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	Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	88.6	90.1	87.7	86.8
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	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014	Year 2011
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	87.8	84.3	89.6	81.2
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	87.7	95.4	95.5	93.6
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	84.5	89.9	90.8	87.3
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	96.8	90.5	95.7	91.3
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	92.7	92.7	92.0	87.2
Moncton	92.1	91.9	92.5	87.9
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	90.8	94.0	93.7	88.5
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	86.1	86.4	89.5	87.3
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	93.7	91.1	89.8	91.4
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	90.9	91.6	92.2	92.9
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	96.0	92.2	88.7	88.7
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	93.8	92.8	89.6	90.1
Riverview and Coverdale	94.7	93.4	94.1	89.1
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	92.1	92.6	91.0	91.6
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	91.4	89.8	92.3	89.6
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	95.4	94.7	92.7	89.3
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	92.2	91.2	90.7	88.4
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	85.8	89.3	86.0	86.8
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	92.1	85.6	92.5	88.0
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	91.2	91.3	89.9	92.2
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	93.7	92.4	92.1	89.5
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	89.5	89.3	87.2	86.1
Age				
18-64	91.2	91.1	90.7	88.5



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65 and over	93.3	91.2	92.5	90.1
Sex at birth				
Female	91.9	91.4	91.6	88.8
Male	91.5	90.9	90.4	88.7
Sexual identity				
Minority sexual identity	87.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heterosexual	92.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Language				
Preferred language of service: English	92.4	91.5	91.5	89.7
Preferred language of service: French	90.0	90.3	89.7	87.3
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	84.5	85.4	85.7	81.1
Non-Indigenous	92.0	91.5	91.2	89.1
Immigrant				
Immigrants	87.3	86.0	n/a	n/a
Non-immigrants	92.1	91.5	n/a	n/a
Education level				
High school or less	90.2	88.5	88.5	87.0
Postsecondary	92.6	93.0	92.6	90.2
Household income				
Less than \$25,000	86.6	85.7	86.5	85.2
\$25,000 to less than \$60,000	91.8	90.9	90.7	88.9
\$60,000 or more	94.0	94.4	93.4	91.0



	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014	Year 2011
Persons with a disability				
Without disability	92.9	91.8	91.7	n/a
With disability	88.4	89.3	88.9	n/a



About

This indicator is the percentage of citizens who reported that verbal information about a medical condition or a prescription is always or usually easy to understand.

Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "usually or always" by the number of respondents who answered "never, rarely, sometimes, usually or always" to the question: when learning about a medical condition or a prescription, how often was it verbally explained to you in a way that you could understand?

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
%	Higher is better	PH COMOA 1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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