

## Supporting Evidence-Informed Health Policy Making: The Development and Contents of an Online Repository of Policy-Relevant Documents Addressing Healthcare Renewal in Canada

Appuyer l'élaboration de politiques de santé fondées sur les données probantes : développement et contenu d'un répertoire en ligne de documents ayant trait aux politiques du renouvellement des services de santé au Canada

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Table 2. General characteristics of documents,  $n = 595$

Characteristics	Number of documents (%)			
	Pre-2003 ( $n = 30$ )	2003–2008 ( $n = 257$ )	2009–2014 ( $n = 780$ )	Total ( $n = 1,034$ )*
<b>Jurisdictional focus</b>				
Canada	24 (80)	186 (72)	477 (61)	687 (66)
British Columbia	0	3 (1)	22 (3)	25 (2)
Alberta	1 (3)	6 (2)	27 (3)	34 (3)
Saskatchewan	0	1 (0.4)	13 (2)	14 (1)
Manitoba	0	4 (2)	11 (1)	15 (1)
Ontario	1 (3)	26 (10)	90 (12)	118 (11)
Quebec	2 (7)	22 (9)	73 (9)	97 (9)
New Brunswick	1 (3)	5 (2)	30 (4)	36 (3)
Nova Scotia	0	2 (0.8)	13 (2)	15 (1)
Prince Edward Island	0	0	7 (0.9)	7 (0.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	1 (3)	1 (0.4)	6 (0.8)	8 (0.8)
Yukon	0	0	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)
Northwest Territories	0	0	16 (2)	16 (2)
Nunavut	0	2 (0.8)	4 (0.5)	6 (0.6)
<b>Type of document*</b>				
Situation analysis	11 (37)	137 (53)	250 (32)	398 (38)
Health and health system data	2 (7)	22 (9)	182 (23)	191 (18)
Jurisdictional review	3 (10)	25 (10)	89 (11)	115 (11)
Stakeholder input	1 (3)	28 (11)	71 (9)	99 (10)

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Stakeholder position paper	1 (3)	25 (10)	76 (10)	102 (10)
Literature review	4 (13)	19 (7)	69 (9)	92 (9)
Citizen/patient input	2 (7)	16 (6)	64 (8)	82 (8)
Performance review	1 (3)	13 (5)	76 (10)	86 (8)
External evaluation	0	7 (3)	38 (5)	42 (4)
Government strategic plan for the health sector	1 (3)	7 (3)	29 (4)	37 (4)
Guidance	7 (23)	5 (2)	21 (3)	33 (3)
Government position paper	3 (10)	3 (1)	23 (3)	29 (3)
Options framing	1 (3)	1 (0.4)	27 (3)	29 (3)
Framework	1 (3)	3 (1)	18 (2)	21 (2)
Toolkit	0	3 (1)	16 (2)	17 (2)
Government discussion paper	4 (13)	1 (0.4)	16 (2)	21 (2)
Political party platform	0	0	12 (2)	12 (1)
Health system research priorities	0	1 (0.4)	6 (0.8)	7 (1)
Health expenditure review	0	0	10 (1)	10 (1)
Government policy	0	0	9 (1)	9 (1)
Intergovernmental communiqué	1 (3)	1 (0.4)	3 (0.4)	5 (0.5)
Intergovernmental accord	0	2 (0.8)	1 (0.1)	3 (0.3)
National health account	0	0	3 (0.4)	3 (0.3)
Government legislation	1 (3)	0	1 (0.1)	2 (0.2)
Government/third-party accord	0	0	0	0

\* Total includes documents that did not have a year of publication, which were not included in the year range calculations; therefore, the total number does not always equal the sum of the year range totals.

\*\* Documents could be coded as multiple types of document.