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# COMMUNITY

## Health Assessment Survey



Placentia  
Results  
Summary



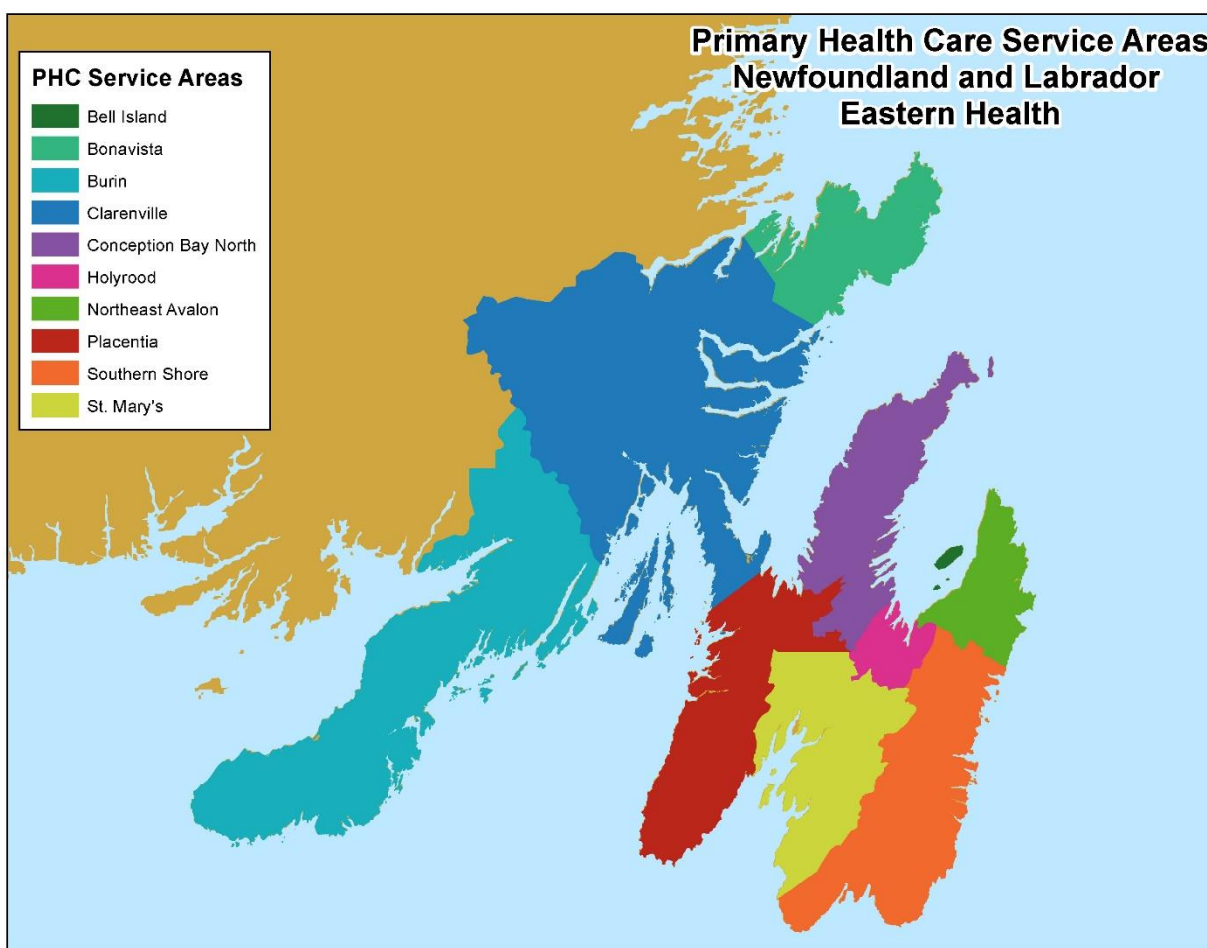
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Letters with the web address to access the survey, and a survey code, were distributed via mail to those selected to complete the survey. Recipients of the letter were asked to complete the survey within two weeks. The NLSA also completed telephone reminder calls, during which offers were made to email the survey link or mail out a paper copy of the survey with a return envelope.

The following results section highlights the main themes and areas of interest for Placentia as identified by the CHA survey. To view full detailed CHA results tables, refer to Appendix A. A copy of the CHA survey can be found in Appendix B.



# RESULTS

## Demographics

A total of 200 surveys were completed Placentia. Since 1,401 were randomly selected to complete the survey, this represents a response rate of 14.3%.

The number of respondents required to obtain a confidence level of 95% ± 7% was 192, which means the response goal for Placentia was met.

The following is a profile of survey respondents from Placentia:

- The majority lived in their community for more than 20 years (63.0%; n=126)
- Most respondents reported their highest level of education completed as completed a technical, vocational or community college program (43.0%; n=86)
- Most respondents were retired from paid work (35.0%; n=70) or employed full time (34.0%; n=68)
- Most respondents were between 55-64 (28.0%; n=56) and 65-74 (28.0%; n=56) years of age



**200**  
Respondents

## Primary Care Provider



The following section addresses access to a primary care provider (i.e., family doctor, nurse practitioner) and satisfaction with the quality of services received.

According to the survey results, the most commonly reported way to find health-related information is to:

<b>1</b>	Ask a family doctor	<b>57.0%</b> (n=114)
<b>2</b>	Search the internet (e.g., WebMD, Google search)	<b>51.0%</b> (n=102)



<b>3</b>	Call/visit a hospital/clinic	<b>40.5%</b> (n=81)
<b>4</b>	Ask a pharmacist	<b>40.0%</b> (n=80)

The last time respondents needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), the most went to:

<b>1</b>	Family doctor/nurse practitioner	<b>50.5%</b> (n=101)
<b>2</b>	Hospital emergency department	<b>18.5%</b> (n=37)

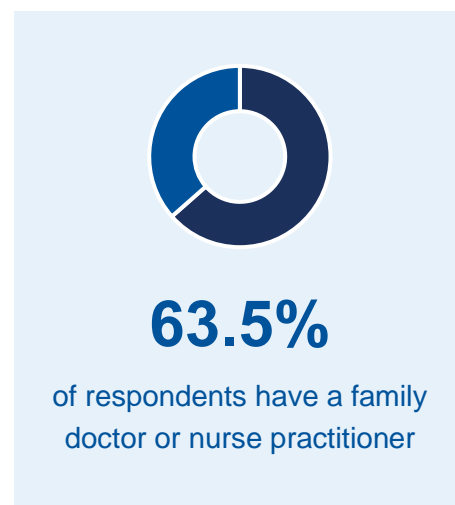
\*10.0% (n=20) chose not to seek treatment

When asked how long it took to receive treatment for their last minor health problem, 46.7% (n=79) reported that they received treatment the same day, while 10.7% (n=18) reported that they received treatment the next day. Additionally, 37.3% (n=63) reported that it took two days or more to receive treatment, and 5.3% (n=9) reported that they never received treatment or left before receiving treatment.

