

AHS Quick Facts

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Quick Facts provide a snapshot of health care activity across the province and by zones, and demonstrates growth in services provided in the last few years.

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Provincial											
		Fiscal Year			Fiscal Quarter				Year to Date		
		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	6,578,463	6,307,593	5,589,175	1,396,989	1,467,083	1,552,628	1,581,298	NA	2,569,464	NA
	EMS Events	560,434	589,498	602,283	157,285	152,586	150,881	165,921	175,154	298,816	341,075
	Food Safety Inspections	65,560	48,247	26,171	7,686	6,694	6,017	7,075	9,119	13,460	16,194
	Health Link Calls	694,313	891,931	2,291,243	515,985	521,869	792,076	1,330,245	732,953	977,298	2,063,198
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	5,005	5,113	4,663	1,095	1,082	1,371	1,327	1,338	2,210	2,665
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	3,093	3,408	2,764	757	602	925	913	885	1,237	1,798
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	119,900	125,031	117,848	77,280	78,140	77,187	76,835	77,986	90,138	93,166
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	2,056,631	2,062,528	1,552,096	437,685	377,691	377,482	439,630	490,383	796,923	930,013
	Urgent Care Visits	197,401	202,925	148,166	42,435	35,811	37,547	45,149	52,321	74,808	97,470
	Hospital Discharges	401,208	399,281	358,107	94,515	90,185	89,758	98,077	94,932	178,164	193,009
	Births	50,793	49,981	46,603	12,147	11,088	11,401	12,442	12,564	24,114	25,006
	Total Hospital Days	2,853,001	2,852,150	2,505,858	626,688	667,057	645,049	655,585	653,151	1,193,752	1,308,736
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.6	7.4	7.2	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.8
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	6,279	6,605	5,802	1,663	1,667	1,640	1,830	1,420	2,495	3,250
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	6,617	6,233	5,125	1,668	1,549	1,514	1,818	1,146	2,062	2,964
	Cataract Surgery	40,554	45,236	44,289	10,448	11,161	16,323	13,359	10,780	16,805	24,139
	Main Operating Room Activity	291,450	289,567	271,131	70,920	71,156	78,313	77,524	60,796	121,662	138,320
	MRI Exams	204,744	201,118	205,793	53,099	55,650	57,285	58,904	60,490	92,858	119,394
	CT Exams	441,938	427,508	462,443	122,479	117,232	121,849	129,055	128,836	223,362	257,891
	X-Ray	1,845,811	1,846,918	1,532,099	422,613	382,432	393,588	426,558	437,085	756,079	863,643
	Lab Tests	80,237,687	81,188,409	72,975,872	19,520,602	19,828,909	19,916,589	20,949,037	20,800,029	33,230,374	41,749,066
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	668,817	704,191	737,212	183,122	186,533	190,731	202,271	197,624	359,948	399,895
	Unique Cancer Patients	59,249	62,513	60,902	32,181	32,103	32,618	33,851	33,895	44,358	47,929
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric f..)	29,936	31,154	31,791	7,968	8,107	8,433	8,828	8,190	15,251	17,018
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	25,725	26,443	27,100	6,897	6,953	7,127	7,370	6,947	13,020	14,317
	Addiction Residential Treatment and Detoxification Admissions	10,557	10,356	8,166	2,312	1,884	2,136	2,221	2,330	4,146	4,551

