and 1968

Source: D.B.S. **Hospital Statistics, Volume I, Hospital Beds, 1967**, 83-210, (table 17), p. 58; D.B.S. **Hospital Statistics, Preliminary Annual Report, 1968**, 83-217, p. 9, (tables 2 and 3).

Definitions and Explanations:

Operating Hospital:

See B-2.

Rated Bed Capacity:

See B-2.

Public Hospital:

A Public Hospital is defined as one recognized by the Province as a "Public Hospital" which is not operated for profit and accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay.

General Hospital:

A General Hospital is defined as a hospital which provides for the treatment and care of all types of diseases or at least a wide range of conditions.

Chronic, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Hospitals:

Defined as hospitals which primarily provide for the treatment of conditions requiring long-term care or for treatment of patients who are considered to be in the recovery stage of illness, especially where this is a long-term process, and for those patients who are being rehabilitated.

Other Hospitals:

Other Hospitals are defined as those which primarily provide for the treatment of a particular type of disease, condition or case such as maternity, communicable disease, orthopaedic, neurological and cancer, or a hospital which provides a combination of various types of service which cannot be classified into chronic, convalescent or rehabilitation.

- B- 4. **Number and Rate Of Deaths From Cancer and Tuberculosis, Newfoundland and Labrador, 1950 to 1968**

Source: D.B.S. **Estimated Population of Canada by Province at June 1, 1969**, 91-201, (table 1); Data supplied by D.B.S., Health and Welfare Division, Vital Statistics Section.

- B- 5. **Number Of Individuals and Heads Of Families Receiving Social Assistance, Newfoundland and Labrador, By Type, 1951 to 1969**

Source: Data for 1951 to 1968 from the **Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Public Welfare for the Year Ended March 31, 1968**, pp. 27 and 29; Data for 1969 supplied by the Department of Public Welfare, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Definitions and Explanations:

Commencing January 1966 a number of persons in receipt of Old Age Assistance were phased to Old Age Security. Persons who did not qualify for Old Age Security were transferred to Long Term Assistance commencing January 1, 1968.

As of January 1969 some 1,250 to 1,300 persons were transferred from Disabled Persons Allowance to Long Term Assistance. Those remaining in receipt of Disabled Persons Allowance after that time did not qualify for Long Term Assistance.

Long Term Social Assistance in Cash:

Long Term Social Assistance is assistance granted for a period of six months or more to those who qualify. Persons in receipt of Long Term Assistance are those who for social or physical reasons are unable to maintain themselves or their families. Those persons in question are the incapacitated, disabled, long term sick, widows, deserted wives, etc. Females of 50 years and over and males of 65 years and over automatically qualify on application.

Short Term Assistance in Kind:

Short term assistance is that granted on a monthly basis up to a period of six months to the temporary sick and temporary unemployed. Due to changes in the concept of short term assistance, persons in receipt of food orders only have been given. In addition, assistance in kind is given in the form of fuel, rent, clothing, household maintenance and utility.

- B- 6. **Selected Statistics Of Social Assistance, Newfoundland and Labrador, By Provincial Electoral District, March, 1968**

Source: **Annual Report of the Department of Public Welfare for the year ended March 31, 1968**, pp. 79, 80 and 97 to 99, (tables III, IV and XIV to XVI).

Definitions and Explanations:

See B-5.

- B- 7. **Number Of Months During Which Individuals and Heads Of Families Received Social Assistance In Kind, Newfoundland and Labrador, Fiscal Years 1962-63 to 1967-68**

Source: **Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Public Welfare for the year ended March 31, 1968**, p. 30.

Definitions and Explanations:

See B-5.

- B- 8. **Family Allowance Payments, Newfoundland and Labrador, Fiscal Years 1951-52 to 1967-68**

Source: **Public Accounts of Canada, Details of Revenue and Expenditures**, section titled Department of National Health and Welfare, Volume 1, 1953 to 1960, Volume II, 1961 to 1968.

B- 9. Number Of Children In Institutions and Foster Homes, and Adoptions Placed or Recognized, Newfoundland and Labrador, Fiscal Years 1950-51 to 1967-68

Source: Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Public Welfare for the year ended March 31, 1968, pp. 33 and 34.

Definitions and Explanations:

Adoptions Placed or Recognized:

Adoptions Recognized are adoptions approved by law where the child in question is already a resident in the home in which it is adopted (for example, children previously living with relatives or in foster homes). Adoptions Placed are those adopted into homes directly from institutions or foster homes.

