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STATE OF HEALTH CARE - TRACKING SURVEY EXCERPTS FOR RELEASE

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Research Methodology



- **Approach:** Online survey of Adult Albertans
- **Region:** Alberta
- **Field dates:** May 12 – May 19, 2026
- **Sample size:** n=1,100
- **Sampling:** A random stratified sample of panelists was invited to complete the survey from panel partners
- **Weighting:** Weighted to reflect gender, age and region of the Alberta population according to Stats Canada
- **Margin of error:** The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of this size is **+/- 2.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20**

Sample sizes:	Unweighted	Weighted	MOE*
Alberta total	n=1,100	n=1,100	+/- 2.9
Calgary	n=382	n=394	+/- 5.0
Edmonton	n=339	n=356	+/- 5.3
Northern Alberta	n=138	n=124	+/- 8.3
Central Alberta	n=122	n=118	+/- 8.9
Southern Alberta	n=119	n=108	+/- 9.0

*Margin of error: Percentage points 19 times out of 20.

The margin of error is associated with a probability sample of this size.

Accuracy of sub-samples of the data decline based on sample sizes



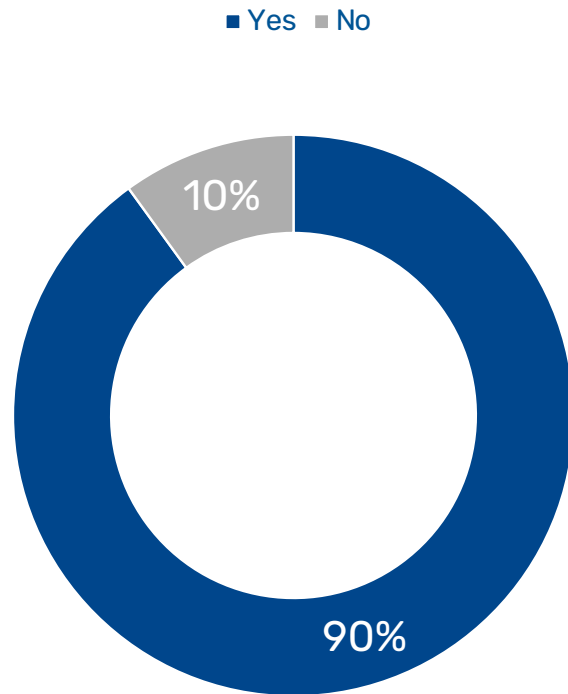
SPECIALIST WAIT TIMES REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST URGENT CHALLENGES IN ALBERTA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