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Zone 1 South											
		Fiscal Year			Fiscal Quarter				Year to Date		
		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	461,425	455,409	335,133	85,059	88,477	91,310	95,945	82,581	155,346	178,526
	Food Safety Inspections	4,926	3,557	1,951	731	447	391	319	736	1,113	1,055
	Health Link Calls	30,306	37,182	72,671	24,257	12,299	13,635	15,365	14,533	46,737	29,898
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	418	321	282	64	75	66	74	56	141	130
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	490	549	665	151	170	207	190	168	288	358
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	12,837	13,259	12,668	8,536	8,481	8,422	8,490	8,558	9,841	10,099
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	189,864	194,338	153,843	45,030	37,080	36,625	42,496	49,876	80,138	92,372
	Hospital Discharges	29,148	28,692	26,291	6,896	6,687	6,639	7,038	6,931	12,965	13,969
	Births	3,692	3,671	3,587	935	844	866	910	904	1,877	1,814
	Total Hospital Days	220,260	216,396	183,276	44,401	51,693	46,641	47,043	47,005	84,942	94,048
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.4	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.7
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	583	619	547	152	170	152	163	165	225	328
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	830	821	758	236	222	247	299	159	289	458
	Cataract Surgery	3,105	3,080	3,165	786	880	1,052	999	613	1,233	1,612
	Main Operating Room Activity	21,823	20,580	18,881	4,801	5,207	5,677	5,548	4,113	7,997	9,661
	MRI Exams	14,513	15,333	14,857	4,165	3,970	3,259	3,791	3,995	7,628	7,786
	CT Exams	31,640	32,976	36,574	9,811	9,037	9,257	9,924	10,134	18,280	20,058
	X-Ray	163,170	162,798	135,836	37,922	34,334	35,863	39,081	39,411	65,639	78,492
	Lab Tests	5,473,081	5,618,502	5,018,654	1,348,442	1,287,723	1,362,457	1,338,411	1,326,166	2,368,474	2,664,577
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	32,437	35,948	41,189	9,909	10,341	10,519	11,850	11,594	20,329	23,444
	Unique Cancer Patients	3,045	3,183	3,523	1,979	2,013	2,023	2,188	2,162	2,661	2,922
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric facilities)	2,316	2,527	2,410	633	601	600	648	584	1,209	1,232
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	2,316	2,527	2,410	633	601	600	648	584	1,209	1,232

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Zone 2 Calgary											
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		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	2,663,827	2,764,235	2,434,524	614,322	631,556	670,897	670,139	NA	1,132,071	NA
	Food Safety Inspections	23,688	16,814	12,277	3,564	3,045	2,738	3,276	3,680	6,494	6,956
	Health Link Calls	289,203	314,209	443,913	116,368	107,646	109,200	138,294	113,283	227,067	251,577
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	1,783	1,746	1,641	411	361	489	455	438	791	893
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	885	1,011	758	233	166	240	259	245	352	504
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	35,896	37,331	36,516	23,374	23,670	23,432	23,399	23,459	27,367	28,808
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	476,267	488,612	387,467	108,444	93,495	95,599	109,113	117,856	198,373	226,969
	Urgent Care Visits	185,450	189,776	138,305	39,470	33,512	35,081	41,949	48,406	69,712	90,355
	Hospital Discharges	145,427	145,962	132,800	35,300	33,496	33,870	36,593	34,563	65,434	71,156
	Births	18,195	18,116	16,939	4,455	4,022	4,182	4,630	4,612	8,735	9,242
	Total Hospital Days	1,036,176	1,024,585	923,534	235,634	234,900	242,592	238,067	232,401	446,042	470,468
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.0	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.6
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	2,321	2,292	2,212	620	626	641	643	481	945	1,124
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	2,398	2,345	2,094	676	653	594	669	446	847	1,115
	Cataract Surgery	14,425	18,050	18,800	4,017	4,216	7,697	4,623	4,778	6,887	9,401
	Main Operating Room Activity	102,108	103,514	99,702	25,535	25,916	29,760	26,868	20,243	44,026	47,111
	MRI Exams	78,231	78,925	83,670	21,704	22,923	23,518	24,057	25,246	37,229	49,303
	CT Exams	162,445	157,162	172,842	45,859	44,475	45,531	47,472	47,051	82,836	94,523
	X-Ray	542,446	543,709	459,010	127,661	114,271	120,264	127,243	129,956	224,475	257,199
	Lab Tests	31,010,367	31,733,664	28,004,538	7,369,169	7,800,005	7,847,419	8,152,366	7,902,394	12,357,114	16,054,760
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	221,104	230,955	241,589	59,606	61,663	62,257	65,286	64,280	117,669	129,566
	Unique Cancer Patients	25,356	26,094	26,092	13,974	14,107	14,351	15,016	14,948	19,037	21,263
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric f..)	11,312	11,586	12,062	2,982	3,134	3,324	3,312	3,091	5,604	6,403
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	10,792	11,083	11,728	2,895	3,044	3,236	3,215	3,001	5,448	6,216

