

Saint John, Simonds and Musquash

Chance Harbour, Fairfield, Garnett Settlement, Musquash, Rowley, Saint John, Simonds



n = 1,255 n = 13,614

Demographic Profile ¹		2014 (%)	NB (%)
Age Group	18-34	27.4	24.3
	35-54	35.6	36.7
	55-64	16.9	18.7
	65+	20.2	20.3
Gender	Male	46.5	48.0
	Female	53.5	52.0
Education Level	High school or less	41.1	38.7
	College/Technical diploma	32.4	31.4
	University degree	26.5	29.9
Aboriginal	Yes	3.0	3.0
Preferred Language of Service	English	99.0	74.6
	French	1.0	25.4
Household Income	Less than \$25,000	22.8	19.9
	\$25,000 - \$59,999	35.3	35.5
	\$60,000 or more	41.8	44.6
Employment Status	Employed	53.6	54.6
	Unemployed/Seasonal	9.4	7.3
	Retired	23.5	24.7
	Other	13.5	13.5

Population (18 and over) based on 2011 Census: 61,180

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Health Services Barriers	2011 (%)	2014 (%)	NB (%)
Health services not available in your area when needed	12.3 (10.4–14.1)	10.9 (9.2–12.6)	17.4 (16.7–18.0)
Transportation problems	9.3 (7.7–10.9)	11.2 (9.5–13.0)	7.1 (6.6–7.5)
Language problems with health care provider	5.1 (3.9–6.4)	2.0 ^F (1.2–2.7)	4.2 (3.9–4.6)
Cost for medication too high	42.6 (39.8–45.4)	31.7 (29.1–34.2)	35.2 (34.3–36.0)
Cost for treatments or procedures too high	17.5 (15.2–19.7)	15.4 (13.4–17.4)	19.9 (19.2–20.6)
Cost for ambulance services too high	34.9 (31.8–37.9)	20.3 (17.9–22.7)	21.7 (20.9–22.4)
Unable to leave the house because of health problems	20.7 (18.4–23.0)	17.0 (15.0–19.1)	12.5 (11.9–13.0)
Have trouble finding their way around the health care system	14.2 (12.3–16.2)	11.2 (9.5–12.9)	9.3 (8.8–9.8)
Difficulty understanding written information about medical condition or prescription (% always or usually)	12.8 (10.9–14.7)	7.0 (5.6–8.5)	9.4 (8.9–9.9)
How often was a medical condition or prescription explained to you in a way that you could understand? (% always or usually)	89.6 (87.9–91.3)	92.4 (90.9–93.8)	91.0 (90.6–91.5)
Things that contribute a lot to feelings of stress			
Health of family members	Not Available	41.8 (39.1–44.5)	38.1 (37.3–38.9)
Time pressures / not enough time	Not Available	40.4 (37.7–43.1)	40.9 (40.1–41.7)
Your financial situation (ex: not enough money, or debt)	Not Available	38.6 (36.0–41.3)	33.5 (32.7–34.2)

¹Based on survey respondents, weighted by age and gender

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 ↓ = Lower than 2011 results

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Health Profile	2011 (%)	2014 (%)	NB (%)
Self-rated Health (% very good or excellent)	53.3 (50.5 – 56.1)	48.2 (45.4 – 50.9)	50.5 (49.6 – 51.3)
Self-rated mental or emotional health (% very good or excellent)	Not Available	65.7 (63.1 – 68.3)	65.4 (64.6 – 66.2)
“My health largely depends on how well I take care of myself” (% strongly agree)	57.9 (55.1 – 60.7)	57.9 (55.1 – 60.6)	55.2 (54.4 – 56.0)
Number of prescription medications taken on a regular basis ³ (% 6 or more)	12.9 (10.7 – 15.1)	12.3 (10.2 – 14.4)	15.2 (14.5 – 15.9)
Discuss regularly with a health professional on improving health or preventing illness (% always or usually)	33.5 (30.7 – 36.3)	↓ 27.6 (25.1 – 30.0)	25.4 (24.7 – 26.1)
How long have you been seeing the same family doctor? (% 5 years or more)	74.4 (71.8 – 77.0)	↓ 65.9 (63.1 – 68.6)	73.0 (72.2 – 73.7)
Are you limited in doing activities because of a physical or mental condition, or a health problem? (% yes)	Not Available	25.0 (22.7 – 27.4)	22.1 (21.4 – 22.8)
Memory Loss			
Someone in household has a memory problem	Not Available	10.7 (9.0 – 12.4)	9.9 (9.4 – 10.4)
...that interferes with day to day function	Not Available	4.9 (3.7 – 6.1)	3.9 (3.6 – 4.2)
Health Behaviours			
Eating fruits and vegetables (% 5 portions or more a day)	Not Available	46.1 (43.3 – 48.8)	50.4 (49.5 – 51.2)
Moderate or vigorous physical activity (% at least 2 ½ hours a week)	Not Available	51.5 (48.7 – 54.2)	49.0 (48.1 – 49.8)
Current smoker (% daily or occasional)	Not Available	25.0 (22.6 – 27.4)	19.2 (18.5 – 19.8)
Unhealthy weight (% obese)	Not Available	33.9 (31.2 – 36.6)	30.8 (30.0 – 31.6)

