

Background

Preface

The Community Health Assessment Report 2004 is organized into three parts. The first part, the Executive Summary provides an overview of key population health issues in the Winnipeg Health Region. The second part, Population Health Profiles, describes health issues for various populations residing in the Winnipeg Health Region. The third part, the Data Book is a comprehensive set of indicators that showcase the evidence used to develop population health profiles.

The Population Health Profiles have been created to support the information needs of the Comprehensive Community Health Assessment Report 2004. This part of the Community Health Assessment Report is an integrated summary of the indicators from the Data Book organized around populations of interest. Rather than looking at information by topic, this report synthesizes across topics for various populations within the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Population Health Profiles are presented on the following populations within the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority: Overview of the Winnipeg Health Region, 12 Community Areas, and other population subsets (these include: Children & Youth, Seniors, Aboriginals, Women, Men, Immigrants and Persons with Disabilities). The following sections are presented within each population health profile:

1. Geographic Characteristics
2. Population Characteristics
3. Health Issues
4. Factors which Influence These Health Issues
5. Summary of Key Issues.

Purpose

The purpose of the Population Health Profiles report is:

- To meet the requirements of Manitoba Health as mandated in the RHA Act Division 2 Section 23:2(b)
- To provide information to support evidence-based decision making, resource allocation and priority setting for Senior Management and program teams in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- To provide baseline information for the development of the 2005-2010 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's Strategic Plan
- To provide information that will enable and engage our community and key stakeholders (such as the public and Community Health Advisory Councils) to identify and discuss opportunities to improve the health and well-being of our population
- To inform the Regional Health Authority, Manitoba Health and other organizations when developing public policy
- To integrate the information in the data book into meaningful populations

The overall purpose of the comprehensive Community Health Assessment 2004 report is:

- To provide information to support evidence-based decision making, resource allocation and priority setting within the region
- To introduce the concept of measurement and monitoring in the health system
- To monitor the determinants of health and health outcomes of the population
- To establish baseline information using the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's Population Health Framework and Manitoba Health's Performance Measurement Framework
- To identify information gaps

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