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Zone 3 Central											
		Fiscal Year			Fiscal Quarter				Year to Date		
		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	493,336	485,158	402,111	103,872	106,320	110,000	113,107	100,449	185,791	213,556
	Food Safety Inspections	7,511	5,788	3,437	774	1,029	924	940	1,316	1,484	2,256
	Health Link Calls	56,202	61,687	102,548	27,610	23,660	25,694	29,569	23,664	53,194	53,233
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	760	870	695	142	182	179	222	193	334	415
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	552	598	461	145	97	133	111	142	231	253
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	19,660	20,688	19,732	12,788	12,959	12,818	12,728	13,047	14,956	15,537
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	328,256	325,882	239,571	68,194	58,334	57,815	68,863	78,738	123,422	147,601
	Hospital Discharges	42,801	41,726	37,651	9,802	9,721	9,600	10,407	9,734	18,330	20,141
	Births	4,364	4,038	3,743	946	877	922	1,031	997	1,944	2,028
	Total Hospital Days	334,361	333,885	271,031	64,621	77,026	70,032	75,884	73,999	123,973	149,883
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	7.8	8.0	7.2	6.6	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.6	6.8	7.4
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	654	683	630	187	166	194	208	136	270	344
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	706	664	595	185	164	206	208	112	225	320
	Cataract Surgery	4,221	4,040	4,213	1,035	1,149	1,412	1,399	706	1,652	2,105
	Main Operating Room Activity	29,573	29,469	29,638	7,981	8,004	8,533	8,603	6,487	13,101	15,090
	MRI Exams	13,089	13,845	14,975	4,397	3,942	3,836	4,012	3,873	7,197	7,885
	CT Exams	42,698	42,457	45,600	12,428	12,160	11,407	12,612	12,425	22,033	25,037
	X-Ray	255,168	262,054	211,462	58,960	51,765	53,955	60,195	62,347	105,742	122,542
	Lab Tests	6,707,603	6,863,306	6,107,843	1,626,016	1,604,705	1,662,338	1,753,109	1,692,962	2,840,800	3,446,071
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	34,856	37,857	42,855	10,492	10,916	10,876	11,819	10,857	21,063	22,676
	Unique Cancer Patients	3,268	3,586	3,980	2,128	2,168	2,249	2,311	2,343	2,879	3,214
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric facilities)	4,624	5,065	4,620	1,163	1,208	1,234	1,373	1,220	2,178	2,593
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	2,611	2,787	2,613	664	727	670	725	689	1,216	1,414