Respondents were asked if they currently have a family/primary care doctor or nurse practitioner and their level of satisfaction with their provider.

Results indicate that 63.5% (n=127) have a family doctor or nurse practitioner. Of this 63.5%:

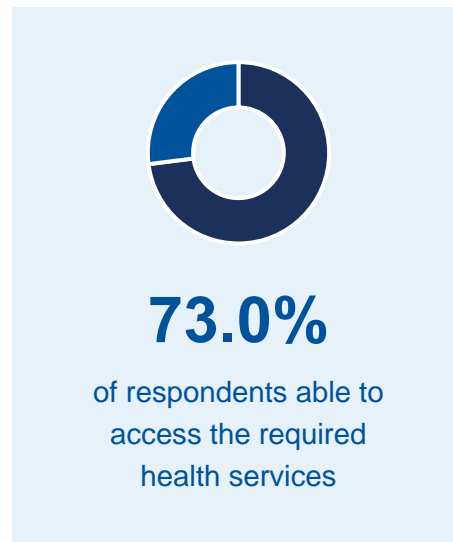
- 84.3% (n=107) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their family/primary care doctor or nurse practitioner.
- 7.9% (n=10) reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their family/primary care doctor or nurse practitioner, indicating that the wait list for an appointment is too long (n=9).





The health care system provides a full continuum of health and community services, including public health, long-term care, acute (hospital) care, and private health care providers (e.g., pharmacy, private specialist clinics, vision/dental clinics). Survey respondents were asked about access to the health-care system and satisfaction with the quality of services received.

When asked about accessing health care services within the last 12 months, the majority of participants (73.0%; n=146) indicated they were able to access the required health services, while 27.0% (n=54) of respondents indicated that there were health services that they required and were unable to access.



The following are the top three reasons respondents were unable to access a required health service:

<b>1</b>	Wait time for service was too long	<b>70.4%</b> (n=38)
<b>2</b>	Service not available	<b>24.1%</b> (n=13)
<b>3</b>	Unable to get a referral	<b>24.1%</b> (n=13)

According to survey results, the majority of respondents (57.5%; n=115) were satisfied or very satisfied with the health care services they have used in the past 12 months, while 16.0% (n=32) of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. The respondents who indicated they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the health care services they used in the past 12 months, were asked to indicate the reasons why they were dissatisfied. The top reason provided was that the wait list for an appointment was too long (n=22).





## Community Health and Wellness



Survey respondents were asked about the health and wellness of their community as well as their satisfaction with the resources and services available within their community. Respondents were provided a list of various areas/issues and were asked to indicate which ones they were most concerned about in their community. The list provided to respondents was slightly modified in 2022 based on experience with the 2019 survey and input from stakeholders. The most commonly selected areas/issues were:

1	Cost of living	76.0% (n=152)
2	Road quality	63.0% (n=126)
3	Emergency services	56.0% (n=112)
4	Chronic diseases	46.5% (n=93)
5	Distracted driving of any vehicle	41.0% (n=82)

Of the issues/areas that respondents selected, they were then asked to rank their top three areas/issues they are **most** concerned about. The top five ranked answers were:

1	Cost of living	56.8% (n=109)
2	Emergency services	39.1% (n=75)
3	Road Quality	31.3% (n=60)
4	Chronic diseases	27.6% (n=53)
5	Addictions and substance abuse	19.3% (n=37)





There are many different groups and resources that aim to improve the health and wellness of a community. These include Eastern Health private health clinics (e.g., pharmacy, private specialist clinics, vision/dental clinics), churches, schools, town councils, resource centres, community advisory committees, recreation spaces/gyms, libraries, and other community groups (e.g., service clubs, coalitions, social and recreational groups.)

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the resources available to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in their communities. Most respondents 37.5% (n=75) were neither satisfied or dissatisfied, while (37.0%; n=74) were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the resources available, while 25.5% (n=51) were satisfied or very satisfied, and. Respondents who indicated they were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied were asked to explain which aspects of the health and wellness resources they are dissatisfied with. The following were the most common responses:

<b>1</b>	Community resources/supports are not available	<b>79.7%</b> (n=59)
<b>2</b>	Hours of service(s) are inconvenient	<b>33.8%</b> (n=25)
<b>3</b>	Community resources/supports are not effective	<b>23.0%</b> (n=17)

## Health Status (Self-Reported)

The following section describes the health of the population who completed the survey. Most respondents reported that their physical health was good (37.5%; n=75) or very good (29.0%; n=58). Most respondents reported that their mental health was very good (34.0%; n=68) or good (30.5%; n=61).

Survey respondents were asked what they would like to do to improve their physical and/or mental health and what was making it difficult to make the changes they identified. The top three things individuals would like to do to improve their physical and/or mental health were:



1	Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables	62.5% (n=125)
2	Start/increase exercise, sports or physical activity	48.0% (n=96)
3	Reduce stress	39.5% (n=79)

While 22.0% (n=39) of respondents indicated that there was nothing in particular making it difficult to make these changes, the following were the top three barriers identified by respondents:

1	Community resources/supports are not available	39.0% (n=69)
2	Cost is too high	27.7% (n=49)
3	Not enough time available	21.5% (n=38)

## Health Care Planning



As we transition to one provincial health authority, information gathered from Eastern Health's CHA survey is one tool that will inform the development of the Provincial strategic plan.

In the 2019 survey, respondents were asked to indicate which values they think Eastern Health should adopt. As a result of responses to that survey, as well as consultation with Eastern Health staff, executive and Board of Trustees, the values were changed to add accountability, caring, and collaboration (replacing fairness, connectedness, and integrity). For the 2022 survey, respondents were provided with Eastern Health's new list (accountability, caring, collaboration, excellence, and respect) and asked to what extent Eastern Health is living up to them. Most respondents (37.5%; n=75) disagreed or strongly disagreed, 35.5% (n=71) neither agreed or disagreed, while 27.0% (n=54) either agreed or strongly agreed.



Respondents were asked to report the one priority area that Eastern Health should focus on to improve the care and services delivered. The top responses were:

<b>1</b>	Primary Health Care	<b>72.0%</b> (n=144)
<b>2</b>	Emergency Services	<b>71.5%</b> (n=143)
<b>3</b>	Mental Health and Addictions	<b>54.0%</b> (n=108)
<b>4</b>	Appointments (scheduling, notifications)	<b>46.0%</b> (n=92)
<b>5</b>	Specialists	<b>45.5%</b> (n=91)
<b>6</b>	Recruitment/retention of staff	<b>45.0%</b> (n=90)

### Concluding Remarks

To conclude the survey, respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to add. The majority of respondents provided no additional comments. For those who did, the most common response was the need more doctors/nurses/healthcare professionals/increased availability/access to healthcare (22.0%; n=44).

## CONCLUSION

The 2022 Community Health Assessment Survey results will support health care planning for the provincial health authority, as well as planning in the Eastern zones. The information obtained provides valuable insight into the communities within the region with regard to health care and community concerns, as well as things that are working well or could be improved.

