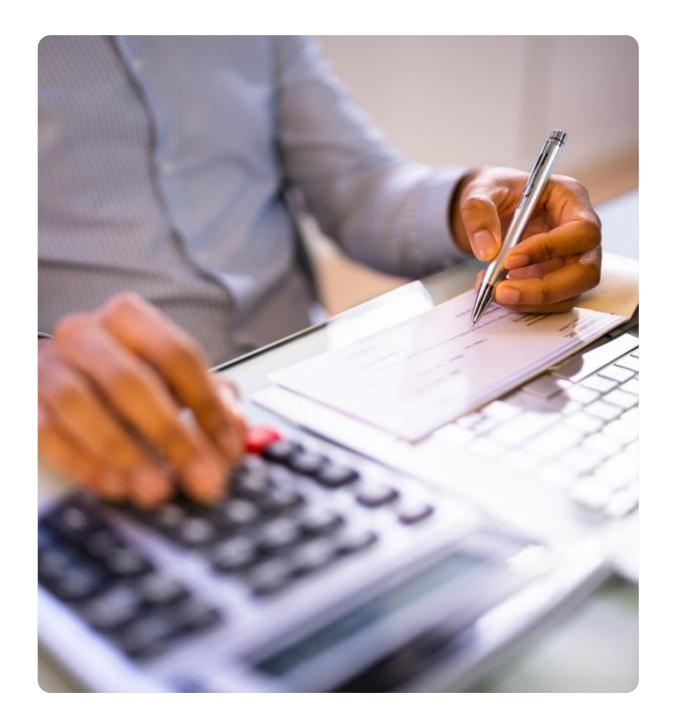


2025 CPA Profession **Compensation Study**

National Report



COMPTABLES CANADA



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Background & Methodology

Background & Methodology



Leger, in collaboration with CPA Canada, carried out this research study to evaluate compensation, benefit packages and work/life balance among Canadian CPAs living in Canada and abroad.

How	10-minute online survey, available in English and French.
Who	7,582 Canadian CPAs who worked for at least 2 months in 2024, sourced from CPA Canada's distribution list.
When	May 12 th to 30 th , 2025
Significance & Trending	▲ \▼ indicate significantly higher / lower results compared to 2023 Canadian CPA Profession Compensation Study Report by NIQ (formerly NielsenIQ). In most slides, these arrows are paired with +/- values to show the percentage point change from 2023. However, on slides showing dollar figures in 000's, the +/- values indicate the dollar difference in 000's since 2023. Significance is calculated at 95CI.
Data	This study relies on self-reported compensation.
Note on Reporting	Non-Owners are defined as employees/contractors/consultants of an organization/firm/company earning T4 income. Owners are defined as sole practitioner (sole owner of an accounting, auditing and/or tax practice), partner of an accounting, auditing and/or tax firm, or an owner of another type of business.
	In order to protect the privacy of respondents and avoid reporting misleading results, the median compensation data and 25 th and 75 th percentile values are presented only when there were at least 10 respondents in a subcategory. Despite these approaches, results can still vary considerably if there were findings with fewer than 100 respondents in a given category. Definitions of the three statistical measures used in this report are consistent with the 2023 report and are as follows: • Median (or 50th percentile) is the value above and below which half the cases fall. If there is an even number of cases, then the average of the two middle cases is used. The median is not sensitive to outlying (a few very high or very low) values. • 25th percentile is the value above which 75 per cent of the cases fall, and it's not tracked against 2023 report.

• 75th percentile is the value below which 75 per cent of the cases fall, and it's not tracked against 2023 report.



Respondent profile

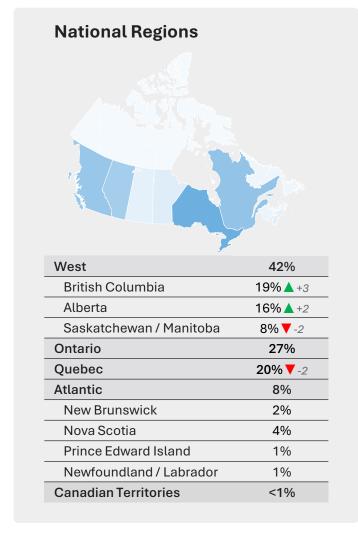
Canadian CPAs living in Canada and abroad, who worked for at least 2 months in 2024 (N=7,582)

Gender	
Man	50%
Woman	47%
Non-binary	<1%
Two-Spirit	<1%
Prefer not to say	2%

Years of Post-De Work Experience	•
Less than 3 year	5% ▲ +1
3-4 years	4%
5-9 years	16%
10-14 years	22% ▲ +2
15-19 years	15%
20-24 years	14%
25 years and over	23% ▼ -3
Prefer not to say	2% ▲ +2

Visible Minorities Yes 19% ▲ +2 No 77% ▼ -2 Prefer not to say 4%

Indigenous perso	n
Yes	1%
No	95%
Prefer not to say	3%



International Regions

The following countries had respondents of <1%:

- Australia
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- Cayman Islands
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- New Zealand
- Saudi Arabia
- Oddai7iidk
- Singapore
- Switzerland
- Trinidad And Tobago
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States



Caveats

Canadian CPAs living in Canada and abroad were invited to complete the survey by CPA Canada, using 170,193 unique survey links provided by Leger. Note that the findings in this report are representative of those who responded and may not represent the Canadian CPA profession as a whole. Comparisons with the results of the previous survey cannot be considered definitive, as the composition of those responding may vary from year to year.

Unless otherwise specified, compensation figures in this report include annualized data for CPAs who worked at least two months, either part time or full time, during 2024.

Pre-Calculation Data Cleaning:

Responses were cleaned prior to calculation when input values did not align with the requested format. This includes cases such as respondents entering years instead of the number of years, or indicating they worked part-time but reporting 0 hours or months worked. These corrections were made to improve data consistency and validity.

Post-Calculation Data Cleaning:

Additional cleaning was conducted after calculations to address inconsistencies or likely misinterpretations. This includes cases where respondents appeared to enter income proportions instead of actual income values, or mistakenly re-entered hours worked in place of income. Such responses were adjusted or excluded based on contextual judgment to preserve data integrity.

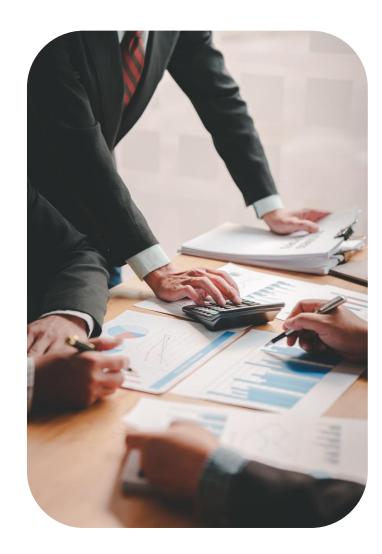


Overall Compensation

- Canadian CPAs living in Canada and abroad reported a median compensation of \$150K.
- CPAs with three or more years of post-designation experience had a median compensation of **\$154K**, up significantly from **\$143K** reported in 2023.