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Zone 4 Edmonton											
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		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	2,555,649	2,214,104	2,094,422	510,363	553,908	589,172	635,309	597,435	951,342	1,232,744
	Food Safety Inspections	16,673	13,140	4,920	1,475	1,295	1,024	1,580	2,097	2,601	3,677
	Health Link Calls	263,928	301,610	450,111	130,465	107,921	102,227	129,987	124,087	239,963	254,074
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	1,600	1,685	1,546	382	325	508	438	502	713	940
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	925	1,000	685	187	121	280	293	260	284	553
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	37,293	38,899	35,113	23,326	23,765	23,349	23,245	23,976	27,130	28,107
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	552,341	553,259	417,548	114,266	100,403	102,585	121,368	132,434	214,560	253,802
	Urgent Care Visits	11,951	13,149	9,861	2,965	2,299	2,466	3,200	3,915	5,096	7,115
	Hospital Discharges	143,163	142,911	125,791	33,080	31,554	31,049	35,204	34,678	63,188	69,882
	Births	18,949	18,693	17,247	4,489	4,159	4,212	4,623	4,758	8,876	9,381
	Total Hospital Days	998,979	1,003,776	892,479	226,056	239,889	225,776	235,404	237,157	426,814	472,561
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	7.0	7.0	7.1	6.8	7.6	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	2,337	2,604	1,984	593	569	538	711	550	877	1,261
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	2,199	1,940	1,285	474	356	362	537	345	567	882
	Cataract Surgery	16,642	18,572	16,682	4,286	4,519	5,641	5,875	4,237	6,522	10,112
	Main Operating Room Activity	112,356	111,803	99,503	26,685	25,903	27,217	30,556	24,898	46,383	55,454
	MRI Exams	85,649	81,244	81,166	20,094	21,838	23,139	23,451	23,855	36,189	47,306
	CT Exams	168,599	158,734	170,929	44,797	42,386	45,843	49,155	48,888	82,700	98,043
	X-Ray	601,553	594,029	479,779	129,701	120,164	119,942	134,621	138,467	239,673	273,088
	Lab Tests	29,879,909	29,955,722	25,715,631	6,891,970	6,865,682	7,107,888	7,705,705	7,746,969	11,742,061	15,452,674
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	363,466	380,991	388,054	97,418	97,778	101,151	107,387	105,149	189,125	212,536
	Unique Cancer Patients	27,726	28,810	28,013	14,037	13,767	14,012	14,417	14,573	19,866	21,005
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric f..)	8,745	9,168	9,979	2,443	2,522	2,640	2,876	2,718	4,817	5,594
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	7,067	7,238	7,629	1,958	1,939	1,986	2,163	2,096	3,704	4,259

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Zone 5 North

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		2018-19 FY	2019-20 FY	2020-21 FY	2020-21 FQ2	2020-21 FQ3	2020-21 FQ4	2021-22 FQ1	2021-22 FQ2	2020-21 FQ2YTD	2021-22 FQ2YTD
Primary Care/Population Health	Ambulatory Visits	404,226	388,667	322,985	83,373	86,822	91,249	66,798	62,025	144,914	128,823
	Food Safety Inspections	12,762	8,948	3,586	1,142	878	940	960	1,290	1,768	2,250
	Health Link Calls	54,674	60,829	103,464	28,478	23,586	25,801	34,124	24,372	54,077	58,496
Continuing Care	Number of Clients Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	444	491	499	96	139	129	138	149	231	287
	Number of Clients Placed from Community (home)	241	250	195	41	48	65	60	70	82	130
	Number of Unique Home Care Clients	14,214	14,854	13,819	9,256	9,265	9,166	8,973	8,946	10,844	10,615
Acute Care	Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	509,903	500,437	353,667	101,751	88,379	84,858	97,790	111,479	180,430	209,269
	Hospital Discharges	40,669	39,990	35,574	9,437	8,727	8,600	8,835	9,026	18,247	17,861
	Births	5,593	5,463	5,087	1,322	1,186	1,219	1,248	1,293	2,682	2,541
	Total Hospital Days	263,225	273,508	235,538	55,976	63,549	60,008	59,187	62,589	111,981	121,776
	Average Length of Stay (in days)	6.5	6.8	6.6	5.9	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.1	6.8
Diagnostic/Specific Procedures	Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	384	407	429	111	136	115	105	88	178	193
	Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	484	463	393	97	154	105	105	84	134	189
	Cataract Surgery	2,161	1,494	1,429	324	397	521	463	446	511	909
	Main Operating Room Activity	25,590	24,201	23,407	5,918	6,126	7,126	5,949	5,055	10,155	11,004
	MRI Exams	13,262	11,771	11,125	2,739	2,977	3,533	3,593	3,521	4,615	7,114
	CT Exams	36,556	36,179	36,498	9,584	9,174	9,811	9,892	10,338	17,513	20,230
	X-Ray	283,474	284,328	246,012	68,369	61,898	63,564	65,418	66,904	120,550	132,322
Lab Tests	4,893,157	4,995,108	4,476,385	1,199,170	1,136,153	1,210,046	1,192,510	1,198,764	2,130,186	2,391,274	
Cancer Care	Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	16,954	18,440	23,525	5,697	5,835	5,928	5,929	5,744	11,762	11,673
	Unique Cancer Patients	2,314	2,199	2,477	1,181	1,214	1,244	1,330	1,217	1,729	1,829
Addiction & Mental Health	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric facilities)	2,939	2,808	2,720	747	642	635	619	577	1,443	1,196
	Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	2,939	2,808	2,720	747	642	635	619	577	1,443	1,196