Health Care System Usage – Past Year

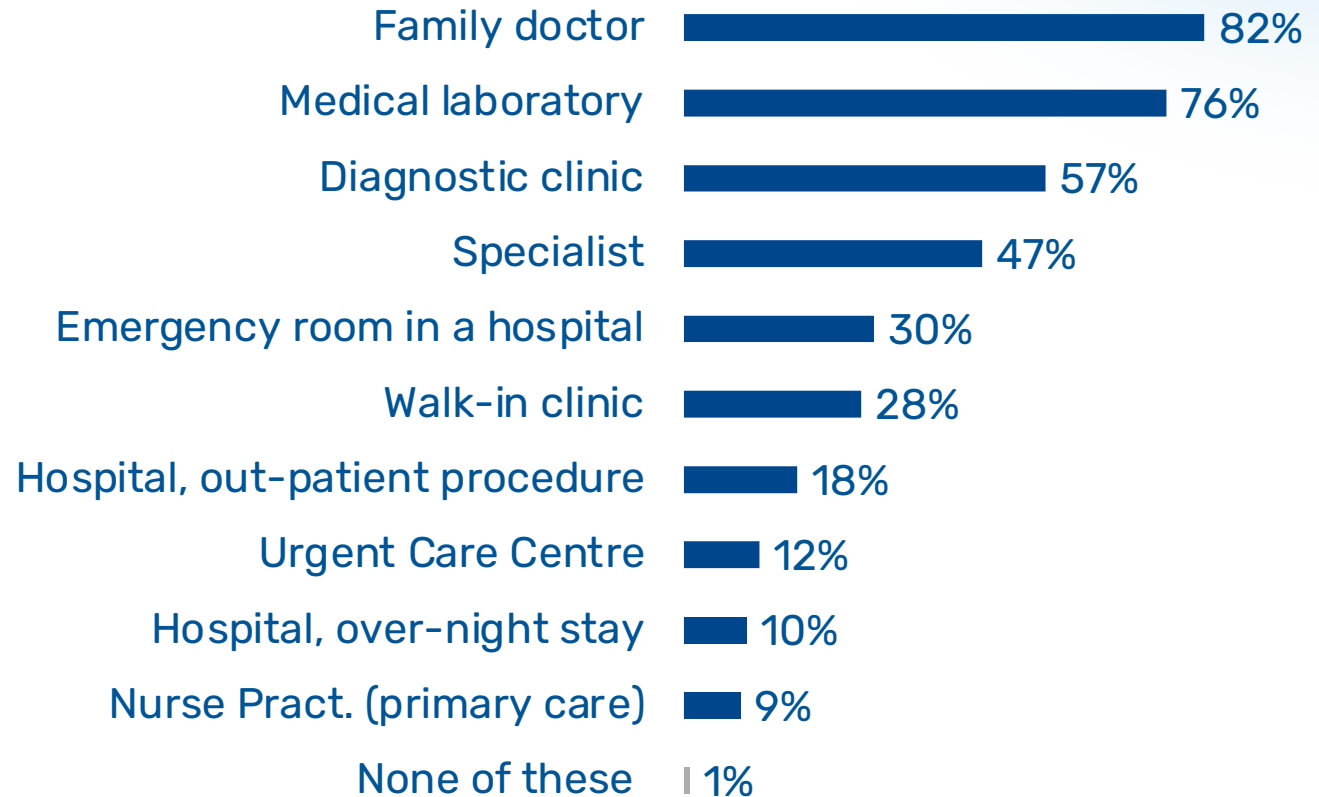


Have you personally used any health care services in Alberta within the past year?



Base: All respondents (n=1,100)

And in the past year, have you personally gone to...?



Base: Used health care services in Alberta in past year (n=988) | Multiple mentions

Health Care System Usage – Past Year

By Age and Gender



Have you personally used any health care services in Alberta within the past year? Which ones?

	Age (years)				Gender	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Men	Women
Base: All respondents	(n=1,100)	(n=318)	(n=387)	(n=395)	(n=533)	(n=544)
Used health care in Alberta in past year	90%	87%	89%	93%	85%	95%
Base Used health care services in AB in past year*:	(n=988)	(n=276)	(n=345)	(n=367)	(n=451)	(n=514)
Family doctor	82%	76%	81%	88%	77%	87%
Medical laboratory	76%	64%	79%	83%	72%	80%
Diagnostic clinic	57%	40%	59%	69%	49%	65%
Specialist	47%	39%	44%	56%	45%	48%
Emergency room in hospital	30%	29%	34%	26%	29%	31%
Walk-in clinic	28%	40%	31%	15%	31%	25%
Hospital, out-patient procedure	18%	15%	15%	22%	15%	19%
Urgent care centre	12%	13%	15%	8%	10%	13%
Hospital, over-night stay	10%	9%	9%	11%	10%	9%
Nurse practitioner for primary care	9%	10%	8%	9%	7%	10%
None of these	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Base: All respondents | *Multiple mentions

Note: Shading [blue] denotes significant differences among sub-samples

Health Care System Usage – Past Year

By Family Doctor Status/Access



Have you personally used any health care services in Alberta within the past year? Which ones?

