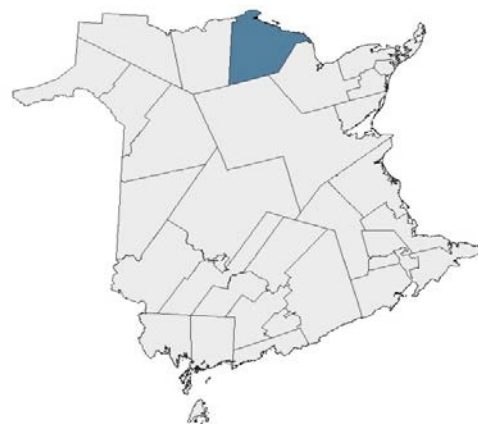


Dalhousie Area

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, delivered by EM/ANB Inc., and managed by Medavie Health Services New Brunswick. 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. The symbol "-" indicates that the survey sample size is too small to report.



	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
UNMET NEEDS		
	<i>n=166</i>	<i>n=6,937</i>
Is there anything else that could have been done to help you stay at home? (yes)	13.0	13.2
In this community, 13.0% of citizens receiving home care services (Extra-Mural Program or home support services or both) reported in 2018 that more could have been done to help them stay at home, compared to 17.7% in 2015 and 14.2% in 2012. For this type of indicator, a "better" result is achieved when the indicator has a "lower" value.		
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	-	30.9
More equipment such as wheelchairs and shower handles	-	14.1
Staff related – more staff, reliable staff, staff continuity, better trained	-	13.8
FAMILY CAREGIVERS		
	<i>n=166</i>	<i>n=6,937</i>
Does a friend, family member or volunteer help you with your home care? (yes)	64.4	63.2
Who helps the most?		
Spouse or partner	37.7	41.6
Son or daughter	36.7	38.7
Mother or father	12.7	16.7
Friend or volunteer	14.7	13.1
Other family member	4.9	5.4
How often do they help?		
Every day	63.2	56.1
A few times a week	16.5	22.0
Once a week or less	19.5	19.7

Included in this community:

Balmoral, Belledune, Charlo, Colborne, Dalhousie, Durham, Dundee, Eel River Bar First Nation, Eel River Crossing, Indian Ranch, Lorne, McLeods, Point La Nim

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	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
PROFILE OF CITIZENS RECEIVING HOME CARE SERVICES		
	<i>n=166</i>	<i>n=6,937</i>
Age group		
Less than 65	24.3	29.1
65-74	26.6	23.4
75-84	26.2	26.1
85 and over	22.8	21.4
Gender		
Male	36.6	40.6
Female	63.4	59.4
Education level		
No high school diploma	66.4	47.7
High school or higher	33.6	52.3
Household income		
Less than \$25,000	71.8	60.5
\$25,000 or more	28.2	39.5
Language of choice for services		
English	68.6	75.3
French	31.4	24.7
Aboriginal		
Yes	4.4	1.8
Self-rated overall health		
Excellent/Very good	6.8	14.0
Good	28.4	29.9
Fair	37.0	40.3
Poor	27.8	15.8
Self-rated mental or emotional health		
Excellent/Very good	22.1	30.3
Good	40.7	38.2
Fair	26.6	25.4
Poor	10.7	6.1
Chronic health conditions		
Hypertension	58.1	53.8
Arthritis	52.6	44.2
Heart disease	28.3	31.0
Chronic pain	35.6	30.8
Diabetes	25.9	30.5
Gastric reflux (or GERD)	28.8	24.6
Cancer	17.9	24.0
Depression	24.6	23.2
Asthma	29.7	19.5
Emphysema or COPD	22.3	17.9
Stroke	16.0	12.6
Dementia	4.9	6.0
Mood disorder other than depression	3.2	4.7
Alzheimer's	1.2	2.6

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	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
USE OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)		
	<i>n=107</i>	<i>n=5,053</i>
Service received in the last two months		
Nurse	81.7	76.2
Physiotherapist	12.1	20.6
Respiratory therapist	20.4	20.4
Dietitian	10.8	16.3
Occupational therapist	13.8	16.2
Social worker	18.2	14.6
Speech language pathologist	3.1	3.6
Rehabilitation assistant	4.0	2.4
How long have you been getting services?		
More than 1 year	58.4	48.4
How often do you receive services?		
Every day	2.3	5.0
A few times a week	12.0	20.7
Once a week or less	85.7	74.3

