

# | Nova Scotia Public Reporting Definitions

## Definitions

- **Emergency Visits:** The number of Emergency Department visits on this date.
- **Inpatient Admissions:** The number of patients admitted to hospital for inpatient care on this date. Patients may be admitted through the Emergency Department, following surgery, transferred from another hospital, or as a direct referral for care.
- **Inpatient Discharges:** The number of patients discharged from hospital on this date. Discharged patients include patients who are going home, being transferred to another hospital or are deceased.
- **Surgeries Completed:** The number of surgeries completed on this date. This will include surgeries for admitted patients, day surgery, scheduled, and emergency. Surgeries will be under-counted if hospitals have not yet entered their completed surgical case information into their Operating Room Information Systems. This lag in data entry may be several days or more. All surgical procedure types registered in our Operating Room Information Systems are included, with the exception of gastrointestinal endoscopies and bronchoscopies. Procedures completed by non-surgeons (e.g. psychiatrists, anesthesiologists, radiologists, internists) are also excluded.
- **Acute Inpatient Occupancy:** The percentage of acute care hospital beds that are occupied by patients. Acute beds are defined as inpatient beds for medical, surgical, and intensive care nursing services.
- **Mental Health and Addictions Inpatient Occupancy:** The percentage of mental health and addictions hospital beds that are occupied by patients.
- **Total Inpatient Occupancy:** The percentage of all hospital beds that are occupied by patients including acute and non-acute hospital beds. Non-acute beds are defined as beds for mental health & addictions services, physical rehabilitation, palliative, long term care, mental health long term care, and obstetrics.
- **Long Term Care Admissions:** The number of clients who were admitted into a long-term care facility within the reporting period.
- **Home Support Waitlist - Full Services:** The number of clients who are currently awaiting home support services, with no partial services started.
- **Home Support Waitlist - Partial Services:** The number of clients who are currently awaiting home support services, with partial services started.
- **EHS Responses:** The number of EHS emergency responses to 911 calls.
- **Average EHS Response Times:** The average time (in minutes) it takes from when an ambulance is dispatched to respond to a 911 call to when an ambulance arrives on the scene of the emergency.
- **Average ED Offload Interval of EHS Patients:** The average time (in minutes) from when an EHS Ambulance arrives at a hospital emergency department to when the care of the patient is transferred to the emergency department and the paramedics are released. This is an important process metric which impacts the availability of an EHS ambulance for the next 911 call.
- **Mobile Primary Care Clinic Visits:** The number of patient visits to Mobile Primary Care Clinics set up in communities around the province to provide care to anyone with mild or moderate health concerns. For more information, visit <https://www.nshealth.ca/mobileprimarycare>
- **Primary Care Clinic Visits and Eligibility:** The number of patient visits and the number of Nova Scotians eligible to access care in a Primary Care Clinic which provides in person, short-term primary medical care for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry. For more information, visit: <http://www.nshealth.ca/primarycareclinics>
- **Urgent Treatment Centre Assessments and Visits:** The number of Urgent Treatment Centre assessments and visits, these are accessible to anyone with unexpected but non-life-threatening health concerns. For more information, visit <http://www.nshealth.ca/urgenttreatmentcentres>
- **VirtualCareNS Registrations and Visits:** The number of Nova Scotians registered with VirtualCareNS and the number of patient visits with a family doctor or nurse practitioner on the platform. For more information, visit <http://www.virtualcarens.ca>
- **Urgent Care Centre Visits:** The number of patient visits to Urgent Care Centres which provide care for those with unexpected, but non-life-threatening health concerns at afterhours clinics for patients of participating family practice offices.