

Citizens [who have been diagnosed or treated for one (1) or more of the 12 first chronic health conditions in the questionnaire] who take 6 or more different prescription medications on a regular basis

Unit : %

	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014	Year 2011
Province				
New Brunswick	17.6	16.4	15.2	12.4
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	14.8	15.4	13.9	11.7
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	17.0	16.2	12.4	11.3
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	16.8	15.4	15.0	13.1
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	22.7	19.3	18.7	16.1
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	24.6	22.1	24.0	16.2
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	21.4	19.6	19.3	12.6
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	17.8	13.4	15.8	10.7
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	21.5	17.6	17.1	11.7
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	15.2	14.6	15.0	14.0
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	27.4	28.8	22.1	17.1
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	17.3	17.0	20.3	11.3
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	21.8	16.1	25.7	15.5
Dieppe and Memramcook	13.1	15.1	9.9	7.6
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	16.2	16.3	12.5	12.5
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	22.3	19.5	18.8	17.4
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	18.1	15.2	17.4	12.5
Fredericton	14.5	12.9	15.3	15.9

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Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	18.2	15.8	8.9	11.9
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	20.8	18.9	18.3	17.0
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	18.9	12.8	19.8	11.6
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	31.2	20.0	19.0	7.6
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	21.2	23.3	19.6	13.0
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	18.0	13.6	15.9	10.5
Moncton	13.6	15.7	14.9	12.7
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	15.4	17.7	14.3	10.2
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	16.5	12.1	15.1	11.4
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	13.9	10.0	12.0	10.4
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	17.9	21.6	13.8	11.6
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	25.6	19.9	15.8	18.3
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	13.4	14.1	9.7	9.2
Riverview and Coverdale	16.3	12.2	12.4	10.9
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	15.5	18.8	18.8	10.6
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	18.2	17.5	12.3	11.9
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	21.7	11.8	16.2	14.9
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	15.6	17.6	11.9	10.3
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	23.6	23.1	23.7	11.6
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	16.3	14.7	18.7	12.9
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	19.7	17.2	14.7	10.5
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	16.4	15.2	12.8	11.8
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	22.7	22.6	18.9	17.3

Age

	Year 2020	Year 2017	Year 2014	Year 2011
18-64	12.4	12.0	11.8	8.9
65 and over	26.6	25.2	24.3	22.7
Sex at birth				
Female	17.6	16.3	15.4	12.8
Male	17.1	16.5	15.1	12.0
Sexual identity				
Minority sexual identity	16.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heterosexual	17.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Language				
Preferred language of service: English	16.8	15.9	14.8	13.0
Preferred language of service: French	19.6	18.1	15.9	12.0
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	19.9	23.2	19.0	13.5
Non-Indigenous	17.4	16.0	15.1	12.4
Immigrant				
Immigrants	10.9	14.1	n/a	n/a
Non-immigrants	17.4	16.5	n/a	n/a
Education level				
High school or less	21.0	21.0	19.1	16.1
Postsecondary	14.9	12.7	12.3	9.2
Household income				
Less than \$25,000	28.1	27.0	25.5	20.8
\$25,000 to less than \$60,000	18.5	16.5	15.8	12.3

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\$60,000 or more	11.2	9.7	8.1	6.7

Persons with a disability

Without disability	9.0	8.0	7.0	n/a
With disability	33.2	33.2	32.3	n/a

About

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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 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_2

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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