B-10. Selected Statistics Of Admission To Boys Home and Training School, Newfoundland and Labrador, Fiscal Years 1953-54 to 1967-68

Source: Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Public Welfare for the year ended March 31, 1968, p. 128, (table VII).

TABLE B-1
NUMBER OF DOCTORS AND REGISTERED NURSES PER 1,000 POPULATION,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, 1949 TO 1968

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Number of Doctors</u>	<u>Number of Doctors Per 1,000 Population</u>	<u>Number of Registered Nurses</u>	<u>Number Registered Nurses Per 1,000 Population</u>
	(Thousands of Persons)				
1949	345	144	0.42	..	..
1950	351	156	0.44	..	..
1951	361	167	0.46	..	..
1952	374	180	0.48	..	..
1953	383	208	0.54	..	..
1954	395	210	0.53	673	1.7
1955	406	232	0.57	638	1.6
1956	415	228	0.55	623	1.5
1957	424	251	0.59	705	1.7
1958	432	255	0.59	746	1.7
1959	441	282	0.64	824	1.9
1960	448	286	0.64	857	1.9
1961	458	299	0.65	850	1.9
1962	468	332	0.71	918	2.0
1963	476	328	0.69	1,021	2.1
1964	483	324	0.67	1,088	2.3
1965	488	342	0.70	1,229	2.5
1966	493	339	0.69	1,321	2.7
1967	500	378	0.76	1,469	2.9
1968	507	380	0.75	1,585	3.1

TABLE B-2
SELECTED STATISTICS OF OPERATING HOSPITALS,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, 1953 TO 1968

<u>Year</u>	<u>Operating Hospitals</u>	<u>Rated Bed Capacity¹</u>	<u>Rated Bed Capacity Per 1,000 Population</u>	<u>Annual Admissions</u>	<u>Annual Admissions Per Bed</u>
1953	41	1,825	4.77	31,091	17.4
1954	42	1,849	4.68	32,144	17.2
1955	43	1,883	4.64	36,321	19.7
1956	44	1,868	4.50	37,628	20.0
1957	47	1,792	4.23	41,136	22.7
1958	49	1,916	4.44	47,786	24.9
1959	49	1,960	4.44	45,057	23.0
1960	47	1,935	4.32	47,194	28.4
1961	41	1,730	3.78	49,808	28.8
1962	42	1,864	3.98	53,647	28.8
1963	43	2,232	4.69	55,396	24.8
1964	45	2,544	5.27	56,982	22.4
1965	46	2,649	5.43	63,338	24.5
1966	47	3,089	6.27	65,115	23.0
1967	47	3,122	6.24	69,901	22.5
1968	47	2,988	5.81	..	..

¹ Rated beds and cribs only, excludes bassinets.

TABLE B-3
NUMBER OF OPERATING HOSPITALS, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR,
BY TYPE AND RATED BED CAPACITY, 1967 AND 1968

	<u>Operating Hospitals By Type</u>		<u>Rated Bed Capacity¹</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Total Newfoundland	47	47	3,122	2,988
Public				
General	33	33	2,895	2,752
10 - 24 beds	12	12	191	191
25 - 49 beds	8	8	256	256
50 - 99 beds	4	4	240	240
100 - 199 beds	4	4	556	588
200 - 299 beds	2	3	486	756
300 - 499 beds	3	2	1,166	721
Chronic — Convalescent — Rehabilitation	3	3	136	142
Others	11	11	91	94

¹ Rated beds and cribs only, bassinets excluded.

TABLE B-4
NUMBER AND RATE OF DEATHS FROM CANCER AND TUBERCULOSIS,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, 1950 TO 1968

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cancer</u>			<u>Tuberculosis</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Death Rate Per 100,000 Population</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Death Rate Per 100,000 Population</u>
	(Thousands of persons)	(Number)		(Number)	
1950	351	363	103.4	247	70.4
1951	361	348	96.4	256	70.9
1952	374	346	92.5	175	46.8
1953	383	371	96.9	111	29.0
1954	395	397	100.5	105	26.6
1955	406	428	105.4	82	20.2
1956	415	436	105.1	82	19.8
1957	424	449	105.9	82	19.3
1958	432	451	104.4	64	14.8
1959	441	464	105.2	54	12.2
1960	448	478	106.7	41	9.2
1961	458	454	99.1	34	7.4
1962	468	502	107.3	47	10.0
1963	476	501	105.3	27	5.7
1964	483	528	109.3	27	5.6
1965	488	510	104.5	15	3.1
1966	493	501	101.6	30	6.1
1967	500	518	103.6	16	3.2
1968	507	555	109.5	15	3.0

