PRIMARY HEALTH SURVEY
Health of New Brunswickers

Community
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area

Zone 3
Fredericton and River Valley Area

Province
New Brunswick

Context: Social and economic factors

	Community	Zone 3	Province
Sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong %	2020	66.2	69.8	72.0
Provides long-term care for someone %	2020	10.2	7.9	9.1
Has internet access at home %	2020	92.5	97.4	96.9

📘 Health literacy
Understanding medical information

	Community	Zone 3	Province
Written information about condition/prescription is hard to understand, always or usually %	2020	14.4	11.3	12.3

☂ Medical and dental insurance

	Community	Zone 3	Province
No dental insurance %	2020	18.0	23.5	29.9
No insurance for eye glasses or contact lenses %	2020	19.5	22.3	26.6
No insurance for prescription medications %	2020	10.9	12.6	15.6

🧍 Social isolation and loneliness

	Community	Zone 3	Province
Lonely (based on loneliness score) %	2020	23.3	24.4	20.8
Lacks companionship, some of the time or often %	2020	37.3	39.5	36.6
Feels left out, some of the time or often %	2020	33.0	33.7	31.2
Feels isolated, some of the time or often %	2020	34.4	36.5	31.2

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Contributors to feelings of stress in the last 12 months			
Time pressures or not having enough time % | 2020	**38.1**	**41.5**	**38.6**
Physical health problem or condition % | 2020	**33.4**	**27.7**	**27.5**
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % | 2020	**32.5**	**24.9**	**23.2**
Financial situation % | 2020	**32.1**	**32.0**	**32.3**
Work situation % | 2020	**29.9**	**31.7**	**30.2**
School, college or university % | 2020	**7.5**	**10.0**	**7.7**
Employment status % | 2020	**15.8**	**13.7**	**12.9**
Caring for their own children % | 2020	**22.8**	**21.1**	**20.0**
Caring for others (parents, family or friends) % | 2020	**25.7**	**24.3**	**26.3**
Other personal or family responsibilities % | 2020	**29.7**	**26.0**	**24.5**
Personal relationships % | 2020	**18.7**	**21.2**	**20.4**
Discrimination % | 2020	**5.9**	**4.6**	**4.6**
Personal safety or family's safety % | 2020	**16.9**	**13.5**	**12.0**
Health of family members % | 2020	**36.2**	**39.6**	**40.2**

Health status

★ Quality of life

Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied % | 2020	**86.4**	**90.8**	**90.8**
Perceived health, very good or excellent % | 2020	**40.7**	**42.7**	**39.5**
Perceived mental health, very good or excellent % | 2020	**47.6**	**49.5**	**49.8**

Self-reported height and weight

Obesity % | 2020	**38.1**	**35.5**	**34.1**

	Community Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	Zone 3 Fredericton and River Valley Area	Province New Brunswick
📋 Prevalence of chronic health conditions			
Among list of chronic conditions: arthritis, asthma, chronic pain, emphysema or COPD, cancer, diabetes, depression, mood disorder other than depression, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, gastric reflux			
One or more chronic health conditions % | 2020	**61.6**	**64.6**	**64.7**
Three or more chronic health conditions % | 2020	**24.9**	**23.6**	**23.1**
🧍 Types of chronic health conditions (physical health)			
Arthritis % | 2020	**20.0**	**19.4**	**19.2**
Asthma % | 2020	**11.6**	**13.4**	**11.8**
Chronic pain % | 2020	**26.5**	**18.4**	**17.6**
Emphysema/COPD % | 2020	**2.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Cancer % | 2020	**6.5**	**7.9**	**8.8**
Diabetes % | 2020	**9.5**	**11.8**	**12.0**
Heart disease % | 2020	**6.4**	**9.0**	**9.6**
Stroke % | 2020	**1.5**	**2.3**	**2.5**
Hypertension % | 2020	**19.7**	**28.9**	**29.8**
Gastric reflux % | 2020	**17.1**	**16.2**	**16.6**
High cholesterol % | 2020	**14.5**	**18.4**	**20.7**
🌩 Types of chronic health conditions (mental health)			
Depression % | 2020	**26.1**	**18.5**	**17.3**
Anxiety % | 2020	**22.7**	**18.9**	**19.2**
Mood disorder (other than depression) % | 2020	**4.8**	**2.9**	**3.2**
🧠 Types of chronic health conditions (memory)			
Someone in household has memory problem % | 2020	**17.3**	**12.1**	**10.4**