Note:

1. Ambulatory Visits in Calgary Zone have one quarter reporting lag from NACRS and clinics; therefore, provincial total is not available. Edmonton Zone figures were updated using Connect Care and NACRS data for reporting since 2019-20 Q3, and in the North Zone starting from 2021-22 Q1. Current numbers from Connect Care, starting from November 2019, are subject to further validation and potential change.

2. Due to technical limitations, starting from 2019-20 Q4 to current, Health Link call volumes do not include the COVID-19 calls from individual zones.

Quick Fact	Definition
PRIMARY CARE / POPULATION HEALTH	
Ambulatory Visits	Ambulatory visits include a wide range of services across clinic, other location, and day surgery visits and all modes of contact. This includes care provided on an outpatient basis, including diagnosis, observation, consultation, treatment, intervention and rehabilitation services. Non-hospital surgical facilities (NHSF) are included. Figures exclude Emergency Department (ED) and Urgent Care Centre (UCC). Advanced Ambulatory Care Centre visits are included.
EMS Events	Number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) emergency calls and events, including inter-facility transfers and other event types.
Food Safety Inspections	Number of food safety inspections conducted. Public Health Inspectors inspect food facilities and work collaboratively with food facility owners and operators to help ensure compliance with the requirements of the Public Health Act and the Food Regulation. Through unannounced inspections, follow-up of public complaints, and construction/renovation consultations, AHS helps protect Albertans and make our communities healthier.
Health Link Calls	Number of calls to Health Link Alberta including 811, mental health helpline, Healthy Beginnings/Early Start line, calls transferred from UCC/ER, Cantonese/Mandarin line, and First Nations line. Calls from the Addictions Help and Alberta Quits lines are not included in this data.
CONTINUING CARE	
Number of People Placed from Acute / Subacute Hospital	Total number of people placed in a continuing care facility (long-term care or designated supportive living) in the reporting period, including people from acute hospital care and subacute hospital care.
Number of People Placed from Community (home)	Total number of people placed in a continuing care facility (long-term care or designated supportive living) in the reporting period from the community.
Number of Unique Home Care Clients	Number of unique individual home care clients receiving care within the reporting period. This includes all clients in all age groups within categories of short term, long term, and palliative, as well as day programs and Supportive Living Settings. These services are provided to individuals living with frailty, disability, acute or chronic illness living at home or in a supportive living setting.
ACUTE CARE	
Emergency Department Visits (all sites)	Number of visits to an Emergency Department (ED). Figures include the Northeast Health Centre, which is a stand-alone ED. Emergency departments are for those who are seriously ill or injured, with potentially life-threatening conditions.
Urgent Care Visits	Number of visits to a designated Urgent Care Centre (UCC). An Urgent Care Centre (UCC) is a community-based service delivery site (non-hospital setting) where higher level assessment, diagnostic and treatment services are provided for unscheduled clients who require immediate medical attention for injuries /illnesses, including potentially life threatening conditions, that require human and technical resources more intensive than what is available in a physicians' office. There are six Urgent Care Centres in Alberta.
Hospital Discharges	Number of discharges from an acute care hospital. Acute inpatient care provides necessary treatment for a disease or severe episode of illness for a short period of time, with the goal of discharging patients as soon as they are stable. Discharges are counted when patient leaves the hospital. All discharges are counted, including patients that left against medical advice, deaths and transfers out of facility.
Live Births	Number of live births in an acute care hospital and those born in the emergency department, clinic or ambulance bay of the acute health care facility. Effective April 1 2021, live infants/newborns are included if their first admission to the acute care facility is within 24 hours of birth (previously excluded). Exclude stillbirths.
Total Hospital Days	Total number of inpatient days at an acute care hospital (admission date to discharge date). Figures include acute, subacute and alternate level of care (ALC) days.
Average Length of Stay (in days)	The average length of stay (days) for discharged inpatients acute care hospitals. Figures include acute, subacute and ALC days

