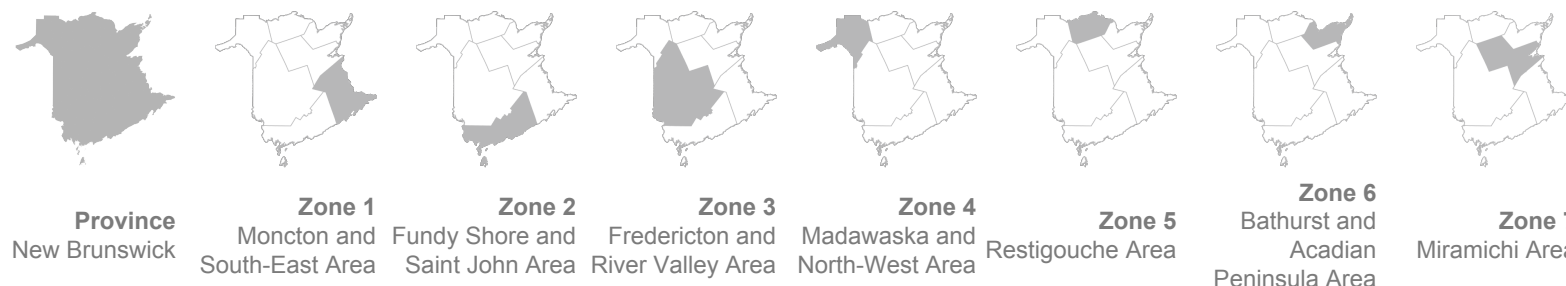


PRIMARY CARE SURVEY

Needs of New Brunswickers



Health status

Quality of life

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| Perceived health, very good or excellent % 2023 | 38.3 | 40.1 | 36.0 | 38.0 | 40.3 | 36.1 | 40.3 | 33.4 |
| Perceived mental health, very good or excellent % 2023 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 43.3 | 37.4 | 52.2 | 49.0 | 46.5 | 41.1 |

Prevalence of chronic health conditions

Based on this list of chronic health conditions: arthritis, asthma, chronic pain, emphysema or COPD, cancer, diabetes, depression, mood disorder other than depression, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, gastric reflux

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| No chronic health condition % 2023 | 32.2 | 34.9 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 37.3 | 29.3 | 30.0 | 25.9 |
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| One or more chronic health conditions % 2023 | 67.8 | 65.1 | 68.7 | 69.0 | 62.7 | 70.7 | 70.0 | 74.1 |
| Three or more chronic health conditions % 2023 | 24.9 | 22.8 | 25.6 | 24.4 | 22.9 | 27.6 | 27.4 | 32.3 |
| Types of chronic health conditions (physical health) | | | | | | | | |
| Hypertension % 2023 | 29.0 | 28.1 | 29.0 | 25.9 | 28.3 | 33.4 | 33.0 | 37.8 |
| High cholesterol % 2023 | 21.7 | 19.7 | 22.8 | 18.5 | 25.7 | 30.1 | 25.5 | 24.3 |
| Chronic pain % 2023 | 20.2 | 18.3 | 21.3 | 19.1 | 19.9 | 22.4 | 24.3 | 22.9 |
| Arthritis % 2023 | 21.2 | 17.7 | 26.3 | 20.4 | 16.3 | 26.2 | 20.3 | 26.6 |
| Gastric reflux % 2023 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 15.0 | 23.0 | 27.0 | 22.6 |
| Diabetes % 2023 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 15.6 |
| Asthma % 2023 | 12.4 | 9.8 | 12.0 | 15.4 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 11.8 |
| Cancer % 2023 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 9.9 | 10.4 |
| Heart disease % 2023 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 14.2 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 11.3 |
| Emphysema/COPD % 2023 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 5.0 |
| Stroke % 2023 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 1.8 | S | 4.8 |

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Types of chronic health conditions (mental health)

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| Anxiety % 2023 | 24.6 | 25.9 | 23.7 | 25.7 | 16.8 | 22.1 | 23.9 | 27.1 |
| Depression % 2023 | 19.8 | 19.9 | 19.5 | 22.9 | 12.1 | 16.4 | 17.1 | 22.3 |
| Mood disorder (other than depression) % 2023 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 5.9 |

Management of chronic health conditions

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| Confidence in managing their health conditions, very confident % 2023 | 33.7 | 31.3 | 36.0 | 30.2 | 35.3 | 37.7 | 40.4 | 35.2 |
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Medications

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| Has a chronic health condition and takes 6 or more different medications on regular basis % 2023 | 17.4 | 15.3 | 18.8 | 15.0 | 20.9 | 25.7 | 21.1 | 18.4 |
| ... Knows what their prescribed medications do, strongly agree % 2023 | 47.8 | 53.1 | 43.9 | 41.7 | 55.3 | 53.9 | 49.3 | 47.9 |

Mental health and substance use services in the last 12 months

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| Need for care | | | | | | | | |
| Felt the need to talk to a health professional % 2023 | 22.3 | 23.8 | 21.5 | 26.7 | 11.8 | 16.9 | 19.7 | 18.6 |
|But did not (perceived unmet need) % 2023 | 33.7 | 33.3 | 32.9 | 36.6 | 29.5 | 40.7 | 32.5 | 24.6 |
| Reasons for perceived unmet need | | | | | | | | |
| Wait time for services was too long % 2023 | 55.0 | 60.9 | 46.1 | 53.6 | S | S | S | S |
| Thought the problem would go away on its own % 2023 | 54.5 | 44.1 | 64.1 | 62.1 | S | S | S | S |
| Did not know how or where to get help % 2023 | 52.7 | 47.5 | 54.7 | 57.3 | S | S | S | S |
| Was too busy % 2023 | 43.7 | 52.2 | 39.2 | 40.2 | S | S | S | S |
| Services not available at a convenient time % 2023 | 43.0 | 41.0 | 46.7 | 46.5 | S | S | S | S |
| Could not afford the cost or insurance did not cover enough % 2023 | 40.9 | 42.9 | 46.6 | 37.3 | S | S | S | S |
| Services not available in area % 2023 | 37.0 | 28.4 | 36.4 | 39.3 | S | S | S | S |

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| Was concerned about what others would think % 2023 | 27.3 | 24.1 | 38.4 | 27.8 | S | S | S | S |
| Other reasons % 2023 | 26.0 | 23.4 | 26.8 | 29.6 | S | S | S | S |

Experience with mental health and substance use services

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| Satisfaction with services received, somewhat or very satisfied % 2023 | 77.9 | 80.8 | 76.1 | 78.2 | 73.0 | 75.5 | 69.4 | 84.6 |
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About this Table

Content and description

Data on self-reported information regarding the needs of New Brunswickers. Topics include self-reported health status as well as the needs and perceived unmet needs for mental health and substance use services.

Why it is important

The results from the Primary Care Survey allows the NBHC to inform citizens and health system stakeholders about the quality of primary health care services from citizens' perspectives. This information can be used to make future improvements to primary health care in the province.

Availability of the data

The information for this data table is available at different geographical levels as well as by demographic groups. More information is available on our [Primary Care Survey](#) page.

Note about demographic groups

In 2023, the NBHC undertook a review of the demographic questions in its surveys to more accurately report on the experience of citizens who identify with particular groups. As such, starting in 2024, all demographic groups (characteristics) have been adjusted to reflect this change. Data tables and indicator pages were adjusted to allow for trending where applicable.

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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

■ Above-average performance

■ Below-average performance