

Median Length of Waiting Times Before Admission to Personal Care Home

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Definition/Description:

Admissions to PCH

This is the number of residents aged 75+ admitted to PCH for the first time, per thousand residents aged 75+. This only includes provincial PCH beds, not federal beds, due to the lack of information on federal bed use in the provincial database.

Personal Care Home Use: Beds, Residents, Admissions, Waiting Times, Days

Personal care home residents are people who live in a personal care home in Manitoba. Bed supply is the number of available personal care home beds per 1000 residents age 75 and up. Admissions are only those admitted to a personal care home in Manitoba during the relevant time period. Waiting times indicate the median waiting time for admission to a personal care home. Days are the total number of days occupied by residents of personal care homes. For the purposes of this report, federal personal care home residents are not included, except in bed supply.

Method

For all Home Care and Personal Care Home (PCH) analyses, two years of data were used (1994/95-1995/96 and 1999/2000-2000/01), with the population from the same years as the denominator (see specific categories for exceptions). This analysis is based upon place of residence prior to admission for only those residents who lived in the WHR. The residents may or may not be in Personal Care Homes in the Winnipeg Heath Region.

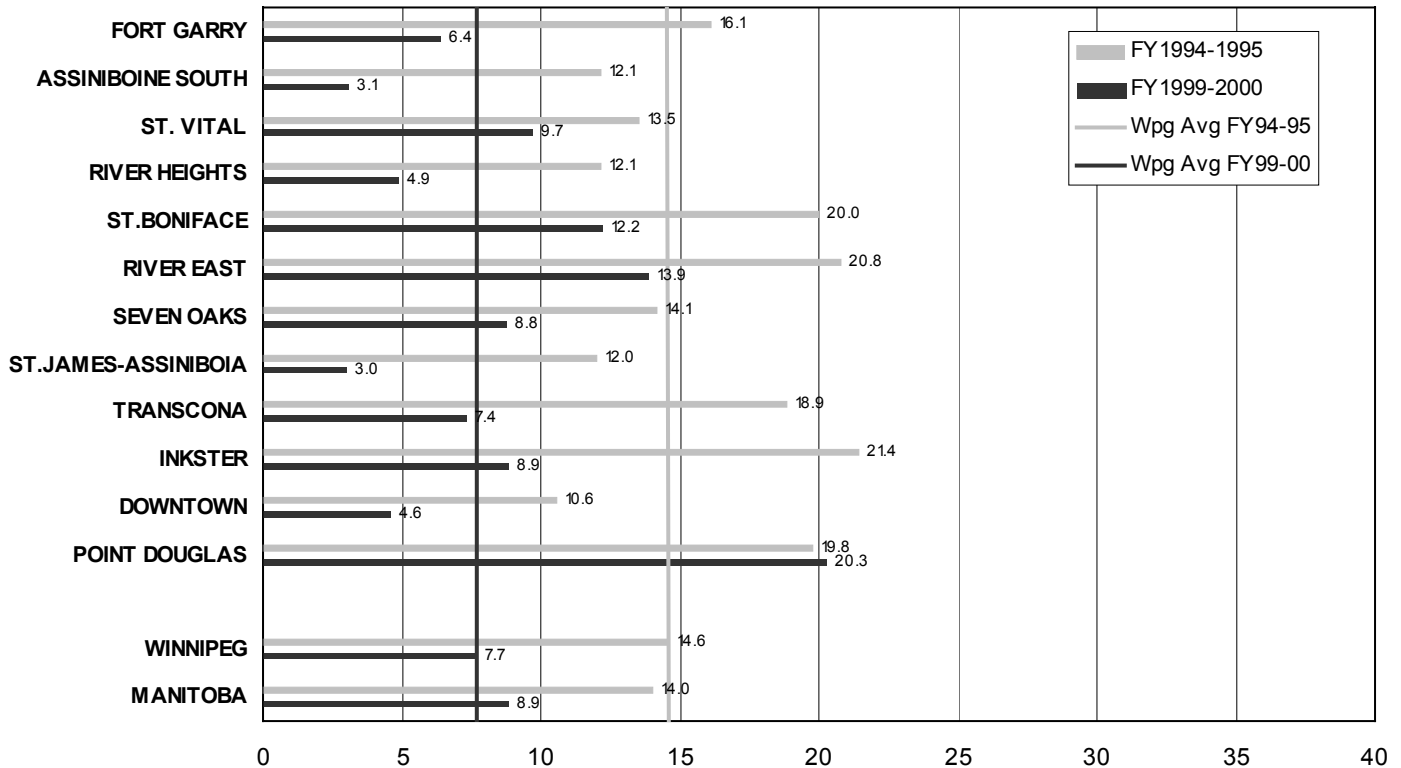
Source:

The Need to Know Project, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, 2003. All numerical values, tables, and figures (including spatial analyses) were generated by the Population Health and Health System Analysis Unit, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Findings:

Median Wait Times for PCH Admission by CA

Median # weeks from assessment to admission, by residence prior to admission, residents age 75+



Highlights:

Regional Wait Times:

- There was a substantial decrease in the median wait time for admission to PCH for the WHR between the time periods of 1994-1995 (t_1) and 1999-2000 (t_2).
- The WHR median wait time for admission to PCH decreased from 14.6 weeks to 7.7 weeks for residents aged 75+.
- The WHR median wait time for admission to PCH was slightly lower than that for Manitoba in t_2 .

Community Area Wait Times:

- There appears to be great variability in the median wait time for admission to PCH among the community areas.
- Almost every community area experienced a decrease in median wait time for admission to PCH between the two time periods with the exception of Point Douglas.
- The shortest median wait time for admission to a PCH were found in the Assiniboine South and the St. James-Assiniboia for t_2 .
- The longest median wait time for admission to a PCH was found in Point Douglas for both time periods; the t_2 value was approximately two and a half times longer than that of the WHR.
- The following community areas had median wait time for admission to PCH that were higher than that for the WHR: St. Vital, St. Boniface, River East, Seven Oaks, Inkster, and Point Douglas.