In terms of survey administration, Eastern Health’s partnership with NLSA allowed for a random sampling methodology. Although this method took more time and garnered fewer respondents in comparison to the 2019 survey, it was successful in improving the representativeness of the sample, especially regarding gender and education level. However, comparing both sampling methods illustrated that there is more work to be done to improve response rates for young adults



(18-34 years of age), as neither method was able to produce the desired number of responses for that age group.

It was found that, overall, results for Placentia were similar to those for the region. A notable difference was found with regard to the top concerns, where distracted driving instead of addictions and substance abuse was one of the top five selected. However, when asked to further rank these concerns, the top five selected for Placentia were the same as the eastern health region, which included cost of living, road quality, emergency services, addictions and substance abuse, and chronic disease. Another notable difference in Placentia is that only 63.5% indicated that they have a regular family doctor/nurse practitioner/primary health care provider (in comparison to 78.8% for the region). However, for those who have a family doctor and who access services, results showed high satisfaction rates.

Lastly, when asked what Eastern Health should focus on over the next three years to improve health care services, similar to the regional results, the main responses were primary health care, emergency services, and mental health and addictions.

As we transition to one health authority, the results from the community health assessment survey will be a valuable piece of information to bring forward as the voice of residents from the eastern region. It will be particularly beneficial at the zone planning level, to help address the unique needs of each primary healthcare region.



# APPENDIX A: SURVEY RESULTS

*EASTERN HEALTH*  
*Community Health Assessment 2022*  
*Results For Placentia*

## SECTION A - PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

**A1. If you needed to find health-related information for yourself or someone else today, how would you get that information? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Ask a family doctor	114	57.0%
Ask a nurse practitioner	31	15.5%
Ask a pharmacist	80	40.0%
Ask a community or public health nurse	30	15.0%
Call/visit a hospital/clinic	81	40.5%
Search the internet (e.g., WebMD, Google search)	102	51.0%
Search the Eastern Health website	24	12.0%
Search social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	11	5.5%
Use 811 HealthLine	64	32.0%
Contact a not-for-profit agency (e.g., Cancer Society, Mental Health Association) or a community group, church group or library	5	2.5%
Ask a friend or family member	57	28.5%
Ask another health professional (please specify):	13	6.5%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**A10. If you needed to find health-related information for yourself or someone else today, how would you get that information? (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse/Other Nurse – unspecified	3	23.1%
Online/virtual health clinic (e.g., Medicuro)	1	7.7%
Other health professional (e.g., physiotherapist, dentist, etc.)	5	38.5%
Other	4	30.8%



Total	13	100.0%
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Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "ask another health professional (please specify)" in A1.**

**A2. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), where did you go?  
(Select one response only.)**

	Count	%
Family doctor/nurse practitioner	101	50.5%
Private-pay physician or nurse practitioner	2	1.0%
Walk-in clinic	11	5.5%
Collaborative team clinic	3	1.5%
Hospital emergency department	37	18.5%
811 HealthLine	5	2.5%
Pharmacist	5	2.5%
I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem	11	5.5%
I chose not to seek treatment	20	10.0%
Other (please specify):	5	2.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**A20. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), where did you go?  
(Other-Coded)**

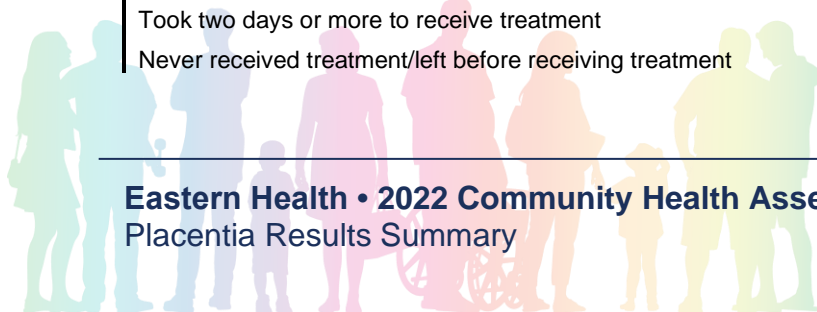
	Count	%
Used an online virtual health care clinic (e.g., Medicuro app)	1	20.0%
Other health professional (e.g., naturopathic doctor, skin specialist, etc.)	1	20.0%
Other	3	60.0%
Total	5	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in A2.**

**A3. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), how long did it take  
you to receive treatment? (Select one response only.)**

	Count	%
Received treatment the same day	79	46.7%
Received treatment the next day	18	10.7%
Took two days or more to receive treatment	63	37.3%
Never received treatment/left before receiving treatment	9	5.3%



Total	169	100.0%
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Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: excludes respondents who chose "I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem" or "I chose not to seek treatment" in A2.**

**A4. Do you currently have a regular family doctor or nurse practitioner?**

	Count	%
Yes	127	63.5%
No	73	36.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**A5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the services provided by your family doctor/nurse practitioner?**

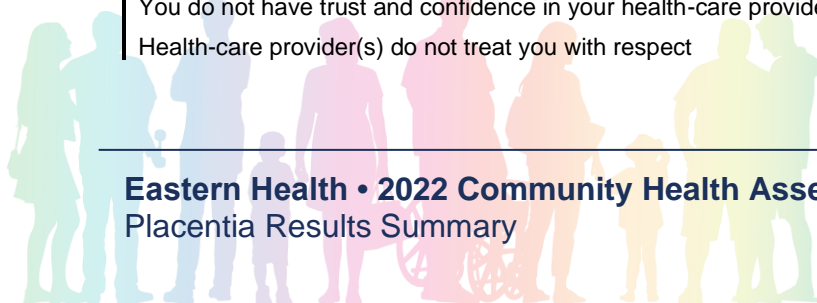
	Count	%
Very satisfied	56	44.1%
Satisfied	51	40.2%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10	7.9%
Dissatisfied	6	4.7%
Very dissatisfied	4	3.1%
Total	127	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Yes" in A4.**

**A6. Why are you dissatisfied with the services provided by your family doctor/nurse practitioner? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Unable to easily contact the clinic/office	4	40.0%
Offered virtual visit when an in-person visit is preferred	3	30.0%
Wait list for an appointment is too long	9	90.0%
Wait time in the clinic/office or window for virtual care visit is too long	2	20.0%
Too far to travel	1	10.0%
Hours of service are inconvenient	2	20.0%
Equipment quality is poor	1	10.0%
Health-care provider(s) do not give you a chance to ask questions	2	20.0%
You do not have trust and confidence in your health-care provider(s)	2	20.0%
Health-care provider(s) do not treat you with respect	1	10.0%





Health-care provider(s) do not involve you in decisions about your care	1	10.0%
Health-care appointment(s) are rushed or limited to one issue per visit	4	40.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" in A5.**

## SECTION B - HEALTH CARE

**B1. Sometimes we require health-care services but are unable to access them. Have you required any health-care service that you were unable to access during the past 12 months?**