Compensation by Location, Industry, and Experience

- Among provinces/territories with at least 100 CPAs reporting, compensation was highest in Alberta (\$169K), followed by Ontario (\$163K) and Saskatchewan (\$147K). Eastern provinces report the lowest median compensation, ranging from \$124K to \$131K.
- CPAs based outside Canada continued to earn considerably more than those based within the country, reporting a median of \$264K. U.S.-based CPAs earned even more, with a median of \$306K.
- Calgary (\$186K) posted the highest median compensation nationally, while Toronto (\$177K) and Montreal (\$155K) led their respective provinces.
- Among industries with at least 100 CPAs reporting, Oil & Gas remained the top-paying industry at \$200K, followed by Real Estate/Building Management (\$180k), Software (\$178k), and Financial Services (\$178K), with Software showing notable growth.
- Compensation continues to grow steadily with experience, ranging from \$92K (<3 years) to \$194K (25+ years), with growth since 2023 seen across all experience levels.



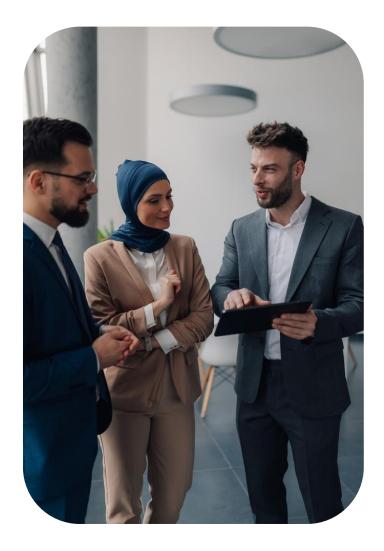


Non-Owner and Owner Compensation

- Non-owners earned a median total compensation of \$145K. Their median base pay was \$133K base pay and \$8K non-base pay, with top compensation reported in Alberta, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.
- Top-paying industries for non-owners included **Oil & Gas, Software, Financial Services**, and **Real Estate/Building Management**, while **Public Practice** reported the lowest compensation.
- Among titles, **Senior Vice Presidents (\$346K)** continued to earn the highest, with **President/CEOs** earning up to **\$543K** in large companies.
- Strategy and Governance remained the highest-paid focus area among non-owners at \$225K.
- Business owners made up 11% of respondents, with accounting firm owners earning a median of \$270K and other business owners earning \$250K. Higher owner compensations were reported in British Columbia and Ontario, while Quebec generally reported among the lowest.

2024 Compensation Compared to 2023

- 79% of CPAs reported increased compensation in 2024 compared to 2023, and only 7% reported a decline.
- Those in Utilities (89%), Public Sector Officer of the auditor general (88%) and Public Sector Federal, provincial, First Nations or municipal government (86%) were most likely to report a compensation increase, while those in Arts, Entertainment, and Leisure were most likely to report a decline (15%).





Benefits and Work/Life Balance Programs

- Medical (95%), Life Insurance (80%), and Long-Term Disability Insurance (79%) remained the most offered benefits, though life insurance and long-term disability insurance saw year-over-year declines. Professional membership dues saw notable growth in coverage.
- Benefits varied by industry and company size: public sector employees consistently received core benefits, while larger professional services and financial firms were more likely to offer pensions and RRSPs.
- Work-from-home remained the most commonly used flexibility program but declined in both
 offering and usage, suggesting a shift to back-to-office. Meanwhile, internal professional
 development and volunteer time off grew, while support for external training and other programs
 like sabbaticals or childcare remained limited.
- Among the top industries, participation in work/life balance programs was higher in financial services, government, and education, and lower in manufacturing and retail/wholesale.



Detailed Findings

Compensation

Overall Compensation



Total Compensation by Years of Work Experience (\$ in 000s)

The median compensation of CPAs with at least three years post-designation experience was \$154K, significantly higher than 2023's \$143K. Compensation median shows a large range from \$92K (<3 years) to \$194K (25+ years). Significant compensation growth since 2023 is noted across all experience ranges.

Years of Experience	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Less than 3 years	356 (5%)	\$92	A +6	\$78	\$108
3–4 years	295 (4%)	\$109	+ 6	\$93	\$130
5–9 years	1,202 (16%)	\$130	▲ +11	\$110	\$169
10–14 years	1,656 (22%)	\$150	▲ +15	\$121	\$200
15–19 years	1,175 (15%)	\$162	▲ +12	\$128	\$242
20–24 years	1,041 (14%)	\$170	▲ +15	\$131	\$250
25 years and over	1,733 (23%)		\$194 ▲+ <i>11</i>	\$138	\$310
NET: Over 3 years	7,102 (90%)	\$154	▲ +11	\$120	\$227
Total	7,582 (100%)	\$150	▲ +10	\$117	\$221



Total Compensation by Industry of Employment (\$ in 000s) (1/2)

Among industries with more than 100 CPAs reporting, Oil & Gas retain their top spot from 2023 with significant growth at \$200K. Other top industries with at least 100 CPAs reporting are Real Estate/Building Management (\$180K), Software (\$178K), and Financial Services (\$178K), with Software also showing significant growth.

Industry of Employment	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals	54 (1%)		\$220 ▲ +60	\$152	\$296
Oil & Gas	253 (3%)	\$200	▲ +24	\$147	\$309
Mining	89 (1%)	\$195		\$144	\$371
Real Estate/Building Management	260 (4%)	\$180		\$125	\$250
Software	145 (2%)	\$178	▲ +21	\$131	\$264
Financial Services	620 (9%)	\$178		\$135	\$268
Professional Services firm - other	290 (4%)	\$174		\$128	\$285
Retail, Wholesale	336 (5%)	\$167	▲ +18	\$120	\$250
Construction	283 (4%)	\$166		\$120	\$229
Transportation, Distribution	155 (2%)	\$162		\$124	\$240
Utilities	130 (2%)	\$158		\$134	\$217
Manufacturing	546 (8%)	\$158		\$125	\$215
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	158 (2%)	\$154		\$120	\$250

Industries with n>100 shown in blue.



Total Compensation by Industry of Employment (\$ in 000s) (2/2)

Public sector industries have the lowest median compensation, with hospitals and libraries at just \$127K. Professional Services firm – public practice is the most common industry among surveyed CPAs (19%).