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... Memory problem interferes with day-to-day function % | 2020	8.8	4.9	4.1

Management of chronic health conditions

Confidence in managing their health condition, very confident % | 2020	45.0	43.3	41.4
Knows how to try to prevent further problems with health condition, strongly agree % | 2020	41.0	37.5	35.6

Injury in the last 12 months

Has been injured and had to be treated % | 2020	19.0	14.9	16.3

Disability

Limited in activities because of a physical or mental condition or a health problem, sometimes or often % | 2020	28.9	27.1	25.1
Developmental disability % | 2020	3.6	4.8	4.0
Dexterity disability % | 2020	26.8	25.2	24.5
Flexibility disability % | 2020	58.4	57.5	54.1
Hearing disability % | 2020	22.8	19.5	18.4
Learning disability % | 2020	28.2	18.2	18.0
Memory disability % | 2020	33.3	26.6	25.9
Mental health-related disability % | 2020	56.2	29.1	30.4
Mobility disability % | 2020	64.9	57.1	56.5
Pain-related disability % | 2020	77.0	70.5	72.4
Seeing disability % | 2020	18.2	19.3	19.3
Chronic health condition % | 2020	80.8	82.6	78.5

Health promotion and prevention

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Talks to health professional about improving health and preventing illness, always or usually % | 2020	26.0	26.6	26.3

💉 Flu shot in the last 12 months

Adults % | 2020	51.3	51.6	46.5
Seniors % | 2020	73.9	73.8	66.5

💗 Screening in the last 12 months
For citizens with diabetes, heart disease, stroke or high blood pressure

Had measurement for blood pressure % | 2020	91.9	90.0	88.3
Had test for blood sugar % | 2020	74.8	66.1	69.8
Had measurement for body weight % | 2020	52.5	51.1	53.4
Had test for cholesterol % | 2020	64.4	66.2	69.5

Health behaviours

🍎 Habits and beliefs

Believes their health largely depends on how well they take care of themselves, strongly agrees % | 2020	64.8	60.9	59.1
Exercises at least 2.5 hours per week % | 2020	50.9	52.5	49.9
Eats 5 or more servings of fruit or vegetables per day % | 2020	50.7	43.6	41.9
Usually sleeps for 7 hours or more each night % | 2020	50.3	60.2	59.1

🚬 Use of tobacco

Daily smoker % | 2020	18.1	11.9	12.1
Daily or occasional smoker % | 2020	24.1	17.8	17.5

🌿 Use of cannabis

In the last 12 months % | 2020	31.7	26.8	24.4

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...For non-medical purposes % | 2020	22.8	41.2	49.3
...For medical purposes % | 2020	39.4	26.9	23.5
...For both medical and non-medical purposes % | 2020	37.8	33.2	30.1
In the last 12 months, daily % | 2020	17.7	9.9	7.6

🍾 Use of alcohol in the last 12 months

	Community Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	Zone 3 Fredericton and River Valley Area	Province New Brunswick
Heavy drinking % | 2020	25.9	23.9	26.9
Heavy drinking (men) % | 2020	28.0	28.7	31.4
Heavy drinking (women) % | 2020	28.3	19.2	20.0

Medication

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Takes 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis % | 2020	11.1	10.8	11.4
Has a chronic health condition and takes 6 or more prescription medications on a regular basis % | 2020	17.9	16.8	17.6
…. Knows what their prescribed medications do, strongly agrees % | 2020	59.4	54.8	49.6

About this Table

Content and description
Data on self-reported information regarding New Brunswickers' demographic context, determinants of health and health status. Topics include: age, sex, gender, immigration status, education and health literacy, economic and social factors, as well as self-reported health status, prevention efforts, health behaviours and use of medication.

Why it is important
By better understanding the determinants of health and the health of New Brunswickers, we can better assess the needs of the population, better plan for health services and allocate resources accordingly.

Availability of the data
The information for this data table is available at different geographical levels as well as by demographic groups. More information is available on our Primary Health Survey page.

Note about 2020 data
The 2020 edition of the Primary Health Survey (PHS) was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the pandemic did not influence the survey's response rate, the NBHC had to assess the impact of surveying during the pandemic. Accordingly, advanced statistical analyses were performed to allow for comparison between the results obtained in 2020 and those obtained in previous PHS cycles. Some indicators had to be suppressed in the 2020 edition as part of this process. Despite these analyses, users are advised to use the 2020 data with caution, especially when creating estimates for small sub-populations or when comparing it to other PHS editions.

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size

⚑ Above-average performance

⚑ Below-average performance