




Hospitalizations Entirely Caused by Alcohol island health

Year to Date Performance	498	Performance Assessment	 Red
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 367	Performance is significantly outside acceptable range; take action and monitor progress.	

What do we measure and why?

Harmful use of alcohol has serious effects not only on selected individuals, but also on a community as a whole. It also puts unnecessary strain on limited health care resources. Harmful use of alcohol is associated with a wide range of health conditions and is one of the leading factors in death, disease, and disability. Harmful alcohol consumption can cause harm to other individuals in a manner that is intentional (assault) or unintentional (traffic accidents and fatalities).

This indicator is calculated by dividing the total number of hospitalizations with wholly alcohol-attributable conditions among Island Health residents age 10 and older by the total population aged 10 and older, per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).

What is the target?

Island Health's target is less than or equal to 367.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

As of August 2023, Island Health was not meeting the target. Results have, however, improved slightly compared to previous years.

What actions are we taking?

Island Health provides a range of substance use treatment services to people who are experiencing challenging drug and alcohol use. Depending on the community, various free and confidential services are available such as consultations with addiction medicine physicians, counselling, and support from community organizations.

In some Island Health communities, there are facilities that offer inpatient recovery for those who need extra support on their journey.