Citizens who take 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis

Unit : %

	Year 2020	Year 2017
Province		
New Brunswick	11.4	10.2
Health zones		
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	9.5	9.3
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	11.0	9.9
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	10.8	9.9
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	14.5	11.0
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	17.3	15.3
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	13.6	12.5
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	12.2	8.9
Communities		
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	14.6	11.4
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	10.5	9.3
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	19.5	20.2
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	10.4	9.9
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	15.0	11.0
Dieppe and Memramcook	7.6	8.5
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	10.4	11.0
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	14.7	10.8
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	12.4	10.3
Fredericton	8.5	7.7
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	11.8	9.3

	Year 2020	Year 2017
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	13.4	12.1
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	12.5	7.3
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	17.0	8.8
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	18.1	17.3
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	12.6	9.0
Moncton	8.6	9.1
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	12.1	12.4
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	10.2	8.3
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	8.7	6.4
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	11.1	13.7
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	16.6	13.5
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	7.7	7.7
Riverview and Coverdale	10.8	8.1
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	10.5	13.0
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	12.1	11.0
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	14.3	6.9
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	10.3	10.6
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	14.0	14.4
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	11.6	9.0
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	13.1	11.7
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	10.7	9.6
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	14.0	15.1

Age

	Year 2020	Year 2017
18-64	7.1	6.6

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	Year 2020	Year 2017
65 and over	**23.2**	**21.4**
Sex at birth		
Female	**11.8**	**10.6**
Male	**10.6**	**9.8**
Sexual identity		
Minority sexual identity	**11.4**	n/a
Heterosexual	**11.2**	n/a
Language		
Preferred language of service: English	**11.1**	**10.2**
Preferred language of service: French	**12.0**	**10.2**
Indigenous identity		
Indigenous	**12.8**	**15.9**
Non-Indigenous	**11.3**	**9.9**
Immigrant		
Immigrants	**5.2**	**5.9**
Non-immigrants	**11.5**	**10.4**
Education level		
High school or less	**15.3**	**14.5**
Postsecondary	**8.9**	**7.3**
Household income		
Less than $25,000	**21.3**	**19.2**
$25,000 to less than $60,000	**12.7**	**10.8**
$60,000 or more	**6.6**	**5.3**

	Year 2020	Year 2017
Persons with a disability		
Without disability	**5.0**	**4.4**
With disability	**30.5**	**29.9**

About

This indicator is the percentage of citizens who take 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis.

Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "6 to 8 or more than 8" by the number of respondents who answered "0, 1, 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8 or more than 8" to the question: How many different prescription medications are you taking on a regular or ongoing basis?

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.

Unit	Interpretation	NBHC code
%	Lower is better	PH_MED01_1

Caption
n/a = Not applicable / not available
S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size