



# WHY DO WE NEED MORE FAMILY DOCTORS?

New Brunswick's doctors have a plan to fix our health care system. During Election 2014 we are shining a light on the three biggest problems in health care - lack of family doctors, long emergency room wait times and too few nursing home beds for our seniors. Here we take a closer look at why New Brunswick needs more family doctors.

## NB IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE CANADIAN AVERAGE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF FAMILY DOCTORS PER CAPITA.

### THAT'S GOOD RIGHT? → NOT SO MUCH.



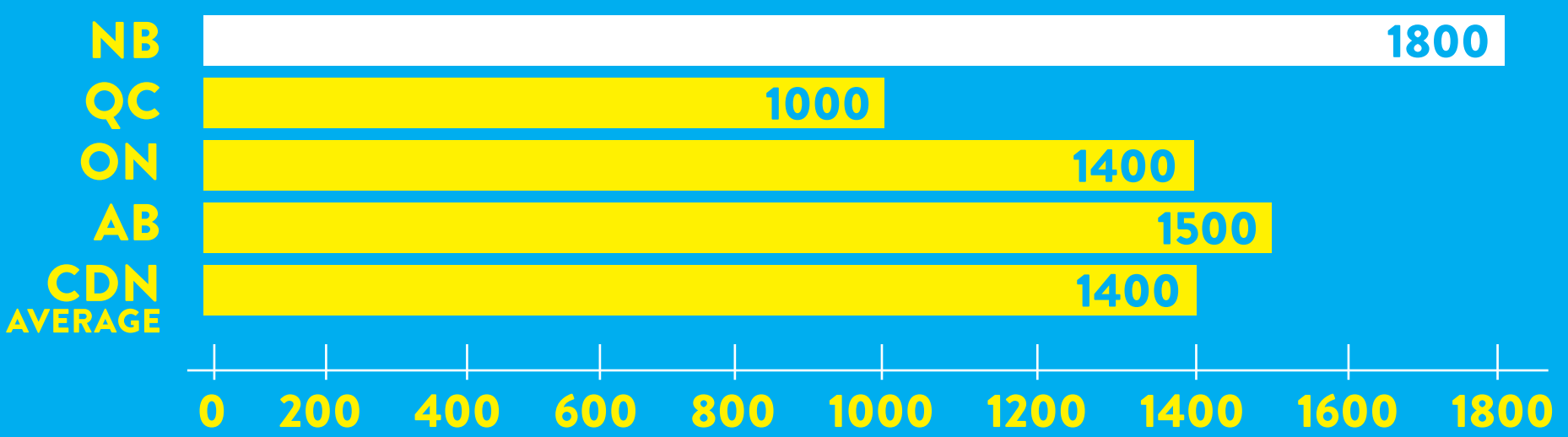
## NB'S HEALTH

COMPARED TO ALL PROVINCES.

- CANCER RATES → 2ND HIGHEST
- AGE OF POPULATION → 2ND OLDEST
- SELF-REPORTED HEALTH → WORST
- FRUIT + VEGGIE EATING → 2ND WORST
- OBESITY → WORST
- LOW INCOME → RANKED 8TH

## 81% OF NBers VISITED THEIR FAMILY DOCTOR IN THE LAST YEAR.

### MEDIAN NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN A FAMILY DOCTOR'S PRACTICE.



## 53 FAMILY DOCTOR'S AVERAGE WEEKLY WORK HOURS (EXCLUDING ON-CALL).

## DESPITE THIS 50,000 NBers HAVE NO FAMILY DOCTOR.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

- 1) RECRUIT NEW FAMILY DOCTORS.
- 2) ELIMINATE THE RESTRICTION ON BILLING NUMBERS.
- 3) ENCOURAGE MORE FAMILY DOCTORS TO WORK IN TEAMS AND PROVIDE AFTER HOURS CARE.
- 4) COME UP WITH A PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT PLAN.
- 5) RETAIN GRADS FROM NB MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

## TALK TO YOUR CANDIDATES TODAY.

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