

CDA SALARY SURVEY – 2022

A survey was taken of dental assistants across Canada in the fall of 2022. The below tables provide information on how many dental assistants responded per jurisdiction; the average salaries per jurisdiction; and salary specifics by role type for Saskatchewan.

These results are being shared as a courtesy to all SDAA members.

Table 32. Distribution of Respondents by Type of Compensation

Type of compensation	Number	Percent
Annual base salary with health and/or other benefits	330	12.0
Annual base salary without health or other benefits	139	5.0
Base daily rate with health and/or other benefits	107	3.9
Base daily rate without health or other benefits	75	2.7
Base hourly rate with health and/or other benefits	1,135	41.2
Base hourly rate without health or other benefits	969	35.2
Total	2,755	100

Table 47. Hourly Wage by Type of Work Setting and Province

Province*		Type of work setting			Total
		Private Practice General	Private Practice Specialty**	Other Setting***	
British Columbia	Number	139	37	7	183
	Mean	\$30.74	\$32.21	\$32.57	\$31.11
	Median	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Alberta	Number	375	93	49	517
	Mean	\$32.68	\$32.45	\$34.28	\$32.79
	Median	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$36.70	\$33.00
Saskatchewan	Number	261	51	21	333
	Mean	\$31.74	\$33.59	\$37.72	\$32.40
	Median	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$34.99	\$32.00
Manitoba	Number	221	65	23	309
	Mean	\$26.49	\$27.99	\$30.06	\$27.07
	Median	\$26.00	\$26.65	\$27.71	\$26.00
Ontario	Number	478	143	98	719
	Mean	\$27.29	\$28.24	\$31.50	\$28.05
	Median	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$31.00	\$28.00

New Brunswick	Number	179	44	12	235
	Mean	\$25.06	\$26.54	\$36.79	\$25.94
	Median	\$25.00	\$25.50	\$29.13	\$25.00
Nova Scotia	Number	226	40	18	284
	Mean	\$25.61	\$28.92	\$30.87	\$26.41
	Median	\$25.00	\$26.45	\$28.82	\$25.50

* Too few data observations are available to provide a meaningful analysis for Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and Yukon.

** Includes: Prosthodontic, Orthodontic, Periodontic, Oral Surgery, Endodontic, Pediatric Dentistry and specialty combined with general dentistry.

*** Includes: Community / Public Health, Hospital, Educational Facility, Dental Supply Company, Insurance Company, Regulatory body (e.g., provincial assoc.), Federal / Provincial / Territorial government, etc.

Hourly Wage by Type of Role – Aggregated – SK

Type of role (primary)	Number	Hourly Wage	
		Mean	Median
Chairside dental assistant intra-oral including specialties	250	\$31.37	\$31.00
Receptionist / administrator	36	\$32.43	\$32.00
Other*	47	\$37.85	\$38.30
Total	333	\$32.40	\$32.00

* Includes: Manager (office / program / department), Treatment coordinator, Dental educator, Financial coordinator, Insurance claims, Dental sales.