

GP & Specialist Visits by Location per 1000 Residents

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Definition/Description:

Location of Visits to GP/FPs

Where visits to General Practitioners/Family Practitioners (GPs/FPs) took place. Shows the percentage of all visits by regional residents that occurred within their RHA district, or outside their RHA, or in Winnipeg. Only a small percentage of visits occur outside of province (see methodology).

Location of Visits to Specialists

Where visits to specialist physicians took place. Shows the percentage of all visits by regional residents that occurred within their RHA district, or outside their RHA, or in Winnipeg.

Method

Overall Physician Utilization Analyses:

Physician analyses used 1995/96 and 2000/01 claims data. Data were restricted to ambulatory visits for in-province services by Manitoba physicians. Visits to physicians practicing outside of Manitoba were excluded after analysis revealed that such visits accounted for less than 1% of all visits provided to Manitoba residents.

Location of ambulatory visits: GPs/FPs and Specialists

The denominator was total ambulatory visits, and proportions (not rates) were calculated. Physician location was assigned to one of four categories: (1) within the individual's district of residence; (2) outside the district of residence, but within RHA of residence; (3) Outside RHA of residence: non-Winnipeg; and (4) in Winnipeg.

Source:

The Need to Know Project, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, 2003

Findings:**Location of Visits to GP/FPs, 1995/96 and 2000/01**

RHA	% In District	% Elsewhere in RHA	% To Other RHA	% To Winnipeg
South Eastman 95	56.3%	14.0%	2.7%	27.0%
South Eastman 00	60.4%	15.5%	3.1%	21.0%
South Westman 95	78.4%	5.1%	14.5%	2.0%
South Westman 00	76.3%	5.2%	15.6%	3.0%
Brandon 95	46.6%	46.4%	5.1%	1.9%
Brandon 00	48.2%	44.9%	5.0%	1.9%
Central 95	66.8%	12.9%	5.1%	15.2%
Central 00	67.1%	12.4%	5.2%	15.3%
Marquette 95	80.4%	5.8%	12.0%	1.8%
Marquette 00	76.3%	6.1%	15.6%	2.0%
Parkland 95	81.4%	12.3%	3.9%	2.5%
Parkland 00	81.7%	12.2%	3.7%	2.4%
Interlake 95	68.2%	4.3%	2.3%	25.2%
Interlake 00	61.7%	4.3%	2.8%	31.2%
North Eastman 95	59.8%	9.5%	5.5%	25.1%
North Eastman 00	55.5%	11.5%	6.7%	26.4%
Burntwood 95	75.9%	12.4%	4.8%	6.9%
Burntwood 00	70.5%	16.8%	5.0%	7.7%
Churchill 95	89.5%		6.3%	4.2%
Churchill 00	85.6%		8.6%	5.8%
Nor-Man 95	82.7%	10.3%	3.9%	3.1%
Nor-Man 00	82.0%	9.9%	4.7%	3.3%
Rural South 95	69.8%	9.4%	5.9%	14.8%
Rural South 00	68.2%	9.9%	6.7%	15.3%
North 95	79.0%	11.3%	4.4%	5.3%
North 00	75.7%	13.5%	4.9%	5.8%
Winnipeg 95	97.9%		2.1%	
Winnipeg 00	97.8%		2.2%	
Manitoba 95	85.1%	5.8%	3.7%	5.4%
Manitoba 00	84.2%	6.3%	4.0%	5.6%

Location of Visits to Specialist Physicians, 1995/96 and 2000/01

RHA	% In District	% Elsewhere in RHA	% To Other RHA	% To Winnipeg
South Eastman 95	4.0%	2.7%	0.8%	92.5%
South Eastman 00	6.2%	4.6%	1.5%	87.8%
South Westman 95	10.5%	0.8%	63.9%	24.7%
South Westman 00	0.1%	0.1%	69.8%	30.0%
Brandon 95	45.0%	44.5%	0.9%	9.6%
Brandon 00	41.8%	43.2%	1.3%	13.7%
Central 95	13.7%	4.4%	2.7%	79.2%
Central 00	12.3%	4.1%	3.0%	80.6%
Marquette 95	0.2%	0.4%	68.8%	30.7%
Marquette 00	0.3%	1.2%	64.4%	34.1%
Parkland 95	14.4%	11.1%	17.3%	57.2%
Parkland 00	16.4%	13.3%	15.0%	55.3%
Interlake 95	15.3%	1.2%	0.3%	83.2%
Interlake 00	13.6%	2.0%	0.6%	83.8%
North Eastman 95	0.7%	0.2%	6.4%	92.7%
North Eastman 00	0.5%	0.1%	6.7%	92.6%
Burntwood 95	3.9%	1.1%	1.8%	93.2%
Burntwood 00	11.2%	5.2%	1.4%	82.3%
Churchill 95	47.9%		1.0%	51.1%
Churchill 00	49.4%		1.1%	49.4%
Nor-Man 95	1.9%	0.0%	3.2%	94.9%
Nor-Man 00	4.4%	1.6%	3.7%	90.2%
Rural South 95	9.9%	2.5%	13.3%	74.2%
Rural South 00	8.8%	3.1%	12.6%	75.6%
North 95	4.5%	0.8%	2.1%	92.6%
North 00	10.6%	4.2%	1.9%	83.3%
Winnipeg 95	99.8%		0.2%	
Winnipeg 00	99.7%		0.3%	
Manitoba 95	79.7%	2.2%	2.7%	15.4%
Manitoba 00	78.5%	2.1%	2.7%	16.7%

Highlights:

Location of Visits to GP/FPs

- The majority of Winnipeg residents visit GP/FPs in Winnipeg.
- The RHAs with the closest proximity to Winnipeg appear to have the highest proportions of residents that visit Winnipeg GP/FPs. These are : Interlake RHA, North Eastman RHA, South Eastman RHA, and Central RHA (based upon 2000/01 data).
- In the province of Manitoba, the majority of residents do visit GP/FPs within their health district, however this percentage most likely reflects the pattern for Winnipeg residents.

Location of Visits to Specialists

- The majority of Winnipeg residents visit specialists in Winnipeg.
- The proportion of non-Winnipeg RHA residents who visit Winnipeg specialists varies substantially among the RHAs, from 13.7% in Brandon RHA to 92.6% of visits in North Eastman RHA.
- Those in the Rural South are slightly less likely than those in the North to visit Winnipeg specialists.