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Chronic Health Conditions ¹	2011 (%)	2014 (%)	2014 ² (#)	NB (%)
One or more chronic health conditions ³	64.1 (61.4 – 66.8)	64.3 (61.7 – 66.9)	39,329	61.6 (60.8 – 62.4)
High blood pressure	26.5 (24.1 – 29.0)	27.5 (25.1 – 30.0)	16,828	27.0 (26.2 – 27.7)
Arthritis	23.0 (20.6 – 25.3)	23.1 (20.7 – 25.4)	14,103	17.4 (16.8 – 18.0)
Depression	14.7 (12.8 – 16.7)	17.2 (15.2 – 19.3)	10,550	14.9 (14.3 – 15.5)
Chronic pain	17.5 (15.4 – 19.6)	16.0 (14.0 – 18.0)	9,806	14.0 (13.5 – 14.6)
Gastric Reflux (GERD)	15.0 (13.0 – 17.0)	13.8 (11.9 – 15.7)	8,424	16.4 (15.8 – 17.0)
Asthma	11.1 (9.4 – 12.9)	13.1 (11.3 – 15.0)	8,037	11.8 (11.3 – 12.4)
Diabetes	10.6 (8.9 – 12.3)	11.0 (9.3 – 12.8)	6,752	10.7 (10.1 – 11.2)
Cancer	8.0 (6.5 – 9.5)	9.5 (7.9 – 11.1)	5,818	8.3 (7.8 – 8.7)
Heart disease	9.2 (7.6 – 10.8)	8.1 (6.6 – 9.6)	4,978	8.3 (7.9 – 8.8)
Emphysema or COPD	3.6 (2.6 – 4.7)	3.8 (2.7 – 4.8)	2,296	3.0 (2.7 – 3.3)
Mood disorder other than depression	3.5 (2.5 – 4.5)	2.7 ^E (1.8 – 3.6)	1,663	3.0 (2.7 – 3.2)
Stroke	2.4 ^E (1.5 – 3.2)	2.5 ^E (1.7 – 3.4)	1,539	2.5 (2.2 – 2.8)

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¹ Self-reported based on survey respondents

² Estimated number of citizens who have the selected chronic health condition

³ Among the twelve chronic health conditions listed in table located at the right of this page.

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Primary Health Indicator		2011 ¹	2014	Rank ²	NB		
Accessibility							
The ability of patients/clients to obtain care/service at the right place and the right time, based on respective needs, in the official language of their choice							
Personal Family Doctor	A-1	Has a personal family doctor (% yes)	87.9 (86.1 – 89.7)	89.3 (87.6 - 91.0)	27	92.1 (91.7 - 92.5)	
	A-2	Calling family doctor's office during regular practice hours (% very easy or somewhat easy)	78.9 (76.5 – 81.3)	79.5 (77.2 - 81.8)	14	78.3 (77.6 - 79.0)	
	A-3	Family doctor has extended office hours (after 5pm or on weekends) (% yes)	Not available	15.8 (13.7 - 17.9)	14	16.2 (15.6 - 16.8)	
	A-4	Family doctor has an after-hour arrangement when office is closed (% yes)	31.4 (28.7 – 34.1)	W 21.6 (19.2 - 24.0)	8	18.2 (17.5 - 18.9)	
	A-5	How quickly appointment can be made with family doctor	(% on same day or next day)	30.2 (27.4 - 33.0)	33.1 (30.3 - 35.9)	11	30.1 (29.3 - 30.9)
			(% within 5 days)	62.5 (59.6 – 65.4)	66.5 (63.7 - 69.3)	9	60.3 (59.4 - 61.2)
	A-6	Nurse working with family doctor who is regularly involved in health care (% yes)	33.9 (31.1 – 36.7)	W 28.4 (25.8 – 31.0)	15	27.5 (26.7 – 28.3)	
	A-7	Has access to a primary health team ³ (% yes)	35.7 (33.1 – 38.3)	W 29.0 (26.5 - 31.5)	19	28.5 (27.8 - 29.2)	
	A-8	Wait time at the hospital emergency department (% less than 4 hours)	69.6 (65.4 – 73.8)	B 79.4 (75.9 - 82.9)	10	73.9 (72.7 - 75.1)	
A-9	How often citizens received the health care service they needed in the official language of their choice (% who always received service in language of preference)	English ⁴	96.4 (95.3 – 97.5)	98.1 (97.3 - 98.9)	-	95.2 (94.8 - 95.6)	
		French ⁴	50.0 ^E (23.8 – 76.2)	F	-	72.6 (71.0 - 74.2)	