TABLE B-5
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND HEADS OF FAMILIES RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, BY TYPE, 1951 TO 1969¹

<u>Year</u>	<u>In Cash</u>				<u>In Kind</u>
	<u>Old Age Assistance</u>	<u>Blind Persons Allowance</u>	<u>Disabled Persons Allowance</u>	<u>Long Term Assistance</u>	<u>Short Term Assistance²</u>
1951	—	317	—	8,856	4,034
1952	—	321	—	9,053	2,967
1953	5,037	326	—	6,969	1,546
1954	5,124	336	—	6,934	1,743
1955	5,073	338	—	7,132	2,581
1956	4,848	353	606	6,813	2,721
1957	4,893	370	720	6,975	2,952
1958	5,119	376	822	7,032	3,775
1959	5,378	407	980	7,285	6,483
1960	5,377	418	1,129	7,535	6,682
1961	5,342	422	1,220	7,764	5,701
1962	5,184	429	1,292	8,026	6,837
1963	5,187	429	1,436	8,371	6,425
1964	5,081	436	1,586	8,833	6,429
1965	5,088	460	1,746	9,059	6,373
1966	4,081	445	1,817	9,516	5,457
1967	3,110	438	1,873	11,095	5,244
1968	844	417	1,393	13,384	8,115
1969	—	401	82	15,136	6,514

¹ Persons receiving cash payments are those recorded as of March 31, of each year; persons receiving assistance in kind represent the average annual number of persons.

² Includes only persons receiving assistance in the form of food orders.

TABLE B-6

SELECTED STATISTICS OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, BY PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT, MARCH 1968

No.	Electoral District	In Cash				In Kind		
		Number in receipt of Old Age Assistance	Number in receipt of Blind Persons Allowances	Number in receipt of Disabled Persons Allowances	Number in receipt of Long Term Assistance	Persons dependent upon Long Term Assistance	Number in receipt of Short Term Assistance ¹	Persons dependent upon Short Term Assistance ¹
1	Bell Island	12	6	37	286	1,110	389	1,943
2	Bonavista North	55	8	76	467	1,468	378	2,086
3	Bonavista South	47	15	62	596	1,730	308	1,390
4	Burgeo—La Poile	27	12	24	286	787	83	370
5	Burin	22	14	33	391	1,389	166	964
6	Bay de Verde	19	10	29	314	853	195	874
7	Ferryland	24	3	23	256	787	111	667
8	Fogo	53	11	47	477	1,604	394	2,155
9	Fortune	24	4	28	290	801	131	573
10	Gander	13	12	35	288	941	175	908
11	Grand Falls	8	14	22	200	577	93	520
12	Green Bay	26	9	31	353	1,206	268	1,360
13	Harbour Grace	14	12	42	377	1,104	120	551
14	Harbour Main	15	19	55	411	1,243	260	1,213
15	Humber East	13	12	22	293	883	219	1,071
16	Humber West	20	26	53	544	1,898	489	2,398
17	Labrador North	6	8	6	108	328	129	529
18	Labrador South	20	5	16	164	486	93	529
19	Placentia East	20	6	25	287	810	133	665
20	Placentia West	21	3	20	345	1,177	98	561
21	Port au Port	10	10	29	574	2,635	671	3,533
22	Port de Grave	30	8	32	286	814	90	435
23	St. Barbe South	10	8	29	346	1,205	474	2,188
24	St. George's	12	9	31	373	1,256	180	941
25	St. John's Centre	8	17	25	348	838	121	489
26	St. John's East	7	13	29	208	486	97	374
27	St. John's North	27	19	70	417	1,160	260	1,241
28	St. John's South	13	12	58	429	1,110	231	1,063
29	St. John's West	19	7	39	248	676	102	494
30	St. Mary's	14	3	22	223	719	178	1,072
31	Trinity North	44	12	60	517	1,527	269	1,399
32	Trinity South	43	18	48	455	1,374	263	1,361
33	Twillingate	22	9	21	320	980	245	1,277
34	White Bay North	20	8	33	252	777	269	1,468
35	White Bay South	28	4	17	269	929	216	1,090
36	Carbonear	10	4	23	250	812	130	777
37	Hermitage	28	17	28	272	781	157	900
38	Labrador West	2	2	—	10	17	4	7
39	Lewisporte	14	12	49	436	1,559	336	2,033
40	St. Barbe North	14	4	17	158	471	159	900
41	St. John's East (Extern)	10	12	47	260	699	129	683
	TOTALS	844	417	1,393	13,384	42,007	8,813	45,052

¹ Includes only persons receiving assistance in the form of food orders.

