

# Percentage of Prescribed Drug Spending Financed by Public Sector

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Short/Other Names	Not applicable
Description	The indicator measures the share of prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector.
Interpretation	The higher the result, the larger the share of total prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector.
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Health system resources
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Geographic Coverage	All provinces/territories
Reporting Level/Disaggregation	National, Province/Territory
Indicator Results	<a href="https://www.cihi.ca/en/national-health-expenditure-trends">https://www.cihi.ca/en/national-health-expenditure-trends</a>
<b>Identifying Information</b>	
Name	Percentage of Prescribed Drug Spending Financed by Public Sector
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Indicator Description and Calculation	
Description	The indicator measures the share of prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector.
Calculation: Description	The indicator is calculated by dividing public-sector prescribed drug spending by total prescribed drug spending.
Calculation: Geographic Assignment	Place of service
Calculation: Type of Measurement	Percentage or proportion
Calculation: Adjustment Applied	None
Calculation: Method of Adjustment	Not applicable
	<b>Description:</b> Total prescribed drug spending
	<b>Inclusions:</b> 1. Substances considered to be drugs under the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> that are sold for human use as the result of a prescription from a health professional
Denominator	2. Dispensing fees, markups and appropriate taxes <b>Exclusions:</b> 1. Therapeutic drug products not requiring a prescription  2. Personal health supplies  3. Drugs dispensed in hospital and, generally, in other institutions
	<b>Description:</b> Prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector
	<b>Inclusions:</b> 1. Substances considered to be drugs under the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> that are sold for human use as the result of a prescription from a health professional and that are financed by the public sector
	2. Dispensing fees, markups and appropriate taxes <b>Exclusions:</b> 1. Substances considered to be drugs under the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> that are sold for human use as the result of a prescription from a health professional and that are financed by the private sector
Numerator	2. Therapeutic drug products not requiring a prescription  3. Personal health supplies  4. Drugs dispensed in hospital and, generally, in other institutions
Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks	
Rationale	The indicator provides information on how much is spent on public sector–financed prescribed drugs in Canada. Factors influencing the indicator results are the prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector and total prescribed drug spending in Canada.

Interpretation

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HSP Framework Dimension

Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Health system resources

Areas of Need

Not applicable

Targets/Benchmarks

Not applicable

References

Not applicable

Availability of Data Sources and Results

Data Sources

NHEX

**Type of Year:**

Calendar

**First Available Year:**

1975

**Last Available Year:**

2018

Available Data Years

Geographic Coverage

All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation

National, Province/Territory

Result Updates

Update Frequency

Every year

**Web Tool:**

National Health Expenditures Trends

**URL:** <https://www.cihi.ca/en/national-health-expenditure-trends>

Indicator Results

Not applicable

Updates

Quality Statement

Data contained in the National Health Expenditure Database is estimated. The data is collected from diverse sources and includes varying classes of financial information. The data is collected and classified according to methods established by a review committee. CIHI's analysts and external experts continue to improve the comprehensiveness, accuracy and currency of the data to provide the most complete and objective estimates possible. Notwithstanding this, national health expenditure data is estimated and should be used accordingly.

Caveats and Limitations

In the process of compiling the national health expenditure series from year to year, new information becomes available, methods and concepts are refined and data sources are improved. The data is revised to reflect these enhancements.

Trending Issues

Comments

Not applicable