

## PRIMARY HEALTH SURVEY

# **Experience with health services**







**Province** New Brunswick

Has a family doctor %   2020	76.5	80.4	8
And a nurse is regularly involved in their health care $\%\mid$ 2020	31.3	32.3	2
And can see other health professionals at family doctor's office $\%$ $\mid$ 2020	15.7	18.9	,
Most often goes to their family doctor when sick or in need of care $\% \mid 2020$	56.7	59.5	
Availability			
Office is easy to reach during regular practice hours, very or somewhat $\% \mid 2020$	61.9	69.1	
There is an after-hours arrangement to see another primary care provider when office is closed %   2020	15.3	15.3	
There are extended office hours (after 5 pm or on weekends) %   2020	19.9	20.8	
Makes home visits %   2020	3.5	6.4	
Visits in the last 12 months			
Saw their family doctor %   2020	86.2	86.7	1
Average number of visits Number   2020	2.7	2.9	



Within 5 days %   2020	Community Fredericton	Zone 3 Fredericton and River Valley Area 52.4	Province New Brunswick 50.8
Experience and communication: Family doctorGives them enough time to discuss, always %   2020	67.9	68.4	66.9
Limits the number of problems that can be discussed in a visit %   2020	38.4	27.5	24.2
Explains things in a way that they can understand, always %   2020	74.5	76.4	75.7
Involves them in decisions about their health care, always $\% \mid$ 2020	72.2	75.8	71.8
Helps them coordinate the care from other providers, always $\% \mid$ 2020	66.5	67.6	68.7
Seemed informed about the care they needed after their hospital stay $\%\mid$ 2020	96.6	93.8	88.2
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	78.9	80.2	81.5
Nurse practitioner			
Has a nurse practitioner %   2020	14.5	12.5	12.0
Has a nurse practitioner as their primary care provider %   2020	5.9	5.7	4.4
And a nurse is regularly involved in their health care %   2020	28.1	22.7	19.7
And can see other health professionals at nurse practitioner's office $\% \mid$ 2020	39.4	44.6	40.1
<b>a</b> Availability			
Office is easy to reach during regular practice hours, very or somewhat $\% \mid 2020$	64.7	73.2	72.7
There is an after-hours arrangement to see another primary care provider when office is closed %   2020	11.8	9.1	12.5
There are extended office hours (after 5 pm or on weekends) %   2020	38.7	26.6	16.6
Makes home visits %   2020	S	S	4.3

# → Visits in the last 12 months



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Saw their nurse practitioner %   2020	93.4	95.3	92.9
Average number of visits Number   2020	3.2	3.1	3.4
Wait time for an appointment			
Same day or next day %   2020	16.6	20.4	18.7
Within 5 days %   2020	50.6	53.0	51.7
Experience and communication: Nurse practitioner			
Gives them enough time to discuss, always $\% \mid$ 2020	72.7	75.1	73.1
Limits the number of problems that can be discussed in a visit %   2020	S	15.0	13.9
Explains things in a way that they can understand, always $\% \mid 2020$	79.1	80.7	82.1
Involves them in decisions about their health care, always %   2020	86.2	78.9	79.7
Helps them coordinate the care from other providers, always %   2020	76.5	83.2	77.3
Seemed informed about the care they needed after their hospital stay $\%\mid$ 2020	S	S	88.7
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	81.4	80.4	79.8
fter-hours or walk-in clinic			
Most often goes to an after-hours clinic or walk-in when sick or in need of care $\% \mid 2020$	27.9	17.2	20.5
Visits in the last 12 months			
Visited an after-hours or walk-in clinic %   2020	40.5	27.7	35.1
Average number of visits Number   2020	0.7	0.6	0.8
Experience of care			
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) $\% \mid$ 2020	55.3	58.0	63.6



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Visits in the last 12 months			
Visited a community health centre %   2020	16.6	13.2	1
Average number of visits Number   2020	0.3	0.4	
Experience of care			
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	74.3	75.2	7
ele-Care 811			
Calls in the last 12 months			
Called Tele-Care 811 %   2020	21.9	18.9	1
Average number of calls Number   2020	0.4	0.3	
Experience of care			
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	76.6	69.9	7
ospital emergency department / Ambulance se	ervices		
Hospital emergency department			
Most often goes to the ER when sick or in need of care %   2020	7.4	9.9	1
Visited the hospital emergency department in the last 12 months $\% \mid$ 2020	28.7	33.8	3
	0.6	0.7	
Average number of visits to the hospital emergency department in the last 12 months Number   2020			
	63.7	69.9	6



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Ambulance services			
Used ambulance services in the last 12 months %   2020	5.1	6.4	6.8
Average number of calls for ambulance services in the last 12 months Number   2020	0.1	0.1	0.1
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	91.2	87.1	90.4
Cost for ambulance services was too high %   2020	18.6	17.2	22.7
harmacists and medications			
Citizens who take prescription medications			
Takes 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis %   2020	8.5	10.8	11.4
A pharmacist helps them the most in understanding how to take their medications $\% \mid$ 2020	69.8	67.5	70.1
$\dots$ Among those with a chronic health condition $\% \mid$ 2020	71.1	67.9	70.6
Costs			
Did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses, because of the cost $\% \mid$ 2020	4.8	5.0	5.8
ospitals			
Admissions in the last 12 months			
Was admitted to a hospital or health facility %   2020	8.0	7.8	10.5
lental health			
Need for care in the last 12 months			
Needed to talk to a health professional about their mental health $\% \mid 2020$	16.3	17.1	18.2
But did not see someone %   2020	27.9	29.3	32.6



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Reasons for not seeing a mental health professional			
Services not available in area %   2020	S	20.9	13.7
Wait time for services was too long %   2020	S	29.2	23.8
Was too busy %   2020	S	19.4	25.4
Services not available at a convenient time %   2020	S	18.9	16.3
Could not afford the cost or insurance did not cover enough %   2020	S	12.3	17.7
Did not know how or where to get help %   2020	S	24.4	19.8
Was concerned about what others would think %   2020	S	22.5	15.3
Other reasons %   2020	S	19.5	28.6
Experience of care  Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	71.7	69.0	70.0
Specialists and diagnostic tests in the last 12	months		
Specialists			
Has seen a specialist in the last 12 months $\% \mid$ 2020	36.2	35.5	40.6
For the first time %   2020	17.4	16.1	17.9
Waited less than 1 month for a first visit %   2020	36.9	39.2	40.7
Favourable rating of services received (8, 9 or 10 out of 10) %   2020	80.5	80.6	83.7
Diagnostic tests in a non-emergency situation			
Has required a diagnostic test %   2020	17.5	18.0	21.4
Waited less than 1 month for a diagnostic test %   2020	54.5	53.6	52.3



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4.4	3.9
2.8	3.0
	4.4



# **About this Table**

## Content and description

Data about the experience citizens reported throughout their journey while interacting with the New Brunswick health system.

Indicators are organized by the different types of services and capture citizens' reported experience regarding availability, visits, wait times, communication and overall care. These services include: Family doctors, nurse practitioners, after-hours or walk-in clinic, community health centres, Tele-Care 811, hospital emergency room and ambulance services, pharmacists and medication, hospitals, mental health, specialists and diagnostic tests, dentists and home care services.

#### Why it is important

By better understanding the experience of citizens using each type of health service, we can better assess the quality of programs and services.

### 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 <u>Primary Health Survey</u> 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

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