



Population Health

2008

A Tale of Two Communities: Observations on Some Results From the Glace Bay and Kings County GPI Surveys

Source: Pennock, M., Pennock, M., & Colman, R.

Description: These Community GPI Profiles summarize key results from unique community-level surveys conducted by GPI Atlantic in Kings County and Glace Bay - two Nova Scotia communities that have very different socio-economic profiles. GPI Atlantic surveyed more than 3,600 residents, randomly selected, on key aspects of wellbeing, including health, jobs, livelihood, safety, social supports, volunteer work, and environmental attitudes and behaviours that are rarely addressed in conventional surveys. The surveys also provide first time results on the core values that Nova Scotians hold, with respondents asked to rank ten values in terms of their importance as guiding life principles, and to rate their own life satisfaction, happiness, health, and stress levels. The surveys were constructed after extensive community consultations, and took at least two hours to complete. Response rates were more than 70% in Kings County and a remarkable 82% in Glace Bay.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/community/taletwo.pdf

2007

Measuring Nova Scotia's Performance in Health Research

Source: Collins Management Consulting & Research Ltd., on behalf of the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF)

Description: Nova Scotia health researchers are struggling to compete on the national and international stage as a result of the declining level of financial support for Nova Scotia health research relative to the growth in other Canadian provincial jurisdictions. This report examines the performance of Nova Scotia in health research using a variety of published data sources and related indicators of health research funding success.

URL: www.nshrf.ca/

Public Health 101: An Introduction to Public Health

Source: Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection

Description: This document, created by public health leaders in Atlantic Canada, is an orientation module that offers an introduction to public health. It assumes that the reader has an education background in a health related field and the content is primarily based on Canadian literature. This module is available to participants as a Microsoft Word document or as a PDF file and is provided in both English and French.

URL: www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publications/PH-101.pdf

2006

Envisioning Successful Coordination: Final Report ikeNS (Information Knowledge Exchange Nova Scotia Final Report)

Source: ITScooperative for Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection

Description: The ikeNS Project was initiated to assess the health promotion information and knowledge exchange needs of Nova Scotians and to determine how to best address these needs.

URL: www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publications/FinalReportikeNSJune2006.pdf

The Renewal of Public Health in Nova Scotia: Building a Public Health System to Meet the Needs of Nova Scotians

Source: Moloughney, B. W. with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection.

Description: Nova Scotia is the first province to commission an external review of the strengths and limitations of the public health system post-SARS. This report is a thorough review of Nova Scotia's public health system.

URL: www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/resources/renewal.asp

Understanding Cancer in Nova Scotia

Source: Cancer Care Nova Scotia

Description: This document is a statistical report by Cancer Care Nova Scotia that focuses on Cancer rates in Nova Scotia from 2000-2004. It profiles cancer incidence and addresses issues relating to cancer survival, prevalence and projections while emphasizing the overarching need for a coordinated and comprehensive cancer control program.

URL: www.cancercare.ns.ca/site-cc/media/cancercare/understandingcancer.pdf

2005

Bridging the Recreation Divide: Listening to Youth and Parents from Low-Income Families Across Canada

Source: Frisby, W., Tirone, S., Harvey, J., Alexander, T., Watson, C., Laplante, D., Taylor, J. for Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

Description: This report gathered views on municipal recreation programs and policies from non-recreation participant male and female youth living in low income families, parents of non recreation participant children from low income families and from recreation staff in selected cities across Canada (including Nova Scotia)

URL: www.cpra.ca/UserFiles/File/EN/sitePdfs/initiatives/BridgingtheRecreationDivideFINALREPORT.pdf

Our Journey: First Nations Experience in Navigating Cancer Care

Source: Loppie, C. and Wien, F., on behalf of the Mi'kmaq Health Research Group

Description: The purpose of this qualitative study was to explore the cancer care experiences of First Nations people in Nova Scotia.

