# SURVEY OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS IN CANADA **RESULTS SNAPSHOT**





# **Survey Respondents**



2981 reponses 24% response rate 63.8% regulated 31.7% unregulated

- AB 9.0% (258)
- BC 8.8% (252)
- MB 16.7% (479)
- NB 5.7% (164)
- NL 0.2% (5)
- NT 0.2% (6)
- NS 5.1% (146)
- NU 0.0% (1)
- ON 49.1% (1409)
- PE 1.2% (35)
- QC (0.1%) (2)
- SK 6.9% (197)
- YT 0.0% (1)

# **Massage Therapy Education**



78.5% attended a private institution 18.6% attended a public institution



70.2% were under the age of 35 when they graduated/completed program 28.3% between age 35-54, 1.5% 55+ years



79.1% earned a diploma 18.1% earned a certificate



0.5% also earned a post-doctoral degree 3.4% also earned a master's degree 25.5% also earned an undergraduate degree 22.3% also earned a college diploma 7.6% also earned a college certificate 27.1% have completed no other degree 13.6% not stated

# **Massage Therapy Practice**



refer to themselves as 93% Registered Massage Therapists



61% work full time (over 25 hours/week) 29% part time (less than 25 hours/week) 6% casual (less than 20 hours/month)

50% self-employed

16% independent contractor

contract employee

permanent employee

## **Average Weekly Massage Therapy Activities**

66% direct treatment to patient

8% assessment of patient

7% record keeping

treatment plan development 5%

4% home care plan for patient

4% evaluation/re-evaluation of patient

3% administration/payroll

3% appointments/scheduling

## **Workplace Settings**

33.8% work in clinic/professional practice with other health professionals

23.3% work in clinic with other massage therapists only

work alone in a home-18.1% based clinic

9.8% work alone in a clinic

### **Related Monthly Activities**

Over 70% indicated that the time spent on non-direct patient care is in the range of **1-5 hours** per month

- Reading journals/articles related to the profession
- Reviewing healthcare research
- Taking massage therapy related education
- Taking other types of education
- Attending conferences, workshops, etc
- · Conducting research specific to massage/manual therapy

### **Annual Gross Income**

20.7% \$0 - \$24,999 **23.7%** \$25,000 - \$39,999 **18.6%** \$40,000 - \$54,999 **12.1%** \$55,000 - \$69,999 **11.0%** \$70,000 +

## **Average Rate of 60 Minute Massage Treatment**

**\$0 - \$50 |** 4.6% **\$51 - \$70 2**4.1% **\$71 - \$90** 58.6%\* **\$91 - \$110 1**0.7% **\$111 +** | 2.0%

\*73% of Massage Therapists in Ontario charge \$71 - \$90

Average number of hours worked is approximately 2,000 per year

Over 61% feel they are adequately paid and are earning what they expected to earn

> Over 60% set their own fee schedule





