Diabetics with family doctors (attached)
Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)
Health Analytics Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Indicator description

RIS indicator name
Diabetics with family doctors (attached)

Other names for this indicator
Attached diabetes patients

Indicator description
Percent of Ontarians age 18 and older who report having diabetes and have a family doctor (i.e. are ‘attached’).

Accountability agreement(s) the indicator supports
N/A

Numerator

Data source
Primary Care Access Survey (PCAS), Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) (post-stratification based on Population Estimates, Ontario Ministry of Finance (MOF))

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:
1. Respondents who are 18 and older;
2. Respondents who report having diabetes;
3. Respondents who report having a family doctor.

Excludes:
1. Respondents who do not report their age;
2. Responses of “Don’t know” and “Refused”.
**Calculation**

Number of respondents age 18 and older who report that they have diabetes and that they are attached to a family doctor.

**Denominator**

**Data source**

PCAS, MOHLTC (post-stratification based on Population Estimates, MOF)

**Inclusion/exclusion criteria**

**Includes:**
1. Respondents who are 18 and older;
2. Respondents who report having diabetes.

**Excludes:**
1. Respondents who do not report their age;
2. Responses of “Don’t know” and “Refused”.

**Calculation**

Total number of respondents age 18 and older who report that they have diabetes.

**Timing and geography**

**Timing/frequency of release**

How often and when data are being released (e.g., be as specific as possible...data are released annually in mid-May)

The PCAS data are provided to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care quarterly, approximately 8 weeks after data collection has finished. This is approximately at the end of February, May, August, and November.

**Trending**

**Years available for trending**

Data are available beginning in 2006 and can be analyzed by calendar year, fiscal year or rolling year (four quarters of data).

PCAS will end. The last period of data set being collected is up to September 30, 2011. Due to data quality concerns, LHIN level estimates will not be provided based on data more recent than September 30, 2010.

**Levels of comparability**

**Levels of geography for comparison**

Data are available at the LHIN and provincial level.
Additional information

Limitations

Specific limitations

Data for this indicator are self-reported and may therefore be subject to recall errors and over and under reporting.

Since this indicator is calculated based on a rolling year, there is overlap in information reported for consecutive quarters, and therefore the rates calculated may be less sensitive to quarterly changes in performance.

The PCAS sample design excludes households who do not have telephones, some households who only use cellular telephones and people living in some institutions.

Comments

Additional information regarding the calculation, interpretation, data source, etc.

Approximately 2,100 respondents are interviewed for each quarter, divided equally by LHIN. All estimates are weighted to accommodate for design effects and are post-stratified by sex and age to reflect the actual Ontario population. All estimates presented should be provided with confidence limits.

People with diabetes are identified based on the question “Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health care professional that you have diabetes?

Determining whether respondents are attached is based on the answers to 3 questions:
1. do you have a family doctor, family physician, GP or medical doctor?
2. (if no to q1) do you see any type of doctor for your health on a regular basis?
3. (if yes to q2) do you think of this doctor as your regular family doctor?

References

Provide URLs of any key references (e.g., Diabetes in Canada, HTTP:// …)

N/A

Contact information

For more information about this indicator, please contact RIS@ontario.ca.

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Archive comments

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