

Individuals dispensed an opioid

Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)
Health Analytics Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Indicator description

RIS indicator name

Individuals dispensed an opioid

Other names for this indicator

Number and rate of individuals dispensed an opioid, per 10,000 population

Indicator description

Number of individuals dispensed at least one opioid (excluding opioid substitution therapies), for every 10,000 people in the population.

Accountability agreement(s) or ministry initiative(s) the indicator supports

- The Quarterly

Numerator

Data source

Narcotics Monitoring System (NMS), MOHLTC

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. Records where an opioid was dispensed;
2. Individuals with an Ontario health card number.

Excludes:

1. Records where an opioid substitution therapy (MMT or buprenorphine-naloxone) was dispensed.

Calculation

Steps:

1. Count the number of distinct individuals.

Denominator

Data source

Ministry of Finance population estimates

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. All records.

Excludes:

N/A

Calculation

Steps:

1. Select the population field;
2. Calculate (sum) the total number of individuals in the population;
3. Multiple by 10,000.

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)

Data are available 4-6 weeks after the end of each month.

Trending

Years available for trending

Data are available as of the 2012/13 fiscal year.

Levels of comparability

Levels of geography for comparison

Data are available at the postal code level.

Additional information

Limitations

Specific limitations

N/A

Comments

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

N/A

References

Provide URLs of any key references (e.g., Diabetes in Canada, [http:// ...](#))

N/A

Contact information

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