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² Indicator rank across 33 communities, from best (1) to worst (33)

³ Primary health team: Has access to a family doctor and has access to either a nurse practitioner or a nurse or other health professionals at their family doctor's office

⁴ Preferred language of service as indicated by respondent in the survey

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Appropriateness					
Care/service provided is relevant to the patients'/clients' needs and based on established standards					
Q-1	Adults 65 and over who received their flu shot in the last year (% yes)	Not available	74.3 (70.3 - 78.3)	10	70.6 (69.2 - 72.0)
Q-2	Adults with one or more of four select chronic health conditions ⁵ who had measurements for blood pressure in the past 12 months (% yes)	93.6 (91.4 - 95.7)	92.6 (90.5 - 94.7)	15	91.3 (90.6 - 92.0)
Q-3	Adults with one or more of four select chronic health conditions ⁵ who had measurements for cholesterol in the past 12 months (% yes)	75.0 (71.2 - 78.8)	75.2 (71.7 - 78.7)	20	76.3 (75.2 - 77.4)
Q-4	Adults with one or more of four select chronic health conditions ⁵ who had measurements for blood sugar in the past 12 months (% yes)	75.8 (72.1 - 79.6)	73.1 (69.5 - 76.7)	21	73.9 (72.8 - 75.0)
Q-5	Adults with one or more of four select chronic health conditions ⁵ who had measurements for body weight in the past 12 months (% yes)	67.7 (63.6 - 71.8)	W 57.0 (53.0 - 61.0)	20	59.3 (58.0 - 60.6)
Q-6	How often family doctor helps citizens coordinate the care from other health care providers and places (% always)	72.5 (69.2 - 75.8)	75.3 (72.1 - 78.5)	7	70.7 (69.7 - 71.7)
Effectiveness					
Care/service, intervention or action achieves the desired results					
Q-7	Citizens with a chronic health condition who have confidence in controlling and managing their health condition (% very confident)	42.6 (39.3 - 45.8)	47.7 (44.5 - 50.9)	8	42.2 (41.2 - 43.2)
Safety					
Potential risks of an intervention or the environment are avoided or minimized					
Q-8	Citizens with a chronic health condition who know what each of their prescribed medications do (% strongly agree)	55.2 (51.6 - 58.8)	56.1 (52.7 - 59.5)	8	47.7 (46.6 - 48.8)
Q-9	Was harmed due to a medical error or mistake as a result of health care services received in the last 12 months (excluding hospital stay) (% yes)	3.7 (2.6 - 4.8)	3.0 ⁶ (2.1 - 3.9)	-	2.7 ⁶ (2.4 - 3.0)

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² Indicator rank across 33 communities, from best (1) to worst (33)

⁵ Self-reported by respondent: Diabetes, heart disease, stroke or high blood pressure

⁶ For this type of indicator, a "better" result is achieved when the indicator has a "lower" value

⁷ Self-reported by respondent: Arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic pain, depression, diabetes, emphysema or COPD, gastric reflux (GERD), heart disease, high blood pressure or hypertension, mood disorder other than depression, or stroke

