

# Percentage of Public Drug Program Spending on Generic Drugs

Name	Percentage of Public Drug Program Spending on Generic Drugs
Short/Other Names	Not applicable
Description	The rate of public drug program spending on generic drugs
Interpretation	This indicator is interpreted as the proportion of public drug program spending for generic drug products.
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Efficient allocation of resources
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Geographic Coverage	Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon
Reporting Level /Disaggregation	Province/Territory
Indicator Results	<a href="https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&amp;pc=PCC1011">https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&amp;pc=PCC1011</a>
<b>Identifying Information</b>	
Name	Percentage of Public Drug Program Spending on Generic Drugs
Short/Other Names	Not applicable
<b>Indicator Description and Calculation</b>	
Description	The rate of public drug program spending on generic drugs Total public drug program spending on generic drugs divided by total public drug program spending
Calculation: Description	Unit of Analysis: Spending from public drug programs
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> Total public drug program spending <b>Inclusions:</b> All claims accepted by public drug programs <b>Exclusions:</b> Any claims not submitted to or accepted by public drug programs, including claims submitted to a private insurer or cases where the individual pays out of pocket
Numerator	<b>Description:</b> Total public drug program spending on generic drug products <b>Inclusions:</b> All claims for generic drugs accepted by public drug programs <b>Exclusions:</b> 1. Any claims not submitted to or accepted by public drug programs, including claims submitted to a private insurer or cases where the individual pays out of pocket  2. Claims for brand name products
<b>Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks</b>	
Rationale	This indicator measures the proportion of public drug program spending that generic drugs account for.
Interpretation	This indicator is interpreted as the proportion of public drug program spending for generic drug products.
HSP Framework Dimension	Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Efficient allocation of resources
Areas of Need	Not applicable
Targets/Benchmarks	Not applicable
References	Not applicable
<b>Availability of Data Sources and Results</b>	
Data Sources	NPDUIS Database
Available Data Years	<b>Type of Year:</b> Calendar <b>First Available Year:</b> 2000 <b>Last Available Year:</b> 2017
Geographic Coverage	Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon
Reporting Level /Disaggregation	Province/Territory
Result Updates	Update Frequency Whenever required for analytical product or data request

Indicator Results	<p><b>Web Tool:</b>  <i>Prescribed Drug Spending in Canada</i>  <b>URL:</b> <a href="https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&amp;pc=PCC1011">https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productSeries.htm?locale=en&amp;pc=PCC1011</a></p>
Updates	Not applicable
Quality Statement	
Caveats and Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Includes only drugs claimed through public drug programs</li> <li>– Excludes any drugs claimed through a private drug plan or purchased over the counter</li> </ul> <p>All data is not available for all years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Brunswick: From January 2000</li> <li>– Nova Scotia: From April 2001</li> <li>– Prince Edward Island: From April 2004</li> </ul>
Trending Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– British Columbia: From January 2006</li> <li>– Yukon: From January 2007</li> <li>– Newfoundland and Labrador: From April 2008</li> <li>– Ontario: From April 2010</li> </ul>
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– First Nations and Inuit Health Branch: From October 2010</li> </ul> <p>Not applicable</p>