Industry of Employment	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Professional Services firm – public practice	1,411 (19%)	\$148	8 🛕 +13	\$104	\$250
Telecommunications	60 (1%)	\$146	3	\$116	\$209
Arts, Entertainment, Leisure	55 (1%)	\$138		\$115	\$190
Public Sector - Crown corporation	197 (3%)	\$138	▲ +13	\$114	\$170
Not for profit	297 (4%)	\$135	▲ +12	\$110	\$168
Educational Institution	312 (4%)	\$131	▲ +5	\$112	\$175
Public Sector - Federal, provincial, First Nations or municipal government	884 (12%)	\$130	▲ +10	\$109	\$150
Public Sector - Office of the auditor general	60 (1%)	\$130		\$111	\$158
Public Sector - Hospital, library, health organization, or social services organization	175 (2%)	\$127		\$104	\$156
Other	334 (5%)		\$171	\$130	\$242
Total	7,243 (1%)	\$15	△ +10	\$117	\$220

Sub-groups with n>100 shown in blue.



Canadian CPAs by Province/Territory (\$ in 000s)

Among areas with over 100 CPAs reporting, top compensation is seen in Alberta (\$169K) and Ontario (\$163K). Eastern provinces report the lowest median compensation, with New Brunswick showing the lowest among those with at least 100 CPAs reporting (\$128K).

Province/Territory	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
NET: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut	30 (<1%)	\$	\$172	\$156	\$247
Alberta	1,212 (16%)	\$1	169 🔺 +16	\$126	\$250
Ontario	2,073 (28%)	\$163	± +11	\$127	\$240
Saskatchewan	240 (3%)	\$147		\$110	\$181
Quebec	1497 (20%)	\$145	▲ +15	\$117	\$201
British Columbia	1408 (19%)	\$140	+ 9	\$108	\$207
Manitoba	339 (5%)	\$135	▲ +14	\$108	\$175
Newfoundland & Labrador	100 (1%)	\$131		\$95	\$159
Nova Scotia	273 (4%)	\$130		\$101	\$170
New Brunswick	146 (2%)	\$128		\$98	\$155
Prince Edward Island	56 (1%)	\$124		\$110	\$150
Total Canada	7,374 (100%)	\$150	▲ +11	\$116	\$217

Provinces/territories with n>100 shown in blue.



Canadian CPAs by Province/Territory - Three Years Post-Designation or More (\$ in 000s)

When adjusted to CPAs with over 3 years of post-designation experience, British Columbia (\$148K) jumps ahead of Quebec (\$146K).

Province/Territory	Count (% of total Canada)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Alberta	1,142 (17%)	\$176	▲ +21	\$130	\$255
NET: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut	30 (<1%)	\$172		\$156	\$247
Ontario	1,978 (29%)	\$165	▲ +12	\$129	\$245
Saskatchewan	217 (3%)	\$153		\$117	\$190
British Columbia	1,259 (18%)	\$148	▲ +10	\$115	\$225
Quebec	1,451 (21%)	\$146	▲ +15	\$118	\$202
Newfoundland & Labrador	87 (1%)	\$140		\$110	\$167
Manitoba	306 (4%)	\$140	▲ +13	\$113	\$183
Nova Scotia	248 (4%)	\$133		\$108	\$174
New Brunswick	132 (2%)	\$131		\$105	\$160
Prince Edward Island	53 (1%)	\$125		\$110	\$150
Total Canada	6,903 (100%)	\$153	▲ +12	\$120	\$223

Provinces/territories with n>100 shown in blue.



International CPAs by Country (\$ in 000s)

International CPAs report higher median compensation overall at \$264K compared to Canadians' \$150K. The U.S. makes up the largest proportion of international CPAs surveyed (46%), with a median compensation of \$306K.

Country	Count (% of total international)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Cayman Islands	10 (5%)	\$405	\$262	\$539
United States	95 (46%)	\$306	\$209	\$498
Bermuda	29 (14%)	\$265	\$185	\$423
Hong Kong	12 (6%)	\$243	\$196	\$278
Barbados	10 (5%)	\$74	\$59	\$133
Other	18 (9%)	\$194	\$150	\$335
Total International	208 (100%)	\$264	\$166	\$445

Countries with n>100 shown in blue.

▲ ▼ significant growth/decline vs. 2023 Report



Total Compensation by Census Metropolitan Areas/Census Agglomerations (\$ in 000s) (1/5)

Calgary (\$186K) and Vancouver (\$148K) report the highest compensation within their respective provinces, with Calgary showing the highest median compensation of all census metropolitan areas/agglomerations.

City	Count (% of total within each province)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
British Columbia				
Vancouver	808 (64%)	\$148	\$110	\$226
Abbotsford - Mission	28 (2%)	\$143	\$113	\$221
Chilliwack	63 (5%)	\$137	\$107	\$207
Victoria	128 (10%)	\$135	\$104	\$178
Nanaimo	29 (2%)	\$135	\$113	\$234
Prince George	42 (3%)	\$133	\$95	\$200
Kamloops	41 (3%)	\$131	\$108	\$165
Kelowna	102 (8%)	\$125	\$102	\$181
Penticton	24 (2%)	\$119	\$99	\$200
Alberta				
Calgary	609 (54%)	\$186	\$135	\$276
Lethbridge	40 (4%)	\$166	\$120	\$249
Edmonton	435 (38%)	\$153	\$118	\$230
Red Deer	25 (2%)	\$131	\$118	\$185
Medicine Hat	22 (2%)	\$126	\$101	\$180

Areas with n>100 shown in blue.

▲ ▼ significant growth/decline vs. 2023 Report



Total Compensation by Census Metropolitan Areas/Census Agglomerations (\$ in 000s) (2/5)

Regina (\$152K) reports the highest median compensation in Saskatchewan.

City	Count (% of total within each province)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Saskatchewan				
Regina	97 (49%)	\$152	\$119	\$181
Saskatoon	101 (51%)	\$135	\$109	\$177
Manitoba				
Brandon	20 (6%)	\$139	\$113	\$228
Winnipeg	290 (94%)	\$137	\$110	\$175
Ontario-Quebec				
Ottawa-Gatineau	340 (100%)	\$151	\$130	\$210



Total Compensation by Census Metropolitan Areas/Census Agglomerations (\$ in 000s) (3/5)

Toronto (\$177K) reports the highest median compensation in Ontario, the second highest nationally.

