

Citizens who have one or more chronic health conditions (among list of 12 conditions) who reported taking 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis

Unit : %

	Year 2023	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014
Province				
New Brunswick	17.4	17.6	16.4	15.2
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	15.3	14.8	15.4	13.9
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	18.8	17.0	16.2	12.4
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	15.0	16.8	15.4	15.0
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	20.9	22.7	19.3	18.7
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	25.7	24.6	22.1	24.0
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	21.1	21.4	19.6	19.3
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	18.4	17.8	13.4	15.8
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	n/a	21.5	17.6	17.1
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	n/a	15.2	14.6	15.0
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	n/a	27.4	28.8	22.1
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	n/a	17.3	17.0	20.3
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	n/a	21.8	16.1	25.7
Dieppe and Memramcook	n/a	13.1	15.1	9.9
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	n/a	16.2	16.3	12.5
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	n/a	22.3	19.5	18.8
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	n/a	18.1	15.2	17.4
Fredericton	n/a	14.5	12.9	15.3

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Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	n/a	20.8	18.9	18.3
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	n/a	18.9	12.8	19.8
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	n/a	31.2	20.0	19.0
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	n/a	21.2	23.3	19.6
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	n/a	18.0	13.6	15.9
Moncton	n/a	13.6	15.7	14.9
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	n/a	15.4	17.7	14.3
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	n/a	16.5	12.1	15.1
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	n/a	13.9	10.0	12.0
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	n/a	17.9	21.6	13.8
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	n/a	25.6	19.9	15.8
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	n/a	13.4	14.1	9.7
Riverview and Coverdale	n/a	16.3	12.2	12.4
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	n/a	15.5	18.8	18.8
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	n/a	18.2	17.5	12.3
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	n/a	21.7	11.8	16.2
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	n/a	15.6	17.6	11.9
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	n/a	23.6	23.1	23.7
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	n/a	16.3	14.7	18.7
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	n/a	19.7	17.2	14.7
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	n/a	16.4	15.2	12.8
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	n/a	22.7	22.6	18.9
Age				
18-64	12.5	12.4	12.0	11.8

	Year 2023	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014
65 and over	26.4	26.6	25.2	24.3
Gender				
Female	16.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Male	19.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	14.6	16.8	n/a	n/a
Language				
Most comfortable in English	17.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Most comfortable in French	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Comfortable in both English and French	15.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	19.7	19.9	23.2	19.0
Immigrant				
Immigrants	9.0	10.9	14.1	n/a
Education level				
High school or less	22.3	21.0	21.0	19.1
Postsecondary	15.1	14.9	12.7	12.3
Disability or special need				
Disability or special need	37.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	28.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$30,000 to less than \$60,000	19.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$60,000 or more	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Racialized groups				
Racialized groups	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

About

This indicator is the percentage of citizens who have one or more chronic health conditions (among list of 12 conditions) who reported taking 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis.

Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

Calculations

This indicator is based on respondents who have one (1) or more of the following chronic health conditions: arthritis, asthma, chronic pain, Emphysema or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), cancer, diabetes, depression, A mood disorder other than depression, such as bipolar disorder, mania, manic depression, or dysthymia, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure or hypertension or gastric reflux (GERD). This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who said they take "6 or more prescribed medications" by the "total number of respondents who entered a valid response" 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_2

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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