

# Has a Regular Health Care Provider

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Interpretation	Higher percentages are desirable.
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Outputs: Access to comprehensive, high-quality health services
Areas of Need	Getting Better
Geographic Coverage	All provinces/territories
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	National, Province/Territory, Region
Indicator Results	<a href="#">Accessing Indicator Results on Your Health System: In Depth</a>

## Identifying Information

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Indicator Description and Calculation	The percentage of the population that reported having a regular health care provider
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Calculation: Description	Population estimates are based on weighted survey responses to reflect the total population.
Calculation: Geographic Assignment	Place of residence
Calculation: Type of Measurement	Percentage or proportion
Calculation: Adjustment Applied	None
Calculation: Method of Adjustment	Not applicable
Denominator	<b>Description:</b> Population age 12 and older (based on weighted survey responses) <b>Exclusions:</b> Non-response categories (refusal, don't know and not stated) are excluded as of 2009.
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## Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks

Rationale	On a daily basis, many Canadians receive health care services, usually through nurse practitioners, general practitioners or family physicians. Having a regular health care provider is an important source of disease prevention and management. Factors affecting whether a person has a regular health care provider include age and sex. In 2016, the most common reason respondents gave for not having a regular health care provider was that they had not looked for one.
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HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Outputs: Access to comprehensive, high-quality health services
Areas of Need	Getting Better
Targets/Benchmarks	Not applicable Canadian Institute for Health Information. <a href="#">Experiences With Primary Health Care in Canada</a> . 2016. Statistics Canada. <a href="#">Primary health care providers, 2016</a> . Accessed January 10, 2018.

References	Commonwealth Fund. <a href="#">International Survey Data Center</a> . Accessed January 10, 2018.
	Statistics Canada. <a href="#">Canadian Community Health Survey — Annual component (CCHS)</a> . Accessed January 22, 2018.
	Canadian Research Data Centre Network. <a href="#">The Canadian Community Health Survey: What's New in the 2015 Cycle?</a> [PPT presentation]. January 25, 2017.
Availability of Data Sources and Results	
Data Sources	CCHS, Statistics Canada, Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 105-0509: Canadian health characteristics, two year period estimates, by age group and sex, Canada, provinces, territories and health regions, CANSIM (database); 2016 International Health Policy Survey, The Commonwealth Fund.
Available Data Years	<p><b>Type of Year:</b> Calendar</p> <p><b>First Available Year:</b> 2015</p> <p><b>Last Available Year:</b> 2016</p>
Geographic Coverage	All provinces/territories
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	National, Province/Territory, Region
Result Updates	
Update Frequency	Every year
Indicator Results	<p><b>Web Tool:</b> Your Health System: In Depth</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="#">Accessing Indicator Results on Your Health System: In Depth</a></p>
Updates	Not applicable
Quality Statement	<p>Data for the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) is collected yearly from a sample of approximately 65,000 respondents. CANSIM Table 105-0509 presents estimates from 2-year combined data and features estimates for all provinces and territories as well as for health regions. The 2-year combined data has higher precision (less variability) than annual estimates; annual CCHS estimates are not available at the health region level.</p> <p>Some values have data quality flags that indicate "use with caution" or "suppressed" due to high coefficients of variation: health regions with small populations and results disaggregated by age group or sex within small regions.</p>
Caveats and Limitations	<p>The CCHS covers the population age 12 and older living in the 10 provinces and 3 territories. Excluded from the survey's coverage are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons living on reserves and other Aboriginal settlements in the provinces</li> <li>• Full-time members of the Canadian Forces</li> <li>• Children age 12 to 17 living in foster care</li> <li>• The institutionalized population</li> <li>• Persons living in 2 Quebec health regions: Nunavik Region and Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James Region</li> </ul> <p>Altogether, these exclusions represent less than 3% of the Canadian population age 12 and older.</p>
Trending Issues	<p>As a result of a redesign in 2015, the CCHS has a new collection strategy and sample design. For this reason, Statistics Canada does not recommend making comparisons with CCHS data from 2001 to 2014.</p> <p>This indicator is calculated based on 2 years of pooled data from 2015 and 2016.</p> <p>Data for Ontario's local health integration networks and British Columbia's regional health authorities was received from Statistics Canada through custom tabulation requests:</p>
Comments	<p>Source: Statistics Canada. Selected CCHS Indicators for Ontario by Local Health Integration Network, 2015–2016. February 27, 2018. Reproduced and distributed on an "as is" basis with the permission of Statistics Canada.</p> <p>Source: Statistics Canada. Selected CCHS Indicators for British Columbia by Regional Health Authority, 2015–2016. March 12, 2018. Reproduced and distributed on an "as is" basis with the permission of Statistics Canada.</p> <p>Indicator results are also available in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Your Health System: In Brief</a></li> </ul>