City	Count (% of total within each province)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Ontario				
Toronto	1,144 (72%)	\$177 ▲ + <i>4</i>	\$132	\$255
Oshawa	46 (3%)	\$167	\$131	\$227
Windsor	37 (2%)	\$160	\$120	\$245
Kitchener - Cambridge - Waterloo	105 (7%)	\$150	\$120	\$217
Hamilton	72 (5%)	\$146	\$126	\$202
St. Catharines - Niagara	38 (2%)	\$145	\$128	\$230
Stratford	30 (2%)	\$137	\$113	\$178
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury	23 (1%)	\$136	\$109	\$180
London	65 (4%)	\$131	\$103	\$200
Peterborough	21 (1%)	\$128	\$107	\$165



Total Compensation by Census Metropolitan Areas/Census Agglomerations (\$ in 000s) (4/5)

Montreal (\$155K) reports the highest median compensation in Quebec, and the third highest nationally.

City	Count (% of total within each province)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Quebec				
Montréal	828 (68%)	\$155	\$124	\$230
Drummondville	21 (2%)	\$151	\$112	\$206
Saint-Hyacinthe	21 (2%)	\$150	\$124	\$170
Saguenay	27 (2%)	\$140	\$105	\$164
Sherbrooke	41 (3%)	\$138	\$104	\$180
Québec	220 (18%)	\$135	\$114	\$172
Granby	20 (2%)	\$125	\$106	\$175
Trois-Rivières	34 (3%)	\$114	\$102	\$156



Total Compensation by Census Metropolitan Areas/Census Agglomerations (\$ in 000s) (5/5)

Moncton (\$138K) reports the highest median compensation among Eastern areas, followed by Halifax (\$130K).

City	Count (% of total within each province)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
New Brunswick				
Moncton	46 (38%)	\$138	\$116	\$165
Fredericton	41 (34%)	\$128	\$104	\$150
Saint John	35 (29%)	\$111	\$94	\$156
Nova Scotia				
Halifax	218 (100%)	\$130	\$102	\$170
Prince Edward Island				
Charlottetown	44 (100%)	\$127	\$110	\$151
Newfoundland and Labrador				
St. John's	95 (100%)	\$129	\$95	\$160



Total Compensation by Years of Work Experience – Provincial Data (\$ in 000s)

Years Since Obtain Designation	British Columbia		Alberta		Saskatchewan		Manitoba		Ontario	
J	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median
Less than 3 years	126	\$92	55	\$92	22	\$86	29	\$89	46	\$109
3–4 years	94	\$110	41	\$113	26	\$110	27	\$110 ▲ +22	53	\$116
5–9 years	238	\$130 \(+ 14	209	\$140 \(+ 10	31	\$124	64	\$122	332	\$140 ▲ +16
10–14 years	281	\$140	303	\$161	48	\$157	46	\$137	482	\$155 \(+ 10
15–19 years	219	\$160	180	\$195	33	\$155	50	\$144	318	\$170
20–24 years	162	\$162	178	\$200 \(+ 27	33	\$173	42	\$150	272	\$173
25 years and over	265	\$192	231	\$225	46	\$180	77	\$170	521	\$220 🛦 +20
Total	1,408	\$140 \(+ 9	1,212	\$169 ▲ +16	240	\$147	339	\$135 ▲ +14	2,073	\$163 ▲ +11

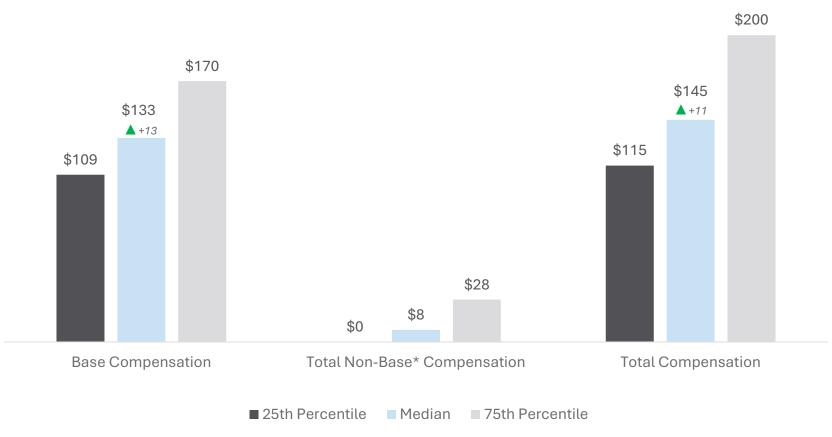
Years Since Obtain Designation	Quebec		New Brunswick		Nova Scotia		Prince Edward Island		Newfoundland and Labrador	
	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median	Count	Median
Less than 3 years	24	\$112	12	\$84	23	\$84	3	-	13	\$88
3–4 years	11	\$99	8	-	16	\$90	2	-	8	-
5–9 years	192	\$121 \(+ 11	29	\$109	42	\$111	10	\$113 ▲ +29	13	\$120
10–14 years	353	\$138 ▲ +18	24	\$121	54	\$124	5	-	19	\$126
15–19 years	224	\$152 ▲ +16	34	\$143	45	\$149	12	\$126	19	\$150
20–24 years	247	\$157 ▲ +21	17	\$150	34	\$154	6	-	13	\$148
25 years and over	424	\$162	20	\$131	57	\$162	18	\$139	15	\$150
Total	1,497	\$145 ▲ +15	146	\$128	273	\$130	56	\$124	100	\$131

Non-Owners' Compensation



Non-Owner Compensation – 2024 (\$ in 000s)

Non-owners, who make up most respondents, earned a median total compensation of \$145K—up from \$134K in 2023. The median base compensation is \$133K while the median non-base compensation is \$8K.



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Non-Owner Compensation by Province/Territory (\$ in 000s) – 2024

Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan report the highest total, base, and non-base compensations among areas with at least 100 non-owner members reporting. PEI reports the lowest total compensation, notably lacking a non-base median compensation.



Provinces/territories with n>100 shown in blue.

^{*}Total compensation is the median of NET: base + non-base, rather than a sum of both.



Non-Owner Compensation by Industry of Employment (\$ in 000s) – 2024 (1/2)

Among industries with more than 100 non-owner CPAs responding, Oil & Gas, Software, Financial Services, and Real Estate/Building Management show the highest total compensation. Software reports the highest base compensation, while Oil & Gas report the highest non-base compensation. Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries report the lowest total and base compensation.



Sub-groups with n>100 shown in blue.

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^{*}Total compensation is the median of NET: base + non-base, rather than a sum of both.



Non-Owner Compensation by Industry of Employment (\$ in 000s) – 2024 (2/2)

Professional Services firm – public practice reports the lowest non-owner total compensation (\$116K) and base compensation (\$108K).