		Family Doctor Status			Family Doctor Access		
	Total	Has FD	Seeking	No FD	Good	Modest	Poor
Base: All respondents	(n=1,100)	(n=917)	(n=74)*	(n=99)*	(n=485)	(n=283)	(n=149)
Used health care in Alberta in past year	90%	94%	76%	60%	95%	92%	97%
Base Used health care services in AB in past year*:	(n=988)	(n=866)	(n=57)*	(n=60)*	(n=461)	(n=261)	(n=144)
Family doctor	82%	90%	31%	14%	92%	88%	87%
Medical laboratory	76%	79%	68%	42%	78%	81%	82%
Diagnostic clinic	57%	60%	34%	36%	60%	62%	57%
Specialist	47%	49%	43%	23%	49%	50%	47%
Emergency room in hospital	30%	31%	27%	21%	29%	31%	36%
Walk-in clinic	28%	25%	48%	49%	18%	28%	40%
Hospital, out-patient procedure	18%	18%	20%	7%	18%	19%	16%
Urgent care centre	12%	12%	10%	7%	12%	14%	10%
Hospital, over-night stay	10%	10%	11%	6%	10%	9%	9%
Nurse practitioner for primary care	9%	8%	17%	15%	7%	9%	8%
None of these	1%	0%	3%	6%	0%	1%	

Base: All respondents | *Multiple mentions | *Caution: Small base size

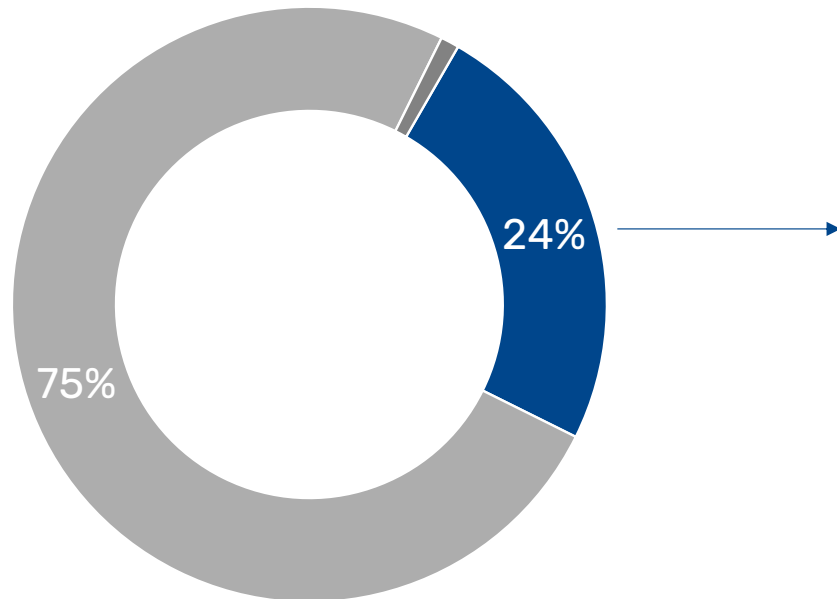
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Specialist Waitlists and Expected Wait Time



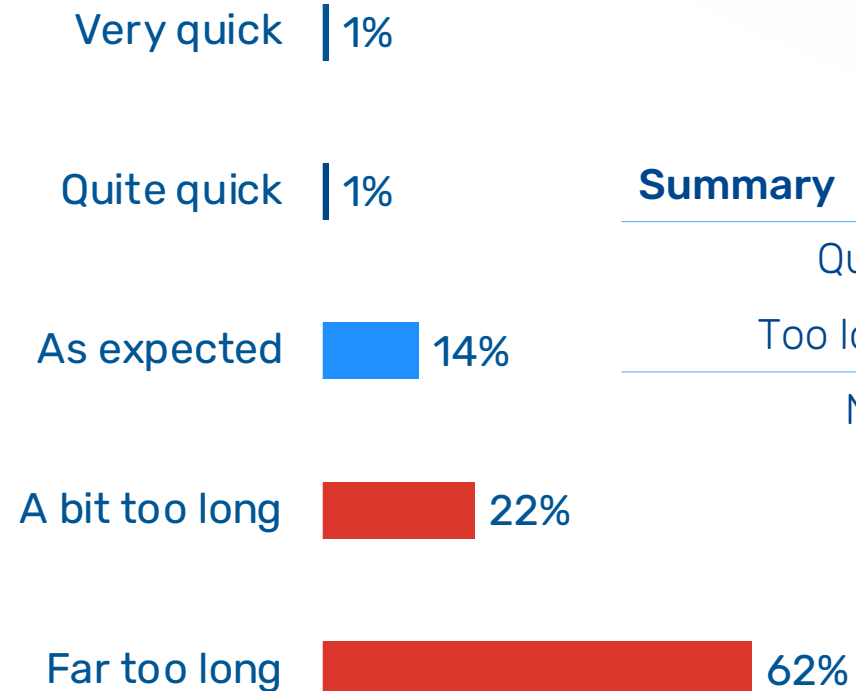
Are you currently on a waitlist to see a specialist physician for an initial consultation or a specific procedure?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Prefer not to say



