Citizens who felt they needed to see or talk to a health professional about their mental or emotional health, or about the use of alcohol or drugs in the last 12 months but did not because they could not afford the cost, or insurance did not cover enough

Unit:%

	<b>Year</b> 2024	<b>Year</b> 2023	<b>Year</b> 2022	<b>Year</b> 2020
Province New Brunswick	37.2	40.9	33.2	17.7
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	28.1	42.9	45.3	24.3
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	40.2	46.6	32.2	18.7
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	47.6	37.3	18.1	12.3
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	S	S	S	S
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	S	S	S	S
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	S	S	S	15.4
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	S	S	S	S
Age				
18-64	37.9	43.6	34.8	18.4
65 and over	30.4	20.5	19.5	9.3
Gender				
Female	43.6	45.9	31.9	n/a
Male	27.3	36.0	35.2	n/a
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	S	S	S	S
Language				
Most comfortable in English	40.5	41.6	n/a	n/a

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	<b>Year</b> 2024	<b>Year</b> 2023	<b>Year</b> 2022	<b>Year</b> 2020
Most comfortable in French	31.7	33.6	n/a	n/a
Comfortable in both English and French	27.7	S	n/a	n/a
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	S	S	S	S
Immigrant				
Immigrants	S	S	S	31.7
Education level				
High school or less	38.1	52.1	40.3	22.5
Postsecondary	37.3	36.6	30.4	15.2
Disability or special need				
Disability or special need	58.1	33.3	n/a	n/a
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	58.2	47.9	n/a	n/a
\$30,000 to less than \$60,000	41.4	53.7	n/a	n/a
\$60,000 or more	26.7	32.2	n/a	n/a
Racialized groups				
Racialized groups	S	S	n/a	n/a



# About

This indicator is the percentage of citizens who felt they needed to see or talk to a health professional about their mental or emotional health, or about the use of alcohol or drugs in the last 12 months but did not because they could not afford the cost, or insurance did not cover enough.

### Source

Primary Health Survey and Primary Care Survey

## Calculations

This indicator is based on respondents who felt that they needed to see or talk to a health professional in the last 12 months about their mental or emotional health, or their use of alcohol or drugs and who didn't. 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: In the last 12 months, why didn't you see or talk to a doctor, nurse or other health professional about your mental or emotional health, or about the use of alcohol or drugs? e) I could not afford the cost, or insurance did not cover enough

#### 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 %

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#### Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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