Industry of Employment	Count (% of total) -	2024	Total Compensation	
	, i	Base Compensation Non-Base* Compensatio	n	
Public Sector - Crown corporation	195 (3%)	\$132 ▲ +12	\$2	\$138 ▲ +13
Educational	309 (5%)	\$130 ▲+10		\$132▲+7
Public Sector - Office of the auditor general	59 (1%)	\$130		\$130
Public Sector - Federal, provincial, First Nations or municipal government	878 (14%)	\$129 ▲ +11		\$130 ▲ +10
Arts, Entertainment, Leisure	54 (1%)	\$126	\$6	\$138
Telecommunications	58 (1%)	\$125	\$20	\$143
Not for profit	277 (4%)	\$125 ▲+10		\$132 ▲ +11
Public Sector - Hospital, library, health organization, or social services organization	172 (3%)	\$125		\$125
Professional Services firm – public practice	755 (12%)	\$108 ▲ +8 \$6		\$116 ▲ +8
Other	298 (5%)	\$144 ▲ +14	\$17	\$165

Industries with n>100 shown in blue.

^{*}Total compensation is the median of NET: base + non-base, rather than a sum of both.



Total Compensation by Job Title Among Non-Owners (\$ in 000s)

Like 2023, Senior Vice Presidents show the highest median compensation (\$346K), followed by President and/or CEO (\$257K), and Vice President (\$255K). Vice Presidents report the highest median compensation among large organizations (\$323K), while Presidents and/or CEO's the highest among medium-sized organizations (\$324K), and smaller organizations (\$226K).

	Total (n=6,230)	Size of Emp	oloyer by Num	ber of Staff
Job Title	Median	<100 (n=1,685) Median	100–999 (n=1,913) Median	≥1,000 (n=2,632) Median
Senior Vice President	\$346	\$307	\$320	\$360
President and/or CEO	\$257	\$226	\$324	_*
Vice President	\$255	\$217	\$253 ▲ +33	\$323
Other Executive Management (COO, CIO, EVP, etc.)	\$238 ▲ +25	\$220	\$296	\$208
Assistant Vice President	\$216	_*	_*	\$224
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	\$208 ▲ +26	\$189 ▲ +24	\$220 ▲ +27	\$235
Senior Director	\$204 ▲ +37	\$166	\$180 ▲ +30	\$222 ▲ +37
Non-Equity Partner	\$186	\$170	_*	_*
Director	\$173 ▲ +18	\$150 ▲ +19	\$166 ▲ +17	\$185
Principal	\$165	\$151	\$159	\$177
General Manager	\$161	\$145	\$152	\$210
Professor/Lecturer/Teacher	\$150	_*	\$130	\$179
Senior Manager	\$149 ▲ +10	\$126	\$148	\$153 ▲ +8
Associate/Assistant Director	\$140	_*	\$135	\$147

	Total (n=6,230)	Size of Emp	oloyer by Num	by Number of Staff		
Job Title	Median	<100 (n=1,685) Median	100–999 (n=1,913) Median	≥1,000 (n=2,632) Median		
Controller and/or Comptroller	\$136 ▲ +9	\$130 ▲ +12	\$137▲+6	\$153		
Treasurer	\$135	_*	\$138	_*		
Consultant	\$132	\$129	\$161	\$131		
Tax Specialist	\$130 ▲ +13	\$122	\$129	\$140 ▲ +23		
Manager	\$127 ▲ +12	\$114 ▲ +12	\$129 ▲ +10	\$130 ▲ +10		
Internal Auditor	\$122	_*	_*	\$122		
Supervisor	\$120 ▲ +11	_*	\$114	\$132 ▲ +15		
Associate/Assistant Manager	\$116	\$120	\$122	\$110		
Analyst	\$108	_*	\$99	\$110 ▲ +6		
Senior Auditor/Accountant	\$101 ▲ +7	\$92	\$102▲+7	\$103		
Auditor/Accountant	\$96	\$85	\$85	\$105 ▲ +13		
Junior Auditor/Accountant	\$71 ▲ +12	_*	_*	_*		
Other	\$127 ▲ +27	\$116	\$125 ▲ +24	\$129		

Medians with n>30 shown in blue.

▲ ▼ significant growth/decline vs. 2023 Report



Compensation by Area of Focus Among Non-Owners (\$ in 000s)

Strategy and Governance reports the highest median compensation among non-owners, like in 2023, by a large margin (\$225K). This is followed by Managing Staff (\$177K) and Finance (\$155K).

Area of Focus	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Strategy & Governance	431 (7%)		\$225	\$160	\$302
Managing Staff	286 (5%)	\$177	▲ +22	\$138	\$257
Finance	1,378 (22%)	\$155	▲ +10	\$122	\$220
Risk management/Control/Internal audit	162 (3%)	\$149		\$122	\$190
Financial and/or Non-Financial Reporting	1,631 (26%)	\$135	▲ +10	\$110	\$177
Management Accounting	799 (13%)	\$135	▲ +10	\$111	\$169
Taxation	482 (8%)	\$135	▲ +12	\$110	\$189
Audit and Assurance	583 (9%)	\$115	A +6	\$91	\$149
Other	478 (8%)	\$160		\$120	\$233



Canadian Non-Owners' Compensation by Province/Territory (\$ in 000s)

Among provinces/territories with over 100 non-owner CPAs responding, Alberta reported the highest median compensation (\$159K), followed by Ontario (\$154K) and Saskatchewan (\$142K). New Brunswick reported the lowest median compensation with \$122K.

Province/Territory	Count (% of total Canada)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
NET: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut	26 (<1%)	\$170	\$140	\$225
Alberta	980 (16%)	\$159 ▲+12	\$124	\$224
Ontario	1,720 (28%)	\$154 ▲ +9	\$124	\$215
Saskatchewan	208 (3%)	\$142	\$109	\$175
Quebec	1,219 (20%)	\$139 ▲+12	\$115	\$183
British Columbia	1,115 (18%)	\$133 ▲+8	\$104	\$180
Manitoba	280 (5%)	\$130 ▲+12	\$105	\$162
Newfoundland & Labrador	90 (1%)	\$129	\$95	\$152
Nova Scotia	233 (4%)	\$125	\$98	\$153
Prince Edward Island	51 (1%)	\$122	\$108	\$149
New Brunswick	129 (2%)	\$122	\$98	\$150
Total Canada	6,051 (100%)	143	\$114	\$196

Provinces/Territories with n>100 shown in blue.



International Non-Owner Compensation by Country (\$ in 000s)

International non-owner CPAs reported a median compensation of \$260K, higher than Canadian's \$143K. Nearly half (47%) of international CPAs surveyed were based in the United States, where the median compensation reached \$282K.

