

Canada MAID Growth: Verified Numbers

PBC printable infographic · official Health Canada data checked against a Facebook MAID video lead

16,499

MAID provisions in 2024

+202.1%

growth from 2019 to 2024

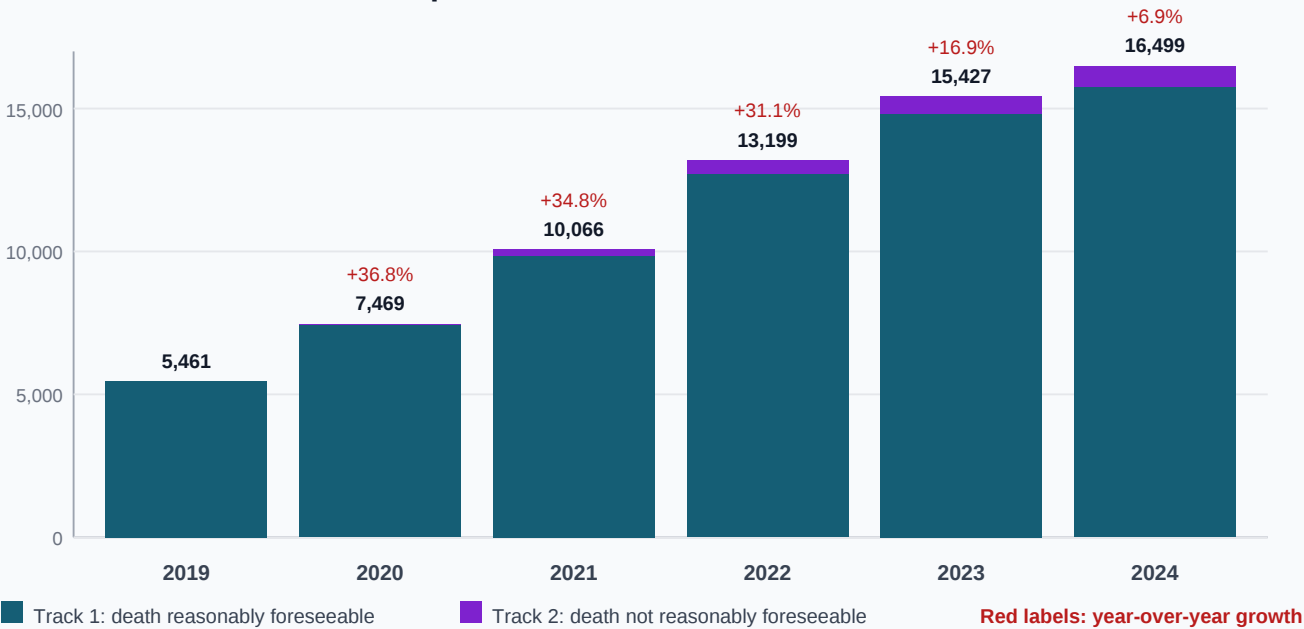
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2019–2024 increase multiple

5.1%

of Canadian deaths in 2024 involved MAID

Official Health Canada MAID provisions, 2019–2024



What the verified growth data shows

- The program has more than tripled in annual provisions between 2019 and 2024: 5,461 → 16,499.
- Annual growth slowed in the latest official report: +36.8% in 2020, down to +6.9% in 2024.
- Health Canada reports 76,475 MAID provisions since legalization in 2016.
- B.C. accounted for 2,997 provisions in 2024, 18.2% of Canada's 2024 MAID provisions.

Source: Health Canada Sixth Annual Report on MAID in Canada, 2024; Figure 2.2a and highlights. Public-interest research, not medical/legal advice.

Facebook Video Claim Check

The Facebook video raises serious moral and public-policy concerns. Some numerical claims align with official growth data; other claims mix Canadian MAID with U.S. execution-autopsy evidence and need careful labeling.

Claim	Label	Source check
"In 2021 it was 10,500; 2022 it's 13,000; 30% increase."	Mostly true, rough numbers	Health Canada figure shows 10,066 in 2021 and 13,199 in 2022: +31.1%.
"High rate is happening in British Columbia."	True with context	B.C. had 2,997 provisions in 2024, 18.2% of Canada total; Quebec/Ontario/B.C. together account for nearly 85%.
"Mental health is not included; stayed to 2027."	Mostly true	MAID where mental illness is the sole underlying condition has been delayed until March 17, 2027.
"They drown / waterboard people chemically to death."	Not proven for Canadian MAID by cited evidence	NPR/Zivot evidence concerns U.S. execution autopsies and pulmonary edema; it is not direct evidence from Canadian MAID recipients.
"Sodium thiopental is the key MAID drug."	Misleading for Canada	Canadian sources commonly report/use midazolam, propofol and rocuronium; CAMAP discusses thiopental in Netherlands protocol context.
"MAID is being offered to veterans instead of treatment."	Documented controversy, not blanket statistic	Veteran MAID-offer controversies exist, but the broad motive claim needs case-specific documentation.

Procedure / medication context

CAMAP's Canadian IV protocol lists midazolam for anxiolysis/sedation/amnesia, propofol for coma induction, and rocuronium or cisatracurium as neuromuscular blocking agents, with optional lidocaine and bupivacaine. CMAJ Open's Ontario/B.C. study found propofol, midazolam and rocuronium were the medications most often used, with median time from first injection to death of 9 minutes and complications reported in 1.2% of cases. NPR's pulmonary-edema story is about U.S. executions, not Canadian MAID recipients.

Data Table and Source Trail

Year	Track 1	Track 2	Total	YoY growth
2019	5,461	0	5,461	—
2020	7,451	18	7,469	+36.8%
2021	9,842	224	10,066	+34.8%
2022	12,730	469	13,199	+31.1%
2023	14,802	625	15,427	+16.9%
2024	15,767	732	16,499	+6.9%
2019→2024 total increase: +11,038 provisions / +202.1% / 3.02×				

Primary sources

- Health Canada — Sixth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada, 2024: official 2024 totals, Figure 2.2a, Track 1/Track 2 split, B.C. share, cumulative total since 2016.
- Health Canada — First Annual Report on MAID in Canada, 2019: early implementation context and 2016–2019 original reporting.
- CAMAP — Intravenous MAiD Medication Protocols in Canada, 2022: Canadian medication protocol context.
- CMAJ Open — Medications and dosages used in medical assistance in dying, 2022: real-world Ontario/B.C. medication use and complication data.
- NPR — Inmate Autopsies Reveal Troubling Effects Of Lethal Injection, 2020: source for pulmonary-edema/autopsy claim; U.S. execution context, not Canadian MAID data.
- Facebook source — Concerned Citizens Canada repost of Kelsie Sheren / Jordan Peterson discussion; treated as advocacy lead, not primary evidence.

Editorial note

PBC can fairly say Canada's MAID program has grown sharply and that 2024 official data show MAID now represents 5.1% of deaths in Canada. PBC should not state as proven that Canadian MAID recipients are "waterboarded to death" unless Canadian MAID autopsy/clinical evidence directly supports that wording. Safer wording: U.S. lethal-injection autopsy evidence raises a serious procedural concern, but the video's direct transfer of that claim to Canadian MAID is not established by the sources reviewed.