	Count	%
Yes	54	27.0%
No	146	73.0%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**B2. Why were you unable to access services that you required during the past 12 months? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Wait time for service was too long	38	70.4%
Cost of service was too high	3	5.6%
Transportation issues	4	7.4%
Too far to travel	10	18.5%
Unable to leave the house due to health problems	3	5.6%
Unable to access the services during scheduled time/hours of service	12	22.2%
Unable to get a referral	13	24.1%
Unable to contact the service	4	7.4%
Communication barrier	2	3.7%
Did not know the service was available at the time	1	1.9%
Service not available	13	24.1%
Other (please specify):	4	7.4%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Yes" in B1.**

**B2O. Why were you unable to access services that you required during the past 12 months? (Other-Coded)**



	Count	%
No family doctor/physician/health care professional available	1	25.0%
Waiting for an appointment/follow-up/referral/response to referral, etc.	1	25.0%
Other	2	50.0%
Total	4	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in B2.**

**B3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the health-care services that you did use during the past 12 months?**

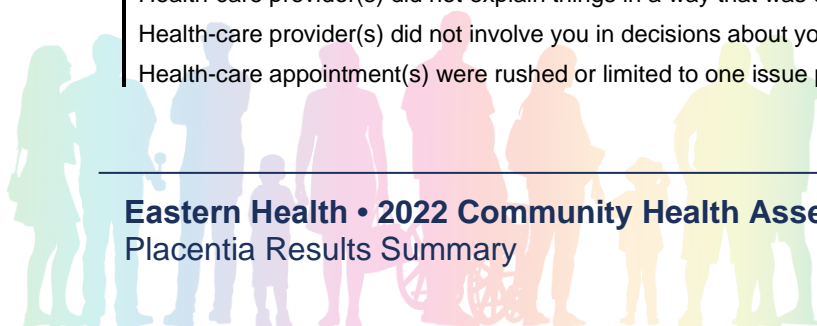
	Count	%
Very satisfied	36	18.0%
Satisfied	79	39.5%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	31	15.5%
Dissatisfied	20	10.0%
Very dissatisfied	12	6.0%
I have not used any health-care services in the past 12 months	22	11.0%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**B4. Why were you dissatisfied with the health-care services that you did use during the past 12 months? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Unable to easily reach the clinic/office	12	37.5%
Offered virtual visit when an in-person visit was preferred	10	31.3%
Wait list for an appointment was too long	22	68.8%
Wait time in the clinic/office or window for virtual care visit was too long	6	18.8%
Too far to travel	6	18.8%
Hours of service were inconvenient	9	28.1%
Cost of service was too high	1	3.1%
Communication barrier	3	9.4%
Equipment quality was poor	2	6.3%
Health-care provider(s) did not give you a chance to ask questions	5	15.6%
You did not have trust and confidence in your health-care provider(s)	9	28.1%
Health-care provider(s) did not treat you with respect	5	15.6%
Health-care provider(s) did not explain things in a way that was easy to understand	5	15.6%
Health-care provider(s) did not involve you in decisions about your care	3	9.4%
Health-care appointment(s) were rushed or limited to one issue per visit	11	34.4%



Other (please specify):	3	9.4%
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Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses.  
Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" in B3.**

**B4O. Why were you dissatisfied with the health-care services that you did use during the past 12 months? (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
No family doctor/physician/health care professional available	2	66.7%
Unable to get appointment with family doctor/surgeon/health care professional/appointments were cancelled/postponed	1	33.3%
Total	3	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in B4.**

**SECTION C - COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**C1. Please select the areas/issues that you are concerned about in your community. (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Addictions and substance abuse (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)	73	36.5%
Bullying	42	21.0%
Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	43	21.5%
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	93	46.5%
Crime and violence	33	16.5%
Cost of living	152	76.0%
Clean water supply	54	27.0%
Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g., texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	82	41.0%
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	73	36.5%
Education system	23	11.5%
Emergency services	112	56.0%
Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)	27	13.5%
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)	57	28.5%
Homelessness (including couch surfing)	14	7.0%
Housing conditions	20	10.0%
Low literacy levels	16	8.0%
Mental health of community residents	74	37.0%
Outmigration	24	12.0%



Physical health of community residents	60	30.0%
Poverty	35	17.5%
Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	38	19.0%
Recreation programs/spaces	34	17.0%
Resources for people with disabilities (e.g., accessible buildings)	40	20.0%
Road quality	126	63.0%
Seniors' resources/programs	48	24.0%
Sexual health (including unplanned pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections)	15	7.5%
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	33	16.5%
Suicide	27	13.5%
Tobacco use/smoking/vaping	38	19.0%
Unemployment	52	26.0%
Violence in the home (e.g., child abuse/neglect, domestic)	18	9.0%
Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)	18	9.0%
I am not concerned about the health and wellness of my community	8	4.0%
Other (please specify):	8	4.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses.  
Compiled by the NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**C10. Please select the areas/issues that you are concerned about in your community. (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
Shortage of doctors/physicians/specialists,etc/difficulty in accessing health care	5	62.5%
Other health care (e.g., drug coverage, access to dental care, fertility options, etc.)	1	12.5%
Other	2	25.0%
Total	8	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in C1.**

**Number of responses selected in C1 (Categorized)**

	Count	%
0 (Chose "I am not concerned about the health and wellness of my community" in C1)	8	4.0%
1	13	6.5%
2	8	4.0%
3 or more	171	85.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/12/2023



**C2. Of the issues selected in the previous question, please rank the 3 that you are most concerned about. (1st Choice)**

	Count	%
Addictions and substance abuse (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)	20	10.4%
Bullying	1	.5%
Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	4	2.1%
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	27	14.1%
Crime and violence	2	1.0%
Cost of living	59	30.7%
Clean water supply	3	1.6%
Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g., texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	5	2.6%
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	1	.5%
Emergency services	44	22.9%
Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)	1	.5%
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)	1	.5%
Homelessness (including couch surfing)	1	.5%
Mental health of community residents	2	1.0%
Physical health of community residents	4	2.1%
Poverty	1	.5%
Recreation programs/spaces	1	.5%
Road quality	7	3.6%
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	1	.5%
Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)	2	1.0%
Shortage of doctors/physicians/specialists,etc/difficulty in accessing health care	4	2.1%
Other health care (e.g., drug coverage, access to dental care, fertility options, etc.)	1	.5%
Total	192	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose one or more area/issue in C1.**

**C2. Of the issues selected in the previous question, please rank the 3 that you are most concerned about. (2nd Choice)**

	Count	%
Addictions and substance abuse (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)	3	1.7%
Bullying	2	1.1%
Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	9	5.0%
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	17	9.5%
Crime and violence	2	1.1%
Cost of living	27	15.1%
Clean water supply	17	9.5%



Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g., texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	8	4.5%
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	2	1.1%
Emergency services	19	10.6%
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)	8	4.5%
Mental health of community residents	13	7.3%
Outmigration	1	.6%
Physical health of community residents	6	3.4%
Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	3	1.7%
Recreation programs/spaces	1	.6%
Resources for people with disabilities (e.g., accessible buildings)	4	2.2%
Road quality	27	15.1%
Seniors' resources/programs	3	1.7%
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	1	.6%
Unemployment	3	1.7%
Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)	1	.6%
Shortage of doctors/physicians/specialists,etc/difficulty in accessing health care	1	.6%
Other	1	.6%
Total	179	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose two or more areas/issues in C1.**

**C2. Of the issues selected in the previous question, please rank the 3 that you are most concerned about. (3rd Choice)**

	Count	%
Addictions and substance abuse (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)	14	8.2%
Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	3	1.8%
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	9	5.3%
Crime and violence	2	1.2%
Cost of living	23	13.5%
Clean water supply	10	5.8%
Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g., texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	5	2.9%
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	10	5.8%
Education system	3	1.8%
Emergency services	12	7.0%
Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)	2	1.2%
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)	9	5.3%
Homelessness (including couch surfing)	1	.6%
Low literacy levels	1	.6%
Mental health of community residents	11	6.4%



Outmigration	1	.6%
Physical health of community residents	7	4.1%
Poverty	3	1.8%
Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	2	1.2%
Recreation programs/spaces	3	1.8%
Road quality	26	15.2%
Seniors' resources/programs	4	2.3%
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	2	1.2%
Suicide	1	.6%
Tobacco use/smoking/vaping	1	.6%
Unemployment	6	3.5%
Total	171	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose three or more areas/issues in C1.**

### C2. Total Number of Mentions in Top 3

	Total	
	N	%
Addictions and substance abuse (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)	37	19.3%
Bullying	3	1.6%
Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	16	8.3%
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	53	27.6%
Crime and violence	6	3.1%
Cost of living	109	56.8%
Clean water supply	30	15.6%
Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g., texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	18	9.4%
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	13	6.8%
Education system	3	1.6%
Emergency services	75	39.1%
Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)	3	1.6%
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)	18	9.4%
Homelessness (including couch surfing)	2	1.0%
Low literacy levels	1	.5%
Mental health of community residents	26	13.5%
Outmigration	2	1.0%
Physical health of community residents	17	8.9%
Poverty	4	2.1%
Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)	5	2.6%
Recreation programs/spaces	5	2.6%
Resources for people with disabilities (e.g., accessible buildings)	4	2.1%





Road quality	60	31.3%
Seniors' resources/programs	7	3.6%
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	4	2.1%
Suicide	1	.5%
Tobacco use/smoking/vaping	1	.5%
Unemployment	9	4.7%
Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)	3	1.6%
Shortage of doctors/physicians/specialists,etc/difficulty in accessing health care	5	2.6%
Other health care (e.g., drug coverage, access to dental care, fertility options, etc.)	1	.5%
Other	1	.5%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/12/2023

**Total number of times each area/issue appeared in the top 3**

**C3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the resources available to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in your community?**

	Count	%
Very satisfied	6	3.0%
Satisfied	45	22.5%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	75	37.5%
Dissatisfied	50	25.0%
Very dissatisfied	24	12.0%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**C4. Why are you dissatisfied with the resources available? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Community resources/supports are not available	59	79.7%
Community resources/supports are not effective	17	23.0%
Hours of service(s) are inconvenient	25	33.8%
Cost is too high	7	9.5%
Other (please specify):	16	21.6%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Dissatisfied" or "Very dissatisfied" in C3.**

**C4O. Why are you dissatisfied with the resources available? (Other-Coded)**



	Count	%
Not enough resources/supports available	1	6.3%
Waitlists/wait times are too long (e.g., to get an appointment, to see a doctor/health care professional, etc.)	2	12.5%
Too far to travel to access resources/supports/lack of transportation options	1	6.3%
Not enough doctors/physicians/health care professionals/clinics, etc.	9	56.3%
Other	3	18.8%
Total	16	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in C4.**

## SECTION D - HEALTH STATUS

### D1. In general, would you say your physical health is...?

	Count	%
Excellent	16	8.0%
Very good	58	29.0%
Good	75	37.5%
Fair	42	21.0%
Poor	9	4.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

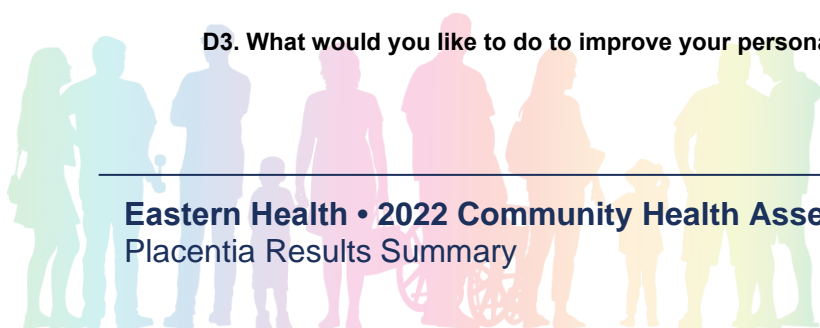
### D2. In general, would you say your mental health is...?

	Count	%
Excellent	33	16.5%
Very good	68	34.0%
Good	61	30.5%
Fair	26	13.0%
Poor	6	3.0%
No response	6	3.0%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

### D3. What would you like to do to improve your personal physical or mental health? (Select all that apply.)



	Total	
	N	%
Start/increase exercise, sports or physical activity	96	48.0%
Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables	125	62.5%
Drink less alcohol	18	9.0%
Reduce smoking (not including cannabis)	12	6.0%
Reduce vaping (not including cannabis)	1	.5%
Reduce prescription drug misuse	2	1.0%
Gamble less	2	1.0%
Reduce stress	79	39.5%
Enhance self-care	50	25.0%
Reduce screen time (computer, Smartphone, TV)	24	12.0%
Get the flu shot	28	14.0%
Seek physical or mental health treatment	19	9.5%
Get more sleep	72	36.0%
Connect more with family, friends or community	59	29.5%
There is nothing I would like to do	23	11.5%
Other (please specify):	4	2.0%
No response	1	.5%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses.  
Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**D30. What would you like to do to improve your personal physical or mental health? (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
Access to a doctor/physician/specialist/make health care more accessible/cheaper, etc.	3	75.0%
Nothing/not much can be done (due to health issues, lack of family/community support, etc.)	1	25.0%
Total	4	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in D3.**

**D4. What is making it difficult for you to make the changes you identified in the previous question? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Community resources/supports are not available	69	39.0%
Community resources/supports are not effective	24	13.6%
Not enough time available	38	21.5%
Medical condition/injury	27	15.3%



Lack of childcare	7	4.0%
Cost is too high	49	27.7%
Other (please specify):	12	6.8%
Nothing in particular	39	22.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses.  
Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: excludes respondents who chose "There is nothing I would like to do" in D3.**