Country	Count (% of total international)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Bermuda	23 (13%)	\$288	\$189	\$600
United States	85 (47%)	\$282	\$205	\$455
Hong Kong	11 (6%)	\$235	\$194	\$270
Other	13 (7%)	\$189	\$150	\$324
Total International	179 (100%)	\$260	\$161	\$400

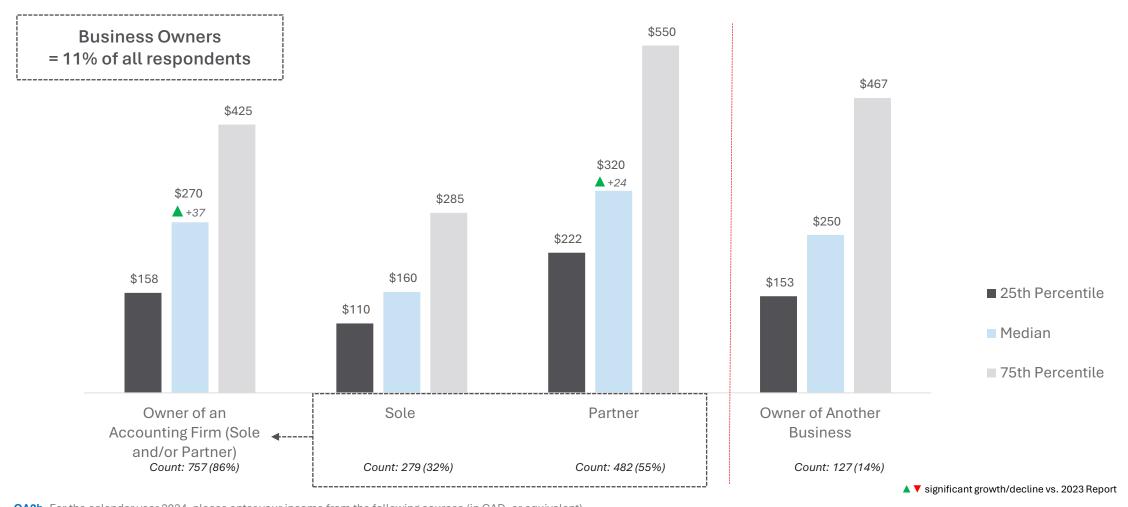
Countries with n>30 shown in blue.

Owners' Compensation



Canadian Owner's Compensation

11% of all respondents were business owners, with 86% of these being owners of an accounting firm (sole and/or partner) and reporting a median compensation of \$270K. Owners of another business made up the remaining 14% and earned a median of \$250K.





Sole Practitioners by Province/Country (\$ in 000s)

Ontario (\$200K), followed by Alberta (\$175K), report the highest median compensations among sole practitioners, with Ontario taking the top spot over British Columbia compared to 2023. Quebec reports the lowest median compensation of provinces/territories with \$135K.

Province/Country	Count (% of total)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Ontario	76 (27%)	\$200	\$124	\$300
Alberta	47 (17%)	\$175	\$125	\$325
British Columbia	79 (28%)	\$160	\$104	\$300
Quebec	55 (20%)	\$135	\$86	\$180
Total Canada	278 (100%)	\$160	\$110	\$285



Partners by Province/Country (\$ in 000s)

Among provinces with 30 partners responding, British Columbia (\$360K), Alberta (\$330K), and Ontario (\$329K) again report the highest median compensation, and Quebec the lowest (\$299K).

Province/Country	Count (% of total)	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Saskatchewan	19 (4%)	\$450	\$200	\$952
British Columbia	97 (20%)	\$360	\$240	\$500
Alberta	84 (18%)	\$330	\$236	\$526
Ontario	128 (27%)	\$329	\$245	\$626
Nova Scotia	11 (2%)	\$300	\$140	\$650
Quebec	106 (22%)	\$299	\$200	\$500
Manitoba	19 (4%)	\$292	\$185	\$450
New Brunswick	10 (2%)	\$203	\$120	\$350
Total Canada	479 (99%)	\$320 ▲ +24	\$220	\$550

Provinces with n>30 shown in blue.



Owners of Another Business by Province/Country (\$ in 000s)

Quebec reported a median compensation of \$213K among owners of another business, lower than the national median of \$250K. Ontarians, British Columbians, Albertans and International CPAs reported higher compensation, but should be interpreted with caution due to lower counts (n<30).

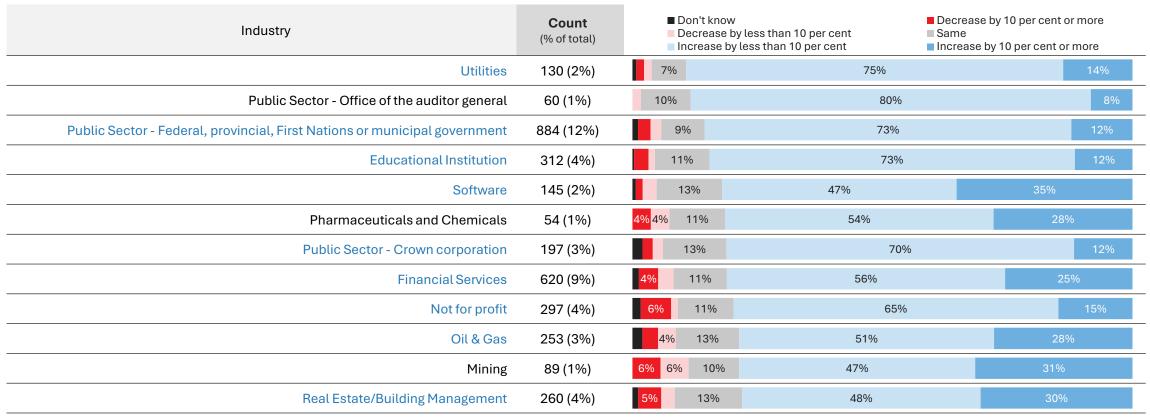
Province/Country	Count (% of total)	Median		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
Ontario	29 (21%)	\$305		\$160	\$650
British Columbia	19 (14%)	\$259		\$150	\$900
Alberta	20 (15%)	\$259		\$161	\$415
Quebec	42 (31%)	\$213		\$125	\$365
Total Canada	127 (93%)	\$250		\$153	\$467
Total International	10 (7%)		\$825	\$420	\$1,500

Provinces with n>30 shown in blue.



2024 Compensation Compared to 2023 (1/2)

Across all industries, 79% report their compensation has increased, while only 7% report a decline. Those in utilities are the most likely to report an increase in compensation (89%), followed by Public Sector – Officer of the auditor general (88%) and Public Sector – Federal, provincial, First Nations or municipal government (86%). Software reports among the strongest increases, with 35% saying their compensation increased by 10% or more.