URL: www.cancercare.ns.ca/site-cc/media/cancercare/FirstNationsExperienceinNavigatingCancerCare.pdf

2004

Communities in Profile: A Comparison of Caregiving in Glace Bay & Kings County

Source: Kiceniuk, D., MacKenzie, A., and Harvey, A. for GPI Atlantic and Joint Policy Initiative – GPI Atlantic Comm. Data

Description: This document profiles caregiving in two Nova Scotia communities (Glace Bay and Kings County). Information such as the definition of caregiving, labour force participation and caregiving, caregiver well-being, health practices, the study's objectives and research methodology, community characteristics, and results are included.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/communitygpi/unpaidcare.pdf

Development and Application of Community Health Indicators : Final Report to Canadian Population Health Initiative

Source: Colman, R. for GPI Atlantic

Description: The aim of this survey of two Nova Scotia communities (Kings County & Glace Bay) was to establish benchmark indicators of community health & the social & economic determinants of health. These indicators enable communities to track progress over time & evaluate the success or failure of projects intended to improve health. The survey data should also allow researchers to assess why some communities are healthier than others & to recommend actions that can improve health at the community level.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/communitygpi/cphireport.pdf

Peace and Security, An Introductory Comparison of Glace Bay and Kings County

Source: Raymond, M. for GPI Atlantic

Description: This document focuses on the ideas of peace & security in two areas of Nova Scotia, Glace Bay & Kings County. This report provides information on community demographics & descriptive statistics, an analysis of crime & community attitudes & perceived views on justice.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/communitygpi/peace.pdf

Work Time and the Future of Work in Canada: A Nova Scotia GPI Case Study

Source: Pannozzo , L. with Colman, R., for GPI Atlantic

Description: In this three-part report, paid work is examined not only for its contribution to income and growth, as in most standard economic analyses, but from a broader perspective of "genuine progress" & human wellbeing.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/workhours/workhours.pdf

2003

A Profile of Women's Health Indicators in Canada

Source: Colman, R. for GPI Atlantic, prepared for the Bureau of Women's Health and Gender Analysis, Health Canada.

Description: This report is a statistical analysis of economic, social-psychological, health behaviours, lifestyle environmental determinants of health; healthy child development; reproductive health; health outcomes; health system performance in Canada & the Atlantic provinces.

URL: www.gpiatlantic.org/pdf/health/womens/whbreport.pdf

An Inclusion Lens: Workbook for Looking at Social and Economic Exclusion and Inclusion

Source: Shookner, M. for Population and Public Health Branch (Atlantic Region), Health Canada.

Description: This document describes a tool for analyzing legislation, policies, programs and practices to determine whether they promote the social and economic inclusion of individuals, families, and communities. It offers guiding questions to work through the issues, and key considerations in setting an action plan.

URL: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/pdf/inclusion_lens-E.pdf

Healthy People, Healthy Communities: Using the Population Health Approach in Nova Scotia

Source: Nova Scotia Department of Health

Description: The purpose of this document is to explain what is meant by a population health approach, and to offer real life examples of a population health approach in action right here in Nova Scotia.

URL: www.hpclearinghouse.ca/downloads/hphc.pdf

Submission to the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada (The Romanow Commission)

Source: Nova Scotia Department of Health

Description : Nova Scotia faces serious challenges in delivering optimal health care & preventing illness among its citizens. This submission provides a situational analysis of Nova Scotia's health care environment & some of the innovative approaches the province has undertaken to improve the system. Also outlined are ways the Atlantic provinces have collaborated to enhance health care across the region. The report documents Nova Scotia's recommendations for changes to the *Canada Health Act*, based on its experiences. Six broad themes make up the focus of Nova Scotia's written submission to the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada: The Health of Nova Scotia's Population, Sustainability, Health Human Resources, Regional Medical School Costs, Research Funding and The Canada Health Act

URL: www.hpclearinghouse.ca/downloads/romanow.pdf

Navigating the Cancer Care System: African Nova Scotians' Experience

Source: Benton, W. and Loppie, S. for Cancer Care Nova Scotia

Description : In an effort to assist in the development of the Patient Navigation Program, Cancer Care Nova Scotia commissioned two African consultants to document the provincial experience of African Nova Scotians as they interact with the health care system.

URL: www.cancercare.ns.ca/site-cc/media/cancercare/AfricanNSExperienceReport.pdf

Population Health in Action Workbook* and *Bookmark

Source: Addiction Services and Public Health Services District 1, 2, 3

Description : The *Population Health in Action Workbook* will assist in thinking through a population health approach in your work, and will allow you to be more effective in achieving health outcomes.

URL: www.hpclearinghouse.ca/resources/pdf/Pop_Health_Workbook_2001.pdf

URL: www.hpclearinghouse.ca/resources/pdf/Pop_Health_Bookmark_2001.pdf