

Zone 7: Miramichi Area

These survey results are based on citizens across New Brunswick who have recently received home care services (Extra-Mural Program or home support services or both). Services from the Extra-Mural Program are provided by health professionals such as a nurse, physiotherapist or social worker. Home support services are provided by home support workers to help with tasks such as housekeeping or meal preparation.

Under the Extra-Mural Program, home care services are funded by the Department of Health and delivered by New Brunswick's two regional health authorities, Horizon Health Network and Vitalité Health Network. This survey also covers home support services funded entirely or partially by the Department of Social Development under the Long Term Care Program and the Disability Support Program.

All survey results are weighted by age and gender to better represent the population receiving home care services.



	Zone 7 2015 (%)	New Brunswick 2015 (%)
UNMET NEEDS		
	<i>n=545</i>	<i>n=6,641</i>
Is there anything else that could have been done to help you stay at home? (yes)	15.3	14.5
<p>In this zone, 15.3% of citizens receiving home care services (Extra-Mural Program or home support services or both) reported in 2015 that more could have been done to help them stay at home, compared to 13.2% in 2012. For this type of indicator, a "better" result is achieved when the indicator has a "lower" value.</p>		
What else could have been done or provided to help you stay at home? (top 3)		
More hours of service such as weeknights and weekends	58.3	28.8
More home support services such as yard work or food delivery	14.9	16.3
More medical services	9.9	3.9
FAMILY CAREGIVERS		
	<i>n=545</i>	<i>n=6,641</i>
Does a friend, family member or volunteer help you with your home care? (yes)	61.4	61.5
Who helps the most?		
Spouse or partner	41.3	41.3
Son or daughter	34.5	33.9
Other family member	9.0	9.3
Mother or father	6.8	6.5
Friend or volunteer	5.5	6.7
How often do they help?		
Every day	62.2	59.0
A few times a week	21.3	22.0
Once a week or less	16.2	17.9

Communities included in this zone:

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PROFILE OF CITIZENS RECEIVING HOME CARE SERVICES	<i>n=545</i>	<i>n=6,641</i>
Age group		
Under 18	0.6	5.2
18-64	27.0	29.1
65-74	22.6	20.0
75-84	27.8	24.7
85 and over	22.0	21.0
Gender		
Male	43.1	41.0
Female	56.9	59.0
Education level		
No high school diploma	57.0	53.2
High school or higher	43.0	46.8
Household income		
Less than \$25,000	66.2	63.2
\$25,000 or more	33.8	36.8
Language of choice for services		
English	85.7	77.5
French	14.3	22.5
Aboriginal		
Yes	2.2	2.2
Self-rated overall health		
Excellent/Very good	10.0	13.0
Good	22.9	28.4
Fair	43.3	40.1
Poor	23.8	18.5
Self-rated mental or emotional health		
Excellent/Very good	21.6	30.5
Good	39.2	37.2
Fair	30.6	25.7
Poor	8.5	6.5
Chronic health conditions		
Hypertension	57.2	54.0
Arthritis	42.8	45.8
Diabetes	33.3	29.9
Heart disease	28.9	31.4
Chronic pain	28.3	30.4
Cancer	26.5	24.1
Depression	25.3	22.3
Gastric reflux (or GERD)	24.9	24.5
Emphysema or COPD	19.7	18.7
Asthma	15.9	15.4
Stroke	10.5	12.7
Dementia	6.2	6.5
Mood disorder other than depression	5.8	4.2
Alzheimer's	2.7	2.9

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USE OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)		
	n=347	n=4,757
Service received in the last two months		
Nurse	73.4	73.3
Respiratory therapist	21.4	20.7
Dietitian	20.0	18.1
Social worker	17.2	15.8
Occupational therapist	15.9	16.1
Physiotherapist	12.9	17.7
Speech language pathologist	3.9	3.3
Rehabilitation assistant	2.7	2.1
How long have you been getting services?		
More than 1 year	47.7	49.2
How often do you receive services?		
Every day	4.4	4.6
A few times a week	18.7	19.9
Once a week or less	76.9	75.5

	Zone 7 2015 (%)	New Brunswick 2015 (%)
USE OF SERVICES (Home Support Services)		
	n=282	n=2,796
Service received in the last two months		
Housekeeping (cleaning, laundry)	92.4	93.4
Meal preparation	86.4	75.7
Grooming or dressing	51.5	44.6
Bathing	49.7	45.1
Feeding or nutrition care	28.9	23.0
Relief to family, friends or volunteers	26.9	22.7
Transferring (from place to place, inside the home)	24.5	22.4
How long have you been getting services from this home support worker?		
More than 1 year	71.4	72.6
How often do you receive services?		
Every day	63.9	51.2
A few times a week	31.5	38.1
Once a week or less	4.7	10.7