Base: All respondents (n=1,100)

How would you describe your expected wait to see the specialist?



Summary

Quick	2%
Too long	84%
NET	-82

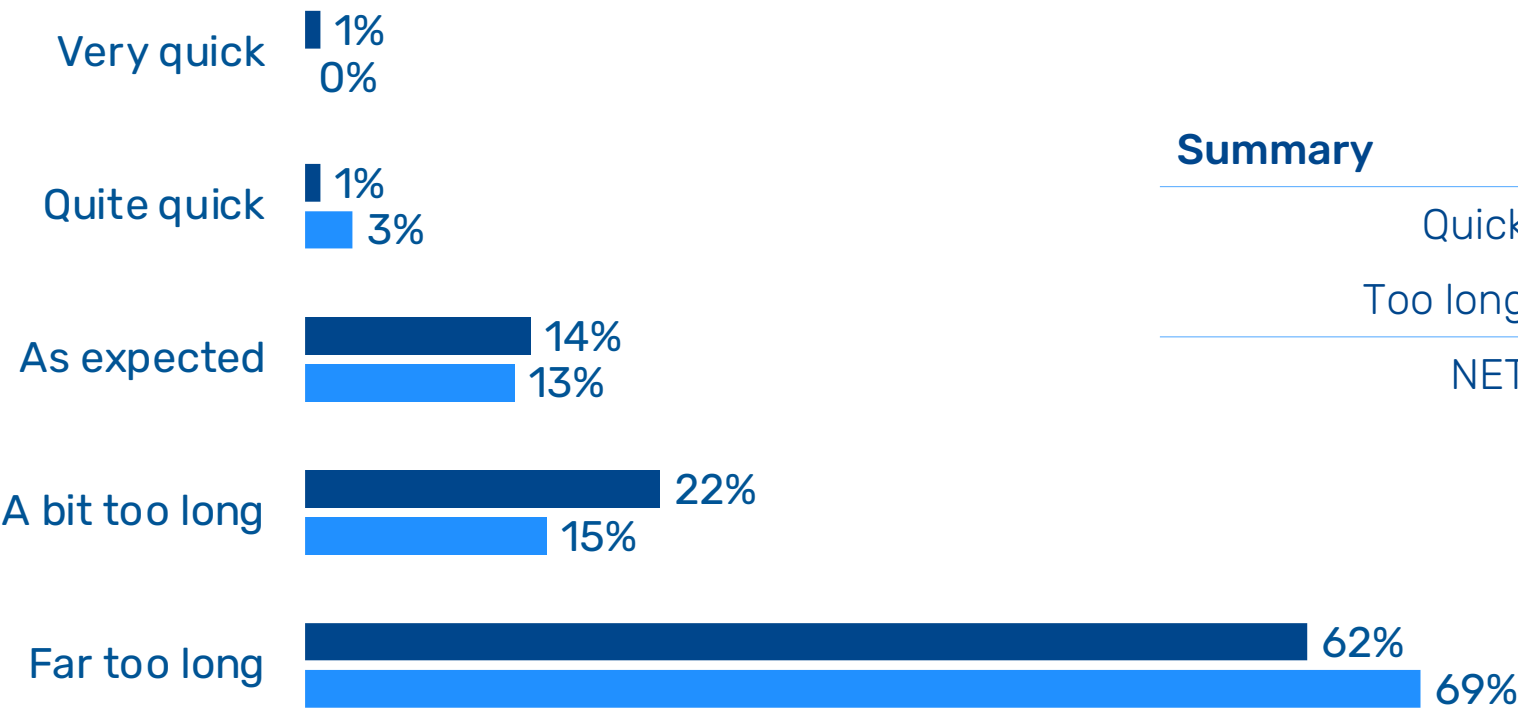
Base: Currently on a waitlist (n=266) | NET: Quick minus too long

Specialist Expected Wait Time Tracking



How would you describe your expected wait to see the specialist?