TABLE B-7
NUMBER OF MONTHS DURING WHICH INDIVIDUALS AND HEADS OF FAMILIES RECEIVED SOCIAL
ASSISTANCE IN KIND, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR,
FISCAL YEARS 1962-63 TO 1967-68¹

<u>Number of Months</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68¹</u>
1 month	2,171	2,053	1,998	1,983	2,085	2,953
2 months	1,887	1,840	1,605	1,705	1,610	2,487
3 months	1,333	1,314	1,333	1,319	1,247	1,866
4 months	1,084	1,095	1,019	994	913	1,526
5 months	944	882	961	833	828	1,203
6 months	737	764	780	673	702	1,142
7 months	642	615	637	550	609	976
8 months	572	613	536	539	578	885
9 months	573	507	484	448	524	819
10 months	558	527	510	421	472	794
11 months	488	543	469	395	413	657
12 months	1,401	1,544	1,482	999	1,044	1,834
TOTAL	12,390	12,297	11,814	10,859	11,025	17,142

¹ Includes only persons receiving assistance in the form of food orders.

TABLE B-8
FAMILY ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR,
FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1967-68

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Families</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Total Payments</u> (Dollars)
1951-52	52,552	150,995	10,613,908
1952-53	53,800	157,280	11,038,874
1953-54	55,102	163,292	11,497,719
1954-55	56,692	169,760	11,967,775
1955-56	58,223	175,474	12,414,789
1956-57	59,572	181,237	12,881,415
1957-58	60,961	187,035	14,131,153
1958-59	62,203	192,030	15,162,900
1959-60	63,245	196,447	15,566,372
1960-61	64,464	201,512	15,960,416
1961-62	65,705	204,855	16,336,849
1962-63	66,657	207,120	16,562,083
1963-64	67,635	209,180	16,747,021
1964-65	68,418	210,016	16,871,056
1965-66	69,346	210,512	16,945,059
1966-67	70,435	210,082	16,960,053
1967-68	72,041	210,812	16,983,302

TABLE B-9
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS AND FOSTER HOMES, AND
ADOPTIONS PLACED OR RECOGNIZED,
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, FISCAL YEARS 1950-51 TO 1967-68

<u>Year</u>	<u>In Institutions¹</u>	<u>In Foster Homes¹</u>	<u>Adoptions Placed or Recognized²</u>
1950-51	109	412	. .
1951-52	94	432	93
1952-53	90	469	102
1953-54	85	507	90
1954-55	107	505	106
1955-56	153	562	120
1956-57	118	624	147
1957-58	141	660	177
1958-59	136	703	152
1959-60	140	779	137
1960-61	131	787	181
1961-62	167	807	215
1962-63	160	812	197
1963-64	159	807	191
1964-65	163	877	239
1965-66	419	985	315
1966-67	379	1,201	296
1967-68	406	1,384	279

¹ Represents the number of children in care as of March 31 of each year.

² Represents total adoptions placed or recognized during the fiscal year.

TABLE B-10
SELECTED STATISTICS OF ADMISSIONS TO BOYS HOME AND TRAINING
SCHOOL, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, FISCAL YEARS 1953-54 TO
1967-68

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Boys Admitted</u>	<u>Average Age</u>	<u>Average School Grade</u>
1953-54	23	14.2	5.6
1954-55	32	13.2	5.6
1955-56	42	13.9	6.1
1956-57	40	13.9	6.1
1957-58	35	14.3	6.3
1958-59	33	14.1	5.9
1959-60	31	14.3	6.4
1960-61	33	14.3	6.0
1961-62	35	14.2	6.2
1962-63	34	13.7	5.3
1963-64	43	13.5	5.4
1964-65	39	14.2	5.6
1965-66	31	13.8	5.4
1966-67	52	14.1	5.6
1967-68	84	14.2	6.5