	Zone 7 2012 (%)	Zone 7 2015 (%)	New Brunswick 2015 (%)
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)			
	n=207	n=347	n=4,757
Accessibility			
Did home care services start as soon as you thought you needed it? (yes)	91.5	▲ 96.6 ■	94.3
Always got help when contacting the office (yes)	99.0	96.4	97.3
How often service was received in language of choice (always)	English	English	English
	96.8	96.8	96.8
	French	French	French
	91.2	▼ 71.6 □	92.3

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	Zone 7 2012 (%) n=207	Zone 7 2015 (%) n=347	New Brunswick 2015 (%) n=4,757
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)			
Appropriateness			
How often providers seemed informed about all care/treatment received at home (always)	74.8	75.4	73.3
How often clients received conflicting information from different providers (never)	75.4	84.0	86.4
Staff gave information needed for clients to take care of themselves (strongly agree)	51.3	50.7	48.3
Family caregivers were given information they wanted when they needed it (strongly agree)	43.2	43.5	42.3
Effectiveness			
Citizens with a chronic health condition ¹ who are confident in controlling and managing their health condition (very confident)	24.3	18.5	22.4
Safety			
Staff talked with clients about how to set up their home to move around safely (yes)	72.3	▲ 81.3	80.4
Staff talked with clients about all the medicines they were taking (yes)	71.8	▲ 80.9	83.4
Do you believe you were harmed because of an error or mistake? (yes)	-	-	1.3
Efficiency			
Admitted to hospital or visited hospital emergency room while receiving services (yes)	43.7	48.3	46.4
Continuity of care across hospital services, home care services and primary health ²	66.8	72.3	67.1
Communication			
How often providers explained things in a way that was easy to understand (always)	91.3	▼ 84.3	86.0
How often providers treated clients with courtesy and respect (always)	98.6	▼ 92.6	93.6
Satisfaction			
Satisfaction with home care services received (8, 9 or 10 on a scale of zero to ten)	97	95.4	95.1
Would recommend Extra-Mural Program to family or friends (definitely yes)	91.5	89.9	88.5
Satisfaction with number of times care was received (very satisfied)	77.1	76.3	75.8
Reported difficulties in receiving care			
Limits or reductions in...			
Types of service/care available (yes)	8.9	7.4	8.2
Duration of service or hours available (yes)	9.3	7.6	6.6

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¹ Self-reported by respondent: Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic pain, dementia, depression, diabetes, emphysema or COPD, gastric reflux (GERD), heart disease, hypertension, mood disorder other than depression, or stroke

² Staff at the hospital or rehabilitation centre explained what type of home care services would be received, AND home care providers seemed informed about all services received at home, AND primary health provider seemed informed about home care services

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	Zone 7 2012 (%) n=162	Zone 7 2015 (%) n=282	New Brunswick 2015 (%) n=2,796
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Home Support Services)			
Accessibility			
Ease or difficulty getting information about home care services before starting (very easy)	12.9	▲ 28.8	29.4
Did home care services start as soon as you thought you needed it? (yes)	80.0	79.3	79.4
Ease or difficulty contacting agency office or home support worker for help (very easy)	58.9	▲ 70.2 ■	63.7
How often service was received in language of choice (always)	English	English	English
	99.2	97.5	96.1
	French	French	French
	92.7	89.0	91.6
Appropriateness			
How often home support workers seemed informed about all care received at home (always)	78.9	▼ 61.1	55.9
How often clients received conflicting information from different providers (never)	81.6	80.5	74.2
Family caregivers were given information they wanted when they needed it (strongly agree)	27.4	30.6	28.7
Safety			
Do you believe you were harmed because of an error or mistake? (yes)	-	-	2.5
Communication			
How often home support workers explained things in a way that was easy to understand (always)	84.4	80.8	77.8
How often home support workers treated clients with courtesy and respect (always)	91.7	87.2	86.4
Satisfaction			
Satisfaction with home care services received (8, 9 or 10 on a scale of zero to ten)	91.9	91.6	88.7
Would recommend agency or home support worker to family or friends (definitely yes)	86.4	▼ 73.4	73.6
Satisfaction with number of times care was received (very satisfied)	72.3	66.4	65.8
Reported difficulties in receiving care			
Have you ever found the cost for home care services too high? (yes)	21.1	19.9	21.7
Limits or reductions in...			
Types of service/care available (yes)	16.3	18.4	23.0
Duration of service or hours available (yes)	30.0	31.6	30.4

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