Quick Fact	Definition
DIAGNOSTIC / SPECIFIC PROCEDURES	
Hip Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	Number of hip replacements including emergency, total, partial and revisions. Bilateral replacements are counted as two procedures. Hip replacement surgery or arthroplasty is a procedure in which a surgeon surgically removes a hip joint and replaces it with an artificial joint often made of metal and/or plastic components. Includes scheduled, elective, urgent and emergent hip replacements.
Knee Replacements (scheduled and emergency)	Number of knee replacements including emergency, total, partial and revisions. Bilateral replacements are counted as two procedures. Knee replacement surgery or arthroplasty is a procedure in which a surgeon surgically removes a knee joint and replaces it with an artificial joint often made of metal and/or plastic components. Includes scheduled, elective, urgent and emergent knee replacements.
Cataract Surgery	Number of lens extractions for any reason. Bilateral cataract lens extractions are counted as one procedure. Cataract surgery is a procedure that removes the lens inside your eye that has become cloudy and replaced with an artificial lens to restore clear vision.
Main Operating Room Activity	Number of cases done in the main operating rooms/theatres (emergent, urgent, elective, scheduled, etc.) including inpatient, day surgery, cesarean section, and scopes if done in the Main OR. Excludes procedures performed in the minor surgery room, endoscopy suites, emergency department, patient rooms, labor & delivery, intensive care etc.
MRI Exams	Number of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams. Includes out-sourced exams. MRI is a non-invasive imaging technology that produces three dimensional detailed anatomical images. It is often used for disease detection, diagnosis, and treatment monitoring.
CT Exams	Number of computerized tomography (CT) scans. A CT scan combines a series of two-dimensional X-ray images taken from different directions around your body to create tomographic (three dimensional) images from cross-sectional (slices) of the tissues inside your body. CT scan images provide more-detailed information than plain X-rays do.
X-rays	Number of general radiology x-rays. Figures include bone densitometry and mammography. Medical x-rays use high-energy electromagnetic radiation to produce images of tissues and structures inside the body.
Lab Tests	Number of laboratory tests. Laboratory tests include those performed at Alberta Precision Laboratories (AHS, CLS, Covenant Health, Lamont and Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (PLPH)), Dynalife Diagnostic(DLDX) up to FQ4 2019/20 and MHD up to FQ1 2019/20. Figures exclude procurements and ECGs. Some ECGs may have been included prior to Q2 2019/20.
CANCER CARE	
Cancer Patient Visits (patients may have multiple visits)	Number of visits to an ambulatory clinic in a cancer centre. This figure represents all visits to all facilities by all patients.
Unique Cancer Patients	Number of unique individual cancer patients who attended a Cancer Care visit during the time period. A patient may attend appointments across multiple zones during the reporting period but would only be counted once for the provincial figures.

Quick Fact	Definition
ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH	
Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals and standalone psychiatric facilities)	Number of mental health discharges from an acute care hospital and the standalone psychiatric facilities. Standalone psychiatric facilities: Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatric Centre (Calgary), Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury (CCMHBI) (Ponoka), Claresholm Centre for Mental Health and Addictions and Villa Caritas (Edmonton).
Mental Health Discharges (acute care hospitals only)	Number of mental health discharges from an acute care hospital.
Addiction Residential Treatment & Detoxification Admissions	Number of Admissions to an Addiction Residential Treatment & Detoxification centre. Residential treatment describes either a mental health facility or a drug and/or alcohol or process addiction treatment program that is provided to patients in a residential setting. Some residential treatment centers specialize in only one illness, such as eating disorders or substance abuse. Others treat people with a variety of diagnoses or dual diagnosis of substance abuse and a psychiatric diagnosis.