■ May'26 (n=266) ■ Jun'25 (n=215)



Summary	May'26	Jun'25
Quick	2%	3%
Too long	84%	84%
NET	-82	-81

Base: Currently on a waitlist | NET: Quick minus too long

Specialty Care Ratings

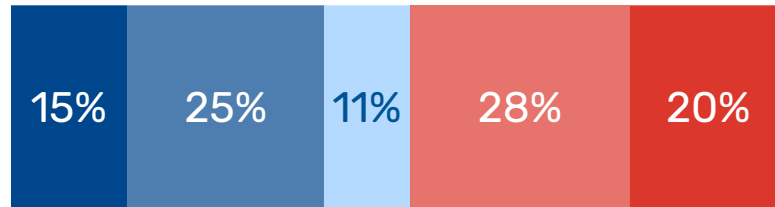


How would you rate the following based on your last visit to a specialist?

■ 5 - Excellent ■ 4 ■ 3 ■ 2 ■ 1 - Very poor ■ Prefer not to say

Good (rating 4,5)	Poor (rating 1,2)	NET
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Timeliness to see the specialist

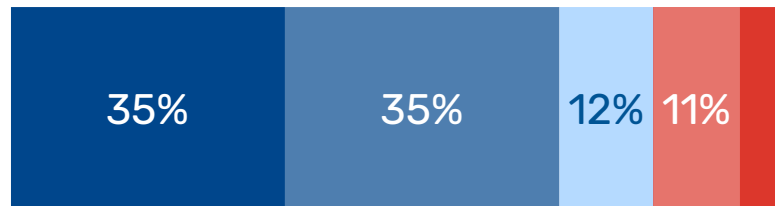


40%

48%

-8

Overall quality of care received



70%

16%

+54

Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year (n=466) | NET: Good minus poor