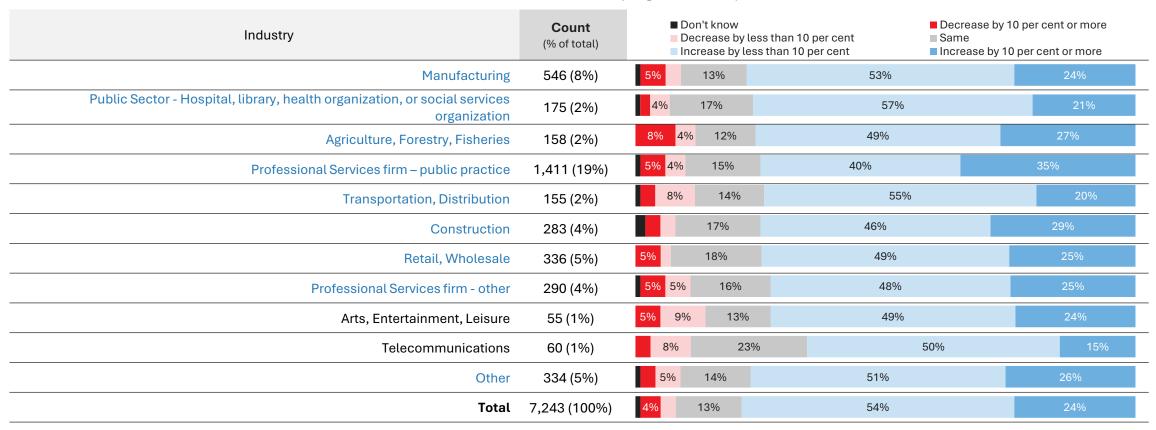


Industries with n>100 shown in blue.



2024 Compensation Compared to 2023 (2/2)

Professional Services firm – public practice ties with Software, with 35% also saying their compensation increased by 10% or more. Telecommunications shows the most stability, with 23% saying their compensation is same as 2023, yet 65% reported their compensation increased. Arts, Entertainment, Leisure shows the most decline, with 15% saying their compensation decreased.



Industries with n>100 shown in blue.

Benefits & Work/Life Balance



Benefits by Number of Employees Among Non-Owners

Consistent with 2023, medical benefits (95%), life insurance (80%), and long-term disability insurance (79%) are the most offered benefits among non-owner CPAs. Life insurance, long term disability insurance, and out of country travel insurance saw declines since 2023, while professional membership dues saw significant growth.

					Size of Em	ployer by Numb	er of Staff
Benefit		Total (n=6,282)		<100 (n=1,709)	100–999 (n=1,927)	≥1,000 (n=2,646)
Medical (health and dental) benefits				95%	93%	95%	96%
Life Insurance			80%	▼-4	76% ▼-3	81% ▼-5	82% ▼ -3
Long-Term Disability Insurance			79%	▼-3	73%	79% ▼ -5	82% ▼ -3
Mental Health supports		70	0%		56%	72%	78%
Out of Country Travel Insurance		61%		▼-6	58%	62% ▼-6	62% ▼-7
Professional Membership dues other than for my accounting designation(s)		40%		▲ +17	39% ▲+17	41% ▲ +20	39% ▲+15
Group RRSPs		39%		▲ +3	39% ▲ +4	44%	36%
Parking	3	38%		▼-4	42% ▼-7	43%	31%
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	29%				10%	26%	44%
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	28%				14%	25%	38%
Health/Fitness Club Memberships	21%				17%	24%	22%
Parental/Maternal/Caregiver Leave Top Ups	15%			▲ +2	7%	12%	23%
Stock or Stock Options Purchase Program	15%				8%	13%	20%
Deferred Profit Sharing Plans	12%				8%	13%	15%
Car Allowances	10%			▼-2	10%	12%	9%
Other Significant Benefits	7%			▼-3	7% ▼ -3	7%	6% ▼-4



Benefits by Industry and Number of Employees Among Non-Owners (1/3)

In the public sector, core benefits like medical, life, and long-term disability coverage remain consistently high, while Out of Country Travel Insurance drops notably in larger organizations. In professional services, benefit offerings vary by firm size, with larger firms more likely to provide pensions and RRSPs, while mid-sized firms lead in Deferred Profit Sharing Plans.

	Total	Public	c Sector – Gover	nment	Professiona	l Services – Pul	olic Practice
Benefit	Total (n=6,282)	<100 (n=97)	100–999 (n=229)	≥1,000 (n=549)	<100 (n=336)	100–999 (n=118)	≥1,000 (n=286)
Medical (health and dental) benefits	95%	97%	92%	95%	85%	89%	95%
Life Insurance	80% 🔻 -4	81%	80%	75%	57%	73%	80%
Long Term Disability Insurance	79% ▼ -3	77%	79%	78%	59%	71%	82%
Mental Health supports	70%	75%	76%	71%	36%	69%	87%
Out of Country Travel Insurance	61% ▼-6	59%	53%	50%▼-10	37%	42%	59%
Professional Membership dues other than for my accounting designation(s)	40% 🛦 +17	46%	40% 🛦 +15	31% ▲ +13	36% ▲ +23	40% ▲ +20	36% ▲ +16
Group RRSPs	39% ▲+3	23%	8%	4%	38%	50%	56%
Parking	38% ▼-4	32%	34%	22%	38%	40%	37%
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	29%	58%	73%	83%	3%	4%	6%
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	28%	29%	23%	12%	5%	19%	61%
Health/Fitness Club Memberships	21%	15%	27%	11%	19%	46%	34%
Parental/Maternal/Caregiver Leave Top Ups	15% ▲ +2	16%	16%	27%	7%	14%	26%▼-11
Stock or Stock Options Purchase Program	15%	0%	<1%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Deferred Profit-Sharing Plans	12%	0%	<1%	1%	5%	24 % ▲ +12	16%
Car Allowances	10% ▼-2	7%	7%	3%▼-3	5%	9%	4%
Other Significant Benefits	7% ▼ -3	9%	7%	5%	7%	12%	7%▼-8



Benefits by Industry and Number of Employees Among Non-Owners (2/3)

In financial services, larger firms are more likely to offer structured benefits like Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Deferred Profit-Sharing Plans, while smaller firms rely more on basic offerings like medical and life insurance. In manufacturing, benefit coverage generally increases with firm size, with long term disability Insurance and mental health supports rising sharply in large firms.