**D40. What is making it difficult for you to make the changes you identified in the previous question? (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
Need better time-management/taking time for oneself	1	8.3%
Covid-19 restrictions/fear of getting COVID-19	1	8.3%
Lack of transportation options/too far to travel	1	8.3%
No doctor/physician/health care professional available/lack of accessibility to health care	4	33.3%
Wait times/wait lists for appointments/referrals/procedures etc. are too long	1	8.3%
Poor health (physical, mental), other underlying issues	1	8.3%
Lack of access to nutritious/healthy food	2	16.7%
Other	1	8.3%
Total	12	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in D4.**

**SECTION E - HEALTH CARE PLANNING**

**E1. In your opinion, what priority area(s) should Eastern Health focus on to improve the care and services we deliver? (Select all that apply.)**

	Total	
	N	%
Mental Health and Addictions	108	54.0%
Primary Health Care	144	72.0%
Emergency services	143	71.5%
Specialists	91	45.5%
Senior's care/Home and Community Supports	75	37.5%
Appointments (scheduling, notifications)	92	46.0%
Hours of service	61	30.5%
Services outside the hospital (urgent/non-emergent care)	68	34.0%
Remote Patient Monitoring	20	10.0%
Virtual care	29	14.5%



Physical activity and healthy eating	47	23.5%
Increase vaccinations (including flu shot)	15	7.5%
Smoking cessation	13	6.5%
Chronic disease prevention	34	17.0%
Patient safety	18	9.0%
Patient and community engagement	24	12.0%
Facility cleanliness/maintenance	23	11.5%
Reduce waste (financial and environmental)	31	15.5%
Recruitment/retention of staff	90	45.0%
Employee psychological health and safety	40	20.0%
Other (please specify):	3	1.5%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**E10. In your opinion, what priority area(s) should Eastern Health focus on to improve the care and services we deliver? (Other-Coded)**

	Count	%
Increased access to fertility services/midwives, etc.	1	33.3%
Other	2	66.7%
Total	3	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Subset: respondents who chose "Other (please specify)" in E1.**

**E2. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: Eastern Health is living up to its core values.**

	Count	%
Strongly Agree	3	1.5%
Agree	51	25.5%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	71	35.5%
Disagree	42	21.0%
Strongly Disagree	33	16.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

**E3. Is there anything else that you would like to add about the health of the population and the health care services provided in the Eastern Health region? (Coded)**

	Count	%



Need more doctors/nurses/health care professionals/increased availability/access to health care	44	22.0%
Reduce wait lists/wait times for appointments/tests/procedures/referrals, etc.	13	6.5%
Better working conditions for doctors/nurses/health care professionals (e.g., more time off, less overtime, etc.)	4	2.0%
Focus on recruitment/retention for skilled health care professionals (e.g., offer higher wages, more incentives, etc.)	1	.5%
More resources/supports available for seniors (e.g., access to home care, more personal care homes, etc.)	4	2.0%
Find more efficiencies in the health care system (with respect to cost, resources, management, etc.)	5	2.5%
More awareness/education/collaboration with people/businesses (e.g., promoting active living, eating healthier, etc)	1	.5%
More focus on mental health (e.g., providing adequate resources/support for those with mental health issues)	2	1.0%
Dissatisfied with health care system (e.g., system is in crisis/seems to be getting worse, etc.)	4	2.0%
Other	3	1.5%
No comments	119	59.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

## SECTION F - DEMOGRAPHICS

### F1. How long have you lived in your current community?

	Count	%
Less than 2 years	11	5.5%
2 - 5 years	10	5.0%
6 - 10 years	17	8.5%
11 - 20 years	35	17.5%
More than 20 years	126	63.0%
No response	1	.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

### F2. Please indicate your age.

	Count	%
18 - 24	9	4.5%
25 - 34	12	6.0%



35 - 44	26	13.0%
45 - 54	24	12.0%
55 - 64	56	28.0%
65 - 74	56	28.0%
75 - 84	17	8.5%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

### F3. What is your gender identity? (Select all that apply.)

	Total	
	N	%
Man	104	52.0%
Woman	96	48.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses. Compiled by the NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

### F4. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Select one response only.)

	Count	%
Some secondary school or high school	28	14.0%
Completed secondary school or high school	29	14.5%
Started university or college education but did not complete it	10	5.0%
Completed a technical, vocational or community college program	86	43.0%
Completed a bachelor's degree	23	11.5%
Completed a graduate or professional degree	22	11.0%
No response	2	1.0%
Total	200	100.0%

Source: Eastern Health - Community Health Assessment Survey 2022. Compiled by NLSA on 1/9/2023

**Asked to all respondents**

### F5. Which of the following describes your employment status? (Select one response only.)

	Count	%
Employed full time (including self-employed or on a work training program)	68	34.0%
Employed part time (including self-employed or on a work training program)	15	7.5%
Seasonal worker	11	5.5%
Commuting/rotational worker	6	3.0%
Student	3	1.5%







# APPENDIX B: EASTERN HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT SURVEY



## EASTERN HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT 2022

### PURPOSE

Eastern Health, in partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency (NLSA), is doing a survey to help us understand the community health needs in the Eastern Health region.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

The information is being collected and protected under the authority of the [Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act 2015](#) (ATIPPA, 2015) of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Information collected will be shared with Eastern Health for the purposes of assessing specific community health needs. Please be assured that your answers will be kept strictly confidential, and any results published from this survey will be reported collectively. No identifying information will be published. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions concerning privacy or confidentiality, have difficulty accessing or completing the survey, or would like to be sent an electronic link or paper copy, you can contact the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency by email at [NLSASurveys@gov.nl.ca](mailto:NLSASurveys@gov.nl.ca) or by telephone, toll-free, at 1-888-461-5244. Please note that if you call the toll-free number, you will be asked to leave a message. Representatives from Eastern Health are also available to answer any other questions you may have about the survey:

- Email: [planning@easternhealth.ca](mailto:planning@easternhealth.ca)
- Phone: toll free at 1-833-960-4570

### INSTRUCTIONS

For the purposes of navigating through the survey, the arrow pointing to the right will take you forward to the survey's next page, and the arrow pointing to the left will return you to the survey's previous page.

While completing the survey, you may exit at any time by closing your internet browser. When you are ready to resume, simply use the link and Survey Access Code provided to again access the survey. Your previous responses will be saved, and you will resume where you left off. However, once the final question has been answered and the

responses submitted, the survey will no longer be accessible. If this occurs, and you would like to change one or more of your responses, please contact the NLSA at [NLSASurveys@gov.nl.ca](mailto:NLSASurveys@gov.nl.ca).

