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Unit:%

	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014
Province			
New Brunswick	40.7	44.7	49.9
Health zones			
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	37.2	48.6	47.8
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	41.3	44.4	50.6
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	39.2	41.6	51.9
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	55.7	50.7	53.9
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	35.1	35.2	50.9
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	44.5	41.1	46.1
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	40.7	45.3	52.5
Communities			
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	49.4	43.6	54.0
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	32.1	42.9	40.1
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	37.9	34.2	60.1
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	40.6	50.0	43.9
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	32.7	35.9	41.9
Dieppe and Memramcook	43.5	49.0	43.8
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	49.5	43.3	49.8
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	60.3	51.2	56.0
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	38.1	41.5	47.6
Fredericton	36.9	42.4	55.5
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	43.0	33.6	52.4



	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	50.6	43.6	49.4
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	39.9	43.4	44.7
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	43.1	63.6	56.7
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	40.2	40.7	53.6
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	39.1	43.8	50.9
Moncton	39.1	49.1	48.8
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	39.9	34.3	47.7
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	S	S	58.6
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	41.9	35.8	47.4
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	35.7	40.0	55.6
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	41.6	61.2	54.8
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	43.4	41.4	46.8
Riverview and Coverdale	41.9	51.1	55.3
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	32.9	50.6	54.1
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	35.6	49.5	54.1
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	41.9	55.2	56.1
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	28.2	47.3	43.2
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	39.0	27.8	32.8
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	25.4	49.5	52.2
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	45.6	34.0	47.5
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	48.8	38.5	45.2
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	41.3	42.0	44.2
Age			

18-64	40.2	44.1	50.1

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	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014
65 and over	42.5	46.7	49.2
Sex at birth			
Female	40.3	41.6	49.2
Male	41.7	49.1	50.8
Sexual identity			
Minority sexual identity	39.4	n/a	n/a
Heterosexual	41.0	n/a	n/a
Language			
Preferred language of service: English	39.5	44.5	50.9
Preferred language of service: French	44.6	44.2	46.7
Indigenous identity			
Indigenous	51.0	40.7	53.3
Non-Indigenous	40.4	44.8	49.8
Immigrant			
Immigrants	40.3	47.1	n/a
Non-immigrants	41.2	44.6	n/a
Education level			
High school or less	41.5	46.7	53.6
Postsecondary	40.6	43.4	47.6
Household income			
Less than \$25,000	42.6	48.2	50.3
\$25,000 to less than \$60,000	44.4	47.0	51.4
\$60,000 or more	38.8	40.3	47.8

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	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014	
Persons with a disability				
Without disability	42.4	45.9	50.7	
With disability	38.4	42.0	48.0	



About

This indicator is the percentage of citizens [having seen a specialist for the first time in the past 12 months] who waited less than 1 month for a first visit with a specialist.

Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

Calculations

This indicator is based on respondents who have seen a specialist for the first time in the last 12 months . This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "less than one week or from one week to less than one month" by the number of respondents who answered "less than one week, from one week to less than one month, from one month to less than 3 months, from 3 months to less than 6 months, from 6 months to less than one year or one year or more" to the question: Thinking of the specialist (the most recent specialist) you saw for the first time in the last 12 months, how long did you have to wait between the referral and your first visit with this specialist?

Notes

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, 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. Despite these analyses, users are advised to use the PHS 2020 data with caution, especially when creating estimates for small sub-populations or when comparing it to other PHS editions.

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