Health Worker Protests in Canada: A Descriptive Analysis of Protest Events from 2021–2022

Manifestations des travailleurs de la santé au Canada : analyse descriptive des événements de protestation en 2021 et 2022

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APPENDIX 1. Count of protest events by protest demands across Canadian provinces

Main Category of Protest Demand	Sub-Category of Protest Demand	*n*	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	Nvt.
Working Conditions and Remuneration	Compensation	48	1	—	—	—	12	28	1	—	5	1	—	—	—
Public Policy	Anti-vaccination	38	—	—	1	3	2	14	2	1	4	11	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Understaffing/ Patient Overload	19	1	—	4	1	—	1	1	—	4	7	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Privatisation	13	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
Public Policy	Anti-COVID Mitigation Strategies	13	—	1	1	—	—	6	2	1	2	—	—	—	—
Working Conditions and Remuneration	Union Contracts/ Negotiations	11	—	—	—	—	4	4	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Working Conditions and Remuneration	Working Conditions	8	2	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	Solidarity	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Spending/ Underfunding	4	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Quality of Care/ Facilities/Healthcare System	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Public Policy	Anti-Masking Policies	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Health System Capacity	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—

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Other	Recognition of Work/Sacrifice	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Health Service Delivery	Health Infrastructure	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Public Policy	Pro-COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
	All Other Sub-Categories*	19	1	—	1	1	2	8	—	—	4	2	—	—	—
Count**		—	6	2	7	7	29	74	8	4	31	30	0	0	0

* < = 2 counts each; e.g., provincial health coverage, health disparities, dismissal, violence towards health workers, job security, social and living supports, worker protections.

** protests double-counted if more than one sub-category identified