

Citizens who reported that they did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses of their medicine because of the cost in the last 12 months

Unit: %

Unit: %	Year 2024	Year 2023	Year 2020
Province	2024	2020	2020
New Brunswick	9.2	8.9	5.8
Health zones			
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	8.1	8.8	6.4
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	9.0	8.7	5.8
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	10.4	8.9	5.0
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	6.9	6.8	7.0
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	9.0	9.1	6.0
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	10.3	10.0	5.3
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	11.0	11.3	5.2
Age			
18-64	11.3	10.7	6.7
65 and over	3.6	4.3	3.3
Gender			
Female	10.8	10.0	n/a
Male	6.9	7.3	n/a
2SLGBTQIA+ status			
2SLGBTQIA+	24.4	21.5	16.8
Language			
Most comfortable in English	10.0	10.0	n/a
Most comfortable in French	7.0	6.1	n/a



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Racialized groups	\$30,000 to less than \$60,000	12.7	10.7	n/a
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About

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Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "yes" by the number of respondents who answered "yes or no" to the question: Now think of any difficulties you may have experienced in getting the health care services you needed in the last 12 months. In the last 12 months, did you: g) Not fill a prescription for medicine, or skip doses of your medicine because of the cost

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 subpopulations or when comparing it to other PHS editions.

Unit	Interpretation	NBHC code
%	Lower is better	PH BARFN 1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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