


Hospitalizations Entirely Caused by Alcohol

Year to Date Performance	513	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 December 2024, Island Health was not meeting the target.

What actions are we taking?

Island Health provides a range of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for drug and alcohol use, including public awareness campaigns, detox, treatment, peer support, and outpatient care, with many services expanding. The Chief Medical Health Officer's 2024 report outlines strategies to reduce alcohol-related harm. Ongoing community engagement continues to inform future planning and policy.