*[Please proceed to the next page to begin the survey.]*

## SECTION A – PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

AR1. The following questions ask about your access to a primary care provider (family doctor, nurse practitioner) and your satisfaction with the quality of services received. This section applies to both virtual and in-person care.  
*[Please proceed to the next page.]*

A1. If you needed to find health-related information for yourself or someone else today, how would you get that information? (Select all that apply)

- 1 Ask a family doctor
- 2 Ask a nurse practitioner
- 3 Ask a pharmacist
- 4 Ask a community or public health nurse
- 5 Call/visit a hospital/clinic
- 6 Search the internet (e.g., WebMD, Google search)
- 7 Search the Eastern Health website
- 8 Search social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)
- 9 Use 811 HealthLine
- 10 Contact a not-for-profit agency (e.g., Cancer Society, Mental Health Association) or a community group, church group, or library
- 11 Ask a friend or family member
- 12 Ask another health professional (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

A2. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), where did you go? (Select one response only)

- 1 Family doctor/nurse practitioner
- 2 Private-pay physician or nurse practitioner

- 3 Walk-in clinic**
- 4 Collaborative team clinic**
- 5 Hospital emergency department**
- 6 811 HealthLine**
- 7 Pharmacist**
- 8 I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem [Go to A4]**
- 9 I chose not to seek treatment [Go to A4]**
- 97 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_**

**A3. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), how long did it take you to receive treatment? (Select one response only)**

- 1 Received treatment the same day**
- 2 Received treatment the next day**
- 3 Took two days or more to receive treatment**
- 4 Never received treatment/left before receiving treatment**

**A4. Do you currently have a regular family doctor or nurse practitioner?**

- 1 Yes**
- 2 No [Go to BR1]**

**A5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the services provided by your family doctor/nurse practitioner?**

- 1 Very satisfied [Go to BR1]**
- 2 Satisfied [Go to BR1]**
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [Go to BR1]**
- 4 Dissatisfied**
- 5 Very dissatisfied**

**A6. Why are you dissatisfied with the services provided by your family doctor/nurse practitioner? (Select all that apply)**



- 1  Unable to easily contact the clinic/office
- 2  Offered virtual visit when an in-person visit is preferred
- 3  Wait list for an appointment is too long
- 4  Wait time in the clinic/office or window for virtual care visit is too long
- 5  Too far to travel
- 6  Hours of service are inconvenient
- 7  Communication barrier
- 8  Equipment quality is poor

A6. (cont.)

- 9  Health care provider(s) do not give you a chance to ask questions
- 10  You do not have trust and confidence in your health care provider(s)
- 11  Health care provider(s) do not treat you with respect
- 12  Health care provider(s) do not explain things in a way that is easy to understand
- 13  Health care provider(s) do not involve you in decisions about your care
- 14  Health care appointment(s) are rushed or limited to one issue per visit
- 97  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B – HEALTHCARE

BR1. The health care system provides a full continuum of health and community services, including public health, long-term care, acute (hospital) care, and private health care providers (e.g. pharmacy, private specialist clinics, vision/dental clinics). The following questions ask about your access to the health-care system and your satisfaction with the quality of services received (please DO NOT include Family Doctor/Nurse Practitioner services, as these were indicated previously). *[Please proceed to the next page.]*

B1. Sometimes we require health-care services but are unable to access them. Have you required any health-care service that you were unable to access during the past 12 months?

- 1 Yes**
- 2 No [Go to B3]**

**B2. Why were you unable to access services that you required during the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)**

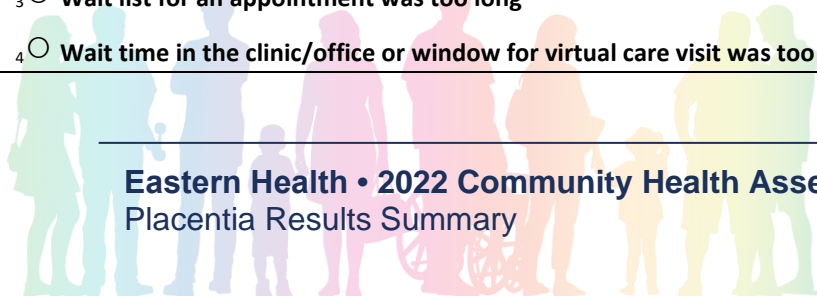
- 1 Wait time for service was too long**
- 2 Cost of service was too high**
- 3 Transportation issues**
- 4 Too far to travel**
- 5 Unable to leave the house due to health problems**
- 6 Unable to access the services during scheduled time/hours of service**
- 7 Unable to get a referral**
- 8 Unable to contact the service**
- 9 Communication barrier**
- 10 Did not know the service was available at the time**
- 11 Service not available**
- 97 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_**

**B3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the health-care services that you did use during the past 12 months?**

- 1 Very satisfied [Go to CR1]**
- 2 Satisfied [Go to CR1]**
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [Go to CR1]**
- 4 Dissatisfied**
- 5 Very dissatisfied**
- 6 I have not used any health-care services in the past 12 months [Go to CR1]**

**B4. Why were you dissatisfied with the health-care services that you did use during the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)**

- 1 Unable to easily reach the clinic/office**
- 2 Offered virtual visit when an in-person visit was preferred**
- 3 Wait list for an appointment was too long**
- 4 Wait time in the clinic/office or window for virtual care visit was too long**



- 5  Too far to travel
- 6  Hours of service were inconvenient
- 7  Cost of service was too high
- 8  Communication barrier
- 9  Equipment quality was poor
- 10  Health-care provider(s) did not give you a chance to ask questions
- 11  You did not have trust and confidence in your health-care provider(s)
- 12  Health-care provider(s) did not treat you with respect
- 13  Health-care provider(s) did not explain things in a way that was easy to understand
- 14  Health-care provider(s) did not involve you in decisions about your care
- 15  Health care appointment(s) were rushed or limited to one issue per visit
- 97  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

CR1. The following questions ask about the health and wellness of your community, as well as your satisfaction with the resources and services available within your community. *[Please proceed to the next page.]*

C1. Please select the areas/issues that you are concerned about in your community. (Select all that apply)

- 1  Addictions and substance use (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)
- 2  Bullying
- 3  Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
- 4  Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)
- 5  Crime and violence
- 6  Cost of living



- 7  Clean water supply
- 8  Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g. texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- 9  Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g. car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- 10  Education system
- 11  Emergency services
- 12  Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)
- 13  Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)
- 14  Homelessness (including couch surfing)
- 15  Housing conditions
- 16  Low literacy levels
- 17  Mental health of community residents
- 18  Outmigration
- 19  Physical health of community residents
- 20  Poverty
- 21  Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
- 22  Recreation programs/spaces
- 23  Resources for people with disabilities (e.g., accessible buildings)
- 24  Road quality
- 25  Seniors' resources/programs
- 26  Sexual health (including unplanned pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections)

C1. (cont.)

- 27  Social isolation and lack of community involvement
- 28  Suicide
- 29  Tobacco use/smoking/vaping
- 30  Unemployment
- 31  Violence in the home (e.g., child abuse/neglect, domestic)
- 32  Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)
- 97  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_





33  I am not concerned about the health and wellness of my community [Exclusive Response] [Go to C3]

[Programming note: if the respondent only chooses one option in C1, they will skip to C3]

C2A. (If number of options chosen in C1>=3) Of the issues selected in the previous question, please rank the 3 that you are most concerned about.

One at a time, click and drag an issue from the left column and drop it in the empty box on the right until the box contains the 3 issues you are most concerned about. Next, arrange the 3 issues in the box on the right in order so that the issue you are most concerned about is first, the one of next concern is second and the one of least concern is third.