	Total -	F	inancial Service	es		Manufacturing	
Benefit	(n=6,282)	<100 (n=121)	100–999 (n=132)	≥1,000 (n=340)	<100 (n=137)	100–999 (n=229)	≥1,000 (n=163)
Medical (health and dental) benefits	95%	98%	94%	98%	92%	93%	96%▼-4
Life Insurance	80% ▼-4	82%	77% ▼-12	81%	84%	80%	93%
Long Term Disability Insurance	79% ▼ -3	76%	78%	81%	74%	76% ▼ -12	88%
Mental Health supports	70%	64%	78%	83%	54%	59%	78%
Out of Country Travel Insurance	61% ▼-6	66%	67%	63%▼-13	59% ▼-14	62%▼-13	74%
Professional Membership dues other than for my accounting designation(s)	40% 🛦 +17	45%	50% ▲ +15	52% ▲ +17	35% ▲ +16	42% ▲ +27	47% ▲ +24
Group RRSPs	39% ▲+3	27%	36%	48%	53%	61%	63%
Parking	38% ▼-4	37%	33%	26%	51%	48%	51%
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	29%	12%	26%	49%	2%	8%	12%
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	28%	18%	41%	43%	16%	28%	60%
Health/Fitness Club Memberships	21%	20%	38%	33%	15%	17%	23%
Parental/Maternal/Caregiver Leave Top Ups	15% ▲ + <i>2</i>	7%	21%	24%	2%	5%	18%
Stock or Stock Options Purchase Program	15%	17%	28%	51%	11%	17%	29%
Deferred Profit-Sharing Plans	12%	5%	17%	32%	15%	20%	21%
Car Allowances	10% ▼-2	9%	14%	8%	13%	19%	13%
Other Significant Benefits	7% ▼-3	10%	10%	5%▼-7	4%	5%	7%



Benefits by Industry and Number of Employees Among Non-Owners (3/3)

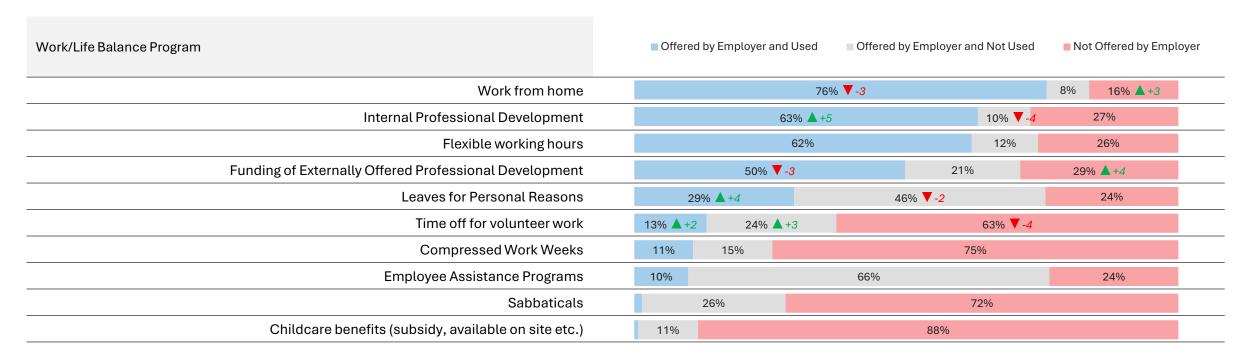
In educational institutions, the top 3 benefits are consistently offered across organization size, while group RRSPs drop sharply in larger organizations (8%). In retail/wholesale, life insurance, long term disability coverage, and deferred profit-sharing plans see growth with employer size.

	Total (n=6,282)	Educational Institution			Retail/Wholesale			
Benefit		<100 (n=20)	100–999 (n=114)	≥1,000 (n=191)	<100 (n=93)	100–999 (n=115)	≥1,000 (n=97)	
Medical (health and dental) benefits	95%	95%	92%	96%	95%	96%	95%	
Life Insurance	80% ▼-4	85%	89%	88%	75%	70% 🔻 -19	84%	
Long Term Disability Insurance	79% ▼-3	85%	82%	87%	75%	68%▼-17	81%	
Mental Health supports	70%	60%	75%	79%	59%	66%	77%	
Out of Country Travel Insurance	61% ▼-6	85%	62%	64%	61%	57% ▼ -17	67%	
Professional Membership dues other than for my accounting designation(s)	40% ▲+17	25%	33%	40% 🛦 +14	34% ▲ +20	34% ▲ +16	41% 🛦 +18	
Group RRSPs	39% ▲+3	40%	20%	8%	40%	42%	52%	
Parking	38% ▼-4	25%	33%	13%	43%	45%	40%	
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	29%	40%	57%	69%	2%	6%	13%	
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	28%	35%	25%	33%	11%	25%	37%	
Health/Fitness Club Memberships	21%	15%	15%	11%	10%	10%	26%	
Parental/Maternal/Caregiver Leave Top Ups	15% ▲+2	0%	23%	23%	4%	2%	12%	
Stock or Stock Options Purchase Program	15%	0%	2%	1%	11%	13%	33%	
Deferred Profit-Sharing Plans	12%	5%	1%	0%	8%	19%	29%	
Car Allowances	10% ▼-2	5%	4%	5%	16%	24%	22%	
Other Significant Benefits	7% ▼-3	0%	9%	7%	9%	4%	8%	



Work/Life Balance Programs Among Non-Owners

'Work from home' continues to be the top offered and used program, however it has seen slight decline in use. Internal professional development has grown in use, while funding of externally offered professional development has declined. Personal leaves and time off for volunteer work saw increases in offering and use. Childcare benefits, compressed work weeks, and sabbaticals continue to be the least offered programs. Employee assistance programs are the least used benefits offered by employers.





Work/Life Balance Programs Used by Industry Among Non-Owners

Work-from-home was most commonly used by those in financial services and government, while internal professional development saw highest uptake in government and educational institutions. In contrast, manufacturing and retail/wholesale consistently lagged behind across most work/life balance programs.

Work/Life Balance Program	Total (n=6,230)	Public Sector – Government (n=878)	Professional Services – Public Practice (n=755)	Financial Services (n=585)	Manufacturing (n=524)	Educational Institution (n=309)	Retail/Wholesale (n=306)
Work from home	76% ▼-3	82%	76%	85%	68%	75%	67%
Internal Professional Development	63% ▲ +5	81% ▲ +7	79%	68% ▲ +7	47%	75% ▲ +9	46%
Flexible working hours	62%	62%	73%	59%	58%	57%	54%
Funding of Externally Offered Professional Development	50% ▼ -3	54%	45%	44%	48%	56% ▼-11	47%
Leaves for Personal Reasons	29% 🛦 +4	48%	28%	28%	24%	26%	21%
Time off for volunteer work	13% ▲ +2	12%	13%	22%	9%	9%	10%
Compressed Work Weeks	11%	21%	12%	6%	8%	9%	7%
Employee Assistance Programs	10%	13%	6%	9%	9%	12%	8%
Sabbaticals	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Childcare benefits	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-

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