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Efficiency					
Achieving the desired results with the most cost-effective use of resources					
Q-10	Model of care used most often when sick or in need of care from a health professional (% hospital emergency department)	6.8 ⁶ (5.4 – 8.2)	8.3 ⁶ (6.8 – 9.8)	11	11.5 ⁶ (11.0 – 12.0)
Q-11	Has used Tele-Care or other telephone information lines in the last 12 months (% yes)	9.1 (7.5 – 10.7)	6.9 (5.5 – 8.3)	14	7.4 (7.0 – 7.8)
Use of services					
Using primary health services in the last 12 months					
U-1	Visited a personal family doctor (% yes)	80.0 (77.8 – 82.2)	78.7 (76.4 – 81.0)	23	80.3 (79.6 – 81.0)
U-2	Visited a hospital emergency department (% yes)	43.2 (40.5 – 45.9)	40.1 (37.4 – 42.8)	21	41.3 (40.5 – 42.1)
U-3	Visited a specialist (% yes)	Not available	57.9 (55.2 – 60.6)	11	56.4 (55.6 – 57.2)
U-4	Visited an after-hours clinic or a walk-in clinic (% yes)	28.6 (26.1 – 31.1)	23.7 (21.4 – 26.0)	12	24.3 (23.6 – 25.0)
U-5	Visited an alternative practitioner (% yes)	Not available	19.0 (16.9 – 21.1)	28	25.2 (24.5 – 25.9)
U-6	Visited a community health centre (% yes)	5.9 (4.6 – 7.2)	6.2 (4.9 – 7.5)	20	6.9 (6.5 – 7.3)
U-7	Used ambulance services (% yes)	8.6 (7.1 – 10.1)	7.2 (5.8 – 8.6)	10	5.7 (5.3 – 6.1)
U-8	Visited a nurse practitioner (% yes)	5.2 (4.0 – 6.4)	8.5 (7.0 – 10.0)	15	7.7 (7.3 – 8.1)
U-9	Visited a health professional at a private clinic (% yes)	Not available	20.1 (17.9 – 22.3)	27	23.7 (23.0 – 24.4)

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² Indicator rank across 33 communities. Under “efficiency” the rank is from best (1) to worst (33). Under “use of services” the rank is from highest (1) to lowest (33).

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Communication/Relationship with personal family doctor					
C-1	How often family doctor explains things in a way that is easy to understand (% always)	80.3 (77.7 – 83.0)	82.5 (80.2 - 84.8)	12	80.2 (79.5 - 80.9)
C-2	How often family doctor involves citizens in decisions about their health care (% always)	72.3 (69.5 – 75.2)	74.8 (72.1 - 77.5)	6	68.2 (67.3 - 69.1)
C-3	How often family doctor gives citizens enough time to discuss feelings, fears and concerns about their health (% always)	70.2 (67.2 – 73.1)	B 76.5 (73.7 - 79.3)	7	71.9 (71.0 - 72.8)
Satisfaction (Overall rating of primary health services. When rating is described as “% 8, 9 or 10”, this is based on a scale of zero to 10.)					
S-1	Overall health care services received in New Brunswick (% 8, 9 or 10)	56.1 (53.3 – 58.9)	B 68.8 (66.2 - 71.4)	14	67.9 (67.1 - 68.7)
S-2	Services from personal family doctor (% 8, 9 or 10)	81.9 (79.6 – 84.3)	84.1 (81.9 - 86.3)	17	83.9 (83.2 - 84.6)
S-3	Services at the hospital emergency department (% 8, 9 or 10)	46.7 (42.3 – 51.1)	52.5 (48.2 - 56.8)	18	53.4 (52.1 - 54.7)
S-4	Services from specialist (% 8, 9 or 10)	Not available	87.1 (84.8 - 89.4)	2	82.0 (81.2 - 82.8)
S-5	Services at an after-hours clinic or walk-in clinic (% 8, 9 or 10)	70.8 (65.8 – 75.9)	71.6 (66.0 - 77.2)	22	73.3 (71.6 - 75.0)
S-6	Services from alternative practitioner (% 8, 9 or 10)	Not available	86.4 (82.0 - 90.8)	23	87.3 (86.2 - 88.4)
S-7	Services at a community health centre (% 8, 9 or 10)	68.5 (57.9 – 79.1)	83.2 (75.2 - 91.2)	11	76.2 (73.6 - 78.8)
S-8	Ambulance services (% 8, 9 or 10)	82.1 (74.7 – 89.4)	88.1 (82.1 - 94.1)	17	87.5 (85.3 - 89.7)
S-9	Services from nurse practitioner (% 8, 9 or 10)	Suppressed ⁸	Suppressed ⁸	-	85.8 (83.7 - 87.9)
S-10	Services at a private clinic (% 8, 9 or 10)	Not available	82.7 (78.0 - 87.4)	20	82.9 (81.6 - 84.2)
S-11	Evaluation of Tele-Care services (% very or somewhat helpful)	88.5 (82.0 – 95.0)	86.6 (79.1 - 94.1)	24	89.3 (87.2 - 91.4)
S-12	Evaluation of care received for mental or emotional health (among citizens who have talked to a health professional) (% very or somewhat helpful)	91.8 (87.9 – 95.7)	92.6 (89.2 - 96.0)	15	90.8 (89.6 - 92.0)
S-13	Wait time from booking appointment to seeing specialist (among citizens who have seen a specialist) (% very or somewhat satisfied)	Not available	81.7 (78.9 - 84.5)	14	80.5 (79.6 - 81.4)

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