C2B. (If number of options chosen in C1=2) Next, we want you to please rank the 2 issues from the previous question that you are most concerned about.

One at a time, click and drag an issue from the left column and drop it in the empty box on the right until the box contains the 2 issues you are most concerned about. Next, arrange the 2 issues in the box on the right in order so that the issue you are most concerned about is first and the one of lesser concern is second.

- 1  Addictions and substance use (e.g., alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse, gambling)
- 2  Bullying
- 3  Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
- 4  Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)
- 5  Crime and violence
- 6  Cost of living
- 7  Clean water supply
- 8  Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g. texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- 9  Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g. car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- 10  Education system

C2A/C2B. (cont.)

- 11  Emergency services
- 12  Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)
- 13  Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)
- 14  Homelessness (including couch surfing)

- 15  Housing conditions
- 16  Low literacy levels
- 17  Mental health of community residents
- 18  Outmigration
- 19  Physical health of community residents
- 20  Poverty
- 21  Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
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- 27  Social isolation and lack of community involvement
- 28  Suicide
- 29  Tobacco use/smoking/vaping
- 30  Unemployment
- 31  Violence in the home (e.g., child abuse/neglect, domestic)
- 32  Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)
- 97  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

C3. There are many different groups and resources that aim to improve the health and wellness of a community. These include Eastern Health/Regional Health Authority, private health clinics (e.g., pharmacy, private specialist clinics, vision/dental clinics), churches, schools, town councils, resource centres, community advisory committees, recreation spaces/gyms, and other community groups (service clubs, coalitions, social and recreational groups).

Overall, how satisfied are you with the resources available to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in your community?

- 1  Very satisfied [Go to DR1]
- 2  Satisfied [Go to DR1]
- 3  Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [Go to DR1]



- 4 Dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied

C4. Why are you dissatisfied with the resources available? (Select all that apply)

- 1 Community resources/supports are not available
- 2 Community resources/supports are not effective
- 3 Hours of service(s) are inconvenient
- 4 Cost is too high
- 7 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D – HEALTH STATUS

DR1. This section will help us describe the **health of the population who completed the survey.**  
*[Please proceed to the next page.] [Programming note: non-response will be allowed for questions in this section.]*

D1. In general, would you say your physical health is...?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor

D2. In general, would you say your mental health is...?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor



**D3. What would you like to do to improve your personal physical or mental health? (Select all that apply)**

- 1  Start/increase exercise, sports or physical activity
- 2  Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables
- 3  Drink less alcohol
- 4  Reduce smoking (not including cannabis)
- 5  Reduce vaping (not including cannabis)
- 6  Reduce cannabis use (in any form)
- 7  Reduce illicit drug use
- 8  Reduce prescription drug misuse
- 9  Gamble less
- 10  Reduce stress
- 11  Enhance self-care
- 12  Reduce screen time (computer, Smartphone, TV)
- 13  Get the flu shot
- 14  Seek physical or mental health treatment
- 15  Get more sleep
- 16  Connect more with family, friends or community
- 97  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- 17  There is nothing I would like to do [Exclusive Response] [Go to E1]

**D4. What is making it difficult for you to make the changes you identified in the previous question? (Select all that apply)**

- 1  Community resources/supports are not available
- 2  Community resources/supports are not effective
- 3  Not enough time available
- 4  Medical condition/injury
- 5  Lack of childcare
- 6  Cost is too high
- 7  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- 8  Nothing in particular [Exclusive Response]



**SECTION E – HEALTH CARE PLANNING**

E1. From our last series of consultations to develop priorities for the organization, the following came through as areas that Eastern Health should focus on to improve health care and service delivery.

In your opinion, what priority area(s) should Eastern Health focus on to improve the care and services we deliver? (Select all that apply).

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 1 Mental Health and Addictions                             | <input type="radio"/> 11 Physical activity and healthy eating       |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 Primary Health Care                                      | <input type="radio"/> 12 Increase vaccinations (including flu shot) |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 Emergency services                                       | <input type="radio"/> 13 Smoking cessation                          |
| <input type="radio"/> 4 Specialists  | <input type="radio"/> 14 Chronic disease prevention                 |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 Senior's care/Home and Community Supports                | <input type="radio"/> 15 Patient safety                             |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 Appointments (scheduling, notifications)                 | <input type="radio"/> 16 Patient and community engagement           |
| <input type="radio"/> 7 Hours of service   | <input type="radio"/> 17 Facility cleanliness/maintenance           |
| <input type="radio"/> 8 Services outside the hospital (urgent/non-emergent care) | <input type="radio"/> 18 Reduce waste (financial and environmental) |
| <input type="radio"/> 9 Remote Patient Monitoring                                | <input type="radio"/> 19 Recruitment/retention of staff             |
| <input type="radio"/> 10 Virtual care  | <input type="radio"/> 20 Employee psychological health and safety   |
|  | <input type="radio"/> 97 Other (please specify): _____              |

E2. Eastern Health's core values identify what we stand for and guide the behavior of all individuals (physicians, employees & volunteers) in the organization as we provide services and interact with others.

Our current values are accountability, caring, collaboration, excellence and respect.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: *Eastern Health is living up to its core values.*

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree



E3. Is there anything else that you would like to add about the health of the population and the health care services provided in the Eastern Health region?

Yes (enter comments): \_\_\_\_\_

No

## SECTION F – DEMOGRAPHICS

FR1. This section will help us **describe the population who completed the survey**. Questions are being asked for research and statistical purposes only. Please be assured that your answers will be kept strictly confidential.  
*[Please proceed to the next page.] [Programming note: non-response will be allowed for questions in this section.]*

F1. How long have you lived in your current community?

Less than 2 years

11 - 20 years

2 - 5 years

More than 20 years

6 - 10 years

F2. Please indicate your age.

18-24

55-64

25-34

65-74

35-44

75-84

45-54

85+

F3. What is your gender identity? (Select all that apply)

- 1  Man
- 2  Woman
- 3  Transgender
- 4  Two Spirit
- 5  Non-Binary
- 6  Agender
- 7  Genderqueer
- 8  Genderfluid
- 9  Gender nonconforming
- 97  Other identity (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

F4. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Select one response only)

- 1  Some secondary school or high school
- 2  Completed secondary school or high school
- 3  Started university or college education but did not complete it
- 4  Completed a technical, vocational or community college program
- 5  Completed a bachelor's degree
- 6  Completed a graduate or professional degree

F5. Which of the following describes your employment status? (Select one response only)

- 1  Employed full time (including self-employed or on a work training program)
- 2  Employed part time (including self-employed or on a work training program)
- 3  Seasonal worker
- 4  Commuting/rotational worker
- 5  Student
- 6  Unemployed and looking for work
- 7  Unemployed and not looking for work
- 8  Unable to work due to a long-term sickness or disability
- 9  Looking after my home/family
- 10  Retired from paid work

**SECTION G – RESPONDENT FEEDBACK**

G1. Do you have any further comments related to this survey or its content?









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