	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
USE OF SERVICES (Home Support Services)		
	<i>n=95</i>	<i>n=2,993</i>
Service received in the last two months		
Housekeeping (cleaning, laundry)	95.0	92.1
Meal preparation	79.6	71.0
Bathing	46.7	42.7
Grooming or dressing	48.8	40.4
Respite/Relief to family, friends or volunteers	22.5	22.9
Transferring (from place to place, inside the home)	23.8	19.0
Feeding or nutrition care	20.7	17.8
How long have you been getting services from this home support worker?		
More than 1 year	78.4	68.4
How often do you receive services?		
Every day	58.4	48.1
A few times a week	31.3	39.7
Once a week or less	10.3	12.2

	Dalhousie 2015 (%)	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)			
	<i>n=146</i>	<i>n=107</i>	<i>n=5,053</i>
Accessibility			
Did home care services start as soon as you thought you needed it? (yes)	95.3	92.4	94.1
Always got help when contacting the office (yes)	100.0	100.0 ■	96.6
How often service was received in language of choice (always)	English	English	English
	97.2	96.7	96.9
	French	French	French
	-	-	92.0

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	Dalhousie 2015 (%)	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Extra-Mural Program)	<i>n=146</i>	<i>n=107</i>	<i>n=5,053</i>
Appropriateness			
How often providers seemed informed about all care/treatment received at home (always)	77.6	78.9	73.5
How often clients received conflicting information from different providers (never)	90.5	82.3	87.3
Staff gave information needed for clients to take care of themselves (strongly agree)	51.3	57.1	49.6
Family caregivers were given information they wanted when they needed it (strongly agree)	42.8	41.0	42.1
Effectiveness			
Clients who are confident in controlling and managing their health condition (very confident)	23.0	23.6	22.2
Safety			
Staff talked with clients about how to set up their home to move around safely (yes)	81.2	71.6 □	81.4
Staff talked with clients about all the medicines they were taking (yes)	82.5	85.4	84.1
Do you believe you were harmed because of an error or mistake? (yes)	-	-	1.4
Efficiency			
Admitted to a hospital while receiving services (yes)	n/a	37.2	33.9
Visited a hospital emergency room while receiving services (yes)	n/a	45.1	40.3
Positive continuity of care across hospital services, home care services and primary health ¹	69.2	64.3	67.2
Communication			
How often providers explained things in a way that was easy to understand (always)	91.0	88.9	86.4
How often providers treated clients with courtesy and respect (always)	96.6	99.1 ■	94.5
Satisfaction			
Satisfaction with home care services received (8, 9 or 10 on a scale of zero to ten)	99.3	95.2	95.35
Would recommend Extra-Mural Program to family or friends (definitely yes)	92.2	85.6	88.82
Satisfaction with number of times care was received (very satisfied)	75.7	78.7	75.9
Availability of services			
Experienced limits or reductions in...			
Types of service/care available (yes)	8.0	14.6 □	6.9
Duration of service or hours available (yes)	8.0	12.9	6.6

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	Dalhousie 2015 (%)	Dalhousie 2018 (%)	New Brunswick 2018 (%)
QUALITY OF SERVICES (Home Support Services)			
	<i>n=114</i>	<i>n=95</i>	<i>n=2,993</i>
Accessibility			
Ease or difficulty getting information about home care services before starting (<i>very easy</i>)	36.5	38.7	32.9
Did home care services start as soon as you thought you needed it? (<i>yes</i>)	79.5	82.3	81.5
Ease or difficulty contacting agency office or home support worker for help (<i>very easy</i>)	68.4	61.0	61.5
How often service was received in language of choice (<i>always</i>)	English	English	English
	95.6	95.0	95.2
	French	French	French
	-	-	91.1
Appropriateness			
How often home support workers seemed informed about all care received at home (<i>always</i>)	57.3	64.1	51.9
How often clients received conflicting information from different providers (<i>never</i>)	78.6	73.9	71.4
Family caregivers were given information they wanted when they needed it (<i>strongly agree</i>)	32.9	24.6	26.6
Safety			
Do you believe you were harmed because of an error or mistake? (<i>yes</i>)	-	-	2.5
Communication			
How often home support workers explained things in a way that was easy to understand (<i>always</i>)	83.1	78.4	77.2
How often home support workers treated clients with courtesy and respect (<i>always</i>)	86.9	95.3 ■	85.5
Satisfaction			
Satisfaction with home care services received (8, 9 or 10 on a scale of zero to ten)	90.7	89.1	87.0
Would recommend agency or home support worker to family or friends (<i>definitely yes</i>)	71.3	73.3	69.4
Satisfaction with number of times care was received (<i>very satisfied</i>)	66.7	64.4	64.4
Availability of services			
Have you ever found the cost for home care services too high? (<i>yes</i>)	22.0	19.0	21.2
Experienced limits or reductions in...			
Types of service/care available (<i>yes</i>)	28.9	18.5	22.5
Duration of service or hours available (<i>yes</i>)	32.4	24.5	27.9

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