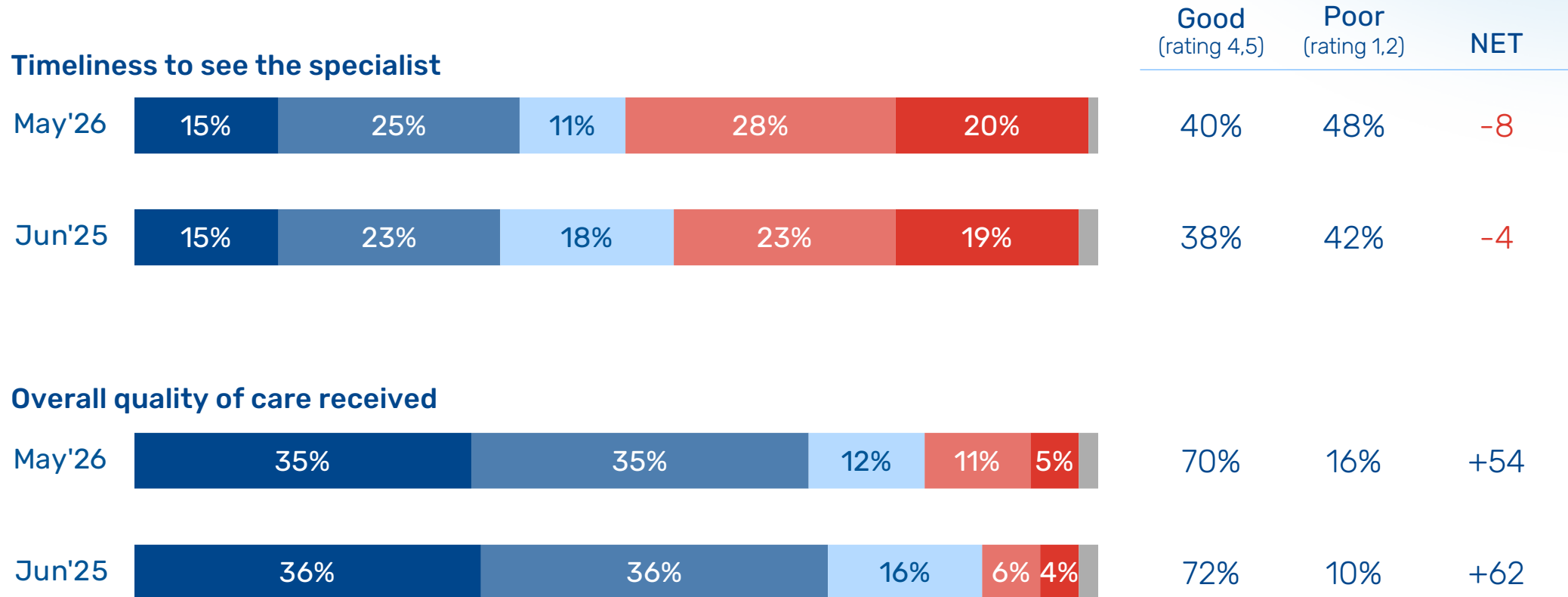
Specialty Care Ratings

Tracking



How would you rate the following based on your last visit to a specialist?

■ 5 - Excellent ■ 4 ■ 3 ■ 2 ■ 1 - Very poor ■ Prefer not to say



Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year: May'26 (n=466); Jun'25 (n=441) | NET: Good minus poor

Specialty Care Ratings

By Region



How would you rate the following based on your last visit to a specialist?

		Region				
		Total	Calgary Proper	Edmonton Proper	Small Urban	Rural
Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year		(n=466)	(n=166)	(n=104)	(n=140)	(n=58)*
Timeliness to see the specialist	Good	40%	36%	32%	44%	51%
	Neutral	11%	12%	13%	10%	18%
	Poor	48%	52%	55%	45%	31%
	NET	-8	-16	-23	-1	+20
Overall quality of care received	Good	70%	64%	71%	77%	68%
	Neutral	12%	16%	12%	10%	23%
	Poor	16%	20%	17%	13%	9%
	NET	+54	+44	+54	+64	+59

Note: Shading [blue] denotes significant differences among sub-samples

Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year | *Caution: Small base size | NET: Good minus poor

Specialty Care Ratings

By Age and Gender



How would you rate the following based on your last visit to a specialist?

			Age (years)			Gender	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Men	Women
Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year		(n=466)	(n=107)	(n=153)	(n=207)	(n=203)	(n=249)
Timeliness to see the specialist	Good	40%	40%	31%	46%	46%	35%
	Neutral	11%	11%	16%	11%	11%	13%
	Poor	48%	49%	53%	43%	43%	51%
	NET	-8	-9	-22	+3	+3	-16
Overall quality of care received	Good	70%	62%	71%	73%	76%	67%
	Neutral	12%	20%	15%	11%	13%	15%
	Poor	16%	18%	14%	16%	11%	19%
	NET	+54	+44	+57	+57	+65	+48

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Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year | NET: Good minus poor

Specialty Care Ratings

By Family Doctor Access and Last Provincial Vote



How would you rate the following based on your last visit to a specialist?

			Family Doctor Access			Last Prov. Vote	
		Total	Good	Modest	Poor	UCP	NDP
Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year		(n=466)	(n=228)	(n=130)	(n=68)*	(n=199)	(n=193)
Timeliness to see the specialist	Good	40%	44%	25%	40%	49%	33%
	Neutral	11%	14%	13%	13%	12%	13%
	Poor	48%	42%	62%	47%	39%	54%
	NET	-8	+2	-37	-7	+10	-21
Overall quality of care received	Good	70%	76%	62%	60%	72%	70%
	Neutral	12%	11%	17%	18%	12%	15%
	Poor	16%	13%	21%	22%	16%	14%
	NET	+54	+63	+41	+38	+56	+56

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Base: Seen a specialist in Alberta in past year | *Caution: Small base size | NET: Good minus poor



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