

Number of events for each fiscal year

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Total
Provincial EMS events	327,051	346,503	369,763	377,053	390,511	
Year-over-year increase/decrease (No.)		19,452	23,260	7,290	13,458	63,460
Year-over-year increase/decrease (%)		5.9%	6.7%	2.0%	3.6%	19.4%
Alberta Population	3,970,162	4,087,296	4,208,184	4,345,102	4,475,455	
Year-over-year increase/decrease (No.)		117,134	120,888	136,918	130,353	505,293
Year-over-year increase/decrease (%)		3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	3.0%	12.7%
Front-line ambulance services budget	\$316,760,741	\$334,642,161	\$336,840,356	\$341,477,313	\$349,941,872	
Year-over-year increase/decrease (No.)		\$17,881,420	\$2,198,195	\$4,636,957	\$8,464,559	\$33,181,131
Year-over-year increase/decrease (%)		5.6%	0.7%	1.4%	2.5%	10.5%
Front-line paramedic FTEs	1,810.84	1,887.05	1,882.95	1,889.24	1,873.18	
Year-over-year increase/decrease (No.)		76.2	-4.1	6.3	-16.1	62.3
Year-over-year increase/decrease (%)		4.2%	-0.2%	0.3%	-0.9%	3.4%
Average ambulances scheduled	319.2	321.1	322.3	328.6	328.6	
Year-over-year increase/decrease (No.)		1.9	1.2	6.3	0.0	9.4
Year-over-year increase/decrease (%)		0.6%	0.4%	2.0%	0.0%	2.9%

Source: Alberta Health Services following Freedom of Information request from HSAA

Notes:

- The freedom of information request was made in such a way that HSAA would be able to assess in any given fiscal year whether resources had kept up with population growth and the number of EMS events.
- Front-line ambulance services budget was provided by zone and only includes resources directly related to each and every zone (including ground ambulance contracts).
- As far as the Alberta population numbers are concerned, they were provided by AHS up to fiscal year 2015-2016. We added the 3% for fiscal year 2016-2017 since it has been the annual percentage growth over the last few years.
- Average ambulances scheduled means, according to Don Stewart, an average reflecting the fact that the number of scheduled ambulances fluctuates depending on time of day to align with EMS Demand. These counts were determined based on the ambulance levels documented on October 1st of each year (the half-way point of the fiscal year, so mid-fiscal year).
- The front-line paramedic FTE is based on average budgeted FTE for regular, regularized relief and relief employment classes. It includes EMRs, PCPs and ACPs.