

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 <https://www.cihi.ca/en/national-health-expenditure-trends-1975-to-2019>

Identifying Information

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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

Description:

Total prescribed drug spending

Inclusions:

1. Substances considered to be drugs under the *Food and Drugs Act* that are sold for human use as the result of a prescription from a health professional
2. Dispensing fees, markups and appropriate taxes

Denominator

Exclusions:

1. Therapeutic drug products not requiring a prescription
2. Personal health supplies
3. Drugs dispensed in hospital and, generally, in other institutions

Description:

Prescribed drug spending financed by the public sector

Inclusions:

1. Substances considered to be drugs under the *Food and Drugs Act* 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

Numerator

Exclusions:

1. Substances considered to be drugs under the *Food and Drugs Act* that are sold for human use as the result of a prescription from a health professional and that are financed by the private sector
2. Therapeutic drug products not requiring a prescription
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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.

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HSP

Framework Health System Inputs and Characteristics: Health system resources

Dimension

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

Available Data Years

First Available Year:

1975

Last Available Year:

2019

Geographic Coverage

All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation

National, Province /Territory

Result Updates

Update Frequency Every year

Web Tool:

Indicator Results National Health Expenditures Trends

URL: <https://www.cihi.ca/en/national-health-expenditure-trends-1975-to-2019>

Updates

Not applicable

Quality Statement

Caveats and Limitations 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.

Trending Issues 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.

Comments Not applicable